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Frank Cuba, county attorney of Colfax county, Neb., died at his home in Schuyler, July 12. Mr. Cuba had been county judge of Colfax county and was a well known democrat.

Clay W. Metsker, publisher of the Plymouth (Indiana) Democrat, addressed the democratic editors at French Lick, July 15. In that address Mr. Metsker suggested for the democratic ticket of 1908 John W. Kern of Indiana for president, and Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri for vice president. He said he would have these distinguished men named "upon a platform that will force corporate control, the tariff and the trust questions to the front."

Mrs. Kate M. Cleary, newspaper and magazine writer well known in Nebraska and the west generally, dropped dead of heart disease in Chicago, July 18.

The Peary Arctic expedition sailed Monday, July 17. The expedition is under the auspices of the Peary Arctic Club, and the ship is called "The Con-velt."

General W. W. Blackmar, commander in chief of the G. A. R., died at Boise, Idaho. The remains were taken to the general's home at Boston.

After serving twelve years and eleven months Alexander Berkman, who attempted to kill H. C. Frick with a dynamite bomb at the Frick Coal company's offices at Pittsburg, was released from the Western penitentiary July 19. He had earned seven years and one month of liberty for good behavior under the new commutation law.

Senator Wm. A. Clark of Montana, underwent an operation for an abscess in the middle ear July 15. For a time his condition was critical but he is now said to be out of danger.

Thomas Asbough, a mussel fisherman on the Wabash river at Maumee, Ill., found a pearl July 17, said to be valued at \$1,000.

Dubuque, Iowa, dispatches say that former speaker of the house, David B. Henderson, is suffering from paresis. It is said that his affliction has been coming on for two years, and that it had its inception when he was speaker of the house and surprised the country by withdrawing from the congressional contest in 1902. It is said that on the day of his withdrawal Colonel Henderson confided to two of his closest friends the fear that his mind would break down in another political contest.

Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte has reversed an order made by his predecessor, Paul Morton, removing governor inspectors from the work being done at the Charleston Navy Yard. The Pittsburg Dispatch, a republican paper, explains: "The inspectors did not meet the approval of the contractors, and according to testimony in the hands of the secretary it was decided to have them removed through political influence. The necessary pull was evidently found, for the inspectors were sent to another point. This attracted the attention of the people of Charleston, who protested to Secretary Morton. Nothing was done, but in a short time Mr. Morton left the public service and

Secretary Bonaparte was installed. In spite of the mass of detail he was compelled to master he saw the necessity of the rigid inspection of public work, and taking up the Charleston matter soon reached a conclusion, restoring the inspectors."

Thomas W. Lawson, returning to Boston from his western trip expresses the opinion that American people are thoroughly aroused against "the system." Mr. Lawson suggests Governor Johnson of Minnesota as the democratic nominee in 1908. He says: "I found in the west one of the sturdiest Americans I have ever run across—an able, honest, fearless citizen of the republic, a personality to whom the great body of American citizens would warm and quickly make a hero of—Governor Johnson of Minnesota. It just did my heart good to shake hands with him and to stand off and analyze him, and I do not hesitate a second in saying that, barring accidents, if the democratic party nominates him three years from now nothing will stop him from landing in the White House with a majority well up with Roosevelt."

The Venezuelan government has paid to the British and German legations 2,797,959 bolivars. This is the first six-months' installment due under the contract recently signed for the conversion of Venezuela's foreign debt.

Dr. Franklin Clarke, an American, was arrested at Kingston, Jamaica, July 17, charged with taking photographs of the forts.

The interstate commerce commission has recently issued an accident bulletin showing the number of railroad accidents in the United States during the months of January, February and March, 1905. This bulletin shows that during that quarter there were 28 passengers and 204 employees killed and 1651 passengers and 2062 employees injured in train accidents, making in all 232 persons killed and 3713 injured in train accidents. Other accidents to passengers and employees, not the result of collisions or derailments, bring the total number of casualties up to 15,306 (909 killed and 14,397 injured). There is a decrease of forty-two in the number of persons killed as compared with the quarter ending December 31, 1904. The total number of collisions and derailments was 3,108 (1,787 collisions and 1,321 derailments), of which 284 collisions and 177 derailments affected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engine and roadway by these accidents amounted to \$2,449,248. There is an increase of 27 in the number of collisions and of 131 in the number of derailments, as compared with the last preceding quarter. The total number of employees reported killed in coupling and uncoupling cars during this quarter was sixty-two, being a decrease of eight compared with those reported killed in the last preceding bulletin. The table showing the details of accidents to employees in coupling and uncoupling cars has been changed and amplified so as to show more clearly the circumstances under which the injuries occurred.

John Hyde, chief statistician of the Agricultural department, has resigned his position. Washington dispatches say this is a result of the cotton scandal. Hyde says that he resigns because of ill health, and declares

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