New developments in the TLS database

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An arbitrary collection of minor updates

Red Star Menu

- direct access to starred text
- contrast:
  - **bookmarks** mark a fixed position in a text for later access
  - **stars** provide access to the last visited position in a text

Text info

- A new information panel has been provided, available through click on "Source" in the menubar of the text-view page.
- Texts can be rated here (for authenticated users)
- Other information is provided, such as the base edition and dates (not yet complete)
- Text dates can be added or edited
- Reference to Loewe (1994) *Early Chinese Texts* is available, Chennault et.al *Early Medieval Chinese Texts* (2015) is coming.

Bibliography

- now accessible from the browse menu
- also via the search menu
- interlinked with CONCEPTS, RHET-DEVICES, Syntactic Function
- Editing etc. not yet implemented

Quicksearch

- If the "Attribution floater" is visible, search in texts will display in the floater, without leaving the page.
- Very basic right now, how should we extend this?

Reduce load time for page

- With more features added, the pages become heavy to load.
- I tried to reduce the time by delaying load of some features
  - currently, this concerns the observations (SWL, RDL etc)
  - this puts slightly more load on the server (I think. . .)
  - if this turns out to be bad, it will be rolled back

Observations

- "Observation" is the generic name for textual features to be marked (better name?)
- This tries to generalize and extend the current way of annotating
- There are several aspects:
  - extending into domain specific namespaces for CONCEPTS
  - i.e. in addition to the current ('core') domain, as an experiment concepts from the MEDICAl domain have been added
  - the domain can be selected when looking for attributable concepts.
  - the list of concepts shows these preceded with the domain as medical::
  - do we want this?
- I also started to experiment with a generalized framework for observing other textual features
  - currently, there are two types:
    - 'inline' i.e. observations within one line, eg. names of things etc.

        - inline observations will be available on the “floater” upon click on the “mark” button
    * 'block' i.e. covering one or more lines, such as rhetorical device locations.
        - block observations are available from the “floater” using the “comment” icon – this is an extension of the constructs for rhetorical devices
  - the aim is to allow users to define there own types and annotate obvervations of their chosing.

- At the moment, I am working on how observations concerning the medical domain could be presented:
  - Recipe (block): marks text passages where the ingredients and preparations for medical concotions are given
  - Ingredients/drugs (inline): raw material for the recipes, with certain medical properties.
  - Medical indication (inline?): situations that require a concotion or drug.

- To represent these information items, the relationship etc. needs to be modeled.
  - it might not be possible to make all of this configurable by the users, but first we need to think about other use cases

- The next domain I want to address is my “Zen Knowledgebase”; this should provide a generic framework for prosopography, e.g. persons, relations, places, etc.

Questions

- Is this the way to go?

- Should we keep one single ontology to cover all of this, or do we allow separate trees of knowledge?