







## THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS.

For the week ending Sept. 3, 1887.

Saratoga has been termed the "Widows' Resort."

If they keep on a little longer we will have as many parties in politics as we have sects in religion.

The Burlingame Independent says the prohibition party is soon to have a state organ modeled after the New York Voice. Rather an expensive pattern, but a very able one.

New York prohibitionists have endorsed woman suffrage, but Ohio dodged. The party in the east is not carried away with anti-monopoly and socialism, but leaves that to the labor parties.

The latest political fad is the organization of an "American Party." Never in our history has there been a time when so many tired political doves were seeking rest for their weary wings. What does it all mean?

A law that discriminates between persons is the most obnoxious of laws. That is what high license does. One with money enough to buy the indulgence may sell. The poor man shall not. Prohibition, that says no man can sell, is just to all.

Give all public officers fair salaries, not more than they can get in the private relation of life, require all fees and perquisites to be turned into the treasury, and prohibit them from active participation in politics while serving the public, and one big simple reform will at once be effected.

The Burlingame Independent epitomizes the tramp question in this wise:—"If a man is hunting work, he is worthy, and should receive kindly treatment. If he is a vagabond and a loafer, sponging upon the good impulses of his fellow men, he should be made to work on the rock pile, or at any other work the municipality may have to do. Is there anything wrong about that?"

There are a few weak third party prohibition papers in this state, but so far as we see there is not one of them with spirit enough to mention the fact that the dictators of the party, who drove the nominee of the party from the ticket because he was a banker, have no protest to make when the anti-monopoly party, which they have also joined, place a banker and curb-stone broker at the head of their state committee. Astute politicians they are.

Whether the recent burning of city property in which one man and four valuable horses were consumed was the work of an incendiary, inspired by the teachings of the anarchists, or whether it was not, there is no doubt as to the mischievous influence of the fellows who meet nearly every Sunday in the city park. Talk about the salvation army nuisance, a thousand salvation armies are not so destructive to the public peace as a single squad of these fellows.

We do not question the right of American citizens to assemble in public places, there to use their tongues very freely. But we do question the right of a lot of hoodlum anarchists to monopolize the city park to the exclusion of anybody else. It has come to that state that a band of religious, Sunday school, or temperance workers that may assemble in the park Sunday afternoons, are considered interlopers by these red flannel reformers. It would be well for the city council to pass some ordinance regulating the manner of holding public meetings in the park, Sundays or otherwise, so that there will be no conflict. It might not be amiss to prohibit secular meetings in public streets and parks on Sundays.

Mrs. Cleveland is an excellent swimmer, and enjoys the water, but the president cleaves to the land.

If the fees that now go to the county officers of Shawnee county were turned into the treasury, after paying fair salaries, there would be no county taxes to pay.

There seems to be a dark cloud gathering over the reputation of an English author known as William Shakespeare. It is doubtful if he can save his Bacon.

The telegraph editors of our daily papers don't seem to be aware that the Iron Mountain railroad is in southeastern Missouri, and so they locate it in the south west.

All the new parties and factions are working to destroy the republican party like the worms in the timbers of a ship, so it can be only a question of time when the old craft goes down.

The New York Sun named a list of 100 of the leading newspapers of the United States, in which list the Leavenworth Times is the only Kansas paper named, while two are named from New Hampshire, and three from Connecticut.

Nothing can be clearer to an observing mind than the one fact that political distegration is going on, and that very rapidly, so far as political parties are concerned. This is a process that always precedes reorganization.

An exchange calls St. John an unwhelp. Herein lies the danger. Only the effigy of the whelp was hung. Meanwhile the whelp has nearly grown to maturity, and is doing its best to run down the republican lamb.

Kansas is all right. If the corn crop is a little short, this kind of weather will insure a long grass crop this fall, and meat will more than balance the loss of corn. Kansas is as nicely adjusted as the works in an American watch.

A good many Maryland democrats are tired of the Gorman-Higgins ring, and two leading members of the opposite wing went into the republican convention last week and in vigorous speeches proposed to give their support to the republican candidates if honest conservative men were nominated.

We learn that Dr. Herring has located in North Topeka, where he will continue the practice of medicine. The doctor practiced among us here for some time past, and it is conceded by all that he gave entire satisfaction and was eminently successful in all cases. His practice has extended through Jackson and Shawnee counties where he has many friends and patrons who wish him success in his new place of business.—Hoyt Times.

The outrageous penal system that has grown up in Georgia since the war will probably be brought to a speedy end. State prisoners have been leased out on a contract system that was no better than slavery in its worst form. Serious complaints have been made for years, until they can no longer be disguised. The latest indications are that existing contracts will be annulled and a reform instituted.

Evidently it is not the policy of the city administration to encourage manufacturers to locate in Topeka. It is a true fact that we have not many natural advantages for manufacturing, and without liberal encouragement they cannot be expected. Instead of encouragements they get rebuffs. Not long ago the Cracker Factory, struggling for life asked a very slight favor. It was refused. The factory has suspended a second time. The vinegar factory has been nagged to death and will remove to Wichita. So it goes. But we brag and blow, and a little ceterie of money bags laugh at the wrecks and gather riches unto themselves. That's Topeka enterprise as it really is.

It is a little too previous to be banking on next year's crops as some of our enthusiastic boomers appear to be doing.

Sobriety, economy and industry, equal parts well mixed, make an admirable anti-poverty remedy, the same now and forevermore. It was a good old-fashioned remedy and is good yet.

Within the last twenty years we have paid over one billion dollars of public debt, and more than twice as much in interest. The treasury is crowded with money, but our magnificent management is such that it must lie idle instead of paying the debt and stopping interest. Why don't they turn the business over to young Ives.

The growing idea that the public schools of this country should confine their instruction to the English language is the proper one. The American common school system is a good one if not abused. Its object is to fit American children for American citizenship, on the principle that our government is one based on the general intelligence of the people. The common school is not the place to teach the foreign languages nor the fine arts.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat finally admits that the prohibition party in New York, the great pivotal state, is an important factor. It says if the vote this fall shall reach 40,000 it will make it clear that the republicans will not have a walk over next year. In 1884 St. John's vote was 25,000. The next prohibition vote in 1886, was about 37,000. This year it is almost certain to be 60,000, so that speculations as to results next year are mighty uncertain, especially as three or four new parties are incubating, besides the Henry George party that has already broken from the shell.

The result of the recent election in Kentucky is significant. It shows not only the decline of democratic majorities, but an increase in the republican vote. This is significant because exceptional. Elsewhere republican majorities are growing less and less. In Kentucky they are increasing. The probable cause is found in the democratic doctrine of free trade so far as it is democratic, which it is so far in that state as the influence of the Louisville Courier-Journal extends. Kentucky has not yet outgrown the old Whig high tariff teachings of Henry Clay, Kentucky's most illustrious son, and the republican politicians make the most of it and with good results.

The Brooklyn, N. Y., Freeman has created something of a sensation by coming out in favor of the Prohibition party. T. T. Fortune, the editor, is one of the ablest and most candid leaders of colored citizens in the United States. It is the acknowledged candor and ability of the Freeman that makes its change of base so significant. Mr. Fortune declares his purpose to support the Prohibition party and gives his reasons cogently and at length. He says it has taken the place of the Republican party, as the party of great moral ideas. There is no evil that affects the colored race more injuriously than the rum traffic, and especially in the south. He declares that one half the violence perpetrated by the whites against the blacks is traceable to this traffic, and that more than half of the petty crimes among the blacks are due to the same cause. As between the fundamental principles of the old parties he says there is no difference. It is simply a struggle for office and emoluments. The other new parties claiming to favor reform, do not recognize this one of the most important reforms, hence he advised the colored voters of the United States to center upon the Prohibition party. This announcement by the Freeman has caused a commotion among republican politicians, as it is realized that there is no margin of voters to lose.

### John Swinton, and the Cause of Labor.

John Swinton's paper is dead and with it died the cause of Labor, as represented to-day. There is a good deal heroic in the effort he made. He has gone down a sacrifice to an idea, if you will. The idea is yet crude and undeveloped, but there is a germ in it that is yet to grow and bear fruit.

There is a great deal in John Swinton's history, in this later history especially, that is pathetic. We do not purpose dealing with it, but turn to the more practical side of the subject.

No one will deny that Swinton was moved by the most sincere desires. If nothing else does, his sacrifices prove this. A fortune swallowed up; house, furniture, horses, books, the most precious of his worldly belongings, all gone, and the object of the great sacrifice of time and brain and money, apparently as distant as ever.

What is the cause of this? Ah, that is indeed the problem of the ages. Why does humanity always deny its own? Why is it that mankind struggles against progress? Why refuse to climb upwards? Why all through the ages has humanity waited to be forced forward by the tide of events? History affords no answer, other than that such seems to be the divine will. It simply writes the stolid fact in blood and suffering and death.

Our age is passing through the same efforts to burst the bonds that bind us that other ages have tried in vain to break, but which subsequently seemed to loosen as if by some mighty unseen power.

It is true that untold blessings, hitherto unknown, have come upon this age, but it is probable that the comparative happiness, or misery, is not far different from that of the age of Odoacer or Chosroes. If there is a more wide-spread intelligence, there is a greater sensibility to suffering. Human wants increase in proportion to the supply of human blessings but the reformer who steps forth and claims for the people, at one bound, all the multiplying advantages of this age of invention and progressive development, seems bound by some inevitable law of fate, to be thwarted in his attempts until a period of probation has elapsed. He comes to his own and they deny him, as Christ came to his own and they received him not. The modern prophet comes to a sorely suffering community and points out an evil that is sapping the life blood of the family and the State, and he is reviled as a fanatic, a whelp, a hypocrite, an agitator or an ingrate. It matters not what this evil may be. It may be as clear and potent as that of human slavery. It may be as open and wide-spread as the liquor traffic. It may be as overwhelming as the corruption in modern politics when boodlers are bred in every city. It may be as oppressive as our system of corporations whereby we sell ourselves as slaves to masters as clearly and completely as did the ancients, at times, except that we do not seem to be aware of it. No matter what form an evil may assume, there are always plenty who are the greatest sufferers to protest against any alleviation.

But the most incomprehensible of all is the apparent inconsistency of mankind, not only the people, but the would-be prophets who come forth with their remedies. The unfortunate case of John Swinton illustrates the point. He has worked hard, devotedly, unselfishly to help elevate the laboring man. Yet he worked, as it were, with but one hand. He denounced ordinary political methods. He condemned public acts. He incited discontent in the laborer, but he did not strive to elevate the man by inducing him to forego the use of liquor and tobacco. He did not lay the foundation of the reform he attempted, upon a higher moral manhood, and if he had, it is probable that his success for the time would have been still less.

Mr. Powderly, as the head of the Knights of Labor, attempts more, and accomplishes about the same. His organization is largely educational, more so in name, however than in fact. The most incongruous characters are admitted, and while Mr. Powderly

gives the best of temperance lectures and severely denounces the anarchists, the maudlin drunkard gains admittance to assemblies where apologies for train wrecking, and the defense of Haymarket riots are openly made.

The only conclusion one can reach, in view of all the evidence is, that no matter how desirable the contemplated reform may be, no matter how just the claims put forth, how galling the oppression, there is still some good reason why it is not permitted to be accomplished.

### A Black League.

The Evening Journal publishes what purports to be an interview with one J. M. Brown, a colored man, who claims to be the originator of a black league, that is to spread over the country for the protection of negroes.

There is a good deal that is sensational and foolish in the interview. Mr. Brown threatens another Hayti, in certain contingencies. We are assured that the negro is no longer docile and submissive as he once was, that he is burning with a knowledge of his wrongs, and that he has the intelligence and physical force to right them. He expects the proposed organization of black leagues in the south will bring out ropes and shot-guns to suppress them, but if they do he assures the country there will be a "hell on earth for them."

If Mr. Brown is correctly reported it will be generally admitted that he is a very indiscreet leader, and a very unsafe one for the blacks. We fail to see what need the negroes of Kansas have of more protection. He has every chance that the white man has, and is probably gaining his rights in the south as rapidly as a changing civilization makes possible.

There are other classes of citizens that are deprived of their rights and have been for a century, and they have not threatened bloody war. There are thousands upon thousands of American women to-day the slaves and victims of debauched husbands with no means of relief. There are thousands of women paying taxes without representation in legislature or congress. Unlike the most ignorant and the most vicious negro, the most cultivated and intelligent American woman has no voice from the ballot box, a right to which she is as much entitled by virtue of her citizenship as any man, yet she does not threaten; she only protests. Mr. Brown would do well to follow the example of our good white women.

We regret to see the Journal lend its influence in favor of these blood thirsty ideas. It says that this movement is without doubt one that will bring trouble to the country, but that the black will not be to blame. He would, however, be the greatest sufferer.

The St. John party prohibitionists of Ohio are very bitter in denouncing the republicans of Pennsylvania for dodging prohibition by favoring the submission of an amendment to the constitution. At the same time they think it consistent for them to dodge the citizen suffrage question, in precisely the same way. One needs to be pretty level headed to judge clearly the significance of American politics.

There are none of the many political movements of the present time that have special regard to the interests of American farmers, the most numerous class of our citizens, and some of them are in deadly opposition to our agricultural interests. The farmers of America should now assert their independence of party, and take a hand in the coming struggle.

Miss Sarah Ewing, of the Sampson Manufacturing Company's shoe shop, in North Adams, has won the prize offered by a button machine company, for the operative who, on one of their machines, would sew on the most buttons in one day of ten hours. Miss Ewing's record was 27,154 buttons, an average of forty-five and one fourth for each minute in the day.







HER ANSWER.

On my right at a dinner sat Mollie, On my left there was little May Dye, Who is always so sparkling and jolly, And who likes me, I fancy, quite well.

The former somehow spoke of ages: "Now, what would you take me to be?" I asked. She replied: "Of life's progress I suppose you have turned twenty-three."

Miss Belle, on my left, was abstracted, And did not our words overhear, Nor knew she the answer expected, As I whispered quite low in her ear:

"And what would you take me for, Mary?" And then this small maiden perverted, From out of abstraction, quite warily, Responded: "For better or worse,"

—Samuel Williams Cooper, in Life.

ANTISEPTIC SURGERY.

Improvement Over the Old Method of Treating Wounds.

A Novel Plan of Performing Operations and Applying Dressings—The Great Aim is Perfect Cleanliness—Severe Cases Treated.

Fifty years ago, on the minutes of the Pennsylvania Hospital, in this city, especial mention was made of the fact that an amputated finger had healed by "first intention," that is, without the process of suppuration and granulation, which is the usual mode by which tissues heal.

In the human body there exists a reparative power by which the separated fragments of a broken bone are united and the cut surfaces of a wound are united.

What is antiseptic surgery? It consists of certain precautions and appliances for the exclusion of the air, and with the air the numerous germs of disease and putrefaction which float in it, and the application of a germicide, which destroys the germs during and after the operation.

PRESERVING OYSTERS.

An Interesting Discovery Made by a French Scientist. A discovery which will be interesting to scientists, gourmants and fishermen has been made by M. Verill, a French scientist, who is studying the question of how to preserve oysters after they have been taken out of the water.

sewing up the parts and for drainage. For this purpose several strands are placed in the deeper part of the wound and drain by capillarity.

Another case was that of a young man who had been admitted with a fractured skull, a piece of the latter pressing upon his brain.

A singular case was that of a man who had ruptured by a muscular effort the long-head of the biceps muscle of one of his arms.

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UNCLE SAM'S BOOKS.

Some Curiousities of a Lengthy Document Recently Issued by the Government.

The House of Representatives, on July 27, passed a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of balances due to and from the Government of the United States.

Among those who are carried as debtors on the treasury ledgers are: President John Adams, who owes \$12,898 on account of "household expenses;" Major-General Lafayette, who owes \$4,895, on account of an overpayment made to him.

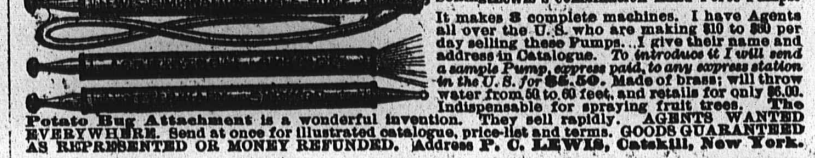
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A LAWLESS LIFE.

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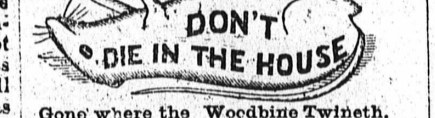
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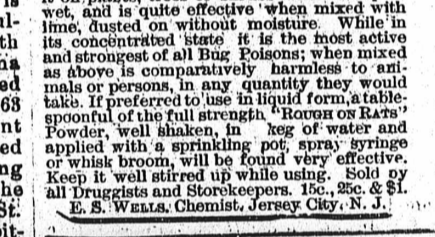


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