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It would seem that McHugh's post-office persimmon is nothing but a mere decoy and glued to the tree at that.

MANY democratic congressmen are writing one way to their constituents and voting quite another way in congress, which is not flattering to the intelligence of democratic voters.

THE sugar trust is certainly playing for big stakes. The amendment it has secured to the tariff bill will, if it becomes a law, add \$50,000,000 to the profits of the trust within one year.

THE difference between the McKinley law and the tariff bill after the proposed amendments are adopted, will be that one gives protection to all while the other proposes to give it in spots, the biggest spots being occupied by trusts.

VOLUME 1, number 1, of the Boyd County Register, published at Butte by Landis & Mosier, has reached our table. It is a neat seven-column folio, well edited and republican in politics. THE FRONTIER wishes the Register prosperity and a long and useful career.

THE O'Neill FRONTIER seems to think that Judge Kinkaid will be nominated for congress by the republicans of that district and that Jack McColl will be the republican nominee for governor. Now then, gentlemen, here are two awful good men.—Bloomfield Monitor.

THERE is nothing surprising about the proposed combine of the democrats and populists in Kansas; there is very little difference between them. Seven out of every ten democrats throughout the country want just what the populists do, but few of them have the courage to publicly say so.

THE political situation has not materially changed since our last issue. In fact it may be truthfully said that the pot does not even boil as yet. Of course it stews and sizzles somewhat and gives indications of rising temperature as the battle wages, but at present is too dull and quiet to be even interesting.

How it must make the statesmen, who two years ago howled so lustily about "the robber tariff," smile as they read over the mongrel monstrosity "tariff reform" of the senate. They have slightly changed their order for "tariff for revenue only" to read: Tariff for sectional rascality and revenue only.

HENRY WATTERSON is said to have remarked to his friends that if he had a dog that would not bark at the pending tariff bill he would kill the animal at once. Henry had better "look out." The cuckoos will be reading him "out of the party." They have not yet forgiven him for that prophecy of "the slaughter-house" and "the open grave."

It is well to keep all the figures in mind says the State Journal. Government control of the telegraph in Great Britain has resulted in a deficit of \$23,500,000 in twenty years. Maybe it was worth it. Still, the fact that there is a deficit ought not to be kept away from the people who think some of establishing a similar system in this country.

THEY say as they pass over, that the republicans will select a candidate for state senator from Boyd county, and it is believed by many that Sanford Parker will be the choice as he can secure more votes than any other man in Boyd county.—Boyd County Democrat.

THE FRONTIER does not know that Mr. Parker has aspirations, but THE FRONTIER does know that he has ability to represent this district in a manner that it has not been represented for years and years.

WHILE the ranks of democracy are cut in twain on account of the silver issue, why is it that the Sun maintains a silence more ominous than the tomb? Charles was in favor of "repealing the Sherman act and increasing the circulating medium," because Grover was in favor of the former and the people in favor of the latter, but now that democracy is broken into two pieces, upon which terrestrial tumult will the Sun shed its lambent rays?

THE Ewing Democrat's reservoir of sarcasm swelled to overflowing last week when Trom. learned that Col. Towle had challenged Judge Kinkaid to joint debate, and the result was a burst of satire worthy a more urgent cause. While this journal would not willingly be counted a pillar in the structure known as the colonel's congressional boom, yet at the same time and on the other hand it would do battle in his defense when attacked on his merits as a gentlemanly private citizen.

THE following facts gleaned from the letter of inquiry sent out by the finance committee, would tend to show that in fact there are but few free traders in this country, notwithstanding we have a great many theorists. W. V. Annin in the State Journal says: "Among the answers to the circular letter of inquiry which the committee of finance sent out in last December addressed to the manufacturers throughout the country are a

number of interesting ones from Nebraska. Paxton & Vierling of Omaha, the iron foundry and machine men, are very emphatic in their statements that a heavy reduction in tariff would greatly injure their business and would have to be accompanied by large reduction in wages. They state that until the 1st of June, 1893, they ran on full time on old contracts, averaging 175 men, while at present they are working only ninety men three days per week, and they give as the reason for the change the tariff agitation and the proposed reduction in duties. They state that at least 40 per cent. ad valorem duty is necessary to place their products on a footing with foreign producers because labor in Europe is at least 40 to 60 per cent. less than in America. In reply to another question they say that a reduction of a third in the rate of duty upon their class of manufactures would require a reduction of about 35 per cent. in cost of production and which must fall necessarily upon labor. The effect of the stimulus of the tariff in building up a struggling industry is shown by the decrease in prices of their products, which fell in the case of castings from \$86 per ton net in 1886 to \$33 in the present year. Now, they add, business is at a standstill owing to the lack of confidence, tariff agitation and the proposed reductions, and there is nothing to do even at cost. The tendency of wages has been downward with no sign of improvement. Messrs. Paxton & Vierling, in response to an inquiry for an estimate of the exact cost of living of the families of two or more of their skilled workmen, state that the expenditures is about 80 per cent. of the income of the workman on a basis of 275 days per annum; that since May, 1893, their savings have been absorbed and the future outlook does not seem to be flattering. During the last four years the price of living has decreased 10 per cent. Although the firm is understood to be a strong democratic one, and its senior partner, Hon. Bill Paxton, has contributed for years liberally from his capacious pocketbook to the maintenance of democratic principles and the help of democratic candidates, he answers that the cause of the present depression in trade is the tariff agitation and the proposed reduction in tariff and that his remedy would be to have both houses of congress adjourn at once, submit the Wilson and McKinley tariff bills to the people next November and abide by their verdict. The firm states that the only way by which they can meet any reduction of duty on the goods they manufacture is to discharge all help, shut down the works, sell the plant or reduce labor 35 to 40 per cent. They give quite an emphatic reply to the question asking what would be the result if the raw material were made free and whether they could not get along without any duty. To this the firm answers that if the manufactured product were free they would have to deliver their works to the sheriff unless mechanics were willing to accept 12 1/2 cents per hour and the laborers 7 1/2 cents per hour. As the final answer to the question what changes, if any, they recommend to the existing rates of duty or administrative custom laws, the firm answers: "Increase tariff; raise carefully to cover all sections of the country."

INDEPENDENT STEALS.
At every meeting of the board of supervisors they steal from the county \$186, by charging for the day before the board meets and the day after it adjourns.
By awarding the printing of the tax list to the Independent they have stolen over \$1,500 from the people of the county. The supervisors who by their votes perpetrated this outrage are: Conger, Crawford, Dennis, Donohoe, Eckley, Greig, Hodge, Jillson, Kelly, H. B. Kennedy, Miller, Phelps, Schindler, Slaymaker, White and Waring.
By employing more help in the treasurer's office than is necessary and more than was employed under a republican administration, they are wrongfully spending the people's money.
By employing more help in the clerk's office than is necessary and more than was employed under a republican administration, they are robbing the tax payers.
By allowing the sheriff two deputies when he should do all of the work himself, they are heaping additional burdens upon the public.
By recklessly plunging the county into ill-advised and losing litigation that are increasing taxes.
Employing John Morrow for a year at \$2.50 per day as assistant expert, which was clearly a violation of our statute.
By calling a grand jury last fall they heaped thousands of dollars of additional debt upon the county, and the benefits derived were absolutely nothing.
Being the plurality party they are responsible for the continuance of the supervisor system, which costs the county over \$50,000 more every year than that of the commissioner.
Before election Joss Mullen promised that all the help he would ask would be one deputy and one clerk. Therefore, all the help he employs above that number is a steal, according to the words of his own mouth.
Awarding the contract for publishing the proceedings to both the Sun and the Independent is a steal that will amount to considerable.
By consuming six days in the Skirving trial without requiring the plaintiff to give a bond for costs the county has lost at the least calculation \$550.

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