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THE Journal takes pleasure in extending congratulations to Mayor Brown, of Lincoln, who was re-elected Tuesday.

ETHER Taft or Foraker is going to be put out of business politically in Ohio. So far as democracy is concerned, it makes no difference which one gets the hot end of the poker.

NOTWITHSTANDING the great exertion put forth by Senator Burkett to array the republican party of Lincoln against Mayor Brown, the returns from yesterday's election would indicate that the Great High-Muck-a-Muck shot wide of the mark.

FROM present appearances of the gas jets around town when lighted it would indicate that the plant needed "fixing." For the past few nights the average jet has furnished about as much light as the old tallow candle.

AN exchange remarks that there is an "unwritten" law and wonders whether there is an "unwritten" constitution. When we look at our strenuous president and Uncle Joe Cannon we are inclined to believe that we also have an "unwritten" constitution.

IT was Burkett or Brown in Lincoln Tuesday, or petty politics against clean government. Brown and clean government won out in spite of Buster Big Head Burkett, Senior Representative in the United States Senate from the great state of Nebraska. How the returns must irritate the Great I Am!

WITHIN Senator Burkett would have had it otherwise, Mayor Brown will continue to be master of ceremonies in all public affairs that occur in the capital for the following two years. This includes the national campaign, when the Mayor will have the honor of welcoming Mr. Bryan's friends to that city.

THE regents of the state university have had to go into court to compel the state auditor to issue warrants to pay running expenses. The auditor claims that he can't issue warrants legally unless the money is in the treasury to pay with. With what particularity the present day reformers are following the law in some regards and evading the law in others.

AN Episcopal minister of that city declares that "hell is but a pocket edition of Chicago." His means of information may not be the very best, but the confidence and the boldness with which he makes the assertion leads one to think that he knows whereof he speaks. It is up to Chicago to ask leave for time to plead to the indictment. But in the meantime John D. Rockefeller's Coal Oil university will continue to teach John and him syndicated.

IAN MACLAREN, Dr. John Watson died at a country town over in Iowa Monday while on a lecturing tour. He was in the prime of life and had written many things which will keep his memory green in the hearts of all who love the good and the beautiful. He was a preacher of power, a lecturer or force and dignity and a writer of strength and conviction. But it was in his shorter stories that he shone most resplendent and it is to them his friends look for the fame which is to endure. His "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," published several years ago, together with kindred stories of Scotch religious life, deserve a place in the library of all, and no one can read a single one of his simple, touching stories of the Scotch peasantry without feeling more akin to his fellowman and realizing more fully his place in the divine economy.

THOMAS A. BLIZZARD, of St. Joseph, Mo., committed suicide recently. What else was there to do after Nature's demonstration of May 3.

THROUGH a dream the widow of Thomas Lewis, of Omaha, discovered several hundred dollars which her husband had buried. He probably hid it in the same old place.

IF the editor postmasters had the say-so Teddy's nomination for a third term would be assured. After a trial at the public teat they want to hold on like grim death.

THE poor old State Journal consoles itself in the fact that Mayor Brown was re-elected by less than fifty over Hutton, the Journal candidate. Consolation comes cheap to a paper published in the capital city, which is considered republican by nearly 2000 majority. The fact is the Journal has lost its influence, even in its home city, and the people confidence in its waywardness.

IT would seem from reports that Nebraska City is enjoying her share of school troubles. Many of the higher grade pupils objected to the retention of Sup't Sinclair, but the board of education re-elected him by a vote of 5 to 4. One of the local papers calls on both the board of education and Sinclair to resign, and the fight promises to be very bitter. Nebraska City is not the only town that has troubles in its schools. There are others.

SAYS the Springfield Monitor: "Consolation or no consolation, the appointment by the governor of Don Despain as deputy labor commissioner is not setting well with the great majority of the people throughout the state and is bringing no end of censure on the governor. This is the same fellow whom the legislature sat down on so for writing a blackmailing letter, on which he had to crawlfish. It seems that his is a poor way of consoling Senator Brown, if, as reported, the appointment was made for that purpose."

### The Teddy Army Laureate.

THE country will await with breathless interest the fate of the Norristown, Pa., bookkeeper who wrote a doggeral song praising President Roosevelt as "tried and true," and attempted to finance a "Teddy Army" for a third-term campaign by selling it at 25 cents a copy.

IT is safe to affirm that President Roosevelt will not order the author to hang or committed for life to the bastille at Leavenworth, but the said author, Finn by name, knows now by personal experience that a man might as well be killed as scared to death.

FOR Mr. Finn was frightened out of at least ten years growth when he found that the secret-service men of the government at Washington were after him for writing that song and trying to circulate it by asking newspapers to give it dead-head advertising.

MR. Finn was surprised, as well as frightened, because up to the moment he was accosted by the secret-service man he had supposed the "home of the free and the land of the brave" to be a country in which every citizen enjoys perfect freedom of political thought and of political action.

IN his quiet Pennsylvania town Mr. Finn had not learned that it was possible for secret-service men in Washington to be employed in such political espionage as was heretofore confined mainly to the police of St. Petersburg and Paris.

BUT the president really and truly wanted to know who his Poet Laureate was, and the secret-service men were promptly sent out to get a line on him. If the poem is not too shockingly bad, the poet will doubtless get off with a short term in limbo. If the strains of the song are found to be of the inspiring sort that a Teddy Army can march to Mr. Finn may hope to be pardoned and made postmaster of Norristown by the president.

"BACK to the constitution" is the slogan henceforth.

LET'S have a big celebration in Plattsmouth on the great natal day. What do you say?

NOW that the fate of the peach crop seems to be sealed, we would like to hear what are the prospects for watermelons.

PLATTSMOUTH is to have a street fair under the auspices of the Fire Department. The date is arranged for the week beginning June 10. We are glad it is coming. So is the small boy.

THE occasional train hold-up in the far west is about all we have to remind us of the days when the buffalo, the bear and redskin disputed with the pioneer prospector and bad man the possession of that glorious domain.

MEMBERS of the Roosevelt cabinet are coming west on inspecting tours. They will visit federal officeholders and tell them what's what. Afterwards it is expected that all of them will understand how they are to talk and think in regard to a successor of T. R.

THE Beatrice Sun says: Gentlemen in high official position have discovered that a man like Don Despain is a difficult person to shake off, after having been let into one's private affairs. However, he may work a moral reform about the state house yet by giving the boys an object lesson in the necessity of caution.

AN exchange is guilty of this: "Opie Read has an idea that a man who could drive a pair of runaway steers without cussin' ain't got spirit enough in him to cast the shadow of immortality into the eternity of a jaybird." How much more poetic and picturesque that is than calling him a lily-livered molly-coddle."

THE Lincoln Star says that "the governor had his own reasons for giving the deputyship to Despain." It is presumed that he had, or he never would have done so. But what those reasons were is what "stumps" many of the governor's admirers. Maybe Don will get on his high horse one of these days and give the secret away.

"MEAT Prices are Soaring," is the way the metropolitan dailies had it a few days since. But we notice the price of hogs isn't soaring very high. Will our prosperity shouters tell us why the price of dressed meats is advancing and no compensating advance in the price of hogs? The farmers and people who buy meat are unable to see prosperity in the rise of price of that commodity.

THIS country now needs a Samuel J. Tilden about 50 years old and as full of the undefiled essence of pure democracy as was the old Roman in 1876. The party never has been as full of fight nor as united as when the sage of Grammercy park raised his voice and unfurled his battle flag during that memorable campaign. Speed the day when such an one is found and when the party again rallies as one man around its chosen leader.

FROM many sections of the country come reports of workingmen in various establishments striking because wages are inadequate to supply them with the necessities of life. This is a natural sequence to the boasted prosperity. By reason of a high protective tariff the manufacturers have formed combinations and advanced the price of products to such an extent that workingmen can no longer live at the old scale of wages. The department of labor at Washington has put out figures showing that wages have not kept pace with the cost of living, which has been greatly increased through the action of the tariff-protected trusts. With all of our widely heralded prosperity the workingmen find themselves in hard lines.

The wide-spread strike situation amply proves this. Genuine prosperity is that in which all interests share mutually in all the avocations of life.

FORAKER gives it out that the agreements of Taft and the yellow rough rider papers cannot bind him by their white house methods of elimination of candidates. He remembers Root and the manner in which he was marooned.

SOME of the people up in Great Falls, Mont., have sacrificed all their property in the belief that they are about to be transported to heaven. The preacher that teaches such a doctrine, should be transported to the lowest pit of hades.

HAS Taft and Foraker really become strange bed-fellows? Ohio's most prominent citizen, Boss Cox of Cincinnati, hints that he has put them into the same trundle-bed and covered them with the coverlet of desperate political expediency. "No fighting under the cover!"

MORTIFIED and chagrined because his 14-year-old daughter insisted on constantly playing "Everybody Works But Father" in his presence, a St. Louis man is suing for divorce. He is entitled to a hearing on the ground of specific, persistent and intolerable indignities.

AGAIN the Osler theory is put to fight by the accomplishment of the Reverend Doctor Abbott, of Shurt College, at upper Alton, Illinois, who, with 80 years to his credit, out distanced five athletic young men in a four-mile walk. Centenarians and others, take notice.

AUSTIN W. TIDD, (no relation, however, to our A. L. Tidd) a Tammanyite of New York, predicts Mayor Jim Dahlman of Omaha, for chairman of the national democratic committee, with Bryan and McClellan as candidates. Bryan and McClellan are the proper caper, but as to Dahlman, we don't know so much.

AN Iowa man boasted in court that he was 65 years old and sound as a dollar, then dropped to the floor dead. No doubt there are those who will argue that death came as a rebuke to the pride of the man who uttered his boast, but the chances are he would have dropped dead the same moment if he had been merely saying "Pass the bread."

WHILE Col. Henry Watterson wants to go back to the constitution, Col. Edgar Howard goes back to the last campaign and is telling us about a private meeting between the Sheldon adherents and the brewers. Well what of it? Sheldon got the liquor vote and the brewers got the Gibson bill. Let's talk about the future.

AND Baltimore "came clean" also. At her city election she displaced the present Republican city administration with democrats who were elected by the average majority of 4,000. Its in the air and the whole people everywhere seem sick, tired, disgusted and outraged with the Big Stick, the Big Bluff and the Big Graft. And the protective tariff is the most indefensible and high-handed graft in all Graftiana.

THE Star is a radical republican paper, but it is not so hide-bound that it will not support a good man, be he even a democrat. The Star supported Mayor Brown for re-election because his administration was a good one for the capital city. The Star having a wider circulation in Lincoln than any other paper, and its support of Mayor Brown is no doubt highly appreciated by that gentleman.

ROOSEVELT's fool friends or implacable enemies continue to say he will "turn down" the constitution of Oklahoma because the democrats did not write it to suit the stand-patters. They now insist they speak by authority. No judge with the spirit of judicial fairness and with a soul bigger than a mustard seed would say in advance what action he would take upon matter to be presented to him in his official capacity. Mr. Roosevelt has been very small in many matters, but this is asking even his enemies to believe too much in his partisan littleness. There should be some limit to supposed turpitude.

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### Then and Now.

The Wall Street News, a newspaper powerful in its sphere and unwise in its generation, one which fought Bryan through two campaigns and repented at its leisure at the manner in which his defeat was compassed, thus confesses how it was done and deprecates the wholesale debauchery encouraged, countenanced and abetted by all republican and some alleged democrats to bring it about. The article was published about a year ago when the insurance disclosures left no possible doubt in the mind of anyone how the election was "carried" and attention was called to the riotous reign of corruption which followed and still follows in its train. Here is the confession from the repentant Wall street organ:

However desirable it was to defeat free silver agitation in 1896, did the end justify the means employed to accomplish that defeat? It is not too much to say that the money spent in 1896 to prevent the election of Bryan resulted in political debauchery such as was never before experienced in the United States, and from which the politics and business of this country have not yet recovered. It is not far from the truth to say that the country has suffered more by reason of the political corruption of the 1896 campaign than it would have suffered from the triumph of free silver, lamentable as that would have been. Bryan's triumph of free silver would have given the markets a terrible shock, but Bryan could not have really done much harm in a political way, and the country would have made a speedy recovery from the disaster, but it will take years to recover from the political debauchery which has been brought about by the abuse of millions of dollars in political campaigns.

Every democratic and honest republican paper in the United States should copy and religiously reproduce the above confession at least once a month until after the next general election. If truth and not victory is what is desired in controversy then here is truth confessed by the party which profited by the great wrong done the morals of the country by the republican party in a national election.

VOORHES, IOWA, gets into the limelight this week ahead of the white house. A female school teacher whipped a farmer for interfering with her work and the board of directors raised her wages ten dollars per month and the citizens of the town gave her a \$100 diamond ring. That's the way to appreciate a schoolma'am that demonstrates such pugilistic qualities.

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### Still on the Relief.

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