any general currency legislation.

The report contains some strong passages on the subject of tariff reform, in which the established policy of the Administration is set forth without equivocation, and the correctness of the tariff for revenue theory is plainly demonstrated.

From Pittsburg, where the unemployed labor question has occasioned much anxiety on account of its magnitude, comes the word that the city has undertaken the employment of those who are willing to use their hands at ten cents an hour; that 1,000 men are at work on the parks, and that all worthy applicants will be furnished with work. This is one way out of the difficulty, and other cities may follow the example of Pittsburg. There will, of course, be objections that cities should not enter the field as lowering the price of labor, and setting a precedent for the offer of such a figure as ten cents an hour. There will be, of course, those to declare that no man worthy the name will work for that price, and that he who does so is a dog and a slave. On the other hand is the "logic of the situation." Here stand thousands with idle hands facing the danger of empty stomachs, and with no prospect of employment unless they are employed by the municipalities on public work. Shall they be employed at a price the cities can give and that they are willing, under the circumstances, to take? It is better than begging; it is better than living on absolute charity. The result of the work will be the material improvement of the cities, better streets and finer boulevards and more spacious parks and safer sewers and sanitary provisions for the benefit of the entire population. The plan is worthy the consideration of every city with work to do and a large unemployed population and distress imminent. Really no precedents are necessarily established, nor are prices of labor fixed. The question is one of meeting an emergency.

The Democratic plurality in the special election for Mayor in Chicago yesterday was 1,387, as compared with 30,000 by which the city was carried for President Cleveland in 1892. This remarkable falling off raises the question as to the cause of the change, and Mr. Altgeld furnishes the explanation. It is true that partisan feeling was not as strong in the municipal contest which closed yesterday as in the Presidential canvass, but each of the leading parties had a straight candidate in the field. Mayor, and this result is by no means [illegible]. It will be remem-

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Dodge City has changed. An evangelist struck the town last week and so pleased the people that the *Globe* gave him a four column write up under a scare head.

There is a sign in the front room of a Wichita "cigar store" that reads: "No trubbel to anough godes; if you doant see what you waunt, wink the other I."

Ralph Ingalls will address the Kansas Day club. Ralph has more hair and vinegar than Ellsworth, but he can't hold a candle to Ellsworth when it comes to looks.

Emporia *Gazette*: The contrast between the present delegation from Kansas in the United States congress and the one that was there six years ago is as painful as it is wonderful.

Newton *Kansan*: Topeka talks of putting her wires under ground. There has been a number of wires laid in and about the Copeland that will be put under ground during the year 1894.

Wellington *Mail*: A Topeka lawyer who finds time hanging heavily on his hands has gone to writing novels. He may be jumping into the fire, but it can't be said he is jumping out of the fat.

"Who are these arrayed in white?" chirps an Ottawa vocalist. Without investigating closely it is safe to assume that they are looking for the "shaker" to the base burner, who ever they may be.

Clarence Finch, who used to work on the Lawrence *Journal*, is now such a magnate in Cripple Creek, Col., that he wears a bomb proof mail and has a hired man open his mail and taste his mince pie.

Todd, the labor commissioner, seems to have the knack of doing exactly the wrong thing at the wrong time. When he assaulted the Florence editor he should have been paying a year's subscription.

The coroner of Jefferson county swore that it only cost him the price of a box of toothpicks and a box of matches to be elected this year. The other fellows furnished the round steak and the "twofers."

A Lawrence parson preached a sermon on fishing the other day; a sermon on fishing in a town twenty miles from anything more sporty than a mud cat or a tadpole is like preaching on heaven at Hunnewell.

The Pittsburg *World* throws its columns open to anything that has as an object "the betterment of humanity." This lets in baking powder and cough drops but eternally bars chicken pie socials and sewing circles.

Ottawa is to have a "German" Christmas week. There is going to be a new girl in town who knows how to make the coldest "favors" and if there isn't anyone in town who can "call it off," the affair can be compromised by giving "Old Dan Tucker" when the time comes.

The State university at Lawrence will probably have to shut up shop. Another professor is hinting about what [illegible] offers he has had from the Eastern universities. For the past ten years "eastern universities" haven't done a blessed thing but try to kidnap Kansas professors.

The students of Emporia college have petitioned the board of trustees to permit the young women to unite in society work. The College *Life* says the petition has been granted on the condition that society meetings be held in the afternoon and that the all [illegible] and the grounds [illegible] by the [illegible] demo will probably [illegible]

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