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THOUGHT FOR WILSON.

I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.—Abraham Lincoln.

Democrats will have the lower house of the legislature by 8 majority, while the republicans will have 3 majority in the senate.

The suffragettes are getting so bold that they are talking of demanding a place in Mr. Wilson's cabinet. What do you think of that?

Cabinet-making will now occupy the attention of the people until about the 4th of March. But Mr. Wilson will attend to that matter and save the inquisitive a lot of worry.

Congressmen will be quite busy at the ensuing session of congress sending out about 60,000,000 packages of garden and flower seeds to their constituents.

Senators and congressmen are running off to Washington to get rid of applicants for office. But that will do no good as long as the mails continue to travel eastward. Letters will follow these servants of the "dear people."

Plattsmouth merchants are preparing for a splendid holiday trade, and from the present outlook they are going to enjoy it. There will be no occasion to go away from home to get your Christmas goods this year.

The Kansas City Star failed to wield a great deal of influence in the late election for Col. Nelson's favorite, Teddy Roosevelt. That paper principally circulates in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, and all of these states went overwhelmingly against Teddy.

The bull moose party say they don't propose to have any more tieups with the republican party in state or nation. They propose to try to kill off the old republican party. That is going to be a hard thing to do with a party that saved the nation in the dark days of the civil war.

Senator Hitchcock denies the report that originated with one of the Lincoln papers that he expects to retire after his term expires four years hence. Senator Hitchcock is in fine health and sees no reason why he should retire, unless the people of Nebraska get tired of him. The people, however, don't usually get tired of such faith public servants as Senator Hitchcock has proven.

Will Maupin addressed the Ad club in Omaha Tuesday, advocating a semi-centennial exposition five years hence, to show how the state has developed since its admission in 1867, declaring no state had accomplished more in that time. Will Maupin's head is level on a great many things, and he has been an incessant advocate of everything that would do Nebraska the most good. We hope the exposition will grow ripe as the time draws near.

Election returns are not all in in some of the states. California is still very close between Wilson and Roosevelt.

Thanksgiving only two weeks from today. What are you going to do about that turkey? None but the rich can enjoy roast turkey this year.

You have got to hand it to Bill Taft. He is about the most graceful loser this country ever put over. There may be such a thing as his being glad that he was defeated, for now he can devote all of his time to his judicious temperament and the grand old game of golf.

Note the official figures in Missouri: Wilson, 351,938; Roosevelt, 145,288; Taft, 79,250. Wilson's plurality over Roosevelt is 206,650; over Taft, 272,688, and a majority of 127,400 over both Roosevelt and Taft. Elliott W. Major was elected governor by over 100,000 majority and the entire state ticket by the same majorities.

The bull moosers intend to be up and at it two years from now, and they propose to take in all the republicans who want to join them, but they can be republicans no longer. Well, now, will that be "the dog wagging the tail, or the tail wagging the dog?" Has it come to that point of the g. o. p. outliving its usefulness, and are they ready to give up? We can't believe it.

W. E. Andrews, the Nebraskan who has been holding down a soft position in Washington for the past sixteen years, was in Lincoln the other day, having come home to vote. He is assistant auditor of the treasury department. He says the aiders of Roosevelt are likely to drop him now and look around for another candidate for four years hence, or come back to the republican party.

Labels on country school houses showing whether or not they are up to the standard is an Illinois device which promises to be taken up in this state if advocates of the plan have success in laying their ideas before the next session of the state legislature. Under this plan schools are inspected as to grounds, sanitation, water supply, ventilation, library building and hearing and qualifications of the teachers.

The Journal would like to see the incoming legislature change the form of the election ballot so that it would not be so bunglesome. There should also be some changes in the primary election law, or abolish the primary system altogether. We don't believe the primary system is a good way to select state candidates—there is always some fellows who get on the ticket that the people don't want. Sure thing, every year.

The cry has gone up all over the country for good roads, just as if they could be built in an instant. It takes time and money to build good roads. Many of the taxpayers who are calling for them would be the first to set up a mighty howl if the officials taxed up an extra amount for the building of them. Good roads are slow of building and the funds for the same are slow in coming in and therefore when they are once secured it takes money to keep them up, even if they are built of the best hard material.

Ex-Senator Lorimer is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

'Twixt Optimist and Pessimist. The difference is droll—The Optimist sees the doughnut. The Pessimist, the hole.

Champ Clark will have clear sailing for re-election to the speakership of the house.

There is one thing certain, and that is that if Jack Johnson, the black brute, does get off easier than he deserves, he won't be so frisky after white girls as he was.

Some men are born lucky. Now look at those fellows who will get to hold office one year longer in consequence of the adoption of the constitutional amendments at the recent election.

President-elect Wilson will probably call a special session of congress soon after his inauguration. That seems to be the consensus of opinion around Washington at this time.

Did you read that Thanksgiving proclamation of Governor Aldrich? Wasn't it a corker? But who can blame him—he didn't have much encouragement to write a proclamation this year.

The women want a representative in Mr. Wilson's cabinet. You bet if they were to succeed in getting this the public would know what was going on, with either open or closed doors.

The open door policy is to be adopted by President Wilson. There has been too much of this closed door business done in the past for the good of the entire people, who have a right to know what is going on.

It is now reported that there was a falling off of 40,000 votes in the recent election in Nebraska, compared with the vote of four years ago. What caused such a slump no one has yet been able to explain.

A socialist will have the deciding vote in the Kansas state senate on all questions that may arise between republicans and democrats. There are 20 democrats and 19 republicans, with the lieutenant governor on the side of the republicans. He will be able to hold the senate pretty level.

Oh, no, it will not be possible for congress to cut the high tariff all to pieces at one whack. Don't you think it! The democrats will proceed slowly and carefully on this matter. They are pledged to tariff reduction, and the tariff on commodities that will reduce the high cost of living will be the first step taken in the direction of tariff reform. That's where the common people will be benefited.

Politics possess strang bed-fellows always right away after a presidential election. More especially this time, when the democrats are successful. Some fellows are democrats today who didn't know really where they stood before the election. And then, again, we have professed democrats who never took any interest in the party's success, only when their own interests were at stake. These fellows are now all enthusiastic democrats. Ain't that funny?

The tabulation shows that the combined vote for Roosevelt and Taft was approximately a million and a quarter more than that for Wilson. One of the interesting things is that the vote for Governor Wilson will probably run on a correct computation to about the same figure as that given Mr. Bryan in 1908, and that yet, while Mr. Bryan was defeated by 1,269,804, Governor Wilson is elected by the unprecedented margin of 2,091,000 over Roosevelt and of 3,039,000 over Taft.

It's a big asset to be a good mixer—if you don't all get mixed up yourself.

Teddy announces a policy of silence. Eight to three that he does not live up to it.

Of the twenty-eight governors elected on November 5, the democrats got twenty-one.

Now for internal improvements and economy in the management of governmental affairs.

Loafers in a store or office are an expensive luxury and the less you have the better you are off.

There is a movement on foot for the Nebraska democrats to go to the inauguration of President Wilson on a special train.

Edison needn't claim to have discovered that four hours of sleep is enough. The fathers of colicky babies found that out ages ago.

The Journal predicts that in another year there will be no bull moose party in Nebraska, and that Roosevelt and Taft will be consigned to private life. However, we hope not.

The more privileges they get the more they want, it seems. The women of Colorado are allowed to vote, and now they want the right to sit on juries. Oh, Lord, what is this country coming to, anyway?

Governor Wilson lacked only one vote of getting as many as Roosevelt and Taft both in Lincoln and Lancaster county, and the Old State Journal gang doing their level best to make it otherwise, too.

President-elect Wilson says he expects to carry out his pledges to the people. Every one of his supporters had explicit confidence in Governor Wilson from the very beginning of the campaign, and they will not be disappointed in the least by the new president.

Aside from the election of Governor Morehead, the democrats fared worse this election on the state ticket than they have in several years; and there being 40,000 less votes this year than four years ago, the stay-at-home vote must have all been democrats.

The defeat of Governor Shallenberger by George W. Norris for United States senator is regretted in more ways than one. He is a much abler and better man than Norris and would have come nearer reflecting the sentiments of Nebraska than Norris did when he was voting with old Joe Cannon.

Shady Bend, Kansas, the town that suddenly gained considerable notoriety by tarring and feathering a young lady school teacher, has a rival in Norwalk, Ohio, only in the latter town they used red paint instead of tar. How any civilized community can adopt such measures we are unable to perceive.

The Journal worked as hard for the election of Governor Morehead as any paper in the state, and we rejoice that he was triumphant. We look forward to his administration as one of the most economical and prosperous the people of the state ever enjoyed. All hail to Governor Morehead!

Turkey is about on her last legs as a government, and now abandons all hope of aid from European powers. She ought to have thought of the predicament she was getting herself into before she rushed into coercing her neighbors. She is badly whipped, and should now be made to suffer the consequences.

The farmers are awful busy right now getting their corn in, and they have been favored with fairly good weather for that purpose.

The Omaha republican members of the legislature are already fussing over the leadership of their party in the house. Mighty little thing to be fussing over.

Several candidates for speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives have already been announced. Among the number is McKissick of Gage county, who is very well qualified for the position.

Col. M. A. Bates, for many years editor of this paper, but now editor of the Plattsmouth (Neb.) Journal, announces his candidacy for the postoffice in his city. He edits a daily and weekly paper and has done splendid work for his party and deserves the position he seeks.—Grant City (Mo.) Times.

Only a short time till the holidays. Our merchants will all be ready to supply the demand and there will be no need of thinking about elsewhere to buy holiday goods. Our home merchants are all preparing to display their selections, made especially for their trade, and we trust that our people will appreciate their efforts to please. Their Christmas goods have been selected with a view of pleasing the most fastidious, and we hope there will be less going to Omaha to do Christmas shopping this year than ever before.

There is a prospect that congress may be called in special session soon after March 4 to take up tariff revision promises in the democratic platform and fulfill the party pledges. The people of Nebraska voted with reasonable unanimity for the election of Governor Wilson to the presidency. The reasonable presumption is that they supported him because of what he stood for, and he stood for what his party promised in its platform. At the same time the people of Nebraska preferred George Norris for senator. Congressman Norris did not stand for what Governor Wilson stood for. When congress meets he will have a chance to take the side which President Wilson will take and help in redeeming his promises made the people. Will he do it? It is going to be worth while to observe.—Lincoln Star.

Governor-elect Morehead says he is not going to be in two great a hurry in making his appointments. He says there is no necessity for any rush in the matter. He is going to be very careful in his selections and learn the character of the men before he makes his selection. That's the proper course to pursue.

Sheriff William F. Fenton of Falls City is mentioned as a suitable man for warden of the penitentiary under the administration of Governor Morehead. The writer has the pleasure of an acquaintance with Sheriff Fenton and we know of no one in the state that is better fitted for the position. He is the present sheriff of Richardson county, and when his present term of office expires he will have served in that capacity twelve years successively, being re-elected each term by an increased majority. He is very popular at home and abroad, and possesses all the necessary essentials to make a good warden.

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