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### A KICK FROM KANSAS.

We have received the following communication from a gentleman in Gridley, Kansas, who is, as we learn from his letter head, a dealer in drugs and medicines, perfumes, notions and druggists' sundries. We hope he has not seriously depleted his stock of notions in writing us. He says:

"You will please discontinue The Conservative as the more I read it the Mader I get. I don't like your argument at all. I voted for Bryan twice and would like to vote for him again and would if I get a chance. Our prosperity is not holding out, as we had a failure in crops this year. Times is very hard the farmers hasn't any money they are commencing to mortgage their farms and buying their Groceries on credit. their cattle and Hogs isnt worth anything unless they are fat and they cant afford to fatten them at the price of corn as every Hog they sell looses them money.

"We did think that the Teddie Sitem would work all rite but he has weakened to some exent we see by his late message.

"To be plain with you we wish to inform you that you are not talking to us when you send this paper to us, therefore dont waste any more of your valuable time (If it is valuable) by send this paper to me.

Yours very resp.—

J. J. RICHARDSON."

"P. S.—It is not nessery for you to publish this unless it is your desire. We would like to have one more

chance to vote the pop.-ticket once more.

"ans soon resp.—"

We are glad to hear from Mr. Richardson, and will not add to his troubles any further by sending him more Conservatives. But we think he is going at it in the wrong way. We suggest that he read Hamlet's soliloquy and see if that puts things in any different light. Then if he still chooses to take up arms against his sea of troubles, instead of discontinuing the Conservative let him write to Teddie direct; and we have no doubt that Teddie will so amend his "sistem" as to provide either for a lower price of corn or for the fattening of hogs without that cereal.

### DAVID R. FRANCIS.

David R. Francis, as the leading spirit of the St. Louis World's Fair, will be invested with a degree of distinction which has never before come to any person in a similar position. It was Francis who pushed the scheme to the front and was instrumental in causing the people of St. Louis to take hold of it with zeal and enthusiasm, a feeling which has been followed by a great wave of municipal reform. St. Louis, a rich but apathetic community, afflicted with bad government, will blossom forth as an object lesson of civic enterprise, and all this will bring Mr. Francis into flattering prominence.

The ex-governor has been regarded for a number of years as the foremost citizen of Missouri and his connection

with the fair to celebrate the Louisiana Purchase has not developed any qualities in his character which were not known before. But his conspicuous position and the fine style in which he is filling it make him an object of renewed interest and gives force to the proposition to nominate him for president on the democratic ticket in 1904.

The direct and intelligent methods of Mr. Francis, and his notable ability to grapple with practical problems, not to speak of his polite accomplishments, ought to commend him to a political organization that has wasted two fruitless campaigns on William Jennings Bryan and his impossible theories.—Kansas City Star, Dec. 23.

### MADAM ONLY PROPER TITLE.

An organization of women in Paris has issued the following statement: "Considering that the two terms applied to women, namely, 'madam' and 'mademoiselle,' place them in a condition of obvious moral and material inferiority toward men, who are always called 'monsieur' whether married or unmarried, this society in reunion at the mayor's hall of the Eleventh Arrondissement, decides that 'madam' is the only proper designation of members of the female sex, without respect to age or civil condition."—London Spare Moments.

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