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SECRETARY FOSTER has made himself solid in Beatrice. He has advertised for a site for the new public building.

KANSAS has appropriated \$50,000 for the world's fair, which is rather small for so big a state.

The failure of the Chicago airship to navigate space brings into relief the marvelous ability of the projectors in floating \$2,000,000 of stock in the windy concern.

The reckless statement of Kansas publicly issued that from \$5,000 to \$20,000 each were offered to members to vote for Ingalls.

The president is enjoying his spring vacation on the democratic soil of Maryland. It is his way of celebrating the fact that congress has adjourned.

SPEAKER ELDER possibly imagines that he is following in the illustrious footsteps of Thomas B. Reed.

The general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk railway at Montreal says he wants to see the stars and stripes floating over every mile of his line.

THE Canadian Wiggins emerges from obscurity to prophesy dire events. Serious atmospheric disturbances are threatened.

THE whirligig of fate in the Illinois legislature has lopped again. Two of the farmer members who have been holding out for Streeter for weeks announced that they would not support him now that he can be elected.

THE house passed the Faxon bill yesterday, which requires the signatures of a majority of the legal voters in a precinct, outside of an incorporated village or town, to authorize the issue of liquor licenses.

MICHIGAN is agitated from center to circumference. The immediate cause of the trouble was the discovery that one of the board of state auditors had appropriated to his own use \$1,500 of the public funds.

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GOVERNOR BOYD'S ELIGIBILITY.

The main issue raised in the quo warranto case before the supreme court, touching the eligibility of James E. Boyd to fill the office of governor, has finally been met by the attorneys of the respondent.

While Governor Boyd does not absolutely prove that his father had taken out his final naturalization papers in 1849 when he assumed full citizenship in Ohio, he has shown conclusively that his father has exercised that elective franchise in Ohio since that date, and that he has himself voted at elections in Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska ever since he became an age.

It is, however, for the courts to determine whether a man who has thus exercised all the functions of citizenship, and never shirked any of its duties, is barred from the high office to which the people have elected him by a technical flaw in his father's naturalization.

Whatever the final decision of the supreme court may be, it is clearly manifest that Mr. Boyd has not been a citizen of Great Britain since his father swore allegiance to the United States in 1849. And it is fully established that Mr. Boyd has been a citizen of Nebraska since 1888, when he was elected to its territorial legislature.

The democratic organs are finding a fruitful subject of criticism in the liberal appropriations made by the last congress, and it need hardly be said that they are freely exaggerating the facts.

It is true that the appropriations of the last congress were on a generous scale and largely exceeded those of the preceding congress, but unless it shall be shown that they are wasteful and will not contribute to the general good nothing will be gained by criticizing them.

Has there been any appropriation made for an unworthy object? The increase made by the last congress over the appropriations of the preceding congress is about \$180,000,000, of which \$28,000,000 was a deficiency to supply what ought to have been provided by the previous congress.

The appropriation for the Indian bureau were considerably increased, but this was necessary to pay for lands which the Indians are to relinquish.

And yet Speaker Elder ruled, in defiance of law and precedent, that the house did not possess this right. The culmination of his autocratic dictum was reached when Shrader appeared from this decision of the chair, and the speaker ruled that an appeal must be sustained by a two-thirds vote.

Doubtless by a careful process of parsing the last congress might have considerably cut down the appropriations without serious injury to the public interests.

there is every reason to expect that the results will be for the general good.

Undoubtedly the surplus will vanish, but this is a matter that ought not to call out democratic complaint or criticism.

A KANSAS REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

The report just submitted to the lower house of the Kansas legislature by a committee appointed to investigate the operation of the prohibitory liquor law was not necessary as evidence of the general failure of the law in the cities and larger towns of the state, but it is valuable as confirming the overwhelming testimony that has been supplied from equally reputable sources.

Recent events make it timely to reiterate these early pledges. When the independents were fighting for the rights of the majority in Monday's session, and seeking to increase the membership of the sitting committee for legitimate reasons, the republicans joined the democrats and left the house for the purpose of depriving it of a quorum and preventing an honest expression of opinion.

The Kansas legislative committee found that the prohibitory law is not enforced in any city of the state, and that the more vigorous the effort to enforce it the more irresponsible and debased are the men engaged in the traffic, the more deceptive the devices and secluded the places of business.

After this Kansas report, which shows that even in the capital city of the state, at the very seat of government, prohibition has completely failed, there should be an end of all controversy regarding the operation of the law in Kansas so far as the cities are concerned, and no one has ever claimed that it was not enforced in the rural districts, where it is sustained by public sentiment and where it is almost impossible to carry on an illicit traffic.

THE outlook for building operations in Omaha the present year is reasonably favorable. Despite many drawbacks, commercial and monetary, the prospect for a year of more than average activity is well founded.

THE health of the street commissioner might be materially improved if he would lend the attack on the fifth covered crossings. The public is entitled to some equivalent for the salary.

NOTHING succeeds like success. The steady decline in bank clearings throughout the country is followed by an equally marked decline in public appreciation of the weekly statement.

THE practical defeat of the Helmsstein claim jumpers marks the collapse of a conspiracy born of greed and fostered by avarice. Justice occasionally gets there with both feet.

DETECTIVES are playing quite a part in the California senatorial contest. They are keeping tabs for their employers on the purchase of legislators by rival candidates.

IF the Burlington would compel all patrons to pay their way, a snug surplus would soon supplant the deficit in the company's treasury.

THE early inauguration of public works demands the earnest and energetic attention of the council.

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