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FOOT ball is a mighty good game,—if you escape with your life.

WHAT a joke it would have been on the Turkish brigands if it had happened to be Mrs. Nation instead of Miss Stone.

COL. ED. LITTLE maintains his reputation for good sense by firmly declining to be the Fusion candidate for Congress in the Fifth district.

BARNEY SHERIDAN'S new paper is as pretty as a picture, and it has more advertising in it than ever before, which is better than being pretty.

INSTEAD of rubbing out the defeat of last year the Nebraska voters seem to have rubbed it in. The majority against Mr. Bryan is twice as great as it was.

UP at Lawrence, where all kinds of dead and living languages are running in rivulets down Mount Oread, they call the restaurant-on-wheels an "automobile."

SENATOR CAL MORROW, of Washington county, is the last gubernatorial entry. He is entered by the Topeka correspondents and classed as "anti-Burton."

THE oldest son of King Edward, who until now has been entitled the Duke of Cornwall and York, was on Saturday last made Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester.

THE Kansas Day club will holler for Hanna all right when he makes a speech at the next banquet; but Kansas will vote for Roosevelt in the 1904 convention just the same.

BY means of disfranchising some twenty or thirty thousand votes Arthur Pue Gorman managed to pull through in Maryland by some thirty thousand majority. Thus we see that virtue is its own reward.

HAVE you noticed, dear populist brother, that in all the election returns with which the papers have been filled these past few days only two parties are named,—and one of them is not the Populist party?

TOM MORGAN, who sold the Democratic Messenger at Eureka lately, will go to Arkansas City and start a Democratic paper, instead of leaving the State as originally announced. The Democracy of Kansas is to be congratulated.

UNCLE PAUL KRUGER is willing to arbitrate the Boer case but states very frankly that if the decision should be against them they would resume fighting. There is probably no word for arbitrate in the Dutch language and the old man is not up very well on English.

IT will cost the government \$150,000 to hold the court martial before which Commander Tilley is to be tried on the charge of drunkenness. If he is found guilty and the costs are taxed up against him, it will keep him reasonably busy the remainder of his life to liquidate.

THE Lawrence papers are never at a loss for time copy. They are still running pieces with the sub-head "read before the meeting of the society of 66ers held on October 26, 1901," who was one of the principal participants in the events which he describes.

THE candidacy of Senator H. B. Miller, of Osage county for Governor is officially announced. Senator Miller is a comparatively new man to State politics, but has long been known as a strong man in the Fourth district. He is a wealthy farmer and stock dealer.

RICHARD CROKER'S comment on the result in New York was surprisingly candid. He said the people wanted a change. And he further conserved his reputation for truth and veracity by refraining from saying that it was because they were tired of hearing Croker called The Just.

GERMANY has been popularly supposed to be the largest consumer of beer per capita of all nations, but recent statistics show that the per capita consumption is greater in both England and France. The United States drinks less than half as much beer as either of the three nations mentioned,—which is perhaps one reason why England and her continental neighbors are just now so much exercised about the "American invasion" of their markets.

WHAT an empty and hollow sound there is in the boom that is started now and then for some man's candidacy on the Populist or Democratic ticket in Kansas!

WILL WHITE is making so much money out of Stratagems and Spoils that he is buying fancy cows in remote parts of the State and having them sent to him by express.

SOME people up at Topeka are so mad at Sheriff Cook because he did not let the convicts kill him that they are asking him to resign. In other words somebody wants his job.

AT the rate at which William Allen White is mixing up in Fourth district politics it seems likely that his next volume of Stratagems and Spoils may be written from the standpoint of experience and not of observation alone.

THE REGISTER congratulates J. Frank Smith, of the Pleasanton Observer, upon his election as county printer. Smith had an idea it would work out this way when he urged the passage of the law; and thus wisdom is justified of her children, and also virtue is its own reward.

SHERIFF COOK, who was captured by the convicts and held as a shield until the criminals got away, only did what any man of sense would have done; it was only his Jonah luck that made him the victim of an episode over which the whole State is on a broad grin.

THE most recent agitation in Germany is a demand for the repeal of all laws restricting trusts and monopolies in that country. Those who advocate such action claim that it is necessary in order to make it possible for German manufacturers to meet American competition.

NEARLY every day the public is learning something new about President Roosevelt that it likes. The latest in this line is the news that he considers it barbarous to dock the tails of horses and will absolutely not consider the purchase of a bob-tailed team for his carriage.

IT is in the nature of things that a tariff schedule should be often revised, for conditions change in commerce as well as in other lines of human activity. But the important thing is that the tariff should be revised by its friends and not by its enemies, and that is what will happen if any change is made by the present Congress.

Wichita Star: The difference between a Democratic administration and a Republican administration is that the latter buys in the bonds that the former sells. Democracy was troubled where to get gold, and Republicanism is troubled in finding what to do with it. Secretary Gage is compelled to buy bonds, or else build some more treasury vaults.

CHRISTMAS boxes intended for soldiers in the Philippines should be consigned to Major O. F. Long, San Francisco, with the name of the officer or soldier for whom intended and the company and regiment plainly marked on the box, and a notation "Christmas box." The box shall not weigh more than twenty-five pounds and the charges to San Francisco must be prepaid.

Leavenworth Times: The man, the business which prospers today is that which is conducted along the broad lines of honesty and sobriety, conservatism and truth. The man who is a liar, a knave, a poltroon or a thief, or whose character stands as a reproach to the decent people can no longer be successful in any business or undertaking, particularly in the publication of an indecent newspaper.

THE death of Li Hung Chang recalls his remark that "Gen. Grant and I suppressed the two greatest rebellions in history." The Chinese rebellion to which Li referred was started by a farmer because he failed to get a government job, and twenty million lives were sacrificed before it was over. The rebellion which Gen. Grant suppressed cost fewer than half a million lives but we thought at the time it was a good deal of a scrap.

Barney Sheridan (Democrat): And now the Lily White Republicans of Louisiana are raising the devil because President Roosevelt ate some sweet taters an' possum with Booker T. Washington at the kitchen table in the White House. It's a small thing to raise such a fuss about and it won't do the Lily Whites any good in the long run. Booker is the fellow who has the kick coming because Teddy didn't have William Allen White and the rest of the cabinet at the 'possum lunch.

PROF. E. D. ADAMS, one of the most efficient and popular members of the State University faculty, has accepted a call to Leland Stanford, where he will have much less routine work and a considerably larger salary. It is too bad that Kansas cannot pay her teachers what they are worth.

EX-SENATOR EDWIN TAYLOR, Populist, is quoted as saying that the smart thing for Populists to do now is to sit around and wait awhile. Considering the fact that the people have already told the Populist party to Go Way Back and Sit Down, the Senator's advice seems rather superfluous.

MOST of the troubles between men are the product of misunderstanding. When you think a man has wronged you if you go to him in a good humor and talk the thing over the chances are nine to one that you can straighten it all out without a quarrel. Most men are fair and will meet a fair proposition fully half way.

THE latest thing to bring gray hairs to the handsome head of Arthur Capper was the launching in the Topeka Capital last Sunday of a boom for Congress for a man who has been dead four years. That is worse than crediting a Chanute gas well with a daily flow of nine million cubic feet of oil.

THE people who are sending Col. Joe Richards to the poor house by the newspaper route, on account of a report that he now owns a controlling interest in the Fort Scott Monitor, probably do not know that it runs in the Richards blood to make a barrel of money out of the newspaper business. Major William Richards made the Indianapolis News worth half a million dollars. Maybe Col. Joe will do the same with the Monitor.

WITH the city of New York, which is usually good for 10,000 Democratic majority giving the Republican candidate for mayor a majority of 30,000, and Ohio increasing the majority it gave McKinley by 20,000 and Massachusetts rolling up her usual 70,000 and Iowa breaking all her records by going 90,000 Republican and Nebraska turning Mr. Bryan down harder than ever, and so on all round the circle, it would hardly appear off hand as if Democratic skies were brightening to any appreciable extent.

THE manner in which Admiral Dewey has conducted himself during the Schley court of inquiry has gone far to restore him to the pedestal from which he stepped down when he allowed himself to be considered a candidate for President last year. As president of the court he has been the embodiment of fairness, firmness and impartiality, and the Nation has been permitted again to see the splendid figure upon which its eyes were centered for so long in Manila Bay.

A LITTLE while ago Mrs. Roosevelt was quoted as saying that any woman could dress well enough for any station in life for \$300 a year, and now they say she has a heavier mail than the President, several million of her countrywomen demanding by letter to be shown. The subsequent report that the President's wife would spend a thousand dollars for the gowns she expects to wear this winter was probably sent out as a counter irritant.

ANOTHER chapter in Emporia's town row was begun last week when William Martindale brought suit against Senator Battey, Calvin Hood and I. E. Lambert, charging them with conspiracy to sell the Martindale property for much less than it was worth and demanding damages to the amount of \$100,500. If half the things which have been whispered about for the past year touching this matter are brought to the light of public record, the chapter will be the most distressing one yet written.

THE following interesting facts are taken from the Kansas City Star largest cemetery in the world is the Cimetiere Pere Lachaise, in Paris. The city of Paris and suburbs has about 4 million inhabitants and Pere Lachaise contains more graves than the city possess inhabitants. It lies within the city walls and contains three divisions, one for Protestants, one for Catholics and a third for Hebrews. The last struggle of the Paris Commune occurred there and the last of the Communists were placed against a wall near the crematory and shot to death by the Versailles infantry. A railroad tunnel passes under the cemetery and escapes the graves by a distance of a few yards only. The tomb of Sarah Bernhardt is in this cemetery and contains the death inscription of the famous actress, only the date being left blank. Bernhardt comes each year and places a wreath upon her tomb.

FRANCE'S bluff worked. The Sultan of Turkey sent his check when the war ships came in sight. When Uncle Sam forced the Sublime Porte to pay up a precedent was set which will cost the Sick Man a lot of money.

JUSTICES of the peace are a much abused class of men, but in the main they make up in hard sense what they may lack in knowledge of the law. There is that Labette county justice, for example, before whom a widower was arraigned, charged with kissing his house-keeper who is a widow. The Justice promptly decided, after seeing the woman in the case, and hearing all the evidence, that inasmuch as the kissing had been done with the knowledge and consent of the kissee, no crime had been committed. "These people have a right under the constitution to kiss one another," said this Daniel, "and if the public doesn't like it the public can move on." What conclusion could be more sensible than that?

FROM Topeka reports it appears that the tax commission has prepared another tax law, the purpose of which is to reduce the present limit of taxation. Such a bill is certainly a wise and necessary measure, if the proposed new tax law is to be placed on statute books. The new law is a drag net which will leave no property untaxed, and that is right. But with every scrap of property assessed at its actual cash value, the tax-payer might be driven into bankruptcy unless some limit was placed upon the rate of taxation. With property listed at its full value and the rate of taxation limited by law, say to two per cent, Kansas will make a good deal better showing, and offer a much more attractive field for investments than it does now.

THERE has been a great deal of talk about peace in South Africa, but the first definite proposition came only yesterday when it was announced that the Boers were willing to lay down their arms on condition that England should withdraw her troops, guarantee the autonomy of the two republics, release the prisoners and pay for the burned farms. In consideration for this, the Boers are willing to cede to England a certain gold district. It is not likely that England will accept the terms for John Bull is mighty proud and stiff-necked when his once sets his heart on anything. But it is by no means certain that after three years more of fighting any better terms will be obtained. It is certainly clear that from a money point of view England would be the winner by accepting the proposition.

NOT satisfied with disfranchising thirty thousand negro voters at one stroke and thus preventing that many Republican ballots from getting into the boxes at all, it appears that the Democrats of Maryland have thrown out several thousand Republican votes that did get into the ballot boxes. The Maryland law, following the usual Australian ballot laws, provides that any ballot which shows any other mark than those used to indicate the voter's choice of candidates, shall be discarded. It is alleged that in some of the counties seventy-five per cent of the Republican votes were thrown out because of the violation of this provision, and the inference naturally is that they were marked before being given to the voter and for the purpose of providing an excuse for casting out the vote. Mr. Gorman will doubtless be again the Senator from Maryland, but he has won the prize at what to an honest man would be deemed a heavy cost.

THE KINDNESS OF NATURE.

Emporia Gazette: How kind this season is! After the hard withering summer that shriveled the foliage of the grass and trees and cracked the earth and destroyed so many growing things—now comes the mild and healing autumn, a penitence of nature for her waywardness. The leaves that the hot winds scorched hang on far past their wonted time and the grass which lay brown and dry and almost ashen, today is green and fresh and beautiful; and the cattle feeding all day on the open range, roll languidly to the corral at twilight, and when they have filled their paunches with water, lie down and moan and groan in animal contentment through the night—as though they were on the new grass of May. They will go on pasture thus till Christmas. The fields of corn crisped in the August sun are now green rye fields, and the fodder that was lost in the summer, the fall has restored. The birds are a little thinner than they were, and the balance of the farmers' books is kept on the good side; a little less to feed and a little less fodder. Everywhere one sees this evening up process of nature—this tempering the wind to the shorn lamb.

The great stream of tendency, the scheme of things here, call it what you will—fate, destiny, providence or God—is good. Viewed largely and from beyond the shadow of the passing hour get away to see things big and in perspective, and the trend of all motion and force seems good. Nature—bloody with, tooth and claw, as some poet has called her, is at heart and in the soul of her infinitely kind. Life, even the meanest life, is a great experience; how much better it is than not to have known; and the saddest death is so immeasurably better than endless mortal consciousness and mortal life! "He giveth his beloved sleep."

Nature is kind. God is love.

INJUSTICE TO EX-SOLDIERS.

THE REGISTER is in receipt of a letter from an Allen county boy serving in a regular regiment in the Philippines in which the statement is made that there are more than 800 discharged regulars in the city of Manila who are unable to get home. The letter states that the army officials there tell the soldiers that if the Government takes them home any time within a year from the date of their discharge it is complying with its contract with them and so transport after transport is sent out without a man on board, and the soldiers either have to pay their own passage home on a mail steamer, at an expense which leaves nothing out of their savings during the three years of their enlistment, or stay at Manila where they can find nothing to do and where they must necessarily be at a greater or less expense. The letter expresses the opinion that the practice seems to be a deliberate attempt to force the men to re-enlist. THE REGISTER is very reluctant to criticize the management of the army, but it has every confidence in its correspondent, and feels certain that there must be good ground for the statements, more especially as they are made by a man who expects to spend his life in the army and will therefore never have any personal complaint to make. Whether legally bound to do so or not, the government is certainly under moral obligation to return discharged soldiers to their homes at the earliest reasonable moment, or allow them travel pay by which they may defray their own expenses, and we are sure that when the

matter is brought to the attention of President Roosevelt the present practice will be very promptly modified.

THE NEW BALLOT LAW.

The outcry against the new ballot law because a considerable percentage of the voters failed in the recent election to mark their ballots properly, is not well founded. Owing to the fact that the election was of so little importance but little interest was taken in it and no effort was made by the newspapers or anybody else to instruct the voters. The voters went into the booths, many of them, without any warning that the manner of voting had been changed from that to which they were accustomed, and it is not surprising that a large number of mistakes should have been made. But next year, when there is a full State ticket in the field, there will be no trouble. The new method is really the simplest and easiest we have ever had since the Australian law came into vogue, and a very little instruction will make every voter master of it. The new law is all right.

KANSAS CLIPS AND COMMENTS.

In a fight at Leavenworth a cat killed a dog. The dog only succeeded in wiping five of the cuts nine lives out of it.

A young married couple went from Eureka to Kansas City with this sign on their trunk: "Don't laugh. We just couldn't help it."

In these days of specialization it is cheering to learn that an expert will contribute to the Ottawa Republican special articles on the finding of muskie pearls.

About fifty of the most famous hunters about Lawrence made a big round up after those big timber wolves that recently appeared west of town. They got one scrappy coyote.

A young couple drove up in front of a F. L. Scott minister's house and at their request were married by him. They remained in the buggy and passers-by looked at the ceremony with interest.

The Hutchinson News started an "Among the Lodges" column. Saturday of last week and the next Saturday it had to issue a four page supplement in order to make brief mention of all of them.

An Independence man has a scheme for retaining control of the price of wheat by farmers by curtailing the acreage. If he can curtail the drought and the chinch bugs and the Hessian fly the scheme will work.

Now it develops that half the people in the Kansas City guessing contest guessed on the total vote cast in Ohio and the other half on the total vote for governor. 100,000 people will be sure this accounts for their not winning first prize.

The Burlington Independent kicks on the government supporting the Indians in idleness. But, dear brother, the Indians had such a peculiar idea of supporting themselves. About the only thing they ever grew fond of raising was scalps.

100,000 people in eastern Kansas have been discommoded by the Santa Fe's change of time card which was made to suit the needs of a few digger Indians and prairie dog shippers in Arizona. The ways of the average railroad are like those of Providence.

The town of Highland is quarantined for smallpox and an exchange declared that no trains stop there now. Highland is six miles off a railroad and the Vidette declares no trains stop there, for if one ever did wander over there it would be lariatied out by the postoffice.

The State Agricultural college has decided that what the world needs to improve it is more peanuts. In nutritive units per pound the peanut ranks 1425, while potatoes are 182, bacon 1251, beef 530, milk 145. And the discoverer says Kansas can grow billions of them. The man evidently thinks that the millennium means one continuous circus.

PROVIDED HE DON'T FLY THE TRACK



From the Mail and Breeze: Mr. David Overmyer, talked of as the Democratic nominee for Governor, will be driven till the race is run, if his manager, Harvey, can curb his tendency to break through the fence.