

# DAILY REFLECTOR.

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The Legislature meets to day. Many predict that it is to be a truly radical body, others say that it will be conservative. The next sixty days will verify one of these predictions. The tone of the first issue of the *Daily Kansan* would indicate that it is to be any thing but a conservative body. It does not believe in going slow. We shall see what we shall see.

In the absence of Vice-President Stevenson and Senator Harris, who was speaker pro tem of the Senate, Senator Ransom has been elected Speaker pro tem of the United States Senate. This is an honor worthily bestowed. Senator Ransom has been in public service for a long time, and richly deserves any honor that can be conferred upon him.

Last year John Eckman, of Lawrence County, Pa., killed a couple of skunks and sold their hides for \$2 each. He concluded that at that rate it would be a profitable business, says an exchange, to raise the animals for their hides. He built an enclosure of some two acres, arranging it so that the animals could not burrow under the walls, and trapped some thirty skunks to stock it. He now has 330, and expects next year to have 3,000. The skunk breeds twice in the year and produces seven to nine at a litter, so the rate of increase is kept down by a habit the animals have of killing the first litter when the second one is born. Mr. Eckman feeds the animals with offal from the slaughter house, refuse meat and milk. He says that his pets are very tame and inoffensive, and never emit their characteristic odor save when fighting. He thinks that his skunk farm will soon make him independently rich.

John Wanamaker has spent over half a million dollars in advertising and still keeps it up, advertising in papers in all sections of the country, although no house in the country is better known than his. Mr. Wanamaker is the man who recently refused a \$50,000 presidency of a railroad because he didn't have time to spare from his business. The merchant who can't see the moral in this should immediately invest in some double barrel specks.

Out of 731 blind children, who are said by the census reports to be in this State, the authorities were able to get the names of only 125, and of these only 49 could be induced to enter the institution at Raleigh. The ignorance of their parents and guardians is the cause of their not availing themselves of the great opportunity.

This thing of a man taking oath when he wishes to sign an official bond that he is worth so and so above his liabilities and exemptions by law, when his oath he has taken before the tax lister shows to the contrary, is rather in consistent and a somewhat dangerous proceeding.

The Henderson Gold Leaf claims for Vance county the championship of the State on big hogs. The porker which it thinks wins the prize weighed 907 pounds gross, 830 pounds net, and produced 204 pounds of lard. That is a big hog, sure.

It isn't easy to shake off habits contracted. There is an old lady in Eastport, Maine, who years ago contracted the habit of making crazy quilts, and it still clings to her at the age of 83. She has made nine in the past year and a half.

The report of Postmaster General Bissell, giving the operations of the Postoffice Department of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1894, has been received.

Governor Fishback, of Arkansas, is a candidate for the United States Senate, to succeed Mr. Berry.

There are thirteen papers in this country over 100 years old. Eight of them are in New England, four of them in New Jersey and one in Georgia, the *Augusta Chronicle*, which is the sixth oldest in the United States.

The New Jersey court of errors and appeals has decided that the heirs of a man killed by a mail coach thrown out a passing train could not recover damages from the railway company. They must look to Uncle Sam.

According to statistics four out of five suicides are men, from which it may be inferred that women do not follow the men so much as some people say they do.

A German philosopher says: "I know of but two lovely things in the universe—the starry sky above our heads and the sense of duty within our hearts."

No town can prosper unless its citizens endorse and work for enterprises that give employment to home labor and develop home resources.

"Hetty" Green, the wealthiest woman in America, has the finest collection of diamonds in the country but never a gem does she wear.

It is proposed to construct an underground railway in New York city which will cost \$66,000,000.

## Cotton and Peanuts.

Below are Norfolk prices of cotton and peanuts for yesterday, as furnished by Cobb Bros. & Co., Commission Merchants of Norfolk:

COTTON.	
Good Middling	5 9-16
Middling	5 1/4
Low Middling	4 13-16
Good Ordinary	4 1/2
Tone—steady.	
PEANUTS.	
Prime	1 1/4
Extra Prime	2 1/4
Fancy	2 1/2
Spanish	2
Tone—Dull.	
Eggs—steady at 18 to 19 cts.	
B. E. Peas—best, 1.75 to 2.00 per bag.	
“ “ damaged, 1.00 to 1.75.	
B ack and Clay, 60 to 75 per bushel.	