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The "wets" gained nine towns in the election Tuesday.

The cry of the "New South" will soon change to that of a "New North."

The members of the legislature will soon come marching home. This week will let them out.

According to the vote polled last Tuesday there cannot be very much difference in the population of Nebraska City and Plattsmouth.

Again we ask, What has become of Poulson and the Anti-Saloon league? Is the headquarters still in Lincoln, or has the impudent Poulson carried it with him out of the state?

New York carried no insurance on the state capitol, although the belief that it was "fireproof" reveals a most amazing and childlike confidence in the politicians who enacted it.

They tried awful hard to beat Sam Hinkle for mayor of Havelock Tuesday, but he was re-elected by a very fair majority. Robertson, the socialist candidate, polled 136 votes. There was three candidates in the field.

We have failed to talk with a man but who has condemned the Metzger game law, especially the license part of it. Fishing and hunting is a right that the people have always enjoyed without having to pay for the privilege.

O. C. Morton was elected mayor of Nebraska City last Tuesday by a majority of 159 over Dr. J. D. Houston. The democrats and republicans combined in the election of Mr. Morton, who is one of the proprietors of the Nebraska City News.

The M. W. A. convention in Plattsmouth yesterday instructed for Dr. E. W. Cook for head physician, the place he is already filling so creditably. There is no better man for the place and he should be re-elected without opposition.

Lobsters have advanced to 60 cents a pound in Boston, and prices are proportionately higher inland. This advance may worry the smart set somewhat, but the plebeians refuse to worry about any kind of meat that has to be eaten with a nutcracker.

It may be as the ex-Hon. Tawney contends, that a congressman should not bow to the will of his constituents. It is also true that the congressman should not grumble if those same constituents see fit to put the skids under him.

It is said that a lot of Methodist ministers lost a good portion of \$1,000,000 in that Morgan-Honduras deal. They had investments in the Honduras National railroad, which, under the Morgan arrangement, is defunct. Morgan had no more mercy on ministers than he had on anyone else.

Iowa has lost more inhabitants in the past ten years than any state in the Union, and one of, if not the greatest agricultural state, at that. Cheap land elsewhere is what has caused the slump. Nebraska has also suffered by the cheap land cry in other states.

The democratic house caucus cut the congressional patronage salary list \$180,000 by weeding out unnecessary employees. It will now have to do something of pre-eminent public benefit to avoid being wholly

discredited by disappointed party followers.

The socialists carried several city elections on Tuesday, but they lost out in Wichita, Kansas, and Milwaukee. If the present congress does not furnish some relief, there will be a general shaking up of dry bones. The people have lost faith in the republican party, and now if the democratic party causes them to lose faith in it, they will naturally look elsewhere to obtain the necessary relief.

There will be no legalizing of Sunday baseball by the present legislature. The house failed to muster enough votes yesterday to carry it over the governor's veto, as the senate had previously done. The veto power in this matter is simply a strike of prejudice against eastern Nebraska in general and Omaha in particular. But the gentleman who was elected by democratic votes to the position he occupies will have to answer for his attitude on a matter that would injure no community.

There is no doubt that the possession of the Philippines is giving grave concern to the authorities at Washington. They have never been anything but a costly burden since we came in possession of them and there is not one compensation in return for the burdens we bear. It may be asked what right have we to turn over the Philippines to any other country? The answer would be: What right had we to buy them for \$20,000,000? The wave of imperialism that was fattered by the republican party is the most costly thing that this country has had to deal with and the end is not in sight.

THE SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

The facts incident to the organization of the lower house of the Sixty-second congress are eloquent with the testimony that the country acted wisely when it placed the popular branch in the charge of the democratic party. For the democratic majority is showing that it is united in the purpose truly to serve the people. And the republican minority is showing, just as plainly, that it is still wedded to the fleshpots of plutocracy and the doctrines on which special privilege has been built.

Democracy in the opening of the Sixty-second congress stands for marked reforms. It stands for reform in the matter of organization and the choosing of committees; it stands for reform in the way of economy and retrenchment of expenditures, the lopping off of sinecures and useless expense; it stands for reform in the way of liberalizing the rules, so that congress may be a self-governed body; it stands for reform of the tariff; it stands for popular election of senators; it stands for honest elections and full publicity of expenditures; it stands for statehood for Arizona and New Mexico; it stands for reciprocity. It stands, in a word, for rule by the people and for the people.

Republicanism stands where it has been standing—as the champion of standpatism, with a little minority of its membership making weak and futile cries for a more progressive policy. It presents a Mann, lieutenant of Cannon, for its leader; it leaves in his hands the choosing of the minority members of the standing committees; it leaves its organization and its power in the charge of those who are out of sympathy, just as they were out of sympathy in the last congress, with the progressive spirit of the times. Cannonism is still dominant among the republicans of the house. Cannon himself could have been made

minority leader, had he wished it, and had the house been republican Cannon would again have been the speaker.

Champ Clark, the new speaker, showed in his opening remarks the sense of deep responsibility and sober earnestness of purpose with which a democratic house is entering upon its career. To that house the people are looking for relief, having looked in vain to a success of republican houses. They are expecting a democratic house to make good pledges, both democratic and republican, which the last republican house spurned in derision. And if the democratic house does what it shows every disposition to do the democratic star will be in the ascendency in this republic for many years to come.

The senate is still republican. But it is not as republican as it was, thanks to last year's upheaval. And by the same token it is not as standpat as it was. There is a fair chance that by a union of the democrats and the republican progressives a fair part of the reform program of the house may be put through the senate as well. The eyes of the country will be on the senate more than on the house, because there is a general confidence in the house making good; while there is doubt as to the senate. The course of each individual senator, whether he be democrat or republican, will be critically noted. And every senator who stands in the way of a reform program, be he democrat or republican, be he brazen or hypocritical, will have the people of his own state to reckon with later.—World-Herald.

THE NEW CONGRESS.

The hard times of the early 90's, which had set in before the close of the Harrison administration and were largely due to bad crops, continued through most of the Cleveland administration, and the republicans took the utmost advantage of conditions to prejudice the country against the administration party. As a result there was a reaction in favor of the republican party, and in the election of 1894 the republicans elected 244 members, the democrats 164, the populists 6 and the silver republicans 1. The senate had 42 republicans, 39 democrats and 5 populists.

Speaker Clark is the first democratic speaker since Charles F. Crisp of Georgia, who retired in 1895. He will have a fine working majority, the democratic members numbering 228, the republicans 160, with 1 socialist member and one vacancy.

Conditions have changed greatly since the democrats had their last chance for initiative in congress. The people are better informed. Much of the false influence of the tariff has been nullified by popular education, as a result of which the people have demanded tariff revision. They have thus far been denied the kind of revision they have asked and been promised, and the election of a democratic house stands as a rebuke to republican betrayal rather than a vote of democratic confidence. The democrats must qualify for congressional control if they are to remain in power or increase their strength. They must make progress not alone along tariff revision lines, but also along progressive lines generally.

The division between progressives and reactionaries is now a more acute division than that between the two old parties. The people care much less than formerly to which party their representatives belong so long as they belong to them, the people. They expect their representatives to stand together on vital public measures regardless of party. It is a wholesome change, and the effect of it on the new order of things in congress will be watched with especial interest.

The people are watching the individual senators and representatives more than they are watching parties.—Kansas City Star.

Just to emphasize his desire for economy Speaker Clark has announced that he will give up the speaker's auto, a convenience created

for Uncle Joe at an expense to the government of \$6,000 a year.

Don't forget the fiddlers' contest at Coates hall in Plattsmouth, Friday night, April 21.

The Omaha Ad club bill went through both branches of the legislature with a "whoop."

The democratic congress starts off with the air of a legislative body that intends to do something besides slash around.

The council should get after the people about cleaning up the back yards and alleys. Now is the time to get in such work.

"Winter still lingers in the lap of spring," is what many newspapers are saying just now, and we guess they are about right.

Recruiting stations have instructions to enlist 7,000 men for active service at once. Does it look like a Hobson or a war cloud?

The supreme court decides that manufacturers of proprietary medicines have no proprietary interest in their wares after they reach the retailers' shelves.

Ex-Senator Cannon is able to grin with the consciousness that if the nation goes to the bow-wows during the next year or two no one can blame its downfall on him.

The democrats will get through the legislature with about all their platform pledges, notwithstanding the efforts of schemers on the republican side to defeat them.

The fiddlers' contest in Plattsmouth on Friday night, April 21, promises to be a great success. Hunt up your old fiddle and come in and give us "Old Zip Coon," anyway.

In his message to the new congress President Taft reveals the knowledge, acquired since last December, that too few words are better than too many.

In a raid on a cold storage plant in Cincinnati recently the officers found some venison that had been put in the plant five years ago, the stamp showing it. There are good reasons for the enforcement of the pure food law.

The source from which the \$100,000 fund came for the election of Lorimer to the senate is now pretty definitely known. But in all likelihood nothing will be done about it. Mr. Lorimer was formerly a newsboy.

The senatorial fight is still on in Iowa, with no possible show of an election. That's just the way Life Young likes to see it. If the legislature adjourns without an election, then Governor Carroll can reappoint him. See!

The defeat of the bill for the removal of the state university from the old site in the central part of Lincoln to the state farm a few miles distant will place a distinct check on the growth of that institution, which has entirely outgrown its present quarters and environments.

Frequently we see lady preachers filling the pulpits of the various churches. Is this in accordance with the teachings of the bible? Don't say "yes" until you have read the evidence on the subject. First Corinthians, 14-34, says: "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak."

If you noted the report that ex-Senator Burkett has gone to Washington to help out Postmaster Thomas of Omaha, don't make the mistake of believing that ex-Senator Burkett is connected with the civil service commission. He is simply looking after that widow and six children presumed to have been

burned out and needing help during the Burkett campaign.—Lincoln Star.

The Lincoln Star is of the opinion that Senator Bartling has a gubernatorial bee buzzing around his bonnet. We know another Otoe county republican who was effected the same way, but he finally got his sufficiency. And Bartling is of much smaller calibre than he. We have already got a selfish, sectional and egotistical governor, and we want one with ability and statesmanship the next time.

The statement given out by Judge O'Gorman after he was elected senator from New York places him among the progressive democrats that will help carry forward the work that will originate in the house. He declared that he stood for immediate downward revision of the tariff; reciprocity with Canada; the parcels post; fortification of the Panama canal; direct election of United States senators, and the federal income tax.

Aldrich refused to attach his name to the non-partisan judiciary act, but the senate rescued the measure. This is another sample of the governor's prejudices and party selfishness. But he is very slow to do the wishes of the common people. He acts like a man who did not expect a second term, and is pursuing the proper course not to get it. The republicans are sadly disappointed in him.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

It has always been claimed "that when rouges fall out honest men get their dues," and it seems to be that it is only when politicians have a lively quarrel that the general public learns what has been taking place.

Victor Rosewater, state republican committeeman, opposed the appointment of Cadet Taylor to the position of surveyor of customs at Omaha, and fought him as hard as he could, making a trip to Washington, pleading with the president against his selection. Senators Brown and Burkett did not make the choice for a long time, and finally the matter was referred to Brown and he promptly named Taylor.

A few days ago a resolution was introduced in the legislature asking why steps had not been taken on behalf of the state to recover \$13,000 of school funds Taylor had in his bank when it ceased business. The Omaha Bee tells the story in the following editorial, and at the same time gives Senator Brown several raps:

"The amazing thing disclosed, however, is the failure of the attorney general's office to proceed against the Taylor bank, and Cadet Taylor as trustee, within the time when the rights of the public school children, whose money was thus lost, could be asserted without question. The recent appointment of Cadet Taylor to a fat federal job by Senator Norris Brown recalls that Senator Brown was, himself, for four years assistant attorney general, and for two years more attorney general, in duty bound to look after the legal rights of the state. It was his duty to bring suit against Cadet Taylor and save the \$13,000 to the school children, for besides the depository bond Taylor had become personally liable in exchange for the assets of the bank which he took possession of individually instead of giving them over to a receiver. Four years after the bank closed Taylor claimed that the assets in his possession were of sufficient value to pay in full all creditors, and a state bank examiner placed a value on them to produce at least a 10 per cent dividend. But all these assets disappeared without a dollar since paid to the state or any other depositor.

"In a word, the record shows that Cadet Taylor successfully got away with \$13,000 of the state school funds by the help of the complacent inactivity of Attorney General Norris Brown and later drew as a reward from Senator Brown a federal job carrying \$20,000 in salary."—Nebraska City News.

FACTS AND RUMORS.

This is to be a session of congress that will be of intense interest to the whole people. In reading the press and special dispatches, the citizen should be careful to differentiate the rumors that the correspondents send out from the statements of fact. The rumors and predictions will of necessity occupy a great portion of those dispatches as the fight goes on. The statement in the dispatches that the house will indefinitely delay action on the Canadian reciprocity treaty is simply a "rumor" and no "facts" are given to sustain it, while the report of the organization of the house, the meeting of the senate and the statements made in the speech of the new speaker are facts. Republicans were saying most emphatically on the streets that the democratic party had already repudiated its advocacy of the reciprocity treaty which it had so vigorously advocated during all the last session, and the only ground for their statement was this "rumor."

So far the democratic party has kept every one of its pledges. It has reorganized the mode of doing business in the house, which is one of the greatest reforms. It began work by cutting down expenses and abolishing sinecures in every direction and there is no justice in condemning a body where the "facts" show that it has been doing its full duty, and basing that condemnation wholly upon a mere rumor.

No democrat has ever claimed that the Canadian reciprocity treaty is what it ought to be, but the party has accepted it as one step in the right direction. If circumstances arise which will enable the party to make a better arrangement, it will violate no pledge in doing so.

It would help the people a great deal to understand the progress made in Washington if the correspondents would divide their stories into two parts and label one "facts" and the other "rumors," for a good many people do not seem able to distinguish between the two.—World-Herald.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.

The following from the Kansas City Star demonstrates the enormity of one of the great department stores of the country, built up by the patronage of the farmers of the great west, and now they are preparing to get a little closer to their patrons, and it is probable that Sears, Roebuck & Co. will soon have a branch house in Omaha:

"Sears, Roebuck & Co., a Chicago mail order house, will establish a branch in Kansas City, that will begin operation April 15. J. W. Hicks, traffic manager for the firm, was in Kansas City recently arranging for facilities to handle the business that will be turned through this city. While here he purchased an unexpired lease that has twenty-one months to run, on the building at the southwest corner of St. Louis avenue and Santa Fe street. The structure is six stories high and is 120x120 feet.

"According to Mr. Hicks, fifty cars of merchandise already are billed for shipment to Kansas City from eastern factories. The next issue of the company's catalogue, which will be 7,000,000 copies, will have the statement, 'Can be shipped from Kansas City,' under every quotation."

Mrs. Peter Vallery returned from Havelock today, where she has been for ten days visiting her son and family. Mr. Vallery accompanied his wife to Havelock, but returned in time to cast his ballot.

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