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The republican pie hunters at Jefferson City, are reported to be a ravenous set of fellows.

The Bazoo says a large majority of the pie hunters at Jefferson City, will get nothing but rabbit. The colored pie hunter don't seem to be in it even for a piece of rabbit.

The Kansas City Times is making a fight to double the police force of that city. From the number of hold ups and murders committed in that city something in the way of protection is needed.

Kansas City Times.—Democratic Missouri has over \$700,000 in her treasury. Republican Ohio, with Napoleon McKinley at the helm, has a bankrupt treasury and a deficit of nearly \$1,000,000. The facts are their own commentators.

Judge Warford, of the Jackson county criminal court, says the shortest cut in the direction of reforming criminal costs is to amend or repeal the change of the venue laws. Says the Judge these laws are of value for nothing on earth but delay.

A statement issued by the director of the mint shows the coinage executed at the mints of the United States during December to have been \$3,456,663, of which \$2,072,042 was gold, \$1,270,028 silver and \$114,593 minor coins. Of the silver coined \$250,341 was in standard dollars.

If the Missouri legislature wants to endear itself to the people of the state it should make a decisive, open and aggressive war upon the combine of insurance companies. If the companies now doing business in the state cannot do business without entering into a compact with each other to charge exorbitant rates, there should be such a freedom extended as to admit all companies doing a legitimate and reliable business. The combine should be broken. —Nevada Mail

We notice that our young friend Ed Austin, of the Record, has started a bureau of information at Jefferson City, and intends to disseminate his information of the workings of the republican legislature through the country republican press of the state. Ed's scheme has the sanction of his Uncle Filley, and on that account, if no other, will doubtless be a grand success. We take great pleasure in commending the enterprise shown in the effort, and hope Ed will get many shekels and much notoriety out of it.

Newspaper reports say Barret Scott, defaulting treasurer of Holt county, Nebraska, has been hanged by a mob. Scott had been released on bail last week and took a drive in the country with his wife, daughter and niece, and on returning home a volley of shots was fired into their carriage. Scott was slightly wounded as was also his wife and niece. Both horses were killed. The vigilantes then took charge of the party and putting the ladies out at a farm house, took Scott away and it is supposed killed him and threw his body in the river.

While we have no disposition to interfere in the workings of the republican party, we would like to make the suggestion that the republicans of Missouri get together and nominate our uncle Filley for the presidency next time. We say our uncle Filley, because as manager of the legislature we all have an interest in him. While he was simply "De Ole Man" running ward politics in St. Louis we cared nothing for him, but when the whole law making power of the state is placed in his hands then we all claim an interest, and we are opposed letting his great talents be confined by the boundary of a single state. Nominate him for president on the republican ticket, by all means, and give him other worlds to conquer.

General Philip Sidney Post, member of congress from the tenth district of Ill, died suddenly in Washington City, Sunday. He was only ill one day.

Speaker Russell of the Missouri legislature is killing a good deal of time in making up his committees. The legislature has been in session more than a week and yet no appointments have been made, and the speaker announces that it will be several days yet before he will be able to name his appointees. The object in delay is to conciliate the Filley and anti Filley factions. The people foot the bill.

The TIMES is, as an abstract proposition, opposed to imposing a tax upon any man's business or occupation, but there are times when it is necessary in order to collect revenue sufficient to run the town. The time had come in the history of Butler some time ago, when it was absolutely necessary to levy such a tax or let the town get deeper in debt all the time, without any prospect of getting out. This of course was a very short sighted policy of the board, for after it was demonstrated, beyond a doubt, that it was necessary to have more revenue, then the only course left them to raise this money should have been adopted. But then it is better late than never and we are glad that the board has taken the steps to get us out of debt and meet the legitimate expenses of the town.

With such men for leaders, as Taubeneck, Gen. Weaver, J. S. Coxy, the common well army leader, Carl Browne and Ignatious Donnelly, the populist party will never succeed. They are neither honest or competent and all are worn and hackneyed office seekers.

Hon. Allen G. Thurman, the great Ohio statesman, was eighty one years old a few days ago. To the friends who called on him to offer their congratulations, he made a few remarks. Among other things he said:

"In 1846 the Democrats were whipped worse than at the present time, but this defeat was like an earthquake. Two years ago we carried everything, and some thought we would do the same this year. But I became a little uneasy and did not advise any of my friends to bet. But we are bound to beat them, because the Democratic party is a party of free institutions. I'll be gone, perhaps, but a party founded on the principles of a free government will stand so long as that government is maintained. You have been in worse places than at present time and come out all right, and you will come out all right again."

Correct The Evil. Jefferson City Tribune.

The report of the state auditor shows that criminal costs are increasing from year to year at the rate of from \$50,000 to \$75,000 without a proportionate increase in crime. It is claimed that unnecessary delays occasion a large share of costs. A man charged with crime, if he has money enough to employ a lawyer, can rarely every be forced to trial in less than a year. In speaking of this matter one of the judges of the supreme court recently pointed out the opportunities the continuance and change of venue laws afford for killing time, and that strong feature in the practice of criminal law at the present time is to delay going to trial until the public no longer recalls the crime committed. Every continuance adds to the bill of costs. The case of Wils Howard, who was hanged in Laclede county for the murder of a deaf mute, was cited as a sample of the evils of continuances and changes of venue. There was never any question as to Howard's guilt, and yet it required two years and cost the state some \$6,000 to hang him.

At the last session of the legislature the house appointed a special committee with power to revise the criminal cost laws but the members disagreed and nothing was accomplished. Some are now urging the appointment of a legislative commission empowered to remodel the entire code and report at the 1897 session of the legislature must make the necessary changes. One plan suggested is to make every county pay its own criminal costs.

A Suggestion to the Legislatures. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The various State Legislatures now assembling have it in their power to do a great deal for the revival of business and the promotion of prosperity, not so much by the passage of new laws as by a wholesome restraint in that respect. For several years past the tendency on the part of these bodies has been to court the favor of labor organizations by legislating in an unfriendly spirit toward capital and certain forms of investment. The most of this legislation has simply served the purposes of demagoguery, without yielding and substantial advantage to the laboring classes. In fact, it has worked detrimentally to those classes in its general effects. It has discouraged enterprises in which large sums of money are so used as to provide employment and stimulate commercial and industrial activity and progress. Capital is proverbially timid, which is only to say that men of business sense are slow to invest money where the laws or other conditions are of an unfavorable nature. When such a situation exists, corporations and other large concerns adopt a conservative policy, and curtail their operations instead of extending them. They will not take the risks created by laws enacted in a spirit of hostility to their interests; or, in other words, they will not accept the hazards imposed upon them in the form of a penalty and as an arbitrary and inimical discrimination.

It is possible to give all necessary protection to the rights of labor and yet not refuse due protection to the rights of capital. The two forces are alike essential to the welfare and prosperity of society, and they are alike entitled to just and considerate treatment. Any scheme of legislation which assumes that they are either antagonistic to each other or independent of each other is false in theory and sure to be disappointing and injurious in its practical results. This has been illustrated so often and so forcibly that there is no excuse for doubt or ignorance about it. A law that causes capital to be withdrawn or withheld from active service in the channels of production and distribution is not to be justified by any kind of political or economic logic. When money lies idle because it can not be safely invested, the fact signifies that the sources of employment are lessened, and that labor is placed at a disadvantage. It is when capital is encouraged to multiply the agencies of commerce and industry, to construct factories and inaugurate new enterprises, that wages are high and the masses contented and happy. There is an abundance of hoarded money in the country at present which will be put in the way of making better times just as fast as the opportunities are presented for doing so under reasonably secure and propitious conditions. The legislature can hasten this desirable result by manifesting a disposition to give capital a fair chance, as well as labor, without discrimination against either; and it is to be hoped that they will generally pursue such a course when it is so evidently the wise and profitable one for all classes and interests.

Two "Good" Outlaws.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 3.—Bob Moore and George East, two noted desperadoes who were suspected of being implicated in the Canadian, (Tex) express robbery and the killing of Sheriff McGee, were killed by a posse in Washita County yesterday while resisting arrest.

Deputy Marshal Williams and a strong detachment of deputies had been chasing the outlaws for several days, but had not got within fighting distance until yesterday.

Although the sides were unequal, the outlaws were armed to the teeth and their natural desperateness, strengthened by the box in which the deputies had put them, made them no easy marks.

When commanded to surrender, they made a stand and began using their Winchester, and in the first volley one of the posse fell, seriously wounded by a ball in the side. The next instant, however, both outlaws lay dead, with bullets from the deputies' guns in their hearts.

TALK OF BOODLE.

Some Legislators Want to Make the Best of Two Short Years. Special to Kansas City Times.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 7.—Never before in the history of a Missouri Legislature has there been so much talk of boodle as has been associated with the present one. Possibly this talk started when a Senator, who does not live in Buchanan county, drank too much in St. Joseph one night two or three weeks ago and announced openly that he was "out for the stuff." He said the Republicans would probably not have control of the Legislature again in a life time and he for one proposed to make the best of it.

Certain it is the rail roads are expecting trouble and are laying plans to meet it. A well known Senator told The Times correspondent to-day that fully twenty bills for the "regulation of freight rates," the "regulation of passenger fares," etc., etc., had been presented to him with the request that he aid in their passage. This Senator said the most of these bills bore the flavor of the sand bag.

Men who claim to be close to Chauncey I. Filley say that he will frown upon any such proceedings during this session. The "old man" wants to go to the United States Senate and will, it is claimed, compel his henchmen to make a record that will aid in their re election and his uplifting.

But there are others who think the boss prefers a bird in the hand to a prospective seat in the Senate.

INDORSED IN CAUCUS.

Democrats Act on the Carlish Currency Bill.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The chief interest in things political to-day centered around the democratic house caucus.

The republicans hoped that the caucus would break up in a row or that so much bad temper would be engendered that it would be a hopeless effort to pass any currency bill.

The republican expectation was not realized. The democratic caucus was an orderly, thoughtful, harmonious conference and although much divergence of opinion and many conflicting ideas were represented, it was, on the whole, a good thing for the party and probably result in the passage of a bill.

There were about 150 members present. All of them did not remain until the end, but those who went away were in favor of the measure. The caucus convened at 2 o'clock and adjourned at 5 o'clock. There was much discussion, much explanation, no ill feeling, and while there was no positive agreement, the meeting was very far from being inharmonious.

In brief, the caucus agreed to pass a currency bill. It was resolved to allow one day more to general debate, and to proceed with the discussion of the measure under the



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five minutes rule during the remainder of the week and take a final vote on Saturday.

A special rule to this effect will be reported. By a vote of 81 to 59 it was agreed to pass substantially the substitute offered by Mr. Springer for the original bill. Amendments were not barred and undoubtedly efforts will be made to amend the bill during the discussion under the five minutes rule, but the caucus endorsed substantially the substitute, although there was an understanding that amendments might be offered. The meat of the whole thing of course is what the 59 members who voted against the bill in caucus will do when the measure comes before the house. There were over 50 democratic members absent, but it is understood that most of the absentees were favorable to legislation.

WHIPPED BY A MOB.

Unmasked Men in Eldorado Springs Severely Horsewhipped John Cumstead.

Eldorado Springs, Mo., Jan. 7.—John Cumstead was taken from his boarding place in this city last night by a mob of unmasked citizens and taken to a secluded spot in the suburbs of East Eldorado where he was severely horsewhipped and given a few hours to leave town under the penalty of severe punishment if here after a given time. Cumstead was the keeper of an immoral resort. He occupied a dwelling in the West end until two weeks ago, when the building was stoned, the windows shot out, the doors broken down and the furniture demolished. Cumstead is recognized here as a tough character and with corrupting the youths of the city by alluring them into the dens of sin, where they were exposed to licentiousness in all its phases.

After the shooting and stoning of two weeks ago Cumstead purchased a new supply of ammunition and removed to new quarters, where he declared he would not be molested. Since then he has been undisturbed until recently when it was learned that he had recruited his forces. This was too much for the citizens and Cumstead was called to the door of his boarding house by unknown parties and confronted with a pair of six shooters and told to throw up his hands. This he refused to do, jumping back into the house where the mob was forbidden admittance by the proprietor. It was but the work of a moment to force their way in. Cumstead was found hidden under a bed, but was drawn out by the leader of the mob with whom Cumstead began a furious struggle, in which a cook stove was broken to pieces. The leader finally silenced his victim by clubbing him with his revolver.

Much excitement prevails over the affair to-day. Cumstead swears he will be avenged, and as he is a bad character, and as the leaders of the gang were unmasked some startling developments are looked for in a few days. Cumstead is thought to be in hiding in the city seeking an opportunity to play even with his enemies.

Two More Die. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 7.—At Salvisa, Ky., Sylvester and Seymour Jordan, Will Wright and Jim Cosby had a fight last night. Cosby joined issues with Wright, taking his part.

Seymour Jordan's throat was cut from ear to ear, while Sylvester Jordan was shot in the neck. The Jordans have been terrors to the people of that section for years. The wounded men cannot live.



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