

**A THOUSAND WOMEN**

Propose to the Bachelor Governor-elect of Kansas.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 10.—Lieutenant Governor-elect J. D. Hanna, who came here today from his home at Hill City, says he has received 500 proposals of marriage from women in the United States and Canada.

Many of these letters, he says, are from intelligent women and a great number from school teachers. He refuses to give the contents of these letters to the public, for the reason that he has not yet had time to carefully compile and analyze them.

He stated, however, that none of his correspondents fully meets his ideal for his wife.

He says that Governor-elect Bailey had received more than a thousand letters from women proposing marriage.

**THE LEVEE WALKER.**

A Bird Which Assists the Rice Planter By Protecting Levees.

Saturday Evening Post.

In southwestern Texas and other riceplanting regions the little blue heron or levee walker (*Ardea coerulea*) alights on the levees which surround the fields. These levees vary in height from a few inches to 3 or 4 feet. Along these plantation highways, the herons are seen to strut with considerable ostentation, varying their parade by darting occasionally toward the base of the levees. The habits of these birds engaged the attention of the visiting scientists from Washington who were studying rice culture.

One of the greatest difficulties to be overcome in rice irrigation has been the frequency of washouts along the levees, which result in widespread destruction of property; breaks and washouts would occur.

Naturally birds like the blue heron, with strong, spearlike beaks, came under suspicion. Their pompous marching on the levees intensified the dispute in which they were held.

It is now known that the damage that is done has been effected by crawfish, who bore through the levees and thus start leaks, at first so small that they escape the attention of the patrol, but which this would reduce the offense to murder in the second degree and might be considered in mitigation of the penalty for that degree, but would not wholly excuse the crime; but if the temporary insanity was produced wholly or in part from any other cause, and if while in such insane condition he committed the deed the defendant would be guilty of no offense. It was also charged that if the jury believed that the confession was not a voluntarily confession and made after statutory warning that the statement would be used against him, it should be disregarded and the case considered only upon circumstantial evidence.

All the witnesses, numbering about sixty-five, were excused Friday night and most of them returned to their homes today.

Another squeeze seemed imminent on Wall street last week, but Secretary Shaw intimated early in the game that Uncle Sam would not advance any more money to the banks.

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