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furnishing "news" items concerning the
separated masses on the newspapers and
then refuse to bear the odium. This is
true in the dismissal of the steward at
the Topeka asylum. Men made charges
against the official and when asked to
substantiate them denied having men-
tioned the subject. So it goes through
the web of politics. The reason for this
is because they have helped to secure political
advantage. The people have a right to
fairness and truthfulness in political as
well as other matters, and some time
the partisans in all political camps will
understand that the people will have
nothing but the truth to which they are
entitled.

CASE OF MR. CAMPBELL.
L. P. Campbell, the Populist candi-
date for congress in the Seventh dis-
trict, has gone home, and he has given
out reports that he was terribly mis-
used by newspaper reporters in To-
peka; that his interviews were garbled
and he was misquoted.

Mr. Campbell may be a very worthy
gentleman, and he is an exceedingly
amiable man, but why he should try
to shift his burdens to the shoulders of
an unoffending reporter it is difficult
to understand. Mr. Campbell called at
the State Journal office and was pleas-
antly received and welcomed. In reply
to a question concerning the Seventh
district he at once delivered an oration
bristling with vehement eloquence and
fairly annihilated the men who had
nominated the Democratic candidate in
the Seventh district.

NEGRO BOSSES IN POLITICS.
Every right minded person in Shaw-
nee county deprecates the political in-
fluence of men like Nick Chiles and
Crook Wright who have made Shaw-
nee county politics the laughing stock of
the state. The influence of these men over
the negro vote in Shawnee county, espe-
cially in Topeka which controls the
county, is acknowledged by every local
politician. There is hardly a politician
aspirant in this city who does not cater
to this element because they know that
to oppose it means defeat. Topeka needs
a reform movement among its negro
politicians. Wright is at present charged
with highway robbery and by the grace
of Mr. Jetmore his trial was postponed
until after the election and is out on bail.

TRAIL OF THE PARTISAN.
In the heat of the contest between the
fractions of the Republican party each
faction charges the perpetration of an
infringement by the way of election
recognition by their favorite for United States
senator. Jealousies arise and it is easy
to develop the system of claiming anything
which tends to advance the interests of
the candidate.

SCHOOL HEATING PLANTS.
The board of education has struggled
for the past year with the question of
heating plants in the school buildings.
During the year a steam plant was
put in for the two buildings at Clay
school and proved a failure. A steam
plant for the new Branner school failed
to properly heat the building. The hot
air plant at the High school has been
finally condemned and will be rebuilt
before the coming winter. Each of the
three plants was put in by contract
after competitive bids had been called
for. The plans and specifications were
to be followed and the contractor in
each case agreed that the heating
plants would be up to requirements.

nothing to show for it at the end of six
years.
The plant at Clay school was built
according to the specifications. The
firm that received the contract com-
plained to the board that if the plans
were followed the plant would not heat
the building. The architect said it
would. The plans were followed. The
plant was pronounced by the architect
to be up to the specifications and it was
accepted and paid for. The first day
the thermometer went down a few de-
grees the building was cold.
The plant was a botched up job. The
plant at the new Branner building was
put in, pronounced all right by those
in charge of the construction and was
accepted and paid for, but when a cold
wave came the same cry was made as
at Clay that the building was cold.
The law requires that when over \$200

THE MUMMY TO THE BRIDE



(By J. G. Waters.)

Your hair is gold, oh, maiden fair,
And sweet your face to see.
Your brow unweaved with passing care,
Save as you pity me.

You smile, as well becomes a bride,
And linger, gazing here;
My sightless eyes are opened wide,
Unmoved by love or fear.

And love, though older than the Nile,
Remains forever young;
Before you pyramidal pile,
Or Memnon's song was sung,

Before old Karnak's stones were laid,
Or Luxor's arches sprang,
Before the Sphinx had cast a shade,
Or Thebes its hammers rang,

Were plighted vows and love lit souls
That made the waste bloom;
To be, at last, as time unrolls,
But ashes in a tomb.

By ancient shrines and templed ways
That lie in ruins now,
They filleted my braids with bays,
And there God heard my vow.

A golden serpent twined my arm,
A bee in amber set
And hooped with gold, a household charm—
Nor death makes me forget.

The songs, the dance, my robes and crown,
Yet thrill my finger tips;
The kingly kiss as he bent down
Still burns upon my lips.

The barges on the stream at night,
The music's rise and fall,
The cadenced oars, the flame of light,
The lotus blooms and all.

Four thousand years ago and more
The king made me his bride;
But why repeat the story o'er—
We lived, we loved, we died.

My shriveled lips are parched and dry,
My baubles brown with rust,
A withered heart, a sightless eye,
For centuries are dust.

I break the seals to say the word
With fitful, failing breath,
That love which once the heart has stirred,
Is mightier than death.

And you may weep or smile, my dear,
Here by the river's flow,
As you love now, the mummy here
Loved age on age ago!

is to be expended that the board must
contract the work. Competitive bids
are called for. The bidders cut to the
last cent in order to get the job. It is
certain that in this manner money is
saved on the original price, but experi-
ence, with the board of education at
least, shows that in the end it is the
most expensive way of doing business.
If the board intends to do much more
building it would pay to employ an in-
spector of buildings who understands
what is expected of him. In the past
inspectors have been employed who
knew little or nothing about the work.
A competent inspector at a large salary
would save the tax-payers money if
he acted conscientiously in his work.
The board should take steps to insure
better work for the city. The best of
work is paid for and the best should be
done.

THE SHIRT WAIST MAN.
The daily papers in the east have
started an agitation in favor of the shirt
waist man. A great deal has been heard
during the past several years about the
shirt waist girl, and she is a vision of
comfort and loveliness, but the shirt
waist man has been unknown. He might
have been found on the farms and in ev-
ery field in Kansas, but nobody has given
him any attention and when he invaded
the city and attempted to enter hotels or
restaurants or other public places, he
was politely informed that he was not
needed unless he would procure some ad-
ditional clothing. But New York has
now placed its O. K. on the shirt waist
man, and it may be taken as assured
that he will hereafter play almost as
much of a part in the fashion plates as
his sister, the shirt waist girl.

SUPPRESS THE "MASHER."
One of the reforms that is badly needed
in Topeka, is the elimination of the
so-called masher. That is, the "gentle-
man" masher who stands on populous
corners and ogles passing ladies and
makes a nuisance of himself generally.
There are several shining examples in
this city and they are not all confined to
the smooth faced young men.

POINTE PARAGRAPHS.
[From the Chicago News.]
Hearts of agree when wise heads differ.
Bad habits should be cut off in their infancy.
Better the end of a feast than the be-
ginning of a fray.

BOOK NOTES.
"Our Presidents, and How we Make
Them." By Col. A. K. Motture. Svo.
Illustrated. New York: Harper &
Brothers. \$2.

HAITLESS WOMAN IN CHURCH.
[From the New York World.]
A Hackensack minister, Rev. Mr.
Holley, roundly scolded the haitless wo-
men of his congregation on Sunday
last. He sternly quoted St. Paul's in-
junction against women appearing in
churches with bare heads. "I beg our
women members," he said, "to heed the
gospel as St. Paul has written it." Here,
of course, the pastor's tongue slipped,
for none of the gospels are written by
St. Paul.

GLOBE SIGHTS.
[From the Atchison Globe.]
We often regret that the poor singers
have so much ambition.
Nearly all the people look worn out
during the second week in August.

Some one asks what a house party is.
It is a party where the hostess has to
worry about sheets as well as table-
cloths.
One reason women enjoy company is
that when there is company at dinner,
the husbands don't grumble if the meal
doesn't suit them.

When a rain begins to fall, every house-
keeper starts up as if she were shot to
pieces for an open window or to
empty a clothesline.
Grown up people are a good deal like
the children who are beginning their an-
nual complaints "the school is beginning
too early" "the year is too long."
We have never seen a queen bow to her

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to seeming happiness one has cheerful
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