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In harmony there is strength. Every member of the legislature should go to Lincoln with this idea in view. No rings or factions should dominate.

Has the general government got any more right to prosecute the New York World editor for what that papr has said about Roosevelt than it has to prosecute any other private citizen under like circumstances? Or is Roesevelt the government?

The legislature meets two weeks from tomorrow. In democratic caucus the officials of the house will be agreed upon, and we prophesy, harmoniously elected. There will be no petitors, ruin their business and get discord whatever, and then the dem-(a monopoly," the mail order genius ocrats can go to work and redeem their pledges, as they should do.

This paper made the statement four years ago that Roosevelt would step down and out of the white house the most unpopular man that ever occupied the position of president of the United States. And that prophesy is surely coming our way. He wants to rule with an iron hand, but the people won't stand it.

Hon, Philander C. Kncx, of Pennsylvania, secretary of state in his cabinet, because he is a great lawyer. But the principal reason he appointed him is because the trusts wanted Senator Knox to occupy the position. and the president-elect had to give in to them.

The republican papers of Nebraska are trying awful hard to get up a rumpus in the democratic party especially members of the legislature. But their efforts in this direction are doomed to a failure. Their tricks may be carried out in their own party, but with the demotrats, never.

From all reports the Roosevelt men are being "rolled" as the saying

#### A Plain Fraud. Numerous commentators through

out the country refer to the mail order artist who advertised a sure recipe for getting getting rich quick same to be sent to any address for them light. It is well for the council 50 cents. Thousands sent in their half dollars and received in return a direction to "work hard." The postal authorities found that he had vio-

lated no fraud law, and we have oberved no comment in the press pointing out the fallacy.

Consider for a moment. If the recipe had been "steal" instead of 'work hard" how quickly would he have been arrested for fraudulent use of the mails! If the recipe had been 'sell blue<sup>s</sup> sky to your personal friends, including women and orphans," is there any question that the postal authorities would have de-

clared it fraudulent? "If the recipe had been "set spies on your comwould certainly have been in jail.

But, instead of telling the people the truth when they paid their 50 cents, he told them a feeble and transparent falsehood; so he was not guilty of fraud. Recall for a moment those whom you know to have acquired riches quickly, and see if you can find in the list one who did it by hard work. Then see if you find any who did it by one of the methods

Mr. Taft says that he appointed hereinbefore mentioned, or something else similar.

> "Work hard"-in order to get rich quick !--- World-Herald.

#### Demand for Light.

The continued failure to get together and select a lighting system for the city is subjecting the city ouncil to criticism, some of which is not entirely deserved. It is to be noped that the council will investigate the claims of the various kinds of material for light and they will select that which will best answer the purposes of this city, and it is also to be hoped that they will make a selection as will be to the manifest

advantage of the city and its inhabi-

#### More for Light.

The Journal has been insistent up-

on the light question and it has been so because it is a duty owing the people of this city, that the council give to consider this matter calmly and to carefully investigate any offer to furnish light but it is also for the council to consider that light must be had from some source and the source wanted is that which will do the best for the city.

It is not advisable nor is it sound business judgment for the council to take light from some place which is in no better condition to furnish it that this city itself. Even if they could get an alleged article of light from some adjacent place which furnishes a poor light, at a little cheaper price than a local concern can produce it, it would not be good judgment.

It would mean that the city would pay an exorbitant sum for inferior service in the end. When the service began to play out as it would inevitably then Plattsmouth would be the first place to suffer and it would always be in this position as long as it permitted a foreign outfit to supply the light. If the light is supplied by a local plant, the company supplying it is here and can be reached at any time and made to carry out its contract. This argument makes it necessary and a business proposition for the council to favor our local people.

But one thing is sure, there must be light. The condition of Plattsmouth, streets are such that it is dangerous to be abroad without light and the people know this. They realize that it is cheaper for them to pay for light than it is to pay damages for broken limbs and possible loss of life. Let the council do what is right and that soon.

#### Bryan's Wonderful Campaign. (Leslie's Weekly.)

While the majorities in the popular and in the electorial vote in 1908 against Mr. Bryan are larger even of their time to the consideration of

## TAFT TO VISIT TEXAS.

Thirty Cities of Lone Star State Unite in Extending Invitation.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 23 .- President Elect Taft decided to visit the state of Texas at some convenient time after his inauguration, preferably at the end of the special session of congress which he is to ca" to revise the tariff. While his intinerary for the visit has not been arranged, he will make the city of Dahas one of the principal points of the trip.

Thirty cities and towns of the Lone Star state united in a request for his presence at any time he should choose to come. The invitation expressed a keen desire on the part of the commercial bodies of the places in question to make the personal acquaintance of Mr. Taft and promised him a cordial welcome and courteous treatment.

Judge Taft was compelled, much to his expressed regret, to decline to visit Chattanooga, where it was hoped to have his presence at the dedication of a Young Men's Christian association building. In declining the prestdent elect said that to accept meant he would have to give up the balance of the time between now and his trip to Panama in visiting southern citles, as he had pressing invitations from nearly all of them, and to accept one and reject another would cause dis-



ways and means committee completed its hearings on the proposed revision of the tariff and the sub-committee, consisting of the Republican members of the full committee, began the work of revising the present law into a tariff bill. This bill is to be submitted to congress at the special session which, it is understood, Judge Taft will call together next March.

In order to complete its work in time, the sub-committee will hold daily meetings behind closed doors un til the new bill has been framed. No tariff revision committee has ever had at its command so large a fund of in formation as the present committee and the individual members will facil itate the work by devoting a large part



### Prospects for a Big Row.

The action of the senate yesterday in adopting a resolution for an investigation of that portion of the president's message referring to the secret service and legislation calculated to impair its efficiency, seems to be the forerunner of a big fight between the president and congress. It is said that the "president is prepared with evidence showing the connection of certain members of the



goes. Report seems to confirm the fact that the reactionary wing of the republican party will name President Tafi's cabinet for him and that he is entirely agreeable to their desire to ferget Theodore One as quickly as possible.

The official vote in all the states has just been announced. Taft (rep.) gets 7,637,676; Bryan (Dem.) 6.393.182; Debbs (socialist) 448,-000; Chafin (pro.) 241,252; Hisgen (ind.) SC,186, Watson (pop) 33,871; Gilhaus (socialist labor) 15,421. Total for all candidates, 14,852,239, or 1, 341,531 more than were cast in 1904. Bryan gets 1,315,211 more than Farker, and Taft 14,190 more than Recovert got in 1904.

Another bank just failed in Ohio, with over \$850,000 deposits. Don't you think this very strange when you recall the fact that the republican prosperity mixes of Root, Roosevelt, Hughes, Taft brand made such broad assertions as to the calamity the election of Bryan would produce. Now we find banks in Taft's own state failing just as though the businessmen's candidate was not a resident thereof, and had failed of an election.

President Roosevelt has issued an order putting all fourth class postmasters in the northern states east of the Mississippi River under civil service rules. The rest of the country will doubtless be included in due time. It is said the congressmen are angry over the new rule, as it cuts off one of their principal sources of patronage. One would think that they would be relieved to think that they could no more be pestered by applicants for postoffices. It is only the man who thinks he cannot be elected without promising patronage all around who object to civil service rules. And this is the kind of a man, World-Herald is nearer the goal than it might be added, that the country can best get along without.

Secretary Cortelyou, in his report to congress, estimates the deficit for the present fiscal year at \$143,000,-000. With President Cleveland dead we can now understand where this deficit comes from or who is responsible for it. It must be part of the rebundant prosperity of which that he now discovers that protection we hear so much and see so little. When a deficit occurred under Cleveland every republican paper and twoby-four politicians howled long and loud about democratic incompetency. But they are not howling now. It plenty of takers, is a Rooseveltian deficit and that adds virtue to it. The republican come home to roost.

tants It is not the desire of the majority of the people of the city that the council select some foreign plant to furnish the light needed here. What they do want is to build up the local industries of Plattsmouth and this annot be done by sending away for

anything. That puts the city in the aspect of being a tail to some other place.

But while this is all true, the counil should protect our own people by making any local company put up a guarantee that they will furnish what they will agree to furnish and that a good and sufficient plant will be built and maintained. This can

easily be done and it is almost as important as securing light itself. By all means stop the suspense over this question. Let the light question be settled and settled right and that soon. Patience ceases to be a virtue and the people of this city have been very patient with their councilmen. One of these days they will lose their temper and make the Council hear that they voted for light once, they wanted it then and they insist upon having it now. Proceed to contract at once and light up the streets.

The action of the republican papers of the state in calling upon the democratic members of the legislature to repudiate the World-Herald's advice to them is refreshing. While not always right the World-Herald has advised some mighty good things for the members and some which they will recall and carry out. The paper which is always right is seldom found but in this case, the any of the opposition papers.

The testimony of Andrew Carnegie that the steel trust has grown large enough so that protection is no longer needed for it is refreshing. Andy has been practically out of the organization for some years and it might possibly be owing to this fact isn't needed. While he was getting his he couldn't see this. But anyone who wants to bet this congress agrees with Andy probably will find

dealers.

than they were in 1900, every re publican will freely concede that his campaign was wonderful for the enthusiasm which he aroused everywhere, and for the strength which he displayed in many of the states, especially in the west. Missouri, which he carried in his two previous campaigns, he lost this year, but Parker lost it also. Parker lost Nebraska, Colorado and Nevada, but Bryan won them. While Indiana gave a plurality of 94,000 to Roosevelt and against Parker, Bryan cut Taft's lead down

to about 10,000. Clay, Douglas and Blaine, the best known of the unsuccessful candidates for president, had a long and brilliant public service before they were thought of in connection with the presidency, while Bryan's service was short; yet Bryan aroused as much enthusiasm at the polls as either Clay or Blaine, and more than Douglas. Except Clay he is the only man who was ever nominated by a great party after two defeats. The leading politicians of the party were against him previous to the convention of 1908, but the masses of the party were so overwhelmingly in favor of him that the contest against him for the nomination was hopeless.

Congressman Pollard states that Speaker Cannon will be re-elected without opposition. No one ever supposed he would be beaten if congress was republican but the people of the First district felt that he ought to be and they so voted. And it is more than likely they will do so again two years from now as Mr. Pollard should realize.

It is to be hoped that the subsidence of self-announced guardians of the legislature is permanent and we shall hear no word of "what to do."

#### Benefit Ball.

A benefit ball will be given by the eagles and T. J. Sokol's at the latter's hall on New Year's eve, Thursday, Dec. 31. The object in giving this dance is a most worthy one and should be attended by all who love to charity to those who need help. The very best of music will be present 1909. It was accepted by the directors. but neither were injured. E. E and everything will be done to make this occasion long to be remembered The "Exquisito" in Christmas as one of the very grandest events of John S. Michaud, bishop of the Roman barnyard is full of chickens that have packages makes a nice present. All the old year. Make your arrangements to attend.

the testimony that has been given before the committee and the perusal of the numerous reports available for their use.

If, in the estimation of the members of the committee, it is desirable to obtain further testimony regarding the manufacture of some article, or if information is lacking with regard to some paragraph of the tariff, further witnesses whose testimony would be of value will be called before the committee.

Mr. Carnegie's test:mony did not prove satisfactory to the committee. One prominent Republican member said his testimony was practically nil as far as information of use to the committee in its deliberations is concerned.

## FUNERAL OF MAJOR O. J. SMITH.

Founder of American Press Association Laid to Rest.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 23 .- With simple ceremonies the body of Major Orlando Jay Smith, late president of the American Press association, whose death occurred Sunday evening, was laid to rest in Sleepy Hollow cemetery. Funeral services were held at the idea of what their servants are dohome of Major Smith in Dobbs Ferry.

Teller Explains Letter on Silver. Washington, Dec. 23 .- Referring to the publication of a letter written by him on the financial question to Sir Moreton Frewen, Senator Teller said that he had had no intention of reviving the silver question, but that his only purpose had been to call attention to the present condition of exchange between Europe and America on one side and Asia on the other.

West Virginia Miners Return to Work. Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 23 .- The differences between the operators and strikers in the Paint creek coal mining section were peacefully arranged here and nearly 2,000 miners, who have been idle for a week, returned to work.

Frank Waters Shoots Himself. Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 23 .- Frank Waters, forty years of age, shot himself through the right temple, dying instantly. He was despondent over ill health. He was a nephew of Senator Charles Eckles of Marshall county.

Shooting Affray Fatal to Four. Ocilla, Ga., Dec. 23 .- Leonard Smith, son of Chief of Police Smith, Charles Moore and his brother, Virgil Moore, are dead and Policeman Cain Walters the bridge. The caboose broke away lies dying as a result of a four cornered pistol duel fought here.

New York Central's President Leaves, New York, Dec. 23 .- W. H. Newman resigned as president of the New trip the light fantastic, and extend York Central Railway company, his resignation to take effect on Feb. 1,

> Bishop J. S. Michaud Dead. New York, Dec. 23 .- The Rt. Rev. Catholic diocese of Burlington, Vt., died at St. Vincent's hospital.

enate and house of representatives with special interests which are and have been seeking to have special legislation put through, and that

he means to expose this connection and drag these men into the limelight with ugly charges to face.' On the other hand the senate wants to know how much money has been paid out of the treasury for special agents, secret service employes and the like, who received the money,

what their previous occupation was and the nature of the work done.

As this is purely a republican row. the democrats not being in control of either the executive office or congress, they can set back and enjoy it. It is hoped that the exposure does have the effect of cleansing the public service of all unfit employes regardless of the department they are in or who they are. In any event the outlook is good for the people getting some

The members of the senate are es pecially sore and they have been ning an enjoyable one. The entire outspoken in their denunciation of evening was put in with music and the president who has also used up a general supply of adjectives in describing those unfortunate enough to look at things different from him. However, there are only seventy- pared a sumptuous luncheon which seven more days of Roosevelt.

#### The Usual Good Luck. With its usual good luck the Mis-

souri Pacific last Monday escaped crowd. a disastrous wreck and loss of life near Elmwood. The train which furnished this illustration of the care of Divine Providence over the people compelled to patronize this road, was Stella Gooding. Katle Foster an east bound freight engine and ca- Emsie O'Neill, Trua South, Messrs. boose. The train was backing up Roy Denson, Clarence Holmburg, Joe when the truck of the engine tank Reynolds, Raymond Welch, Leslie jumped the track and ran along the Vroman, Sandy Andrews, James ties for some distance until it struck Jones, Giles Blair, Roy South and a bridge where the trucks were Gus Carey. knocked from under the tank and

the engine piled up in a mass on from the tank and ran some distance down the track before brought to a halt. The engine and tank was a mass of wreckage on the bridge within a few feet of the edge. Neither the engineer or fireman had a chance to jump before the wreck happened Koontz was the engineer. The train crew were uninjured.

Fine stationery in Xmas boxes. -Irwin's.

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for the money you owe and note how much more respectfully your creditors regard you. They like to do business with a man who has an account at the Cass County Bank. They know he is doing business in a business-like way. Better open such an account even. if your affairs are not large. They will grow all right.

## THE BANK OF CASS COUNTY, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

#### Surprises Friend.

Last Monday night Miss Trua South was most pleasantly surprised by her Sunday school class, at her pleasant home in Souta Park The young lady was not prepared to entertain the crowd as they came spon her rather unexpectedly but she found it was hardly necessary as they were all prepared to make the evegames of various kinds, and a general good time was held. While the young folks were entertaining themselves and Miss South acting hostess, Mrs. South was busy and prewas served before the guests were allowed to depart for their homes. It was quite generally agreed that no pleasanter evening could have been had than that enjoyed by this merry

Those attending were Misses Hallie Jones, Agnes Anderson, Gunhilde Holmburg, Letty Lair, Thelma Denson, Jennie Reynolds, Eva Ward,

#### Good Farm for Sale.

Good 160 acre farm, 21/2 miles southwest of Oreapolis, 51/2 miles northwest of Plattsmouth, good improvements. Water is plentiful. For particulars and terms see G. J. Halmes, Plattsmouth. 1 mo.

#### Notice to Stock Holders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Cass County will be held at the office of the Bank on Tuesday, January 12, 1909, at four o'clock p. m.

Charles C. Parmele, President.

