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OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATS.

of the Territorial Central Com-
 mittee at El Reno.
 to the Kansas City Times.
 NO, Ok., Dec. 18.—The Democratic
 central committee will meet here
 to reorganize and for the ad-
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COMMENDS LEWELLING.

Topeka Board of Police Commissioners Approve His Tramp Circular.

Special to the Kansas City Times.

TOPEKA, KAN., Dec. 18.—The Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of Topeka, appointed by Governor ~~Lea~~ has passed a resolution commending the Governor's recent utterances on the subject of the modification of the law against vagrants and have requested the Mayor and Council to abandon the practice of compelling prisoners to work out fines on the stone pile who have not committed some criminal act. The commissioners denounced the "rock pile" and "bull pen" as relics of the dark ages and declare that the product of this kind of labor has never been a source of revenue or benefit to the police department. They recommend to the City Council that if it wants rock broken it can give labor to the unemployed by hiring men at 80 cents a day. The street commissioner, who is not under control of the police department, says it is a great mistake to abolish the rock pile, and he believes it was done for political buncombe.

Jailor Woodruff says there is no longer any inducement for a man to stay out of jail.

Another thing dispensed with at the city prison is the bull pen, or cage, in the basement of the prison, in which unruly prisoners have heretofore been kept. It was a miserable place of confinement, the cage being underground, with no light or ventilation, and always overrun by rats. After the police commissioners adopted the resolution to do away with the rock pile, Chief Lindsay discharged five tramps who were being held in prison on a charge of being drunk.

It is not certain that the City Council will approve the recommendations of the police commissioners regarding the management and rules of the prison, and a conflict of authority is likely to occur when the matter comes up for consideration.

STRANGE QUESTION OF LAW.

The Court in the Coughlin Trial Confronted With a Queer Question.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 18.—Officer Isaac Robinson took the stand in the Coughlin trial today. He testified to having noticed on the night of May 7, 1889, the shutters on the Carlson cottage were closed and intact. On the night of May 12 he again noticed them and saw that one had been torn away.

The testimony given by the dentist, Dr. Lewis, at the former trial was produced. Lewis had filled Cronin's teeth and identified the body by this means. When the reading of Lewis' testimony on cross-examination was begun Attorney Wing objected. He argued that this reading of questions and answers together with the cross-examination ought not to be allowed, as it was illegal. The court was confronted with the strange question of law and confessed he had never considered it before. Assistant State Attorney Bottums' advice was asked, but as he could offer no support Judge Tuthill adjourned court and went to look up the matter.

KANSAS SUPREME COURT.

An Inmate of the Reform School Applies for Writ of Habeas Corpus.
 Special to the Kansas City Times.
 TOPEKA, KAN., Dec. 18.—Henry S. Sanders

...clamored over brought they have so persistently
 their own overthrow. There is but one
 the Republicans. For all party purposes the
 message could not have been delivered at a
 more opportune time.

In the House there is a bitter party fight on
 over the administration pension policy, and
 the tariff bill demands united party action.
 Whatever remained of the silver controversy
 to rankle in the bosom of Democrats has been
 forgotten in the essential partisanship which
 the message calls forth. Even the Republi-
 cans can not deny the strength of the pre-
 sentation of the case. They complain that it
 is more like the attempt of a lawyer to bolster
 up his case than of a message from the Pres-
 ident, but they admit that the President made
 a strong statement of facts.

Whatever there is to criticize they attribute
 to what they are pleased to term the
 weakness of his policy.

It is in the House that party enthusiasm
 runs high. The Senate is too dignified, too
 hampered with courtesy and tradition to
 give united expression to party policy. But
 in the House it is different. There were
 many Democrats who feared the President
 had acted without due deliberation. They
 had suspected and secretly supported this
 fear that he had been misled by an ex parte
 report from paramount Minister Blount.
 But the corollary evidence which came with
 the publication of ex-Minister Stevens'
 letters and the conservative policy shown in
 the instructions to Minister Willis have made
 of these doubters the most enthusiastic cham-
 pions of the administration policy.

Enthusiasm in the House.

When the message was brought to the
 House Breckinridge of Kentucky had just
 concluded the final speech in defense of the
 administration's pension policy. It was full
 of fire, rhetoric and logic. Just such a
 speech as arouses Democratic enthusiasm
 and makes men like Boutelle, Reed and Hep-
 burn look unutterable oaths. The House
 had given the orator close attention, and at
 his conclusion there was an enthusiastic ap-
 plause from both the galleries and the Demo-
 cratic side of the chamber. Before this had
 fairly subsided, the President's message was
 announced and the House seated itself to
 listen.

But the Democrats did not remain long in
 their seats. One by one they began to break
 away from their places and approach the
 reading clerk's desk. Half the Democratic
 side stood in clusters immediately in front.
 Some of the Republicans ventured to mix
 with the throng of happy Democrats, but for
 the most part they remained in their seats
 with scowls on their faces and rancor in their
 hearts.

The Democrats were not slow to appreciate
 the strong points in the message. Where the
 President so forcibly sams up the conditions
 with which Congress and the present admin-
 istration are confronted, there was hearty
 and prolonged applause. Again when it was
 so clearly shown that Minister Stevens had
 transgressed his authority and violated the
 policy and spirit of the Republic, there was a
 second outbreak.

Republicans Get Angry.

Boutelle of Maine, when the applause
 which greeted the final reading of the mes-
 sage had subsided, clearly indicated the spirit
 which prevailed in the Republican ranks. He
 attempted to secure, by threats, the reading of
 the instructions to Willis and the additional
 correspondence. He was badly worsted by
 Crisp in a parliamentary colloquy, and then,
 to show the entire good feeling which perme-
 ated the Democratic side of the chamber, not
 an objection was raised, and by unanimous
 consent what the distempered man from
 Maine had demanded as a right and failed to
 secure was accorded him through courtesy.

But the more facts unearthed the more
 restless grow the Republicans. For months
 they had been shouting for facts, and now
 they received them in a lump.
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