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Don't put off buying your Christmas presents until the last day and the last hour. Buy now.

The Lincoln Star says that "a county grafter is just as bad as a state or national grafter." Of course he is.

The chief trouble with stopping to watch the enforcement of the anti-trust laws already on the statute books is that the courts are so very leisurely.

Census returns indicate a total population of almost 32,000,000 in the country. Perhaps that is the reason why the presidential messages are growing longer.

Doubtless the standpat committee which is going through the form of investigating Senator Lorimer of Illinois will make another one of those Ballinger reports.

One of the 140 members of the Texas legislature is a republican. So Texas is one state where the republican portion of the legislature is not split into warring factions.

Only twelve more days till Christmas, and if you have not bought your presents you had better be at it. Plattsmouth merchants are ready to furnish them to you at the right prices, and that means cheaper at home than at Omaha.

Buy your Christmas presents at home, and you will feel better thereby. Plattsmouth merchants have the same interests in the city you have, and they deserve your Christmas trade. They have the goods and will make you the right prices on what you want.

Judge Bancroft, in a speech in Cleveland, against universal suffrage, concluded with this peroration: "Hail, then, to woman—woman, the morning star of youth, the day star of our maturity, the evening star of our old age. Bless our stars, and may they ever continue shining—in their proper sphere."

We are pleased to note that the incoming governor has re-appointed W. J. O'Brien superintendent of the state fisheries at South Bend. Mr. O'Brien has had charge of the state fisheries for a number of years, and he has proved so proficient in the position that no change is thought of with the change of administrations.

Congressman Denby, the agile Ballinger whitewasher, was snowed under in Michigan by a decisive majority. Yet he digs out, struts into the limelight and aids in perpetrating the majority report exonerating the secretary of the interior. Now, if President Taft wins the ominous battle of 1912 he will be in honor bound to take care of all such lame ducks as Denby.—Lincoln Star.

Aldrich has made another shake of the plum tree, and the democratic officeholders who supported him are feeling the effects of these shakings right and left. But very few democrats will be retained under the new administration. Aldrich expects to mollify his party by the "fring" of all democratic officeholders and appointing republicans. A good way to do it.

From the tone of several letters from old members of the legislature who have been re-elected, Charley Bryan's edict, issued previous to his departure for the south, will have very little effect with them. He is a brother of a great man but that's all. His influence with democrats has but

little bearing and all who know of his dictatorial qualities, simply laugh at his audacity.

Every democrat elected to the incoming legislature has, or will have, eyes open to the scheming of Poulson, the boss of the Anti-Saloon league. He wants county option to come before everything else, and why? Because if he can get the democrats divided, and a bad feeling to exist between the county option and anti-optionists, the republicans will be able to organize the house. The first duty of democrats is to organize the house, select committees, etc., before anything else is done.

A boost was given newspaper advertising at the manufacturer's dinner at the commercial club Tuesday night by Henry Gering. "We manufacturers have been awfully hide-bound about advertising," he said: "We have been awfully afraid of spending a little money. I tell you the newspapers are the biggest manufacturers we have. They manufacture thoughts."—Omaha Hotel Reporter. Mr. Gering has always been a great friend of newspapers, and when in business in Plattsmouth, was always hustling for the best interests of the city. It was not long after he went to Omaha till the business men learned his hustling qualities, and he soon advanced to the front rank among the leading business men of that city.

NO CAUSE FOR INSURGENCY.

The Lincoln Journal, Superintendent Poulson and other republican politicians are working hard to develop democratic "insurgency" in the incoming state legislature. And the Journal is anxious to know whether the World-Herald, which applauded republican insurgency in the national congress, would also applaud democratic "insurgency" in the Nebraska legislature.

Insurgency against what? Against what usurpation of power, against what abuses, against what faithlessness to party principle as laid down in the party platform?

The incoming democratic legislature is fresh from the people. There have been no abuses of power. There has been no repudiation of platform pledges. The members-elect are men of exceptionally high standing, both as to ability and integrity. The finger of doubt, of suspicion, has been pointed at no one. What is there against which to insurg?

The insurgents in congress fought for a rules committee to be elected by the house, rather than appointed by the speaker. The World-Herald favors that program both in congress and in the legislature. Furthermore, the World-Herald favors the election rather than the appointment of all standing committees, in conformity with the precedent set by the last democratic legislature. This is the same program for which the insurgents and democrats at Washington stand.

The Journal speaks of the "fearless republican minority" in congress "that refused to bow to caucus or committee imposed by the majority." The Journal should get its history on straight. The insurgents, with Congressman Norris at their head, went into the republican caucus and voted for the election of the committee on rules which that caucus nominated. In the case of the Ballinger investigation, the insurgents went into the republican caucus, and later as a part of the republican majority voted to deny the democrats the privilege of naming the democratic members of the investigating committee by voting in the house for the committee as selected in the caucus.

The World-Herald believes in insurgency whenever there is some-

thing to "insurge" against. It believes in insurgency against a party whenever it is untrue to its ideals. It believes in insurgency against a caucus whenever it is untrue to the platform pledges of its party. It believes in individual insurgency, where the individual cannot conscientiously act with his party, and in case where there are no platform pledges binding him, as well as in cases where the members publicly repudiated a platform plank in the campaign in which he was elected.

But if the Journal means by "insurgency," the bolting of the democratic caucus by democrats, without provocation, in the very beginning of the session, and the denial of the right of the democratic majority to organize the legislature, then the World-Herald would be opposed to it, of course.—World-Herald.

THE BALLINGER BLUFF.

The greatest service rendered by the Ballinger investigation was in getting the evidence before the country. The people very generally made up their own verdict, to the effect that the secretary was guilty as charged.

But another fine service was the finding of the other section of the committee, made public in September, for those findings, signed by the democratic members and by Representative Madison, the progressive republican, and sustaining practically every charge made and recommending the dismissal of Ballinger, backed up the people's judgment. That report, whether considered technically or morally, was the true report, for it was technically regular and it represented the moral convictions of the country.

It may be well to recall here the essential facts in relation to the September sitting of the committee. The regular republican section of the committee did not want to make a report before the elections, and for reasons that are now as positive as they were obvious then. Several members were absent, with no better excuse than that they were campaigning for some of their menaced stand-pat friends. But the democrats, with Madison had a majority of those present, and a quorum of the whole committee. Before Chairman Nelson left the committee he ruled that the quorum, consisting of the democrats and Madison, had authority to make an adjournment. That quorum, failing to procure the attendance of the other members, proceeded to act, and then did adjourn to meet in Washington in December. But they did not wait until after the election to make their report.

The white-washing of Ballinger by a committee that has no official standing except as a minority—although it has a majority of the whole committee—is only the last bluff in the ugly Ballinger business.—Kansas City Star.

BILLY'S BROTHER.

The News has always had the greatest respect for William J. Bryan, although at times we have differed with him. But Mr. Bryan has a brother who arrogates to himself more importance than Mr. Bryan ever thought of, and it is all because he is "Charley," Mr. Bryan's brother. Among those in Nebraska who are acquainted with the gentleman, little or no attention is paid to this gentleman, but among strangers, he is represented to be second highest in rank of any statesman in America, seemingly when Mr. Bryan is out of the state, this gentleman acts as his mouthpiece and gives out all authoritative statements.

Just at present the democratic party of Nebraska is compelled to hobble along as best it can because Mr. Bryan and the great and only "Charley" are out of the state and will be gone for two weeks or more. Whether there will be any party left by that time is a question, but the few faithful may manage to survive. "Charley" with that foresightedness characteristic of the family, before leaving the state, kindly told the democrats what to do. He said:

"I think it important to the welfare of the state generally that certain things be done. How kind and how considerate. "I think it important!" says Mr.



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Mantle clocks \$4.00 to \$17.50.
Gold plated clocks, \$2.50 to \$4.50.
A fine line of hat pins 50c to \$2.00.
3-piece toilet sets, \$5.00 to \$15.00.
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Bryan. But suppose the democrats did not so consider it, then what terrible rumpus there would be. But seriously, because Mr. Bryan is recognized as the leader of the democratic party of the state is no reason why "Brother Charley" should attempt to tell the democrats what "I think," and attempt to dictate to them. Had it not been for "Brother Charley," Mr. Bryan would have fared better and had more friends in the state than he has now.

But since Charley has gone, no doubt, the democrats will attempt to worry along and perhaps organize

the legislature according to the platform adopted at Grand Island, even if they do not have to consult the instructions left for their government by Mr. Bryan.—Nebraska City News.

Mr. Fritz Fricke was called to the metropolis on business this afternoon.

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File Petition for Administration.
In the county court today, a petition was filed praying the appointment of an administrator in the estate of the late Alvin E. Gass. The petition asks the appointment of C. C. Parmelee as such administrator.

William Starkjohn went to South Omaha on the morning train today, to look after some business matters.

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