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Weather Indications. CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—For Kansas: Fair weather; warmer tonight; southwest winds.

WHERE were all the federal office holders when Governor Waite called for defenders of the Democratic party?

Now that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons matter is settled the public can give more attention to that little affair between Uncle Sam and John Bull.

Since there are more old soldiers in Shawnee county than in any other county in the state, Topeka is certainly the proper place to hold the G. A. R. state reunion.

The Cleveland syndicate which is being organized to go out and capture the sugar planting business of the Hawaiian islands, are likely to find a large sized obstruction to their scheme in the person of Claus Spreckels when they get there.

ENCOURAGED by the success of the Arkansas authorities in arresting and holding Puggist Corbett, the New Orleans police force has arrested a number of the officers of the state militia for firing their guns within the city limits.

HOLDING two officers at once has so undermined John M. Thurston's health that he was unable to make any speeches for his party in the Nebraska campaign this year. He was able, however, to make a plea for his client, the Union Pacific railroad before a San Francisco court. There is evident need of reducing the length of the senatorial term.

SENATOR TELLER is showing signs of making trouble in the Republican party if his silver views are not adopted. It may be said that the Colorado senator is acting from self interest in the matter, but it happens in this instance that his personal interests are also the best interests of almost the entire population of the country.

The Emporia "Umbrella" has been closed up and will be succeeded by the Columbian Magazine, which will be issued semi-monthly by the McCord-Upham Printing Co. It is up hill work for anything in the nature of a magazine to succeed in a small city, but some of them do in a limited way, and this venture may be numbered among the winners.

If the principles of the Democratic party are as "plain and explicit" as Senator Hill says they are, it seems as though the members of the party should be able to come to some agreement about what was meant by their Chicago platform. The lack of unanimity of opinion among Democrats regarding the proper interpretation of that document is really distressing.

If all the men who do not support their families are to be sent to the insane asylum large additions to the capacity of those institutions will shortly be necessary. A more sensible plan would seem to be to send the family to the asylum where they would not need the care of the husband and father. This plan is practicable, too, since no evidence of insanity seems to be needed to secure a commitment in Shawnee county at least.

SECRETARY CARLISLE'S order closing the mints to any further coinage of silver is probably caused by the recent advance in the price of silver bullion. Having got silver down it must be kept down at all hazards so the fifty cents dollar can be used as an argument. If the white metal had continued to advance in the

market until it reached \$1.20 an ounce there would no longer be any excuse for not coining it. The closing of the mints to silver will make little difference in a practical way as very little was being coined but the moral effect is expected to be far reaching in depressing its value in the markets of the world. There will probably be a decline in the price and then Mr. Carlisle and his fellow gold bugs will say: Would you have a currency of anything so unstable as this?

THE STATE JOURNAL published an editorial paragraph recently in which attention was called to the fact that all the schemes of the bankers for reforming the currency have for their central idea the retirement of the greenbacks. Mr. J. W. Forest, a banker of Thayer, Kan., writes to say that he is an exception to this rule. There are doubtless many more besides Mr. Forest. Reference to bankers individually was not intended. It was the action of their conventions and association meetings to which attention was directed. Mr. Forest then states that he favors the demonization of both gold and silver and the substitution therefore of a legal tender paper currency. He has original ideas on currency which cannot be presented here and which are worthy of consideration and he would doubtless furnish a copy of his plan to any one who will take the trouble to write to him.

THE determination of the people of Perry, Okla., to keep the cashier of the burst bank of that town in jail is commendable. He was let out on \$5,000 bond and was immediately placed under arrest on another charge and his bond fixed at \$2,500, which he seems unable to secure. This bond business affords an excellent means for criminals to escape the penalty of their crimes. The best way of all, however, to treat all persons accused of crime is to try them at once. It would save much trouble and expense and the time spent in jail when they are not bailed out could apply on the sentence.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS. An Ottawa merchant confidently and proudly announces that his store is the "acme of completeness."

It is said that the Gila monster which recently died in the K. U. museum was unspeakably ugly. It was not a curiosity to Lawrence.

Five thousand two hundred voters have registered at Wichita at least a dozen of which are supposed to be law abiding citizens.

A chalk artist is doing wonderful things at Newton, but they are afraid to have him draw the new waterworks well lest he "fall down."

It is to be hoped that Signor Blitz who is to give an entertainment at Emporia is not Pinky Blitz of Kansas City disguised by a "fura" prefix.

The Wichita Eagle thinks that after some things "ironquill" perpetrated on the public and they didn't cry out, he was justified in his "war" speech.

It is thought that if the diphtheria epidemic should continue in Emporia all winter the local papers will find out before spring how to spell the name of the disease.

It offends the Ottawa idea of symmetry and consistency to see a man who once ran on the Prohibition ticket for mayor now placed on the Democratic county ticket.

The Atchison Globe has proposed another name for the list of Hon. in the person (for those orthodox people who believe in his personality) of the Hon. Mr. Devil.

There is talk of erecting a monument to dead soldiers on Mt. Oread, Lawrence, but it would appear if the memorial is to be that high up the soldiers might as well wait till they get to heaven.

A St. Joe man secured a divorce from his wife because she kept going back to Atchison, which had been her home. A Kansas woman who would marry in Missouri and not return would be strange.

Great Bend News: A man made application to the mayor of Hutchinson for the court room to deliver a lecture on the "Second Coming of Christ." The mayor refused, on the ground that if Christ had been in Hutchinson once, he would never come again, and it would be useless to try to get an audience.

G. K. Gilbert lectured to the students of Kansas university Wednesday evening in University hall. Mr. Gilbert is a resident of Washington, D. C., and has been out west in charge of a United States geological survey party. His subject was "A Geological Puzzle," and was illustrated by Prof. L. I. Blake's electric lantern.

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D. W. BOUTWELL'S BOOK. He is Selling It in Kansas City—Gets Newspaper Notice. The Kansas City Star contains the following about D. W. Boutwell and his book: D. W. Boutwell, of Topeka, an old Kansas veteran, who served as a dispatch bearer during the latter part of the war, is in the city today. Mr. Boutwell now has in press a book, which he has written, telling how, when Kansas was in danger of invasion by General Price's army, he carried important dispatches through the confederate lines from General Detzler to General Pleasanton, and this enabled the latter to attack the confederates in the rear, rout the force, and defeat Price's plans for capturing Kansas City, Leavenworth, and other Kansas towns. Mr. Boutwell played a thrilling part

during the war, and it is said his work will be an interesting contribution to war literature. He now has a claim before the pension department for a pension for his services as dispatch bearer. Mining Co. Charter. The charter of the John J. Mastin mining company of Galena, Cherokee county, has been filed with the secretary of state. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$100,000, and the directors named in the charter are John J. Mastin, E. St. George Noble, Mrs. Julia Mastin, of Galena, and Thomas H. Mastin and Washington Adams of Kansas City, Mo. Does your headache? Try One Minute Headache Tablets. J. K. Jones, Druggist. The "Aurora," pure Havana, best 10c cigar in the city.

HE LIKES THE "JOURNAL." A Subscriber Highly Compliments an Article that Pleased Him. To the Editor of the State Journal: I trust you will pardon me, but I so thoroughly endorsed the article on the first page of a recent issue under the head "Can Joints Run," it being the first thing I read, that I nearly sprang to my feet in the very high appreciation I read it and involuntarily exclaimed, "Good for the JOURNAL." Now sir, if every temperance man and woman in Kansas—or even in Topeka, alone—will be firm and outspoken, we can shape the future history of not only this state, but of this great and wonderfully growing country; the balance of power is on our side and the good of humanity demands it, I do wish that every reader in this great commonwealth of

Kansas could read that article—so full of the true ring—and know it was in the Topeka JOURNAL, a paper that dares to stand up for the right and is always outspoken on the temperance question, while so many papers in this state will not do it, even if they are advocates, for mere policy and politics sake. Long live the JOURNAL. I hope it will never cease to grow. Yours kindly and most respectfully, J. T. S. BEING A BETTER MAN. A Young Man Returns from the Penitentiary and is Living Right. Guy Pier has returned to Topeka after serving a year's sentence in the penitentiary at Lansing. His time was up this week. It was shortened somewhat by his excellent behavior. Pier was sent there for com-

mitting thefts, in some of which Jud Nicholson, now an actor, was involved, but afterward cleared. The penitentiary, it seems, has proven a good thing for Pier. "I've shaken all of my old associates," says he. "I am showing up at the Santa Fe shops every morning, and I'm going to try to get work and lead an honest life." First Appellate Court Report. The supreme and appellate court reporter has commenced to send copy to the state printer for the first volume of the appellate court reports. This is the beginning of a new series of court reports, and the first volume will be issued from the state printing office about January 1st. Peerless Steam Laundry—Peerless Steam Laundry.

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