

**People's Voice.**

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The legislature is ended. It has accomplished the least, beyond making extravagant appropriations, of any body that ever assembled. The people will be ready for another change in 1900.

The "Hon. James Lawrence" now has his ambition gratified. He has served one term in the legislature and what has he accomplished except to give Andy Richards and Miss Cora Dilley a temporary job?

Senator Hessin (Rep) says this legislature is a "legislature of small things." We see they are after the small things. Gov. Stanley has appointed two guards to watch the members and see that they don't carry away the inkstands and waste basket.

It's a blessed good thing that the Republicans came in power to relieve the Populists of some of the barnacles that fastened themselves on to the body politic. In 1900 the party will be clear of them and in the name of decency it ought to keep clear of them.

The Republicans seem to be rigid in their determination to prevent an investigation of Cy Leland's political methods. The grossest frauds were committed in the election of Cy's friend Stuart to the bench, and he has no desire that the public shall know anything about his modus operandi.

How do you Pops like to have the salaries of your county officers increased 50%? Who made the demands for this raise? Was it the people? Did patriots refuse to come to the feast at the last County Conventions and did you have to go out into the highways and force the people to feed at the public crib?

William Jennings Bryan passed south on the Santa Fe through Wichita and Winfield Monday on his way to Austin, Tex., where he addressed the legislature. To a reporter at Guthrie; Oklahoma, he said: "I will be in the next national Democratic convention and I will espouse the cause of bimetalism to the exclusion of all else. The people's issue can not be sidetracked."

It is claimed that thousands of dollars of the state's money has been worse than wasted in the destruction of property and from other sources in the present inefficient management of the Topeka insane asylum. The same may be said of some of the other charitable institutions. It is to be hoped the next Populist administration will put men of honor and ability in charge of affairs instead of pigmies and political parasites.

One of the bills that ought to have become a law in this legislature was the telephone measure introduced by Judge Babb of Wichita. It provided for county telephone systems. In Illinois where the system is flourishing it is proving a great success. Telephones only cost 50 cents a month. Many farmers use them. Because of being far more extensive the service is vastly better, and the cost much less than at present. The people might have these benefits if they would only insist on them.

The present legislature has been the most extravagant in appropriations of any that ever assembled. To meet the increase it has been found necessary to increase the state tax levy from 4.4 mills to 5.5 mills. On top of this increase of 25 per cent. to the burden of taxation should be added the \$150,000 bond issue which is called for by the act establishing a binding twine plant at the state penitentiary at Lansing. And on top of the increased levy and the bond issue should be added another big item. By the terms of a law passed by the Populists at the extra session the insurance companies are taxed 2 per cent upon their gross premiums in Kansas.

This is calculated to yield a fund of \$150,000 per year. Add to that the increased corporation and charter fees which the secretary of state will collect under another extra session enactment, and then add all of these together, and the reader will have an adequate idea of the way the new "business administration" is running things.

Great Britain has concluded to embark in the telephone business on her own hook. The announcement was made by the financial secretary of the treasury, Mr. R.W. Hanbury, in the house of commons that the government has decided to introduce competition in the telephone service of the country. He asked for a credit of \$10,000,000 as a starter to enable the postoffice department to develop the telephonic communication of London. The house ultimately adopted a resolution embodying Mr. Hanbury's proposal.

**The Issue.**

The last legislature clearly drew the line between the Republicans and the Populists on educational matters. The Republicans despite their former protestation of interest in education and their scurrilous attacks on the Populists as the opponents of education, despite these mouthings, the Republican house put the knife to every appropriation bill for the state educational institutions. The Republicans are for the Rockefeller and Brown university idea of education. They believe the young ought to be taught by the men who are willing to teach that the trusts and corporations are the patron saints of America. They know that when men like Rockefeller and Armour who have made their millions out of trusts contribute to educational institutions they expect to get value received and that every dollar spent as a donation to education by these men is really so much contributed to teach and weld the brightest boys and girls to the grand old corporation trust party.

They appreciate the fact that there is little danger of a young man who is taught to worship money—who is taught that money not men are the blessing to the state, that money is king and the corporations can do no wrong—that there is little danger of a young man, so taught becoming a Populist.

On the other hand the Populists fully realize that if the truth is to be clearly and fully put before the bright, inquiring minds of the young men and women of today it must be done at the expense of the people. That the people cannot trust the disciples of Mammon to fairly inform the youth of today. The Populist believes in having institutions where every phase of economic life can be discussed. Where a spade can be called a spade. Where the man who steals millions will be condemned as freely as the man who steals dollars. The people must keep the education of these children in their own hands. They cannot delegate this task to the corporation barons without becoming serfs.

**Our Greatest Clubbing Offer.**

Our farmer readers should not overlook the great clubbing combination we have secured for them this year, for when it is considered how cheap the combination is and how well it covers the farmer's wants, it should go into every farm house. It gives him this paper, with all the local and county news. The Indicator, which is the leading practical farm paper of the West, its Special Farmers' Institute editions, which brings a Farmers' Institute to his own fireside every month, The Poultry Farmer, which is the great poultry paper of the country devoted to farm flocks kept for profit, the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Journal, devoted to farmers' co-operative insurance, and the Humane Alliance—in all, six publications all for one year, for only \$1.45. The Special Farmers' Institute edition for February, just out, is very interesting and contains articles from 170 farmers on four important practical farm topics. See it and the regular edition of The Indicator, The Poultry Farmer, The Mutual Insurance Journal and The Humane Alliance, and then take advantage of this great offer. Subscriptions for the combination taken and samples shown at his office.

**Dr. Leonhardt's ANTI-PILL**  
Cures the Pill Habit. Positively rendering unnecessary all Purgatives, Cathartics, Injections, etc. Doubt It? Try It!

Wellington people will remember an apparently sad case of destitution in this city a little over a year ago. A man and wife and two or three children stopped in the street in front of the Baptist church one afternoon. The man was pushing a handcart containing all their earthly possessions. The woman wheeled her youngest babe in an old dilapidated baby carriage. The other children rode on top of a bundle of quilts in the handcart. They said they were on their way to their kin at Wichita, going from Oklahoma, where they had been burned out and starved out. Sympathizing women brought them bread and meat, and a purse was made up and they were sent to Wichita on the train and given several dollars pocket money. Later they were heard of west of here, traveling through the country and begging. They turned up the other day in Winfield, and their story of hard luck excited so much sympathy that all the benevolent women in the town turned out with pies, and cakes, and old clothes, and medicine. They have found the Winfield people so easy that they have gone to housekeeping there.

**From an Old Friend.**

EDITOR VOICE: A few words from this place may be of interest to some of your many readers. Most of the inhabitants are busy taking care of the grip. The weather clerk ordered up lots of it and of a solid quality. Mercury going to 20 degrees below zero. Peaches, good bye. Most of the wheat seems to be all right, but needing rain. Stock is looking well. Your humble servant with some of his neighbors lost his entire wheat crop last year by hail. We are now organizing a Mutual Insurance Co., on farm property as well as grain.

HENJ. CARRY, Wilber, O.T.

**His Life Was Saved.**

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1. Trial bottles free at F.B. Snyder's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

Emporia, March 8.—The Santa Fe made a settlement today with the colored man, Robert Page, who was injured on Sunday evening by being kicked off the fast mail. They gave him a ticket to Kansas City and \$10 in money.

**CASTORIA.**  
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

**School report blanks for sale at this office.**

**Wellington Markets.**

[This market report is corrected regularly every Friday morning and may be relied upon as being accurate.]

Butter, good	14c
Eggs, trade	12c
Hens	54c
Roosters	each 5c
Broilers	6c@7c
Young turkeys, over 8 lbs	7c
Old Toms	4c
Ducks	4c
Beef Cattle	\$3.00@3.50
Hogs	\$3.10@3.25
Oats	25c@32c
Corn	30c@32c
Wheat, hard	48c@57c
Wheat, soft	48c@57c
Hay	\$3.50@4.00

A Kansas duck, which had faithfully stuck to business during the summer and laid several dozens of large fawn colored eggs, complained that she was not appreciated. "See that hen over there," said the duck, "she hasn't laid as many eggs as I have nor as big, but she has books written about and verses composed in her honor, while nobody is saying a word about me." "The trouble with you is," said a wise rooster, that was standing near, "that you don't tell the public what you have done. You lay an egg and waddle off without saying a word, but that sister of mine never lays one without letting everybody in the neighborhood know it. If you want to cut any ice in this community you must learn to advertise."—Topeka Mail and Breeze.

**Bismark's Lion Nerve**  
Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c at F. B. Snyder's drug store.

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The larger your purchase the more cash we will refund you. You will thus see just how much money you save by purchasing

- DRESS GOODS,**
- SILKS for Waists,**
- Silk Skirts,**
- WOOL SKIRTS,**
- Silk Capes,**
- Jackets, Shirt Waists,**
- Muslin Underwear, Hosiery,**
- Muslins, Percales, Calicos,**
- Shirtings, Sheetings, Underwear,**
- Lace Curtains, Tapestry Curtains,**
- Silkolines, Curtain Swisses,**
- Bed Spreads, Stand Covers, Notions**

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No Rebate Given with Purchases of Less than \$2.00.  
Getting your Rebate in Cash You Can See How Much Money You Save.