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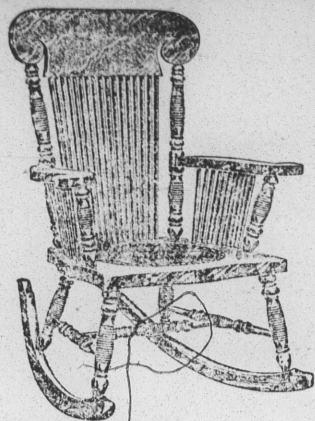
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How They Argue Politics in Kansas.

Out in Kansas they use strong language when they argue politics, as the following, clipped from the Wathena (Kan.) Star, is ample evidence:
"The warmest discussion we had had for some time was with a fellow, the other day, who complained that 'God Almighty, Jesus Christ and Heaven itself seemed to be with Bill McKinley and the Republican party.' He added that he had no use for any of them, and that none of them suited him. This argument rather stunned us, and the only answer we could make him was to just stick to the devil, Bryan and calamity, and go to hell."

What the Convention Will Face.

The speeches of Mr. Wannamaker go ununsung. His severe but just arraignment of the methods which have led to so much abuse both of the party and the State, which have debauched legislation, misused the party name and organization, and brought about humiliating scandals, is met in silence by those who are responsible for these abuses and who alone could be interested in making reply.

The issue will have to be met face to face at the Republican State convention a little more than a month hence. The nomination for Governor then made will determine whether the party is to endorse and continue those methods, with a promise of worse to come, or whether it shall repudiate all that is discreditable and dishonoring to the party and the State and enter upon the campaign with a candidate whose party relations and associates are such as to command popular confidence and be an assurance that the future will not be a matter of boss dictation and machine misrule. The scandalous record of the last Legislature with its trail of treasury raids, private jobs, padded pay rolls, and mock investigations, taken with the menace of the return of these evils, is alone sufficient to force the question to consideration. There is an undeniable feeling among the people which makes the action of the convention, whatever it may be, of very great concern.

The personal character of Congressman William A. Stone, of Allegheny, as a candidate for Governor, is not under consideration. He is not assailed personally any more than was General Beaver when he was nominated and subsequently defeated in 1882. But the conditions arousing the people to-day are much more aggravated than were those of sixteen years ago, and the issue has been made in advance of the convention so that, unlike 1882, it can be determined by the convention of the party and within the party. Mr. Stone of Allegheny, whatever the denials, represents that party machine which is accountable for all that is complained of. His managers, at the head of whom is William H. Andrews of Delewater distinction, are the ones who are responsible for the shameful record of the Legislature, and whose methods in politics are an assurance of a continuation of all that is objectionable, should they instead of the people control. The nomination of Mr. Stone of Allegheny would be of itself an indorsement of these methods and commit the party to an approval of the Legislative record, which was the result of them. That fact, which cannot be avoided, makes the acceptance of Mr. Stone impossible.

The opposition to this is not merely Mr. Wannamaker's candidacy, but the cause of the people and the party. Mr. Wannamaker is not seeking his own nomination for Governor. He is, however, demanding in the name of the people who are not concerned in Legislative jobbery that someone shall be nominated who represents the party and not the machine jobbers, and whose election would be an assurance that the best interests of the party and the State would be subserved throughout his administration; that jobbery and Treasury raids would no longer be possible to bring discredit to the Republican name. The nomination of any one of several candidates who are not the immediate choice and representatives of machine purposes would be accepted as accomplishing this result. Mr. Wannamaker's canvass has made all this plainly understood. It is a declaration that the Republican party in the State must no longer be used in private interest and made responsible for the most scandalous jobbery.

The coming State convention must determine which course the party shall take. It is a question of the gravest importance and outweighs every individual consideration. The convention cannot escape the issue, and upon its action will depend party success. It will be easy to invite disaster; it will be wiser to assure success.

Effect of the War Upon Coal.

Seward's Coal Trade Journal.
"Bituminous shippers are expecting to be benefited by the Government purchasers, but in this we think they will be disappointed. While the Government will purchase liberally, the coal will be largely for vessels formerly in commercial use, and so a less quantity, rather than a greater, will be needed, because of their change of ownership. The St. Louis, for instance, leisurely cruising off Nantucket, to get the first glimpse of a Spanish fleet approaching this coast, will not burn one-tenth the

coal daily required when tearing across to Southampton at race-horse speed. The naval vessels will burn more coal than usual, but on the whole we think the war will have the effect of curtailing the demand for bituminous coal, for the loss of export trade will offset the increased demand of certain factories. Unlike some other contractors, the coal men will support the Government from patriotic motives.

The war has an interest for coal men aside from the matter of transportation and contracts. Coal is plainly seen to be of vital importance to the naval combatants, and all report with pride the fact that Spain produces less than 2,000,000 tons per annum, and will find it difficult to add to the present stock, while the United States produces more than that amount each week, of soft coal alone, and has enormous stocks on hand at all shipping ports. Coal is the king of trumps and Uncle Sam holds it, together with joker, right and left bowlers and ace."

A Marvelous Victory.

It is only after hearing the particulars of the great battle at Manila that the full importance of it can be realized. An American fleet of six vessels surprised the enemy, destroyed a fleet twice its size, silenced a number of land batteries while the action was in progress, inflicted a loss of 1,000 or more on the enemy, and suffered nothing but slight wounds to half a dozen men in return. Not a ship of the American navy was harmed. Had it been a naval victory without the destruction of the fortifications it would have made its participants famous. Had it been a triumph over the enemy on shore alone, without the destruction of their ships, it would have been a glorious achievement. But it was one of the greatest triumphs on both land and sea that history records.

Aside from its importance as a mere naval engagement, the results of the victory are unparalleled. Spain at one swoop loses fully a third of her population. The United States acquires a possession three times as populous as the colonies that were won from Great Britain by the Revolution, which lasted eight years. From having no foreign dependencies the United States becomes the proprietor of one of the most important colonies in the world. The population of the Philippines far exceeds that of the British colonies of Australia. The territory is greater than that of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire combined, those seven of the original 13 colonies. Moreover, it puts the United States into a new place among nations. It is doubtful, when the full significance of the victory is discovered, if it is not the most important of modern times, if not in the history of the world, for it shapes affairs that concern people in a progressive age.

An English Opinion.

London Truth.
All colonies have a right to become independent of the mother country if they so please, but never had any colony a better ground for adopting this course than Cuba. The attempt of Spain to maintain her sway in that island has been characterized by hideous atrocities, and the civil war has been encouraged by the persons sent from Spain to end it, in order that they may make money.
Cuba is almost ruined; its people are starving. The end of the war is as far off, as far as Spain is concerned, as it ever was. Under these circumstances, the determination of the United States to secure to Cuba her independence is worthy of all praise.
The Spaniards are a strange nation. Individually, they are men of exceptionally high honor. But they have been so misgoverned that no public man loses favor if he robs the government. Cuba is an annual drain on Spain, but it has been a mine of gold for Spanish officials.

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Mercantile Appraisal
—OF—
Dealers in Merchandise
In Somerset County, Pa., for 1898.

Take notice that in pursuance of several acts of assembly of the Commonwealth to provide revenue to meet the demands upon the treasury and other purposes, the undersigned appraiser of mercantile taxes for said county has prepared a list of the trades of said county and has placed each in that class which to him appears right and proper, to-wit:

Name	Class	Am't
ADDISON.		
Dean, H.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Dean & Brother, H. L.	"	7 00
Farm's & Lumber Co.	"	7 00
Liston, Jesse	"	7 00
Nielow, E. D.	"	7 00
Ross, Robt. E.	"	7 00
Strawn, F. P.	"	7 00
ALLEGHENY.		
Frazier, C. W.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
BERLIN.		
Bowman, B. J.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Cook & Co., C. F.	"	12 50
Collins, F. B.	"	12 50
Libert, G. W.	"	12 50
Photo & Engraving	"	12 50
Groff, Fred.	"	12 50
Holley, R. C.	"	12 50
Harrison & Co., A. K.	"	7 00
Krisinger & Co., C. W.	"	15 00
Nowig, Paul G.	"	14 00
Reich, C. E.	"	12 00
Philson, J. A. & W. F.	"	13 00
Philson & Co., S. W.	Bankers	30 00
Walker, G. K.	Retailer	10 00
BENSON.		
Cassler, A. E.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Harmon, M. L.	"	12 50
Heisel, Louis	"	7 00
BLACK.		
Husband, A. D.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Wilstrout, J. S.	"	7 00
BROTHERS VALLEY.		
Bechtler, Ira	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Gumbert, Henry	"	7 00
Rayman, U. F.	"	7 00
CONEMAUGH.		
Hershbarger, Jacob	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Menser, Thornton	"	7 00
Reich, Henry	"	7 00
Wenver, D. R.	"	7 00
CASSLEMAN.		
Shultz & Co., W. H.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Weimer, L. L.	"	7 00
CONFLUENCE.		
Anderson, Wm.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Bird & Bird	"	7 00
Black Sons Co., A. G.	"	10 00
Bond, A. W.	"	7 00
Bowman & Hall	"	7 00
Ross & Bro., A. M.	"	7 00
Cunningham, G. E.	"	7 00
Davis, L. E.	"	7 00
Madison, B. K.	Billiards	40 00
Dean, T. B.	Retailer	7 00
Groff, A. T.	"	15 00
Hibbitt, J. H.	"	7 00
Kurtz, J. H.	"	7 00
Mountain & Son, W. S.	"	7 00
McNitt, J. E.	"	4 00
Reich, H. W.	"	10 00
Parnell, J. B.	"	7 00
Tennhill, M.	"	7 00
Tissie, H. B.	Public Hall	30 00
ELK LICK.		
Bender, F. W.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Kerch, J. A.	"	7 00
Martin, M. A.	"	7 00
Maist & Bronswater	"	10 00
Matlock, D. K.	"	7 00
Thomas, R. F.	"	7 00
FAIR HOPE.		
Dom, L. C.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Hobbitzel & Son, J. J.	"	10 00
Troutman, P. H.	"	7 00
GREENVILLE.		
Krisinger, Geo.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Yutzy, A. G.	"	7 00
HOOVERSVILLE.		
Blough, P. J.	Retailer	\$ 15 00
Geisel, S. P.	"	12 00
JEFFERSON.		
Bennett, J. W.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Knepper, M. M.	"	7 00
Miller, Jas. C.	"	10 00
JENNER.		
Douglas, Fred.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Fluck, S. W.	"	7 00
Hoffman & Son, Inc.	"	12 50
O'Connor, John A.	"	7 00
Reich, John A.	"	7 00
Roy, Minnie K.	"	7 00
JENNER BOR.		
Griffith, J. J.	Retailer	\$ 10 00
LOWER TURKEYFOOT.		
Colborn, A. J.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Nelsonberg, W. S.	"	7 00
LINCOLN.		
Gary, J. W.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Speth, Wm. E.	"	12 50
Weimer, M. J.	"	12 50
LARIMER.		
Beal, Mrs. A. O.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Glottidy, Geo.	"	7 00
Suder, Mrs. P. W.	"	7 00
MIDDLECREEK.		
Braugh, A. N.	Retailer	\$ 10 00
Barron, N. B.	"	7 00
Moore, C. B.	"	10 00
MILFORD.		
Schrock Bros.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
MEYERSDALE.		
Appel & Co., Wm.	Retailer	\$ 25 00
Cook, Wm. E.	"	10 00
Dim & Son, P. J.	"	15 00
Citizens Bank	Bankers	50 00
Dim & Co., C. H.	Retailer	7 00
Dixey, H. J.	"	7 00
Beal, E. H.	"	7 00
Ebbicka, H. J.	"	7 00
Kichmor	"	7 00
Farmers Bank	Bankers	30 00
Fio, A. D.	Retailer	7 00
Glessner, H. W. Co.	"	10 00
Leonard & Fike	"	14 00
Geiger, H. B.	"	7 00
Hady, Michael	"	7 00
Hering, Garrett	"	7 00
Hartley, S. C.	"	20 00
Hocking, Bro.	"	15 00
Leonard & Fike	"	12 50
Livengood, S. D.	"	11 00
Meyersdale Supply Co.	"	15 00
Reich, G. Collins	"	25 00
Meyers, M. E.	Billiards	50 00
Morgan, B. D.	Retailer	7 00
Philler, J. H.	"	9 00
Phitt, M. E.	"	7 00
Phitt, Chas.	Eating House	8 00
Rutter & Will	"	10 00
Reich & Sop. R.	Retailer	7 00
Peoples Store	"	7 00
Shibles Hardware Co.	"	20 00
Shibles, Wm. J.	Opera House	50 00
The Beachley Co.	Retailer	7 00
Thomas & Bro., F. B.	"	7 00
NEW BALTIMORE.		
Gardill & Co., J. J.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Topper, John M.	"	10 00
NEW CENTERVILLE.		
Boucher, H. S.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Dull & Co.	"	7 00
Hamilton & Co., H.	"	7 00
NORTHAMPTON.		
Leydig, J. D.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Miller, J. H.	"	7 00
Miller, J. H.	"	7 00
OGLE.		
Baumgardner, J. L.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
PAINT.		
Ashtola Trading Co.	Retailer	\$ 12 50
Cohen, M.	"	10 00
Eureka Sup. Co. (Lid)	"	20 00
Kirby, S. W.	"	7 00
Rummel, J. M.	"	7 00
Ream, Garrett	"	7 00
Shaffer, I. D.	"	7 00
QUEMANTONING.		
Specht, Josiah	Retailer	\$ 25 00
ROCKWOOD.		
Asb, J. & G.	Retailer	\$ 7 00

Baker, W. H. H.	"	\$ 10 00
Connelly, S. E.	"	7 00
Dull, E. K.	"	7 00
Growth, A. J.	"	7 00
Miller & Son, J. D.	"	12 50
Rockwood Feed Co.	"	12 50
Snyder, H. C.	"	13 00
Snyder, M. H.	"	7 00
Woltersberger, D. H.	"	7 00

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Barchus & Livingd.	Retailer	\$ 12 50
Barchus, J. L.	Banker	30 00
Belford & Rowe	Retailer	11 00
Glottidy, M. J.	"	7 00
Hay, P. S.	Public Hall	10 00
Hoy & Peck	"	7 00
Huselharth, C. R.	Retailer	14 00
Jeffery, J. T.	"	7 00
Lechler, Mrs. S. A.	"	13 00
Shaw, H. C.	"	7 00
Stahler, C. E.	"	20 00
Wahl, P. M.	Billiards	40 00
SHADE.		
Reitz, J. H.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
STONECREEK.		
Baltzer, C. L.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Baltzer, S. G.	"	7 00
Baltzer, Edward	"	7 00
Brant, C. A.	"	7 00
Dively, L. F.	"	7 00
Fluck & Baltzer	"	7 00
Kettler, Wilson	"	7 00
Laudis, C. F.	"	7 00
Spangler, C. D.	"	7 00
Sorber, D. W.	"	7 00
Wagner, Daniel	"	7 00
SOMERFIELD.		
Frey, Wm. A.	Retailer	\$ 7 00
Hook, T. M.	"	10 00
Jacobs, T. J.	"	7 00
SOMERSET.		
Cabel, J. M.	Retailer	\$ 10 00
Eicher, D. W.	"	7 00
Shaffer, H. E.	"	7 00
Snyder & Co., D. H.	"	10 00
Snyder & Co., C. W.	"	10 00
Schmucker, C. H.	"	7 00
Weimer, A. J.	"	12 50
SOMERSET BOR.		
Aemo Grocery	Retailer	\$ 10 00
Brehm, L. W.	Eating House	8 00
Bretford, M. C.	"	7 00
Bradler Bros.	"	7 00
Black, J. M.	"	7 00
Block & B.	"	7 00
Coffroth, E. B.	"	7 00
Coffroth, C. H.	"	7 00
Casbeer, P. L.	Public Hall	30