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ANOTHER KANSAS INNOVATION.

Mrs ANNA POTTER has announced herself
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Kansas City, Kas. She is backed by the
Equal Suffrage association of Wyandotte
county, and it is understood that the women
are preparing to make a house to house can-
vass in her behalf. That brings the experi-
ment of woman suffrage pretty near home,
and the result will be awaited with lively
interest on this side of the river.

Some of the outside newspapers in refer-
ring to the matter, locate Mrs. POTTER on
the Missouri side of the line—a mistake
which they should hasten to correct in jus-
tice to Kansas. It would be manifestly un-
fair to cheat the Sunflower state out of any
of the celebrity to which it is entitled as the
fruit of its various unique departures and
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PRESIDENT DIAZ of Mexico has decreed
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beans for an indefinite period. This is good
news for Kansas. It is estimated that 10
million bushels of corn went out of that
state into Mexico last fall during the abate-
ment of the duty on that cereal. The res-
toration of the tax by the Mexican gov-
ernment stopped shipments almost entirely,
but exports will now be resumed under the
liberal edict of the Mexican President.
There is a great natural market in the South-
ern republic for the farm products of the
Southwest. This logical and convenient
outlet has been restricted by the tariff policy
of our government, which imposes a duty on
Mexican ores shipped into the United States.
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mercial freedom and which is in position to
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termine to make an energetic canvass on a
strong pledge of reform there is no telling
what the result may be.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

The American navy has experienced many
vicissitudes and has felt all the breezes of
public opinion, high and low, fair and ad-
verse. With the beginning of the war for
independence the navy of the colonies, after-
wards states, showed surprising vigor and
won a great amount of glory for its size.
PAUL JONES, in his ship bearing the benevo-
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In refusing to pass a bill which provided
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by the people, the Populists of the Kansas Sen-
ate openly confessed their fear of the popular
judgment against the Populist course in the
recent "war" at Topeka. There can be no
doubt that the Republicans expect to make
the "twin houses" in the lower branch of the
Legislature an issue in the local elections
next fall. And what is more, there can be
little doubt that this issue is very much
stronger than the National issues on which
the Republicans have gone to defeat since
1890. The Populists, on the other hand,
were politic and cunning, if not manly, in
refusing to bring matters to a head by allow-
ing a state vote to be taken on the questions
involved in the "war issues." Two years is a
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