

HAS KEPT HIS WORD.

Bachelor Governor of Kansas Keeps a Campaign Promise.

New Executive Mansion Now Has a Mistress and Everybody Seems Pleased—Unique Political Romance.

When it was found last summer that the republicans of Kansas, by some inadvertence, had nominated bachelors for governor and lieutenant governor, a distinct social shock was experienced in that state, and there was a decided feeling of surprise elsewhere.

For the pride of Kansas, even more than her corn crop, is her homes and schools, and without wives and children homes and schools are manifestly impossible. Furthermore, no matter what may be the feeling in the east, in Kansas there is a widespread belief that a bachelor is only half a man, who is not doing his duty to the republic.

Hence the celibacy of the republican candidates for governor and lieutenant governor became a political issue in a way, chiefly humorous, of course, but still not without its serious aspects. Furthermore, the state had just completed a fine executive mansion, and the people were disappointed with the prospect that this should be a mere bachelor's hall.

Hence, Hon. Willis J. Bailey was moved to promise, or to at least to intimate, that if he were elected governor he would marry and cease to set a bad example of bachelorhood to the young men of Kansas and the nation.

In this connection it is deplorable to be compelled to state, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, that in the United States and Canada there were at least 1,000 women who threw themselves at Gov. Bailey's head and voluntarily expressed their desire to share the home



HON. WILLIS J. BAILEY. (Governor of Kansas, Married in Accordance with Campaign Promise.)

provided for him by the people of Kansas.

Being a gentleman, Gov. Bailey did not make this melancholy fact known, and doubtless would gladly have concealed it. But even the most discreet of secretaries will talk, and the enormous increase of obviously feminine letters arriving at the executive office could not well be hidden.

Being also a stalwart American man, Gov. Bailey did nothing with these epistles save to put them in the fire. Feeling it to be his man's privilege to ask, and not to be asked, he paid no attention to them. And in spite of the pointed remarks of newspaper humorists and of the anxiety of the people of Kansas, he went straight ahead in his own way, and did not marry until he was ready, and then married the woman strictly of his own choosing.

And being also a sensible American, he did not marry any of the women who had not shown themselves pleased with him or conscious of his existence until he attained high station. He chose a woman whom he had known for years, who had long been resident just over the Nebraska border near his own Nemaha county home. And some will think that in choosing a widow, whose experience of married life might supplement his own inexperience, he chose wisely.

At any rate, Gov. Bailey was married June 7. The executive mansion at Topeka now has a mistress. The fears of Kansas lest her governor should set a bad example of celibacy are dispelled. And in her joy over the support thus given to her cherished institutions Kansas is probably disposed to forget even her recent griefs over having too much water at the wrong time in the wrong places.

Bird Builds Nest of Lace. A Mrs. Newton, who lives in Center street, Geneseo, N. Y., put two fine lace collars out on the lawn in front of her house to dry a few days ago. When she went to get them an hour later they were gone. She was sure nobody stole them, because she was sitting beside a window at the front of the house at the time and would have seen anybody entering the yard. The next day she put another collar out and watched. A robin flew down from an apple tree near by and carried off the collar. An investigation was made and the other collars were found woven into the bird's nest in a crotch of the apple tree. There was also a small lace handkerchief in the nest. The bird that was doing the "fine-art" nest building and its mate set up a big outcry and pecked fiercely at the man in the tree when the nest was being pulled down.

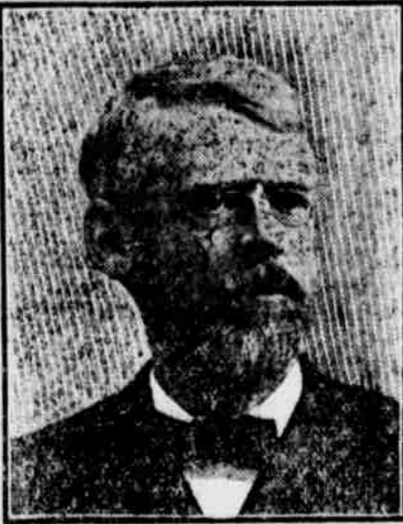
Mirrors in Street Cars. The platforms of street cars in Denver are to be supplied with mirrors, to enable the driver, without turning his head, to see the rear platform, so that he will not start while a passenger is getting on or off.

SNAPS FOR EX-SENATORS.

Many of Them Are Confined on Government Pay Roll in Other Lucrative Work.

Failure of United States senators to secure reelection need no longer have terrors for the straight party man, says the Providence Journal. The practice, which has greatly increased in recent years, of continuing on the government pay roll senators unfortunate enough to lose the confidence of their states holds out hopes for every man to whom the thought of retirement to private life is abhorrent.

The theory upon which an administration continues to avail itself of the



HON. WILLIAM E. CHANDLER. (Chairman of the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission.)

services of the men whose states have decided to supplant them is sound enough. Service in the senate often develops the usefulness of a man to his country as well as to his party, and vacancies in other branches of the public service are often best filled by men with at least six years' experience in the upper house of congress. But the practice is susceptible of abuses, and it is at times indulged in at the expense of able men for no better reason than a willingness to take care of men who have outlived their usefulness and would better be suffered to retire to the private life to which they had been relegated.

There are at present ten ex-senators filling prominent government positions and at least two ex-representatives, John M. Allen, of Mississippi, who is a member of the United States commission to the St. Louis fair, and Peter Morris, of Minnesota, one of the sugar-beet leaders, who has been recently translated to the federal district bench. Of the former senators, William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, is chairman of the Spanish treaty claims commission; Thurston, of Nebraska; Carter, of Montana; McBride, of Oregon, republicans; and Lindsay, of Kentucky, a democrat, are members of the St. Louis fair commission. Pasco, of Florida, a democrat, is a member of the old isthmian canal commission. Gray, of Delaware, is a Delaware judge, who also served on the anthracite coal strike commission. Pritchard, of North Carolina, has been appointed on the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and ex-Senator Turner, of Washington, a populist, has been selected, with Senator Lodge and Secretary Root, to represent the United States on the Alaskan boundary commission. Ex-Senator White, of Louisiana, has since February, 1894, been an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States. Still another candidate for such preferment is ex-Senator Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic national committee, whose political career is ended, but who, it is generally understood, will be taken care of by republican friends by appointment on the new canal commission which must shortly be organized.

PAMPERED PET DOGS.

Parisian Ladies Clothe Them in Motor Costumes When They Take Them Automobiling.

The pampered pet dogs of Paris are not now considered strictly fashionable unless they wear motor costumes



DOG IN MOTOR COSTUME. (A Parisian Fad Which is Unique, Even if it is Silly.)

when accompanying their owners out riding. Therefore, when Edo accompanies his mistress out motoring he is as carefully protected from wind, dust and weather as she is herself, particularly clever and natty being what, for want of a better name, one must call his motoring goggles. Pet dogs are often very delicate, and motoring must prove anything but a pleasure to many of them, the more so that canine eyes are quite as sensitive as those of ordinary human beings.

Be Careful.

In finding fault, it is very easy to be untruthful and unfair.—Acheson Globe.

IS WELL ORGANIZED.

New Department of Commerce Run on Business Principles.

Important Transfers to Take Place July 1 — Secretary Cortelyou Plans to Consolidate Two Disbursing Offices.

On the 1st of July the bureau of foreign commerce of the department of state, which has charge of the collection, publication and distribution of the commercial reports of consular officers, will be transferred to the department of commerce and labor, and consolidated with the bureau of statistics, which is to be transferred from the treasury to the new department. The collection of the reports will be made through the consular officers, under the direction of the secretary of state, through whom the reports will be transmitted to the secretary of commerce and labor. The two departments are expected to work in harmonious cooperation, as the functions of each are clearly defined and there is full agreement between them. Mr. James C. Monaghan, who has been chosen by Secretary Cortelyou to edit the reports under the supervision of Mr. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics, is a professor in the commercial department of the University of Wisconsin, and was consul at Mannheim, Germany, from July 17, 1885, to March 24, 1890, and at the important industrial center of Saxony—Chemnitz—from May 5, 1893, to March 31, 1900, so that he has had exceptional experience in consular work. While consul at Chemnitz he was a frequent contributor to consular reports on a great variety of subjects, and wrote a valuable series of articles on the technical and trade schools of Germany.

Mr. Frederic Emory, who, since April, 1894, has had charge of this and other branches of the work as chief of the bureau of foreign commerce (known until July 1, 1897, as the bureau of statistics), will remain in



GEORGE B. CORTELYOU. (Head of Department of Commerce, Now Ready for Work.)

the state department as chief of the new bureau of that department to be created July 1, under section 11 of the department of commerce act, which provides that a person shall be designated by the secretary of state "to formulate, under his direction, for the instruction of consular officers, the requests of the secretary of commerce and labor; and to prepare from the dispatches of consular officers, for transmission to the secretary of commerce and labor, such information as pertains to the work of the department of commerce and labor." Besides these functions the new bureau of the state department, which is to be known as the bureau of trade relations, will have other duties, such as the collection and transmission of consular reports on special subjects, other than commercial, for various branches of the government service, and the compiling of information for the use of the department of state in the consideration of questions arising in our foreign intercourse.

Secretary Cortelyou has determined to consolidate the office of disbursing clerk, department of labor, with the disbursing office of the department of commerce and labor from July 1 next, when the department of labor will become a bureau of the new department. This course will simplify the work of accounting to the officers of the treasury, as the disbursements on account of the department of labor will be included in the accounts of the disbursing office of the department of commerce and labor, going away with one set of accounts in the secretary's office, the auditor's office, the treasury in Washington and the subtreasury in New York. The services of the disbursing clerk of the department of labor will be required in connection with the examination of the vouchers for expenditures in the department, before they are sent to the secretary's office for audit and payment.

The commission of statistical work recently appointed by Secretary Cortelyou has unanimously recommended that the statistics of cities of 30,000 population and over, authorized to be collected by the department of labor under the act of congress approved July 1, 1898, be transferred to the census office as early after July 1 next as possible.

Secretary Cortelyou has approved this recommendation and has announced his intention to issue an order in accordance therewith on or about the 1st of July.

Expert Medical Opinion.

An eminent physician declares that no young person should be permitted to drink tea or coffee until he or she has attained the age of 18 years. In the young those beverages unduly excite the nervous system, and have an injurious effect upon the digestive organs.

PROF. BELL RESIGNS.

Leaves National Geographic Society to Devote Himself to Perfection of Airships.

Prof. Alexander Graham Bell has resigned the presidency of the National Geographic Society of Washington to take effect upon the election of his successor next fall. He has been president of the society since the death of his father-in-law, Gardiner G. Hubbard, the founder and first president of the society.

Prof. Bell has been greatly interested in the progress of the society, which now numbers many members in every state of the union. One of the most delightful features in the society's work has been the meetings of the board of



ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL. (Scientist Who Will Devote His Life to Study of Aeronautics.)

managers at the residence of the president, where they had talked over the geographic work to be done and the participation which the society should take in it.

A beautiful home for the society is now approaching completion in Washington. It was built by Mrs. Hubbard, Prof. Bell and his family, and is a memorial to Mr. Hubbard, whose devoted labors in behalf of the society started it on its prosperous career.

While Prof. Bell is much interested in geographic progress, this branch of study has not been included in his special scientific researches, and it is his desire that a geographic specialist be placed at the head of the society. He intends to devote much of his time to the study of aerial navigation, and will continue his experiments with the kite-flying machine he has invented at his summer home in New England during the coming months.

DECIDED TO GET RICH.

Senator Elkins' Financial Success the Result of a Determination Formed Years Ago.

Senator Stephen B. Elkins, who recently made \$50,000,000 in a Wall street operation, and who is one of the wealthiest men in the United States senate, nearly paid the penalty of his life when a young man for the crime of poverty. It was during the bushwacking period at the close of the overran Missouri and the southwestern states in the guise of soldiers, Elkins, says the Chicago Journal, was then operating a carbine and horse in that vicinity in a purely legitimate manner, and one day was captured by a plundering gang. He held up his hands and was searched, but proved to have but 50 cents. This flagrant lack of money very properly angered the captors, and they moved, seconded,



HON. STEPHEN B. ELKINS. (West Virginia Senator Who Decided to Get Rich Years Ago.)

and unanimously voted that the prisoner should be shot. The sentiments of Mr. Elkins were not consulted, but in order to make the game amusing it was agreed that he be given a little start in order that the gang should have some target practice. As a moving target Elkins proved a success. Throwing himself flat along his horse he dug his spurs into the beast's ribs and listened to the bullets sing above his head. It was in that moment he fully realized the dangers of poverty, and resolved, if he got out with his life to devote the rest of it to getting the best of Wall street. He has done so ever since.

An Ancient Claim Settled.

Mrs. George A. Graves, of Ogden, Utah, has just received a check from the United States government for \$250 in settlement of a claim that had been pending 105 years. The claim was for the capture and destruction by the French, about the year 1798, of a schooner belonging to Capt. Robert A. Patten, of Gardiner, Me. The claim was for \$1,860, and there are seven heirs.

Man is Full of Microbes.

Scientists are becoming familiar with microbes. They say the human body is full of them, and that when they are healthy and lively the human body is in good condition. When the microbes become ill or lazy, the human body is similarly affected.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring a product box with '900 DROPS CASTORIA' and a testimonial from 'Dr. H. H. Fletcher'.

Advertisement for Alexander Brothers & Co., listing products like Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes, Confectionery and Nuts.

Advertisement for W. H. Brower's Carpets, Matting, and Oil Cloth, located at 2 Doors above Court House.

Advertisement for 'THE MARKETS' listing various goods and prices, including Butter, Eggs, Lard, etc.

Advertisement for Tailor-Made Suits by N. S. Tingley, located at the agency for Reinach, Ullman & Co.