

Jerry Simpson is still laboring under the delusion that he is running the House of Representatives.

John Wannamaker who wanted to be U. S. senator from Pennsylvania and was beaten by Senator Quay, thinks the republican party is going to ruin. If Mr. Wannamaker was in Kansas he would join the "reformers."

One of the results of the cool weather the past few weeks has been to bring the wheat out wonderfully and prevent the disastrous work of the chinch bugs. There is always something coming up to discourage the pops.

Kansas will have one of the largest crops of wheat in the history of the state, and if the present McKinley prices obtain, several millions of dollars more will be realized for it than had the boy orator of the Platte succeeded Grover Cleveland.

Chief Justice Foster in dissenting from the decision of the majority of the Supreme court took occasion to score some of the former decisions of that body and offer advice to courts generally. A pop is nothing if not profuse in advice.

Great progress has been made with the tariff bill in the senate thus far. Senator Vest shortly after the measure was brought up, said that more ground had been covered by the Senate in three days on the Dingley bill than in three weeks on the Wilson bill. There has been no "let up" in the speed since. There is a strong probability that the bill will pass the Senate before the Fourth of July. The democrats have promised not to resort to any obstructive tactics against the bill and they have kept their word along to this time.—Globe Democrat.

The lynching of the negro Mitchell, of Ohio after he had been sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary for criminally assaulting a white woman, is another proof that when the sentence of the court or the penalty laid down by statute is too light, the people will take the law into their own hands. Willie Sells would never have been allowed to leave Neosho county had his sentence been less than life imprisonment, or had there been a shadow of belief that in these few years such a sentiment could have been worked up among a few weak women and unconcerned men (all seeking notoriety) in his favor. If Willie Sells is to be pardoned, the gates of the Kansas penitentiary should be thrown wide open, as no more cold-blooded, heinous, premeditated crime than his was ever committed.

We are very anxious for republican newspapers that are continually referring to the boodling of last winter's legislature to make some specific charges against someone. The investigating committee at Topeka has spent nearly a month in hearing evidence on which there was absolutely no restrictions, having allowed witnesses to testify to all manner of hearing and rumors, and yet in the light of all the evidence, there is no grounds for a sensible man of honest judgment to believe the charges. Come, now be specific, if there are any hoodlers the "Pops" want to know it.—Erie Sentinel.

The Sentinel well knows that the charges of boodling have not been made by republican newspapers or republican legislators; that they have been made entirely by the pop members of the legislature and pop newspapers; that when the republicans refer to the matter at all, they only quote from the "reform" papers and the evidence given by the "reformers" before the "reform" committee of which "reformer" Outcalt is chairman; that Tatcher and Boyd who were charged with offering bribes, were "reformers"; that the five senators whom one of the members said had been fixed were reformers; that every man summoned to testify before the investigating committee was a "reformer," that every man who was in any way charged with having been offered or having received any money for his vote or "influence" was a "reformer" and that the charge was made by a "reformer"; that in no instance was the charge of bribery made by a republican nor against a republican. That the whole muss was stirred up by the "reform" brethren among themselves and that the republicans stood back as quiet spectators and looked on, in fact they were so scarce in the late "reform" legislature that they were compelled to be satisfied with being allowed to remain in the same buildings with the "reform" bodies while they were cat-hauling among themselves and were grateful that it was no worse; that the supreme court which has delayed its decision as to whether or not the "reform" committee can compel "reformer" Davis to testify before it until the "reform" members who made the boodling charges among their brother "reformers" cool down somewhat is made up of a majority of "reformers," in fact that it is a family quarrel among the pop brethren and that the only good that the people can see in

the matter is in the old adage viz:—"When thieves fall out &c." "Reformer" Clark Davis of Wilson county testified that he knew money had been offered to legislators and that he knew money had been accepted for the purpose of influencing legislation, but refused to give the names of his Pop brethren who had gone wrong, and said: "This investigation is hurting our party." Well yes, we think he told the truth. It is hurting the party; in fact it has driven from the fold many of the honest members of the party, who went into the "reform" party from honest motives, having been misled by the blarney and exaggerations of the self appointed leaders of the misfit party who never failed to keep one eye on the pie counter. The fellows who to joined the "reform" party from pure motives begin to see that they have been misled; that their leaders are hypocrites; that the recent legislature abandoned their platform and ignored their ante-election promises and in short that the whole "reform" movement is a misnomer, and that after all a man gets just about what he gets up and earns, and that the less he has to do with politics, the better it is for him. No, brother Allison, republican papers are making no charges against your reform brethren, but are simply looking on and enjoying the fun.

Smaller Farms.
The farmers who are living on small farms and are raising small fruit are strictly in it this year. Those near Chanutte who have strawberries or blackberries will realize from \$50 to \$100 per acre for their land after paying ALL expenses. A man with ten acres of ground can clear more money than the fellow who half farms a quarter section. One of the troubles with the people of this decade is crowding into the towns. Too many want to do work for wages and in many instances name the wages. Improved machinery is knocking many working men out of jobs; farmers as well as men of other callings, are purchasing labor saving machinery, and no one blames them for it, but when one man with a team takes the place of six, it means five out of work, consequently, they must go at something else. One thing seems evident, and that is, farms must be divided into smaller tracts and more men must become tillers of the soil and fewer wage-earners. There are too many producers of manufactured articles compared with users of the same. Manufacturers get their warehouses full of goods and must lay their men off or put them on short time, etc. Many will tell you that there are too many farmers now; that farm products are low and that farming does not pay; well, this is true to a certain extent. It is true that the opportunities for getting rich are not so plentiful in any line as they were a quarter of a century ago, but any man who will live at home with his family can make a good living on any 40 acres of land in Neosho county, and if he will be economical and careful and has good health, he can get some ahead. People are becoming better educated, and the chances of getting ahead by sharp practices are not so numerous as they were a quarter of a century ago; as education becomes more universal, people of all callings want to live better, dress better and have better furniture in their houses than formerly, and it is right that they should, but the education of the masses is hard on the schemer, the fellow who expects his wits to make his living; people are getting more on an equality; many working men have fine homes, Brussels carpets, pianos, and their wives have more furniture in their kitchens than their mothers had in their entire houses. The world is all right, but the people cannot all live in cities and depend on public works; they must scatter and more of them become tillers of the soil, and while the opportunities of getting rich are not very great, they can be more independent than wage-earners and be under obligations to no one.

Investigation Ended.
As was predicted by the TIMES, the supreme court Saturday decided that the investigation committee appointed by the pop legislature to investigate some alleged crookedness among the reformers, has no power to compel witnesses to answer questions. No one is surprised at the decision. The "reformers" knew when the committee was appointed that it could not punish witness for contempt after the legislature adjourned, but in order to make some of the more conscientious members of the party believe they were opposed to boodling, the committee was appointed. It was all buncombe from start to finish. After investigating for a short time and finding out more than it wanted to know, the committee concluded to use Clark Davis as a way out of the middle. It was agreed that he should claim to be in possession of important evidence, but refuse to give up his colleagues, after which a test case would ensue, and that the supreme court would of course, decide that the committee was powerless &c. It worked like a charm and the pops are now out of the predicament. They can put in their time from now till fall telling how they would have

shown up the meanness of the republicans if the investigation had continued. They are however having trouble in keeping the better element of the pops in the dark, and it is no uncommon occurrence to hear one of them remark that he is done with politics—pop politics.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.
In the District Court of Neosho County, Kansas.

J. J. Hurt, Receiver of Bailey's Bank of Chanutte, Kansas, Plaintiff,
VS.
J. B. Lawrence, Maggie V. Lawrence, D. E. Morey, W. C. Venters, The Armour Packing Company, The I. Stadden Grocery Company, Eunice Smith, The Chanutte Building and Loan Association, and the Burlington National Bank of Burlington, Kansas, Defendants.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed and delivered, issued out of the Seventh Judicial District Court of the State of Kansas, sitting in and for Neosho County in said State, I will on the 24th day of June, A. D., 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the court house door in Erie in the County and State aforesaid, offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property situated in Neosho County, Kansas, to-wit: The undivided one-third of lot twenty-four (24) in block fifteen (15) in Jones 4th addition to the City of Chanutte as per recorded plat thereof also the undivided one-third of lots seven (7) and eight (8) in block eighteen (18) in the town of New Chicago (now included in the City of Chanutte) as per recorded plat of said town; the undivided one-half of lot seven (7) in block four (4) in Jones 2nd addition to the City of Chanutte as per recorded plat thereof; also the undivided one-half of lot thirteen (13) in block twenty-four (24) in said town of New Chicago; also the undivided one-third of lots one (1) two (2) and the north half of three (3) in block thirteen (13) in the town of Tioga (now included in the City of Chanutte) as per recorded plat thereof, also lots one, (1) two (2) and the east half of lot three (3) in block four (4) in Jones 2nd addition to said City of Chanutte; also the undivided one-half of lots two (2) and three (3) in block two (2) in Benedict's addition to the City of Chanutte, as per recorded plat thereof, with all the appurtenances, and all the estate, title and interest of said parties therein. Said property to be sold as commanded by the said order of sale, and in pursuance of the judgment in the above entitled cause.
Given under my hand this 24th day of May, 1897.
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank,
of Chanutte, Kansas, at Chanutte, in the State of Kansas, at the close of business, May 23, 1897.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 88,172.41
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,304.19
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	11,575.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	14,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	7,675.00
Other real estate and mortgages owned	
CASH.	
Checks and cash items	\$ 85.97
Due from approved reserve agents	494.52
Notes of other national banks	765.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	34.31
Special	14,000.00
Legal tender notes	15,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury, 5 per cent of circulation	562.50
	\$15,734.90
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	6,750.00
Due to state banks and bankers	1,223.02
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	3,588.90
National bank notes outstanding	9,430.00
Due to other National Banks	140.00
DEPOSITS.	
Individual deposits subject to check	\$ 63,622.87
Time certificates of deposit	18,510.02
	\$ 82,132.89
	\$15,734.90

State of Kansas, County of Neosho, ss:
I, D. M. Kennedy, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. M. KENNEDY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of May, 1897.
My commission expires January 4, 1898.
Correct—Attest:
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A. N. ALLEN, } Directors.
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