

THE FAIR PLAY.

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J. F. Mitchem, editor of the De Soto Press has withdrawn from the race for Labor Commissioner under Governor-elect Stephens.

The name "Vandiver" seemed to be a lucky one in Missouri this year. Prof. W. D. Vandiver was elected to congress from the 15th district.

Missouri is the eighth State in size, the tenth in wealth and fifth in population and political power.

Will L. Townsend, formerly of St. Mary's, but now of Jefferson county, is a candidate for Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives which meets at Jefferson City next month.

Though the Twice-a-Week Republic of St. Louis excelled all other Western weekly papers in publishing the news of the campaign, it now announces that it has extended its news service.

A practical woman remarked the other day that she read the advertisements in a newspaper more closely than anything else.

D. W. Hughes of Vandalia, this state, who claims to have invented the first corn planter, now hobbs up strenuously and announces to the public that ere long he proposes to launch an X ray contrivance that will discern whether an egg will bring forth a hen or a rooster, and will also tell you what color it will be.

Following is the list of patents granted to Missouri inventors this week, reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of American and Foreign Patents, Opp. U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

wagon and gate. C. W. Crutinger, St. Louis, apparatus for creating printers' rollers. W. B. Doddridge, St. Louis, railway dither. E. Flannigan, St. Louis, ball-bearing. W. T. Flournoy, Marionville, barometer. P. Flueck St. Louis, bicycle bell. J. A. Graham, St. Louis, car fender. J. D. Holmes, St. Louis, automatic circuit closing device for galvanic batteries. M. J. Kehoe, St. Louis, carpet holder. S. LeSieur, St. Louis, composition of matter. C. Person, St. Joseph, bread box and slicer. A. B. Skinner, St. Louis, p. per file.

There is a contest on down in Washington county, for the office of Representative. Hon. E. C. Raughter was certified as elected by a majority of six votes, but by a comparison of notes by the various township central committees, 58 illegal votes, cast for E. C. Raughter have been found, consisting of aliens, ex-convicts, minors and non residents.

No boy or girl can ever come to be utterly bad who remembers only love and tenderness and unselfishness and sweetness as associated with father and mother in the old time home.

Representative Stokes of South Carolina has been served with notice of a double contest for his seat in the present and the next House. Dr. Stokes came to Washington last year with the proper certificate of election but his seat was contested by Mr. Johnson, a republican finding nothing in the case upon which to base an excuse for giving Johnson the seat.

The Agricultural College at the State University is offering two practical Short Courses, one for the farmer and stock breeder, and the other for the horticulturist, both beginning January 5, 1897, and continuing twelve weeks. No tuition is charged. These courses deal exclusively with the practical phases of Agriculture, Dairying and Horticulture, and cover the subjects of breeding, feeding and judging live stock, butter and cheese making, crop growing, veterinary science, manures and fertilizers, drainage, orcharding, small fruit growing, market gardening methods of combating injurious insects and destructive diseases of the orchard and field crops, and training in carpentry and blacksmithing.

Senator Mills has left all the other resolutions relating to Cuba as being hind by offering one directing the President to take forcible possession of Cuba and hold it until the Cubans organize a government of their own. The House is going right ahead passing bills just as though the Senate Clander was not already choked up with House bills passed at the last session which haven't a ghost of a chance to get acted upon.

to Dean H. J. Waters, at Columbia, for an illustrated pamphlet describing these Courses, and begin your preparation to attend.

Washington Letter. (From Our Regular Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, 1896.

"Dear Boss: Unless you can buy us several more Senators it will be impossible to pay a tariff dividend on the investments of the late campaign." While the above is not the exact wording of the message sent by the caucus of republican Senators to King Hanna, it contains the substance and real meaning of the request of the caucus steering committee, that Mr. Hanna shall try to "influence" the election of Senators who will pledge themselves to act with the republicans on the tariff, in several States. Among the legislatures upon which the republican Senators desire Mr. Hanna to try his "influence" are those of North Carolina, Kentucky, Washington and South Dakota.

The man who, in the light of Missouri's record and condition, applies the epithet "Poor Old Missouri" to the grand old State, writes himself down a slanderer or an ignoramus. Linn Creek Democrat.

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Capitol. In view of the humble manner in which most of the republican waited upon Hanna, this call must have been a little humiliating to him; that it was pleasant to Tom Reed is certain.

Since the election of the State Democratic ticket in Missouri, the Republican county press has been publishing editorials and clippings from Eastern papers, assailing the fair name of grand old Missouri. The following is a very appropriate reply to all such: MISSOURIANS CAN SMILE.

The best testimony to the character of a people is found in the statistics with reference to their schools and to the percentage of illiteracy, pauperism and crime, and on this score Missouri can challenge comparison with any of the states, notwithstanding the fact that she was a slave state.

In the matter of wealth, growth and diffusion of prosperity, Missouri challenges investigation. The products of her farms, mines and factories are sufficient evidence of the industry and thrift of the people.

With regard to Democracy, Missourians can point to an unsurpassed record of honesty and economy in the administration of State government. If these Republican organs and their allies will investigate the subject they will find that Missouri, through her superior opportunities for profitable industries and her superior advantages in the way of schools, churches and social progress, is depleting several surrounding Republican states.

Six Million Votes. Of the entire number of votes cast at the last election Bryan received about 6,000,000 and McKinley 7,000,000. This is the largest number ever polled. Yet Bryan has 500,000 more to this credit than Cleveland, four years ago.

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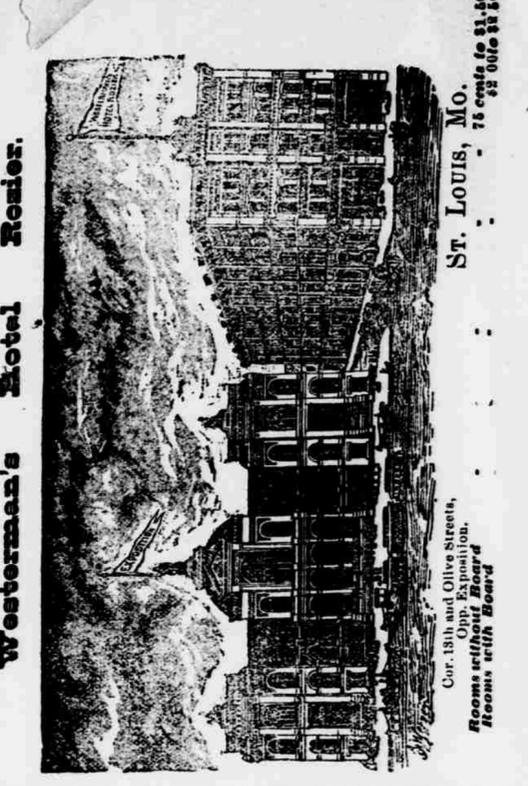
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