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And there remains but two  
more weeks of football.

A Missouri Pacific train ar-  
rived on time last Monday even-  
ing.

It is a pretty safe bet that no-  
body will hang for the shooting  
of Editor Cormack.

As usual the Kansas City Star  
is trying to split the Democratic  
party of Missouri.

It is rumored that several  
towns in Missouri will soon see  
a change in coal oil inspectors.

There is another problem  
about which Lexington is not  
seriously worried—the three  
cent street car ride.

The senatorial primary law  
does not seem to be a complete  
success. At least it did not ac-  
complish the purpose for which  
it was intended.

Crooked preachers, confidence  
men and professional reformers  
sometimes thrive for a while;  
but sooner or later the public  
gets next to them.

It would be a pleasure to many  
Democrats if Hon. Dave Ball  
would run for something else.  
How exhilarating it would be to  
draw a pencil mark through his  
name.

Now that the smoke has about  
cleared away, it does not seem  
so doubtful that the Democratic  
party will hold a convention in  
1912 and put a presidential can-  
didate into the field.

President Roosevelt says Pres-  
ident-elect Taft's religious views  
are nobody's business and the  
subject should be dropped. He  
then proceeds to a discussion  
of it for some few hundred  
words.

One evidence of returning  
prosperity is the rise in the  
price of paper. The same stock  
that two months ago cost 2.75  
now comes at 2.90. The price  
of this publication, however, re-  
mains the same.

Now that the campaign is  
over it is the hope of this paper  
to give its subscribers more  
news and less politics. The  
chief function of a paper should  
be to disseminate information;  
but about all of us forget this  
once in four years.

### CREDULITY.

The recent election shows that  
there are too many voters and  
other inhabitants of the State of  
Missouri who let the Kansas  
City Star and the magazines do  
their thinking for them. Such  
people as a rule are high minded  
individuals who desire to make  
the world, the country and the  
state better. In casting their  
ballots they are perfectly con-  
scientious and vote in every in-  
stance for the man they consider  
the best for the place. Their  
motives are almost altogether un-  
selfish and laudable.

But these people are given over  
too much to prejudice, intoler-  
ance, hatred, unwillingness to  
reason, lack of fairness. To  
them every utterance of the Kan-  
sas City Star is inspired truth,  
every contradiction to the Kan-  
sas City Star the despairing a-  
buse of an old machine politician.  
For the greater part they are  
self-styled Democrats who vote  
at the primary and occasionally  
take a share in party demonstra-  
tion. Republicans are just hav-  
ing their first touch of power in  
Missouri and do not yet appre-  
ciate what ballot scratching

means. Being on the side out of  
office they as yet have had little  
chance to be charged with graft  
and corruption. So it is the par-  
tial Democrat who is the victim  
of the misstatements and who is  
responsible for the mixed list  
of state officers.

"Hindley," said the Star, "is a  
grand man. He stands for ac-  
chievement, for civic rightous-  
ness, for honesty, for progress,  
for the weeding out of trusts,  
for the downfall of the liquor in-  
terests, for good government.  
Cowherd is the degraded tool of  
the old machine, a man whose re-  
cord is negligible, a corruption-  
ist of the worst type, a symbol  
of graft."

So the good, honest groove-  
eyed disciple of the Star voted  
for the Kansan who had really  
accomplished nothing beyond his  
own advertisement and against  
the Missourian who had behind  
him a record of which any man  
could well be proud.

This, of course, not the  
whole explanation of Mr. Cow-  
herd's defeat. The big vote con-  
trolled by the breweries in St.  
Louis was a substantial help to  
Mr. Hadley as was also the vote  
of the friends of Hon. David Ball.  
But the vote of the Star victim  
was an aid to the Republican and  
will realize it some day.

### Speeches and Votes.

It may seriously be questioned  
if one solitary vote cast for Taft  
or for Bryan went to him as the  
result of a public speech by him  
or any of his campaigners or  
spellbinders. The plain fact is  
that most men who attend a  
political "rally" in aid of a can-  
didate for public office are of the  
political party to which that can-  
didate belongs, and go to the af-  
fair for the chief purpose of hear-  
ing him publicly extolled; while  
the few of the opposing party  
who attend go not for enlighten-  
ment as to how they should vote,  
but with the idea of hearing  
something that they can criticize  
or find some fault with. Cam-  
paign speeches are the product  
of an era antedating the daily  
newspaper and its practically  
universal use in this country. And  
it is not wholly inconceivable  
that the day may dawn, when a  
money-less campaign will be the  
rule and not the exception.—New  
York Commercial.

Jim Crow.

The Supreme Court of the  
United States has held as con-  
stitutional the Kentucky law  
which provides for a separation  
of the races in schools and rail-  
road cars. The point was set-  
tled on an appeal presented by  
the management of Berea Col-  
lege, which had suffered a fine  
of \$1,000 in connection with the  
statute forbidding the education  
of white and negro students in  
one school.

While it is a fact that in many  
Northern schools negroes have  
been educated with white men  
and women, there is small  
ground for dispute in connection  
with a similar situation in the  
South. The people of Kentucky  
for many generations to come  
will not care for the mixed  
school. Other Southern States  
will take the same position. In  
the North, too, eventually there  
will come a time, if the mixture  
proves too pronounced, when  
there will be a revolt against a  
too free mingling of the races in  
places of education. Particularly  
will this be so when the sex  
question becomes involved. Co-  
education has its defenders and  
its opponents even when there  
is but one race under the roof of  
the school; but the introduction  
of the negro puts quite a dif-  
ferent complexion on the matter,  
all jokes apart.

Anyone who has encountered  
negro arrogance in the South  
will be sympathetic in his view  
of the efforts of the white people  
in that region to secure and  
maintain Jim Crow legislation.  
(Theoretically, the Constitution

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seems to stand in the way of the  
apparent discrimination sug-  
gested by the State laws; but, as  
we know from frequent sup-  
porting instances, doctrine does  
not always work out in practice.  
There is a higher law which is  
known as race instinct that con-  
trols sentiment in the South.—  
St. Louis Times.

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