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The turkey gobbler struts about,
The vainest of all fowls;
He dreams not ere the month is out

He'll be sans head and bowels,
Observe him as he marches by,
The vain, conceited sinner;
Although he's not prepared to die,
He'll be prepared for dinner.

Thanksgiving only a few days hence.

It looks like Old Winter was here to stay. Yet people do not complain.

Now is the time to do your holiday advertising. Don't wait till the last minute.

Perhaps the leak in the harvester trust case was caused by the water in its stocks.

The cold wave has ceased to wave violently, but it still flutters quite lively in the early morning.

The old-fashioned woman used to spank goodness into the world, but now they want to try voting it in.

The International Harvester Trust is another bad egg that has been put to the necessity of unscrambling. Truly.

President Taft is inclined to blame the middlemen, while the protected interests prefer to blame the middle-men.

The Surgeons' Congress at Philadelphia should give due consideration to the amputation of the patient's pocketbook.

Ex-Senator Aldrich's currency plan has at least aroused an interest in "feenance" which has not been known since 1896.

A supplemental forecast suggests that cold wave No. 2 may not arrive this week. It certainly needn't hurry any on our account.

The first woman's jury at Los Angeles could not agree on a verdict. This keeps money in circulation by making another job for the lawyers.

In the matter of the prosecution of those who constitute the beef trust it may be suggested that the public would rather have relief than victims.

Meanwhile the Lorimer case is dragging along at an expense of \$1,000 a day. And it hasn't the excuse that legal technicalities are blocking the way.

When Mr. Taft got back to the White house he probably went out to look at the old oaken bucket he used to drink from long ago when he was there before.

It is said Thanksgiving turkeys will be lower this year. Of course the trusts can't be expected to play the game of modern business without making an error now and then.

The Lorimer investigation causes great indignation among the politicians that any legislator should be mean enough to hurt business by selling his vote at cut prices.

In the race to give away money Carnegie is now ahead of Rockefeller by \$46,089,000. If John D. will advertise in the newspapers for people to come and cart his money off he might possibly reduce Andy's lead a little.

Well, it's all over, and the bridge is dedicated and ready for business.

Plattsmouth ought to forge ahead now in fine order, and will, with a united effort on the part of our people.

Over in the Celestial empire they are doing a land office business at turning live Chinamen into dead ancestors.

There may have been some few little disarranged matters on the program yesterday, but, generally speaking, the celebration was a success.

Andy Carnegie has turned over \$25,000,000 to an education fund, but he needn't get mad just because there is no town left that will take a library.

Virtuous New York delivered a slap at Tammany election day as a reminder that the ring of graft-takers must be somewhat enlarged.

A good deal of talk is made about New Hampshire's Advertising day, although the newspapers are on the job of advertising the state every day in the year.

The Chinese rebels want to get into the Forbidden City, but would they settle down any more contentedly to the ironing board if they were permitted to come in?

It is claimed that the tobacco reorganization is a farce. As they failed to present us with a share of the stock of any of the four new companies, we feel convinced that this is the truth.

President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard says prize fighting is preferable to football, but if he whispers the fact that it is safer the public will never get interested in it.

The commercial travelers are saying things again against tipping, but what will they do when hungry, with a train to catch, and with a thunder-cloud growing on the face of the waiter?

After a long search through their pockets to see if they could find any part of the tariff taxes there, the workers of Massachusetts' industrial cities declined to be seared by the tariff reduction bogey.

Secretary Stimson wants to apply "scientific management" to the war department, and naturally there is great indignation in Washington among the politicians, contractors and hangers-on.

We cannot hope to get the interurban down here from Omaha until Nebraska abandons the suicidal policy of enacting laws to prevent capital from investing in such enterprises. In this respect Nebraska is away behind many other states.

The trust magnate who was trembling for fear the courts would cut him up into 33 little pieces now finds all he has to do is to walk into Solomon Isaac's and buy a new suit of ready-made clothes tagged with a judicial O. K.

Judge Parriott of Auburn was defeated for county judge for the third term. Did you ever notice

that it is always easier to elect a republican for the third or fourth term than it is a democrat? Some democrats will not vote for one of their party for a third term, and then turn right around and vote for a republican for the fourth term or longer. Ain't this a fact?

We will soon see whether the Platte river auto and wagon bridge will be a benefit or a detriment to Plattsmouth. The Journal has great faith in the future of Plattsmouth and we believe the great Omaha-Plattsmouth-Nebraska City-Kansas City Auto Route, made so by the building of the Platte river auto and wagon bridge, is going to prove a big thing for our city.

It is said that turkeys are plentiful this winter. But will that make them any cheaper? We will await Thanksgiving and see. Remember there is liable to be a turkey trust organized between now and Thanksgiving day.

An exchange asks: "What would you do if every time you put your hand in your pocket you found a \$10 gold piece?" We don't know just exactly what we would do, but we would be thoroughly convinced that we had on some other man's "pants."

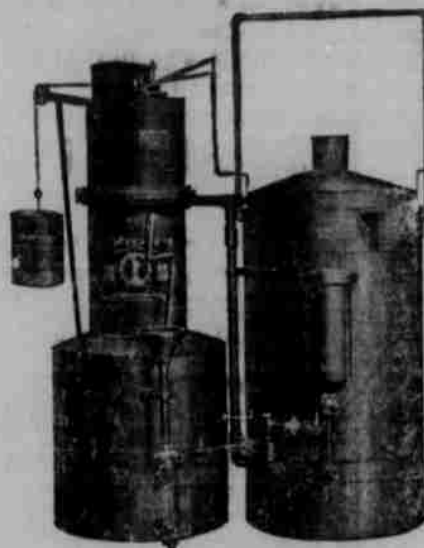
According to Senator Owen a national department of health in twenty years' time could add fourteen years to the average life of the citizens. It is feared that as efficient a health department as Mr. Owens has in mind would be permanently enjoined in very short order.

Of course good roads will do much to induce the people of Nebraska to stay right where they are. But there are some other things that might be brought to bear to stay the tide of emigration from this state to other sections of the country, but what—that's the question. A state with the best farming lands in the world and so many other opportunities at hand, we cannot see, for the life of us, why people want to leave Nebraska.

The insurgents started their fight as tariff reformers, but when the time came that they could make good their contention by joining with willing democratic workers they utterly failed. Of late they are saying nothing about the tariff. They are devoting their attention to the recall, direct primaries and the expression of presidential preferences. The election returns indicate that, with the exception of those in Massachusetts, they generally voted the regular republican ticket.

Lincoln News: "The Nebraska City News tells of one man in Otoe county who averaged about \$500 an acre from his apple trees this year, after all expenses had been paid for picking and harvesting. It quotes a man who came there from Minneapolis recently for the purpose of buying several orchards as saying what this paper has contended, that Nebraska is just as good for apple-raising as the northwest. He said that nowhere in the United States can such apples be found as in Otoe, Nemaha, Richardson and Cass counties. They have a better flavor, are juicier and of a better color than the other apples he knew of. He was of the opinion that if even a tithe of the care that is bestowed on their trees by the orchardists of Oregon and Washington was given the orchards of Nebraska the latter product would top the market. The reason why that is not true today is that the northwestern man makes a business of orcharding, and gives his trees undivided attention. In this state any attention they get is merely incidental."

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HARDWARE!

AS TO DEMOCRATIC TIMBER.

The front cover page of the current number of Harper's Weekly is given over to an excellent portrait of Woodrow Wilson, and under it, in big black letters, is the legend, "For President, Woodrow Wilson."

On the first inside page is one of Kemble's excellent cartoons, showing Governor Wilson, scrub brush in hand, a bucket labelled "Clean Politics" at his feet, polishing up the shield of the state of New Jersey. Under the cartoon is the caption, "It takes grit to remove grime."

The following two pages are devoted to an able article by the editor, George Harvey, setting forth Governor Wilson's claims to the presidency and urging his nomination by the democratic party. This article is reprinted from the "Independent," in which it first appeared.

There are those, doubtless, who will charge that Harper's Weekly is controlled, financially and politically, by J. Pierpont Morgan, and that Governor Wilson has therefore achieved the questionable distinction of becoming the Morgan candidate. This newspaper has itself, at various times referred to Harper's Weekly as a Morgan publication, because of the generally accredited reports that it was Morgan's money which rejuvenated the house of Harper and saved it from extinction.

Nevertheless, in simple fairness, the World-Herald does not believe for a moment that George Harvey's ardent espousal of the Wilson boom is insincere, or sordid, or dictated. It believes that Mr. Harvey, who is one of the ablest and cleanest of American journalists, speaks for himself and voices his honest convictions. In many respects Mr. Harvey is a moderate radical, though from the western viewpoint he would have to be set down as a conservative. A democrat, he has never supported Mr. Bryan for president, nor has he sympathized, as a rule, with the "Bryan policies" except after they have been picked up, reluctantly, by the republican party.

That Woodrow Wilson will have much conservative support aside from what Harper's gives him is not open to question. He has much of that kind of support now, and will have more. The same is true of Judson Harmon, of Champ Clark, of Oscar Underwood, and other democratic eligibilities. The fact does not of itself damn any one of them. The democratic party cannot hope to win unless it can unite on a candidate who will be accepted by honest democrats of the east and west alike. He must be a democrat—a genuine democrat; that goes without saying. As such he of course will be a progressive, for democracy stands for progress. He must be sincere, of tim-

ber sound as the heart of oak, neither a demagogue nor a plutogogue, who stands where he stands because he believes that way. And he must stand squarely on a thoroughly democratic platform.

If Woodrow Wilson or any other aspirant for the democratic nomination meets, and is prepared to meet, these requirements, then he is a man who stands for the people and against special privilege and the special interests. Any such man, with a genuine democratic record back of him to attest the earnestness of his present professions, is entitled to the good will and friendliness of all democrats, though he may number many millionaires among his supporters. Mr. Bryan, in each of his several candidacies, himself had a good many millionaire supporters, but nobody ever questioned his democracy on that account.—World-Herald.

SIZING UP THE RESULTS.

Mr. Taft is back on his job at Washington once more!

For nearly three months he has been absent, during which time he has eaten and spoken his way through the states of Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

He has been defending, defending, always defending his policies and executive acts.

As yet he has revealed no intimate opinion of the good he thinks he has accomplished by his campaign marathon, but this is being pretty generally done for him by the press of the nation.

And there seems to be a monotonous unanimity of opinion that the good he has done himself and his party is nil.

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The Outlook, whose present contributing editor, it will be remembered, was Taft's original presidential sponsor, observes as follows: "We cannot but think that the administration suffered by his absence from the capital. We doubt whether any college president could be away from his faculty meetings, any editor from his staff of conferences, any corporation president from the meetings of his executive committee, to the extent that Mr. Taft has been absent from his cabinet meetings during the two years and eight months of his administration without serious disadvantage to the interests entrusted to his keeping."

More incisive is the comment of Alfred Henry Lewis in The World Today: "When he resolved upon the western invasion, Mr. Taft made a political blunder," declares Mr. Lewis. "He injured and in no wise fostered his chances of a re-election. Once west of the Mississippi, while everywhere received with courtesy, he evoked no enthusiasm. The people were cold, their attitude chilly. Their silence while he talked, their deeper silence when he closed, never failed to mark him a political loser to an onlooking world."

Mr. Lewis thinks that the president's franking his present speeches through the mails and using the traveling expense money provided by congress on this trip, the very planning of which was "to tread on the toes of popular sentiment," were ill-advised.

In conclusion he it said that a journey has ended whose finish seems not so rosy as no doubt seemed its start.

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