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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, Lincoln, July 1.
Congressional convention, North Platte, July 3.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Holt county republican central committee is hereby called to meet in O'Neill on Saturday, May 23, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m., in the office of S. J. Weekes, for the purpose of fixing a date for the county convention and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
S. J. WEEKES, Chairman.
CLYDE KING, Secretary.

The press gang is trying to figure out a combine between the three Macs—MacColl, McClay and McNish. Well, let 'em combine; they are all good men.

Ed Fry succeeds wonderfully in getting in bad repute with Knox county republicans, but that doesn't seem to be any hindrance to him in getting out the best newspaper in that bailiwick.

The Randolph Times has presented the name of George W. Wiltse, of that city, as a candidate for the legislature from that district. Mr. Wiltse is a sterling republican, an eloquent and convincing orator, and a man whom the citizens of that district could rely upon serving them faithfully and well.

CONGRESSMAN MEIKLEJOHN is again in Nebraska working like a beaver to secure that "stepping stone" to the senatorship. George is no baby in Nebraska politics and will make the gubernatorial free-for-all worth witnessing. There is one nice thing about the contest this year, anyway: No matter who wins at the convention the republican party is going to have a clean and able candidate.

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB has made one appointment that he will not be called upon to blush for anyway. We refer to the appointment of Superintendent Jackson to a position upon the state normal board. Mr. Jackson is a populist, of course, but THE FRONTIER is willing to recognize merit no matter where discovered. The gentleman is well up on school work and will prove a valuable member of the board.

The Ainsworth Star-Journal has changed hands, J. E. B. Good retiring and J. O. Berkley assuming management. The paper shows no deterioration under the direction of its new editor, and will continue a power for good in Brown county. Bro. Berkley in his opening epistle subscribes himself "Your obedient servant." Before the gentleman has grown old and bent in the service he will have learned that an "obedient servant" has no business in a newspaper office.

THE boys of the press who oppose Jack MacColl upon the ground that he did not deal squarely with Tom Majors two years ago are an inconsistent lot of fellows to say the least. They point with pride to the fact that Majors received a larger vote than was received by any republican candidate for governor for years, yet they intimate that MacColl and his friends rather felt for his ribs with the knife of disappointment. Does the vote received by Majors in Dawson county, compared with the vote received by other republicans on the state ticket, show any treachery?

The supreme court in the case of Storer vs. Keith county virtually decides the case of Holt county against the bondsmen of Barrett Scott. The language used by the court covers the Holt county case exactly, and is such that makes it impossible for the county to recover a cent, unless it recover from the men who signed as "additional security." The court says plainly and emphatically that the securing of additional

signers on a bond, after it has been approved by the board, and without the consent of those having previously signed it, invalidates the bond. This throws a heavy responsibility upon the populist board of Holt county, under whose instructions Barrett Scott secured two additional signers on his bond, and by which instructions the county loses about \$70,000.

The working of the pension department is an injustice to the dependent soldiers and a disgrace to our country. For ten long and weary years John Grady lay sick and suffering in his home near O'Neill; paralysis had claimed him for its own; his form, strong and vigorous in defense of his country, was emaciated beyond belief; a child could have carried him away in its arms; he was poor and needy; his family was large and his income nothing. About that time John J. McCafferty interested himself in the case and called it to the attention of the people of O'Neill, who contributed to his temporary relief. Mr. McCafferty also wrote a few articles to the Omaha World Herald, the effect of which was to cause the department to over look a few unimportant defects in his evidence and grant him a paltry pension; a pension hardly sufficient to provide medicine for his malady. And thus things dragged their painful length along until Allen was elected to the senate, when Mr. McCafferty again interceded for the unfortunate man and succeeded in getting the senator to introduce a bill for his relief. Dispatches of last week stated that the bill had passed the senate, allowing Mr. Grady \$72 per month. But it came too late; taps had sounded; the old soldier's heart had grown sick from hope long deferred and he was resting at last in the silent bivouac of the dead. The grim messenger had brought calm to his troubled breast and gently taken the sting from a nation's ingratitude.

POINTED AND PERTINENT.
Don Dickinson was evidently cool and sober when he "fixed" that Michigan democratic convention.

The republicans surprised the democrats by gladly accepting McKinleyism as the leading issue of the campaign.

Democratic denunciation of McKinleyism has played an important part in placing Governor McKinley in the leading position he occupies today.

The Cleveland democrats are not scrupulous as to the means they employ to keep the silver fellows from controlling the Chicago convention.

There is more than a suspicion that some of our democratic friends are dissembling when they pretend to be anxious to see the republicans nominate McKinley.

If Senator Tillman's boasting doesn't destroy the strange and unaccountable power he has had over the South Carolina democrats many will be surprised.

The British government is finding out that although President Kruger's picture makes him look like an easy victim for a bunco steerer he has all the proverbial shrewdness of a Dutchman.

Those who feared that Mr. Cleveland was losing interest in living may dismiss their fears. Since he began to veto private pension bills again and the fishing season opened he is once more semi-cheerful.

When a democratic office-holder works against the Cleveland wing of his party he is adjudged guilty of violating the civil service law, but not when he works for it, as the Michigan federal office-holders recently did.

Nobody need be alarmed about what the St. Louis convention will do. The republican party has never dodged a responsibility and it will not begin now, when every body is looking to the party to bring about a return of prosperity.

Perhaps if that cowboy who tried to make one of Gotham's "coops" drink champagne at the point of a gun, on a public street corner, had

used a growler and beckoned the "cop" into an alley or hallway the result might have been different.

Congressman Draper, of Massachusetts, was more than half right when he said: "Protection is more necessary to the interests of this country than any form of money. With a high protective tariff we can succeed, although our currency might take the form of silver or copper or any other metal. But our industries cannot prosper with the best money in the world if we have free trade."

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