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clusion a great diplomatic triumph. It resulted a great achievement. It only remains for the United States senate to complete the splendid work by promptly ratifying the peace treaty.

A New Jersey man has been granted legal separation from his wife because she put snakes in his bed. The court rightly took the view that a Jersey man can see all the snakes his system will stand without his wife's assistance.

For the relief of some of Kansas City's fair ones who hold convention hall tickets, it should be explained that tickets holders are not compelled to take the prizes they draw if they don't want to. Any lady who draws one of those volunteer husbands can, if she prefers, turn him over to the Zoo or the Anatomical Society.

KANSAS TOPICS. The failure of the Cross bank evidently has urged Major Hood to make his own bank mighty strong. Through its quarterly statement it is learned that his bank has \$273,364 cash in sight against \$98,477 owed to depositors and other banks.

The Osage City Press presents the imputation that Osage county marriages are to be considered as Osage orange blossom affairs.

From the Beloit Gazette, showing the love of populists for civil service reform: "Miss Dull, late teacher in the Industrial school, and the last Republican on the pay roll, returned to her home at Belle Plaine (having been fired), last Friday morning."

The latest Bert Murdoch tragedy: A Walnut Hill girl, who is always scrubbing the kitchen floor, has worn it so thin that she fell through into the cellar yesterday. One foot ran into the mouth of an empty beer bottle and the bottle had to be broken before she could get it out.

The Atchison Globe objects to the slate for railroad commissioners as it is alleged to have been made. It says it has nothing against Albaugh, Crum or Fike, but that one of the commissioners should come from a Missouri river town and that this one should be John Seaton, of Atchison.

Commenting on the statement that K. B. Armour is said to have offered Miss Grace McGrew, stenographer of the late C. S. Crox, \$12 a month to serve as clerk on his cattle farm, the Emporia Gazette says: "In addition to knowing about the peddling of cattle, Miss McGrew is a good whist player, a good dancer and the best dressed girl in Emporia. She is under 24 years old, has money out at interest and knows more law than half the lawyers in town. That's the kind of a girl Kansas produces."

The Minneapolis Messenger is publishing the diary of one of the Kansas soldier boys who went with the Twentieth to Manila, from which we extract as follows: "After passing through the Golden Gate we felt for the first time the swell of the ocean. The boat began to roll and the first pang of sea sickness was felt, and in about two hours I was suffering all the tortures of death with several precincts yet to hear from, and in my customary graceful fashion I fell over the rail and rode into Neptune the things which he Neptune's. Some of the expressions used by the boys on the full hilarity of the first jolt of sea sickness would have been laughable had there been anyone to laugh or to appreciate the humor of them. One fellow said: 'Of course I don't know how the rest of the United States feel, but as far as I am concerned, I never was in favor of retaining the Philippines.' I went to my berth about 7 o'clock and dreamed of being lifted ten thousand miles above the earth and then suddenly dropped. At the present writing patriotism is at a low ebb."

Wednesday, Nov. 9.—Arose about 6 o'clock. Beautiful morning, but did not think of the weather at the time. My only ambition in life was to get to the rail and throw out what little ballast I had left and then die. Made a solemn resolve never to eat again while life lasted, which I hoped would not be long. Last night I was fearful I should die. This morning my only fear is that I never will. Slept during the greater part of the day, waking ever and anon and sometimes offering to lean feebly over the rail in another contest with my interior department. We are going about fifteen knots now; that is, the vessel by my stomach is going much faster, and I have lost track of the number of knots and tangles in it. I hear we are having a beautiful voyage, and as I hear such remarks, I say, not only in my haste, but after mature deliberation over the rail, that all men are liars. Terrible travesty on truth. Patriotism all gone; likewise everything else that I have eaten.

Thursday, Nov. 10.—Beautiful! Sickness all gone. Ate a hearty breakfast, which has concluded to remain with me. Sat on the deck enjoying the trip. I begin to love the whole world and everybody else, and have openly declared myself in favor of territorial expansion, and if the United States don't want the Philippines, will take them myself. Am thinking some of enlisting in the navy. Don't want to die. Wouldn't die if I could. The whole scene is a dreary waste of water. The sea is quite calm yet white caps chase each other into the horizon and the waters arrange themselves into hills and valleys of transparent beauty. We are all alone on the mighty waters, 600 miles from land in every direction except straight down. Just a little way the water meets the ship, leaving us a little space in which to navigate. The boys are beginning to enjoy life again.

It is night and I will go to sleep. Out on the deck the boys are singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Now they have begun "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Some one has a violin and the music of the sweet toned instrument mingles in almost holy cadence with the deep voices of the boys, and the steady beating of the waves upon the sides of the vessel. It is night upon the ocean and I am tired. Good night. As from the deck comes the sweet melody of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," sung by my comrades, my thoughts go back to my Kansas home and to the gentle mother, whose arms, instead of the ocean, have rocked me to sleep to the sweet music of that same old song, and I go to sleep to dream that I am again in mother's arms, and it is her voice, and not that of my comrades, that lulls me to sleep upon the broad bosom of the mighty ocean.

There is one admirable thing about the Kansas man; he is ever ready to give the devil his due. Among the cattlemen who led heavily through Grant Gillett is John Morton, of Herington, but when approached by a reporter Mr. Morton said: "Yes, I lost a good deal through Grant, but I have got this to say: He made me a good deal more money than I have lost."

The La Cynne Journal has this to say of Miss Minnie Drake, the LaCynne girl who was Grant Gillett's first wife: "She

married him when he was a telegraph operator and they lived together about two years. When Gillett's shady transactions on grain deals caused him to leave Kansas and stay away a year she secured a divorce on the ground of desertion. Miss Drake, formerly Mrs. Gillett, now lives in Illinois, where she holds a position as telegraph operator. She spent the first of October in LaCynne visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drake, who reside here. She is a young woman, very pretty and is a perfect lady."

George Francis Train and Susan B. Anthony made a tour of Kansas in 1867, speaking for the woman suffrage amendment which was then before the people. Miss Anthony's biographer tells this story of their experiences: "From Leavenworth they went to Ottawa, and from there in a lumber wagon to Mound City, and then to Fort Scott, where they had an immense audience. After the meeting, Train went to the newspaper office and wrote out his speech, which filled two pages of the Monitor, and Miss Anthony and the friends spent all of Sunday in wrapping and mailing these papers. From here they drove to Humboldt in a mail wagon, stopping for dinner at a little 'half-way house,' a cabin with no floor. Miss Anthony retains a lively recollection of this place, for the hostess brought a platter of fried pork swimming in grease, and in her haste emptied the contents of the whole length of her light traveling dress. They found many people ill, and Mr. Train always prescribed not a drop of green tea, not a mouthful of pork, though this was the only meat they could get, plenty of fruit, though there was none to be had in Kansas, and a thorough bath every morning, although there was not enough water to wash the dishes."

When the Twentieth Kansas left Topeka for California, one of the boys took along a game rooster, which has since remained with the regiment in all its movements. In a letter from Honolulu one of the soldier correspondents says that this rooster, which, by the way, has been named Dewey, was the only live thing on board ship, except the sailors, that did not get seasick. He fluttered about over the decks as his fancy guided him, and every morning his lusty crow awoke the echoes of the seagull down. "He whipped everything we came across in San Francisco," writes the correspondent, "and when we got to Manila, the land of cockfighting, we expected to show the native that there are other Deweys in the field." Here's hoping that the Kansas rooster will conquer on every bloody battleground.

The difficulties encountered by Colonel Little's battalion in conducting an election at sea were thus recounted by a soldier correspondent: "The voting place was established first in a little room on the middle deck, but the ship's cook soon routed them out, as it happened to be a mess-room. I was watching the proceedings, consequently was called on to help move the books, ballots, etc., first out on deck, where the election was conducted for a few minutes from the heads of some convenient barrels; thence to a chest on the hurricane deck in the prow of the boat, and finally to a stateroom, where the election was finally completed. By this time a good many of the men were too sick to vote, and since then the judges and clerks have been too sick to count the ballots."

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However, it does not follow that when Leedy has assembled his legislature together he will be able to accomplish his infamous programme. There may be enough honorable Populist senators and representatives present to vote down his disruptive measures. The best element of his party all over the state has pronounced against this special session, and it is not unlikely that many of the members will be guided by the sentiments of their constituency rather than by the spoils hunger of a lot of played-out and defeated politicians. In this connection we are reminded of the remark made by Populist State Senator Sheldon when Leedy was advocating a special session some months ago. Senator Sheldon said: "If the Populist party wants to commit suicide by trying a rope around its neck and jumping out of a tree, it will find all of the needed facilities in this proposed special session."

It goes without saying that no good law-making can be expected from a body which meets right on the threshold of the date when it must expire by law. Throwing aside the fact that it is a body which has been repudiated, together with all that it stood for, by the people—rebuked as it was by an indignant and outraged constituency—there can be no hope for a single wise, prudent and well digested measure in the short time the legislature may remain in session. For the good of Kansas it is to be hoped that this cup may be taken from her, but for him who would rejoice at the total obliteration of the Populist party, there is much in Leedy's programme which gives cause for exultation.

weighed from 3 to 6 1/2 pounds each. The income from this piece of ground, in addition to what the family required for their own use, is at the rate of over \$300 per acre."

Illustrations of the possibilities of a rapid rise from poverty to fortune through the discovery of pay dirt by small owners of Jasper county soil have been so numerous that they no longer excite comment there, but this story of the good luck of George Dolly, who last week sold his little farm near Hill's Neck for \$10,000, as related by the Joplin News, is worth the telling. Dolly is an old-time locomotive engineer. Four years ago he was running on the New York Central, but he had become tired of his work and he decided to come West and take chances on bettering himself. He landed in Jasper county with his savings and for about \$500 he purchased twenty-three acres of land north of Spring river in section 8 of Mineral township. He pursued