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## Convention Dates.

National—Republican, Philadelphia, June 19; democratic, Kansas City, July 4; populist, Sioux Falls, May 10; silver republican, Kansas City, July 4.

Independent: Butler's turning down of Dickson as his associate in the Johnson case perhaps was an incentive for the filing of the charges.

Mixed. Always and eternally mixed. The disbarment proceedings were filed on April 24 and Dickson was "turned down" as associate in the Johnson case on April 25. Just as well keep history straight as we go along.

The esteemed Independent says it regards the Butler disbarment "proceedings as a masterpiece of maliciousness" and promises a "complete and impartial airing." Impartial! Easy. The idea of a pop editor being impartial stuns us. Before you take your pen in hand, gentle, refined and badly rattled Brother Eves, take a skate up to the court house and cast your party-blind eye over that batch of summonses which The Frontier told about last week.

Now that civil government has been granted Puerto Rico, the democrats would have the country believe that a great injustice has been done to that little island, when the truth is that it is to be granted the largest possible measure of self-government and educated in American ideas of citizenship. Not one cent of tax, either direct or indirect, is to be collected from there that will not be returned in the way of schools, ports, roads, bridges, light houses, and all those improvements that mark the progress of a vigorous and growing people.

State Journal: The democratic journals are discreetly silent on a little incident that occurred during Colonel Bryan's journey through New Mexico. The Denver Republican is authority for its veracity. When the valiant colonel reached the little town of Gallup he made the customary speech to the cheering people, and added a fervent postscript when the mayor climbed upon the platform and presented him with a beautiful Navajo blanket. The colonel's seraphic smile froze into a ghastly grin when he found attached to the blanket this insulting note: "My Dear Mr. Bryan: Under the republican administration the wool in this blanket sells for twenty-two cents a pound. Under the democratic administration it sold for six cents. Please tell this to your constituents."

Judge M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill was nominated for congress at the congressional convention at Kearney last week. It had been expected that the judge would be the nominee, as he made the race last year and is also considered to be equal to any man in the district in qualifications for this responsible position. Not since populism first swept the district has a republican candidate polled as heavy a vote as the judge did last year. He will get the same ones this fall and The Frontier believes enough more to elect him, for the reason that many fusion voters are dissatisfied with the record of our present congressman. In fact it is beginning to be realized that the whole list of populist congressmen who have gone from the Sixth district have been the next thing to nothing and that it is time for us to have a creditable representative in the national legislative body. It is also felt that the people may hunt a long time before they find a better man for the place than Judge Kinkaid.

## NATIONAL MATTERS

It is quite evident that the Kentucky democrats hope to carry that state this year by the grand jury vote.

Foreign lobbies against American shipping interests ought to furnish a striking object lesson for American legislators.

Up to the present it has not occurred to Mr. Pettigrew to introduce a resolution making inquiry concerning the republican gains in South Dakota.

The friends of the Wilson tariff are the opponents of the pending shipping bill; the advocates of the shipping bill were the opponents of the Wilson tariff.

Ex-Governor James E. Campbell has been pleading for a divorce for democracy and populism. His grounds are logical, but the tribunal to which he appeals is prejudiced.

A Tennessee democrat has been defeated for congress because he named his son after Grover Cleveland. Yet it is claimed that the democratic party is a harmonious institution.

The leader of the democratic minority in the house of representatives has been quite prolific in the matter of resolutions of inquiry. How about a little prodding into his own business of private publication of public documents?

Democratic millionaires are forming a trust to buy at least one newspaper in every republican and doubtful state. The tune to be played on these moneyed organs of the latest democratic trust will be set to "free silver" music.

The government provided for Puerto Rico is far more liberal than that given to Louisiana when that state was admitted to the union. A little experience will assure the Puerto Ricans of the character of republican intentions. But the democrats will still be dissatisfied.

Those who are opposed to the United States acquiring any more territory seem to be under the impression that Columbia has had all the children she can take care of, and has lost her ability to train up the little ones in the way they should go.

Last year's coal production of the United States was 258,593,650 short tons, as compared with 219,974,667 tons in 1898, and 180,000,000 tons in 1897. This was an increase of more than 40 per cent within two years. In 1892 and 1893, the coal product averaged almost 162,000,000 tons each year, dropping off to 152,000,000 tons in the democratic year of business stagnation, 1894.

Colonel Watterson continues to explain his explanations of why he proposes to support a platform this year that made him desert his party in 1896. It will be recalled that in 1896 the colonel conducted his bolt under a "no compromise with dishonor" banner. His various explanations go to show that the colonel has not compromised. His connection with Gobelism has caused him to execute an unqualified surrender.

Is it not about time for the democratic party to call upon the country to put them in power, so that they may reduce the dangerous surplus in the United States treasury? That is one of the few promises made by it that was faithfully fulfilled, and, in doing so, it also reduced the surplus of almost every citizen in the union. As a surplus reducer and a deficit creator that party has a record that can not be successfully assailed.

The free trade New York tariff reform club is now saying that the passage of the shipping bill will cheapen the fare of immigrants, and increase the number coming to the United States in order to stir up the opposition of the labor interests. But, as a matter of fact, the passage of that bill will decrease the foreign ships coming to this country, and thus reduce the number of immigrants, at the same time giving increased employment to our own citizens in all parts of the country.

## Mr. Butler Gets Mad.

Mr. Butler, the once wrothy county attorney of Holt county, is very mad at the prospects of his contemptuous knavery being aired in the district court. Thereat he sat down to his typewriter and hammered out the following:

O'Neill, Nebr., April 25, 1900.—  
R. R. Dickson, Esq., O'Neill, Neb.—  
Dear Sir: On account of a blackmailing scheme that you are now engaged in, I shall be, and am, obliged to INFORM you that I cannot associate with you in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Richard Johnson, further, as I cannot afford to associate with blackmailers.  
Respectfully yours,  
W. R. Butler.

The "blackmailing scheme" alluded to is the complaint to disbar which was fully explained in The Frontier last week. The ridiculousness of the above is painful. The summonses in the court clerk's office with figures defaced are an enduring testimony to Butler's dishonesty and it would be an everlasting monument to the grateful memory of any member of the Holt county bar to "blackmail" any such craven cur to the blacklist. But Mr. Butler had more potent reasons than "blackmail" for withdrawing from the Johnson case.

## The Value of a Cow.

The American cow has been feeling the effect of the good times, and has come in for a share of the prosperity that now exists in every corner of our country. Note the following figures of the total value of all cows in the United States, and the average value of each, as shown by the department of agriculture:

Year	Total Value	Per Head
1894	\$358,908,661	\$21.77
1895	362,601,729	21.97
1896	363,955,545	22.55
1897	369,239,993	23.16
1898	434,813,826	27.45
1899	474,233,925	29.66
1900	514,812,106	31.60

Cows on the American farm were worth only from \$21.77 to \$23.16 each under the democratic administration of President Cleveland. Less milk was bought when our factories were closed. But busy factories mean money to spend and more milk for the family; so the farmers' cows are worth more under the protection of the Dingley tariff, which gives the home market to the home worker. A difference of \$10 in the value of each cow, between free trade and protection times, is an "object lesson" for the farmer.

## Stafford Sayings.

Mise Edith Larson, Mrs. Brobst and Mrs. Smith are on the sick list this week.

Dan and Ed Boyle had business at Ewing Thursday.

John Horton went to Orchard Wednesday.

Jessie Townsend visited with Mrs. Brobst a couple of days last week.

Jim Boies and Dan McGrane went to O'Neill Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shobe are rejoicing over the arrival of a girl baby at their home.

Anna Larson spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother and sister near Page.

The Walstrom and Bergstrom families spent Sunday at Ewing with Grandma Shobe.

## McCaffrey Items.

James Curran is working at Lamberson's.

Will Morgan made a trip to O'Neill Thursday.

Mr. McKeegan and John Pettijon were McCaffrey visitors Thursday.

Mrs. McCaffrey and Mary Morgan went to O'Neill Tuesday, returning Thursday.

G. A. Harper of Marcus, Iowa, was in this vicinity Monday looking for students. He succeeded in getting one here and several others around Amelia and Chambers who intend to take his course of study.

Mrs. Manchester was an O'Neill visitor Thursday.

Mr. Snover of Fremont is visiting at Lamberson's this week.

W. C. Wade had business in this vicinity Thursday.

## Last Week.

John Hansen and son were O'Neill visitors Wednesday.

Harry Osborne was a McCaffrey visitor Friday.

Will Morgan went to O'Neill Saturday returning Sunday.

Mesdames McCaffrey and Lamberson took in the sights at Amelia Tuesday.

Walter Roy attended a dance west of Amelia Friday night.

J. P. O'Donnell and Silas Smith of O'Neill visited at the Morgan ranch last Sunday.

John McCaffrey made a trip to O'Neill Friday, returning Saturday with a bunch of cattle.

Mrs. Gapter departed Saturday for Newport where she will visit for some time with her daughter, Mrs. Earle.

Emmet McBride of O'Neill is spending a few days in this vicinity. Messrs. Edd Farley and John McKeegan of Bancroft had business in this vicinity the first of the week.

Lewis Latta was looking over the sandhills Sunday for a summer location.

Jesse Roy Sundayed in the Missouri valley. What's the attraction, Jesse?

Mrs. James Davidson and children of O'Neill are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, this week.

Frank Gapter was a county seat visitor the last of the week.

Several of our young folks were fishing on Dry Creek Sunday. They say fishing is fine.

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**VEGETABLE GEMS.**  
Curious Opals Found in the Bamboo of Manila.

New York Press: "Among the queer things found in the Philippines are bamboo opals, a vegetable gem which is sometimes discovered by the natives in the stem of the bamboo," said a gentleman who has lived for a number of years in Manila. "Not one piece of bamboo in a thousand, however, contains a specimen, as the bamboo grown there, as elsewhere, is usually empty, but accident occasionally brings to light in the bamboo stem a small flint-like material, which presents the appearance of a perfect opal. These modules are known to the natives as 'tobacur,' and I have found from time to time during my long stay on the islands seen several of these vegetable freaks of nature, which reproduced the characteristic lines of the opal so faithfully that experts were puzzled to know the difference between the vegetable and the real specimen. "Besides the tobacur gem there is frequently found in the inside of the Philippine cocoanut a tiny substance resembling a sponge, which, when exposed to the heat of the sun for several days, will reveal the presence of sundry small spheres that have all the natural appearance and luster of the pearl. These cocoanut gems range from the size of a pin head to that of a small pea. They are valuable, and when not used by the natives for personal adornment, are sold to local and foreign museums as curiosities. It may be interesting to know that the first chemical and mineralogical examination of these vegetable gems was made by James Smithson, whose munificence established the first of the scientific bureaus of the American government."

## THE FIRST BABY.

Its Coming is Looked Forward to With Both Joy and Fear and its Safe Arrival is Hailed With Pride and Delight by All.

The arrival of the first baby in the household is the happiest and most important event of married life. The young wife who is to become a mother delights to think of the happiness in store for her when the little one shall nestle upon her breast and latterly she shall hear it hiss the sweet and holy name, "mother." But her happy anticipation quickly vanishes when she realizes the terrible pain and suffering through which she must pass while bringing the little one into the world. An indescribable fear of the danger attendant upon the ordeal soon dissipates her joyfulness.

Thousands of women have learned by experience that there is absolutely no necessity for the sufferings which attend child-birth, they know that by the use of "Mother's Friend"—a scientific liniment—for a few weeks before the trying hour, expectant mothers can so prepare themselves for the final hour that the pain and suffering of the dreaded event are entirely obviated and it is safely passed through with comparatively little discomfort.

All women are interested, and especially expectant mothers who for the first time have to undergo this trial, in such a remedy; for they know the danger, which is in store for them. "Mother's Friend" is woman's greatest blessing, for it takes her safely through the severest ordeal of her life. Every woman should be glad to read the little book "Before Baby is Born," which contains information of great value to all. It will be sent free to any one who sends their address to The Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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