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It is now almost a settled fact that Mark Hanna will be a United States senator.

Cuba will soon be free—if the rantings of certain U. S. senators amount to anything.

When the cabinet is made up what will newspaper correspondents do for subject matter?

The Fullerton Post issued a souvenir edition January 15, that was a daisy. It is a credit to that city and paper.

Newspaper readers are necessarily a little mixed in their ideas of what constitutes a Jacksonian democrat these days.

Grover has received a visit from Queen Lil, but no entangling alliance with the Hawaiian government is expected to result.

Representative Gaines has introduced a woman suffrage resolution in the house. He will at least have the thanks of Mary Ellen Lease.

It is claimed that Milwaukee brewers use about five-sixths of corn in the manufacture of beer to one-sixth of barley malt.

Nobody has suggested that Grover Cleveland and David B. Hill, who will go out of office at the same time, might form a law partnership.

Judge Reese has rendered an opinion to the effect that in order to carry a constitutional amendment it would require a majority of all the votes cast at the election.

The city treasurer of Minneapolis, recently re-elected, has been compelled to resign on account of his inability to secure bondsmen. He has served the people in that office for four years.

It turns out that Representative Money's trip to Cuba was merely made for money. He went for a newspaper. That makes him a little worse than the plain fool he was supposed to be.

The past week has been noted for disastrous fires throughout the country, aggregating millions of dollars worth of property. Philadelphia was the heaviest loser with a million dollar blaze.

Three weeks have now elapsed since the pop legislature met, and aside from drawing salaries and introducing bills, the good which it has accomplished could not be found with a microscope.

It is a waste of time for the democrats and populists to quarrel over which party shall champion the silver question in 1900. Four years of republican rule will be most likely to make the silver question a reminiscence.

George A. McArthur, formerly of the Atkinson Graphic, has established the Madison County Times at Norfolk. It starts out with indications of prosperity. The Frontier hopes that George will make a fortune in the sugar city.

The populists in the legislature at Lincoln are like the populist supervisors of Holt county. They are afraid to take a vote on any measure without going into caucus. It is wonderful how quick they adopt old party methods.

Uzars Brothers Baird and Young, of Hartington, "saw off" on their wordy scuffling, the Northeast Nebraska Press association will have to call a special meeting to attend to their case. This discussion must be making the Leader readers tired.

A PORTION of Bryan's advice about dropping everything but silver is likely to be taken by both democrats and populists. Long before 1900 it will be seen that both have dropped, among other things, William Jennings Bryan.

The South Dakota legislature continues to wrangle over the election of a senator, for which the members draw their salary with startling regularity. At present there is no sign of the deadlock being broken.

A KANSAS statesman has prepared a bill to "protect sanity" by prohibiting hypnotism, mind reading and kindred subjects. It is not surprising that the pops of Kansas should object to having their minds read or a hypnotic influence exerted over their actions.

Even Secretary Olney has administered a rebuke to Ambassador Bayard, although it has been done indirectly, by a revision of the diplomatic regulations, which now say that no diplomatic representative of the United States shall make political speeches.

E. P. Stone, the Sioux City banker, continues to be wanted by his confiding depositors, but the police and detectives are unable to locate him. Stone may eventually get struck with remorse and come back to Sioux City, but it is more likely that he will never be heard of.

It is now proposed that the democrats hold a national convention this year to decide "where they are at," and to organize for the next campaign. All right boys, go ahead. The more publicity the present aims of the democratic party get the more republicans there will be.

If Cramp Bros. make padding for ships—which is named cofferdam—out of the outer portion of corn stalks, and cattle food from the pith, care should be taken not to feed the former to your cow, as it might cause her to coffer—head off or ship her 'udder.—Olivet (S. D.) Herald.

When there is a republican administration and a republican tariff bill the promised prosperity will return to the country. If not, the republican party will willingly bear the blame for its failure, but it isn't willing to bear any blame for the failure of general prosperity to come under existing conditions.

CHARLES CLINE, a former Holt county boy, will probably be elected United States senator from Washington. On a ballot taken last Tuesday he had 39 votes, 9 votes ahead of his nearest competitor. It takes 57 votes to elect. If a populist or a free silverite is going to be elected, we hope Charlie will be the man.

Glass bricks are a new invention shown in the Scientific American for the construction of pavilions and buildings where light is necessary but a view of the interior is not desired. The bricks are hollow blown glass, five inches wide, eight inches long and four inches thick, and the effect in a building, when made of different colors of glass is decidedly unique.

The law designating a legal newspaper should not be repealed. It should be made more stringent. If it compelled a paper to have say 400 bona fide circulation before it could be termed a legal newspaper, it would be a benefit to journalism. It would shut out the establishing of papers when there is no use for them, and build up those already established.

The new apportionment bill introduced by the pops increases the representative districts from sixty-eight to seventy-six, and reduces the senatorial districts from thirty to twenty-eight. By the new gerrymander the twenty-fourth senatorial district will comprise the counties of Holt, Boyd, Rock, Brown, Keya Paha and Cherry for one senator, and the fifty-third district, Holt county for one representative, and the fifty-fourth representative district of Holt, Boyd and Rock will have one representative.

FUEL VALUE OF CORN.

While it is to be deplored that corn is so slow and the market so restricted that farmers in certain parts of Nebraska and surrounding states prefer to use corn as fuel rather than dispose of it at the price offered, yet if he is really the gainer he cannot be blamed for pursuing that course. Each farmer must necessarily decide for himself whether for his purposes corn or coal is the cheaper fuel. At the same time the possibilities of corn as fuel can be determined only by exact experiments under conditions that permit of accurate observations.

In this connection the data supplied by a bulletin just issued from the University of Nebraska Experiment Station giving the comparative results of carefully made tests are interesting and pertinent. For one test, a good grade of this year's yellow dent corn on the ear and not thoroughly dry was burned under a boiler and the amount of water evaporated recorded; for the other the same boiler was heated with screened Wyoming coal and a similar record kept. One pound of coal evaporated 1.9 times as much water as one pound of corn. In other words, 1.9 times as much heat was liberated in burning one pound of coal as in burning one pound of corn. The coal used cost \$6.65 per ton. With coal selling at this price and worth 1.9 times as much for fuel as an equal weight of corn the fuel value of the latter would be \$3.50 per ton, or 12.25 cents per bushel.

The following table shows how much coal is worth per ton when its heating power is the same as that used in the experiment and when corn is selling at a certain price per bushel:

CORN PER BU.	COAL PER TON.
9 cents.....	\$4.37
10 cents.....	5.41
11 cents.....	5.95
12 cents.....	6.49
13 cents.....	7.11
14 cents.....	7.77
15 cents.....	8.11

It will thus be seen that if this quality of coal were selling at less than \$6.10 and corn were bringing 12 cents it would not pay to burn corn, while coal must sell as low as \$5.41 per ton to be as cheap fuel as corn at 10 cents per bushel.

The economical farmer will not burn corn as fuel when he can secure the same heat cheaper by buying coal and selling corn. Nor will the economical farmer decline to burn corn so long as the price is so low that he can save money by so doing.—Omaha Bee.

THE REDISTRICTING SCHEME.

The proposition of the populists to redistrict the legislative districts of the state is quite in line with the policy adopted for seating the two contingent supreme court judges. There being no precedent, one will be created. There being no law, one will be enacted.

The state constitution directs that there shall be a reapportionment of legislative districts after each federal and state census. The federal census was taken in 1890. Owing to the drouth, panic and poverty, no state census was taken in 1895, and the people of the state generally approved of the economy. Hence

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there is no basis for a reapportionment by the present legislature.

It has been said that "love will find a way," and so it is with Nebraska populists. They are in the habit of finding what they want, and it is a mighty good statute and an air-tight constitution that can prevent them from getting what they go after.

The promoters of the new apportionment scheme, which is to redistrict the state so that the populists can retain control of the legislature, referred the question to Judge Maxwell, who is no longer a judge and was recently resurrected and elected to congress in the Third district, and he handed down an opinion to the effect that the thing can be done. Of course Judge Maxwell is not at present the court of last resort, and is not at present conducting a tribunal of final adjudication, but what he says is law and gospel to a populist, and it is probable that the legislature will redistrict the state into shoe strings, clothes lines, fish hooks, horse shoes, triangles, rectangles, and a variety of other angular curiosities that will cause the map of Nebraska to look like a diagram of the streets and alleys of Boston.—Kearney Hub.

It seems new as if the big irrigation ditch will be constructed. This means much to this section of Nebraska. Our soil is very prolific if sufficient moisture can be obtained, and by having the big ditch there would be no trouble on that score. There is a bright future before Nebraska and irrigation will be a prominent feature in its advancement.

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