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MR. R. A. CHAIG, formerly in charge of the advertising department of the Chicago Times, has purchased a controlling interest in the Omaha Herald, and taken charge.

KANSAS gave a republican plurality of over 80,000, and gave the Prohibition ticket 6,779 votes. And yet Kansas is more of a prohibitory state than any other in the Union.

The editor of the Montgomery (Ala.) Dispatch has got it bad. Commenting on the election he says: "The curse, however, seems to us in, behind us lies the ghastly record of ten years of horror. Before us stretches the dilating vista of alarm."

KNOWLEDGE of books and works of art well-trained intellect and judgment, grace of expression in conversation and writing, sweet reasonableness of life, calm moderation and gentle enthusiasm—these are the aptitudes for life which a liberal education should develop.

The Atlanta Constitution pokes the Democratic ribs with a sharp stick in the following note: "By the way, what was it Mr. Tilden said should be done with the rebels? Didn't he mention something about coast fortifications? However, compared with some of the modern leaders, Mr. Tilden wasn't much of a Democrat."

Our sister republic, Mexico, is just now celebrating with feasts and built fights and sports dear to the Mexican heart, the inauguration of President Diaz. The liberal ruler of Mexico began his third term on December 1, and carries with him the best wishes of the people of the United States for four years of progress and prosperity.

The resolution of the Oklahoma settlers to throw up their claims and abandon the territory, was the most sensible policy that could have been adopted. Congress has the question of opening the territory to settlers under consideration, and all the blow and bluster of the boomers to coerce congress into doing impossible and unlawful acts only injured their cause.

GENERAL PALMER calls the republican members of the Grand Army of the Republic "professional soldiers." This coming from a man who resigned his commission in the army because he did not like the orders issued by his superiors, and who withdrew from the G. A. R. because he could not control the votes of its members, will have but little effect on thinking people. General Palmer should not forget that the bullets of the "professional soldiers" had much to do with suppressing the rebellion.

POLITICAL campaigns in this country have a way of adding new words to the American, if not to the English dictionary. To go back only a single presidential term, no future treasure-house of American-English words will be complete without the "Mugwump" of 1884. And it will be a marvel, indeed, if the purchasable vote be not hereafter known of all men as a "bribe." The word is a most convenient one to designate that class of citizens whose existence is a greater danger to the American state than the presence here of any number of alien anarchists.

GENERAL HARRISON is not talking; he is wisely waiting, and, as we believe, studying the situation. Some of the states that have been prepared for him must amuse him, especially when he remembers who are the slave-makers; but he will find in the newspaper gossip, speculation and discussion food for careful thought, nevertheless. This volunteer cabinet-making is, therefore, not only a harmless, but a useful amusement, and before March next the people of the country will at least know a great deal more about some prominent public men than they now do, and General Harrison will also know what the people think of them.

The last craze among traveling men, according to one of their guild, is to present their card, on the reverse of which is printed the following: "He kind to the traveling man. He has a father, perhaps, and a mother, who knew him in his innocent youth. Perhaps, even now in some distant village fond hearts are beating for him, and sweet lips breathe love's dearest prayers for his welfare. Therefore lay him down tenderly; fold his hands peacefully over his breast; close his eyes gently as you put him to rest under the branches of the weeping willow, where the birds carol all through the summer days their softest songs; but plant him deep, plant him deep!"

The government directors of the Union Pacific railroad have just made their report to the secretary of the interior. The road-bed was found to be in excellent condition. The service was good, the champagne better, and the attention received superb. As for the little debt of fifty-three millions to Uncle Sam, it was better, as any direct government directors, for the United States to lose every dollar of its debt and execute a release to the company than to insist on prompt payment from the Union Pacific when the mortgage becomes due. The only way to pay this debt is to saddle it on the patrons of the road, and let them sweat under the burden for three more generations.—Bee

A WONDERFUL amount of energy and wealth is being gathered for the purpose of making the inauguration of Harrison next March surpass anything previous in the history of the nation. It is a fact that ever was seen before. It were wished that somebody had the power to squelch all this inauguration humbug including the procession and the ball, but as this is a free country, The Journal supposes that such a prayer will not be answered. The large class that delights in making a spectacle of itself thinking itself beautiful in gilt and feathers, and the large class that loves to see the spectacular people in gilt and feathers, will doubtless prove too strong for the Jeffersonian simplicity of the philosophers, and will carry their point from year to year until an inauguration procession will be several days in "passing a good point," and the District of Columbia will have to be enlarged to give all the dancers at the ball room in which to disport themselves.—Journal

It seems that natural gas, as a constant fuel supply, cannot be relied upon. Pittsburgh complains that the gas supply is being exhausted, and the price of natural gas has recently been raised twenty consumers. In Indianapolis and Findlay, O., the supply is so irregular that it is often difficult to meet the demands required by manufacturing establishments. Experiments are being made for the use of gas manufactured from coal, and manufacturers are obliged to use that substitute in their plants in the natural gas region. The prospects are that coal and petroleum must be depended upon for fuel. The success which has attended the use of crude petroleum, especially in Chicago, augurs well for the extension of pipe lines to other manufacturing cities. In time the cities of Nebraska and Kansas will have a decided advantage in the matter of cheap fuel over the cities of the east. The inexhaustible petroleum beds of Wyoming and Colorado will one day be a natural reservoir, from whence crude petroleum for fuel will be forced through pipe lines to the Missouri river.

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