

TRUE DEMOCRACY IN KANSAS

It Will Make a Fight to Cut Loose from Populist Machine This Fall. TRY TO CAPTURE STATE CONVENTION

Resubmission of the Prohibition Question Will Be Its Battle Cry and Will Favor American National Expansion Idea.

E. E. Brown of Topeka, one of the Kansas democratic leaders who has never pulled in union with the fusion machine, but who has an idea that the democrats ought to take a stand in state affairs that will preserve the identity of the party, instead of aiding passively in the political work of the fire political chieftain for the enrichment of the populists, was in Omaha Thursday night. He is denominated the spirit and inspiration of genuine democracy in the Sunflower state. Last September he started a movement for the organization of a coalition of young democrats, but when they met at Hutchinson the fusionists, led by David Overmyer, Atwood and other ardent followers of Bryan and populists, rushed in and captured the organization. The conference was called for the organization of a democratic league, but the men who secured control of it protested against calling it democratic, as that would bar the populists and in consequence it was termed the Sunflower league. Mr. Brown says the league has since died out and he has started another project for the organization of a young men's democratic league and will call a mass meeting soon in Topeka for that purpose.

Mr. Brown peculiarly congratulates himself on the fact that he has secured the endorsement of Bryan for such a movement. In its initial steps he visited Bryan and asked him to visit Kansas and address such a meeting of democrats and when Bryan expressed inability to do so, Brown blandly asked him to write a letter endorsing the democratic organization. He says that Mr. Bryan wrote him a strong letter on that subject. Later J. G. Johnson, Overmyer and other fusion conspirators in Kansas learned that Bryan had done and the result was that Bryan would not have it that way and refused to return it. The result is that Brown since then has not been a very ardent Bryan man.

Anti-Fusion Organization. His plan did not contemplate a bolt from the democratic ranks. On the contrary he proposes to organize an anti-fusion democratic organization and try to capture the next democratic state convention, using as the lever for that purpose a proposition to resubmit the question of prohibition in Kansas and wipe out the existing prohibition statute from the Kansas code.

Of course, if he is unsuccessful, he will stand by the action of the convention, but I believe he will be successful. The democrats of Kansas can never get rid of the prohibition laws while the party fuses with the populists," said Mr. Brown. "Of the 100,000 democrats in Kansas, there are only 100,000 American democrats to control a democratic convention, and you may hear something drop if you keep your ear to the ground. I would like to see democracy do something once. For forty years we've been squatting behind a log waiting to see what the republicans advocated, and then the other side of the opposite side. 'Fusionists' has been our real lodge name, and if the republicans are for it, knock' has been our motto. This is hardly less than idiotic. The democratic party ought, by right, to be the leading progressive political party in the country. It was so intended originally by name and principle. The trouble is, we've been squatting back so much and waiting that the republicans have stolen our thunder. Now we feel that our sole right to existence comes from our time-honored habit of knocking. Expansion is a democratic idea, a democratic principle. Jefferson was an expansionist. We've got on the other side because the republican party routed us out. 'I am an expansionist of the most radical sort. I believe that the same democratic Kansas are largely the same way. I'd go 'em one better and annex Asia. I don't mean that the United States government ought to get control of territory and colonize subjects to be taxed without representation but America in its expansion, and especially in a commercial way, Kansas democrats ought to and will be for expansion and resubmission without any qualification.' E. E. Brown was formerly a resident of Nebraska and passed his boyhood in Clay county. He is a young man and has lived in Kansas only since 1896, but he has made himself prominent by his opposition to the fusion coterie of democrats in the state.

IT LOOKED EASY TO DEWEY

Copy of His Official Report Fore-shadowing Manila Victors. Sent to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Responding to the senate's resolution of inquiry the secretary of the navy today sent to the senate a copy of Admiral Dewey's report on the Hong Kong, dated March 31, 1898, relative to the capture of Manila. The text of the report shows that it was made in response to a demand of inquiry from the secretary and the admiral gives in detail the names of the available vessels under his command and also a list of Spanish vessels and other means of defense at Manila. He states that his own squadron was in a high state of efficiency.

Speaking of the Spanish force he said it numbered "about 15,000 soldiers of all arms in all the islands, of which half are in the vicinity of Manila. They are organized in a state of insurrection and my informants state that even the Spanish soldiers who constitute only a small part of the whole, are disaffected. Both ships and forts are in need of ammunition." To this statement he added the following: "I believe I am not oversteating in stating that with the squadron now under my command the vessels could be taken and the defenses at Manila reduced in one day. There is every reason to believe that with Manila taken, or even blockaded, the rest of the islands would fall either to the insurgents or ourselves, as they are only held through the support of the navy and are dependent upon Manila for supplies. Information has just reached me that there are 5,000 armed rebels in camp near Manila, who are willing to assist us."

LAWTON'S BODY IN THE THOMAS

Due to San Francisco January 20.—Bodies of the late General W. L. Lawton, who died in San Francisco, Jan. 11.—General Shafter received a telegram from Nagsasaki today, sent by Major Hyde, quartermaster of the transport Thomas, stating that the body of General H. W. Lawton is on this transport, which is due in San Francisco January 29. The body will be escorted to Washington by General Shafter himself, accompanied by his aide, Lieutenant Eugene T. Wilson, Third artillery. The body of Major Logan is also on the Thomas.

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Sixteen-Year-Old Murderer of Anthony, Kan.—Killed a 10-Year-Old Girl—Confessed Crime. ANTHONY, Kan., Jan. 11.—Guilty of murder in the first degree was found today in the case of John Korastet, the 16-year-old boy, who has been on trial here for the murder of his cousin, Nora Korastet, a 10-year-old girl. In June last, the child went to a field where Korastet was plowing and was seen again until two days later, when she was found in an abandoned well. She was taken out unconscious and died within a few hours. When arrested, the youth admitted having thrown the child into the well after having brutally attacked her.

HYMENEAL

Former Newspaper Men Wed. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.—Albert H. Perry, formerly a newspaper man of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Eleanor Carr White of Georgetown, O., were married at noon today at Christ church cathedral, Canon Smith officiating. Both are well known in theatrical life. Miss White's father is an engineer

WINEBEE PRODUCES HOPE

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—Fire today destroyed the Manitoba Produce company's building and stock, involving a loss of \$70,000; insurance, \$40,000. Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism since Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was first used, writes: "The only remedy that affords me relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted.

RESULTS ON RUNNING TRACKS

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—Results: First race, one mile, Tickford won, time 1:20. Second race, the Bobby third, time 1:17. Third race, two and three-eighths miles, Collier, Monahan won, time 2:47. Fourth race, one mile, Collier, selling, Collier, Collier won, time 1:17. Fifth race, one mile and twenty yards, selling, Judge Quigley won, Lord Neville second, water's best third, time 1:17. Sixth race, one mile, selling, Weather clear and track fast, Tanforan resulted. First race, seven-sixteenths of a mile, for the first time, Collier, Collier won, time 1:17. Second race, one mile, selling, Greyhound won, Tom Crawford second, Tom Crawford third, time 1:17. Third race, one mile and one-quarter mile, selling, Madaworth won, Chalmers second, Madaworth third, time 1:17. Fourth race, one mile, San Bruno second, time 1:17. Fifth race, one mile, purse, Hancock won, second, time 1:17. Sixth race, six furlongs, Ben Ledt won, second, time 1:17.

KANSAS TO SEND CORN TO INDIA

ARIENNE, Kan., Jan. 11.—Citizens of Dickman county today organized an Indian famine relief association, with J. C. Forney, recently returned from India, as president. The object is to send corn to missionary J. Bombay for free distribution. The corn will be contributed by farmers and shippers from here.

THREE MISSOURI MINERS KILLED

WEHI CITY, Mo., Jan. 11.—Three miners were killed this evening by a cave-in at the Burns mine in this city on the C. & O. railroad. The bodies of James Stone and John Lloyd were carried under fifty tons of earth, all being instantly killed.

AMERICAN CHAMPION WINS

ROBINSON, Jan. 11.—George, a leading American professional racquet champion, defeated Peter Latham, world's champion, today on the court. The score was 15-12, 15-12, 15-12.

POPULISTS ARE AT WORK

Nebraska to Be Center of Medicine-Mixing in People's Party National Politics. SITUATION IS SUMMED UP BY A LEADER

Effort Being Made to Bring the National Committee to Lincoln, the Home of Bryan—State Convention to Be Held March 19.

According to good authorities, Nebraska is this year to be the center of medicine-mixing in populist national politics. At the next meeting of the Nebraska state committee at Lincoln, and that quite a number of the members of the national committee were in attendance, several questions were precipitated which promise to be the bone of contention at the populist national committee meeting between those who favor maintaining the distinct identity of the populist party and those who want to surrender through fusion to the democrats. As stated by a well known populist leader, the situation summed up as follows: "The next populist national committee meeting will see the committee squarely divided between the middle-roads and the fusionists. Chairman Butler is just now engaged in taking a vote by letter of committee members for the time and place of this meeting. The time is practically agreed upon for February 12 next, but the location is being contested by both Chicago and Lincoln. "At the meeting at Lincoln a week ago the voters were laid to bring the national convention there and Lincoln. A proposition has been exerting its influence in behalf of the state capital. Their idea is that the fusion program would be promoted by having the committee meeting at Lincoln, the home of Bryan, and the capital of the only state that was carried for fusion at the last election, and by