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It is not good policy for the board of trade to smoke out its members.

German capitalists are sending money, in great amounts for investment in this country.

Lawrence is a wayward and fanatical town, and always was given to the eccentric. It has now an attack of female chicken thieves.

Washington Territory, continues its woman, suffrage laws, but it generously exempts them from jury service.

Senator Vest, opposes the Blair Education bill. It is a hackneyed idea that education is the thing most fatal to the Vest party.

Blind Bent Murdock positively declines to receive any money testimonial, such as has been suggested. Money that has been paid in will be returned and his wishes respected.

Arkansas is working up an immigration boom. In no way can the south do more for itself or the country than by developing its latent possibilities in this way.

The United States supreme court, sat with a full bench on the 18th inst, for the first time since May 4, 1885. Justice Lamar, was invested with his robe of office, and took his seat in the court.

The pension of T. B. Murdock, who recently became blind, has been increased to \$52, a month. He was taken by Senator Plumb, to the examining pension board, last Saturday which at once recommended an increase to the highest figures allowed by law.

Will H. Kernan, the rebel fanatic who published the noted Okolono States, after the war, tells the Atchison Globe, that he still believes in the right of session of states or counties, or wards. He ought to come and join the first ward crew of secessionists, and then, there would be a pair—par nobis fratum.

The question whether the wheat of Manitoba can be transported through Hudson's Bay direct to Liverpool is of serious moment to this county as well as to Canada. On this subject, in THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE for February, J. Maedonald Oxley will throw whatever light recent exploring expeditions can afford, aided by illustration and detail of existence in a region where mercury freezes solid.

The meeting of the Kansas Historical Society is always an occasion of profound interest. It is not simply an occasion for historic reminiscences, but as a time when the literary talent, which doth so greatly abound in Kansas comes sparkling and bubbling to the surface. But few papers are presented on these occasions that are not treasures in themselves. Kansas was settled and has been developed by men of rare mental culture, and its pathway is marked by intellectual strength to be observed in no other state so young.

We would like the Kansas Farmer much better if it would put its old head on again.

D. R. Anthony is missed in this field of journalism, and the fact is recalled as he appears in our midst.

Lawrence turns women out to work on the street. It would be an awful wicked thing to do in Topeka.

A rather shrewd Sedalia woman manages to get a good deal of free advertising out of Colman's Rural World.

The number of deaths by the late cold weather has now reached 221, and many yet unaccounted for. It has been one of the most fearful storms on record.

Topeka is organizing a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals and children. Certainly the object is a worthy one. It might not be out of place also to do something to prevent cruelty to women.

At the closing session of the Sunday School Association, G. S. Fisher made an address on the subject, "Shall Shawnee county go to the front?" She shall. Not only in Sunday school matters, but in every worthy enterprise.

It must be confessed that the prospect of securing the wheel factory in North Topeka is not very flattering, but there can be but very little doubt but that it will be a very profitable industry. The Malleable Iron Works alone would be a splendid thing for Topeka.

We are in receipt of a circular and documents from the Mutual Reserve Fund Association of New York complaining of Insurance Commissioner Wilder in which he is charged with issuing falsehoods and with using his office to injure that Association, and they wish the Daily News to use its influence to set them right with the people of Kansas. It is the opinion of the News that the matter can safely be left with Mr. Wilder, who is too favorably known in Kansas to leave it probable that he will take any course that is unjust.

There are on record, many novel methods of escape from jail. That of Grotius, the celebrated Dutch writer who was nailed up, in a two-and-a-half feet box, and shipped off as a package of books, such as had been sent to and from his cell, was one of the most remarkable. Wichita now furnishes a very neatly executed escape. A whiskey joint name Sharp, was in for two hundred, days with work on the rock pile, gratis. Being very wicked people in Wichita, the jail was crowded, and one night a poor colored fellow asked for lodging. He was put in the cell with Sharp, who soon conceived the idea of a change of identities. He proposed to trade suits, and it was done, then with aid of burnt cork, he became the colored tramp, and the next morning kindly thanked himself off, as such to the jailer, for his kindness and has not since been heard from. The colored man made a good suit of clothes in the transaction.

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If the vote for Judge Peffer for secretary of the state board of agriculture was an indication of farmer Smith's strength for governor it may be considered settled that better times is to be had elsewhere.

The Lincoln Republican ridicules the idea of running A. W. Smith as the former candidate for Governor, and intimates that he could not tell a hen house from a corn crib, and the Ellsworth Reporter thinks he is not a very bright fellow any how.

It has been known for some time that the Pacific railroad report would be presented to Congress cut in two, a majority and a minority report. The latter presented by Mr. Patison, has been considered the one that would be favored by the administration. It certainly supports the democratic view, and recommends the taking possession of the railroad property by the government for failure to comply with its contracts. The charge is now made that the President has changed front, and that a trade was entered into whereby the Pacific coast Senators Stanford of California, and Stewart of Nevada, were to vote to confirm Lamar as Justice of the Supreme Court, and the administration would then drop the railroad matter. However this may be, it turns out that these republican senators alone stood up for Lamar's confirmation. It is further said that one other condition made by the senators was that Sparks should be removed from his office of Land Commissioner, and that an obnoxious clerk in the department, who had been active in land grant reform, should also go out. Mr. Sparks was removed, and the last act of Lamar, as secretary of the Interior, was to remove Le Barnes, the offensive clerk. There is a dark look to the whole affair.

Prof. JOHN TYNDALL spent some time last fall on the Alps taking observations of the sky, and he has written one of the most important and interesting of his popular scientific essays on the subject, which has been bought for exclusive use by the Forum, and will appear in the February number. Senator CULLOM will write in the same number on "The Government and the Telegraph." Prof. W. T. HARRIS on "What shall the Public School Teach?" Judge W. D. KELLEY on "How Protection Protects," and Dr. AUSTIN FLINT on "The Mechanism of the Singing Voice."

**Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine**  
 For February  
 An exceedingly interesting article by Lily Higgin, on the Modern English Artists, with portraits, appears in the February number of FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE, giving just the information that all wish to have. Colonel C. Chaille-Long's "From the Suez Canal, Through two Seas, to the Equator, is important in view of the perennially interesting Eastern Question. Then, too, there is "A Visit to Porto Alegre, Brazil," full of information and illustrations. Among the shorter contributions to this number may be mentioned: "The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem"; "Joan of Arc"; "The Best of countries," by Dr. T. De Witt Talmage; "Harrow School"; "Hymns"; "The Sacred Book of China"; "Some Separations of the Synagogue," and others of interest and value. There is not much poetry in this number, but what there is, is good, especially the sonnet, "In Forthringay Castle," by Adelaide Gillev Waldron. The number closes, as usual, with a piece of sacred music.

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How Senator Ingalls Takes It. A Globe Democrat, Washington Correspondent writes:

Senator Ingalls is my neighbor across the street and when the news came that his beautiful home on the Missouri was burned to the ground I felt almost as if it were a personal loss. The dispatch came to him when he was in the committee room—on District affairs,—and when he read it aloud one member burst into tears. Mr. Ingalls folded it up calmly, put it into his pocket, went into the Senate Chamber and with his gavel called the Senate to order as usual and conducted till the time came when is ordinarily transferred to other hands. When he went home another dispatch was there, announcing the loss of almost everything "but the piano, and we may save the barn."

"I had been thinking of tearing the old barn down," said the Senator. They take their loss bravely, and when I called the next afternoon Mrs. Ingalls come down smiling, and, in answer to my words, said: "I do not say, like the defeated General, 'All is lost save honor,' but when I look around on my seven children and my husband, all alive and well, I do feel like saying with something of a sense of triumph, 'All is not lost by a good deal.'"

A wee tot of a girl looked up and asked, "Mama, what makes you hug me so much to-day?" Senator Ingalls' library contains something like 15,000 volumes, and could have not been worth much less than \$15,000 intrinsically, besides the valuable papers and volumes of autograph letters from distinguished men. "And now," said Miss Ingalls, a beauty of 18, with a bright intellect and dangerous eyes, "we are all going

to work for a new house. I am going to write letters for the press—see if I don't!"

Judge Wm. D. KELLEY, the protectionist leader in the House of Representatives, has written a plain statement of "How Protection Protects," which is likely to be the protectionist platform for the Presidential Campaign. It will appear in the Forum for February. In the same number Senator CULLOM will have a paper advocating the Governmental control of the telegraph. Prof. JOHN TYNDALL writes about "The Sky," Dr. AUSTIN FLINT about "The Mechanism of the Singing Voice," and DARIUS LYMAN about "Impediment to our Domestic Commerce."

Peterson's Magazine for February is before us, as varied and interesting as ever, and we could hardly bestow higher praise. There is never any falling off in this favorite periodical, no show numbers, and no unfulfilled promises. Its serials and short stories are of the first order of merit, its fashion department always presents the prettiest and freshest of Paisian novelties and its numerous steel and wood engravings are invariably artistic in design and finish. No household fond of the best literature, and no lady desirous of possessing a thoroughly reliable guide in regard to dress, jewelry, and the household, should be without "Peterson." Long years of unexampled success and prosperity have thoroughly established its position; and, as it yearly offers greater and more striking attraction, it runs no risk, even in this age of competition, of losing one iota of its hold on public favor. Terms: Two Dollars a year, with great reduction to clubs. Address Peterson's Magazine, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.













