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It is not at all improbable that the committee may decide not to have an investigation and simply report in favor of abolishing Judge Botkin's district, attaching it to the adjoining district.

Mrs. Anna L. Diggs, who has been prominent in the alliance movement in Kansas, leaves next week for Washington to engage in newspaper work. She will write on politics at the national capital from an alliance standpoint.

In the suit of Mrs. Katie Link vs The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, involving a claim for \$10,000 damages for causing the death of plaintiff's husband, a verdict for the defendant was rendered in the district court at Lawrence Tuesday.

The prettiest county seat fight that has occurred in the state for some time appears to have been developed by a bill introduced into the house last week changing the boundaries of Marshall, Washington, Nemaha and Riley counties. The proposition occurs out of the burning of the Marshall county court house.

The house is in favor of the women and will soon consider the plan to put two women upon the board of charitable institutions. It was at first intended to place women upon all the boards, and this may yet be done, but the conservative members believe it will be in the interest of public policy to try the board of charities first, and demonstrate the wisdom of the policy.

At the annual meeting of the directory of the Kansas State Fair association the opinion was freely expressed that the preparatory work had heretofore been too far behind other state fairs in the west, and acting upon the suggestion the new executive committee have begun to push the advance work already, and will continue to keep at the head of the procession until after the fair is held next fall.

The woman suffrage bill is still before the judiciary committee of the house. The bill has already gone through the hands of the committee on the political rights of women and received a favorable recommendation, and there is no doubt but the judiciary committee will also give it a favorable report. If this is done, the house will pass the bill by a very strong vote. The alliance seem to be strongly in favor of female suffrage and are ready to support the bill now before them. It is impossible to say how the senate stands at the present time.

Joseph J. Spendlove, who has been on trial for the past two weeks for the murder of Gustav Werner, was Wednesday convicted of manslaughter in the first degree. The jury returned the verdict after being in conference on the case two days and a half. Spendlove and wife were in the court room when the verdict was announced, and neither one appeared moved in the least at the result. Hon. Charles Curtis, attorney for the prisoner, gave notice that he would file application in the district court for a new trial, and if this was not granted would appeal the case to the supreme court. After this announcement Mr. Curtis asked that the court continue the present bond of Spendlove, pending the motion for a new trial. This was overruled by Judge Guthrie, who turned the prisoner over to the sheriff. He was then taken to the county jail.

The lecture by T. V. Powderly, under the auspices of the local lodge of the Knights of Labor, will be delivered in representative hall on the evening of the 16th instant, at 8 p. m.

The house of J. M. Brown, County clerk of Shawnee county, two miles north of Topeka, was burned on Wednesday night.

It is painful to read the idiotic expressions of the Topeka Capital. One would think that the farmers of the state have no interest in anything but their own ruin. The farmers of Kansas are not so big fools as the politicians, and far more inclined to pay their debts.

"Fire! Fire!" The sudden cry naturally strikes terror to every heart; but modern appliances for fighting the merciless flames have been carried to such a degree of perfection that the knowledge of their existence inspires confidence even when in peril from fire. The New York Fire Department is vividly described and splendidly illustrated in the March number of DEMOREST'S FAMILY MAGAZINE, just arrived. As usual, this Magazine is brimful and running over with good things—something of special interest to each member of the family. The paper on "The Art Schools of New York" is most charmingly discursive of by one who has had intimate acquaintances with those most prominent, and the accompanying illustrations are drawn from life; many a pleasant evening on a bench in the home circle learning to dance from the explicit directions and illustrations given in "Modern Round Dances"; those who long for a country home of their own may learn how their dreams may be realized at small expense, by reading about cottages that can be built for less than \$1,000, in the paper entitled "Inexpensive Homes"; and a prospective bride who some day may possess one of these homes will gather many practical hints from "Dorothy's Trousseau," which was arranged for \$100. Every number of Demorest's Family Magazine is indeed excellent. W. Jennings Demorest, New York.

Sam Wood has rooms at the St. Nicholas hotel, where he does his work as chairman of the judiciary committee of the house and where he keeps bills and reports scattered on the table. The room is lighted by a lamp which stands on the table in the midst of the papers. Monday night prior to going to supper Mrs. Wood lighted the lamp and placed in position the paper snafu. While Sam and his wife were at supper the porter scented smoke and gave the alarm. The door was forced open, and it was found that the pile of papers on the table was on fire, blazing to the ceiling and filling the hotel with smoke. After great effort the flames were smothered. Sam then heard of the disaster and rushed to the room to find many valuable documents gone up in smoke. One house bill had been burned up entirely, while a large number of others were scorched so that they will have to be rewritten. Among the papers destroyed was a favorable report as to the constitutionality of a law giving towns the right to issue bonds to secure flouring mills, which the committee had found was covered by a United States supreme court decision and had consequently reported favorably, contrary to what was expected. Several books and district court papers, which Mr. Wood thought could be duplicated, were also among the missing. All in all the fire was a very serious accident to Sam, and will necessitate many days of hard work. Had the fire started at the other end of the table the alliance party would have suffered an irreparable loss.

Judge Guthrie overruled the motion in the proceedings brought by G. K. Estes, late editor of the Alliance Tribune, to have a receiver appointed in the affairs of that paper and the order restraining the Tribune Publishing company from transferring the paper to other parties was set aside. The action was brought by Estes when the company entered into contract with P. N. Gish & Son to convert the paper. He claimed the paper was insolvent and that the company was attempting to get out of paying its debts by transferring its stock to the Gishes.

A very successful tableau-entertainment was recently given in New York, the subjects being taken from illustrations in the current magazines. The idea is a simple one, and if the subjects are well chosen it can be made very interesting. The Century Company has prepared a list of suitable pictures with suggestions for any one who wishes to get up the entertainment. They will send it free on request.

The railroad commissioners are in receipt of applications for aid from Greeley county.

Agent—I'd make you my janitor, only I must have a married man.
Applicant—Keep the place open for an hour and I'll fix that. It's easier to get married than to get a job.

The young musical enthusiast, after a fearful four-handed sonata on the piano, addresses his uncle—Uncle, would you like to hear something that sounds even better than that?
Uncle—Yes. Suppose you let the lid down hard.

Passenger on Ocean Steamship—"Captain, what would you do if you should suddenly encounter an iceberg?"
Captain (sternly)—"Madam, if I could not think of it, I should go around it."

Passenger (politely)—"Thank you, captain. I have no doubt such would be the proper course. I shall adopt it myself." [Steps around him.]

"Wife, I wish you could make pies that would taste as well as my mother's used to."

"Well, my dear, you run out and bring a pail of water, a hod of coal and an armful of wood, just as you used to for your mother, and then you will like my pies just as well."

He concluded that the pies would do just as they were.

Miss Bored—"Mr. Dolley, you seem to lead an inactive life; why is it that you never do anything?"

Mr. Dolley—"I'm waiting for an impulse."

Miss Bored (looking at the clock)—"I wish you could have one now!"

Mr. Dolley (eagerly)—"Why?"

Miss Bored—"Because people are usually carried away with impulse."

Hired Girl—"Two gentlemen at the door, sir, want to see you. They didn't come together, but happened along at the same time." Citizen—"How do they act?" "One of them is very polite, and begs the honor of a few minutes' conversation." "I don't want to see him, he's a book agent." "The other isn't polite at all. He says 'I want to see him'."

"That's a dun. Tell 'em both I'm not at home."

Tommy—Paw, what does the word 'native mean'?

Mr. Figg—"Why, it means what you are born to or in, so to speak."

Tommy—Then when the teacher said that Mr. Chun Geo was to deliver an address in his native costume, did she mean that he was to speak in the costume that he was born in?

Mr. Figg—"I guess it is about time you went to bed."

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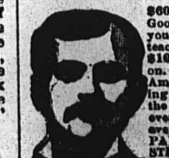


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Alliance Plans.

The council of the farmers alliance in Washington last week decided upon the formation of congressional district alliances in each state and territory where alliance organizations flourish.

The state legislative committee is hereafter to be composed of the state president, the state executive board, the state lecturer and the lecturer of each congressional district.

The county legislative council is to be composed of the county president, the county lecturer and the president of each subordinate alliance.

The committee on plans also reported a resolution, which was passed, instructing the president of the council to appoint a national legislative sub-committee of three members to formulate bills to be presented to congress in accordance with the demands of the Ocala meeting.

The demands include the sub-treasury proposition, the land loan proposition, the free coinage of silver and a bill with respect to the Louisiana lottery.

This sub-committee of three is to be a standing committee, and its action will be regarded as the action of the whole council.

Congress will be urged to take action upon the sub-treasury bill at its present session. One million copies of each bill agreed upon by the sub-committee are to be printed for distribution among the alliance organizations throughout the country.

FOR SEMI-FREE TRADE.

The council, after considerable discussion, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Of the three great industries of the United States—the agricultural, the commercial and the manufacturing—the first two are in the most depressed state; therefore, with a view to the betterment of the condition, be it

Resolved, That the legislative committee of the National Farmers' and Industrial Union be requested to prepare a bill for presentation to the present or following congress, containing the provision that all vessels built, owned and manned by citizens of the United States that carry full outgoing cargoes, to be determined by the tonnage of the vessel, two-thirds of which—at least shall consist of home agricultural products, shall be allowed to enter and discharge their returning cargoes, providing said cargoes shall consist of manufactured products, at any port of the United States free of all customs duties.

That we are persuaded that such a measure properly carried out in detail will not only build up the shipping interest of the country, but result in creating a foreign market for the surplus agricultural products of the United States.

The aggregate tonnage handled in 1890 by the railroads reporting to the state board of railroad commissioners, was 29,288,219. The amount handled in Kansas is not reported separately.

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