



W. W. Rose was re-elected mayor of Kansas City, Kans., after having been removed from the office for failure to enforce the law. Later the supreme court of Kansas issued an order citing Mr. Rose to appear before the court June 4th and show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt for holding office after he had been removed.

Startling revelations have been made showing the management of the State Asylum for the insane located at Norfolk, Neb. The governor has already demanded the resignations of the superintendent and his assistant.

Robert L. Taylor, former governor of Tennessee, defeated present Senator Edward W. Carmack in the contest for the democratic nomination for Senator.

Representative Champ Clark of Missouri declares that the next Democratic nominee for president must be a southern man. Mr. Clark says that if no one else will run, he will do so himself.

New York dispatches says that William R. Hearst will be a candidate for governor.

The Ecclesiastical court in New York has sentenced Rev. Dr. Crapsey to suspension from the Episcopal ministry.

Michael Davitt, the Irish leader, is seriously ill with blood poison at Dublin.

A mortgage loan company has been organized at New York with a capital of \$100,000,000. It is to advance money for the rebuilding of San Francisco.

Insurance Commissioner Host of Wisconsin, testifying before a legislative committee, said that Secretary of State Houser, acting as the agent of the Equitable Assurance society, attempted to influence a favorable decision by offering Host a \$2,000 campaign contribution.

The famous Ferris Wheel that was built for the Chicago World's Fair was blown up with dynamite at St. Louis recently. This was the method used to reduce the structure to scrap iron. Two explosions were required.

Two Chicago citizens have presented plans for a new city hall, the same to cost \$4,000,000, and to be erected by a private company and rented to the municipality.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is seriously ill.

Alexander Burkman, who has served several years imprisonment for attempt to kill H. C. Frick during the Homestead strike, has been released.

The friends of Governor Hoch of Kansas are circulating a report that W. A. Harris, democratic nominee for governor, is not a legal resident of Kansas and is therefore disqualified.

A movement is on foot among West Virginia Republicans looking to the retirement of Senator Elkins.

Carl Schurz died at his home in New York. He was born March 2, 1859, in the village of Liblar, near Cologne. In 1852 he came to America. He began life in this country in Phila-

delphia, moving later to Wisconsin. He attached himself to the republican party and made German speeches in behalf of Fremont in the campaign of 1856. He also participated in the senatorial contest in Illinois between Lincoln and Douglas. After Mr. Lincoln became president he appointed Schurz United States minister to Spain. He served in that position five months and returned to America, entering the Union army as brigadier-general. Since the close of the war, Mr. Schurz has been conspicuous in public life. In 1869 the legislature of Missouri elected him to the United States senate, Schurz having in 1867 removed to St. Louis to become editor of the Westliche Post. He served as secretary of the interior under President Hayes, and retiring to private life, he made his home in New York.

The committee of the New York Bar association appointed at the request of former Senator David B. Hill to investigate his relations as attorney for the Equitable Life Assurance society, has reported that Mr. Hill's employment was not improper. Mr. Hill appeared before the committee and said that he never doubted that he had the right to practice in the courts of any state or territory. An Associated Press dispatch gives some of the proceedings before the committee as follows:

"Asked as to when the subject of the Equitable retaining him as counsel first came up, Mr. Hill said:

"I first met James H. Hyde and the elder Alexander in Washington in 1889. I did not see either of them again until I was elected United States senator in 1892. Mr. Hyde came to see me then and stated that he had been informed that I was going to resume the practice of law when my time was not occupied in congress. I told him that was the fact, as I believed I would spend not more than half of my time in Washington. The result of the interview was that I accepted an offer of \$5,000 a year to become consulting counsel of the Equitable."

"Were you ever consulted by the company in relation to matters pertaining to the insurance department?"

"I never was that I can remember of."

Governor Frank S. Black, General B. F. Tracy, former Judge J. F. Dillon, Delancey Nicoll and others testified, all declaring that they had known Mr. Hill many years, that he ranked among the first men of his profession, and that the \$5,000 retainer paid him by the Equitable was a reasonable compensation.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The fifth annual picnic of The Commoner force was held upon the grounds of General J. H. Culver, near the beautiful soldiers' home at Milford, on Saturday, May 19. The force, numbering nearly fifty, together with relatives, met at The Commoner office in the morning and proceeded to the Burlington depot, where a special train of two cars was in waiting. The run to Milford, twenty-two miles, was made in good time. On arrival at the picnic grounds everybody started in for a good time. The famous mineral springs were visited and the waters tested. At noon—or just a trifle before—dinner was spread on the blue grass beneath the trees, and for an

hour everybody was busy. As soon after dinner as possible the annual ball game began, C. W. Bryan managing one team and R. L. Metcalfe the other. The excitement was intense, and the exhibition of ball playing worth going miles to see. The wrangling over the umpire's decisions was one of the features of the game. The team captained by Mr. Metcalfe won by a score of 4 to 3, five innings being played. The winning battery was composed of W. B. Metcalfe and Linn Fitch; the losing battery was composed of Silas Bryan and Leland Emmert. The running of C. W. Bryan and Mrs. Maupin and the frantic but futile efforts of Messrs. Metcalfe, Maupin, Walters and Farris to hit the ball brought out loud applause. After the game the party visited the soldiers' home and all were loud in their praises of the conditions existing there. Everything was found spotlessly clean, commodious and well furnished, and the hospital arrangements exceptionally fine. Features of the visit were the phonograph concert by a veteran and the thrilling "shoot" down the sliding fire escape by a number of The Commoner's young ladies. The day was perfect, and the only regret was at the enforced absence of W. J. Bryan, whose presence had heretofore been enjoyed. The return trip began at 5 p. m., and by 6:30 all were at home.

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