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### Coming Conventions.

Democratic state convention, Bryan wing, Omaha, August 22.

Peoples independent, Lincoln, Aug. 29.

Democratic state convention, administration wing, Lincoln, Sept. 5.

Peoples independent judicial convention, 15th district, O'Neill, August 26.

The Knights of Labor have declared a boycott on national bank notes. These people are altogether too particular. At this office any kind of money that will pay debts and procure the necessities of life will be thankfully received.

The prohibitionists have a state ticket in the field already. We would suggest that the cold water folks take a trip through the Black Hills of South Dakota and see the "beauties" of prohibition as a state law.

City Attorney Murphy of Chadron, died at Crawford a few days ago from the effects of a dose of morphine administered hypodermically by a man addicted to the use of the drug. A penalty should be provided for such people.

The split in the democratic party in Nebraska is such that two state conventions have been called, one by the administration or straights, and the Bryan or fusion-free-silver wing. The prospects are good for a lot of fun, for the rent extends to the county organizations and in some instances two county conventions have been called. It is hardly likely that the democrats as a party like the idea of being handed over bodily to the popes by Mr. Bryan.

Four rustlers were captured by a posse a few days ago on the military reservation. They were from Keya Paha county and their captors started with them for the county seat. As they neared a clump of trees one of the party remarked that that would be a good place and the men began to tie knots in their saddle ropes. The prisoners got scared and confessed to having stolen cattle and the party continued on their way and the rustlers were landed in jail. The prisoners have doubtless been kicking themselves ever since.

The crop reports from Dawes, Sheridan and Custer counties are very discouraging and it is quite likely that in other counties the conditions are much the same were the real facts known. In Sheridan county the crop will be the poorest in ten years and it is already announced that many of the people will have failed. Such condition are not at all pleasant and it means that some way must be devised to make it possible for the people in those portions of the state to live. Relief such as was extended last year is hardly satisfactory nor can it be repeated year after year. Rumors of a special session of the legislature are afloat but legislation which will help the case is hard to conceive of.

The latest reports are that the republican state convention will not be held until the last of September. That is about the proper time. There is no opposition to Chief Justice Norval in his party and he will, without doubt, be re-nominated by acclamation. It would answer all purposes so far as the nomination of a judge is concerned if the secretary of the state central committee could be instructed to cast the vote of the various counties for Norval and no convention be held. As to the campaign, the other parties know that the present chief justice is the man whom they will have to beat and they won't do just as much before he is named by the convention as after. Their efforts will avail them naught in any event.

The debate of Harvey and Horn on the financial question is assuming much the same aspect as the joint debates of opposing candidates during a political contest, each side applauds his own champion and claims that he knocked the other fellow out. Much less interest is shown in the discussion than was expected. The admission by Harvey that the one of the names of prominent men in Coin's Financial School was unauthorized and the putting of words into their mouths was entirely unwarranted. As an excuse the author said that he supposed every knew that the parties whose names were used in the book did not participate in the discussions. That is conclusive proof of one of two things. Mr. Harvey is either densely ignorant of the characteristics of the masses of the people, or knowing such characteristics he resorted to the tactics he did in order to mislead and deceive them before whom he attempted to possess a friend and follower. The deception will go to Harvey's confidence in all the statements of Mr. Harvey.

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Cuba has declared her independence of Spain and has asked to be recognized as an independent nation by the powers of the earth. A cabinet meeting was held a few days ago at Washington at which the matter was discussed.

Notwithstanding the attempts of those who would profit by the adoption of the free silver theories to keep up the excitement the silver craze is on the decline. The interest in the financial question is not dying out but the people are coming to their senses and will settle the matter at the proper time in a fair and reasonable manner and it is safe to predict that the loud-mouthed blatherskites who have been howling wild theories for a salary will have very little to say in final adjudication of financial policy of the nation. Agitators have their use but only to stir things up.

A paragraph is now going the rounds giving information that the Russian thistle is dying out some parts of the Dakotas. "This," says the paragraph, "but confirms the theory of some of the ablest botanists in the country, among them Professor Lagger of the Minnesota experiment station, which is to the effect that the so-called Russian thistle belongs to a family of plants that thrives only upon land possessing saline properties and when those properties are exhausted the plant will no longer grow.

The sea coast is the only place where this family of plants is permanent, and while they may flourish on the new lands of the west, which is more or less impregnated with alkali and other salts, for a time, their duration will be measured by that of the salts in the land." This, if true, is both interesting and important. It indicates that the thistle may be a source of benefit rather than a menace in some parts of the west where there is too much alkali in the soil.—*Lincoln Journal*.

The press of the country has taken up the fight against the scandal-mongers. The newspapers have battled against a great many wrongs but never has more righteous warfare been entered upon than against the scandal-mongers. They belong to a class which can hardly be reached by legal process and their attacks extend to all classes. None are spared, from the starving in an attic to the first in the land, and if the angel of light should come to this earth the vile vender of venomous scandal would at once hasten to get in some fine work, calculated to be detrimental to the character of the celestial visitor, and their attacks extend to all classes. None are spared, from the starving in an attic to the first in the land, and if the angel of light should come to this earth the vile vender of venomous scandal would at once hasten to get in some fine work, calculated to be detrimental to the character of the celestial visitor, and their attacks extend to all classes. 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