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IMPORTANT EVENTS.

Prohibition national convention, Pittsburgh, May 26.
Republican national convention, St. Louis, June 16.
Democratic national convention, Chicago, July 7.
Populist national convention, St. Louis, July 22.
Republican state convention to send delegates to national convention, Omaha, April 15.

What will the Nebraska club do in the presidential muddle? "Stand up for Nebraska?"

If this McKinley enthusiasm in Nebraska is in reality nothing but a fight for a place in the cabinet for Thurston, let it be so understood.

BILL NYE, the most widely read of American humorists, died last Saturday at his home at Buck Shoals, North Carolina, at the age of 46 years. Overwork was the primary cause of his death. He will be sincerely mourned by newspaper readers.

THE FRONTIER is as much opposed to an instructed Manderson delegation as it is to an instructed McKinley delegation, but it would favor the election of delegates who would vote for Manderson whenever there was a ghost of a show for his election.

SECRETARY MORTON will probably not now question his authority to distribute seeds. We think with Mr. Morton that this seed business is an unnecessary expense and one that should be abolished. Might as well issue suits of clothes as to distribute seeds that are neither "rare nor uncommon."

BRAH GROUNDHOG received mention last week from papers of all political shades.—FRONTIER.

And it was an unfavorable mention, too, for the nasty thing saw his shadow.—Windside Tribune.

Yes, he saw his shadow, but that's nothing; the residents of Nebraska have seen their shadows every day since, which is to say that the groundhog doesn't know his business.

JACOB RICH writes THE FRONTIER from Dubuque, Ia., that Senator Allison would greatly appreciate the support of Nebraska republicans in his efforts to secure the presidential nomination. He adds: "We do not wish to interfere with Senator Manderson's candidacy, but ask for Mr. Allison, the help of Nebraska as its choice after Mr. Manderson."

A NUMBER of papers, populist of course, are accusing Senator Thurston of being inconsistent in his position relative to silver. They say that before his election he was for free and unlimited coinage at 16 to 1. This is not true. The broadest statement made by Mr. Thurston in that connection was that he favored the free coinage of the American product.

WE SAW a letter from Doc Mathews the other day. Doc, you know, is running a newspaper down at Stuttgart and booming the country as the greatest place on earth, and by way of diversion sells drugs to "those who bring disease with them from the north." On the corner of the letterhead was printed a legend that read like this: "We sell and guarantee Dr. Jinglebob's Chill Cure."

AFTER lengthy argument by counsel last Friday Judge Westover refused to grant a change of venue in the Harry Gillespie case. The judge thought he could have a fair trial in Holt county. The judge does not know as much about Holt county as he will later on. THE FRONTIER is free to confess that under the present condition of affairs it does not believe any man charged with cattle rustling can get a square deal in Holt county. We do not charge that a jury would knowingly convict an innocent man, but there has been so much agitation over this cattle business that a juror goes into the box predisposed to convict, and in that dangerous state of mind is liable to give undue weight to unimportant testimony. The state's rights are unprejudiced by a change of venue; if there is a good case against a prisoner he can be convicted before a jury of disinterested men.

THURSTON has said McKinley shall have the Nebraska delegation; Manderson has said he wants it himself, and in the course of events there is likely to be a clash. Our able senator seems to be laboring under the entirely erroneous idea that he is the republican party of the state of Nebraska. The republicans of Nebraska have been very kind to John M. Thurston: they have given him that which he coveted, but in so doing they honored Thurston, Thurston did not honor them. The republicans are proud of their senator and agree that his election was a happy incident; they sit spell-bound while he speaks and applaud him to the echo when he has done, but for all that they have not turned over to him their individuality nor the fee-simple of the party for even a minute. Senator Manderson is a man who in an official capacity brought honor to our state and was himself honored by one of the highest gifts at the disposal of the people's representatives; he is a man who has a right to aspire to the presidency, and while we believe his nomination is improbable, we deny that he is "too late." Why is he too late? Because Thurston has promised the state to McKinley?

THE Fremont Tribune says if the McKinley men so desire they can force an instruction for him. That may be true, but we would suggest to the boys that they keep cool and not get excited over this matter. Nebraska republicanism is in no condition for forcing; that has been tried. A resolution can always be railroaded through when a convention has been fixed for the purpose, but under the Australian system of voting a man cannot be forced to do anything. THE FRONTIER does not wish to be understood as being opposed to McKinley, as it is not. We believe that McKinley is the choice—after Manderson—of a majority of the republicans of Nebraska, but there is no sense in that majority antagonizing the minority and making them sore. Unless the present complication is deftly treated it will out a serious figure in state politics. We believe that county conventions this year when they elect delegates should express a preference, and that the state convention should do the same, and then send delegates who will do the best they can, but not incumbered with instructions. It will do the state no good to die in the ditch with a losing man.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

The condition of affairs on the Niobrara river is such that should appeal to the hearts of the law-abiding and justice-loving people of not only the county of Holt but the entire state of Nebraska. You people who rest secure under the protection guaranteed you by the constitution of the state, just pause for a moment and consider the situation of the settlers along the picturesque but bloody Niobrara. Old and honest men and women terrorized by a band of outlaws who are willing at any time to commit crime from murder down; men who assume power to settle disputed land titles and presumptively order offensive citizens to quit their own firesides, leave the homes and scenes of their youthful labors, the labor of the best days of their lives, and turn them out as wanderers upon the face of the earth.

The commands of these tyrants must either be obeyed, or unceasing harassment and probably death is the result. To men who do not choose to be driven from home life is a protracted and awful tragedy. The suspense is dreadful. Every bush hides a band of assassins who yearn to welcome them with bloody hands to hospitable graves. In order to be prepared for defense it is necessary to carry fire-arms; even some women go armed, and all expect an attack at any time and place.

It is time that this foolishness should cease. It is time that concerted action were taken by somebody to stop it, and men allowed to pass their declining years secure in their possessions, even though they may have had the temerity to testify against men charged with the murder of Scott. If this state of affairs is allowed to continue a terrible responsibility will rest upon somebody's shoulders.

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