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The next Republican national convention will meet in Chicago June 21.

All indications point to an early trial in the Dietrich case, although the senator has not yet been formally arraigned in court.

The Cuban reciprocity bill passed the United States Senate Wednesday with but eighteen dissenting votes. Many democratic senators voted for the measure.

Prevention I. Mathews, United States marshal for the district of Nebraska, has been agreed upon as his own successor by the Nebraska congressional delegation and his reappointment may be regarded as a certainty.

Former Adjutant General L. W. Colby, whose official conduct has been under investigation by the federal grand jury at Omaha, has made restitution of all funds alleged to have been illegally retained by him, and it is probable the matter will be dropped.

The Omaha World-Herald yesterday contained a sensational story to the effect that the arsenal at Havana, Cuba, had been looted of all its munitions of war, and that the same were to be turned over to the Colombian government to be used in regaining control of Panama.

Senator Bailey of Texas announced in the Senate, just before the final vote on the Cuban reciprocity bill, that hereafter the democrats would vote solidly against all measures presented by the President for consideration. The senator said that all of Roosevelt's measures were so bad that no democrat could conscientiously vote for them.

Senator Hanna gave a dinner for the members of the Republican national committee during their recent meeting in Washington, and when a negro member of the committee took his seat the white member from North Carolina left the table, saying he had come to the meeting a gentleman and intended to leave it as one. The Democrats are not alone in their prejudices against the colored race.

After a thorough inquiry into the circumstances attending the assault on Consul Davis by Turkish police officials at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, the state department has demanded an apology and full reparation from the Turkish government. The apology will no doubt be forthcoming, but it will tax the ingenuity of the state department to get anything more substantial from the wily Turk.

The state supreme court has finally passed upon the new revenue law, and that measure will stand as the law of Nebraska until repealed. The court did not pass upon individual sections of the act, but decided that the law as a whole was good. Among other things the court held that the state had the right to pass any measure it saw fit in regard to the taxation of foreign corporations doing business within the borders of the state.

The investigation which has been in progress before the Senate committee on military affairs relative to the conduct of General Leonard Wood while he was in charge of affairs at Santiago, was concluded yesterday. Secretary of War Elihu Root was the last

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witness, and his testimony was a strong defense of General Wood. Secretary Root and took to assume that responsibility for all the alleged misdeeds with which General Wood is charged, and sharply took to task the accusers of the general, whose promotion will doubtless be confirmed by the Senate when the matter comes before that body.

Achison Globe Sights.

Don't analyze too closely or you will see the other side of your argument.

Those girls who are pretty and don't know it, that you hear so much about: ever see one?

An Atchison man is so bald that he catches cold at this time of the year every time he tips his hat.

The threats a woman makes of whipping her boys sound almost as terrible as the war-like news from Panama.

There is a big dog in Atchison known as a Great Dane. When he barks, he jars the plastering off the ceiling. Still, every ear in town whips him.

An Atchison woman admits that she is sick enough to lie on a lounge all day, and says the only reason she doesn't give up is that she hasn't a pretty wrapper to lie around in. No one sympathizes with a sick woman whose special scenery is unbecoming.

You owe a man ten dollars. You are so poor that to sue you would be like suing a louse for its hide and tail; therefore, you can beat him out of the money, if you choose to, and thus make ten dollars. But remember that for the ten dollars, you give your reputation as an honest man.

A certain Atchison man is noted for having very annoying kin trouble. A citizen approached him today, and said: "You may think you know what kin trouble is, but you don't; you will never know until you hear my story." He is an entirely new man in the kin difficulty line; no one suspects him at present.

Two big men, well known fighters, were quarreling, whereupon one of them said: "I expect we'll fight. I don't see any other way out of it. But I want to tell you one thing: I have false teeth, and if you hit me in the mouth, and break them, I will get a gun tomorrow, and shoot you. You can hit me anywhere, and kick me anywhere, except in the mouth, but don't you dare break my false teeth."

In Atchison, a bay horse is used to haul a mail wagon to and from the depot. He is a reliable horse, and, when at the depot waiting for a train, is not hit by. On cold days, it is pretty hard on the bay horse, standing out in the cold, and nothing to keep him from running away except a sense of duty. We watched him at noon today. He wanted to go home, so he

started, and walked a few feet. Then he stopped; he knew he was wrong. Then he walked off again, all the time looking guilty. Then he stopped again, knowing he would be punished, or scolded. He had his back bowed up, and looked thoroughly uncomfortable as he stood out in the cold. At last he seemed to conclude that he wouldn't stand it; that there was no sense in waiting any longer, so he started up briskly, and walked nearly to Byram, on Second street. Again a sense of duty seemed to overtake him, and he stopped, to think the matter over. After waiting five minutes, he started once more toward the stable, but didn't go far until the driver came out of the depot, and yelled to the horse: "Hey! Pete! Now you come back here mighty quick!" Pete looked sheepish a moment, and then turned around, and went back to duty. How often we've acted like that horse!

The Right to Secede.

In all the criticism that is applied to the method by which Panama became free no blame is to be attached to the people of Panama themselves.

They had good ground for grievance. Colombia had become an insufferable tyrant, oppressing the people of Panama by outrageous taxes and restraining them not only in their political rights but in their commercial and industrial opportunities.

Panama might have repeated, almost word for word, the Declaration of Independence of the American Colonists. She suffered taxation without representation; her officials were aliens; standing armies of the oppressor were continually quartered upon her.

One of the provisions of the constitution of 1888 gave the executive at the capital, Bogota, the right to appoint all officials in the departments. In Panama the governors, judges and other officials have been imported from other parts of the republic and the people of Panama practically ignored. During the last six years there have been seven governors, and of these only one was a native of the department, and he held the position only for a few months.

During the existence of the revolution which ended in November, lasting something over three years, the department of Panama has been mercilessly taxed. The monopoly of salt, tax of beef killing, introduction of tobacco, matches and making of ice has been a national monopoly, and not only did the people suffer from exorbitant prices but their local government got nothing from this.

Never in all the history of Panama has the general government built a single mile of road or erected a school house with in her territory, nor was Panama permitted to levy local taxes for these purposes. Every cent that Panama could yield in taxes was exported from her by the general government, and the utmost cruelties were practiced in their collection.

Panama had for years been ripe for revolution, but the leader and the match to the powder were wanting.

Then came the canal treaty. The hopes of the people were raised. The ratification by the United States senate was hailed with shouts and rejoicing. It was the life of the department of Panama. It meant millions upon millions spent in the zone of the cities, Panama and Colon. Imagine, then, the chagrin when the cables brought the news that the Bogota government, forgetful of its own interests and those of the department of Panama, were inclined to disapprove the treaty, and finally the feeling engendered when it did so. This was the last stroke. It united all parties and all classes. They forgot former affiliations, old sores were healed, and with one acclaim the people and the army determined to be free.

The action of the United States in throwing its ponderous weight into the balance may be criticised. But there is no blame to be laid upon Panama. The better sense of all humanity will approve her revolt and be glad that she has thrown off the hateful bonds.

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