

THE VALUE OF CORN.

WHEN DOES IT BECOME PROFITABLE AS FUEL?

Some Experiments Being Made to Determine the Matter—Nebraskans Who Are Seeking Office Paying Attention to Senator Thurston—Items of Interest.

Washington Special. The present abundance of corn and its low price has occasioned much speculation as to its full value. There is such a diversity of opinion as to the actual knowledge regarding the profitability of buying corn instead of coal that it seemed desirable to conduct a comparative test that would show the relative heating power of the two materials. Whether it would pay to raise corn for fuel is a question not contemplated in this investigation, but the interests of the large number of people living in the region of cheap corn call for the determination of its most profitable use after it is upon the market. From investigation it is stated that if a certain quality of coal were selling at less than \$6.50 and corn were bringing 13 cents, it would not pay to burn corn, while coal must sell at no less than \$5.41 per ton to be as cheap fuel as corn at 10 cents a bushel. A very complete and thorough investigation of this subject is being conducted at the university. It was thought desirable, however, to publish the results already obtained, although they were based upon the performance of but one quality of coal. This coal is well known and largely used in the state.

All those from Nebraska seeking office are paying devoted attention to Senator Thurston, who is expected to lead on every street republican candidate to recognition. Senator Thurston is doing his very best. He is anxious to show his strength with the administration and he is likely to do it in naming the marshal, district attorney and collector of internal revenue when the proper time comes, as well as by naming all the postmasters in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth districts. Senator Thurston stands right in line with Major McKinley. The two republican representatives, who have been ignored up to date, will probably be shunted aside in the future so far as matters of patronage are concerned outside of their districts. Applications for office from sections of the state not in First and Second districts should be sent to Senator Thurston, who is devoting his earnest attention to the attempt to secure proper recognition for Nebraska republicans who have done good work for the party.

A Scrap in the Senate. During discussion of the penitentiary bill in the senate the usual serenity of that august body was disturbed by a fracas at the senate gate and a rush of senators and employes to the scene of action. It was observed that Senator Farrell of Merriek county and C. J. Bowley of the Crete Democrat were the combatants. The belligerents were parted before serious damage was done to either party. The difficulty grew out of an objectionable article published in Mr. Bowley's paper, of which the following is an extract: "Why is it that the state senate should be looked to by your dirty work needed by the lobbyists? * * * This report was signed by Caldwell of Neokolls, republican, and two pops, Johnson of Clay and Farrell of Merriek. There is nothing strange about the actions of republican members of the committee, but the two pops who pretend to represent the men who produce 10-cent corn and \$2 a ton hay to make such recommendation, one can come to no other conclusion than that they have been seen by Bill Paxton and Babcock who are ever present lobbying against a reduction of the charges. Johnson of Clay is a twin of Sam Elder of that county and Farrell is a deformed ignoramus whose 'double' probably was never before seen in the state senate. * * * Senator Bearing of Cass and one or two populists voted against the indefinite postponement of the minority report and thus helped the republicans to give it consideration when the bill is reached on general file. There are some queer acting senators in the legislature this winter, and they can be depended upon to fly the track when they are most needed to pass bills favorable to the people they represent, and they are not republicans either. It is queer that we can hardly find men who, when sent to the legislature, have the courage and honesty to carry out the wishes of their constituents."

A Judge Taken to Task. A Beatrice dispatch says that the recent decision of Judge Still, holding that township assessors are assessed by the township electors are to be added to the taxes assessed by county authorities in determining whether county authorities have assessed taxes in excess of the limit of 15 mills on the dollar valuation, imposed on "county authorities" by the state constitution, grows more unpopular the more it is known and the better it is understood, and is creating consternation among the eighteen counties in the state having township organization. This decision was contrary to the judgment of the numerous distinguished attorneys who heard the case argued, as well as to the uniform construction which has been placed on the law in Gage and many other counties in the state where township organization has been adopted, and letters are being received almost daily inquiring if the decision was not reported wrong. It has introduced great uncertainty and confusion into the finances of the county and should it stand, threatens, if it does not destroy, the township system.

Thompson Denounces the Lobby. D. E. Thompson, president of the Lincoln gas company, addressed an open letter to the senate making the direct charge that members of the lobby have offered to deliver enough votes to defeat the Lincoln charter, provided a certain sum of money was paid. He offers to furnish full particulars. An investigation is likely to be made. For Selling Whisky to Indians. Deputies dispatched. The party U. S. marshal for this district, from Omaha, came up yesterday and served warrants of arrest on Joseph Halsted and Dan Adair. The men are indicted for illicit selling of whisky.

NEBRASKANS ABROAD.

Some of Those Who are Temporarily in Washington.

From the State Journal's special correspondent: The Nebraska contingent who are willing to serve their country are all here and strictly on deck. They are a little blue this evening over the announcement that appointments may not be made very shortly, and that the tariff, rather than patronage, is at present prominent in the president's mind. Every eye is turned to Senator Thurston, who is looked upon as the Moses to lead them to the promised land. The presence of Hon. Church Howe in town for a week or so past has caused the gossips to speculate upon his chances for securing something under this administration. Just what he has his eye upon is not certain, but it is believed that he came to Washington cocked and primed with an application for appointment as third assistant postmaster general. Senator Thurston, it is understood, has Mr. Howe's claims for recognition under advisement. Nominations for office have not yet begun to come into the senate in force. When they do several holdover post-offices in Nebraska are likely to be filled by nomination of Major McKinley. Mr. Cleveland made the nomination of Charles A. Huek of North Bend, Dodge county; T. W. Leeper, Oakland, Burr county; John M. Smith, Cozad, Dawson county; S. W. Kelley, Beaver City, Furnas county; and Francis A. Simonds, Cedar Rapids, Boone county. All of these nominations lapsed by the expiration of the Fifty-fourth congress without any action being taken upon them. All of them occur in counties that will be represented in the next house by populists and it will consequently fall to the lot of Senator Thurston to recommend appointees for these positions. As the vacancies in the offices have now been waiting for some time the nominations will doubtless be among the first that President McKinley will send into the senate.

A. D. Peebles of Pender is also in evidence as an applicant for the Omaha and Winnebago Indian agency now held by Capt. W. H. Beck. Peebles is said to have Senator Thurston's backing. It is rumored that Representative Eugene J. Hainer of Nebraska is to be pushed for one of the assistant secretaryships of the treasury. Mr. Hainer has been in bed for three weeks and the report cannot be verified. The comptroller of the currency recognizes the following changes in Nebraska national banks: First national bank, Fremont; H. J. Lee, vice president, in place of S. B. Colson; First national bank, Orleans; M. F. Burton, vice president; Arthur McGrew, assistant cashier, in place of M. F. Burton; Genoa national bank, Genoa; D. R. Chittrick, cashier, in place of H. Bruner; Union Stock Yards national bank, South Omaha; J. A. Creighton, president, in place of John A. McShane; P. H. Davis, vice president, in place of W. A. Paxton. The First national bank of Chicago has been approved as reserve agent for the First national bank of Nelson, Neb. William E. Muffley of Nebraska has been appointed a binder in the government printing office at \$3.39 per diem.

Free Transportation of Corn to Suffering People in India. A special to the Omaha World-Herald says the Nebraska relief commission has given out the following: "After much correspondence and other labors on the part of the Nebraska relief commission, arrangements have at last been completed to transport all donations of corn from Nebraska for the famine-stricken people of India free of charge from the Missouri river to the shores of India and the homes of famine."

Inspector of Beer and Liquor. Among bills introduced and one which its friends are sure to meet with popular approval is that providing for a state inspector of beer, wine and other alcoholic liquors. The bill provides that the governor shall appoint a state inspector and this chief inspector may appoint five deputies, whose duty it shall be to inspect all wines, beers and distilled liquors. A scientific formula has been prepared, showing what are to be regarded as suitable liquors for consumption, and when a package is found that is to be branded as inspected. A penalty is provided for any dealer selling or having in his possession any package of liquor which has not been branded or marked "approved" by the inspector or his deputy.

Divorce Case Proves Sensational. Columbus has been enjoying some sensational scandals. One in particular was the divorce case of Josephine Barnum vs. George E. Barnum. Mrs. Barnum sues for divorce and alimony after having been married to the defendant about one year. At the time of her marriage she claimed to be a widow, her former spouse having died. Mr. Barnum took a trip to Stark county, Illinois, and resuracted. It is claimed, not only one, but two of her former husbands and brought one of them, George W. Smith, back to testify against his wife. It is needless to say that Josephine has lost her interest in the alimony case and also the affections of husband No. 2.

Missionaries Return. Messrs. Webster, Chase, Poppleton, Palmer, Wattles and Hitebeck, comprising the committee that started out three weeks ago to visit the legislatures of the western states in the interest of the Trans-Mississippi exposition, have returned. The party traveled 6,000 miles, met with seven legislatures in joint session and conferred with the two houses of the others apart. The members of the delegation say that the tone was beyond all question one of great profit to the exposition enterprise.

Major Clarkson's Tour. Maj. T. S. Clarkson, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., left last week for a series of official visits to the south and Pacific coast. His itinerary is held as follows: Nashville, Tenn., March 8; Columbia, Ala., March 10; Birmingham, Ala., March 11; Montgomery, Ala., March 12; Fitzgerald, Ga., March 13; New Orleans, La., March 15; Riverside, Cal., March 17; Los Angeles, Cal., March 20; San Francisco, Cal., March 21; Portland, Ore., March 23; Tacoma, Wash., March 25; Helena, Mont., April 1; Salt Lake City, Utah, April 4.

PLACES IN NEBRASKA

HOW WILL POLITICAL PLUMS BE DIVIDED?

Positions Not to Be Given Out Hurdled—The Peculiar Condition of Affairs in Nebraska—Senator Thurston's Attitude—Congressmen to Be Consulted With.

Nebraska Not Forgotten.

The special Washington correspondent of the Lincoln Journal telegraphs that Senator Thurston already has a worried look. He proposes to do the best he can, but is quite willing to postpone the critical decision until the last moment. Postponement is to be the order of the day in the matter of appointments to office. This is the word which comes from the white house. President McKinley desires time to consider applications. Such offices as expire by limitation of tenure will be promptly filled. Others will be carefully considered. It will be found, in the case of a large number of the most prominent offices of national and not of purely state importance, that the president has already made his selections. Most of the prominent foreign appointments have already been wiped off the slate. A large number of those offices in the departments at Washington not covered by the civil service rules have been promised in advance of the inauguration. With respect to others President McKinley proposes to be guided by the advice of the republican senators and representatives from the various states. Senator Thurston will be the controlling force in Nebraska if Representatives Strode and Mercer make no objection, as they possibly will not. Should they decide that as the representatives in the popular branch of the government chosen by the republican party in their districts to voice republican sentiment at Washington, they are entitled to a hearing and consideration in matters of republican appointments, an issue might be raised which would embarrass the president in his determination of matters relating to appointments in our state. In other states the delegations have been called together to determine upon questions of patronage and the views of representatives have been given consideration by the senators. The particular condition of affairs in Nebraska by which an anti-administration state ticket was selected last November and a majority of the delegation in the house, with one of the senators in opposition, renders the situation a peculiarly interesting one. In case the two republican representatives should demand a share of the state patronage it would compel President McKinley to make a decision which would be extremely disagreeable to himself. There are indications that Judge Strode and Representative Mercer are not inclined to concede the entire patronage of the state, outside of the post offices in their districts, to Senator Thurston. It is quite possible that they will ask of the senator that their views upon certain matters shall be given consideration and that in the absence of such consideration the matter will be laid before the president. It is believed that Senator Thurston does not propose to ignore his two republican colleagues in the Nebraska delegation and that he will yield something of the patronage which he is supposed to absolutely control in deference to their wishes and to their belief that the interests of the party and the size of the Nebraska delegation in the house of the next congress will be conserved by such concession.

There are several bills in the legislature affecting our marriage and divorce laws. Senate file No. 65, by Howell, voids marriage between uncle and niece and nephew and aunt. Just what the object to be gained is, unless it is to release some property that has been tied up by such marriages, is not discernible, because if the near relationship were the objectionable feature, it would suffice to prohibit marriages within that degree. Yeiser has a bill, too, that empowers the court on application of either one of the parties to declare a common law marriage of persons who have cohabited. Another bill on this subject is senate file No. 155, by Murphy, requiring county attorneys to defend all divorce suits where judgment appears to be going by default, or in which collusion or fraud is manifest on the part of defendant.

Salaries Payable Quarterly. Attorney General Smyth gave an opinion, on request of State Auditor Cornell, relating to the time of paying of deputies and clerks employed in the different state departments. Heretofore it has been the custom of the auditor to pay the deputies in the offices of the secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction monthly. Accordingly their vouchers were made out and presented for the first month of the time during which the new deputies had been employed. All other officers, deputies and clerks had been paid quarterly. The attorney general says in his opinion that the pay of the deputies named is due quarterly, and not monthly, as has been the custom heretofore.

A Winning For Sayre. Edward L. Sayre, title examiner of the Union Pacific, has been notified that the secretary of the interior has denied a hearing to Joseph P. Losee on a land case. The land is a quarter section across the Burlington tracks at Havelock and was pre-empted by Mr. Sayre April 16, 1891. Losee had homesteaded the land in 1876, but his application was cancelled because it was on the Burlington right of way.

Negro Boy Denied School Privileges. "Billy" Martin, a little negro boy, under the protection and living in the home of Jacob Nye, a white man, has been denied the right of educational advantages by the school board of Bowling. The board has not as yet given any valid reason why it cannot accept "Billy" as a pupil qualified to attend the Levator schools, only that he is a negro.

Lawyers Alleged Embezzlers. Judge Robinson adjourned an important term of district court at Neligh. Information was filed against two attorneys for embezzlement. The cases will be heard at the next term of court.

Minors and Savings Banks. Senate file No. 211, by Downing, allows savings banks to pay out money deposited with them on order or check by minors. In all other transactions minors are subject to the control of their parents or guardians. It is believed that it would be possible to throw all responsibility for accounts with minors upon the depositors. It is a serious question whether minors should be placed here on the same footing as adults. The bill is still held by the committee on banks and currency.

PUSHING FOR PLACE.

Nebraskans in Evidence for Public Positions.

Washington special to the Omaha Bee: Senator Thurston today saw no less than twenty Nebraska citizens who are applicants for positions under the new administration. All the morning he was besieged with candidates and when he left for the republican senatorial caucus, called at 2 o'clock to determine the future action of that party so far as reorganization and filling of committees are concerned, he looked jaded and thoroughly worn out. But his troubles have only commenced. Understanding that the legislature of Nebraska passed a resolution directing him to send all his seeds to the legislature for distribution, he stated that the legislature would have to direct resolutions to senators and representatives in accord with the principles of the party dominating Nebraska at present. That he would continue to send seeds to people of the state, irrespective of party, who might need and appreciate them.

Now that Washington is settled down to quietness a great exodus of Nebraskans is noticed. Many of the inauguration visitors from the Antelope state left late last night and many more left today, some going to New York, while others are hurrying homeward as rapidly as trains can carry them. It is generally understood that out of courtesy to his colleague Senator Thurston will permit Senator Allen to name the postmaster at Madison, Neb., Allen's home town. Senator Allen today endorsed for this position Seth J. Arnett, a well known republican of that place.

It is now Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and ex-Secretary Morton. There was little formality in the change of cabinet officials. Secretary Wilson having met previously the chiefs of division. Secretary Morton refrained from making a speech and Mr. Wilson quietly took the chair vacated by his predecessor. Mr. Morton will not leave for Nebraska for some little time, as his sister is slowly convalescing from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Senator Allen stated that if the republicans in the house could hold \$275,000 in the sundry bill for the Trans-Mississippi exposition he would see to it that the senate appropriated that amount. That his first duty would be to look after exposition matters, so that the amount might be made immediately available.

John G. Elliott of Tyndall, chairman of the republican state central committee of South Dakota, is here. A. B. Klifredge of Sioux Falls, member of the national committee from South Dakota, is ill and unable to be here at this time and Mr. Elliott will represent him and will remain for some time looking after patronage to be given to the state of South Dakota. Gen. Amassa Cobb is stopping at the army and navy club, where he holds informal receptions every night with his old army friends.

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EVANS IS NOMINATED.

OFFERED THE POSITION OF PENSIONS COMMISSIONER.

He Was a Candidate for Vice President Before the St. Louis Convention—Frank W. Palmer of Iowa for Public Printer—Doings at the National Capital.

Pensions Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—H. Clay Evans of Tennessee has been tendered the position of commissioner of pensions, and will probably accept, as it is one of the most important in the departmental service outside of the cabinet.

Mr. Evans has long been recognized as a leader among Southern Republicans. He represented the Chattanooga district in congress for several years and in the Harrison administration was first assistant postmaster general. Later he ran for governor of Tennessee and the result was in doubt for many weeks, and it was not until after a warm fight before a board appointed to review the election that it finally was announced officially that Governor Turney, his Democratic opponent, had been re-elected. He was considered for some time not unlikely to be the South's representative in Mr. McKinley's cabinet. He is a manufacturer and has a large railway supply repair establishment in Chattanooga. He is also a forceful and effective speaker.

Frank W. Palmer of Iowa, who once before was public printer, is the most likely of all the candidates for the place to receive the appointment.

LATEST CUBAN STORY.

Weyler Said to Have Been Instructed to End the War Some Way.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Crittenden Marriott, the Record's correspondent in Havana, declares that General Weyler has received positive orders from Madrid to end the Cuban war at once, even going to the extent of selling the island to the insurgents if need be to accomplish that object. General Weyler, therefore, set out for Villa Clara to find General Gomez and to undertake negotiations. Weyler himself has said the war will end within three weeks. Weyler's orders are, it is claimed, to secure peace at any terms, and he is instructed to offer Gomez bribes, autonomy or the island itself. Fear as to President McKinley's position is given as a leading cause for the Spanish change of policy.

HONORS TO MRS. BEECHER

Body of the Eminent Divine's Widow In State in Plymouth Church.

BROOKLYN, March 12.—A simple service was held over the body of the late Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher at the home of her son-in-law, the Rev. Samuel Scovill, in Stamford, Conn. Only the nearest relatives and a very few of Mrs. Beecher's most intimate friends were present. After the service the body was taken to the railroad station and placed aboard a train for this city. Upon its arrival here it was received by Sergeant Ackerman and a detail of Company D of the Thirteenth regiment, taken to Plymouth church and placed in the chapel. Alternate detachments of the Thirteenth regiment will continually watch the body. Ten years ago last night the body of Henry Ward Beecher was watched by details from the same regiment that now guards the body of his wife.

PRISON WHIPPINGS.

Warden Starke of the Missouri Penitentiary Re-Establishes the Post.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 12.—When Warden Pace assumed charge of the penitentiary four years ago one of his first acts was to abolish the whipping post. This caused a protest from the old-time officials of the institution and the contractors, but without avail, the warden adhering to his reform with tenacity. During his administration the discipline was as good, if not better, on account of the abolishment of this method of punishment.

CAPTAIN BAKER DEAD.

The Former Kansas Leader Passes Away at Guthrie, O.—His Record.

SALINA, Kan., March 12.—Captain H. D. Baker, for many years a power in Kansas politics, died at Guthrie, O., this morning. He was a native of Kentucky and during the war was captain of a Kentucky regiment. After the war his father was assassinated for his loyalty to the Union and the family came to this county in 1867. During the Indian hostilities of 1862 he commanded a company in Colonel Crawford's Nineteenth Kansas volunteer infantry. He was always present at state and Congressional conventions and sessions of the Legislature. In 1880 he removed to Oklahoma, where he served in the territorial council.

FLYNN LIKELY TO BE GOVERNOR.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—It is practically certain that ex-Delegate Dennis Flynn will be named by President McKinley for Governor of Oklahoma at the expiration of Governor Renfrow's term. He has brought to the support of his candidacy practically every republican member with whom he ever served in Congress.

FOUR DEATHS.

Two Passengers Added to the List at the Hazelton, Ont. Shipwreck.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 12.—If corroborative testimony is with anything, four lives were lost in the Evansville and Terre Haute railroad wreck near Hazelton, the dead being George A. Sears of Terre Haute, conductor; Joseph Boleman of Evansville, Bruman; Herbert Allen of Evansville, late despatcher of the Indiana legislature; one passenger, name unknown, supposed to be a druggist.

Reproved.

While Dr. Lyman Beecher was at Lane seminary, an unusual number of cases of tardiness in chapel attendance occurred, and the blame was laid upon the chapel bell. Dr. Beecher waxed sarcastic over the frequent recurrence of this excuse, until one morning the students, assembled as usual, found the services unaccountably delayed. At last Dr. Beecher, in dressing-gown and slippers, with hair like the quills upon the "fretful porcupine," came jerkily down the aisle, mounted the platform, and delivered himself of the following explanation: "Didn't hear the old bell. Makes no more noise than a lamb's tail rung in a fur cap. Let us pray."

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His Mistake.

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Prisons in Morocco.

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Anatomical Item.

"I have just dug up a great story about a family skeleton," said the new reporter. "So?" answered the editor of the Weekly Tattle. "Is there any meat to it?"

Tamarisk Wood.

In some of the ancient temples of Egypt perfectly sound timber of tamarisk wood has, it is said, been found connected with the stone work which is known to be at least 4,000 years old.

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