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The total of appropriation made by the 56th congress indicates that the two billion dollar congress is not far off.

Nearly a week has passed and almost nothing has been said about the significance of the Oregon election.

It looks as though whoever fights the Boxers will be compelled to fight Japan, or Russia or the Empress of China.

The Boers appear to have learned a lesson from the fate of Cronje and have no intention of being caught in a vice.

In the hurry incident to adjournment, Senator Mason failed to get in a resolution extending sympathy to the "Boxers."

Perhaps St. Louis will succeed in settling the strike in time to prevent her world's fair visitors from having to walk.

The greatest man of his race, Booker T. Washington, says that he will have nothing to do with the proposed negro political party.

Mr. Neely with all his faults must be given credit for his liberality. He divided with the government when he might have taken the whole thing.

How'd you like to be the ice man? Not very well, perhaps if you lived in New York. The ice men of Gotham are being made miserable by the "yellow journals."

Russia will try to borrow some more money in New York. If she can wait until Kansas can market the growing wheat crop, perhaps she can get what she needs out here.

A New York church has adopted a collection box for use, built on the plan of the cash register seen in many stores in Topeka. The size of the contribution of each person is registered and held up to the view of all the others.

Prominent Democrats in various parts of the country are constantly and publicly urging Mr. Bryan to drop the silver question. Perhaps he is afraid that if he drops it while everybody is looking somebody else may pick it up.

Later reports regarding the evacuation of Pretoria indicate that about all Lord Roberts found was an empty shell. The Boers got away with their entire army, their artillery, their prisoners and all their store of money and provisions. All that the British have acquired by the campaign is a small portion of territory in the southern part of the Transvaal. Both's army is only 12 miles from Pretoria.

MR. BRISTOW'S WORK IN CUBA. [From the Washington Post.] While the spokesmen and organs of the Republican party are eagerly poo-pooing and belittling the postoffice scandals, Mr. Bristow is busily engaged in showing us that the scandals are real enough for our national shame and sorrow.

One very significant feature of Mr. Bristow's work thus far is the disclosure of his opinion that those extraordinary salaries and allowances in favor of officials stationed at Havana are not as indispensable as we have been asked to believe. He has not only obliterated a great many offices, but he has reduced in a very marked degree the emoluments attached to those which are retained. Already he has cut down the expense account many thousands of dollars. Before all is done, he will have shown to the satisfaction of the entire country, not only how much has been stolen, but how much wasted in the wicked and licentious carnival that has held the Cuban boards for the past year or so. We shall know the extent of the outright robberies and the names of the criminals. We shall know, also, the extent of the profligacy and the identity of the traitors.

Mr. Bristow may be said to represent in Cuba the integrity and high purpose of the American people. He is there to show the Cubans that, while we have robbers and spoilers among us, we make it our business to expose and punish them.

GLOBE SIGHTS. [From the Atchison Globe.] When some women become so excited as to appear foolish, it is said in excuse that they are "so emotional."

The only women who have time to enter discussions on "How to Make Home Attractive" live at boarding houses.

A mistake has been made somewhere if a good cake maker doesn't finally become the mother of a large family of boys.

This is the season when one cherry cake can be made to do the work of three in a pie, by leaving the stone and the worm in.

At an amateur entertainment, the audience counts off every number on the programme as a weary traveler counts off the mile stones on his journey.

When a boy is invited out to tea with his mother, he wanders out to the back porch to see if he can find an ice

cream freezer carefully covered over with a piece of carpet.

If a girl has a father, mother, uncles and aunts, and a dozen brothers and sisters, she still feels until some young man comes along that no one in the world "understands" her.

It takes a person of magnetic influence to induce another to do more than five minutes when talking about his own affairs, and yet people will talk by the hour about nothing else.

The young men who went away to college last fall have returned wearing shoes a little more yellow than any one sees here that are gaudier, shirts of a more startling design, and their hair parted more evenly in the middle. There is really nothing like a college education for fitting a young man for the struggle of life.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. [From the Chicago News.] A guiltless conscience makes a soft pillow.

Gratitude is the fond recollection of the heart.

He is a poor actor who can't get any one to take his part.

New styles are usually old ones that people have forgotten.

Probably the biggest thing about a jealous woman is her suspicion.

If a row of columns is a colonnade a row of lemons must be a lemonade.

Love is one of the few things that is never displayed in a bargain counter.

A man down in a mine who wonders if he will ever get out is a deep thinker.

When love falls a girl she begins to boast of her indifference for the other sex.

His satirical majesty always smiles when a boy is whipped to make him attend church.

One way for a man to best a woman in an argument is to state his version of the case—then run.

In talking of the meantime a man probably refers to the next morning after he has been having "a good time."

When a woman plans to do anything out of the ordinary she always wonders what the neighbors will say about it.

The modest friend who offers to lend you money when you are broke is more worthy of praise than the hero of 100 battles.

QUAKER REFLECTIONS. [From the Philadelphia Record.] The soda fountain clerk is recognized by his phiz.

It's about as difficult to put a name as to name a winner.

The doctor and the legislator both amend the constitution.

The man with an itch for notoriety can get it by lively scratching.

Hoax—"Bore" is said to be a remarkably bright fellow. "Joax"—"Bright! Why, he knows as much as his wife thinks he knows."

They were completely at the villain's mercy. "Strike!" cried the hero, defiantly, as he bared his breast to the glittering dagger. Piteous sobs escaped the villain's throat. Guided by the hero, he chuckled the villain, nerving himself for the terrible crime; "one strike and one bow!"

The seashore girl, so tanned, so cute, is here. We'll see much of her, because her skimpy bathing suit. Her form will scarcely cover.

CARDS EXCHANGED. Duel Arises From Reports About American Building.

Paris, June 8.—As a result of the statement published in New York that the United States pavilion at the Paris exposition is unsafe cards have been exchanged and seconds have been appointed on one side at least, between M. Morin Gustiaux, the builder and assistant architect, and M. Henri Dumay, the correspondent who sent the story to America.

The two men were introduced last night at a reception at the national pavilion by the assistant United States commissioner general at the Paris exposition, Benjamin D. Wood, who is an intimate friend of M. Gustiaux. After some words, M. Gustiaux and Dumay exchanged cards. Newspaper circles are deeply interested.

SLOW PROGRESS. Made by Colorado Democrats in Reaching a Business Basis.

Denver, Col., June 8.—When the state Democratic convention was called to order at 11 o'clock today the credentials committee reports were presented.

The majority report favored the seating of the Thomas delegation but made no argument in support of the recommendation. The minority report signed by 24 members of the committee argued that the Maloney delegation was regular and therefore entitled to admission.

Gov. Governor Adams of Pueblo county, offered a substitute for both reports providing for the seating of both delegations with full votes, the sending of both Thomas and Maloney to the national convention and the appointment of a committee to frame laws for the government of the party to prevent future trouble of this kind.

The debate which followed was times very heated.

At 12:25 the convention took recess until 2 o'clock without having reached a vote on the Arapahoe county contest.

BYLAWS AMENDED. Women's Club Directory Will Consist of Eight Members.

Milwaukee, June 8.—An amendment to the by-laws provides that the board of directors shall hereafter consist of eight members instead of nine.

Presidents of individual clubs are no longer to be vice presidents of the general association.

The Illinois delegation, most of whom are disappointed that Mrs. Robert Farson was not placed on the board of directors, held a meeting today. The failure of representation for Illinois is due, it is said, to opposing forces within its own ranks.

St. Louis, Atlantic City and Boston are canvassing for the next biennial meeting.

Passed Out to Sea. Lewes, Del., June 8.—The lifeboats Indiana and Massachusetts passed out to sea at 12:30 p. m. for Hampton Roads.

Elks—Notice. Delegation going to Lawrence will leave here on Santa Fe at 4:40 p. m. Saturday.

Awnings. The best in the world; made of wood, awning and blind combined to be seen at and sold by J. Thomas Lumber Co., 614 Van Buren street.

When a boy is invited out to tea with his mother, he wanders out to the back porch to see if he can find an ice

KANSAS NEWS.

Fort Scott Owes Thousands With Small Assets.

The City Council Decides on Heroic Measures.

AN OCCUPATION TAX. That is the Measure of Relief Decided Upon.

To Tax Every Conceivable Branch of Business.

New Free Rural Delivery.

Gets an Insurgent Gun.

Endeavors Close.

WANTS \$10,000 DAMAGES. Greenwood County Cattleman Sues a K. C. Commission Company.

IN THE BOER LAND. An Atchison Man Serving Under the British Flag.

Sentenced at Yates Center.

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was taken up in providing ways and means for building the Kansas City & Orient railway. It was resolved that the stations on the railroad line in the county be named after prominent citizens who have insured the building of the road and paid for the right of way.

Closing Day at Baker. Baldwin, June 8.—The graduation exercises of the college of liberal arts, Baker university, was held here Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

New Free Rural Delivery. Atchison, June 8.—Five new rural mail delivery routes will be established in Atchison county, says H. C. Bising, a special agent of the postoffice department, is in Atchison to locate the routes. He will go over each and their establishment will result in the abolishment of six or more country postoffices.

Gets an Insurgent Gun. Ottawa, June 8.—J. H. Baker has received an old shotgun from his son, S. W. Baker, who is director of the United States artillery band in the Philippines. The gun was picked up on a branch of the Pasig river known as "Weyler canal" and is supposed to have been used by the insurgents against the Spanish. It is rusty and has only one hammer left. It is not a muzzle loader, but has no plungers for exploding a shell, but a couple of notches in the barrel were apparently made to permit the use of a rim fire shell.

Endeavors Close. Hutchinson, June 8.—The last day of the State Christian Endeavor union was devoted to business. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, J. A. Sankley, Canton Falls; first vice president, C. L. Milton, Fort Scott; second vice president, A. M. Reltzell, Hutchinson; secretary, Chris B. Boyd, Ottawa; treasurer, Otto Newby, Sterling; director, T. W. Emerson, Topeka; junior superintendent, Miss Adella Mott, Osage City; Fort Scott was chosen as the next place of meeting.

New Phone Line For Junction City. Junction City, June 8.—The city council has granted a franchise to H. P. Wareham, of Manhattan, to construct an independent telephone exchange in this city. This means that Junction City will be connected with the chain of independent exchanges that reaches out in every direction and covers nearly every town of importance in the state.

Pensions For Kansans. Washington, June 7.—Pensions have been granted as follows: Original—Alfred K. Church, National Military Home, Leavenworth, \$2. Increase—John C. Major, Maize, \$10; John W. Brumfield, Lucas, \$8; Samuel Vermum, St. Paul, \$12; Alva H. Fleming, Okmulgee, \$10; William E. Timbers, Sterling, \$10; John C. Taylor, El Dorado, \$17. Release—Harman Hinkhouse, Paola, \$12; Henry Nye, Oakley, \$8.

To Paint Fort Riley Barracks. Junction City, June 8.—The contract for painting all the barracks, government buildings, etc., at Fort Riley, was awarded to C. M. Chas. Longdon. The bidders were: Durbin Bros., F. Horton, Marvin of Manhattan, A. J. Waring and C. Langdon. This work will cost about \$4,000 worth of labor alone.

Sentenced at Yates Center. Yates center, June 8.—The negro, Walter Brown, captured in Kansas City by the police and then turned over to Sheriff Patterson of this county, on the charge of stealing \$20 in money, a white hat, coat and two suits of clothes, was sentenced to eleven years in the penitentiary by Judge Stillwell today.

Scalded to Death by Coffee. Paola, June 8.—The 11 weeks old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conner, 12 miles east of Paola, died Thursday from being scalded with hot coffee at Monday night. The child was 11 months old. Her mother took the baby in her arms and sat down by the table upon which stood the pot of boiling coffee. The pot was upturned, a scalding liquid fell upon her hips down.

Big Elevator Destroyed. Belleville, June 8.—The elevator of Moore H. C. Crawford burned last night. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$5,000. Insured for \$3,000.

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IS IT MURDER?

Mysterious Death of Mrs. Mary Elliott.

Mrs. Mary Elliott, wife of William Elliott, who lives at 315 East Laurent street, in North Topeka, died Thursday morning under peculiar circumstances.

Mrs. Elliott had been sick for some time and had been taking a great deal of medicine. Thursday morning she took a dose of medicine that had just been gotten at the drug store by her husband and died a short time later in convulsions. Today her niece, Mrs. Alice Hillor, announced that she was ready to make an affidavit to the effect that Mrs. Elliott died from being slowly poisoned.

Coroner Hogeboom was summoned and ordered an autopsy held this afternoon. A jury has been drawn and a coroner's inquest will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The funeral will take place Saturday morning.

Deputy Sheriff Stewart has in his possession a bottle of medicine that Mrs. Elliott had used. It is marked "sarsaparilla" and contains a dark brown substance. Mrs. Hillor claims that Mrs. Elliott told her that her husband had threatened to poison her and that she did not care if he did. Mr. Elliott has considerable money and lives without working. Many of the neighbors and friends have been subpoenaed to testify at the inquest.

KEEGAN CONFESSES. Says He Has Practiced a Fraud For Years.

New York, June 8.—Knowing that death is near, Alexander Keegan today made an affidavit confessing fraud and deceit in an attempt to recover damages from the Third Avenue Railroad company. In 1894 Keegan was injured in a collision between a car and a cart. The first resolution adopted was that the owner of the cart. The following years of litigation, Keegan succeeded in making judges and doctors believe that he was afflicted with epileptic fits as the result of the accident, and he secured a verdict for \$3,000. The case was appealed and is now on the court of appeals calendar.

Keegan asserts in his affidavit that he never suffered from epileptic fits, and that whatever pain and loss of memory he suffered was the result of a brain wound inflicted by himself eighteen years ago.

WOULD SET THE PACE. American Socialist Would Lead the World.

New York, June 8.—The Socialist Labor party, Daniel De Leon faction, which has been in session in this city since last Saturday, was continued today in an attempt to elect a delegate to the party to the international society in Paris in September. It is instructed to demand that the principle of socialism be adopted by the Socialist Labor party convention in relation to trade unions be adopted by the congress as the proper principle of socialist action.

Placerville, Cal., June 8.—A report from Diamond Springs says Zachariah Zunaw, today shot and killed his son George and fatally wounded his wife, Zunaw, who is armed with a rifle and pistol, refuses to surrender to the sheriff who has telegraphed that if any delegate request that he be allowed to sit apart from any such impure delegation.

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Washington, June 8.—In accordance with the provisions of the military academy appropriation bill the president today issued commissions to Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commanding the army and Major General Cullum, adjutant general of the army. These are recess appointments and will be nominated to the senate at its next session in December.

General Miles said today that he would make no change in his staff in consequence of the legislation. This is the first effect of which will be to give Major Michael, Fifth cavalry, Major Bailey and Major Whitney, General Miles' present aides, the rank, pay and allowances of colonels of cavalry.

Otis Expected Tomorrow. Washington, June 8.—Major General Otis will arrive here tomorrow morning. He will remain in Washington for a few days only and will go to his home at Rochester, N. Y., in time to attend a public reception to be given by the citizens of that place in his honor on the 15th instant.

Armed With a Sword. St. Louis, June 8.—Joseph Alfred, armed with a sword, was arrested by police women in a charge on a car of the Southern Electric line today. He was captured by a squad of police, who dispersed the mob. As far as known, nobody was seriously injured.

Postoffice Loss \$4,000. New Orleans, June 8.—There is yet no clue to a robbery at the postoffice yesterday in which \$4,000 was taken from a pile of money lying just inside one of the windows of the money order department. The local postoffice inspectors think a sneak thief reached through the window while the clerk in charge had his back turned and took the money.

Rough Rider Dies. Harrisburg, Pa., June 8.—E. N. Hill, of Oklahoma, who served with the Rough Riders in the Cuban campaign of the Spanish-American war, died today at the Harrisburg hospital of a fever contracted in Cuba. His remains will be shipped to relations in Oklahoma.

A Wealth of Beauty. Is often hidden by unsightly Pimples, Eczema, Tetter, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum, Itch, Scabies, Acne, Skin Sores, etc. The face by curing all Skin Eruptions, also Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Bolls, Felons, etc. A box of Wagoner's Pills, 25c. Sold by Wagoner, druggist, 211 Kansas Ave.

A Sprained Ankle Quickly Cured. "At one time I suffered from a severe sprain of the ankle," says Geo. E. Cary, of the Harrisburg hospital. "After using several well recommended medicines without success, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and am pleased to say that relief came as soon as I began its use and a complete cure speedily followed." Sold by all druggists.

Advertisement for 'The Clements Company' featuring 'Feather Weight Clothes' and 'KEEP COOL' in the new Summer Garments. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and a list of items like Cricketing Flannel Suits, Blue Serge Suits, Tropical Worsteds and Unlined Scotchies, Fancy Hosiery, New Neckwear, and Light Weight Underwear. Price from \$1.00 up. 631 Kansas Avenue.

Advertisement for 'BARGAINS' in Refrigerators, Gasoline Stoves, and Hammocks. Includes the name 'T. J. Coughlin Hdw. Co.' and address '702 Kansas Avenue. TEL. 806.'

Advertisement for 'MILES PROMOTED.' Commission of Lieutenant General Given by the President. Includes details about military appointments and commissions.

Advertisement for 'OUR BALANCE' featuring a scale and text about 'Your Balance' and 'Your bearing, your gait, your personal appearance, depend to a considerable extent upon the shoes you wear.'

Advertisement for 'FURMAN'S' shoes, featuring 'Your Balance' and 'High-Grade Shoes are more economical than the general run of "bargain" shoes, for a variety of reasons. We have the best.' 628 Kansas Ave.