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MANY women size up a man's liberalism by the Easter outfit of his wife and daughters.

We refuse to believe that votes were bought in the Arkansas legislature as low as \$100 each.

The drop from deputy oil inspector to police judge must be a hard thing for old Whiskers to bear.

Mr. CLEVELAND has quite enough to answer for without charging him with being a drunkard, as a Massachusetts Methodist minister recently did.

SENATOR PALMER lost no time in condemning the calling of that democratic silver convention in Illinois. He doesn't want the party to commit itself in an off year.

The Clevelandites are meeting the demands for a southern man at the head of the democratic ticket next year with the offer of second place on Grover's ticket to the south.

HON. D. B. HILL's indorsement of the suggestion that a southern man may be nominated next year by the democrats was merely a grand stand play for Senator Gorman's especial benefit.

The supreme court has no executive clerk to make a scapegoat of, as the U. S. senate did when unable to discover the method by which the proceedings of its secret sessions got into the newspapers.

The Atkinson Graphic is now under the management of Representative Jenness, formerly of Douglass county. The paper will continue to be republican in politics. THE FRONTIER wishes him success.

If the claim of England—that the United States has nothing to do with her encroachments upon the territory of Venezuela—be admitted, all the south and central American governments may as well prepare to go out of business.

SOMETHING must be out of joint in Arkansas when a governor and a member of the legislature attempt to annihilate each other with tobacco juice, when guns or bowie knives would have been more in keeping with the traditions of the state.

SHALL this country maintain its present boundaries or shall it reach out and include everything that will be necessary to the greatest commercial nation the world has ever seen? Upon the decision will depend whether we remain merely a great nation or become the greatest.

ACCORDING to the official figures, which are slightly more reliable than Secretary Carlisle's alleged expectations, the average daily receipts of the government are \$865,000, and the average daily expenditures \$1,015,000. The same ratio up to June 30 will make the expenditures of the current fiscal year exceed the receipts by \$55,000,000.

The Sun says the decision of the supreme court on the income tax question "is not satisfactory to the public." The supreme court does not sit for the purpose of deciding questions "satisfactory to the public;" they are supposed to decide everything according to law. If the laws are not "satisfactory to the public," the public knows how to repeal them.

The New York grand jury evidently doesn't believe in the philanthropy of Mr. Nathan Straus, the introducer of sterilized milk for the poor, and the man who was too smart to run against Strong for mayor, last year. At any rate, he has been indicted for improper acts while holding the office of park commissioner. Mr. Straus is a member of the big business firm known as R. H. Macy & Co.; also a personal friend of Mr. Cleveland.

WHEN a prisoner in a New York court pleaded hypnotic influence in defense of a theft, the judge took a very different view from that taken by the Kansas court. After sentencing the fellow to ten years' imprisonment he told him he might send for the hypnotist and have himself made unconscious for the period of ten years. "The same power," said the judge, "which enabled you to commit burglarly, and not knowing it, ought also enable you to suffer imprisonment with hard labor, and not be aware of it. At any rate this is the best I can do for you."

The governor has signed the bill authorizing the investment of moneys in county sinking funds in registered county warrants. This is a good bill and will fill a long-felt want. The Dodge county board of supervisors authorized the county treasurer to do this two or three years ago, during Treasurer Derr's administration and at his request. The law did not then justify the procedure but the new law legalizes it and business sagacity and sense justify it. It is a senseless fiscal policy for a county or any other division of government to pay interest on outstanding warrants when it has large sums of idle money in the treasury.—Fremont Tribune.

For the benefit of the Sun and Smudge we repeat that in answer to our charges against populist officials, it is not sufficient for them to assert—and prove for that matter—that "they are doing no more than republicans did." The pops are supposed to be a party of reform and have no license to do as republicans did. Before they were elected they said republicans were "thieves" and "boodlers," and now that they are in power the people have a right to see an alteration in the policy of administration. In the light of the populist county platform and in consideration of the talk they have been making for years, in order for us to prove a breach of faith on their part it is sufficient to show that they are simply following in republican footsteps. We would like to see the color of that promised reform before the republicans clean out the court-house next fall.

MEN who denounce the action of Attorney General Churchill in taking the Scott trial to Boyd county, and thereby attempt to create sympathy for the men now under arrest for the murder, on account of the expense that will be incurred in the trial, are somewhat near-sighted. The Boyd county people who allow themselves to be caught in this snare are not wise. There is another and vastly more sensible and patriotic way of looking at the matter. They should consider that if Scott had not been murdered his body would not have been dragged across the border by red-handed villains and dumped upon Boyd county. Then again, if a certain class of Boyd county's citizens would display less inclination to sympathize with the murderers, but denounce the crime as it should be denounced, the men who are accused of the deed would consider Boyd an unsafe locality in which to go to trial and ask for a change of venue. The man who kicks at a slight taxation for the enforcement of the laws of his country and the preservation of the constitution-guaranteed rights of himself and his fellow citizens is not a very good citizen anyway.

THE Sun, which is the chief defender of populism in this county, last week devoted a column and a half to the defense of the "chief clerk" steal. The article is so fearfully composed that it is difficult to find any sense, logic or anything else reasonable in it, except several admissions of pop snap-grabbings. This is just what we have been for a long time laboring to have the Sun do and we know of no better way that the object could have been accomplished. We like to see the Sun defend the action of the board in giving the treasurer's "chief clerk" \$700, which is the limit of the law quoted by the Sun. Such action on its part verifies the language used by us two weeks ago, at which time we said: "They were not slow about showing their displeasure when republicans were guilty of the same offense and they must now apply the rule or admit publicly that they are craven hypocrites." Now the truth is, and all who are familiar with the subject know, that when our county was in its most prosperous condition, the main cry of the populists was for reform; to reduce salaries and cut down expenses; and upon a platform of this kind they went before the people and solicited their support. The salaries paid assistants by republicans ranged from \$600 to \$700, more frequently six than seven. This was called extravagance by the populists. In those days such a thing as "chief clerk" had never been thought of. It is purely a pop invention and they draw \$100 a year royalty on the discovery. As we said before, the Sun article is incomprehensible. It reads as though written by some person afflicted with jim-jams, or jam-jims, or something of that kind. We quote: "If Treasurer Mullen should keep all the clerks allowed to him at work at full pay during the present year, the expense would amount to \$2,600, or \$50 less than that of last year." Now how many clerks were allowed him? Let the Sun answer again: "A sufficient number of clerks to properly perform the office work, salary of chief clerk to be \$700 per annum, all other clerks at \$50 per month." The last quotation is from the recommendation of the committee upon assistants. How does the Sun presume to say what the saving would be if Mullen should avail himself of the liberties extended by the board? He is unlimited, although the statute says the board "shall in all cases prescribe the number of deputies or assistants, the time for which they may be employed, and the compensation which they are to receive." This little matter of illegality and favoritism escaped our notice until the Sun called our attention to it. Although this was not intentional on the part of the Sun, we extend thanks anyway. There is nothing like keeping the people educated in these trivial matters. There is no use to make a long drawn out controversy of this independent sin. After all has been said that can be said one fact remains, and that is this: Holt county populists are not reformers. They are imitators and exaggerators. Where it is convenient they take all that was customary for republicans to take, when that is not convenient or adequate they take enough more to make it so. This fact is interwoven in their history in this county, and the \$100 grab under discussion but emphasizes it. The extravagance complained of by populists when republicans were in power never was a circumstance to what it has been under this administration. The tax payers' cry of hard times now has a genuine ring and the county should not blow its money in for expensive clerks, especially when "good men can be found who are willing to work for \$20 or \$30 per month."

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