

# The Plattsmouth - Journal

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Early holiday advertising catches the trade.

Thanksgiving one week from next Thursday, and then comes Christmas.

Try to be patient. Taft's message will be delivered the first week in December.

Taft's message, according to the forecast, is expected to play both ends against the middlemen.

The democrats elected Aldrich governor a year ago, but they will not help re-elect him a year hence. Not much, Mary Anna.

President Taft appears to be considerably wiser than he was when he started on his western tour, even if the west isn't.

Weather prophets who forecasted that "next winter would arrive early and stay late," are already beginning to feel exultant.

Turkeys are not roosting so high as they were a year ago, and some of us poor fellows may be able to reach one from the lower limbs.

Champ Clark seems to favor Canadian annexation not because he wants the land, but because he enjoys hearing the Canadian patriots snort.

The International Harvester company begs leave to report that Missouri's anti-trust law is not as north-provoking as it thought at first glance.

Plattsmouth is one of the best towns in the west and is no place for kickers. Their time in Plattsmouth is past—and we hope, forever and one day after.

To hear the trust attorneys tell it, Sherman's march through Georgia was a sunshine scattering expedition compared with the Sherman's law's march through Wall street.

President Taft, on his recent visit to the south, defended his appointment of democrats to the supreme court. Really this was unnecessary labor on the part of the great defensive president.

Evelyn Arthur See, leader of the Absolute Life cult, has been sentenced to five years in the Illinois state penitentiary. The life he will now lead will be absolutely according to the prison rules.

Carnegie has given another \$25,000,000 to the cause of education. The laird is determined that this dangerous thing of a little learning shall not be allowed to continue to stalk about the country.

Council Bluffs has rejected the commission form of government, preferring, evidently, to await the trial which Omaha will soon pass through. The commission form of government is not half as popular as it was six months ago.

Plattsmouth has already received enough advertising in the papers throughout eastern Nebraska to pay for the Platte river bridge. The papers in Kansas are becoming somewhat enthused over the bridge. The Omaha-Kansas City Scenic Route is attracting considerable attention at this early stage in the game.

Congress meets the first week in December.

It is not true that Mr. Taft had to hire a guide to find his way around Washington.

If the Aldrich currency plan is as good as its exponents contend it must be worth its weight in semi-anthracite.

Plotting against the president of Mexico seems to have succeeded bull fighting as a national sport in that country.

President Taft's denunciation of the middlemen is likely to be more popular with the topmen than the 90,000,000 bottommen.

It is estimated that Taft's message is to be brief. However, anything less than 20,000 words is regarded as brief in Washington.

Kansas votes on equal suffrage next year, and it is for the men to say whether the women are to continue to be the better-half or the whole thing.

Uncle Sam is requested to recognize China as a republic, but the old gentleman seems to think it shows better qualifications for the Anarchy club.

Our old friend, Dr. Cook, is coming home and the reporters are examining him critically to see if he bears any souvenirs of the European hen.

From the way the wild horses of congress are cavorting around already, Mr. Taft needs to be a better broncho buster than any he saw in Wyoming.

They have jailed a man for tarring a young woman at Lincoln Center, Kas., although close-fitting garments of black are supposed to be fashionable.

In the good old days congress would never have dared open up December 4 without running down to Wall street and taking out a license to do business.

Queen Mary has started a crusade against the deadly hatpin. Why not get some revenue for the government by fining the women \$2 for every eye they scratch out?

A politician states that a revision of the anti-trust law will be undertaken at the next session of congress, but he neglected to say whether it is to be revised upward or downward.

There should be no opposition to Hon. John A. Maguire for re-nomination. We understand there are one or two others talked of for the place. John Maguire has made a fine congressman, and is the most popular man in the First district, and is the only man who will stand the least show of carrying the district.

A Cass county school girl was told to write an essay of 250 words about an automobile, and she submitted the following: "My uncle bought a motor car. He was riding in the country and it balked in going up hill. My uncle tried to make it go, but couldn't although he spoiled a \$25 suit trying. I guess this is about fifty words. The other two hundred words are what uncle said as he was walking back to town, but they are not fit to write down."

Now that our share of Standard Oil stock has been divided into 93,383 little pieces by the reorganization, we greatly fear that some of the fractions will get lost in our trouser pocket.

Vic Rosewater is a pretty cute politician. He gives his orders to such fellows as E. M. Pollard, and if they fail in the work given them to do, Vic is not "in it," don't you see?

The meat packers of Chicago, in insisting on writs of habeas corpus, want to give the anti-trust law a tryout on its criminal side. This is the very thing the people have been asking for now for a number of years.

In Kansas nine prominent men, without any justification therefor, tarred and feathered a young woman school teacher. William Allen White should insist on somebody answering that question, "What's the matter with Kansas?"

The standpat faction, Taftites of Nebraska are trying to steal away from the La Follette supporters the cognomen "progressive," but we don't believe they will be able to hoodwink the masses of the republican party into such a belief.

Now, Mr. Taft, when you write your message, just imagine you were a newspaper reporter again, with the city editor howling for copy. The public read your stuff in those days when you boiled "er down!"

Ex-Congressman Pollard, it is said, would like to be the republican nominee for governor next year. He has our consent. The democrats can defeat him easier than any other candidate, unless it be the present occupant of the executive chair.

Mr. Taft laid a wreath on the grave of the author of "The Star Spangled Banner." We trust this does not create a spirit of unrest among our poets, whom we have reduced to temporary silence after long effort to check their stormy upheavals.

We have never seen a paper yet that has mentioned Aldrich's name for re-election, yet we have noticed several prominent republicans mentioned for the nomination for governor next year. Aldrich has surely demonstrated that he is not big enough for governor of Nebraska.

Don't burn the leaves. They are worth a dollar a load to any farmer. They are nature's fertilizer. They are the best soil producer in the world; the best mulch, the best protector against cold and heat, the best to protect the soil from injury of anything. Don't burn the leaves.

The Chinese throne, which three years ago sent away Yuan Shi Kai in disgrace, has now recalled him to Peking to put down the rebellion. He is known as China's "strong" man, but he is going to need every ounce of his strength and more, too, in his contest with the rebellion now grown to formidable proportions.

The Omaha Moderator sizes up the present governor of Nebraska as follows: "I have noticed that the only place that the doughty Aldrich is interested in cleaning up is Omaha. You never hear him say anything about Wilber, Grand Island, Lincoln nor other places in the state. Aldrich has a Rube's grudge against metropolitan life and with the persistency of a country constable he wants to impress upon the public mind that he has been vested with a little brief authority."

The Journal has said time and time again that there would be no

trouble in democrats carrying Nebraska with the party united and harmonious. There are others who also believe as we do. Then why is it that we will permit within our ranks those who are there for no other purpose than rule or ruin? There is one thing badly needed in the democratic party of the state and that is a weeding out of all dissentionists. We have counseled with too many fellows who are not true democrats, and who attend our meetings simply for the purpose of gleaning what they can from our doings for the benefit of the other fellows. We can secure no harmony with such men within our ranks. A democrat is a good democrat all the time, and can be depended upon at all times, but one who is with us today and then working to demoralize the party tomorrow, is one that should not be considered as a good democrat, and should be banished from our counsels on every occasion. The democrats should begin to get together, and not put it off until within a few weeks of the election, and with a thorough organization in every county and every precinct, to know who is for us and who is against us, we will have an organization that can be depended upon to bring forth what we are fighting for—victory.

Here is a proposition for some of the Journal readers to work out: A cashier of a Chicago bank paid out a \$1,000 bill by mistake for a \$100 bill. It passed through the hands of several merchants, each one accepting it as \$100 and no one discovering the mistake. Finally it was deposited in another bank as \$100, where the error was discovered, but it was turned back to the first bank as \$100. Question: Did anyone make or lose by the transactions, was any harm done; were all the debts properly settled?

## VIRGINIA JUSTICE AGAIN.

When the Beattie verdict was rendered last summer, we commented upon it as an instance of Virginia justice, as the product of a law enforcement that is able to surely and speedily bring to judgment criminals, even though they be wealthy and influential.

But other rich criminals have been convicted in the trial courts and gone free finally through the technicalities and delays incident to reversals by appellate courts and the resulting new trials. In fact, herein is where the wealth and influence of such offenders have been brought to bear most strongly. Their money has been able, through the employment of shrewd lawyers, to secure postponements and to bring forward technical errors for appellate courts to hang reversals upon. And too frequently in American jurisdictions has justice thus gone the way of nullification. It is only necessary to recall certain comparatively recent cases in California to concede the truth of this.

But even as the Virginia nisi prius administration would tolerate no undue lengthening of the original trial, no time-killing, befuddling tactics on the part of counsel, so now it is demonstrated that the Virginia supreme court accords small consideration to legal objections that are without merit. Less than a week ago it received Beattie's application for a writ of error and the seventeen assignments of error contained in his bill of exceptions, and it has now found the exceptions to be without substance and has denied the application. And now the governor of Virginia shows no executive clemency and Beattie will be electrocuted on November 24, the date set by the trial court.

In this case, so far as he could, the trial judge in his rulings, gave the benefit to the accused. It would, therefore, be a lamentable miscarriage of justice, so far as a court and jury

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can determine it, for the case to have been reversed on some such extraneous error as the omission of an "a" and a "the" in the bill of indictment, or on any similar non-meritorious legalism.

There is a great cry throughout the United States that the administration of the criminal laws must be simplified and made more effective, for which England is often pointed out as a model.

Before faring so far abroad, why not see Virginia first?

## DO PEOPLE READ POLITICS?

From time to time there is much complaint about there being too much politics in the newspapers. But while there are many people professing to take no interest in politics, there are a great many more people who would not buy a newspaper unless it did contain political news and political editorials. That there are a great many people who do not read political editorials, especially in partisan newspapers, is unquestionably true, and it can further be said that only a few of the editorials in the partisan newspapers are worth reading. That is, after having read them, the reader has gained little or nothing.

Persons who take no interest in baseball games sometimes complain at the amount of such news in the papers, and those who are not interested in the market columns cannot understand why a page or two is devoted by the big dailies to quotations and news pertaining to the stock and grain markets. There are some people who do not attend church, and they think a good deal of white space is wasted by the newspapers in giving church news—and thus it goes. The truth is, a newspaper cannot be made for one reader; it must be made for everybody. So when politics are indulged in by the editor, it is generally because some people are mightily interested, in fact, because the majority of people want to know what is going on and

what is being said of politics. That there is a great deal of nonsense printed during political campaigns is undeniable; that a good many editors would be only too glad to get away from political writings is another truth, but everybody ought to be interested in great political issues and public measures.

Just now there is a change going on politically, and people should keep abreast of these changes. Political parties, supreme in states and cities, are being whipped from power, and a realignment, such as has not been known in years, is taking place. There is a peaceful revolution evident, and the average citizen is interested in knowing what it is all about. Whether the future trend is toward an alignment of conservatives and progressives, instead of republicans and democrats, is a most important matter; whether woman suffrage is to ascend to that point where it will interfere with the progress of old parties or aid them in further development; whether the socialist movement, which shows a wonderful increase in adherents the past year, will cut any figure in future politics—these are all momentous questions, and all are a part of that revolution that is upon us, with no man knowing the ultimate result. If the detail of these things is not legitimate news, and the proper basis for editorial review; if people are not interested in such affairs, we do not know what news consists of or the character of the information in which people are most interested.

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