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At last there seems to be some prospect of Venezuela getting what is coming to it. The Dutch seem to be getting into shape to administer a spanking to Castro's crowd and it is well deserved.

Representatives—Pool, of Tecumseh; Clark, of Stella, Henry, of O'Neill; Stoecker, of Omaha and Wilson, of the western part of the state. So far there are but two candidates for chief clerk—Richmond, of Fremont, and Cone, of Wahoo.

A record of the football season just closed shows fifteen killed and 360 more or less seriously wounded. If football ran all the year round, instead of a few months, railroads couldn't be compared to it so far as catastrophes are concerned.

Christmas and sleighbells and toys and romping, laughing children and plenty of good wishes are coming. Better practice catching the spirit of the occasion now, so you won't be a grouch when everyone else is happy and trying to make others happy.

The daily papers is supplying the suckers with "what Taft will insist on Uncle Joe doing or what he proposes congress shall do." Just as though our legislative body was to be run by the executive, whose real duty lies in the enforcement of the laws.

You can read what the live merchants have for sale if you read the columns of the Journal. There is no need of going to Omaha or anywhere else to get what you want for Christmas. Your local merchant has a good stock, he lives here where you can always see him and you can exchange your goods if unsatisfactory. Trade at home.

It pays everyone of us to be a trade booster. Devote all your energies to building up the trade of our local merchants. They pay their taxes here, they live here and they are all your friends. When you want to buy things, don't rush off to Omaha where you will get shoddy articles but stay with your home merchants and help build your town.

Business in Plattsmouth ought to be good during this holiday season. There is no legitimate reason for people going away from here to buy their goods. Look at the columns of the Journal and you will see that the live advertisers of the town have everything you want and they are selling it at prices which are right. Patronize them and help yourself as well as your neighbor.

The Ananias Club is growing some. The last two to enter the charmed circle are the editors of the New York Sun and the Indianapolis News, both republican, and the New York World, democratic. The old belief that the king can do no wrong, still may obtain in the minds of some, yet it is hard to believe that all those who get into a controversy with Roosevelt, are liars.

In the past two weeks the writer has met with at least one-half of the members of the incoming legislature, and we have failed to converse with one but who is of the same opinion that we are, that "the pledge of the democratic party to the people must be strictly carried out." The democratic candidate went before the people pledged to certain measures and to a certainty these pledges must be carried out.

The council in arranging to have the street crossings on Main and Sixth streets cleaned during the muddy weather, acted wisely. The condition of these two streets during the past week has been almost frightful and a woman or child almost took their life in their hands in trying to cross them. It will not require a great deal of work to keep the street crossings clean and certainly it is needed.

The display of Christmas goods in the show windows denotes that the holiday season is almost here. Let those who are able to do so make arrangements to see that the poor children of the city get something in the way of presents. Many are deserving of this attention.

Pollard and Kinkaid, two of Nebraska's congressmen voted with the Cannon forces to table Mr. Gardner's appeal. Nice news to have coming back to Nebraska, is it not?—Nebraska City Press (Republican). Nothing better could have been expected of Pollard. He has always been a tool of Cannon and his defeat in the late election was caused principally from this fact.

There seems to be several candidates for speaker of the house of representatives performing the ceremony responsible for the competency of the contracting parties. These recommendations are based on the fact that wards of poor farms infrequently marry and upon the further fact that there is no restriction on the marriage of criminals, chronically diseased persons or those who exhibit mild mania. The report will not be filed until next week.

A Lincoln correspondent says that a law restricting marriages among mental and physical delinquents will be recommended in the report to the governor from A. J. Piper, secretary of the state board of charities and corrections. Mr. Piper would make the licensing officer and the official.

If a democratic daily is to be established at the capital it should be in the hands of those who are known to be democrats. This thing of running democratic papers for revenue only by parties who are not died-in-the-wool democrats is played out.

Vice President Glossner, of the Inter-National Harvester Company, in a recent hearing testified that his company paid J. Peterpont Morgan the sum of \$3,000,000 to organize the Harvester Trust. He further stated that his company in the last five years declared a dividend of \$33,150,000. This enormous sum came out of the pockets of the farmers, thousands of whom vote regularly for the protective tariff of 35 per cent on agricultural implements. This enormous dividend was not given to the laborers who make the machinery, but it went into the pockets of the manufacturers.

Taft announces that one of the measures that he will endeavor to have enacted is a postal savings bank law. The plan is this. A postal savings bank will be established in connection with every postoffice, or at least in all of the more important towns. Then the deposits will be redeposited by the government in the banks, in order that the money may not be taken out of circulation. Will the banks receive these deposits without any guarantee? Not if Uncle Sam knows himself. Any bank getting any of these deposits will have to put up a guarantee, and a good stiff one, too. So it looks as if the banks would have to submit to a guarantee of deposits if the Taft-plan goes through.

The ways and means committee of congress will have to deal with a \$100,000,000 deficit for the coming year. It is now proposed to place a tariff tax of three cents per pound on coffee, though that product is not raised to any extent in the United States and does not therefore come in competition with the labor required to produce it. It is a revenue measure pure and simple, yet we are told that a tariff tax is levied to protect labor. If this tax is levied on coffee we will see whether or not it goes up in price to the consumer. And should it go upward, listen to the howl that will also go up from the very men who voted at the last election for this kind of taxation. In addition to this tax it is also contemplated to put the Spanish war tax on all kinds of paper to raise revenue. What a commentary on the statesmanship of the dominant party. Imposing war taxes in time of peace to maintain the government shows profligacy and extravagance unequalled in the history of the government. But that is what the people endorsed at the recent election and they should have plenty of it.

## In Justice to Arthur H. Mullen.

In a Lincoln correspondent the Omaha Bee prints a long rigamarole concerning Arthur H. Mullen, the president of the Bryan Volunteers of Nebraska, whom Governor-elect Shallenberger has announced he will appoint chief deputy oil inspector. The friends of Mr. Mullen will take the story the Bee prints with a generous grain of salt. It is preposterous to allege that Mr. Mullen would attempt to control the organization of the legislature, as the Bee charges, that he would insist on his sister and his aunt being placed on the state pay rolls, and he would constitute himself a guardian over the governor-elect, forbidding old and tried democrats seeing him, or that he should be planning the creation of a new commission to promote himself to a better job than he has been promised and drawing a better salary.

These charges read more like a partisan effort to make trouble than they do like the truth. Mr. Mullen has been given credit for knowing his place and what the properties demand of him. No one could know better than he how wrong and foolish it would be for the head of the Bryan Volunteers, and the governor's most important appointee, to attempt the role of guardian with the legislature. No one could know better than he how quickly the legislature would resent such interference as a reflection on its own capacity and independence. No one could know better than he how strongly public opinion stands opposed to nepotism in any form.

The Bee's story is discredited from the very fact that Mr. Shallenberger himself, like Mr. Bryan, has announced that he will keep his hands off so far as the organization of the legislature is concerned. These distinguished democrats understand that the legislature is fully competent to attend to its own organization, and entirely trustworthy. Manifestly Mr. Shallenberger, having taken this position, could not countenance any such action on the part of one of his appointees as the Bee alleges.

Most people, knowing these things, will regard the Bee's attack on Mr. Mullen as made out of whole cloth.—World-Herald.

What is one to think when he learns that every marriage out of twelve results in a divorce? Either men are mean or women are mean or they are both mean. The facts are that there are a great many thoughtless marriages and there are a great many men and women who have never learned self control, who are governed by impulse, or passion or temper. The fact is the divorce laws, not only in Nebraska, but in many of the other states, are entirely too lenient, and as long as they remain so there will be reckless marriages which ultimately result in divorce. Let the divorce laws be revised so that parties doubling up can understand that a divorce can not be so easily obtained, and there will be less reckless marriages.

A legislator-elect from Polk county promises to introduce a bill providing for school teachers. He would not have the state make an appropriation for the benefit of aged and decrepid pedagogues, but he would require each teacher to pay a certain portion of his salary into a fund from which the pensions shall be paid to those who have been long in the service. Such a law may be all right, but we seriously doubt if the majority of the teachers in Nebraska would submit to the passage of such a law unless their salaries were increased to the extent that they could give their mite without a financial injury to themselves.

Down in Tecumseh they are having strenuous times and all because an evangelist is claiming that a man is not baptized unless he is immersed. We don't see what the average man can do except to postpone baptism until the preachers can get together on the subject. As a "next best" people might follow the last half of the 25th chapter of Matthew.

There are very many excellent lessons to be learned at the corn show at Omaha but the prime object of holding it is to draw trade to the metropolis and rob the surrounding

# Christmas Shoppers Should Buy Now!

The time has passed when the people buy trashy goods as Christmas presents. Be sensible, and buy something that is durable for any season of the year, or better still, get one of our

## WOOLTEX COATS

and you will always be pleased. These goods are all taxable and we must move them before the assessor arrives to avoid the extra expense of heavy taxation, and we will make the price in accordance to move the goods before January 1st, 1908. We are over-stocked in all departments and must move the goods now. It will be to your advantage to call on us in making your Christmas selections.

## M. FANGER,

The Department Store Man of Plattsmouth

territory for the benefit of Omaha. It is all right to attend the corn show but it is not all right to patronize the Omaha merchants when you can do just as well in this city.

The work of the next legislature is cut out for it by the democratic platform. It is a solemn duty owing the people who placed the democrats in power to carry out the party pledges and this they must do. It is entirely unnecessary for outsiders to attempt to organize or control the legislative body. They are men who are thoroughly capable of looking out for their promises and they do not need a guardian. The officious intermeddling of extra-legislative bodies is not relished and

the grinding of private axes at the people's expense will not be tolerated.

Governor Shallenberger has been getting along very nicely with his preliminary arrangements for his administration. In his appointments he has rather ignored the places where he made the greatest gains, and there have been unkind remarks to the fact that his appointments were inspired by a kitchen cabinet, but on the whole if he does as well throughout his term as he starts in, the people will likely be satisfied.

There are just six more shopping days before Christmas. Get busy and buy that present.

There is no use in going to Omaha to buy holiday goods. Our own merchants have a fine line and they are selling at reasonable prices. Don't be fooled at so-called "bargains" but patronize the men who patronize you and buy in Plattsmouth.

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## B. A. McELWAIN

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## The Night Before Christmas

Don't wait until the last minute to inspect the largest stock ever brought to Plattsmouth. I have made special efforts this season to supply your holiday wants. You will find novelties here that you won't see anywhere else.

### Just a Few Suggestions

- Hand Bags Solid and Gold Filled Watches Fountain Pens
- Rings Chains Bracelets Charms Lockets
- Gold and Silk Fobs Leather Novelties Hand Painted China
- Hat Pins Brooches Umbrellas Buckles Cut Glass
- Sterling Silver Goods Smoking Sets Gold Picture Frames
- Souvenir Spoons Scarf Pins Lorgnette Chains

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"On the Sunny Side of Main St."