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Remember that it is more blessed to do your Christmas shopping early than to receive.

"Meat Prices Being Slashed," says a headline. Also chopped—notably mutton chops and pork chops.

President Taft says "the landslide in Culebra can easily be removed." But the landslide in the United States can't.

Those who have turkeys for sale seem to have proceeded on the theory that turkeys have one of the dizzy schedules in the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

Revision of the house rules may greatly curtail the speaker's power, but there is no danger that Champ Clark will ever become as useless as Vice-President Sherman.

Postmen are calling upon the public to do its Christmas mailing early. The express company employes, heretofore silent, are likely to be heard from any day.

One great reform for the democratic congress to achieve is the enactment of a parcels post law. It will be bitterly fought by the express trust but the people demand it.

Hon. John Kuhl, of Cedar county, seems to be in the lead for speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives. The members who know him best will all return him. They know his excellent worth as presiding officer.

The democrats will have a good majority in both branches of the legislature, and they should not fritter away their time in something that has already been settled. The people have said they don't want county option, so they do not want to monkey with Poulson and his gang.

All this talk about Aldrich retaining some of Governor Shellenberger's appointees is bosh. The man who succeeds Shellenberger is a republican, but the democrats elected him, but what difference does that make? "To the victors belong the spoils!" Step down and out, gentlemen, and give way to republicans. Don't adopt any baby act.

Since the price of meat has taken a slight tumble, it will be noticed by way of comparison that the tumble has not been so noticeable as that on cattle and hogs on foot. The trusts have had a finger in the matter of adjusting prices, and the trusts were never known to commit a deed that would injure themselves.

Walt, who has 92 votes to his credit over Charley Pool for secretary of state, is getting awful nervous, and he is liable to lose out. The contest may go to the legislature, and Mr. Walt will have to wait no longer. A recount will give the office to Mr. Pool whether it is made by the legislature or by the Douglass county authorities. A change of 50 votes will do the work, and Mr. Walt will have to wait no longer to step "down and out."

Commenting on the late elections, Senator LaFollette's Magazine drives a home thrust into the Sage of Oyster Bay in this language: "No progressive leader, however popular, was able to make the progressive vote subservient to any party. Wherever attempted, thousands of progressives withheld their votes in disgust or cast them for democrats as a rebuke and a warning against any attempt to compromise the progressive cause."

Champ Clark is wise in urging that to hold no conference would be preferable to a conference held in Balti-

more or some other Eastern city. The present strength and the new gains of the democrats are almost entirely in the South and East. The party needs the West. If it holds a council it should select a place that would at least give the West an equal opportunity with the East and South. The democratic party should especially try to get away from its sectional character. Just now the people are looking for a great national party, whether it be the development of one of the established organizations or the creation of a new one.

The progress of the science or sport—whichever you prefer to call it—of aviation is not likely to be greatly checked by the shocking death of Ralph Johnstone. It appears from all accounts that he owed his fate to his own foolhardiness. He was doing perilous tricks to amuse the crowd when the fatal fall occurred. Of course, it may be said that all aviators are reckless or they would not try to emulate the birds. But granting this, there are limits to the risks that the air men need to assume and those who have accomplished the greatest achievements have been the most careful. Merely spectacular feats are not worth the broken necks that too frequently accompany them, and if Johnstone's death puts an end to such performances he will not have died in vain.

THE DEMOCRATIC HOUSE.

Complete returns show that the democratic majority in the new house of representatives will be larger than the most sanguine pre-election optimists hoped for. The democratic representation will be 227 as against 163 republicans, and 1 socialist, a democratic majority of 63 and plurality of 64. Kansas is the only state of size to have a solid republican delegation, and most all of the Kansas republicans are insurgents.

All the southern states have solid democratic delegations except Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. Maryland and Virginia each have 1 republican, while Tennessee and Kentucky each have 2 members of that party. Colorado is the only northern state represented entirely by democrats, but Indiana has 12 democrats out of 13 members.

Illinois has 11 democrats in her membership of 25; New Jersey 7 out of 19; New York, 23 out of 37; Ohio, 16 out of 28, and Pennsylvania, 9 out of 32; Missouri's delegation consists of 13 democrats and 3 republicans. The Nebraska delegation is evenly divided, 3 and 3; as is Maine's, 2 and 2; Oklahoma has 2 republicans and 3 democrats.

The democratic party is given a great opportunity to demonstrate that the voters made no mistake in entrusting it with power. The party will be on trial as it has not been before in 18 years. It will require conscientious application, wisdom and patriotism on the part of the democratic congressmen to emerge from that trial with vindication, and the responsibilities placed upon them must and should temper with gravity the exultation natural in such a victory.

THE WIDE-OPEN PRIMARY.

The open primary is not as popular in Nebraska as it was two years ago. But it still has its friends. Some of them want to go still further than the present law, and turn the voters loose in the primaries to vote a "scratched ticket" if they wish, just as in the general election. The ably edited Kearney Democrat succinctly states this program as follows:

"The primary law should be made to conform in every feature with the general election law—just as broad, free and open. It should be made so that any man can go into the booth and vote for whomsoever he wants to. Why should a man have his elective franchise curtailed and his preference

denied him at a primary election any more than at the general election? If he is qualified to say who he wants to vote for and who he wants nominated."

Why not carry the idea to its logical conclusion? Why not elect our delegates to the national conventions, and then let them sit in either convention, or both? Why not permit John Jones, elected as a delegate to the democratic convention, vote to nominate a certain candidate for vice president in that convention, and then, if he wishes, step over to the republican convention and help nominate a republican presidential candidate?

Why not, also, elect these delegates to the national conventions in absolutely wide-open primaries, leaving republican voters free to elect the democratic delegates and the democratic voters free to elect the republican delegates wherever they are so inclined?

What, after all, is the use of political parties? Why go through the forms of meeting in state conventions to adopt party platforms, if men who are not in sympathy with those platforms are to be allowed to name the candidates who are to stand upon them—or who will refuse to stand upon them? What is the good of a platform pledge? Why recognize such a thing as a party creed? Why not abolish all political parties, and let the voters meet in mass primaries to nominate two complete sets of candidates?

That, in truth, is exactly what is proposed by the advocates of the wide-open primary. The only difference is that they allow one set of candidates to be known as "democrats" and another set to be known as "republicans." But these designations would be farcical, as it is easy to see.

It is simply a question whether we are ready to abandon our system of government by parties and our basic principle of party responsibility. If we are ready, well and good. Let's do it, and do it frankly and openly. But if we are not ready, then let us preserve the integrity of the parties, by allowing each party to nominate its own candidates and write its own platforms.—World-Herald.

Now is the time for the Daughters of the Revolution to begin organizing in Mexico.

Meat prices, it may be added, have a long way yet to drop before they alight all in a heap.

The antics of the London suffragettes call for a new word to express the feminine of rowdy.

However, you can purchase an excellent article of imported Westphalian bacon for 45 cents a pound, even now.

The democrats will have about five majority in the senate and seven in the house. These are democrats that can be depended upon.

Three weeks from next Sunday is Christmas, and the boys and girls will be counting the days up to the very date that Old Santa Claus makes his advent.

King George's life in the present crisis in England is not all leisure and play. He has just completed the nerve racking task of issuing a decree stipulating what costumes shall be worn by those attending his coronation.

Governor Harmon, of Ohio, and Woodrow Wilson, governor-elect of New Jersey, are most spoken of now as candidates for the democratic nomination for president. Either one is good enough for us.

President Taft is expected to suggest that congress should let the tariff alone until the Tariff Board can make a detailed report. However, there are numerous schedules which do not require a detailed report from the tariff board.

In answer to an esteemed fellow laborer, who wishes to know what has become of the old fashioned man who used to wear a long comforter

around his neck, but never wore an overcoat, the old fashioned man in question resides at present in Indiana and his name is Abe Martin.

Leo Mathews and Henry Richmond, both candidates for chief clerk of the house of representatives, each claiming they "have it." And W. H. Smith has a "sure thing" on being secretary of the senate. "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," boys. There may be some new candidates in the field before the legislature meets.

Previous to his departure for Washington, Congressman Hitchcock writes us a letter extending thanks for our assistance in his election to the United States senate. We did all in our power for his election, and would do the same if we had our work to do over again. Every democrat in Nebraska should feel proud of their new senator.

The best thing for the legislature to do this winter is to throw all county option legislation overboard, adopt the initiative and referendum, and clear the lobby of all workers for or against county option. The temperance lobbyists two years ago had more space than all other lobbyists combined. Clear the hall of temperance cranks and get down to business. That's what the people want.

The great and mighty Poulson, boss of the Anti-Saloon League, has issued his edict to his cohorts throughout the state to marshal their forces and be ready to carry the legislature by storm when the county option question comes up. This sort of manner of attempting to bulldoze people is right in line with temperance cranks. But they will be badly fooled in their calculations this winter, or we miss our guess.

The following announcement that a \$10,000,000 division of profits to the stockholders in the Sears-Roebuck catalogue house of Chicago ought to encourage those who believe in building up business concerns away from home to send in another order by the first mail: "A \$10,000,000 melon was decided on today by the directors of the Sears-Roebuck company, the stock of which is listed on the New York and Chicago exchanges. The directors voted to recommend a stock dividend of thirty-three and a third per cent on the common stock, (\$30,000,000), to holders of record, April 1, 1911."

Russia's grand old man is dead at the advanced age of 82. Eccentric he doubtless was; insane many have called him, but a wonderful genius all must admit he possessed. Nor is it to be doubted that Tolstoi was sincere in the views of life he proclaimed in his writings and exemplified in his manner of living. The great philosopher was absolutely fearless in his criticisms of Russian governmental methods and of the very czar himself which, from any other subject, would have inevitably resulted in banishment or worse. The world in general and Russia in particular owe much to Tolstoi. His memory and his influence will not soon be forgotten.

Eastern newspapers have not been entirely truthful, probably owing to lack of knowledge of the facts, in referring to Hiram Johnson's election as governor in California as a great republican victory. As a matter of fact, Johnson barely slipped through by the "skin of his teeth," a registered republican majority in the state of 126,000 being reduced to a bare 21,000 by the democratic candidate, Theodore A. Bell. That is a considerable virtue for a reform candidate whose virtues were extolled by every ministerial association and temperance organization. The democrats also succeeded in breaking the solid republican congressional delegation, Judge John Raker defeating Engelbright, a standpat republican, in the first district. Everything considered, it may be said that California democrats gave a mighty good account of themselves.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, democratic governor-elect of New Jersey, in an address before the Business Service Lecture League of Chicago a few nights ago, said that so many of the business corporations are trying to circumvent the law that the impression has gone forth that the lawyers are employed by the business men to find out how the law may be evaded rather than to show them how to keep within its bounds. Dr. Wilson's recipe for protecting business is to keep business out of politics and within the law. He says that the country, being fully aware as to the activities of business in politics and government, will continue the struggle to free itself from such encroachments at any cost; that the only cure for agitation and the multiplicity of laws is for business to obey the laws we have, in letter and spirit, and thus make unnecessary the warfare of self-preservation on which the people have entered.

FOR ELECTION OF SENATORS.

The "house of governors," which is a meeting of the chief executives of the various states of the union, for conference on matters of interstate interest, will be held at Frankfort, Kentucky, November 29 to December 3, 1910. The chief subject for discussion will be the question of concerted action toward securing a constitutional amendment on the popular election of United States senators. There is very little difference of opinion as to the desirability of this reform. The public demand for popular election of senators is shown forcibly in the fact that 30 states now nominate or have the power to nominate senators. Working separately, the states have thus far failed to secure the required demand of two thirds of their number for the calling of a constitutional convention. It is believed that with the governors of the 46 states meeting in frank, full interchange of views in the conference, where nearly all of them, or the states they represent, are not merely converted, but anxious for the popular election of senators, a form of resolution and application could be prepared that would be absolutely attack-proof by the United States senate, which has, up to this time, successfully repelled every effort of the states to make that body more responsive and responsible to the people.

MEAT PRICES.

Republican party organs are hastening to assure the people that the law of supply and demand is wholly responsible for the heralded downward revision of prices on meats and other food supplies, and the recent sweeping democratic victory throughout the nation has nothing to do with it. But will they not have a hard task convincing their readers that ordinary economic causes are responsible? They have been preaching for years the doctrine that it is to governmental interference, and not to the action of economic forces, that the people must look for the source of their economical welfare or discomfort. Have not the masses learned, from constant reiteration by republican organs, that American high wages, prosperity and good crops have all been due to the beneficent rule of the republican party? It is a poor rule that doesn't work both ways, and if the republican party is to be thanked for high wages, why cannot the democratic party claim credit for lowering living prices? Shallow critics may declare the falling prices are coming too soon after election to be attributable to democratic victory, but no consistent republican organ will put forth this claim, for hasn't it been established beyond dispute by these newspapers that the democratic tariff of 1894 brought on the panic of 1893, some 18 months before the act was passed? However, let not the consumers become too much enthused over the prospect of immediate and sweeping reductions in the cost of living. Dr. Wiley's declaration that the trusts are bluffing when announcing that the prices on articles of necessary consumption are to drop, is well founded.

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Not until that tariff robbery has been knocked out by the democratic congress—which will not sit for a year unless earlier called by the president—will the people's burdens be fully lifted. Until that time the meat barons will have the opportunity to continue to wring extortionate profits from the consumers, and they may be expected to take advantage of it.

Champ Clark was seated in his office in Washington surrounded by democratic friends when a republican admirer entered. "I want to congratulate you on the democratic victory," said the newcomer smiling. "I have been around Washington for fifteen years and had got the idea in my mind that the constitution provided for a republican victory every two years." "Do you know," said Mr. Clark, "a lot of people had the idea that the probability of a democratic victory was remote? This frame of mind is best illustrated by a story I heard not long ago. A teacher addressing her pupils said: 'Every boy present who would like to be president of the United States raise his hand.' Only one boy failed to respond. 'Johnny,' said the teacher, 'wouldn't you like to be president?' 'Oh, yes,' was the response, 'but what's the use; I'm a democrat.'"

Charley Pool has not yet decided as to whether he will contest the election of Wait, for secretary of state, or not. We believe a recount of the votes in Douglass county would elect Mr. Pool. And this privilege should be granted him without the payment of \$100.00, the same as was given Judge Sutton in his contest against C. O. Lobeck for congress. We believe as the Lincoln Star says about the matter, that "If Mr. Pool has any tangible reason to believe that he did not secure credit in the returns for every vote cast for him for secretary of state, he ought to get the verification of the returns without the expenditure of a penny."

The people in the central and western part of the state are up in arms for the removal of the state capital from Lincoln. There will no doubt be some measures taken to that effect in the legislature this winter. A great many people "have it in" for Lincoln, and will vote to remove the capital on general principles.

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