



THE COTTONWOOD FALLS COURANT.

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COTTONWOOD FALLS, -- KANSAS.

CHECKMATE.

Through ancient oriel window
The mellow sunlight strayed;
Lit up the dusky recess
Where youth and winsome maid
Engaged in mimic warfare.

HIS LAST FAVOR.

By HOFFMAN ATKINSON.

THEY were decidedly a dirty pair
of men. I don't know that they
were dirtier than the rest of us, but
they were not the sort of fellows their
mothers would have talked to for five
minutes without suggesting soap.

to crowd half off the road to let a trooper
pass in a cloud of dust; and the poor
devil with his musket, his blanket
rolled diagonally across his body, his
canteen, haversack, and other burdens,

Hello, Shorty! Thought you'd wait till
I've got to a tavern, did you?"
"Hold on, boys! I tried to save the
captain. No use. He's down for good.
Got any water? My canteen's busted.

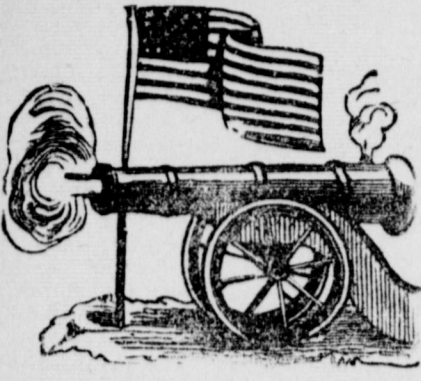
BRYAN TALKS OUT.
The Colonial Idea is Imperialistic
and Contrary to American Principles.
Upon forwarding his resignation as
colonel in the United States army a few
days ago, William J. Bryan gave ex-
pression to his views on the subject of
expansion as follows:

MORE TAXES TO BE ADDED.
The French cabinet is elaborating a
scheme of progressive income taxation.
It is designed to raise 175,000,000 francs
a year, and it will apply especially to
the wealthier classes who manifest
their means in living and pleasure ex-
penditure.

Good Digestion
Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price 25c.
A WISE HERO.
He Wanted the Magazine Rights Before He Did Any Charging on the Enemy.
NOW THE SPOILS.
Vacancies to be Created for Office-Hungry Republican Party Workers.

SYRUP OF FIGS
NEVER IMITATED IN QUALITY!
THE EXCELLENCE OF SYRUP OF FIGS
is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.





The biennial rush on the pie counter, just now in progress in Kansas, seems to lay all previous occasions of a similar character in the shade.

The newspapers are talking a great deal about the little New York girl who testified in court that she knew nothing about God, and did not know what would become of her when she died.

With Secretary Alger building a government railroad in Cuba, Gen. Longstreet advocating a government line across the continent, and a bill pending in congress providing for the government to build, own and operate a canal across Nicaragua, it looks as though the socialist are not confined to Chicago and Massachusetts.

At the recent election each of the 105 counties of Kansas elected county attorney, clerk of the court, probate judge, superintendent and commissioner, 525 officers in all.

Senior Romero is a believer in the theory that the Mexican Indians are of Asiatic origin and that they are of the same parent stock as the Japanese.

We should guess that the 1,400 depositors in the First National Bank of Emporia, regardless of politics, are of the opinion now that "the best banking system the world ever saw" might be changed slightly to the benefit of the public, so that depositors might not be robbed with impunity.

A dispatch to the Atchison Globe from Iloilo, near Manila, says that special offerings were taken in all the churches there on Sunday last to send missionaries to this country.

RETIRING OF CAPTAIN COFFIN

Concerning the retiring of Captain Coffin from the editorial chair of the Democrat, the Interior Herald says:

"Captain O. S. Coffin for over five years editor of the Democrat of this city, has severed his connection with that paper. The organ of the democracy of this county, without the steady hand of the old veteran to guide it, will be a curiosity, for every body supposed the paper and Captain Coffin were inseparable while both lived.

Captain Coffin is sometimes vitriolic but he is a true friend and has no enemies among the craft. We wish him well as do we also the Democrat under new management.

Captain Coffin is an able and fearless editorial writer, a gentleman of the old school with up-to-date ideas on political economy. As an editor he kept step with the march of party events, but was ever inspired by the teachings of the immortal Jefferson and Jackson.

With pleasure we copy the foregoing, and heartily endorse the same.

TOPICS OF THE DAY

The Christmas number of Demorest's Magazine is decidedly a timely one, both in subject matter and in manner of presentation.

A Christmas spirit pervades the magazine from cover to cover. There are Christmas stories and departments, and pages devoted to the making and sending of holiday gifts.

In the leading article, the "Origin of the Christmas Tree," are grouped together for the first time curious facts concerning the early history of Christmas decorations, and quaint old legends, translated from German folklore.

An article of important timely interest, if without the holiday motif, is Cleveland Moffett's "Stories of Nurses." Mr. Moffett lived for several weeks at Camp Meade, and know the nurses and soldiers personally, and his realistic stories of hospital camp life are brimfull of interest.

Besides the full page of portraits of famous French men and women, there is an entire page of Madonnas from paintings by modern artists of all lands.

Among the many helpful articles on Christmas topics it is difficult to select those of pre-eminent value. Esther Buckingham—and she is a household authority to Demorest's readers—has written on the subject of "Etiquette in Christmas-Present Giving."

Mm-Uriet has a review of mid-winter French fashions and an illustrated page of the newest millinery appropriate for various occasions.

A GREAT LIVE STOCK JOURNAL

The Prairie Farmer—a weekly Agricultural and Live Stock Journal—one dollar a year. It is admittedly the leader of the agricultural and live stock papers of the United States. It covers the entire field of agriculture, dairying, live stock breeding and live stock feeding.

THE REV. IRL R. HICKS Annual Almanac and monthly paper, Word and Works, are now known from sea to sea. We are pleased to call the attention of our readers to the Almanac for 1899, now ready.

NEWSPAPER FOR SALE. The plant and subscription list of the Miltonvale (Kansas) Press is for sale cheap.

Exchanges will do a great service to the young man by assisting in the sale of this property by advertising it and the assistance will be greatly appreciated.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Chase County National Bank, that the annual meeting of the stockholders of said Bank, for the election of eleven Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any business that may come before them, will be held at the banking house of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1899, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m., and 4 o'clock, p. m.

LETTER LIST. Letters remaining in the postoffice at Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, Dec. 6th 1898: S. B. Vaile (2), Foster Berry, C. C. Massey, Leo Valle (2), Elmer Bennett, E. L. Hudson, Mrs. Ruehamie Hays, Irvin S. Hubbard.

NOTICE. Having lost my office fixtures, books, library, instruments, etc., complete, I would esteem it a great favor if all of those knowing themselves to be indebted to me, in the least, would call and settle, or pay a part of the whole, as I shall need it in order to set up again. Though badly disfigured I am still in the ring.

EXCURSIONS. Holiday Excursions to all stations within 200 miles, one fare for the Round trip. On sale, December 24, 25, 26, 31, January 1 and 2. Return limit January 4.

CAUSED BY SICKNESS. UNION HOTEL—For sale, trade or rent. Address A. Ferlet, Cottonwood Falls, Chase county, Kansas.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department.

Advertisement for Louis Hermsdorf Hosiery, featuring an illustration of a pair of socks and text describing the quality and availability of their products.

GOLD! GOLD!! GOLD!!!

We have secured valuable claims in the Famous Gold Fields of Alaska.

Hon. Chas. D. Rogers, of Juneau, Clerk of the U. S. District Court of Alaska, has staked out claims for this Company in the Sheep Creek Basin and Whale Bay Districts of Alaska.

North-American Mining & Developing Co. Capital, \$5000,000. Shares, \$1 each. PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE.

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To invest your money. \$1.00 will buy one share of stock invest now before our stock advances in price. Not less than five shares will be sold. We have the best known men in America as Directors in this Company.

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McCLURE'S MAGAZINE FOR 1899

Among the special features are A NEW SERIAL BY RUDYARD KIPLING THE LATER LIFE OF LINCOLN.

THE NAVAL SIDE OF THE WAR, BY CAPT. MAHAN A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR'S LIFE—REAL EXPERIENCES AND ADVENTURES

Contributions by the highest authorities on new developments in SCIENCE, INVENTION, EXPLORATION Embracing articles descriptive of A Plunge in a Diving Torpedo Boat

SPLENDID SHORT STORIES They will come from such writers as Rudyard Kipling Robert Barr Sarah Orne Jewett William Allen White John A. Hill Octave Thanet Hamlin Garland Cutcliffe Hyne Sarah Barnwell Elliot Stephen Crane Morgan Robertson E. Nesbit Shan F. Bullock Clinton Ross Ellen Glasgow

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NEXT TO A DAILY THE SEMI-WEEKLY CAPITAL For the Farmers of Kansas.

A subscription to The Semi-Weekly Capital now will secure the best and most complete report of the proceedings of the Kansas Legislature which will appear in any paper published in or out of the State.

The war with Spain has emphasized that a weekly newspaper, for general news, is too slow for the up-to-date, progressive farmer. Thousands who could not take a daily have secured in The Semi-Weekly Capital a complete summary of the news of the war, besides all the other news of the world, especially everything happening within the borders of Kansas.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY CAPITAL AND THE CHASE COUNTY COURANT For One Year For the very low price of \$2.00. Address The Courant.

Notice to Physicians. Bids will be received at County Clerks office until 12 o'clock M. Monday the 2nd day of January, 1899, for doctoring the poor of Chase county until the 2nd Monday of January, 1900.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW. THOS. H. GISHAN, J. T. BUTLER. CRISMAN & BUTLER, ATTORNEYS - AT - LAW. Will practice in all State and Federal Courts.

JOSEPH C. WATERS, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Topeka, Kansas. (Postoffice box 405) will practice in the District Court of the counties of Chase, Marion, Harvey, Reno, Rice and Barton.

F. P. COCHRAN, ATTORNEY - AT - LAW, COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS. Practices in all State and Federal Courts.

J. W. McWILLIAMS' Chase County Land Agency. Retired or Syndicate Lands, all sorts of well-landed or Improved Farms. AND LOAN MONEY.

F. JOHNSON, M. D., CAREFUL attention to the practice of medicine in all its branches. OFFICE and private dispensary over Hilton Pharmacy, east side of Broadway.

MAKE MONEY By securing a county agency for our Reverse Wall Map of the United States and the World. The largest one-sheet map published; six feet long; eleven beautiful colors. It is so attractive that it almost sells itself.

A Photograph of the World. One side shows a colored map of our great country, with railroads, counties, rivers, towns, etc. The other side shows an equally elegant Map of the World, locating all countries at a glance by help of a marginal index. It also shows ocean currents, routes of discoverers, and accurately locates the scenes of all current events, such as boundary disputes, Cuba battles, Armonian massacres, polar expeditions, etc.

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Special Breakfast and Supper. No. 1 Beef Steak, or Mutton Chops, Potatoes, Cakes or Waffles, Coffee or Tea and Fruit, 25c. No. 2 Ham, Two Eggs, Potatoes, Cakes or Waffles, Coffee or Tea, 25c.

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THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE OF 1899-1900.

Complete List of the Representatives and Senators Who Will Make Laws for the Sunflower State, with the Post Office Address, Age, Occupation and Politics of Each Man.

Table listing Kansas Representatives and Senators with columns for District, Name, Address, Age, Occupation, Politics, and Married status.

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In the senate there are 24 farmers and stockmen, 7 lawyers, 3 bankers, 2 merchants, 2 creamerymen, 1 school-teacher, 1 real estate dealer, 1 secretary of a commercial club, 1 editor and 1 ex-governor.

Contribution to the Conscience Fund. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 15.—A man having the appearance of a common laborer...

Took the Wrong Medicine. Newton, Kan., Dec. 15.—Miss Alice Strain, of this city, took several tablets containing hashish...

Fire at Winfield, Kan. Winfield, Kan., Dec. 15.—Fire yesterday destroyed an entire row of the finest business houses in the city...

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Rev. L. Blakesly, for 29 years pastor of the First Congregational church in Topeka, has tendered his resignation...

The earnings of the Kansas penitentiary for November were \$15,145.66 and the expenses \$13,698.43.

A lamp in the bond vault in the state treasurer's office at Topeka exploded the other day and for a time the \$8,000,000 belonging to the permanent school fund...

A disastrous fire visited Coffeyville recently. Condon & Co.'s dry goods store was destroyed and Reid Bros' general store, Hunter's photo gallery and the Leader dry goods store were badly damaged.

Douglas county recently lost two aged citizens—Mrs. Catherine Brady, a pioneer of Baldwin...

Citizens of Empire City petitioned the federal authorities to release Ada Ross, of that city, who was arrested for sending obscene matter through the mails.

The votes of the Twentieth Kansas did not get back from Manila in time to be canvassed. The complete official vote from every county in the state...

A Topeka telegram said republicans would contest in the courts any legislation affecting official positions enacted by the extra session.

Col. J. G. McCoy, Kansas state live stock inspector at the Kansas City yards, reports that during the ten months of 1898 ended November 15...

A Topeka telegram said State Auditor Morris had absolutely refused to audit the claim of Rev. M. G. D. Olden for services rendered and expenses in carrying the election ballots and poll books to the colored volunteers in Cuba.

From Dodge City comes the story that John Clark, an inmate of the state soldiers' home, came near being buried alive. He had a severe attack of typhoid fever and died...

Gov.-elect Stanley announces that he will not appoint a board of pardons, but would attend to all matters of pardoning personally.

There was an alarming epidemic of smallpox at Garland, Bourbon county, affecting old and young alike. Several deaths were reported and the several deaths were reported and the several deaths were reported...

Grandma Courtney, who died in McPherson county the other day at the great age of 95, had at her bedside children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

WELCOMED EVERYWHERE.

President's Tour of the South Marked by One Continuous Ovation—Reception at the Confederacy's First Capital.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 17.—The special train bringing the Alabama legislature reached Tuskegee yesterday and was soon followed by the regular and special trains from Montgomery and Atlanta.

Gov.-elect Stanley announced that he would consider no more political appointments until the adjournment of the extra session.

The president and party first reviewed more than 600 boys and 300 girls of the normal school and 200 children of the training school.

President McKinley showed much interest and pleasure as with uncovered head he viewed the procession. After the procession of students came some 30 floats representing all departments of the school work.

After this procession all present followed the president to the beautiful new chapel. Only about 3,000 people gained admittance.

Booker T. Washington introduced Gov. Johnston, who in turn introduced President McKinley.

Magnificent Reception at Montgomery. Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 17.—The president and his party were given a magnificent welcome in the confederacy's first capital yesterday.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The convention of the Interstate National Guard association, which for two days had been in session in this city, ended with a brilliant banquet.

RESCUED THE CHILD.

But in Doing So Mrs. Johanna Newell, of Chicago, Loses Her Own Life—Result of a Fire.

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Late News from Havana.

Havana, Dec. 17.—The United States cruiser New York sailed for Key West last night in order to take coal on board.

Frightful Railroad Crossing Accident. New York, Dec. 17.—A wagon containing eight persons was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad last night at the Allenwood crossing.

Dewey Feels Quite Easy. Manila, Dec. 17.—In an interview regarding the possibility of international complication, Admiral Dewey said yesterday: "Prior to the arrival of the monitors I felt uneasy, but I am now ready to hold this position against the world."

TO WIPE OUT LOTTERIES.

House Committee Considers Gillett Bill, Which Would Make Impossible the Existence of Any Lottery Schemes.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The house judiciary committee gave a hearing to the Gillett bill to prohibit the use of the telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of lottery and race horse gambling.

GEN. DAVIS' PROCLAMATION.

The Commander at Pinar del Rio, on Behalf of President McKinley, Assures Cubans of Our Friendship.

Havana, Dec. 17.—Gen. Davis, the commander at Pinar del Rio, has issued a proclamation saying President McKinley has directed him to assure the inhabitants of the security of their lives and property as long as they are orderly.

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

China Has 2,461 Protestant Missionaries, 5,071 Native Assistants and 80,682 Communicants.

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CALVIN S. BRICE DEAD.

The Ex-Senator and Mill Inmate Succumbs to a severe Cold Contracted a Week Ago.

New York, Dec. 16.—Calvin S. Brice died here yesterday afternoon. He contracted a severe cold one week ago yesterday. Last Friday week he went



down to his office, returning home in a suffering condition and on Saturday took to his bed. He grew steadily worse until he died.

Mr. Brice was born in Denmark, O., September 17, 1848, and although living almost continually in New York, he claimed Ohio as his home, and he was made the national democratic committee man from that state. After a common school education he entered the Miami university at Oxford, but in 1871, at the age of 23, he left that institution to join the union army.

GOVERNMENT OF CUBA.

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