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No paper tomorrow—Thanksgiving. Remember the date.

Now is a good time to lay in coal—if you have the price.

The threatened war with Japan draws interest to our weak spot—the Philippine Islands.

TURKEY is the national bird. He is soaring higher right now than the great American eagle.

REMEMBER the Farmers' Institute at Plattsmouth—December 7 and 8. Let every farmer attend.

Don't wait until holiday week to do your advertising if you expect to get your full share of the trade.

The inter-state commerce bill may take our passes from us, but let us be thankful that it cannot assault our circus tickets.

THANKSGIVING tomorrow. Make the most of it. Maybe you are not over thankful; but that doesn't make any difference. Be thankful anyway. Invent an excuse or pretext if you are not real sure about it—but be thankful.

The wheat raisers are beginning to inquire where the trust protecting tariff helps them with the price hovering around 60 cents a bushel in the local markets, but the republican stand-patters have not yet discovered a satisfactory answer.

The foot ball season just closed shows that 14 men were killed and 160 injured, as against 24 killed and 200 injured last season. This seems to indicate that new rules have done some good and that brutalized foot ball has come to stay.

The capture of a "lone bandit" during his robbery of a passenger train between St. Louis and Kansas City is a stern reminder that something should be done to protect the traveler from such depredations.

SOME of the leading churches of the east have wisely concluded that it is profitable to advertise. They have put in fine musical attractions, and guarantee that the sermon shall not be more than thirty minutes duration. But the greatest move in this direction has been made by a New York church which gives a vaudeville performance as a part of the evening worship. It pays to advertise.

The merchants of Omaha have commenced their advertising campaign in dead earnest, and are offering special inducements to holiday shoppers. They will draw trade from all parts of the state for the next twenty days. Plattsmouth merchants could do the same thing on a smaller scale. If they expect to get all that is coming to them they should advertise right now—not after the trade is supplied.

The boy of today has little fear that the field is becoming overcrowded in our own country. It is just being opened. It is for the young men who are just beginning to think what a wonderful world this is, to study well the achievements of the past and to see in what manner they are to be improved. Never did the world call more loudly, more persistently, for young men with force, energy and purpose—young men to do something—than today. And every year the cry grows louder, more insistent. But the times demand men of large, liberal, energetic minds, and the man who insists on doing business in the old-fashioned humdrum way is as much behind the procession as the man who insists on traveling with an ox team instead of by railway.

THE Farmers' Institute Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8. Remember the dates by your presence.

NEXT come the holidays. And the merchant who begins now to advertise his Christmas bargains is the one that will sell the goods.

THANKSGIVING day is over, and now comes the first of December, when taxes become delinquent. We always have something to be thankful for.

A NEW ORLEANS dispatch announcing the marriage of Blanche Walsh, the actress, in that city, says Miss Walsh was there at the time. Strange coincidence!

AFTER finding Peary returning from the terrors of the polar regions twenty pounds heavier, we wonder if the busy explorers are not yearning a little to keep us all out of the competition.

SENATOR TILLMAN is merely giving voice to the idea of an overwhelming majority by believing the republican administration sincere only when it shall have put the first trust magnate in stripes.

SOME people foretell an approaching storm by their rheumatism, others by their corns, but while the Journal editor has an abundance of each he can usually tell when the storm is gathering by the advance in coal.

THE usual skirmish of the grafters has already begun. There are many more applicants for places at Lincoln this winter than there are places to fill. It is a very cold day in August when the grafter neglects to work his graft.

A NEW counterfeit \$10 note has been discovered. How easy it would be to pass one of them upon an editor. A man who has not seen a bill of that denomination for a few years would be unable to detect the difference between the counterfeit and the real thing.

THE republicans are worrying over the fact that it is one thing to promise and another thing to "deliver the goods." Keep your eye on the incoming legislature. It may be interesting for you to find out that you have again been deceived.

In the election of 1904 the republicans carried Missouri by an average majority of 16,013. At the election held on the 6th of November the democrats carried Missouri by an average majority of 10,252. If the "Mysterious Stranger" can extract any comfort from these figures he is doubly welcome to them.

WHEN Governor Davis, of Arkansas takes his seat in the United States senate on the 4th of March next he will find that an "old-fashioned row" is not so much needed in that body as is an awakening of the conscience of the republican majority to the just demands of popular interest in all parts of the country.

SOME people are abusing William J. Bryan on account of his supposed advocacy of government ownership of railroads, are taking him too seriously. He suggests that idea as an ultimate remedy if the railroads will not give the people a square deal. President Roosevelt has twice admonished congress that unless the railroads do give the people a square deal government ownership will be the ultimate remedy. Why abuse one and exalt the other?

Now that the state officers who made the blunder of neglecting to have the constitutional amendment published in time, have filed bills for telegrams sent to the publishers ordering them to get out extra editions in order to get the notices within the time, some of the publishers who went to the expense of issuing extras are preparing to send in bills for extra services. That is the correct system. The state is rich, and the grafter who can get near enough should not lose an opportunity to pinch the taxpayers. That is what the taxpayers are for.

THE prediction of that republican pop, W. A. Poynter, that Sheldon would be elected by 80,000 shows that his judgment is about as poor as his work as governor was. Of course if this pop ingrate had been running instead Shallenberger it might have been easy for Sheldon to have rolled up over 100,000 majority.

THERE is not a single printer in the Ohio state penitentiary, and as a result the paper which has been printed there for a number of years suspended. However, there are over twenty bankers, lawyers galore, practically every other profession and trade is represented. The printers are certainly a God-fearing, law-abiding class.

THE allowance of the war department of claims for pay due members of Col. Bryan's old Nebraska regiment is an act of tardy justice to a body of gallant soldiers who were badly treated by the studios holding of them back from the firing line during the war with Spain. Volunteers who are not allowed to fight ought at least to be fully paid.

MR. SHELDON has not decided whether he will be inaugurated as governor with a ball, or simply sworn into office, same as Mickey. Mickey got considerable cheap notoriety out of his refusal to permit a dance at his inauguration, but there are a great many republicans who will be willing to dance upon his retirement.

NEXT Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8, are dates to remember. The Farmers' Institute occurs on these dates, and an usually large number of farmers will be in town both days. The merchants and business men generally should put forth every effort to make their visit both pleasant and profitable. By courteous treatment show that Plattsmouth extends a cordial greeting and is anxious for them to come often.

SECRETARY SHAW admits that our excessively high tariff is a hindrance to American trade abroad. And yet every statesman will tell you that all of our surplus products must be sold abroad. The farmers contribute a larger part of our surplus and yet they will stand up for a policy that deprives them of access to a market that is inviting them on reciprocal terms. The farmer is a victim of his own folly in reference to the tariff.

HOUSEKEEPERS, do you realize that there are a dozen different grades of spices and you can't tell the difference? Do you also realize that when you get the cheap catalogue house spices you get the cheapest, yet you pay nearly as much for them as your home merchant will charge you for the best? No greater deception is practiced upon the people than the catalogue houses practice in the matter of grades. It takes an expert to detect grades of goods.

AS a sample of the consistency of statesmen, notice the Roosevelt administration is doing its utmost to pass the great ship subsidy bonus, while on the other hand the same administration is doing its utmost to prevent the giving of rebates. Is there, then, such great difference between a rebate and a subsidy? Both are giving an advantage to the transportation companies. Whether the government gives it, or the railroad company, matters little. The small shipper and taxpayer will have it to pay, whether it is a rebate or a ship subsidy. Secretary Root and Secretary Shaw came all the way to Kansas City a few days ago to have the Trans-Mississippi congress endorse the subsidy scheme, and it did so by a close vote. "No rebates, no subsidy, no special favors" should be the slogan of all commercial bodies.

OKLAHOMA and Indian Territory entirely repudiated the federal officials that have cursed them by electing nearly every democratic candidate to the constitutional convention. This almost assures a solid democratic delegation to the next congress of two United States senators and five representatives.

The State Official Vote.

The following are the returns of the recent election in Nebraska, as tabulated in the office of the secretary of state:

United States Senator.	
Brown.....	98,374—14,523
Thompson.....	82,851
Governor.	
Sheldon.....	97,858—12,872
Shallenberger.....	84,885
Lieutenant Governor.	
Hopewell.....	97,972—15,674
Green.....	82,298
Secretary of State.	
Judkin.....	98,072—16,230
Goucher.....	81,882
State Auditor.	
Searle.....	97,817—15,962
Canada.....	81,855
State Treasurer.	
Brian.....	97,883—15,442
Babcock.....	82,441
State Superintendent.	
McBrien.....	98,188—17,036
Watson.....	81,152
Attorney General.	
Thompson.....	98,403—17,241
Abbott.....	81,162
Land Commissioner.	
Eaton.....	97,325—14,920
Wolfe.....	82,405
Railway Commissioners.	
Winnett.....	95,511—15,600
Horst.....	79,911
Cowell.....	94,479—15,803
Fitzsimmons.....	79,676
Williams.....	92,391—13,744
Davis.....	78,647
Constitutional Amendment:	
For.....	147,544
Against.....	8,852

Dangerous Precedents.

Giving President Roosevelt full credit for good intentions, it cannot be denied that there is force in the criticisms of his course uttered by ex-Governor Durbin, of Indiana, before a republican club of that state recently.

The strong personality of the president asserted itself upon many occasions in ways that have broken safe old precedents and tended strongly toward too great a concentration of power in the chief executive.

Though the president of the United States always exerts a powerful influence in the congress that is elected with him, Mr. Roosevelt last winter went upon dangerous ground in his invasion of the rights and powers of congress, which, under the constitution, should be one of the three independent and co-ordinate branches of the government.

No one but a blind partisan of President Roosevelt will deny that there is grave impropriety in such control of legislation as he exerted over the house of representatives through his compact with Speaker Cannon to push administration measures while suppressing others which the administration deemed embarrassing.

By the exercise of this control the president did to the southwest in the matter of statehood for the four territories an injustice of which the congress, acting without restraint, would hardly have been guilty.

Upon his own party the president last winter wrought injustice and injury by joining with the speaker to suppress the urgent demand of western constituents for tariff revision and reciprocity. The resentment shown in the recent elections against members of the Ways and Means committee is not an empty warning that the suppression of these questions in the last session may prove vastly more embarrassing to the republican party hereafter than their discussion could have proven to the president.

In criticizing the decision of a federal judge who decided a case contrary to the executive policy and view of the law, President Roosevelt may not have sinned more grievously than did President Andrew Jackson in his outbursts against Chief Justice John Marshall; and his selection of Attorney General Moody for the supreme court is nothing like so flagrant an attempt to "pack" the courts as that of which President John Adams was guilty and in the last hours of his term.

But President Roosevelt has been altogether too heady and rash for safety in his dictation to the two

other great branches of the government. If the bad precedents he has set are abused by his near successors he is likely to live to realize that many acts of his administration have been more forceful than wise.

Still More Encouraging.

Final returns from the recent elections indicate the general trend against republicanism, and shows great democratic gains. The election of all the state officers in New York, other than governor, by small democratic majorities in spite of the weight and influence of the Roosevelt administration indicates that the great heart of the Empire state still beats in unison with democracy and that with popular candidates in 1908 the electoral vote of the state is more than likely to be in the democratic column.

But the most wonderful change from abject surrender to the trust and corporation to the reviving influences of good government is in New Jersey. A tabulation of the vote by counties shows a democratic majority of 11,280 in the state. The republican plurality for the assembly tickets last year was 57,979, Roosevelt carried the state by 80,000 and there was 51,000 majority for the republican governor. This is the first democratic majority in the state since the ring corruptionists and grafters has infested her, and like New York, will be again doubtful states with the chances favoring democracy.

The other democratic gains are in Rhode Island, Minnesota, North Dakota, Missouri and Oklahoma, which states gave democratic majorities. The democratic candidate for governor of Kansas was only defeated by 1,500 votes, a gain of 65,000 over the vote of 1904. The democratic gain of over fifty members of congress shows the general trend of the country towards democratic policies and when the standard doctrine of the republican congress further indicates that real tariff reform is impossible as long as that party controls the legislative branch of the government, there will be a still greater revolt against high trust prices, by which those corporations are protected by the tariff in extorting.

All that democrats have to do to ensure success is to get together on essential policies and leave any difference on minor matters to be settled by congress and legislatures as they arise and perfect their organization in the several states that will see that democratic voters go to the polls and their votes are honestly counted.

SENATOR TILLMAN misses his guess in predicting that pampering of the negro by republican politicians in Chicago will lead to race war in that city. Race war is not possible anywhere in this country. But if these republican politicians go on pampering the negro vote in this way in order to save his vote in the close and doubtful states they are certain to get themselves very much disliked by white voters.

ARIZONA only cast 15 per cent. of her vote for joint statehood, so it is quite doubtful if all the Rough Riders followed the president's advice and it is certain that the cowboys did not like to be dictated to from Washington.

The youngsters are very much more thankful than some of their elders that Christmas comes so close after Thanksgiving day.

Applies to Land Agents.

The passenger traffic manager of the Burlington has sent out notices to the local agents to the effect that under the ruling of the interstate commerce commission land agents who conduct excursions and sell lands along the lines of railroads, cannot be regarded as employees of the companies, and ride upon passes.

This will be a hard shot at the land agents whose business it is to locate farmers along the line of the railroads. However, the commission is the law.

A transcript in the case of Jos. L. Hartshorn vs Chas. H. McIntire, et al, was filed in the district clerk's office today. An appeal is taken by the defendants from the \$94 and cost, rendered by Judge Archer. The action was brought to recover judgement in the sum of \$110 for rent of a house used by the defendants.



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The Smallest Constable.

Otoe county can boast of the smallest constable in the state. It is John Elrod, who was elected as constable in Otoe precinct last month. He is thirty years of age and has held a number of offices in that precinct, being its deputy assessor at this time. It would be a funny sight to see him arresting Sheriff John Donovan, who stands six feet and six inches in height. Thus this county has two noted officials, one being the smallest and the other the tallest officer in the state.—Nebraska City News.

Then It Is Gone Forever.

Perhaps you have seen it, an old nickel that has been colored a reddish hue? That nickel has been in circulation in Louisville for more than ten years. It is little and insignificant but it has been kept on the go continually. Could it but talk what a wonderful story it could relate. One day it buys a sack of peanuts for a child, then it goes to the baker for a loaf of bread. It is never idle. It helps buy coal for one man and groceries for another. From him it perhaps comes to the Courier for advertising who pays it to the printer for labor, who in turn either spends it for a glass of beer or drops it into the contribution box at the church. And so it goes from one to the other, but never leaves Louisville. One of these days some unthoughtful person will spend this little red nickel with a traveling grocery fakir or a patent medicine peddler and it will go out of circulation, as far as Louisville is concerned. Surely there is a lesson to be learned from this little coin.—Louisville Courier.

Hives, eczema, itch or salt rheum sets you crazy. Can't bear the touch of your clothing. Doan's Ointment cures the most obstinate cases. Why suffer. All druggists sell it.

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