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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1896.

Dates to be Remembered.

- Prohibition national convention, at Pittsburg, May 15.
- Republican national convention, at St. Louis, June 16.
- Democratic national convention, at Chicago, July 7.
- Populist national convention, St. Louis, July 22.
- Republican state nominating convention, Lincoln, July 1.
- Populist state convention to elect delegates to national convention, Grand Island, July 15.
- Sixth district republican convention to nominate a candidate for congress, at North Platte, August 19, at 10 a. m.

Cripple Creek had another fire last week which destroyed what was left of the business part of the place.

The Spanish cruelties still continue in Cuba and the president of the United States still continues to do nothing in the matter.

In Spain more than 68 per cent of the people are illiterate. That in part accounts for the cruelties in Cuba. A nation can hardly be called civilized when only one person out of five can read or write.

The last issue of the Nebraska Editor chronicles the absorption of one paper by another; the consolidation of six others by two, and the suspension of nine others within the past thirty days. Such things go to prove that even newspapers cannot exist on wind.

The slah of Persia was shot on last Friday by a revolutionary fanatic, as he was entering a place of worship. The assassin was disguised as a woman. No trouble followed the death of the monarch, which occurred very shortly after the shot.

Still new aspirants bob up for the state offices which are open this year. There seems to be more who are willing to serve the dear people in the capacity of governor than either of the other places. There are plenty who desire to be either treasurer or auditor so that none of the places will go begging.

The straight or administration democrats held their state convention at Lincoln last week. Tobias Castor heads the list of delegates to the national democratic national convention, and the rest are the same kind of people. Almost every county in the state was represented, the list of delegates having been published. The outcome at Chicago will be watched for with interest.

J. A. Habegger and Frank Currie, both of Dawes county, are said to be candidates for the republican nomination for representative in this district. This is the year when the greatest care should be taken to select the best and most available men for candidates that success may be had at the polls. No one should allow his personal ambition to interfere with the interests of the party.

Some of the papers are discussing the plan of an editorial association for the western part of the state. Such an organization would no doubt be of benefit to those who could attend the meetings, but the way the lines of travel run it is very inconvenient for people in the western part of the state to gather in any town in the part of the state interested. It is much easier for most of them to reach Omaha or Lincoln than any of the towns located on railroads other than the one near which they reside.

The state superintendent of public instruction has issued an official circular to the superintendents of the counties of the state in regard to the enforcement of the compulsory school law. Under it children between certain ages are to be sent to school for at least twelve weeks during the year. Parents who do not comply with the law will be called to account if the county superintendents do what they are under oath and bond to do in enforcing the law.

It is reported that an effort will be made to turn down Attorney General Churchill for a second term. It has been a rule in the republican party of Nebraska when a state official has done his duty for one term to give him the nomination for a second term. Of course, if a man proves unfit for the position it would be the proper thing to retire him at the end of his first term. The indications are that all the other republicans who are serving their first term will be recommended for a second term without opposition, and the fight on Churchill is most likely the result of the aspirations of other Douglas county men to a place on the state ticket. No good cause seems to be given for the attempt to kill him off. One good term deserves another.

Utah is considered to be a great silver state, but she is just issuing \$200,000 in bonds made payable in gold. That is a significant straw.

The old Camp Sheridan reservation in Sheridan county is now open for settlement. A settler has to comply practically with the homestead laws and at the end of five years pay the appraised value of the land, either all at once or in five payments. All necessary information may be obtained from the officials of the Alliance land office.

Irrigation matters in the vicinity of Crawford have got in court. The parties interested in what is known as the Grable ditch have brought suit to restrain all those above them from taking water from White river and its tributaries for the purpose of irrigation. Water rights will cause a good deal of litigation, but once settled it will fix the value of much property.

Ed Whitcomb, editor of the Friend Telegraph, is said to be a candidate for state senator in his district. It has long been admitted that when standing with both feet on the ground Bro. Whitcomb can cover more territory than any other newspaper man in the state, and that fact ought to help him in his canvass. Should he get there with both feet there would be one good member of the next senate.

The result of the republican state convention in Illinois last week settles the matter of Cullom being a candidate before the national convention as the delegates elected are for McKinley. It seems now that it is simply a matter of majority with him. It is six weeks yet before the convention and that is time for many things to happen, but unless something out of the ordinary happens McKinley will have a majority of the convention at the opening of the session. The action of the people all over the nation in regard to him is unexampled in the history of the nation.

There has been quite a commotion in legal circles over a recent decision of the supreme court. It has been the practice of the judges of the district courts of the state to accept a plea of guilty by those charged with crimes and to sentence them at once, although it was not during a regular term of court, thus saving the county wherein the crime was committed the expense of keeping the prisoner until the next regular term of court. The supreme court has held that such proceedings outside of term time was irregular and a number of convicts have obtained their freedom as the result thereof.


Auditor Moore has withdrawn his attack on the constitutionality of mutual insurance law and says it was a mistake and he did not intend to help the old line companies. He hopes thereby to increase his chances for the nomination for governor, but it is more than likely that the people of the state will want a man for governor who will know that he is right before he goes into a matter of so much importance and one who will find out that he has made a mistake before he has been roasted for weeks by the press of the state. There may be some excuse for Mr. Moore having taken a wrong position in the first place, but there is no excuse for his attempting to maintain it for so long.

What War Must Mean for Spain.

Thus when, for really effective purposes of modern naval warfare, our present fleet is compared with that of Spain, it is not extravagant to estimate that ours is quite three or four times as powerful. Our Atlantic squadron alone, now under the command of Rear-Admiral Bruce, would—at least with the aid of two or three other of our swift cruisers,—quite easily suffice to annihilate the Spanish navy. The war, if it were declared, would probably be an extremely brief one, consisting of a naval engagement or two in the general vicinity of Cuba. The encouragement which the Cuban insurgents would derive from hostilities between Spain and the United States would enable them to make speedy work with General Weyler's troops. The outcome, then, of a declaration of war by Spain against the United States would seem unquestionable. Spain would lose her navy and lose Cuba too, in a few disastrous days. Yet it has for months been the opinion of the most competent observers of matters diplomatic and international, that the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents by our government would be met with a prompt declaration of war on Spain's part. Even Castelar seems ready to fight us.—From "The Progress of the World," in May Review of Reviews.

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