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Weather Forecast for Saturday. Weather, April 29-30, (Oklahoma and Indian Territory): Partly cloudy weather and scattered showers; warmer; southerly winds.

THOROUGHLY CHARACTERISTIC. Governor Stephens' shabby treatment of the Kansas City volunteers causes much chagrin, but it ought not to occasion much surprise.

It was not expected that Governor Stephens would exhibit any sort of generalship. He has no capacity for management. It was expected, however, that in such a case as this he would for once lay aside the detestably petty considerations that have colored his administration.

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power of the commissioners more arbitrary is naturally regarded as simply another step in the direction of making the police department politically subservient to the members of the board, or to those who have, in turn, authority over the commissioners.

We want an alert force of officers and patrolmen. The city is sadly in need of greater vigilance in the department. But it is easily within the power of the board to make reforms without holding the rod of dismissal without cause over the heads of its appointees.

THE NEW WAR LOAN. It is practically settled that the revenue measure now pending in congress will include provision for a war loan of perhaps \$50,000,000, to bear interest at 3 per cent and to be sold at par.

It is presumed that the number of bidders for the new loan will be many times greater than the number in 1896, partly because the loan at that time required the bidder to pay in gold, and partly because there is a wave of war enthusiasm passing over the country.

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the governor of Kansas has both made egregious blunders. This is what comes of elevating small men to responsible positions.

When Judge Day was in college he belonged to the baseball team. He still has the art of driving out ligers that are too hot to handle.

The Army and Navy Journal thinks the war may last many years. The opinion is probably based on the amount of fighting thus far done.

Those society beauties who are offering to go as nurses in the army will doubtless get married by and by and refuse to do the nursing in their own families.

After their boys have worn blue uniforms a while and marched under the stars and stripes, the old unreconstructed "rebs" down South will mellow up immensely.

Corporations may not have souls, but millionaires have hearts that throb with patriotism. The present war is young yet, but it is old enough to demonstrate that fact.

Fortunately for the country, the administration had time before war broke out to demonstrate that Republican policies are what the people need to make them prosperous.

We gather from the Madrid report of the Matanzas bombardment that the United States warships were shaking so with terror that the Spanish gunners were unable to hit them.

Spain keeps on whining to the powers about her virtuous life and the outrageous conduct of the Americans, and the powers plainly show that they would rather she'd tell her troubles to a policeman.

The governor general of the Philippines says the Spanish arms will win a victory "brilliant and complete" as the righteousness and justice of our cause demand. The governor general seems to be in a very despondent frame of mind.

THE FIRST LANDING. The first landing of a high military appointment in Kansas appears to be the establishment of a Jingo record through calling the president the sniveling grand boy of the money power and "the cowardly traitor of the nation's honor."

The condition of affairs at the Kansas state house is almost as bewildering as the delightful confusion which marks an editorial by Colonel Major Jeltz.

Doster probably does not believe that it is wicked for a state to owe a debt. At any rate he marches up once a month with his salary without a qualm of conscience.

A special dispatch says that when the New York steamer arrived in the office at Key West a passenger was observed to be standing at the prow with a double-barreled shotgun gripped firmly in his hands, while his keen eyes flashed out from beneath the brim of a broad sou'wester in search of Spanish prizes.

Just at present, however, the Atchison papers are very busy gloating over the fact that the lieutenant who has been sent to negotiate with the insurgent army is brother-in-law to an Atchison woman. The Globe says: "The first man to set foot on Cuban soil in the interest of the war department is related to Atchison by marriage."

Major Joe Hudson is a good man and quite worthy of appointment to the position of brigadier general. It is unfortunate, however, that he is a democrat, and that he has been so long in the army that he has become a democrat.

The worst rattle man around the Kansas state house is Adjutant General Allen. He doesn't know whether he is a democrat or horseback. By every consideration of loyalty and comradeship he should have fallen to the defense of the national guard, instead of his aided and abetted Governor Leedy in putting a deadly insult and disgrace upon that worthy organization.

The only man around the Kansas state house who has nerve enough and ability enough to meet an emergency is Attorney General Boyle. Kansas has \$20,000,000 to draw \$125 with which to pay the expenses of Colonel Fred Funston while recruiting soldiers, and a warrant was prepared for it. The state auditor refused to honor it.

trict court. It was held that he was not entitled to draw two salaries from the state at the same time, but the records show that he did this very often.

Governor Leedy prints a card to the public begging them not to be offended by the cause of the answer to their letters more promptly. Said he: "My desk is piled with letters that I have not yet had an opportunity to read."

Hanging a public order in effigy is a mighty poor way of showing contempt or anger. People who do such things depart a long way from correct conduct, and, as a rule, they create sympathy for the man who thus assails the government.

In this connection it is beginning to be pretty well understood that the motive underlying the governor's intention to become colonel of a Kansas regiment if he can secure the appointment, Governor Leedy is fairly well able to take care of himself.

Perhaps in hunting for an explanation of the conduct of Governor Leedy in connection with the military affairs, one need go no further than an article in the Kansas City Times, the paper that is regarded as "the cowardly traitor of the nation's honor."

"If we are to accept this as the official explanation, then it becomes apparent that the guardsmen were disgraced and disgraced in punishment for their misdeeds. But what are their misdeeds? Nothing except their splendid loyalty to the American flag and their exuberant desire to go to their country's battles."

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occurred on April 23, his 66th birthday. Colonel Black and long been a familiar figure in Richmond, and he resided nearly forty years, and both as a private citizen and a public official he had won and retained the universal regard and esteem of those he was associated with.

George Trigg, of the Richmond Conservator, is skeptical as to the truth of the claim made in a recent press dispatch from Helena, Mont., to the effect that M. B. McGee, a colored citizen of that town and a personal friend of General Fitzhugh Lee, had received a letter from the Virginia warrior in which the latter intimated that he would lead a brigade of colored troops into Cuba, etc.

David Johnson Heaton, who died at his home in St. Joseph Thursday, in his 90th year, was widely known among members of his craft as the oldest undertaker in the United States. He had been resident of Buchanan county more than half a century. Mr. Heaton's life was in some respects a remarkable one, and the story of his career is most interesting.

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could inspire them. No cause could bind them more firmly together than comradeship in arms. The union of North and South will be completed by this struggle. Henceforth North and South will be one nation.

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CHARACTER OF A HAPPY LIFE. How happy is he born and taught, That scarce remembers where he's brought; Whose amours is his honest thought, Whose passion truth his utmost shall!

Who has his life from rumors freed: Whose conscience is his strong record: Whose state can nothing alter, Nor ruin make accounters glad: Who God doth love and early pray, More of His grace than gifts to lend, And entertains the harmless day With a well chosen book or friend:

THE MOTHER'S DREAM. I'd a dream to-night As I fell asleep, On the moonlight Makes me still to weep: Of my little lad, Gone to leave me sad, Said, he'd be a sailor: But was not to keep.

A SWEET SURPRISE. I know not what will befall me; God hugs a mist Of my eyes, And thus each step of my onward path, He makes new scenes arise, And every joy he sends me comes as a sweet surprise. —Mary G. Brainerd.

OF CURRENT INTEREST. The late William Sexton, who was at one time the champion billiard player of the world, and who was considered by many experts at the game the best round-the-table player that ever lived, was said to have illustrated the truth contained in the line of Shakespeare to the effect that broken bones grow better for a breaking. He broke his right shoulder when a lad, he was thrown out of a wagon in a runaway and broke his arm and cut his head, was later thrown from a canal and broke his leg, and he dislocated his arm on a ferryboat by being thrown violently against the rail. And yet he could handle a billiard cue as no other man could handle it. He won thousands of dollars with his billiard cue, but his generosity to others less fortunate was so extensive that he suffered from it in the end, his latter days being spent in poverty.

Representative Heatwole, of Minnesota, has a patriotic 11-year-old constituent, from whom he received a letter the other day requesting a place in the volunteer army as a drummer boy. The letter was written from Northfield, where Mr. Heatwole resides, and came from a boy whose father and grandfather are comparatively wealthy. The boy informed Mr. Heatwole that he supposed the boys would request such places without any intention of accepting them. He meant business and therefore hoped such a place could be secured. Mr. Heatwole will write the secretary of the war department, but he could not obtain the consent of his father, it is not probable that he will be a drummer boy on the plains of Cuba.

The practice of serving a ration of grog to sailors and marines was discontinued in the United States many years ago, as the custom was found to be prejudicial to discipline and morals. Grog is still served, however, in all the navies of the world, and the practice of temperance in Great Britain have been trying for years to persuade the government to put a stop to the practice, but in vain. The British bluejackets have a way of saving their grog, and they have been known to order to have a glorious drunk on it; and this abuse of the custom may lead to its discontinuance.

Tuberculosis has been communicated to fishes by French bacteriologists and proves fatal very quickly to them, whether the bacilli are derived from human beings, rabbits or other animals. Tuberculosis bacilli from fish, however, have very little effect when injected into rabbits and fowls, the inference being that their power is attenuated in the colder blood of the fish.

Queen begging advertisements are often found in the German newspapers. Eastern New York has secured in this way a man on the road to religious conviction seeks for the money necessary to undertake a penitential and prayerful journey to the Holy Land. Offerings under heading "Christians Love" are to be addressed to the office of this paper.

Francis Ebert, the famous midget comedian of the Ellipticals, has married Louisa Ebling, also a member of that quaint organization. The bride is half a head taller than her diminutive lord and master, but during the ceremony he made up in head what he lacked in height. The tiny couple will spend their honeymoon in the Fatherland.

Emperor William never wears an evening dress suit, and there is an imperial regulation ordaining that wherever possible courtiers and guests shall wear the frock coat à l'Anglais, otherwise the newly black swan will be a sign of the times. The black swan is all in thus far being forced out of German court circles.

President Gilman of Johns Hopkins university, has posted this bulletin: "Any student of this university entering the military or naval service of the government at this crisis will do so without any detriment to his standing in the university, and will have the best wishes of his teachers and associates."

It is interesting to know just at this time that in the United States senate there are twelve senators who served in the Union army, and twelve who served in the Confederate army. There are fifty-seven representatives who served in the Union army and thirty who are ex-Confederates.

"Quo Vadis" has been one of the most profitable of the season. It is reported that even the translator, Mr. Curtin, has received \$25,000 as his share of the money derived from the sale of copies.