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And he never gobbled again.

This is also a good day on which to be thankful.

Nor was the turkey the only gobble present.

A successful deer hunt is one in which no one is killed.

Turkey is beginning to fear the Balkans as the ultimate consumer.

Pay attention to your jackpots. The Illinois legislature will soon convene.

The Turk now lies dreaming of the hour when a general European war will save it.

The milk men have set an example the coal men might well emulate; ditto the butter men.

"No Coal Famine," says a headline. Possibly, but a money famine is many a home using coal.

The buffalo, a scarce species, will be stamped in the new nickel, quite as scarce with some folks.

President-elect Wilson continues to say nothing as to how many cups of coffee he proposes to ask for.

Christmas is coming, which doubtless will prompt Johnnie to resume Sabbath school attendance.

It is safe to predict a few punctures during the Wilson regime, since he announces his devotion to the bicycle.

With only one foot ball match remaining to be settled, the way may be considered clear for the convening of congress.

The whale that swallowed Jonah had nothing in size on this high price monster that threatens to consume Mr. Common People.

The contributing editor has not yet succeeded in convincing the editor-in-chief of the Outlook that women should have the right to vote.

As soon as that California scientist succeeds in removing the warts from dill pickles, he might try puncturing the eyes out of potatoes.

With the "sunny south" and the nefarious ban buried under snow, the Nebraska sanatorium belt looks better than ever to its blessed residents.

We have it on good authority that among the places for which Mr. Bryan has been mentioned, he will decline to accept the ministerial post at Patagonia.

Neither the congressional investigation into the Lawrence strike, nor the verdict in the case of the trio of strike leaders, goes to show that the employers were entirely blameless in their attitude.

It was James Bryce who once described Turkey in these terms: "There is now encamped in eastern Europe and western Asia a band of rascals, miscalled a government." Health to the Balkans.

If congress were a permanent body and its members compelled to stay in their seats the year round, how could they be kept there? asks an exchange. Well, by means of a rope or a chain, perhaps.

Mr. Carnegie intimates that in the course of time when he gets down to his last \$25,000,000, he will call a halt in his public distribution. Mr. Carnegie is an old man now, so he must hurry if he attains his goal.

Foot Ball Still Levies Its Toll.

The close of the regular college foot ball season showed a total of eleven deaths and thirty-six non-fatal accidents. According to reports this is the best record yet attained by the modern game, because not a death or serious accident occurred among the college teams scientifically trained; all these were among the less skilled and younger boys.

This tends to support the reasoning that as science and fidelity to the rules of the game increase its hazard diminishes. Undoubtedly that is true, but the fact yet remains that the majority of those who play foot ball are not scientifically trained players and their lives and limbs are as precious as those of others. It seems too bad that an athletic game in which there is so much to invigorate the spirit and drain of youth should be so hazardous, but eleven lives and many maimed bodies, some for life, is a rather severe toll to pay in so brief a season even for the benefits enjoyed.

The situation is not greatly improved by the argument that only the unscientific boys get killed or dangerously hurt, since these youths are sure to be lured into emulation of the scientific lad who has achieved a fame that thrusts him into the dazzling limelight of publicity. Many an American youth has become robust and inured to almost any test of life by less perilous training than that of foot ball.

Still Republicans.

Each member of congress determines his own party affiliation as recorded in the congressional directory. The "copy" for the new directory has just been completed and shows every republican senator still classifying himself with G. O. P. Not one who split with the party in the recent campaign has chosen to write himself down by any other party name than republican. The significance of this is decidedly encouraging to the plans of reorganization, already set on foot. Some of these senators became very aggressive in their antagonism to the old party in the late election, but evidently all have decided to return and readjust differences within instead of without republican ranks. Which is exactly what should be done and what, in the course of a very short time, we believe will be done.

Dedicating Free Schools.

Omaha's plan of publicly dedicating public schools is true to the spirit of democracy, upon which our whole free educational system rests. The ceremonies that bring together teachers, pupils and patrons into an appreciation of the school, such as those attending the dedication of the Castellar building, tend to foster this spirit among the people. One of the speakers on this occasion referred to the necessity of co-operation in any community. He might have gone further and said that this co-operation should breathe the basic spirit of democracy to make life in the community most wholesome. Our communal life and our schools are so intimately co-related as to rest one upon the other. With all the carping criticism of our public system of education, we continue to vindicate its fundamental soundness by graduating its boys and girls into every realm of world-service with most distinguished successes. Our schools will continue to be the laboratory of our citizenship, and we must keep them close to the fountain of true democracy for that reason.

The Patrick Case.

Albert T. Patrick, convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of William Marsh Rice, after ten years of indefatigable effort, gains his unconditional pardon by convincing a governor of a reasonable doubt of his guilt. His is one of the most remarkable of criminal cases. Now free, he is expected to begin another fight to obtain possession of the millions left by the man he was condemned for murdering.

Governor Dix said in setting him free: "The atmosphere that surrounded the defendant (at the time of trial) showed that a fair and impartial trial was scarcely possible." And yet the confession of the valet, Jones, that he slew the aged millionaire at the direction of Patrick never was completely disproved. "Despite his confession, the valet went free with Patrick doomed to die."

The incentive for murder was the money, the state held, which the convict now hopes to acquire. Despite the governor's partial faith in his innocence and his friends' steadfast devotion, Patrick still has public opinion to satisfy and should make his chief remaining task in life, not the acquisition of his dead friend's wealth, but his own vindication, if that be possible. Ten years of ceaseless fighting for freedom has proved him to be of indomitable spirit, fit for the other struggle.

Every once in a while San Francisco quietly reaffirms its claim as the real Pacific coast metropolis. The Chronicle, in response to similar claims from Los Angeles, calmly calls attention to the fact that while Los Angeles' weekly clearings amount up to a handsome total of about \$27,000,000, those of San Francisco are running beyond \$61,000,000.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

NOV. 29

Thirty Years Ago—Mrs. H. R. Delaware, fashionable dress and cloak maker, invites patronage at 1291 Howard street.

L. Mendelsohn, of Dufrane & Mendelsohn, started on a business trip to New York and Boston.

There is no death of entertainment for this evening, socials, hops and church gatherings are announced for all over the city.

N. C. Tompkins, one of A. L. Strang's employees, is spending a short vacation with his father and mother at Belvidere, Ill.

Harvey street is almost impassable owing to the grading, and the gas has been cut off from all residences on the upper portion.

H. Hyde Clark, recently of the B. & M. general ticket office, left today for England, being advised to return to Europe by his physician.

In accordance with the time-honored usage, and to show our appreciation of the liberal patronage of the Merchants' exchange the last year, there will be a grand lunch served tomorrow (Thanksgiving day) and all will be invited to eat, drink and be merry.

Twenty Years Ago—Mrs. Will Wood gave a charming card party in the afternoon in honor of Mrs. Feary Newman.

Watson Pickrell, Secretary Ruska's assistant in the bureau of animal industry of the Department of Agriculture, was in the city on official business.

The city council at its regular meeting adopted resolutions of respect for the late Timothy J. Conroy, member from the Fifth ward, whose desk was draped in mourning.

Word was received that Victor Rosewater had been awarded a fellowship in finance in Columbia college with \$500 a year and tuition free for his series of papers on economics, which were widely reprinted in leading journals over the country.

The marriage of Harry A. Westfield and Miss Elsie May Williamson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Williamson, was solemnized in the evening at the home of the bride's parents, 207 North Twenty-fifth street, about 100 friends and relatives attending. The ceremony was beautiful and impressive, and at its close when the couple knelt to receive a father's blessing all present joined in the singing of the old religious hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." The couple went directly to their own home, 230 North Twenty-sixth street, to be at home to their friends after December 1st.

Ten Years Ago—The county commissioners finally got together on the Tucker-Conroy controversy and decided to open road 100 D of Dundee precinct from Hamilton to Dodge street, a distance of three-fourths of a mile.

Major H. S. Wilcox returned from Grand Island and Milford, where he went as a member of the state board of visitors to inspect soldiers' homes. He said conditions at Milford were well-nigh ideal, but thought the Grand Island home was not quite up to this one.

The May festival committee of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, consisting of Luther Kuntze, Mel Uhl and Edgar Allen, came to terms with T. J. Kelly, organizer and conductor of the May Festival choir, regarding requirements of the festival as to orchestral, instrumental and vocal soloists and began negotiations through Alfred Marschner for some stars from the east.

Fourteen lawyers applied for the job of deputy county attorney under James P. English, although the job carried a stipend of only \$100 a month. It was said that Mr. English had already decided upon two of his staff, Frank L. Weaver, who ran unsuccessfully for the state senate, and George A. Magney, the populist, already deputy county attorney. Ig Dunn, Harry Burnam and Leslie Abbott, the other members of the staff under George W. Shields, were willing to hang on. John E. Reagan, president of the Douglas county democracy, was regarded as a strong man for the vacant place and transfer seekers were George C. Martin, John A. Rine, W. S. Shoemaker, H. B. Pfearty, J. J. Breen, R. H. Montgomery, S. L. Winters.

People and Events

An eastern tighwad springs the reform "giftless Christmas." Respect for free speech saves his life.

Thanksgiving weddings attained the proportions of a stampede in Chicago. Licenses to wed averaged 200 a day in the preceding six days.

The nine-foot bedsheet idea abloom in the middle west, is touring central Europe and has been hailed with a scream of joy by the convention of commercial travelers recently held at Vienna.

Great Britain announces that it will not be a party to any ruction over the spells of Turkey. For the moment the final annihilation of Egypt settles Albion's appetite for territorial puffs with Turkey trimmings.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria thinks the argument is all over but the shouting and has ordered mosaic portraits of himself and the queen as emperor and empress of the Balkans. The wine of anticipation is fine stuff for hopeful gullies.

Legacies were left to the leaders of the Irish Nationalist party and the Socialist party by Jane Keenan, a woman 82 years old, who died in Edinburgh recently. Her will left her personal estate amounting to more than \$3,000, in equal shares to Messrs. John Redmond, William Redmond and James Keir Hardie.

A 15-year-old girl has just been made swimming teacher of a public bathhouse in Santa Barbara, Cal. She is Georgia Germany, a junior in the Santa Barbara High school. A few months ago she received a certificate attesting her competence as a swimmer, and she is said to be the youngest certified on the Pacific coast with such a certificate. Her pupils will be women and girls.

The late Senator Isador Rayner of Maryland was a powerful pleader before juries. He was a defender, never a prosecutor. Once when urged to accept a nomination for state's attorney, he declined, saying, "Providence never intended me for a prosecutor. I would feel all the time as if I was convicting the prisoner's innocent wife and children if he had any life. It would worry me less to be hanged myself than to hang any one by any power that I might be able to exercise over the jury."

BOHEMIAN BRETHREN PRESBYTERIAN

By Rev. B. A. Filipi, Pastor.

Bohemians were among the very earliest settlers of Omaha. In the year 1870 there were here quite a colony of Bohemians. Most of them settled in the southern part of town, mainly on Thirteenth street. Few of these settlers were also Protestants, but as they had no leader, no religious work was done among them.

In 1883, H. H. Schouffier, an untiring leader of Bohemian congregationalism, tried to start a religious work for the Bohemian Protestants in Omaha, but his work was not appreciated nor understood by the Bohemian newcomers. A chapel, which St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church built on Sixteenth and Hickory streets was not used very much.

A new, better and a more successful start was made in 1880, when Rev. T. M. Wilson, then pastor of the Castellar Street Presbyterian church, noticing a few Bohemians attending his church regularly, spoke to them about the advisability of having a Bohemian church started. The stout support of Dr. Wilson was a great encouragement for these few and they started at once to work among their countrymen for the organization of a church. Mr. Jos. Vladyka, especially put his heart and soul into this movement and volunteered to lead the services for this new band. His faithful helper was Mr. L. A. Beranek, now a ruling elder of the church. The church was organized August 25, 1880, with thirty-five members.

In the beginning the congregation worshipped in the Congregational chapel, but when it decided in the fall of 1889 to join the Presbyterian denomination, it had to move and a friendly hand was offered to it again by the Castellar street church. There the Bohemians had services every Sunday afternoon.

In 1899 the first minister, Rev. A. Paul, came to serve the church. He started at once a Sunday school that was quite successful. When the people had a minister they wished for more—they wanted to have their own church building. Again they were very fortunate to get a good helper in Rev. W. Harsha, then pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who was morally and even financially very helpful to them in this building. The church was built on leased ground on Thirteenth street near William.

In 1901 Rev. Paul moved away, but the same year Rev. Joseph Pipal took charge of the church. He stayed as a pastor of the church till 1902. Then the church was without a pastor until 1902, when Rev. J. W. Dobias accepted a call. When Rev. Mr. Dobias came he found the church in a poor state. He was compelled to leave the church reorganized in 1900. Then the church bought a fine lot on the corner of Fifteenth and Hickory streets where the building was moved and a good basement was built under it. Later on a manse was built beside the church.

Rev. Mr. Dobias left in 1905 and in 1906 came Rev. B. A. Filipi as pastor.

The church now has fifty-six members with sixty children in the Sabbath school. The Ladies' Aid society has thirty members. The work is on an increasing, growing steadily, though slowly. The work of this small church is appreciated by the whole community and by the church at large also.

SCIENCE OF THE SOIL

Educational Importance of Government Publications.

New York Tribune.

It should not be surprising to learn that more "public documents"—which means prints of all kinds, from pamphlets to encyclopedias—are sold by the Agricultural department at Washington than by all other branches of the government together. There are more people interested in agricultural than in the domain of any other department, unless that of Commerce and Labor be a rival, and of course the economic importance of agriculture far exceeds that of any other industry. It is probable, too, that the Department of Agriculture has been more prolific of publications of a popular character than any other.

There is another important reason for a gratifying character for this demand for agricultural literature—namely, the growing recognition of agriculture as one of the learned and scientific occupations. Time was when farming was regarded as purely empirical to be learned by "rule of thumb." "Book learning for farmers" was looked upon with derision and contempt. To send a boy to college was hopelessly to disqualify him for the farm. It is now realized that agriculture is not only a science but also one of the

most complex and exacting of sciences. The successful farmer needs to talk to himself the flag of Bolivia, with its stripes of yellow, green and red, representing the mineral, the vegetable and the animal kingdoms. He must know something of mineralogy, the components of the soil, organic and inorganic chemistry, meteorology, practical mechanics and engineering and other phases of inanimate nature. He must understand practical botany—how plants grow, how they are fertilized, and all of the varied phenomena of vegetable life. He must also have some working knowledge of biology and zoology, from bacteria in their protean forms up to the highest grades of animal existence.

With this appreciation of agriculture in view, which nobody can now afford to ignore, it is natural that there should be a widespread demand for the government's scientific and authoritative publications relating to that science and industry; and it would not be beyond the bounds of prudence to surmise that their distribution may be of considerably more practical value than the yearly congressional circulation of turnip seed.

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINTS.

Baltimore American: Half a million democrats will soon be after the 100,000 offices the new president will have at his disposal.

New York World: Despite the extra session that overhangs it, there are many good things the short session can do if it gets busy early and keeps moving.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: In Kansas the suffragists celebrated their victory at the polls by burning their bonnets. In other words, they shed their hats into the fiery ring.

Baltimore American: This may be a bad old world, but a little sound, sensible, safe and sane thinking will develop lots of things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving time.

Boston Herald: There is something unpalatably sacrilegious in the suggestion of the California democrats that those who battled at an emancipation have been monkeying with the election returns.

Chicago Record-Herald: The buttermilk fields may now point proudly to the fact that the Turk once contemptuously referred to Bulgarians as "yoghurtlik," or sour milkers. Their diet is buttermilk.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The star foot ball kicker of the Harvard eleven says he practiced seven years to perfect himself in drop kicking. Mighty men have decided the fate of great nations in less time than that.

Indianapolis News: Mr. Baer's theory that rationing alone is needed to get all the coal necessary in enormous. Any coal dealer would give you the icy stare if you asked him to send you a few tons just because you are patient.

Chicago Inter Ocean: Really, we can't get very much worked up over that report that London art dealers are skinning American millionaires right and left. Anyone who can skin an American millionaire is entitled to all he can get out of the process.

Boston Transcript: Germany having invented a thin metal plate that infantry fire cannot penetrate, all its friendly neighbors will now set about inventing a bullet to render the defensive armor valueless. Behold how civilization advances.

Springfield Republican: The Balkan country's rapidly being removed from Zenda-land. It used to be a very good field for romances of adventure, revolution and wars; but none of them were at all like the real thing. It is rather a pity, from the novelist's point of view, to have so beautifully vague a spot erased from the map.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: In spite of the fact that deer hunters have taken to wearing red caps and tabbies to guard against fatalities, a consultation shows that since September the record for mistakes shooting in Michigan and Wisconsin has been broken. Apparently the hunters must wear armor of Harvey-ized steel of their want to feel moderately safe.

Brooklyn Eagle: Guilt is personal! Clerks and underlings of every sort who are doing dirty work for monopolies in restraint of trade will do well to get the full text of the bathtub decision and ponder it. Pretty soon these cases are going to the criminal courts and the man at the bottom will be the first to get caught. If the man higher up has a nasty job, let him attend to it himself and run the risk of going to jail.

New York World: After calling the Clerical Conference of the Federation of Churches that he would like to blow up denominational seminaries with dynamite, Canon Hensley Henson of London added: "Nothing shocks me so much in America as the headlines each morning in the newspapers proclaiming divorce and applications for them." Swallowing a dynamite and straining at a divorce is something new even in clericalism.

Conserving the Race.

New England deer-hunters are to wear red caps to avoid being shot for stags; in St. Louis the police give good citizens tickets to assure them from arrest and now if some city would do a week's work of saving a man from being run down by an automobile, the conservation of the race would have a real uplift.

THESE GIRLS OF OURS.

"She looks so discontented and dissatisfied." "No wonder, she has a husband who gets her everything she wants!"—London Opinion.

"Has your wife a sense of humor?" "I think she has," replied Mr. Meekton. "She says that most of my opinions are perfectly ridiculous."—Washington Star.

A colored man wanted a divorce on the ground of "exertion." "You mean desertion," corrected the lawyer.

"No, sah; she haint left me," answered his client. "I said 'exertion' an' dat's de ground perackly. She done exert herself to make me miserable sah. Put it on de ground of exertion."—Baltimore Transcript.

Mrs. Eise—My husband got in a temper last night and destroyed my best hat. Mrs. Wye—He did! What are you going to do? Mrs. Aze—I haven't decided yet. Tell me, would you get a new hat or a divorce?—Baltimore American.

"Did he kiss you when you accepted him?" "No! I wouldn't permit him."

"Well mamma told me that we ought to act differently toward each other after the engagement."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE GENEROUS THANE.

W. J. Lampton in New York Sun. The Thane of Skibb, generous man, who ever since he first began to wave his wand has sought to rise above the low-browed caterpillar of vulgar riches and to place upon his gifts a higher grace than ordinary wealth has done, is out now with another one.

Not satisfied, as some might be, with large libraries charity in which, although it bears his name, he asks no more than half a claim. Nor with the fund that he has set to keep old teachers out of debt. Nor with the Hero fund, which pays the bravest for their bravest ways. And makes the husky hero think that heroism is not reeking. About the future of his chiefs. Contributed that war may cease. Nor all the others on the side. At which he points with sunny pride. And yet he is not satisfied.

So now proposes his intent. To pension each ex-president. With such a pile that Uncle Sam may carelessly not gleaden. About the future of his chiefs. Who might be stranded on the reefs of poverty and have to strive. At any job to keep alive.

Thus does the Thane of Skibb rise Above the low-browed caterpillar. Of Uncle Sam with such an aim. As adds more glory to his name. And promises, as well he should, the engagement.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



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