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THE decision of Judge Wood is almost as long as the sentence he imposed on Debs.

WHY Mr. Cleveland should have gone south to hunt when there is so much game in Washington is a Christmas puzzle.

THE Atchison Globe says: "Discount your expectations at least 80 per cent." It is still better, however, to have no expectations.

AMBASSADOR BAYARD is still being banqueted by his English admirers. He hasn't enough American admirers to get up a moderate sized banquet.

HISTORY says Rieniz was the last Roman Tribune; Dhamp—they call him "Chump" in Washington—Clark says Congressman Bryan is the first American Tribune.

EX-CONGRESSMAN PERRY BELMONT, having made a fizzle of politics, will try a "go" at New York Society this winter. He has the principal requisite for social success—money.

Two of the democratic members of the house committee on banking and currency had the nerve to vote against the railroading process being applied to the currency bill.

THE Alabama negroes have got an erroneous idea. There is no need of a law to prevent lynching. What is needed are officials with nerve enough to enforce existing laws.

SECRETARY HOKK SMITH has a red card, reading "scarlet fever within," nailed to the front of his Washington residence to keep away democratic congressmen and office-seekers.

It is simply silly to talk about "pressure" having to be brought to bear upon any man to accept the republican nomination for the presidency. It is an honor no man has ever declined.

DEMOCRATS seldom profit by experience. The disasters which followed the driving of the Wilson tariff bill through the house under whip and spur have not prevented the application of the same tactics to the currency bill.

A MAN by the name of Goldgrabber failed in business at Lincoln the other day. When goldgrabbers begin to fail it sets us to wondering what in the devil is going to become of us poor sextons, who, nigh to graves that are newly made, are resting upon our earth-worn spades.

THE FRONTIER has heard the name of C. S. Evans, of Holt county, mentioned in connection with the office of adjutant general. We do not know that he is a candidate, but if our militia is to be dominated by a populist adjutant for the next two years we know of lots worse men for the job than Mr. Evans.

WHAT is the difference between the government issuing greenbacks, and allowing state banks to issue money (redeemable by the government) without first having put up security for its redemption. If the two systems are not both on the same level we confess that our power of distinguishing is dwarfed.

A NEW YORK preacher recently asserted that every ninth man is a drunkard; every seventh person an opium fiend; every fifth woman a hysteric, and every fourth man a slave of tobacco. That preacher is an exaggerator, or the associate of people who have had habits to a much greater extent than ordinary people do.

CONGRESSMAN CONN, of Indiana, who is a democratic member of the present house, thus sums up "Greshamania," in the Washington paper of which he is proprietor: "Exhibit A: Hawaii—A restoration that did not restore. Exhibit B: Samoa—A protectorate that did not protect. Exhibit C: Japan—A mediation that did not mediate. Exhibit D: Armenia—An investigation that did not investigate. Exhibit E—in process of preparation."

"THE slate has been ruled out of the Boston schools because it is uncleanly, because its use is trying to the eyes and because the muscular training acquired through the slate pencil is a hindrance rather than a help to writing with the pen or lead pencil. Paper and lead pencils will be substituted for the old-time slates and another step will be taken in the evolution that is making the school-room a curious and unrecognizable place to people who have had nothing to do with education in the last quarter of a century," says the State Journal. Boston is several weary years behind the times. O'Neill schools have used the pencil and tablet for a long time now.

WILL some of the brainy boys of the state please arise in their wisdom or their wigwag or any other convenient spot or locality and inform us why it is that the pride of two continents, the gem of the Missouri, is traveling broadcast over the state making speeches? Does he not know that the campaign has long since closed and that he himself is on the toboggan, sliding at a

merry pace to the end where the frost is overcome by the heat? Or, does he imagine that he is an issue to be decided by the people of the state? If the latter proposition is correct we would modestly suggest that the State Journal send its subscription list around to inform him that he has been decided and found guilty, weighed in the balance and found wanting the earth and getting hell instead.

WHEN the Smudge, the Sun, J. P. Mullen, Honest John, Michael F. Harrington or any other brazen-faced deceiver tells you that the county is now in better shape financially, physically, morally, mentally or any other way than it was before the pops got control, don't be lured to death and financial damnation by the siren song. Just pause for a moment—time is below par now—and reflect. Think of a couple of years ago when county claims were worth ninety-five cents and warrants ninety-eight. Call to mind, you jurymen and bailiffs, that time when your court claims were worth almost par, and it it wasn't under republican administration we'll agree to swallow and digest the cast-iron bed of the best printing press in Holt county, which by the way is in our office. (Now is the time to subscribe.) Your taxes are somewhat lower, but as we have heretofore stated, it is due to a reduction in the valuation and not to economies practiced by our friends the pretenders. If the pops were to place the county finances where they found them it would require a tax levy of ten per cent. upon the assessed valuation. Don't be deceived by these christian scientists who say that you are well when you know by that empty pocket and pain in your stomach that you are sick.

"FOOLS rush in where angels fear to tread." This is verified by some of the last remaining stock of the old Dorsey gang, that brought summary and complete ruin and overthrow upon the republican party of this district by the use of unscrupulous and disreputable methods that honorable people could not do otherwise than condemn and rebuke. Some of this old repudiated stock are just now howling themselves hoarse and working themselves into hysterics and epileptic fits because things did not go to their liking in the recent election. Men that bore the brunt of the fight, handicapped as they were with the unpurged sin, are now maligned and abused because they could not triumph over the world, the flesh and the devil, disreputable methods, bad breath, etc. It is all right to call the newspaper men of the Elkhorn "Kinkaid cuckoos." It is no disgrace. They are in line with the sentiment of the better element of the party and are trying to build it up rather than tear it down by resorting to methods that drive good men out of it. The voting of Hooker and McPherson counties for a certain candidate at the Broken Bow convention until Attorney Sullivan got onto the nefarious scheme, is a very good illustration of their customary methods. If they want a lot of their rottenness exposed let them keep on casting their vile aspersions on men the latches of whose shoes they are not worthy to unloose and whom honorable people delight to honor.—Stuart Ledger.

PRESS dispatches of the 22nd give the following interesting reading relative to a murder trial just closed at Wichita, Kans. It is interesting in that it shows that courts are beginning to recognize hypnotism as a scientific fact so far as to punish the hypnotizer and exonerate the hypnotized: "The attorneys for the defense in the MacDonald-Patton-Gray murder trial at Wellington, have successfully maintained the theory that their client acted under hypnotic influence, and this evening Tom MacDonald was acquitted of the murder of Tom Patton on this ground. Anderson Gray, the man who is supposed to have hypnotized MacDonald, was found guilty of the murder a few days ago and received a death sentence. It was shown at the trial that Gray wanted Patton removed and he came to Wichita and employed MacDonald to go to his farm. He immediately gained a complete mastery over MacDonald's mind. After a few days he conveyed to his subject the idea that Patton was his (MacDonald's) mortal enemy. Then he gave him a rifle and took him to a secluded spot near the road leading from Patton's house and told him to shoot Patton on sight. This MacDonald did. Before his death Patton implicated Gray and the latter was arrested. During Gray's absence MacDonald regained control of himself. It developed during the trial that Gray started this same influence over others besides MacDonald and that he had through others made a prior attempt to put Patton out of the way."

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