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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Kansas City Star advises beginning to pray right now for plenty of rain next summer.

"The sweetest tune on earth," truthfully says the Atchison Globe, "is the patter of rain on the roof."

The only epidemic so far resulting from the drouth is one of ice plants which are springing up all over the State.

UTAH experienced a severe earthquake the other day, but reports do not tell of any Mormons whose faith was shaken.

The beer bottlers of San Francisco have struck. This is terrible coming at a time when there is unprecedented activity among the cork-bullers.

KANSAS people are notoriously loyal to their State but right now there is a hysterical impulse to raise a chorus: "I can't tell why I love you but I do-o-o."

The doctors of New York are organizing a fight to exterminate the mosquito. This is one organization which should most properly be made "under the laws of New Jersey."

AFTER long deliberation scientists have decided that human life is lengthening, but the Lawrence Journal says this is hardly cause for joy if the weather is to remain as it now is.

C. J. DEVLIN is in Chicago trying to get Chicago ice with which to break the Topeka ice trust. And he is the right man to go after the octopus that has been develin' the perspiring populace.

SATURDAY and Sunday the State was pretty thoroughly soaked by general rains. Kansas made not less than 10 million dollars Saturday. Of course she wouldn't make money on Sunday.

The Missouri Pacific has just paid the State treasury \$9,200 for the privilege of increasing its capital \$45,000,000. This is undoubtedly done so the road can fix up properly to handle the big business in Iola.

A FEW days ago Congressman Charlie Curtis received a handsome Navajo Indian blanket from his red kin. The chances are Mr. Curtis would have more deeply appreciated the gift of a breech cloth.

Now that Aguilardo has written a magazine article telling how it feels to be captured, someone suggests that an article may be expected from the King of England on "How it feels to be Crowned King of England."

DOWN at Dixon, Missouri, among the Ozarks, water fit to drink is so scarce it costs a dollar a barrel. But you don't hear any howl. A dollar's worth of drinking water will last the average Missouri town for a month.

IN Iola one day this month one grocery took in over the counter \$960.50. During July the factories here paid out in wages over \$90,000,000. Where is the Kansas town of 8,000 population that can duplicate this?

ON Sunday Governor Dockery of Missouri held prayers at Jefferson City for rain. On Monday the thermometer at Jefferson City registered 114. Never has Kansas been so hard put to it she could not fervently say: "Poor old Missouri!"

MINNEAPOLIS Messenger: One man proposed the following prayer: "O, Lord, send rain. If you can't see fit to send rain, send a cool wind, and if this opposes your choice, O, Lord, put it into the hearts and minds of the railroad officials to send me a pass north."

NEW courses of instruction have been added at Harvard University until it would take a man 300 years to take them all. And when he got through he would have to make his home with his brother-in-law who graduated from the town high school or starve.

MORMON elders recently at one sitting baptized 300 converts to the faith in Chicago. This seems startling but Chicago's matrimonial views could hardly be worse than they are now. What matters it whether the Chicago girl gets married on the wholesale plan or on the old retail plan.

ON the fourth of July Robert H. Ingersoll, president of the New York firm that makes dollar watches, closed a deal in London for a million of his watches. This is well. The Londoner can now consult his American watch, catch an American street car, and connect with his American train.

THE Kansas City Star announces from reports gathered all over the State that the eastern counties will yield from a fourth to a half crop of corn.

THIRTY-FIVE thousand colored electric lights illuminate the electric fountain at the Buffalo exposition, but it required everyone to enable Chicago people to see that the display surpassed the World's Fair exhibit.

IN 1806 the world caved over a horse named Yankee who made a mile in 2:50. In 1901 Crescous went the mile in 2:02. At the increased speed which the horse is going it seems probable he will be completely gone by 2001.

JUDGING from all reports of what liquid air is, this paper's idea of a happy medium would be to mix equal parts of liquid air and the kind now at large in this community. The union ought to be a balmy spring-time zephyr.

HERE is Bent Murdock's program: For president, 1904, Theodore Roosevelt, of New York. Platform: All North America belongs to the United States. Get all we can—Keep all we've got. Money and the tariff—Let well enough alone.

IT is said that six millions of last year's corn crop shipped to elevators in Minneapolis are being shipped back to Kansas to supply the deficit. Now if Kansas farmers had kept it they could have pocketed the thirty cents profit per bushel.

STILL come steamers from Alaska bringing gold and reports of suffering from cold. Time was when people readily believed the tales of suffering but rather discredited the gold; now they believe the gold stories and find it hard to believe the tales of ice and snow.

THE State board has found that while the banks of Kansas report \$3,000,000 dollars on deposit, the assessors found but three millions. This doesn't mean that Kansans lied. They have simply been so busy that the little matter of the sixty millions slipped their minds.

IT would really be a great relief to suffering humanity if Sampson would follow in the footsteps of his distinguished ancestor, take a club and wield it sturdily until the jawbones of some of the asses who are continually harping on things connected with the dead past in this Schley matter.

GEORGE KENNAN, who gave to the world a true insight into the Siberian prisons operated by Russia in a series of magazine articles some years ago, tried to enter Russia a short time ago. He was recognized and ordered out of the country. Russia is having a hard time to keep from becoming civilized.

THE war department is planning to organize "The Department of Kansas" which is to include Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth and smaller forts at St. Louis and in the Territory. Millions are to be spent to make the two Kansas posts the biggest and best in the country, the American Alder shot.

MARK TWAIN was invited to attend "Missouri Day" celebration in Kansas City, August 10th. But Mark says he can't come. Says he must rest. In his letter to the committee Mark says he will be 142 years old if he lives until 1977 and these figures admonish him that he must take care of his health.

WHEN you read in the city papers that the temperature is 104 while the thermometer on your back porch says 110, don't fly to the city to cool off. The city thermometer which is consulted for bulletins is perched high above the roofs and really stands for the coolest place in town. People may live high in cities, but none live as high as the weatherman's thermometer.

IN a recent editorial Mr. Bryan, enumerating the ills to which the American body politic is heir, likens the protective tariff to the "gripes." The Kansas City Star ingeniously replies that if the diseases were fully listed Mr. Bryan himself would come under the category of the vermiform appendix, and at that one that had been most efficiently removed by the two electoral operations.

TWO Spaniards were walking down a street in Havana after a long absence, so the story goes. A foreigner asked them if it did not make them sad to see the Stars and Stripes floating over Morro castle. One of them replied that it did not. "It makes me sad, however," he said, "to see that the Americans have done more for this island in two years than the Spaniards did in almost 400 years."

THERE is a man in California famed the country over as "Lucky Baldwin" because, forsooth, he made millions in fortunate gold strikes. But where is he, the California man, compared to Baldwin of Kansas, now cavorting about the north pole! Lucky Baldwin, the real and only, hails from Kansas.

THERE is talk now that Prof. Frank W. Blackmar, who has occupied the chair of political science in the State University with credit to himself and institution for years, may succeed Chancellor Snow. Mr. Blackmar is a strong man, has won a national reputation in his work and has both executive ability and the friendship of the students.

A ROCHESTER firm secured a picture of Miss Roberson and had lithographs made to advertise their flour. She sued and has been awarded \$25,000 the court holding that one's face is private property. Gay boys of obscenity habits should look out for signs warning trespassers hereafter. If no bill boards are up one might take chances.

THE ways of the female are past finding out. One girl at Oklahoma City wedded the day before she drew a \$10,000 farm in the lottery. When she heard the news she wept. Miss Beals, of Wichita was engaged to a Kansas City hotel porter. When she learned that she had drawn a \$20,000 farm she nearly burst the lacing in her belt getting to the newspaper office to deny the story of her engagement.

TO TEST the matter, Governor Stanley will appoint a man for sheriff from some county and the present incumbent will refuse to vacate. The case will then go to the courts, which will decide as to whether or not, sheriffs will hold over. The ruling in the case of the sheriffs will apply also to county treasurers. Meanwhile, until the case is decided there will be days of grace for the present officers.

CARS on the cog road up Pike's Peak have been equipped with automatic brakes which get busy when a speed of over twenty-five miles an hour is reached. A test was made Tuesday and the city editor of the Colorado Springs Gazette was the man in the car which was turned loose down the mountain side. His nerve is being lauded, but Jehosophat the average city editor meets worse experiences every day.

DR. KOCH, the eminent specialist, has just started the medical world with what seems conclusive evidence that humanity is not subject to hereditary tuberculosis, nor in danger of taking it from animals. The chief danger lies in the sputum of persons already afflicted. The day is coming when the "Don't spit" signs will disappear from public place and the human race will regard spitting as a grave social crime.

IN a recent Alton week two young ladies enroute to the Epworth League convention lost considerable cuticle. In response to a call for volunteers who would donate a small patch of hide to be grafted on the wounds a woman prisoner in the Kansas City jail and an Illinois preacher both signified willingness. The danger is that if the ministerial patch ever learned the past of the fair neighbor the young lady might be troubled with proud flesh.

IT seems that Kansas girls have not cornered all the grit in the world. A few days ago a South Carolina girl of sixteen summers who had a case with a man of eighty summers did a stunt worthy a Kansan. The old boy's grown children had him locked in a room upstairs to keep him single, but the girl went to the house at night, placed a ladder and rescued her ancient lover. They fled over the border and were married. And the young girl was not deterred by a fear of being misunderstood because the octogenarian is worth a million.

THE REGISTER has already had something to say of the mistake which farmers make who are dumping their stock on the market now at any price. The rains have come, pastures will be benefited, roughness will be increased the railroads are hustling for corn and feed from more favored states and everything is being done to help the stockman. The REGISTER has heard of one man in the northern part of this county who hurried his sheep to Kansas City because he could see no way to keep them. The sheep were sold and this farmer was called upon to pay two dollars in addition to what they brought for the freights on them. The REGISTER has assurances from several sources that strenuous efforts will be made to lower and keep down the price of feed.

### TO ALLEVIATE CROP SHORTAGE.

The REGISTER is in receipt of the following circular letter from the state board of railway commissioners. Copies of it were sent by the board to the general freight agents of all the railroads operating in the state, and the purpose of the letter is too evident and the great good which it may accomplish if the railroads respond, to need comment. The letter is as follows:

"Gentlemen:—On account of the protracted drouth and the consequent scarcity of feed of all kinds in the eastern portion of the State, many farmers and stockmen have urged this Board to make application to the various railroads doing business in Kansas, for an emergency freight rate on hay, straw and other feeds, for the purpose of carrying stock through the coming fall, winter and spring, and it has been suggested by prominent railroad officials that this Board set a date to discuss the situation and lay the matter before the representatives of the freight departments of these various railroads.

"We accordingly request that you send a representative of your line to meet at the office of this Board, in Topeka, Kansas, on the 2nd day of August, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of discussing the situation and taking such steps as the emergency of the case may seem to require. "This Board realizes that in making this suggestion it is not acting in its official capacity, but, acting under numerous requests, voluntarily offers itself as a medium through which some good results may be reached.

"Will you kindly advise us if this movement meets with your approval and if the date of meeting suggested is satisfactory to your company."

### A VALUABLE MAN.

W. A. WHITE: Generally speaking Kansas politicians are of little value to the business man. Usually a politician is to the tax payers what the old time alliance orator used to call an "inky bust." But one governor of Kansas at least is earning his board and keep. That governor is Stanley. He is not a brilliant man, he doesn't startle the world with dazzling schemes that won't work. But when he does anything, it is the thing that should be done and what he says is exactly the thing to say.

His recent statement about the drouth in Kansas has been copied over the American continent. It has been the subject of flattering editorial comment on Kansas in every city in the land. That interview was worth a million dollars to Kansas tax payers just as surely as if it had been dumped in the state treasury. For it convinced the financial world of the stability and business substance of Kansas. It will make money easy in the state—not only home money but foreign credits. That will keep interest rates from jumping and make the drouth a mere detail in the business life of the state.

Governor Stanley is a valuable man for Kansas. His public acts and his public utterances have been sane and well advised. No other Kansas politician in ten years has done as much for Kansas, by precept and example as has Stanley. If he desires to go to the head of the class he should go. He certainly deserves a head mark!

ANOTHER instance going to show that no particular group of men has yet succeeded in cornering human selfishness is the case of General Coxe. A few years ago he was leading an army of tramps to Washington to demand work from the government and to make the rich disgorge. A few days ago, he was interviewed about a new steel plant of which he is a leading owner and he said of the laboring man's cause: "About the Amalgamated association's strike? I don't understand the question very clearly, but it looks to me as if the manufacturers had rather the best of the situation if the dispute is over unionism. I suppose I will have trouble myself when my mill starts up."

THE drouth has revived interest in irrigation and water storing and may result in great benefit to Kansas. It has been said that the desert is not dry because of the absence of rain, but that the absence of rain is due to the existence of the desert. Along this theory it is being urged that every farmer construct and maintain a large pond on his farm capable of storing several times the amount of water his stock will need. Then in time of drouth the sun's rays will have something on which to draw without sucking the sap out of vegetation and rain will be almost sure to follow a short hot spell.

### KANSAS CLIPS AND COMMENTS

A smart Topeka girl made a social hit by giving a "cellar party."

At Ottawa everybody is buying garden seeds and beginning the season over again.

George Tourtelot, a Galenaman who tried the Kiowa lottery, confesses that he expects to land in the soup.

A Baldwin grocer found a gang of chinch bugs trying to open his stock of canned corn with a coal chisel recently.

The river is getting so low at Lawrence that the mills are closing and considerable anxiety is felt for Bowersock's catfish.

The city marshal of Cherryvale is still ordering chickens kept up although there isn't anything that looks like a garden in town.

Wise young men don't hunt for wives on the street, says the Marion Record. No wise man ever hunted for a wife anywhere.

Living in the ice plant is no joke at Winfield. The Courier prints a picture of that institution in its column of "Winfield Residences."

The Lawrence World has discovered that even knockout drops have their use. When administered by the weatherman to a drouth they are lovely.

An Ottawa barber was fined \$25 for having too many empty beer bottles in his shop. Collecting beer bottles will henceforth be an unpopular fad in that town.

The Register of Deeds of Osborne county has bought a newspaper, but he will find his new job calls for the registering of more strange deeds than did his old one.

A Wichita man has sued for divorce because his wife called him "a yellow dog," and the Clay Center Times thinks it would be a good joke if she proved it on him.

When a Leavenworth man got mad and sarcastically asked the hello girl if there was a lunatic at the end of the line she sweetly informed him there was one—at his end.

Galena's attention has been abstracted from the drouth to a cow with three horns. This beast with the "horn plenty" they think may be valuable in case of hard times.

A Newton drunk when asked by the judge if the bitters he claimed to have imbibed was "Hostetters," smilingly replied "Yes, yer honor, Hostile Bitters." He got a small fine.

Monday Ed Howe celebrated the 24th anniversary of his Atchison Globe assisted by 10,000 people and a brass band. Bellstedt's famous band hired at Howe's expense furnished music.

A horse thief was caught red handed at Burlington, and despite his statement that he was an orphan the hard-hearted sheriff locked him up. He was old enough to be the sheriff's father.

The failure of several Kansas City bucket shops lately is one thing Kansans farmers can understand about the grain dealings on 'change. Of course the drouth shrunk the staves and the bucket shops collapsed.

### John Francis to the Rescue.

Dispatches recently told how a State official had discovered that the last legislature had provided for raising only \$4,000,000 the next two years and had appropriated \$4,633,214, concluding that a deficit of some \$600,000 was bound to arise and blaming the legislature for cowardice. The Topeka Capital interviewed John Francis, of Allen county, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the last legislature and he punctures the theory. Taking the figures of the other man as correct he says there will be additional revenue from the following sources: Revenues from departments \$550,000 for two years; money on hand \$161,563; balances from appropriations unused \$265,000; grain inspecting \$50,000. Then the last legislature was confronted with unusual expenses such as the Twentieth Kansas, Quantrell raid claims, governor's mansion, heating plant, a total of \$272,000 which will not be figured in the bills of the coming two years. Striking a fair balance, and arguing from the past, Mr. Francis estimates that there is more likely to be a surplus at the end of two years of some \$400,000 than a deficit of \$600,000. Few men have a more intimate knowledge of the matter and Mr. Francis's figures will be accepted as correct.

### Another Severe Injury.

There is a regular epidemic of accidents in town right now and hardly a day passes that some one does not get an arm or leg broken or a finger crushed. Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock G. W. Werts, while unloading rails for the electric line had his right arm caught against the wagon by a slipping rail and the bones in his wrist was broken. Werts is a young man who came here recently from Coffey county, his family moving to a farm near. He has been working on railroad five days. Dr. Enochs dressed the injury and he will soon recover.

## THAT TAX SHORTAGE

Francis Denies there will be a Tax Deficit

## EXPENSES PROVIDED FOR

Will be a Surplus Rather than a Shortage

Ways and Means Committee Carefully Considered the Matter of Expenditures Last Winter.

Topeka, July 31.—The publication not long since of the state's tax revenues for the two years commencing July 1 and of the excess of expenses over the resources, has brought out a statement from John Francis, chairman of the house committee of ways and means last winter. The publication was authorized by the auditor of state and the treasurer of state, and Mr. Francis denies their premises. In his statement Mr. Francis gives figures which, if correct, will leave an excess of \$400,000 in the treasury after the payment of all obligations authorized by the legislature. In conclusion he says: "The matter of ways and means was never more carefully considered by any legislature and the charge that it lost its nerve and did not dare to provide sufficient revenue, is absurd, in the face of the facts in the case."

When the attention of Treasurer Grimes and Auditor Cole was called to the statement of Mr. Francis, they adhered to their original interview. Mr. Grimes said: "The next two fiscal years will bear out our statement. The state will go broke and I will have to stamp warrants 'not paid for want of funds.' On the face of our returns from the assessors we will be short about \$600,000 a year."

Mr. Cole added: "But collection of fees and licenses will cut that figure down perhaps half."

## TO KILL QUEEN PIA

The Portuguese Dowager's Narrow Escape from Assassination.

Aix-les-Bains, France, July 31.—Maria Pia, queen dowager of Portugal and mother of the present King Carlos, has had a narrow escape from assassination. She was taking a course of baths here, but was so perturbed by the attack upon her that she left Aix hastily for Rome. Details of the attempted assassination are not obtainable at present. The police are said to have a clew. News of the affair is beginning to spread among the visitors. The queen dowager was known personally to a number of people here and was very democratic in her demeanor. She chatted freely with her fellow bathers.

Queen Maria Pia was a sister of Humbert of Italy, who was assassinated by the Anarchist Bresci a year ago yesterday. She is the widow of Don Lois I, the late king of Portugal. She was only 15 years old when she was married. She is 54 years old now.

## PHILLIPS SELLS OUT

Corn King Transfers All of His Sales to Another Company.

Chicago, August 1.—George H. Phillips, the corn king, this morning transferred all of his trades to McReynolds and Company, but claims there is fifty thousand dollars profit as affairs now stand. He admits they are badly muddled however.

The corn king was forced to transfer all of his open trades by grave irregularities of the firm's books, caused chiefly, Phillips says by the fact that the clerks were overwhelmed with business and were unable to make proper entries. What loss there is, he says, will fall on himself. There is a probable profit in the transferred trades of fifty thousand dollars. The firm of Phillips and Company will continue business and has not asked any extensions from its creditors.

## TOM REED FOR MAYOR

That is What New Yorkers are Talking Just Now.

New York, Aug. 1.—Austin Fox, called the leader of the junior bar of New York, is authority for the statement that the name of Thomas B. Reed is being considered seriously by anti-Tamany leaders to head their mayoralty ticket this fall.