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BEGINNING THE MANDERSON BOOM.

Readers of the Omaha and Lincoln daily papers are familiar with the workings of the Paddock literary bureau during the twelve months preceding the last session of the legislature.

Mr. Annin turned the wheels, and he ground out an amazing quantity of sickening slush. Senator Paddock, who at best is but an ordinary, common, everyday sort of man; who, when it comes to changing spots, can leave the most energetic chameleon far behind, was apotheosized until unsophisticated readers of Mr. Annin's imaginative productions were led to believe that the senator was an Alexander the Great, or a Napoleon, whereas he is only a puny, small-bore politician with strong demogogic proclivities.

Every time Senator Paddock opened a bottle of champagne Mr. Annin redoubled the activity of the literary bureau, and as the senator opened a good many bottles, Nebraska was continuously flooded with Paddock slush.

The failure of the senator to get himself re-elected did not discourage Mr. Annin in the least. When Paddock finally disappeared from the scene, Mr. Annin put up a new sign on his bureau. It is now a Manderson bureau.

Senator Manderson's successor will be elected at the coming session of the legislature, and the Annin bureau is now endeavoring to make it appear that the destiny of the whole United States is wrapped up in a little wad held in the palm of Senator Manderson's hand.

Manderson is featured in all Washington dispatches. He is held up as a great Something or Other, and his going and his comings are recorded with a thoroughness that makes a very large number of people tired.

When Manderson sneezes Mr. Annin has a fit, and when he opens his mouth in the senate the bureau becomes almost hysterical in its more or less maudlin emanations.

Now Mr. Manderson is not going to be re-elected and Mr. Annin may as well look around for a new patron saint.

The senator is a first-rate man on dress parade and he is as quite as successful as Buffalo Bill in keeping himself before the public, but it is altogether probable that some other republican will be selected to make the contest for his seat before the next legislature.

There are a number of prominent republicans who would make a better senator than Manderson, and now that one seat has been thrown away on Allen it is important that Manderson's successor be a man who can and will satisfactorily represent the state.

In the meantime if you want amusement observe the work of the Annin bureau in the *Journal's* Washington dispatches.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office for the binding and issuance of Mayor Weir in pamphlet form.

AT last reports Govenor McKinley still persisted in refusing to act on Mr. Annin's hint, and withdraw his candidacy for the republican nomination for the presidency in 1896.

OUR Washington correspondent presents in a striking manner the unpopularity of President Cleveland's Hawaiian policy. Cleveland is a good recruiting agent for the republican party.

MRS. CLEVELAND ECONOMIZES.

We read in the newspapers of an afternoon "tea" given by the wife of the president of the United States, at which several hundred ladies were present, and at which no refreshments, not even tea, were served.

And, as will be noticed in THE COURIER'S Washington letter, the ladies of the cabinet circle, have, by agreement, suspended the practice of serving refreshments at receptions, *owing to the hard times.*

When R. B. Hayes was president and Mrs. Lucy Hayes presided at the White House there was much adverse criticism in the democratic newspapers, of the alleged parsimonious policy of the president and his wife.

Sometimes when wine was not served at White House functions a wave of indignation rolled through the democratic newspaper offices; and Lucy Hayes was attacked with genuine bitterness.

But we do not remember that Mrs. Hayes ever gave a "tea" at which the tea was cold water. Wine may not have flowed freely at the Hayes private receptions; but there was never an entire absence of refreshments.

The petty economy of the present administration has never been equaled. The ladies of the cabinet circles omit refreshments because of the hard times! Mr. Cleveland and his party have bankrupted the country; but warrants for the pay of government officials are still good for par, and with their husband's $8,000 salaries it is not exactly clear why the ladies of the cabinet should feel called upon to practice such ridiculous economy.

Mr. Cleveland's administration is picayunish.

Perhaps we shall soon hear of the wife of our $50,000 president giving an old clothes party, and of the ladies of the cabinet circle taking in washing *owing to the hard times.*

WHEN the populist state convention meets the Honorable A. H. Weir, of this city, will be in it for the nomination for governor just about as long as Mitchell was in it at Jacksonville.

THE country newspapers published in Nebraska are notable for their general excellence. In many cases they are particularly able. The men who make them gathered in Lincoln in annual convention this week, and the editors left a most favorable impression. They are not all poets like Ross Hammond, or handsome men like F. G. Simmonds, but they are nearly all distinguished. They left an intellectual aroma behind them that still pervades the city, and will doubtless remain until the roses bloom.

THE celebrated remark of the governor of North Carolina to the governor of South Carolina was doubtless appreciated by the Carolinians; but we think the remark which the governor of Missouri this week made to the governor of Nebraska, is in particularly good taste, and indicates that he is a man of distinguished discernment. Governor Stone says: "The university of your great state has attained a high reputation, far exceeding that usually acquired by institutions of this character in so short a period. It is a source of profound gratification to me that the people of these great western states are taking such deep interest in educational affairs. The progress made during the last decade in the highest educational development of these states has been exceedingly gratifying."

A. J. GUSTIN contributes an article to the *Journal* on the financial question. It is mainly about "serfdom," "paupers," "Pope Henry Clews," "hell," "distilled dishonesty," etc., and is quite in keeping with the crazy utterances of the populist fanatics who are howling hysterically for more money. We would advise the *News* or *Call* to procure Mr. Gustin's services as an editorial writer. His mind is evidently unbalanced. But his writing is gingery enough to be entertaining.

# IN AMUSEMENT LINES

There are a great many things that Corinne, the peerless Corinne, can not do.

We haven't sufficient space to enumerate them all; but as an evidence of good faith, we will say that

She can't sing,
She can't dance,
She can't act.

Consequently when she is made the head-center of a so-called theatrical production, and is invariably given the center of the stage and is expected to do all the singing, dancing and acting for the entire company, the effect is quite likely to be disappointing.

Corinne's singing could hardly be called a soul inspiring burst of melody. It is not in that class at all. In fact it is a class all by itself and it isn't first or second or third class either.

Corinne's dancing is a kind of contortion that may be good exercise for the "peerless" actress, but is decidedly annoying to the audience. She hasn't even a speaking acquaintance with grace.

Corinne's acting can be best described by two words which we would not hesitate to use if we were runuing a profane newspaper—"d—m bad;" but as we are not conducting that kind of a paper, we will content ourselves by saying that her acting is strikingly devoid of any redeemable feature. It is not only lacking in good points, but is aggressively bad.

Corinne has gracefully tapering limbs whose lines appear to good advantage when encased in pale blue or white silk tights, and her shape and her mamma's great ability in advertising may be said to be her fortune.

There were some pretty faces and many shapely forms in "Hendrick Hudson" which was presented at the Lansing theatre Monday and Tuesday, and in the third act there was a splendidly executed drill with handsome costumes and brilliant effects. There was also some clever comedy work. But the show as a whole is wofully thin.

John T. Kelly presented "McFee of Dublin" at the Lansing theatre Wednesday night. This farce, which has been seen in Lincoln before, is one of the best of its class. O'Neill's "Monte Cristo" on Thursday and "Tuxedo" given last night, have both been seen several times in Lincoln, and call for no special comment at this time.

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The Corse Payton Company, one of the most popular of the repertoire companies that comes to Lincoln, has played to good business at the Funke all this week. Today there will be a big matinee, "Rose Cottage" will be the bill. Tonight the play will be "Police Alarm."

Coming Attractions.

Al. Field's Minstrels come to the Lansing theatre Wednesday, January 31. The company known as the Al. G. Field Columbian Minstrels is the realization of several years of practical experience and study. The entertainment the present year is built upon entirely new lines and yet retains a genuine flavor of real negro minstrelsy, combining plantation melody with the unctuous humor of the dusky denizens of our own Sunny South.

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Eli Perkins will lecture in the Lansing theatre tonight. Mr. Perkins is one of the most noted lecturers and humorists of the country and he has many admirers. In addition to the lecture he will relate many funny incidents. The advance sale indicates that the lecturer will be greeted by a good audience.

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Barlow Brothers Minstrels come to the Lansing theatre Tuesday evening, January 30. Fred Markham and Bob Morrisey will be heard in amusing songs. The song "After the Play" is a feature of the show. Master Percy Williams, the boy soprano, is a strong card. Schofield and Scott appear in specialties, and the entire performance, from beginning to end is brim full of life and humor. The vocal features are said to be exceptionally strong.


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