

# The Plattsmouth - Journal

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Our merchants are lining up on the holiday goods.

Turkey day has gone, but turkey hash still lingers.

The democrats in congress now have the opportunity to keep faith with the people.

There may be finer weather than the kind now prevailing in eastern Nebraska—but not this side of heaven.

The republican party has got to get rid of the Man Chu dynasty before it can stand any show at the next elections.

It looks as if some of our trust magnates had got to begin life all over again with only a pittance like a million a year.

Senator LaFollette hopes the next president of the United States will not be a man who parts his hair in the middle.

The only business that congress can do until the lobbyists get the wires working is to have the chaplain lead in prayer.

Contrary to the view of many young fellows of the Beattie type, it takes more brains to raise corn and potatoes than wild oats.

Thanksgiving being over with turkeys are considerable cheaper and will probably remain so until a few days before Christmas.

New canals having been reported on the planet Mars, they seem to make the dirt fly up there even faster than Colonel Goethals can.

Our merchants are well stocked up with holiday goods and there is not a particle of use in going elsewhere to make your Christmas purchases.

President Taft admits that the tariff has been "overdone"—which is hardly the right word to employ. Overdone means that it is more than well done.

Some people say they still believe Doc Cook reached the pole, but the real test comes when they are invited to put up 50 cents for a gallery seat to hear him lecture.

"Home first—the world afterwards," should be the motto of every true citizen of Plattsmouth. And it is just as well to remember this in your Christmas purchases.

With the dissolving of the Standard Oil company the public is left to ponder on the wisdom of getting rid of one octopus and acquiring a lot of tarantulas instead.

It is hinted that Ernest Pollard would like to run for governor. His candidacy would please the democrats. If they can't beat Pollard there would be no use trying to beat anyone else.

A visit over town will convince the most casual observer that our business men, as well as others, are not careful about the removal of combustible trash about their premises as they should be.

We are not confident that jailing the packers would make them any better, but if they could be fed on some of the beefsteak we had this morning we feel sure they would be good in the future.

In view of the way John D. collected his loans from the Merritt brothers, we have decided not to ask him for the loan of \$7.75 with which to buy Christmas presents.

George W. Perkins explain sarcastically that the Sherman law was not handed down with the ten commandments. Nevertheless the trusts violate it as if it had been.

The increase in the wholesale price of beer may force the liquor dealers to reduce the size of their glasses. But will it reduce the number of beer guzzlers? Not in the least.

Doctor Loveland's plan to have the churches advertise largely in the newspapers is all right, but it is suggested that the editors will demand to be paid more promptly than the pastor.

Colonel Roosevelt has a fine command of English, but even he cannot make his enemies believe what they don't want to believe regarding his 1912 intentions.

All but one of the National Bankers' association were for the Aldrich currency plan. This damaging fact should have been carefully concealed by Mr. Aldrich if he wanted his plan adopted.

While we disapprove of the Sunday colored supplement, we fear still more the demoralization of our children from the Congressional Record, which is again turned loose in our homes.

Of course Banker Morse had no particular reason to fear punishment when he took the money. All the punishment usually inflicted on such an offender is to elect him director of a few more corporations.

The trusts say they cannot find out what they can legally do under the Sherman law. But as they can find out by paying ear-fare for someone to go down to Texas and ask Senator Bailey, they should not complain.

While a school of journalism is needed, the principal thing a reporter has to learn is how to cover the two miles across the city from a Sunday school festival to a boxing match in the time between 9:05 and 9:14 p. m.

Senator Lorimer declares that all advocates of the initiative, referendum and recall are "socialists or demagogues." So far no United States senator whose seat was obtained dishonestly has declared in favor of any of these reforms.

Again we warn our people about fire. No one can be too careful in this regard. A match dropped in the yard where the leaves are so dry, can easily cause them to burn, and carry the flames to the house, barn or other property. We warn every reader of the Journal to be awful careful, especially when it is so dry.

There is no just cause why labor organizations should feel bad over the confessions of the McNamaras. You will find just such fellows in all organizations.

They are in political parties, social and secret societies. There is not a laborer in the country but wants to see the McNamaras punished to the fullest extent of the law, even to that of hanging.

R. L. Metcalfe for governor? Well we are not so sure about that. We must have a democrat who can unite both factions of the party and a man who took such an important part in the campaign two years ago cannot do that. Then what is the use of talking of a man that you know cannot get the united support of the party?

It both astonishes and pains those who have started to secure a Taft delegation from Nebraska to hear themselves referred to as standpatters, while they know down in their hearts that they are the progressives of the progressives. They simply cannot understand how the real progressives overlook that fact—Lincoln Star.

The time is drawing near for personal taxes to become delinquent. This means that if you have not paid you have to hustle. It is strange that personal taxes should become due and delinquent about the time you are settling with the coal man, trying to save some money for Christmas and pay for your winter suit.

Inasmuch as Roosevelt's plurality over Parker in 1904 was 2,545,515, which is twice Taft's, and three times as large as either McKinley's presidential pluralities, it will hardly do for Alton Brooks Parker at this late day to attribute Mr. Roosevelt's victory to anything else but a "slush fund."

The authorities should insist on the removal of all trash, old boxes and such things from the back of business houses. And also stop the burning of waste paper in the back alleys. In such dry weather as we are now having, everyone should be careful about fire.

There was at first much opposition to fortifying Panama, but it seems to be a greed now that a \$400,000,000 canal is too valuable property to leave lying around the back yard nights with all these disreputable characters prowling about.

The report that President Taft is having a derby hat built is one of the many signs going to show that the "plug hat" is gradually being relegated to Indian doctors, circus salesmen and the more infantile sprouts of the Smart Set.

It takes an 11-car train to accommodate the nine western governors who are touring the eastern states. They must be bringing almost as much baggage along as it takes for the college girl to get by the winter term.

As Carnegie only included one Author, Shapewear, in his list of 21 great men, what excuse has he to offer for giving 5,000 libraries to circulate Rex Beach and George Barr McCutcheon among a long suffering people?

Considering the indecent haste with which the trust prosecutions are being pushed along, a defendant would better not show signs of longevity, or a final settlement way be reached in his lifetime.

Representative Underwood says the present session of congress will be devoted to lowering the high tariff. That's no doubt why President Taft insists on talking about something else, namely, the trust problem.

Ernest Pollard posing as a progressive. Wouldn't that cork a wooden man? Why, there never was a more complete standpatter in the land than Pollard. Such politics as he is endeavoring to play is too brazen.

Chancellor Day says the trust law is paralyzing commerce. Evidently some people are determined to have a monopoly or they won't play.

The democrats of Nebraska will have to pull together if they expect victory next year. There is no use of this bringing to the front candidates who made themselves obnoxious in the Shallenberger-Dahlman campaign. Let all who were instrumental in bringing about the feeling that still predominates to some extent stay out of the race. There are several prominent men who steered clear of factions in that notable campaign, and no one can find any objection to such men as candidates.

Plattsmouth is as good a town as there is in Nebraska to buy goods. You can get almost anything here that you can get in Omaha or any other place, for that matter. Our merchants have bought nice, clean and pretty stocks of holiday goods, which are being displayed to good advantage, and we would advise the readers of the Journal to first call and see these displays and see if they can't get what they want before deciding on buying out of town.

While on the gubernatorial question, there are several good men in Nebraska, and able ones, too, who did not get mixed up with the Shallenberger-Dahlman trouble that would make good candidates for governor. Why, then, persist in bringing a man to the front for governor who was one of the principals in the trouble? It seems to us that that is very poor politics and not common sense, to say the least.

The labor organizations all over the country are condemning the McNamaras. There is no question as to the sincerity of these organizations in the belief that these men were innocent. But now they are demanding that the McNamaras be punished to the fullest extent of the law, and they are just as eager now to see them punished as they were to assist a few weeks ago in raising money to defend them.

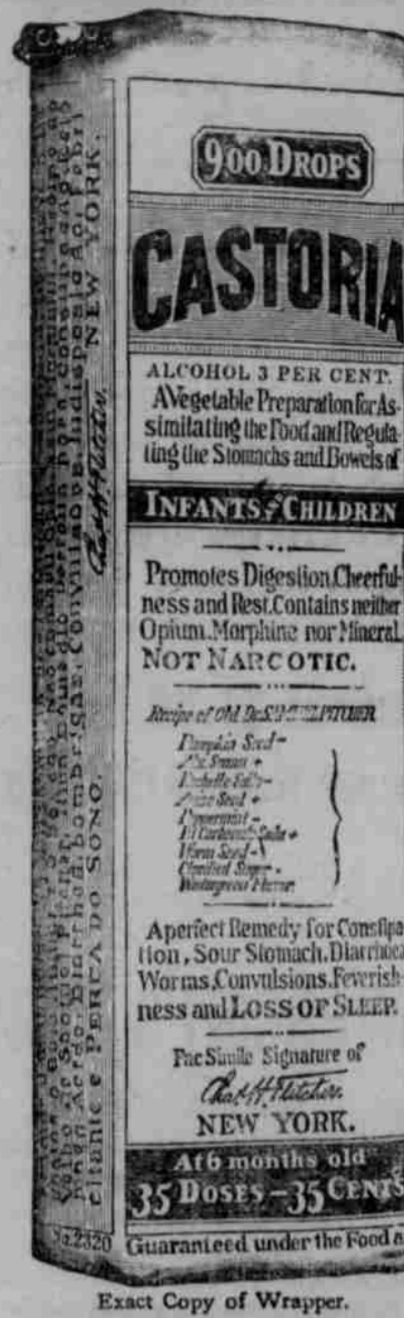
The La Follette forces appear to be waking up to the fact that they must get a move on them, and they are organizing in every county in the state. The stand-pat republicans are endeavoring to palm themselves off as the real progressives. A Taft republican cannot be anything else but a standpatter any way you can fix it. A rich joke they are trying to play.

The democrats of Cass county will enjoy a banquet some time in January. The date has not been decided upon yet, but will be the latter part of this month or just as soon as we know who we are to have as speakers. One in particular will be a gentleman high up in the affairs of the country. There will be invitations extended to all democrats in the county.

Don't burn your trash back of your stores. Carry it off to some vacant lot and burn it—to the river bottom if no other available place. Don't run any risk by burning it so close to your place of business. It is very easily spread at this season of the year. An ounce of prevention is sometimes worth a great deal.

In a tariff case a lot of dainty lingerie and night gowns formed an exhibit before the United States supreme court. It was rather difficult, no doubt, for even that high tribunal to apply successfully the rule of reason—a purely masculine invention—to a consideration of this evidence.

Of course there is no use of insisting on those whose interests are not identified with Plattsmouth, buying goods at home. They won't do it anyway. They would rather go to Omaha, even if they have to pay more for what they want. Some people are built that way.



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We still have several fine pullets and cockerels for sale. First buyers have picking choice at 50c each. Try one for Christmas. Remember eggs are selling at 2 1/2c each. J. M. Young, Upper Chicago Ave.

I wish to buy a few hogs, weighing not less than 60 pounds. Inquire at the restaurant rear of Donat's saloon. Frank Zetopek.

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