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The calamity to the Cruiser *Maine* at Havana last week, has increased the number of American citizens whose bodies have been left to decay upon the island of Cuba, by about 253. The past has been a continuous reign of terror to the natives of Cuba, and an ever increasing menace to life and property of the people of the United States. Spain has never hesitated to destroy property, and life as well of Americans, when she felt so disposed. yet our Government has born it with a fortitude that surprised even other Nations. In 1873, when she captured the *Virginus* and put to death nearly two score of her crew, it was an English Man-of-war that stopped the massacre until the United States could be notified, yet an indemnity was all that was asked for the murder of our citizens. That island under the government of Spain has been, and is now, such a menace to our safety, and disturbing element to our peace, that cannot much longer be tolerated. Any other government upon the globe, that had the power would have wrested the island from the turbulent spanish Dons before this. We hope the Rubicon has been crossed, war we never welcome, but taunts, assassination of our people, destroying of our property, and heaping insults upon us that would shame any people must be stopped. Yankee John is long suffering, but when that peaked tail coat begins to extend straight from the terminus of his spinal column, and his hair begins to start like the quills from the back of the fretful porcupine" look out Sagasta, he's coming.

The pop legislature allowed Gov. Holcomb \$1,500 house rent, and for several months he drew his monthly rents without swearing to the claim and signing a voucher. But one day he was told by the proper official issuing such paper, that he would have to sign the vouchers as the law required, and as others were compelled to do. To this Mr. Holcomb objected, and rather than sign the vouchers got his landlord to present the claim and draw the rent money. If Holcomb had a just claim against the state, why should he refuse to exchange his voucher for the cash. J. M. Snyder, representative from Sherman county, when asked what he thought about the legislature allowing this rent over and above his regular salary of \$2,500 per year said that he thought it was all right, as Holcomb was a poor man when he went to Lincoln, and that would place him on his feet. If Mr. Holcomb was allowed this house rent on the ground that he was poor, then it would be just as fair, just as honest, and just as right, for the state to pay the house rent of every poor man in the state of Nebraska. Mr. Holcomb ought to be ashamed for having signed the bill that gave to him \$1,500 of the people's hard earned money, and no doubt is, or else he would not refuse to sign the vouchers when drawing the monthly allowance. And Mr. Snyder is no less guilty for having stood up in the legislative halls and voted to pour the taxpayers hard earned dollars down this enormous rat hole.

The letter of T. H. Tibbles in the pop papers last week, is one of the most clever pieces of chicanery and straight out working of the sympathy dodge and to prejudice the mind of the other fellow, that has been spread broadcast in poplorn for many weeks. That he sees the "hand writing on the wall" is evident, but that he can make it work is very much doubted. He holds up to the populist party the panorama of good deeds

done by Edmisten, since he killed the fatted calf at the feast in the forest, until he had the man that he promised a job (Simon) arrested, and then dropped the subject as satan did Christ on the mount. But it is supposed that most all populists know that Edmisten endeavored to kidnap Simon, by going out to Dawson county, and having a warrant sworn out for his arrest and having a deputy sheriff come to Lincoln and arrest him late in the evening so that he could take him away from home and friends, to be tried in a strange land, in a pop flower bed, by daisies propogated by pop(y) seed that had been scattered broadcast some years ago by disgruntled democrats, and that Edmisten's friend, the populist deputy hurried Simon off by way of Omaha, to avoid habeas corpus proceedings, and that Simon forestalled a writ by furnishing the deputy a sufficient amount of corn juice to place him hors de combat at Omaha, and took the next train for home. Simon is or has been a populist heeler, and Edmisten failed to give him what he promised him for his share in ballot manipulating, and he squealed. Now boys don't try to deny it.

District court for Sherman county opened Monday and has been steadily grinding every since. The first act of the county attorney, John Long was to dismiss all the criminal cases on the docket, and as stated in the motion, "for the want of evidence to convict," or words to that effect. These five cases and the two Nichols and Wilson cases make seven criminal cases that have been dismissed "for the want of evidence to convict" within the last year, to say nothing of the cases dismissed before that. In fact we would need the aid of both county attorney and his deputy to call to mind one single criminal case which they have successfully prosecuted during their terms of office, but in every case brought, they prosecuted or rather persecuted the prisoners at a very large expense to the tax payers, only to let them go in the end and leave the county to foot the costs. The last two arrests that were made, namely, Dick Cole and Barney Smith for wheat stealing, turned out to be a dizzle also. The prisoners were allowed the freedom of the jail and so escaped, and the county will settle the bill as in the other cases. The plaintiff in this case doubtless recognized the inability of county attorney J. W. Long and his deputy M. H. Mathews to successfully prosecute the case and so at his own expense employed Judge Wall to assist them, but all of a sudden the birds are gone and Mr. Sote has Mr. Wall to fee and the county will settle with the officers. These are mere examples of reform.

Ex-Auditor of state Moore, was set at liberty by the Supreme court last week, on a technicality of the law. Mr. Moore was fairly convicted on his own confession, but the Supreme court seemed to think that a technicality in law, should be considered paramount to a confession of guilt. That there was a hair visible that could be split there is no doubt, but the fact remains that the state is out \$25,000 of legitimate fees, and Moore acknowledges getting it, and keeping it, and it would look to us as though he should be kept the stripes on for the specified time set for him by a concensus court. The present Auditor is said to be pursuing the same dishonest methods, and the precedent set by the Supreme Court will have the effect of swindling this state at will in the future.

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