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## THE COUNTY TREASURER.

Does County Treasurer Mullen know that he is depositing the bulk of the county money in a bank that pays materially less interest than the other depositories? If he does not know it he is hereby informed of the fact.

If the county treasurer is aware of his own unbusiness-like conduct what excuse has he to offer?

The tax payers will be interested in learning why it is that this money is farmed out at three per cent. when reliable institutions offer as high as four and five per cent.

Under the depository law the supervisors approve the bonds and name the depositories, while the treasurer places the money to suit himself or his friends.

The duty of the county treasurer—the same as other officials—is to conduct the affairs of his office in a manner that will protect and subserve the best interests of his constituents. His constituents are the whole people of the county, and not members of any particular political party. In this case he has an opportunity to increase from one to two per cent. the county's income from her money loaned.

In campaigns and elsewhere at times and places too numerous to mention we have heard this apostle of populism harangue the multitudes upon the subject of reform, and tell them how they were being ground to dust beneath the iron wheels of the chariot in which rode dishonest and tricky politicians. He may have stated a truth, but has he improved the conditions by him so vividly portrayed?

If he knows what he has been doing, and he is a shrewd gentleman and no doubt does, he has convicted himself of the offense of favoritism in his official capacity, and further, of being recreant to the trust reposed in him, by allowing the county to lose valuable returns from her own resources.

The duty of the treasurer is plain and there are no two ways about it. The money should be placed where the county will receive the greatest benefit, no matter where that is.

The people are under no obligations to the First National bank for which they are willing to pay two per cent. upon \$22,000, or any other amount.

It seems that Chadron has been bunced in regard to her promised factories.

The question of finance is an important one, but we believe that the tariff is of greater importance to the people of the United States.

ADJOURNING the Boyd county term of court until after the seeding season will no doubt be greatly appreciated by the farmers of that section.

THERE are people who do not think it just the proper thing for Hoke Smith to receive a \$40,000 fee as a railroad attorney while also drawing a salary as secretary of the interior.

It's all the same who the democrats put up for president next year, but if they wish a really picturesque campaign they will nominate Henry Watterson and not adopt any platform.

Now that the dispute between Nicaragua and England is in a fair way to be amicably settled a broadside of Monroe doctrine bombast may be expected from the administration mouthpieces.

The late Josh Billings used upon occasion to say: "tis better to be ignorant than to know a lot that ain't so." We commend the idea to some of those now posing as financial teachers of the people.

The members of a baseball club, on their way to play a game in the suburbs of Havana, were mistaken for an insurgent's army and arrested by Spanish troops. That gives a good idea of the average size of the insurgent armies.

No HIGHER tribute to the value of the American market, which a democratic congress and president has divided with Europe, was ever paid than is contained in the following extract from the last annual report of the Belfast, Ireland, board of trade: "Since the passage of the new tariff law in the United States business has improved and the demand is now equal to what it was at any time in the past five years. It is not generally known that England's commerce with 65,000,000 people under the stars and stripes amounts to quite as much as her trade with the 368,000,000 under the British flag. America is, therefore, the best friend of English commerce." What pleasant reading that makes for Americans whose occupations have been lost for the benefit of British manufacturers.

WHEN a man drops into Holt and attempts to brand the county thinking he has found a maverick, he can generally find upon careful examination that some one else has a trade mark dyed in the wool.

We have faith that the republican party will be able to handle the silver question in a manner satisfactory to the people and safe for the country. The party has been equal to all emergencies in the past and will continue to rise to every occasion.

A FLORIDA judge gave a striking illustration of judicial paternalism when he fined a nurse for whipping a child, although the mother stated that the nurse was only carrying out the instructions given her. The mother of the child paid the fine.

THE Leeper letter, to which the last issue of the Sun devoted the greater part of its space, was, to say the least, of peculiar construction. It ought not to have been written, much less published, but now that both have been done it should be allowed to pass in silence.

It would not be at all surprising to see President Cleveland flee to the fish-pond to escape the wrath of those "open letters." Even our own Bryan has fired a full column of cross-interrogatories at him, insisting that he tell the people where he is at. This is little short of cruelty to animals.

It is hardly worth while for ex-Speaker Crisp's friends to waste time proving his eligibility to the presidency—he was born in England of American parentage, his mother and father being members of a theatrical company; he has no chance of ever becoming President.

A CONNECTICUT burglar, while awaiting his trial, is nursing a broken nose and numerous cuts on his head, which he received from an iron shovel in the hands of a sixteen-year-old girl into whose bedroom he went with burglarious intentions. "He'll never go there any more."

WHEN the populists hold their convention in O'Neill next fall they can truthfully say: "We meet in a county brought to the verge of moral, political and material ruin." And then if they wish to still further unmask the truth they can supplement the declaration by another admitting that they, themselves, are responsible for the condition.

We confess that we fail to see the justice of withdrawing Oscar Wilde's books from circulation. If he has written anything really meritorious he should receive credit for it, and his productions perused for the good there is in them. The moral standing of an author should be considered apart from his work. The people are influenced far more by what is written than they are by the writer. That Oscar is a fallen idol goes without saying, but it does not necessarily follow that all of his work should be expunged from the record. That's vandalism.

THE legislature passed a new law to provide for the destruction of the Russian thistle. The law makes it the duty of every owner, lessee, or any occupant of any land in the state to cut down and destroy all Russian thistles growing thereon or in the highways adjoining the same, so often as to prevent their going to seed. Each road overseer must notify the land occupants in his district to cut down the weeds and if the occupant fails to do so in ten days the overseer must cause it to be done and the expense charged up to the owner, the cost to remain a lien upon the land until paid back to the county.

WHISKERS fears that the flattery heaped upon populists by Mr. Jeness will bring him into bad repute with republicans. There might be danger of this if he continues to shoot as wide of the mark as he did in his first attempt. We were inclined to overlook the matter entirely, excusing the gentleman on account of his short residence here, and therefore excusable lack of knowledge of his subject. When Mr. Jeness goes out of his way to pat John Crawford on the back and call him a jolly good fellow, he no doubt has some motive for it. Honest John, personally, may be all right, but his record as supervisor of Holt county does not entitle him to be dubbed a representative politician, unless the competition is confined solely to the populist class.

We do not believe any republican newspaper has advised its readers to not read "Coin." We are sure we have not. The most we have said is for them to read both sides of the question. We are open to conviction ourselves on this silver question, but a careful perusal of "Coin" has failed up to date, to make us believe that free and unlimited coinage at 16 to 1 would be a good thing for this country. We have not "attacked Coin," as stated by the Smudge. We simply said what we thought, and in doing so we exercised the same right that we extend to "Coin," although we doubt that he takes advantage of it in all instances. The republican party is for bimetalism, and THE FRONTIER believes that its position is right. We would like to see silver used to the fullest extent consistent with safety. Anything to maintain the parity and consequently a system of stable finance.



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