

## Weekly Moot Congress Notes

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On and after March the  
4th, Charles Evans and C. O.  
Smith, joint authors of the  
Oklahoma "Civil Government,"  
will answer all questions of  
parliamentary law and civil  
government arising in the con-  
duct of Oklahoma Moot Con-  
gresses. Address such ques-  
tions to State Moot Congress  
organizer—High School Build-  
ing, Ardmore, Okla.  
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(By Fred Tucker.)

We cannot resist the opportunity  
to remind the High Schools of the  
state that our goal in this Moot Con-  
gress work will not be reached un-  
til every Oklahoma High School  
has some kind of a similar organi-  
zation.

Since every High School in Okla-  
homa is founded and maintained  
by the people of the community in  
which it is located and since the  
people of these communities make  
up the public of the state and since  
the laws made by this public have  
jurisdiction over the schools of all  
these communities alike—it seems  
but natural that these schools  
should have common interests and  
should strive to keep in closer touch  
with each other.

In order to insure an intelligent  
management of the public questions  
to arise in the growth of this young  
state, there is certainly not a more  
definite course to pursue than to  
educate the children of today, in its  
government, in order to guarantee  
a reasonable and intelligent public  
tomorrow.

The large majority of the schools  
of the state have courses adequate  
to teach their pupils to the end that  
they may become useful citizens.  
But there are few such courses  
which demand the attention of a ma-  
jority of the boys. Probably not  
any which secure the voluntary in-  
terest of girls and boys both.

In a Moot Congress every member  
is thoroughly alive, enthusiastic, and  
fascinated with the procedure. Hence  
he receives the parliamentary, de-  
bating and composition drills with-  
out being conscious of any endeavor  
being made, on the part of a teacher,  
to teach him.

The result is that he becomes  
capable of exercising independent  
thought, and independent thought is  
the strong fortress of individual  
power and good citizenship.

Some great historians have wisely  
written:  
"Few people have the leisure to  
undertake a systematic and thorough  
study of history, but every one  
ought to find time to learn the  
principal features of the government  
under which we live, and to get  
some inkling of the way in which  
these governments have come into  
existence, and of the causes which  
have made them what they are."

Some such knowledge is necessary  
for the proper discharge of the  
duties of citizenship. Political ques-  
tions, great and small, are perpetu-  
ally arising, to be discussed in the  
newspapers and voted on at the  
polls; and it is the duty of every  
man and woman, young or old, to  
try to understand them. That is a  
duty which we owe each and all of  
us, to ourselves and to our fellow  
countrymen. For it such questions  
are not settled in accordance with  
knowledge, they will be settled in  
accordance with ignorance; and  
that is a kind of settlement likely  
to be fraught with results disas-  
trous to everybody. It cannot be too  
often repeated that eternal vigil-  
ance is the price of good liberty.

People sometimes argue, as it is  
supposed that because our govern-  
ment is called a republic and not  
a monarchy, and because we have  
free schools and universal suffrage,  
therefore our liberties are forever  
secure. Our government is, indeed,  
in most respects a marvel of politi-  
cal skill and in ordinary times it  
runs so smoothly that now and  
then absorbed as most of us are

in domestic cares, we are apt to  
forget that it will not run of it-  
self. To insure that the government  
of the nation or of the state, or  
of the city or the township, shall be  
properly administered, requires from  
every citizen the utmost watchful-  
ness and intelligence of which he is  
capable.

The proper way to secure this  
watchfulness and intelligence, in  
your future citizenship, is to teach  
the child of the present. That is,  
if you accept the following as true  
and wise admonition: "Train up a  
child in the way he should go, and  
when he is old he will not depart  
from it." Therefore if the childhood  
of Oklahoma learns the principles  
of what wise and just government  
means, the inevitable result will be  
the maintenance of good govern-  
ment both for and by the people, the  
strangling of jellyfish emporiums,  
and the securely clamping of the  
the club over the mouth of the dem-  
agogue.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Re-  
ward for any case of Catarrh that  
can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh  
Cure.

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and believe him perfectly honorable  
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ligations made by his firm.

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and mucous surfaces of the system.  
Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents  
per bottle. Sold by all druggists.  
Take Hall's Family Pills for con-  
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### Peculiar Power.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Representa-  
tive Scott Ferris made a good fight  
on the floor of the house of repre-  
sentatives to have an amendment put  
on the Indian appropriation bill  
which would provide for the payment  
of half a million dollars of the vested  
funds of the Kiowas, Comanches  
and Apaches within the year, but it  
was objected to and failed. Under  
the rules of congress, when such an  
amendment is offered, a single member  
can object and rule it out on a  
point of order. Representative  
Mann, a republican of Illinois, raised  
the point of order on this amendment  
and killed it. After Mr. Ferris had  
convincing the rest of the Indian  
committees that it should be included  
in the bill.

### Revolts at Cold Steel.

"Your old hope," said three doc-  
tors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit,  
Mich., suffering from severe neural  
trouble, lies in an operation," then  
I used Dr. King's New Life Pills," she  
writes. "They wholly cured." They  
prevent Appendicitis, cure Constipa-  
tion, Headache 25c at Ardmore Phar-  
macy.

### Public Lands Bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The bill  
passed by the lower house of con-  
gress affecting public lands of the  
northwest is a very fair test of what  
will be done when the sale of the  
surface of the coal lands comes up.  
This bill was one to permit home-  
steaders to acquire title to the sur-  
face of public lands which had been  
withdrawn from entry on account  
of the presence of coal, considered  
more valuable than the land itself.  
The bill passed the house with lit-  
tle opposition, and as the same prin-  
ciple is involved as in the sale of  
the surface of the coal lands in Ok-  
lahoma, the house could not well re-  
verse its position when that matter  
comes up.

C Boone Talarferro's new line of  
picture mouldings and mat boards.  
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### Eastern Star.

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7:30. We also have some initiatory  
work.

### RESUE PALMER.

Worthy Matron.  
IRENE BRYAN, Secretary.

### Soldier Buika Death Plot.

It seemed to J. A. Stone, a civil war  
veteran, of Kemp, Tex., that a plot  
existed between a desperate lung  
trouble and the grave to cause his  
death. "I contracted a stubborn cold  
that stuck to me in spite of all reme-  
dies for weeks. My weight ran down  
to 136 pounds. Then I began to use  
Dr. King's New Discovery, which re-  
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thma and to prevent Pneumonia it  
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macy.

## ENTRAP GIRLS FOR THEIR RUIN

PROCURERS FOR WHITE SLAV-  
ERY WHO LIVE OFF VICTIM'S  
EARNINGS ARE THOUSANDS.

### THEIR DEBT BONDAGE

United States Attorney Urges New  
Enactment Making Felonious the  
Present Detention of Girl Victims  
to Pay Indebtedness.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Investigation  
by the agents of the United States  
district attorney's office have re-  
sulted in the assertion by Assistant  
District Attorney Parkin that fully  
5,000 men, "owners" or white slaves  
in the disorderly houses of Chicago,  
live in idleness off the earnings of  
their victims. This startling asser-  
tion and the state laws which he  
recommends in an article in the Chi-  
cago magazine, Woman's World,  
have been endorsed by the Illinois  
vigilance association. They hit hard-  
est at these "owners" by making  
their work a felony. Fake marriages  
is a frequent device by which in-  
nocent girls are obtained for lives  
of shame. Mr. Parkin asserts in this  
article and he cites such cases.

In endorsing these bills, the Il-  
linois vigilance association, which  
has dealt with many cases where  
marriages, fake or genuine, were used  
as a means of procuring girls, has  
recommended that the enactment  
provide that the estate or marriage  
shall be no bar to testimony of  
girl victims.

Mr. Parkin's recommendation that  
detention of girls in disorderly  
houses to compel the liquidation of  
indebtedness be made a felony, as  
explained by him in the Woman's  
World article furnished the reason  
for the term "white slaves" which  
has been applied to the girl vic-  
tims of the appalling traffic which  
the state legislatures of Illinois  
and other states soon will be called  
upon to crush.

"One of the greatest weapons in  
the hands of the white slavers and  
of the keepers of houses of ill-  
fame to prevent the escape of fresh  
recruits and to submerge them in  
hopeless slavery is the system of  
indebtedness which is practiced in  
these places," says Mr. Parkin. "The  
one object of these concerns is the  
subjugation of a girl who has  
become a victim to the wiles of  
shame and bitterness into which  
they have been entrapped. Nothing  
has been found as effective a means  
to this end as the debt system."

The first thing a girl is compelled  
to do on being thrown into one  
of these houses is to buy an ex-  
pensive wardrobe at from five to six  
times its actual value.  
"To be more definite, I have in  
my possession bills, rendered against  
certain inmates taken from the  
books in these bills stockpiling cost-  
ing 75 cents have been charged at  
\$2.00; shoes costing \$2.50 are charged  
at \$8.00, and kinolons costing  
\$4.00 are charged at \$15.00. As the  
goods themselves were seized as well  
as the bills for them, I am able  
to make this statement in every  
case I have found that the girl was  
compelled to renew her outfit of  
finery whenever the keeper so de-  
sired, without regard to her need  
of it. Our investigations have all  
shown that when a keeper imagines  
that a girl, an inmate, is intend-  
ing to leave under her own power  
or secretly, a new outfit is forced  
upon her at absurd figures and she  
is told that she cannot leave the  
place until every cent of her in-  
debtedness has been wiped out and  
that if she attempts to do so the  
officers of the law will be called in  
and she will be brought back in  
the dozens of cases which I have  
examined there has not been a  
single one which has failed to show  
evidence of this kind. I have in my  
possession numerous copies of bills  
rendered against these wretched wo-  
men in which their costumes reach  
as high a figure as \$1,200 and even  
\$1,500. This indebtedness system is  
naturally recognized and enforced  
between the keepers of all houses;  
in other words, no girl can leave  
one house and enter another unless  
she is able to show that she leaves  
no indebtedness behind her."

Another vote was taken and the  
people unanimously said they believed  
the mayor and council had acted  
in perfect good faith with the peo-  
ple. The people also said by their  
votes that they would help the next  
officers elect and not allow their  
criticisms to stand in their way.  
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would be glad to answer any ques-  
tions propounded and although an  
unsigned sheet on which a dozen  
questions were asked they were so  
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was asked.

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a boy while the mayor was on the  
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copy was handed to him. After look-  
ing over it he said he had held his  
temper during the evening and would  
not criticize anyone but he said a  
man who would be the means of  
handing out a circular like that  
when the people of the town were  
making efforts to get together had  
a black spot on his heart.

Mr. Potter who has been employ-  
ed by the council and has worked  
with that body in selling the bonds  
and preparing the election calls

## MASS MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT NAYOR PENNINGTON SPEAKS

Criticisms against action of coun-  
cil were answered in plain language  
and the crowd in a rising vote ex-  
pressed satisfaction and attributed  
honesty of purpose to the city coun-  
cil.

The mass meeting of the citizens  
held Friday night at the district  
court room was well attended. Be-  
fore the meeting adjourned stand-  
ing room was at a premium. William  
I. Cruce was placed in the chair  
and the object of the meeting stat-  
ed, Mayor Pennington who had called  
the meeting at once took the floor  
and entered into a plain discussion  
of city affairs and answered the  
criticisms that have been offered.

In his call for the mass meeting  
he agreed to satisfy every reasonable  
man that the work of the city coun-  
cil had been done in good faith  
and that the best interests of the  
city had been protected. From the  
expressions of the people as they  
filed out of the room at the close,  
Mr. Pennington succeeded. He got  
close to the people in his discus-  
sion. He said he believed in the rule  
of the majority, that majority rule  
was the basis of popular govern-  
ment and asked the people if they  
would abide by a vote of the ma-  
jority of the people present and  
cease their strife if he convinced  
the majority present that he had  
done what was best. Nearly every  
man voted to be ruled by the ma-  
jority. He said he was not a candi-  
date for any office the people had  
to give (You will be our mayor  
just the same, come a voice from  
the crowd.) The mayor then read  
expressions from the Democrat which  
were presumed to have come from  
the people. Each question was an-  
swered in a plain common sense man-  
ner and the ridiculous side was  
presented in a forcible manner. His  
then went into the matter of the  
bond sale and told how C. L. Ander-  
son had begun the correspondence  
as a banker, how the bond people  
had bid on the bonds and offered  
a commission to Mr. Anderson if  
he would make the purchase. The  
purchase price and the commission  
went to the city and he told how  
the most advantageous bond sale ever  
made in the state had been com-  
pleted. At this point the people  
showed their satisfaction with the  
deal by prolonged cheers.

Mr. Pennington had stated at a  
former meeting that the outstanding  
indebtedness of the city was about  
\$50,000 and since that time demands  
had been made for a definite state-  
ment. He exhibited a statement of  
every warrant, the totals of which  
agreed at just \$50,000.56.

He then told how he had saved  
the people of this city several thou-  
sand dollars in taxes and called  
upon men in the audience to verify  
his statement and asked why he  
had not received credit for this  
work when he was criticized on ev-  
erything that did not please the peo-  
ple. The mayor said not a man had  
ever commended his efforts nor  
the papers had ever referred to it.  
His speech then led him into de-  
tails concerning the charter fight  
and he showed by correspondence  
that he had won out in his con-  
tentions over the rulings of the at-  
torney general. Applause again filled  
the house and the people seemed  
pleased with the victory won by  
the mayor.

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went into details concerning the pro-  
ceedings of the council and said  
if any unnecessary delays had been  
suffered that he was probably to  
blame. That he had made every  
effort to track the law, that many  
questions had come up and that time  
was required to ferret them out and  
that the city authorities had called  
the election as early as they could.  
He told how this city had saved  
several thousand dollars in the bond  
deal over what Shawnee had done  
on the same proposition. He said  
the people had a right to vote about  
the bond issue if they pleased, but  
that they should attribute honesty  
of purpose to the members of the  
city council.

When adjournment was taken the  
people seemed to be pleased with  
the outcome of the meeting and  
crowds assembled around the mayor  
and congratulated him upon his  
plain portrayal of matters the coun-  
cil has been dealing with and more  
than one republican in the audi-  
ence stated they were with the ma-  
yor in his work.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

The New York Tribune gives out  
the following figures:

The growth of the Christian  
churches of the United States in  
the year 1908 was not so rapid as  
in any one of the preceding five  
years, according to statistics of all  
the religious bodies just compiled  
by Dr. H. K. Carroll of New York.  
In the report are included only  
church members in the United States.  
In all Christian churches in this  
country—Protestant and Catholic—  
there are now 34,282,543 members.  
Of this total 12,994,656 are credited  
to the Roman Catholic church. In  
all the churches 729,647 communi-  
cants were added in 1908, far less  
than was the gain in 1907, which  
was reported as 1,241,286, but more  
than half that total was credited  
to the Roman Catholic church,  
whereas for 1908 the Roman Catholic  
increase is only 298,843. This leaves  
the total Protestant gains for the  
two years, respectively, 571,443 in  
1907 and 421,804 in 1908. Compared  
with the results of the government  
census of 1890, the new figures show  
that in the eighteen years the num-  
ber of communicants has grown  
from 20,618,597 to 34,282,543, an in-  
crease at the rate of 66 per cent.  
The number of ministers has grown  
from 114,056 to 155,725, an increase  
of 36 per cent. In 1890 there were  
142,629 churches; now there are  
213,619. Religious bodies having  
more than 250,000 communicants  
each, in order according to size, are:

Roman Catholic	12,994,656
Methodist Episcopal	3,112,448
Baptist (South)	2,054,591
Baptist (Colored)	1,864,877
Methodist (South)	1,749,899
Presbyterian (North)	1,278,259
Disciples of Christ	1,274,725
Baptist (North)	1,187,556
Protestant Episcopal	884,553
African Methodist	858,323
Congregationalists	721,553
Lutheran Synod Conference	672,049
African Methodist Zion	582,196
Lutheran General Council	447,118
Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)	350,000
Reformed (German)	289,328
Lutheran General Synod	280,978
United Brethren	179,846
Presbyterian (South)	269,733

A few of the denominational bodies  
show decreases in membership as  
compared with last year. The largest  
decrease is that of the Presbyterian  
church North for which 33,816 fewer  
communicants is reported than a  
year ago. The falling off is statis-  
tical rather than actual, however,  
for it is caused by a readjustment  
of the numbers added from the Cum-  
berland Presbyterian church.

Notwithstanding the tendency of  
existing denominations to unite and  
federate their efforts, there are con-  
tinually being added new denomina-  
tions to the total in the United  
States. The government census of  
1890 reported 143 denominations. The  
present statistics show 155, an in-  
crease of 12. Six of these were re-  
ported for the first time this year.  
Three of them were created by di-  
vision in the Disciples of Christ, the  
Church of the New Jerusalem and  
the Christian Science church. There  
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