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FUSION NOT INSTEAD OF GAIN.

The populists, democrats and silver republicans have made a gain of seven-tenths of 1 per cent over the vote they cast for the state ticket in 1896. The total combined vote cast for republican and populist officials in 1896 averaged 296,552.

In the election just closed the combined vote for Post and Sullivan as near as it can be calculated is 184,475, of which Sullivan received 100,521 and Post 83,954.

Seven-tenths of 1 per cent of 186,475 is 1,305, the actual amount of the gain made by the populists, as shown by the election returns. This is one of the best illustrations of the fact that it is not safe to philosophize over election returns until you are sure your figures are at least approximately correct.

In the election for 1897, the returns of which have just been officially canvassed, the total combined vote for republican and fusion candidates averaged 189,034. The average vote for the fusion candidates was 99,815.

LOWA MANUFACTURING LAW.

The disappointment over the practical failure of the statute legalizing the manufacture of liquors in Iowa is manifest in the prevalent newspaper discussion of all phases of the subject with a view to finding and applying the remedy that seems to be needed.

As a matter of fact the only brewery in Iowa of any consequence was in operation before the manufacturing bill became a law and not a brewery or distillery has been built or reopened in the state under the new law.

Another point where the administration of Mayor Moores comes in for credit is that the wholesale dismissal of criminal cases in the district court because of defective police court transcripts has come to an abrupt termination.

The dragging of a boy named Thorne case shows that the attorneys are determined that New York shall keep up with Chicago in the matter of murder trial sensations. Next comes the experts and then the disagreement of the jury.

The police will make their services much more appreciated if they will turn their attention to the thieves, burglars and crooks who seem to be roaming the city without let or hindrance and leave the phonograph operators and chewing gum vendors alone.

Among the papers to be read before the Nebraska Academy of Sciences is one on "Observations on the Abundance of Certain Secondary Species in Prairie Formations." It is this to be an explanation of the abundance of the secondary species of political agitator in the prairie formations?

In this character his mission should commend itself to the friendly consideration of the organized labor of America. The petition he brings expressive of the desire of more than 2,000,000 British workmen that the English-speaking nations shall enter into an agreement with a view to strengthening and perpetuating the amicable relations between them is an appeal to their brethren here to make themselves heard in the cause of international peace and good will.

The negotiators of a new arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States is in progress and will probably be ready for submission to the senate early in the coming session.

South Dakota is going to make an extraordinary effort to be creditably represented at the Transmississippi Exposition. South Dakota is a young state, yet rich in resources, and can with the proper support from its people make an exhibit that will open the eyes of the world to the riches that only await the application of labor and capital to develop them.

AMERICAN COMPETITION.

The advance which the United States is making in the world's markets is highly gratifying to Americans, but it is seriously troubling the commercial interests of the old world. This fact is constantly being shown in expressions from influential sources.

There may be hope for the populists yet. A little while ago they were insisting that the currency be expanded until it represented \$50 per capita. Now the populist conference has declared for a currency that "shall not exceed \$50 per capita."

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NEW JERSEY AT THE EXPOSITION.

Telling Work of the State Commission Already in Evidence. New York Merchants Review. There is not much fear that the press of the state of New Jersey will fall in its duty to the interests represented by the commission to the Omaha Exposition of next summer.

The old and noble trade of the grocer is honored by having in the commission four representatives, viz: E. C. Hazard, E. B. Gaddis, Hon. J. H. Blackwell and C. J. Fisher. The latter is a well known and able the board may be, as a whole it is a model one, and not the least useful member is Miss Eva H. Williams, who represents the press and is a most interestingly the interests of the Evening Journal.

THE OCEAN FLYER.

Remarkable Speed Record of One of the New Steamers. The latest performance of the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm the Great is indeed an impressive one. The vessel made on the last day of the run no less than 867 knots, or 525 miles. That meant a speed of a little over 20 miles an hour, and the vessel maintained for twenty-four hours. That is equal to the performance of ordinary railroad trains.

BEEF SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Profits of Sugar Beets to the Farmer Compared With Wheat. In a recent issue of the Forum Mr. Edward F. Atkins of Boston discussed the beet sugar industry of Europe, the cost of production and the profits of the farmer and refiner, and the probability of making the industry a success in the United States.

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