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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

A KENTUCKY woman who proposes to be a candidate for the presidency in 1900, has formulated her platform. It has four planks: "Remonetization of Silver," "Prohibition," "Universal Suffrage" and "Agnosticism." That's an up-to-date affair for this fin-de-siecle age.

EX-SENATOR Philetus Sawyer of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, celebrated his eighty-first birth the 22nd. He is perhaps the most gifted and influential statesman his state has yet given the country, and like Ex-Senator Vilas, he was born in Vermont, that mother not of presidents but of statesmen.

H. C. CHATFIELD-TAYLOR, who married Miss Rose Farwell a while ago, has just issued a new novel, "The Vice of Fools," through Herbert S. Stone & Co. of Chicago. It deals with the "smart set," says the publishers' announcement, which must mean the famous school board of Lake Forest, whose antics recently have been the greatest local circus of the times.

THE city council will meet in regular session next Tuesday evening. The most important thing that should come before it is the enlargement of the city building. New or greatly enlarged quarters are an almost immediate necessity for the public library. In a few months the library board will begin to receive its enlarged income, and when it has \$1000 annually, there must be room for its new books. The present

quarters cannot contain the books. The police court has no room; if the city has any court some tolerably decent quarters must be secured. There is no place for the fire apparatus. The enlargement of the city building therefore is a necessity. It may not be done; that, however, will not prove that the council acts wisely.

A well known citizen of our republic died a while since leaving an estate of nearly five and a half million dollars, and he left every dollar of it to his widow and children; "no public bequest," says the press report. And yet there are churches, colleges, academies, public libraries, public charities, the potent philanthropic forces of our civilization, founded and sustained by the gifts of others, all of which have directly and indirectly contributed to aid this man in accumulating his fortune, and yet of his millions not one cent do they receive. Honest men are supposed to recognize and pay their debts, personal and public alike. "No public bequest," and yet the public has been serving and aiding him all his life.

A RIGHT MOVE.

EVERY one familiar with and interested in county matters, knows that the department for the insane in the county buildings, has been for some years lamentably inadequate. Inmates have been literally stowed away like coolies in a ship's hold, a system fatal to health and destructive of all efforts to restore the patients to sanity and health. The board have discussed the matter time and again, but there it has ended. Lately however A. W. Fletcher and many other members of the board have taken hold of it in earnest, and at the late supervisor's meeting an order was passed, after long and careful discussion, instructing the committee on county farm to go ahead, build a large, substantial addition to the insane department of the buildings, and properly equip the same. Hence the long continued reproach to Lake County will soon be removed.

The same committee were also instructed to make a clear and full re-

port at the next meeting, Dec. 14th, how a big reservoir can be constructed which can be kept well filled from the numerous roofs on the farm, and some method will be reported and put into execution, so that our insane and poor shall not be perpetually exposed to danger from fire, and the county exposed to great loss.

The board had a full and free conference over this whole matter and all the supervisors were practically a unit on the matter not only for the good of the patients, but for the honor of the county. It is in the hands of a first rate committee: E. B. Neville of Gray's Lake, C. P. Thomas of Fremont Centre and Daniel Adams Jr. of Waukegan.

CONGRESSMAN FOSS.

LAST Friday afternoon, after the herculean efforts incident to the running off and mailing the large weekly edition of the News, the editor sat in his office perusing that ideal paper,—the Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican, when a clear and resonant voice at the door broke on his ear,—"Is the chief justice of the High and Park Police Court in his office?" There was a familiar Green Mountain sound in that voice which arrested attention. Turning on our swivel chair, there stood in the doorway, the tall erect form of our stalwart congressman, Hon. George Edmund Foss of Buenna Park, Chicago. Mr. Foss remarked as he came in, that in passing the door he caught a profile view of the editor and said to himself: "Hello, there is Porter Hibbard of Boston," an old time chum and friend, so he came in to see him, and found his brother.

Mr. Foss drove out from Chicago, fed his team at Henry Clay Basye's, had his dinner at Frank B. Green's famous hostelry, and spent half an hour with the editor, going over old times and friends down east, the weather and everything in fact but politics. He was not out on politics, but for a pleasant drive through the south end of the county to see his friends, get a sniff of good country air and see "the folks" when there are no politics abroad. Politics are all right in their place, but he likes to see men as men and in their homes,