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Well, and this is the day after.  
Did you eat too much turkey?

We wonder if Kaiser Bill is thankful because the reichstag left him his throne.

Did you have anything to feel thankful for? If you enjoy good health that is something.

The horrible part of it is that the fellows who dine at the restaurants will be haunted by roast turkey for the next five weeks.

Light, power and industries sound mighty good to you, don't they neighbor? Makes your property values look up a little don't you think?

Plattsmouth money for Plattsmouth industries ought to help a little it seems to the Journal. Let us all get busy and boost Plattsmouth.

It won't be a great while until there will be other factories here besides the canning factory and alfalfa mill. All that is needed is to keep them going.

Now, once more. Is it necessary for this city to buy light and power from any other city when we can get a good plant in our own city and keep Plattsmouth money at home?

After all it is good to know that even a democrat can be thankful over the political situation. Think of what might have happened if Theodore had been elected for four more years.

Recalling his desire for that special session, Governor Sheldon no doubt fully realizes the meaning of the quotation: "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, it might have been."

The metropolitan papers which make a business of collecting the Fourth of July and Christmas fatalities ought to get busy on the statistics of indigestion which Thanksgiving is responsible for.

Governor-elect Shallenberger has appointed some mighty good democrats to office but he has overlooked some good men in Cass county just the same, but they are all good democrats and don't kick.

And then again Prof. Hicks always catches them coming and going. He stated that we would have no snow on Thanksgiving and then again that there would be snow, sleet and rain on the 26th. Irl is surely the foxy boy. He ought really to have been a republican orator.

The laborers of the east seem to be getting what they voted for already. At Perth Amboy, N. J., Wednesday, 700 laborers struck because they did not get the increase in wages they had been promised after Taft was elected. Seven were shot down in cold blood by police. Here is another instance of where employees were promised more wages if they voted for Taft, and seven of the poor fellows sleep their last sleep because they insisted that their employers make good. Watch for other like occurrences during the winter.

Numerous business men lament the resignation of Mayor Gering? They are free to give their opinions now. While there were many acts during Mr. Gering's official career of which they did not approve, they say, on a whole, he was the most energetic and enterprising official the city has ever had and they very much deplore his act in resigning. It was ever thus. You never miss a good official until it is everlastingly too late. The Journal has always stood by Mayor Gering and we feel proud of so doing. We have always believed that Henry Gering was one of the best friends that Plattsmouth ever possessed.

Something over which the American public can rejoice with unrestrained enthusiasm is that it will not have to pay that \$29,000,000 fine in the form of increased prices of

Standard Oil products to make up the fine. This appears to be the only case on record where the public came off anything to the good in a Standard Oil transaction.

President Roosevelt, in willing Mr. Taft the presidency, will have handed along to complex a series of bequests that the friends of Taft foresee that the president will be bound hand and foot by Rooseveltism and Rooseveltism. Those fresh from Mr. Taft's counsel say that while Mr. Taft recognizes his elevation will come as an inheritance and expects to fulfill his duties as follower of the one and only original, still the new president is not wholly in sympathy with a prospect that seems likely to submerge his identity entirely.

### Mr. Carnegie's Confession.

Whatever may be said or thought of Mr. Carnegie's part in securing a high protective tariff in this country and the shameless greed he has manifested for many years in using that tariff as a means to unreasonable profits, the fact cannot be overlooked that his recommendation that protective duties be taken off steel is helpful to the general cause of tariff revision. More especially as he admits that such a tariff is no longer needed, and that there is no necessity for protection to illuminating oils and other manufactures in this country.

Mr. Carnegie's enormous fortune—a fortune so large that no man could have accumulated it out of a business conducted on equitable lines—is monumental evidence that the steel industry could have gotten along without the tariff many years ago. At the same time it is better that Mr. Carnegie should now favor the removal of the tariff than that he should still be a champion of high protection.

The country will doubtless be disposed to accept at its full value any service Mr. Carnegie may render the cause of revision at this time, but it cannot condone his record as a tariff plunderer nor accept his glorification of the public men who helped him to block good tariff measures in the past.

### The Power Question.

The solving of the lighting problem in the city is so interwoven with the proposition to furnish power for industries that many of the people have the two confused. Many believe that it is necessary for the city to contract for electric lights in order to secure power. This is not the case.

The revised proposition as submitted to the lighting committee provides for lighting the residence district with gas light and the business section with electric lights. In consideration of this contract the Nebraska Lighting Company agrees to put in new machinery which will furnish power for industries. This new machinery is to be of the latest model two-phase type. In addition a new boiler with sufficient capacity to enable it to furnish all power required is to be added to the equipment. The total cost of these improvements is placed at ten thousand dollars and when they are completed it is guaranteed that power can be provided.

To secure these improvements and power which everyone agrees must be had, it is not necessary that the city tie itself up with a big electric light bill. If a contract is given the Nebraska Lighting Company it proposes to increase its plant to furnish the desired capacity and agrees to incorporate into the contract exactly what it will do and the machinery it will put in. This contract they also agree to support with a five thousand dollar surety company bond for the faithful performance of every item of the contract.

This statement is made upon the authority of the superintendent of the company and to correct what is evidently a misapprehension and misunderstanding on the part of the citizens here.

### Industries.

The action of the meeting Tuesday night in postponing any action on the canning factory and alfalfa mill proposition must not be construed as meaning that there is the slightest disposition on the part of our people to abandon this project. Far

from such an idea they on the contrary are more determined than ever to make this one particular industry a go.

The failure Tuesday night to proceed and subscribe the bonds does not mean that the money was not forthcoming for it was. The bonds would have been subscribed to several times if it had been really necessary. The fact was that it was considered the part of good judgment to suspend action until the committee and the people knew absolutely that there would be no failure. It was merely the usual and ordinary precaution which any business man makes when he considers investing his money.

Plattsmouth will have a canning factory and an alfalfa mill sooner or later. And it is the confident belief of the Journal that the time is not far away. The only thing now necessary is to secure someone with experience a who has the right disposition to make the plant an assured success when the good work will proceed to a finish.

The future of Plattsmouth as a manufacturing and industrial town is now indeed bright. Its people are alive and working on this line, its capitalists are interested and there will be no turning back. There is a day not far distant when the city will teem with industries and the smoke of many chimneys will darken the land. It is the beginning of industrial Plattsmouth, and the canning factory and alfalfa mill will lead the way.

### Legislature Must Canvass Vote.

Hon. W. H. Thompson, one of the ablest lawyers in Nebraska, and who was the democratic candidate for governor six years ago, and candidate for U. S. senator two years ago, writes to the Omaha World Herald from his home in Grand Island, under date of November 23, as follows:

I have been asked by many for an opinion as to whether our constitution and statutes an amendment to the constitution submitted to the voters, can legally be said to have been adopted and a part thereof. The question being prompted by the desire to know who must make the appointment of the four additional judges of our supreme court, Governor Sheldon, the present incumbent, or Governor-elect Shallenberger.

The constitution provides that such proposed amendment shall be published for three months immediately preceding the next election of senators and representatives, at which election the same shall be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection, and if the majority of the electors voting at such election adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of the constitution.

It will be seen that this in no way provides for the canvassing of the votes. Neither do the provisions of any of them as to the election of the different persons to the different offices of the state or county, these prerequisites being left for the legislative enactment. The legislature has amply provided a tribunal and mode of canvass of the vote for different officers, but has made no general provision for the canvassing of the vote on proposed constitutional amendments. Neither does the proposed amendment itself provide a way for the canvass, but has left this for the legislature elected at the time of the vote on the proposed amendment. It seems that the people of the state have, by and through the actions of the constitution construed the provision of the constitution in favor of the legislative canvass. It has been the universal custom. Then the officers of the state and all its citizenship has acquiesced in such construction.

The same question was presented to the supreme court of Nebraska in Weston vs. Ryan, 70 Neb., 218, in which case the legislature (the two houses voting jointly), had carried the vote on an amendment and found it lost, then enacted a law providing for a re-canvass of the ballots so cast and found the proposed amendment carried.

In this case this act of the legislature was held to be constitutional, the court announcing the law to be:

"When a proposed constitutional amendment has been duly submitted to the people without prescribed manner of counting, canvassing or returning the ballots, or ascertaining or authenticating the result of the election, it is competent for the legislature to provide by special enactment for so doing."

Judge Ames in the course of his opinion says:

"At the time this joint resolution was passed and at the time of the ensuing general election, there was no regulation providing a method of ascertaining the result of the vote. That it was equally competent for the legislature to embody such a regulation in the resolution as it was to prescribe therein the form of the ballots does not appear to be open to doubt, but their failure in this respect did not invalidate the election or deprive the will of the voter of its potency. When the legislature of 1887 met there had been held a lawful election, but there was and had been no lawful method of ascertaining and authenticating its result. To supply this omission was the imperative duty of the lawmakers."

Apply this reasoning of Judge Ames to the present condition. The proposed amendments have without much question been carried, but the incoming legislature must formulate a lawful method of ascertaining and authenticating its results. This must precede the proclamation of the governor declaring said amendments carried, and the proclamation must precede the appointments of the judges. Hence, as the legislature will not meet until Governor Sheldon's time has expired Shallenberger will make the appointments.

Judge Oldham says in the course of his opinion in this case:

"The legislature voting within the scope of its apparent authority canvassed the returns of this election." Further said: "It seems to me the duty of canvassing and declaring the result of the election on the proposed constitutional amendment presented a question of procedure not at that time covered by the general legislation and created an emergency sufficient to authorize special legis-

lation for the purpose of determining the will of the people as expressed by the votes cast"

It must be remembered that the same need of legislation applies to the amendments here being considered, and that no move can be legally made or had until this needed legislation and canvass is had. Then the vote necessary to carry a constitutional amendment must be a majority of these votes cast in the state at that election for senators and representatives." State vs. Babcock, 17 Neb., 188.

The only officers to determine the votes cast (actually cast) for these members are these members themselves acting as a legislative body. Thus the votes so cast is one for the incoming legislature and no action can be taken by either governor until the legislature has so found, authenticated and declared.

The election is over and Taft will be inaugurated president on the 4th of March, but that fact didn't prevent the First National Bank of Ft. Scott, Kansas, from going to the wall last Friday. Nor did it keep Rockefeller, the oil king and Taft's bosom friend, from admitting on the witness stand last week that he had received and accepted rebates from the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Roosevelt used to be fierce against the rebaters, but since they helped his candidate to the presidency he won't have so much to say. He didn't even write a letter when the \$29,000,000 against Rockefeller was remitted. This is only another case of before and after taking. But the people deserve nothing better than what they vote for.

### Admits He is a Thief.

Charles Francis Adams, of Boston, has sent a letter to Samuel W. McCall of the ways and means committee of congress in which he claims that the tariff advocates belong to one of two classes, either "thieves or hogs." He says: "I myself belong to the former class. I am a tariff thief and have a license to steal. It bears the great seal of the United States and is what is known as the Dingley tariff. I stole under it yesterday. I

am stealing under it today. I propose to steal under it tomorrow. The wise call it 'beneficiary.' The government has forced me into this position and I both do and shall take full advantage of it. I am, therefore, a tariff thief, with a license to steal. And what are you going to do about it?"

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