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BOUNTY AS A SUGAR RAISER.

It must be that the sugar planters of Louisiana look upon congress, the administration and the people of the United States generally as a pack of stupid fools.

When Abraham Lincoln was asked his views on the tariff he replied that he did not know very much about the theories of protection and free trade, but this much he did know: If an American buy a bar of steel for \$20 in England...

Suppose we call the bar of steel a barrel of sugar, and apply to the subject the same logic. What would be best for America? If we may buy the sugar in Europe, America will have the sugar and Europe the money.

For more than twenty-five years the American sugar industry was stimulated and supported by an import duty on sugar. The McKinley act placed sugar on the free list, and in lieu of the protective duties gave a bounty of 2 cents a pound for all sugar produced in this country from cane or sugar beets.

Our sugar business is paralyzed and all value taken out of sugar property by reason of the desperate condition to which planters have been reduced this year.

The legislature might with propriety institute an inquiry to ascertain what the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation have done during the past year to earn their \$2,000 each.

Washington is the latest state to terminate its protracted senatorial contest by means of party caucus. There is no danger that the senators from Delaware and Idaho, yet to be elected, will not be republicans.

It will now be in order for the Catholic prelates to petition the Nebraska legislature for a memorial to congress asking that all members of secret political societies be deported from the United States in order to remove a menace to the continuance of free government.

The attempt of ex-President Powell of the Board of Education to saddle all the responsibility for the deficit in the school fund upon the city council is not very well supported by the facts.

Four years ago the nightmare of every democratic statesman from Carlisle to Bryan was the surplus in the national treasury. The surplus is a thing beyond the actual necessities of running the government.

Now we have no such trouble on our hands. We have had a great reduction of federal taxes and we have inaugurated the policy of borrowing to pay current expenses.

The maximum freight rate law enacted by the legislature of two years ago is for the time being in a state of suspended animation pending an appeal on behalf of the state to the United States circuit court of appeals.

Unless the legislature make the necessary appropriation to pay the legitimate expenses of defending the original suit and prosecuting the appeal the case of the state will be put in serious jeopardy.

On the other hand we are assured that if the attorneys in charge of the state's interests are properly supported they will be able to expedite proceedings greatly to the public advantage.

The disgraced fracs in the house of representatives between Congressman Breckinridge of Kentucky and Heard of Missouri brings the former again into unenviable publicity.

It is said to be the opinion of democratic senators that the bills for admitting New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma to statehood cannot be passed at this session.

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BEET SUGAR HAS TREBLED

Consular Report that Puts Foreign Countries Into the Shade. AMERICAN PRODUCTION GROWING FAST. Enormous Natural Advantages in This Country Being Rapidly Knocked on the Head—Interesting Figures.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—European economists are alarmed at the prospect that the United States, the greatest sugar country in the world and always relied upon to absorb the surplus European product, will at no distant date produce all of its own sugar.

Frank Mason, United States consular general at Frankfurt, Germany, has submitted to the State department a special report on American competition in sugar production which is full of interesting statistics on the subject.

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to represent his views of what should be done, but is simply the suggestion of a compromise. If the silver men were willing to accept it, it might be an improvement on the present conditions.

Democrat Magazine: Fannie—Why do people always apply the name of "she" to a city? George—don't know. Why is it? Fannie—because every city has outskirts.

Washington Star: "Do man, dat's, constantly situated most at 'nighboos," said Uncle Eben, "doan't nebuh put no ashes on his slippery sidewalk."

Indianapolis Journal: "The telephone companies must be in a bad way," remarked the cheerful idiot to no one in particular, "because he never answers."

Washington Star: "I'm a little hard of hearing," said the old and weary man as he sat in his chair, "but I can hear you when you talk."

SYRUP OF FIGS. Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation.

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A Ground Hog Case—It's ground hog day, Feb. 2—and that sausage—reminds us of the Ground Hog case we have on Overcoats—been selling Overcoats to beat all since Christmas—sold twenty-six the other day—sold eleven of one kind yesterday—that \$15 Beaver kind—to be sure it's marked down—expect to mark down this season of the year—big mark down, too—Ground Hog case—have to do it—but then, we sell the Overcoats—Everybody that cares a rap for appearances—and goodness—buys them of us—Ground Hog case—has to do it—nowhere else—We do sell Overcoats for five—for seven-fifty—for ten dollars—all marked down, too—but then, they're not a marker to the fifteen dollar beaver—Fact is, we always have and most likely always will sell good dressers their Overcoats—it's us or the tailor—Ground Hog case—and whoever heard of a tailor making as fine a beaver Overcoat for forty dollars as ours for fifteen?

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