

Daily Eagle

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As a feature of the fight, the kinetoscope didn't take well.

With pugilists, when struck, the jaw appears to be connected with the brain.

The funniest thing in Bill Nye's career will be the solemnity at his funeral.

England backs down on the Monroe doctrine and thereby hangs a tale-twisted.

The railroads will have to come down off their perch and acknowledge the corn rate.

The McKinley enthusiasts are inclined to blame Quay for the favorite son-of-a-gun movement.

If the Booth family is using religion for a cloak, they might better see that it is bullet-proof at once.

Governor Culberson's reputation just escaped by the breadth of a low, meandering river, full of snuffers.

After almost killing him Fitz took Maher's hand and said: "Well, Peter, but Peter wasn't. He was sick."

While strides are being made in photography, we should not overlook the advent of instantaneous pugilism.

Fitzsimmons should now give the championship belt to some one-horse pugilist and insist on Corbett fighting him.

Poor Ballington Booth! There ought to be some way to draw the magic circle of the Monroe doctrine about his form.

If Nansen has discovered the Pole and failed to tie a string around it and maul it as he returned, no one will ever find it again.

It is said that western Kansas farmers are preparing a great amount of fodder land. This will attract German immigration.

Chumps who spend their hard money to see it, can consider themselves by remembering that there were several rounds-of-applause.

General Booth may have done a great deal of good, but his attempt to make Christianity a side-show to the English nation is a little thin.

Liquor selling, according to the Prohibitionist, will damn any city. We now see how Morrill is proceeding against Leavenworth.

It begins to look now like the first break will not come in McKinley's popularity prior to the time when he begins to appoint postmasters.

No doubt Bengal Billie's request of Morrill was prompted by good motives, but it came mighty near jeopardizing Co-Boss Leavenworth's job.

It should be demonstrated at once that orthodoxy photography will take no different picture of an ossified man than the ordinary camera.

Until General Booth and his son Ballington settle their difficulties, the bass-drummer of the Wichita regiment ought to muffle his instrument.

We have heroes among us who are heroic because they do their duty always. The late Eugene Naud, locomotive engineer, was one of these.

Deputy refuses to speak in Lawrence because the town doesn't want to hear Ingersoll. If Lawrence snubbed Ingersoll, it was very small in her.

Paris has declared that the balloon sleeve must go and has substituted a tight sleeve which makes a woman's arm look like a Bologna sausage.

Does the fate of Kansas Republicans rest in the hands of Morrill's family physician, and will that gentleman notify Morrill that he must not run?

Kansas editors can amuse themselves all day Sunday by calling to mind that the railroads do not appear to have heard their protest on the corn rate.

Even if he wins the delegation, there is a feverish fear on your Uncle Cy Leland's brain that McKinley will be nominated before the K's are reached.

Ballington Booth has been dismissed for insubordination. Notwithstanding the Salvationist's love of the instrument, they did not drum him out of camp.

Nansen, it is said, found land at the North Pole, but the agricultural condition is such that nothing will ever be planted there but a few foolhardy explorers.

In Armenia, 5,546 girls have been abducted by the Turks and 1,551 forcibly married. As a missionary writes, there are too many cobwebs in Christian cannon.

The house committee on judiciary has reported favorably on the bill to knock out U. S. marshal's fees and place them on salaries. This is one sensible thing that congress will do.

Mr. Stanley of Wichita, the superintendent of the biggest Sunday school in Kansas, says that Morrill has been actuated through malice in his treatment of Wichita. Morrill ought to be ashamed of himself.

Chamney Dewey refuses to speak in Lawrence, Kansas, because the faculty of the Kansas university wouldn't allow Bob Ingersoll to speak. Some day the United States will come to the Eagle's opinion that Dewey is a chump.

MORRILL A MINORITY MAN.

As the time for calling the state convention and the choosing of delegates for it draws on, the appeals which are being put forth for the renomination of Morrill and for the endorsement of his administration, by his friends, supporters and beneficiaries, become simply pathetic. These urge that his administration, from a business standpoint, is clean and free of scandal, and that even in the communities which have financially suffered because of his attempted enforcement of the prohibitory law, the police commissions were respectively named by ministers and good temperance people, while the Prohibitionists in the cities in which there have been no raids persistently refused to name like commissions, otherwise all towns would have been served alike, and, that, therefore, the friends of the law, of all others, should accord Morrill their heartiest sympathy and support.

All this is pitiful, but we undertake to say that Morrill has been controlled in this last named particular mostly by men who do not vote the Republican ticket. Governor Morrill was elected as the nominee of the Republican party and by Republican votes, upon a platform which for the first time in fifteen years distinctively relegated the responsibility for the enforcement of the prohibitory law, together with all other laws, to the people, not so much as even referring to it, thereby declining to be its sponsor and refusing any pledge for its enforcement. Morrill could not have been elected on an old time prohibition platform. He knew it, as did the convention which nominated him. He was elected on the distinct promise and declaration that the prohibition law was no more sacred, no more a Republican doctrine than any other law upon the statute book. His administration was to be a business rule, along Republican lines, and not a law and order, nor third party prohibition, nor an all around arraignment for every man in the state who happened to believe that there is but one law worthy a moment's consideration or anxiety. Morrill instead of living up to his own platform, upon which he was elected, stepped over on to the third party prohibition platform, thereby forming the abandoned plank of his own platform into an issue, the settlement of which either one way or other and in any event, will cost the party thousands of the votes which were polled for him last November a year.

No man is more sorry than the writer for all this, but despite all these pitiful pleadings of his friends and beneficiaries for an endorsement, in the way of a renomination, Governor Morrill, with his eyes wide open, and in defiance of the pleadings and protests of men who never voted any but a Republican ticket, listed only by a Republican man who care little for any party, thus putting himself in a hole and pulling his party into it also.

It may be true, as his friends claim, and as we are inclined to concede, that he can through his administrative holdings and the sway of the party machine force his renomination, but that the enthusiasm and partisanship of a national campaign will be equal to carrying him through at the polls we are not convinced.

But yesterday we noted the intimation, in a paper which has been defending the governor's raid on Wichita, and his capitulation at Leavenworth and Atchison, and the ministers and the leaders of the State Temperance union, which were accounted a host, would be for him and with him, without regard to their party predilections. Such proposition is but a broken reed. There is nothing to it. The factions named are strong in their way we admit, but not politically strong in a national campaign. Having more time to talk than the business man they have held Morrill's ear, but their ballot is no heavier than his whose business has been hurt, and whose taxes have been increased by Morrill's unexpected and forced issue. Besides these factors, these unions and leagues, they are made up of men of all parties, agreeing but as to one thing, and that one thing is the thing which was knocked out of the Republican platform upon which Morrill was so triumphantly elected. Indeed we would not be surprised to see the prohibition convention of the State Temperance union, called for Topeka on March third, turn about and read Morrill, all of whose troubles as governor have come through his attempts to serve and conciliate them in one single particular, instead of recommending his pledges to his party and standing by his platform.

We, therefore, are convinced that it is a mistake for any Republican paper to urge the renomination of Morrill, or to encourage him in the employing of his power to enforce such an endorsement as a renomination would seem to carry. Unless something occurs, and it will have to be radical and sweeping, and at his own hands, we doubt the possibility of his re-election, especially in the event of a fusion of the opposition on a renomination, free silver platform, or even on a platform ignoring the prohibition question altogether. Should Morrill be renominated we believe we can name six counties in which his loss of Republican votes would more than equal his majority over Leavenworth. But this disaffection is not all of the trouble. Having taken up and made the old rejected plank of the party his leading policy and principal issue, the question is bound to come up in the nomination convention as a direct and square issue. Whatever may be the result, whichever way it may go, there is an inevitable loss of votes to the party which never would have occurred again had Morrill not attempted to play good Lepus, good devil with Dick Wake for monkey and Dawes the cat to do the clawing.

THE FIVE TRIBES DOOMED. No five, whatever their powers or rights, can hope to stand before the aggressive and onward march of the Anglo-Saxon. Many tribes and nations of Indians have been swept away and have disappeared before a people

who sympathized with the Indian and who was ever extending him help with one hand while he was wiping him from the face of the earth with the other. Even up to the hour of the admission of Kansas as a state, the Indian owned or was in possession of the greater portion of its domain. But there remains not a single Indian reservation in the state worthy the name. Down in the heart of the Indian Territory but a short time since a little square of government lands became occupied as Oklahoma. Today Oklahoma possesses an area sufficient for a sovereign state. The Indian, his reserves, claims, rights and treaties have been disposed of, obliterated. There, however, is the territory belonging to the so-called five tribes. The rights and titles to these reservations were held to be inviolable. But a Dawes commission was appointed, not per se to extinguish these tribes nor yet to rob them, but rather to regulate them and confirm them in their rights. So we have a bill inspired by the Dawes commission introduced in congress, which bill, when it becomes a law, will be the first step in the disintegration of the remaining Indian nations in the territory, which domain will then rapidly sweep into the control of the white man. So the Creeks, Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws and Seminoles will lose their tribal rights and relations and soon disappear as a factor, and their country will become the white man's "Indianola" or a part of Oklahoma.

These five nations control 21,000 square miles of territory. The inhabitants are about 50,000 Indians and 300,000 so-called whites. They have churches, schools, a judiciary, a legislature and are a rude crude government de facto. But the whites do not own the lands, hence that which is sure to happen and soon.

The situation is unique. These nations are foreign powers in many respects yet wards of the national government, while the whites among them are aliens under the Indian laws. While the whites have no legal right or status there they in fact rule, rule to rule in one sense, rule to revolutionize in every other. The poor Indian looks stolidly, helplessly on, by turns in alarm appealing to the letter of his parchment treaties, at other times threatening or begging. But all he can do will amount to nothing. So far as the Dawes commission is concerned or the general government either, the white intruders might as well be banished, but that will not be, simply because such a course would be against the logic of events, against all experience and history. The Indian must simply succumb to the inevitable and become just what is determined for him. The allotment scheme means in the end, in the near future, white ownership whatever may be declared to the contrary. White ownership means in turn the pauperization and extinction of the Indian.

THE GRAIN RATE FIGHT.

The late grain rate discrimination against southern Kansas' corn fields was not, as many have supposed, inspired by railroads leading to Atlantic ports, but it is at bottom a fight instigated by Kansas City, through lines reaching New Orleans and Mobile. Grain consigned to either of these last two named points under the new schedule is practically forced to Kansas City. Whatever the Kansas City grain men may do, however, to the contrary, the new deep water port at Galveston must be given the same or equal rates per ton per mile, leaving the advantage so far as south Kansas and Oklahoma grain fields are concerned, with Galveston because of the shorter haul. In this fight all the railroads of the Mississippi valley running south have been enlisted, and the Illinois Central has been sending grain to the mouth of the Mississippi right from under the nose of Chicago, so New Orleans is being immensely benefited at the expense of the Kansas farmer. The New Orleans papers continue to note the large increase in grain exports from that city. The total shipments of corn from that port for the month of January reached 3,507,163 bushels, compared with 187,338 bushels during January of last year, an increase of 2,519,705 bushels. There were no less than forty-nine shipments of corn, twelve of which exceeded 100,000 bushels each and one exceeded 200,000 bushels. The bulk of the corn went to Liverpool, but that was not the only port to which it was shipped. Rotterdam took four cargoes, Bremen four, Queenstown four, Copenhagen three, Hamburg, Antwerp, Manchester, London, Havre, Rouen and Progress, Mexico, two each, with single cargoes to Naples, Dunkirk, Hull, Lynn and Frederickshaven. The Times-Democrat comments: "The trade of New Orleans was never so extended; that is, it has never done a business with so many ports so far apart as it has since the grain trade drifted here."

BILL NYE'S CAREER.

To the man whose risibles have to be raped, the career of Bill Nye must always appear to be a failure. To the man who expects humor to hunt him down and force him to laugh, all humorists will be failures. Two or three thousand definitions, epigrammatic and prolix, have been given of humor. But probably the best explanation of the power that man, alone of all animal kind, has, is found in the fact that humor results from the meeting of the intention to amuse and the willingness to be amused. At the same time both minds, positive and negative, which create humorous current, must be advised of the minutest details and conditions of the subject which is to be given a humorous turn.

In describing a cyclone Bill Nye once said: "I was riding through the forest. The wind was gently soothing through the trees. Presently I noticed that I was also soothing through the trees, at about sixty miles per hour." It would be useless to expect a man who had never felt anything stronger than a nudge to grasp this or to see anything particularly funny about it. But the man who has experienced the rapid, unannounced and violent advent of a cyclone will have no trouble in giving each word used full credit for the idea which it seeks to convey.

But outside of his humor, which will die of course, just as Rabelais', Lamouré's, and Dickens' have, there is a man made. Bill Nye all through his diary writings has punctured the boasted

inanity of conventionalty. In this regard he was thoroughly western. Like a true westerner he hated false pride and false forms. Even in his own writings when he caught himself in a sentence that was the least bit affected he would round it out in some slang-word that informed his reader that Nye was still unaffected and western.

The same thing occasionally breaks out in our own 'Gene Ware, who, in the midst of a rounded period, will fall into an ungrammatical construction for the mere sake of letting his reader know that he has no ambitions to be pedantic or scholarly, as for instance: " \* \* \* On the banks of Yellow Palat, where the women snore, whether they're asleep or aint."

Nye was not a great humorist although he was a popular one. A great humorist is one like Miguel Cervantes, who wrote one book, and brought down a great folly with a single cannon shot. Nye went around with an air-gun and dropped the smaller fables of the world he lived in.

TILLMAN DEMOCRACY.

There is going to be a lively time in the Democratic national convention, not that its choice of candidate will count one way or the other, but over questions of principle and policy. The issue will be shall the Democratic party die a golden, or take the chances of renewed life in indorsing silver. The leadership of the Democratic party is more intensely golden than the leadership of the Republican party, while upon the other hand the great body of the former party seems more strongly inclined to free silver than the rank and file of the Republican party. The Republican party will undoubtedly listen to the demand of its constituency for a currency of bimetalism and paper currency redeemable in both gold and silver, on a 16 to 1 basis, if possible, and the ultimate free coinage of both metals. The leaders of the Democratic party would rather go down than make such a concession or to take a step in that direction. Tillman of South Carolina, unquestionably represents the great body of the Democratic party in the south. Tillman openly declares that if the Democratic party in national convention refuses to make concessions to silver that the South Carolina delegation will walk out. This declaration has set the golden Democratic papers of New York and Boston wild, while the Baltimore Sun vehemently demands that this being the case Mr. Tillman must not be admitted to the floor of the national convention, he nor his delegation. This would be rough on Tillman. The Richmond (Va.) Times re-echoes the voice of the Sun, declaring that the desertion of Tillman ought to be welcomed by the Democratic party, "which should jump eagerly at Tillman's bait and seize the opportunity to rid the party of all such burdens." But the principal consideration is to keep such men out of the convention altogether, if possible. No doubt the Republican convention will have its own trouble over the monetary problem, in trying to define, in a satisfactory way to the west, just what is meant by bimetalism, yet the scene that will occur in the Democratic national convention at Chicago when the committee on resolutions shall have made their majority and minority reports can only be imagined, probably never adequately described.

PUGILISTIC POINTERS.

A certain element which the progress of the pugilistic world closely. A large element do not. To this latter element a word of explanation at this time may be necessary, as a great event has just occurred in the pugilistic circles, which the element which pays no attention to prizefights may have overlooked. The Right Hon. James Fitzsimmons, to use the polite language of the ring, has just, by a deft blow on the chin, knocked the back-end of the jaw of Mr. Peter Maher back into the base of his cerebellum, or antebellum, to be more precise. Whereupon Mr. Peter Maher suspended operations and became as limp as a water-soaked dishrag in July. Some time previous to this Mr. Corbett, a former champion of the world, retired from the ring and gave the belt to Mr. Maher. According to the rules of pugilism this belt now passes by the right of eminent domain or something of that sort to Mr. Fitzsimmons. Now Mr. Corbett appears and wants to fight Mr. Fitzsimmons.

This is the present stage of pugilism in the world, and all the general public should know. There are several choice scandals in regard to Mr. Corbett, and Mr. Fitzsimmons is not understood to be quite ready to pull off this terrestrial sphere without danger to himself. All great men, however, have been the objects of small talk similar to this, when their backs were turned, and it would be unusual if either Mr. Corbett or Mr. Fitzsimmons should escape it.

For the world at large, which is not particularly interested in pugilism, and in the graceful language in which the gentlemen of the ring conduct it, should understand that Mr. Corbett and Mr. Fitzsimmons are dead game sports and are hot stuff for your blooming walkers and as fine beads as you ever laid your blooming lamps on. So until de big mill comes off you hokes want to get your books on all de papers and give your blooming lamps to de news de de sports. See!

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

Down at Ardmore the soda water fountains are already selling glazed cones.

It is said that the selection of an early date for the delegate's convention has secured Oklahoma for Reed.

Whatever else may be said about Dr. Paddock he does a lot of mighty hard work getting people paroled.

It is said that a large brick house is going to fall on someone when the grand jury of Logan county reports.

A country correspondent has a new way of describing babies. He announces the arrival of "a little dawdler."

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county, occasionally sees a blue horse sailing around in the sky. No one else does.

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