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The Christmas number of the Lincoln *Journal* which was issued on last Sunday was a great paper. The cover was a work of art and the pages within were filled with excellent reading matter.

It seems to be definitely settled that no Nebraskan will have a place in the cabinet of McKinley. Senator Thurston was right in line for a portfolio, and it is safe to believe that one would have been offered to him were the political conditions in his state different. As it is he will represent the administration on the floor of the senate. There Thurston's ability as a debater and parliamentarian will enable him to do most excellent work and will redound to his honor as much as would a place in the cabinet.

The railroads have joined the attorney general in an application for the advancement of the maximum freight rate case which has been long pending in the supreme court of the United States. If the matter is determined both the railroads and the people will know what that law amounts to and can act accordingly. The court is asked to set the hearing of the case for the 3d Monday in January, 1897, and if the court shall not be in session at that time it shall come up on the first Monday on which the court shall be in session.

A man from near Rushville was taken to Omaha a few days ago to answer to the charge of fencing government land. It looks as if that kind of foolishness ought to be stopped. If a man fences government land and his doing so interferes with the rights of any one it is all right to make him remove it, but if it is simply to allow some one to vent a little personal spite the court ought to take cognizance of the fact and make it unpleasant for the complainant. There are many thousands of acres of government land fenced which would be of no use to any one if the fence had to be removed.

The Atkinson *Graphic* tells the republicans who are anxious to secure appointment under the incoming administration "not to rush the cattle." That is good advice. It is some time yet until the inauguration of a republican president and it will be sometime after that before the terms of office of the federal appointees will expire. The barber-shop rule of "first come first served" will not obtain in the distribution of federal patronage, and hence an applicant gains nothing by being early in the field. It frequently happens that applications are received and filed for a position for months before the place is to be vacant, and just before that time comes the right man sends in his application and gets the place. The advice not to rush the cattle is good.

To the observer who has no peorsonal interest in the matter it is amusing to watch the distribution of places at the pie-counter that is being made by the state officers-elect. The democrats are being taken care of and the pops are being permitted to take care of themselves except in case of a few minor appointments. Once in a while a wail goes up from some pop who has fought, bled and died for the fellows who will occupy soft seats in the state house for the next two years, but no attention is paid to it by the powers-elect, and one by one the pops come to realize that they are not to be in it. The division of the spoils in Nebraska is like the sailor said the division of prize money was in the navy when a vessel was captured during the war. He said it was sifted through a ladder, what fell through went to the officers, what stuck the sailors got. In Nebraska the democrats are the officers.

The pops of this part of the state are all wrought up because of the unfair apportionment of representation in the legislature and are clamoring for a re-districting of the state. How in the name of reason are they going to do it? If they wanted to do the fair thing why did they not fix it at the session next following the census of 1890? There is no census now on which a re-districting can be legally made. The trouble was that in the districts where too large a proportion of representation existed in 1891 the pops got their strength. Now they have it in the west and northwest and hence the roar. Pop reformers are very much like other political parties—only more so—and want everything to come their way. While it would be very nice to have this part of the state properly represented there seems to be no way to provide for it until after the census of 1900, and the roar by the pops at this time is all buncumb and simply calls attention to the reason they did not correct the wrong in 1891 when the legislature was under pop control.

Nebraska is preparing to help Cuba, as is every other state in the Union and President Cleveland might as well join the procession. The justice-loving spirit is awakened and Spain will rue the murder of Maceo. A popular call to arms has swept over the United States in behalf of Cuba.

A good many men who talk glibly about prosperity do not know what prosperity is. They are always hard up and always grumbling anyway, and they would be hard up and grumbling if wheat was two dollars a bushel and every man could get work at five dollars per day.—*York Times.*

It is reported that Judge Greene had one of his attacks a short time ago right in the midst of a criminal trial at Broken Bow and he adjourned court and gave his entire attention to himself. The fact that a man who has so lost control of himself is to represent the Sixth district in congress is not very inspiring to the people, not even to those who voted for him.

The latest from Cuba is that the reported death of Maceo is confirmed and that it was the result of treachery most foul on the part of some of his supposed friends and should properly be classed as plain murder. The Spanish papers and people are assuming a decidedly anti-American attitude and are making faces at Uncle Sam. The true American love of liberty has been aroused all over this nation and small bands of men are organizing to go to Cuba to help the people in their struggle for independence. Arms and other necessaries or war are also being gathered to be transported to the island. It seems to be an act of inhumanity for the chief executive of this nation to stand in the way of its taking a position which would cause Spain to cease the bloody work which has been going on for so long, and which appears to be no nearer an end than when it began. The insurgents do not lose heart over the assassination of one of their most noted generals but say that they will yet win their cause.

While the conviction of a cattle rustler in Sioux county has attracted a great deal of attention in this part of the state, the conviction of a man in Dawes county on a charge of perjury has overshadowed everything in the line of criminal convictions in the state that has occurred for a long time. It seems that a house belonging to the man in Crawford was burned and he got the insurance, and he then went in with the insurance company to get pay for it from the railroad company on his claim that the fire originated from sparks from a B. & M. engine. The case was so clearly a put up job that as soon as it was ended the representatives of the railroad company caused the man to be arrested on a charge of perjury. Five counts were returned against him and when the case was given to the jury it took them less than thirty minutes to return a verdict of guilty on every count. The case was notable for two reasons. It was the first conviction on a charge of perjury in the state, and the fact that it was secured when the crime was committed in an effort to do up a railroad company shows that all men do not believe that anything is right so long as it is against a corporation. The case indicates that the public has come to realize that many have come to look too lightly upon the import of an oath, and do not hesitate to violate it. How many people in the state lay themselves liable to prosecution every year in the matter of listing their property for assessment? How often does an official violate his oath of office when he receives an order of the court to do certain things according to law and he wilfully and knowingly fails to do so, ignoring his orders and the law, and then makes his return, certifying that he has performed his duty in the matter as ordered? If such officers are called upon to answer to a charge of perjury and are impeached from their office and their bondsmen are called upon to make good damages sustained by reason of their having ignored the law and falsified their returns, they may learn that laws are good things to obey. If men who go on the witness-stand to testify come to realize that unless they tell the truth they are in imminent danger of serving a term in the pen, and officials find that unless they go according to law they will be called to account, justice will come nearer being done and better conditions will prevail in such matters.

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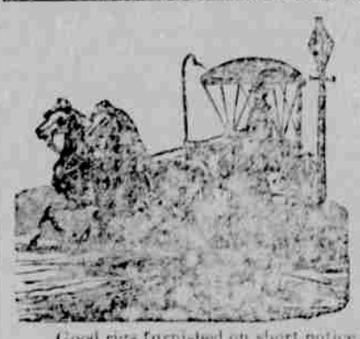

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