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Governor Wilson's popular vote on the whole is 41,000 short of that of W. J. Bryan four years ago.

President Taft has a right to be thankful that he did not get "roose-egged" in the late election.

Little has been said about the thankless price of Thanksgiving turkey, but it is safe to file objections without making inquiry.

Of all the states Pennsylvania came through the late election in the worst plight. It is still under the domination of Boss Flinn.

Tommy Allen does not favor Mr. Hitchcock's plan of disposing of the federal patronage in Nebraska, but we believe that W. J. Bryan will.

Governor-elect Morehead does not seem to be worrying over his appointments. He will announce them in plenty of time, and will need no outside help to assist him in making selections. All applicants for positions must be honorable, upright citizens and men who are temperate, qualified and who understand the business of the position to which they have been appointed.

J. L. Ferguson of Custer county, independent candidate for United States senator, did not secure a very flattering vote. His vote was less than 500 outside of Omaha, less, perhaps, than any other man ever received who appealed to the voters of the state. Why a man wants to run as an independent candidate in this day and age, unless simply for notoriety, we are unable to perceive.

The leaders of the republican party in this state are taking considerable interest in the matter of distributing the federal patronage among democrats after Woodrow Wilson assumes the reigns of government. They never miss an opportunity to add a few words here and there where it will create the most antagonism. In other words, add a few sticks of wood to the fire already blazing.

The Jefferson Monticello Memorial Association of American has been formed in Washington, with Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, wife of the well known New York congressman, at its head, the avowed purpose of which is to secure at the hands of congress the purchase of the estate of Jefferson from its private owner and make of it a national memorial such as has been made of the former plantation of George Washington at Mount Vernon. The association is one with a most worthy object in view, and it should meet with encouragement by the American people everywhere.

If there is any attempt to take the bestowal of the federal patronage that belongs to Nebraska out of the hands of the senator and congressmen, there will be the greatest muss ever raised in the democratic party of the state. These representatives of Nebraska, with the addition of Dr. P. L. Ball, national committeeman, and Hon. W. H. Thompson, chairman of the democratic state central committee, are the proper persons to make such distribution. No little ring, organized for this purpose, has any authority whatever, and it will be best for this little ring to heed the warning right now.

Christmas is coming. You won't forget that—oh, no!

And now President Taft favors a single term. Well, that's just what he got.

Are you going to eat turkey Thanksgiving day—one week from next Thursday?

The injunction to do your Christmas shopping early is the twelfth commandment.

The democrats do not want to get too excited over the distribution of federal patronage in Nebraska. There is no use in doing so.

The democrats will have about four majority in the United States senate. That is much better than to have a democratic house and republican senate.

The democrats have lots to be thankful for, while a whole lot of fellows can be content to feel thankful that they are alive and in the enjoyment of good health.

It is to be hoped that the democrats won't all want office. There are some that are worthy because of constant loyalty to the party, while there are others who want office because they want it, but have never displayed any overflow toward loyalty until they did want an office.

It has always been the custom for members of congress and United States senators to control the federal patronage in their various states and districts, and we do not believe that rule will be deviated from when the democrats assume control of business at Washington.

By a majority of over 90,000 votes Jim Manahan has been elected congressman - at large from Minnesota, and La Follette's magazine says he carried every county in the state. He ran as a progressive republican, refusing to "bull moose" himself. He kept clear of all entanglements with the Roosevelt candidacy and made his fight on principle alone.

N. F. Reed, chairman of the Iowa state democratic committee, is still claiming the election of E. G. Dunn, democratic candidate for governor. He says private advices from those counties that no official returns have been received, assure him of the election of Dunn. There is nothing like holding out hope to the very last, and in many instances it has proved successful.

Politicians and political economists are all worrying about the small per cent of the voters of the country who went to the polls on November 5. The business men of the country see therein a very encouraging sign. It proves that the big majority of the people were content to let the election go as it would with the full confidence that the business and the general welfare of the country would be safe regardless of what party won in the contest. In Nebraska alone the vote fell off many thousands from previous elections, even those in which there was no presidential or other national issues at stake, and the explanation can only be that the people were indifferent and indifferent because confident, and that spells good prospects for all lines of business.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

Christmas is only about six weeks hence. Don't forget the old admonition: "Do your Christmas shopping early!" And be sure and do it with home merchants.

By the score of 14 to 3 the Nebraska university Cornhuskers defeated the Kansas university Jayhawkers last Saturday, and the Nebraska boys feel very jubilant over their victory.

Governor Wilson and family are off on their vacation, and for the next thirty days the office-seekers will have a hard time in reaching him even by wireless telegraph. The president-elect needs a little recreation before tackling the big job before him.

We conversed with several very wealthy farmers from the west part and central sections of the county Saturday, and they deeply regretted the defeat of the jail proposition. Of course these big taxpayers know that a safe jail is better than to take prisoners to Omaha and paying double what it costs here to keep them. They know that a new jail would be cheaper in the long run—and so it would.

A Nebraska man who was in New York since the election attended a burlesque show while there. He relates that one of the performers walked out upon the stage dressed as Roosevelt. "Hello, who are you?" asked another performer. "I am the man that tied the can to the republicans," he replied. That was a pretty fair interpretation of the whole business, as Teddy and his friends are ready to concede.

The people have great confidence already in President-elect Wilson. They believe he will be president in the fullest sense of the term. In the campaign he proved a very able man, and it is generally the opinion of leading men throughout the land that he will prove one of the greatest chief executives this nation ever heard of. He will be president all right, not only in name, but in serving the people. Just put it down in your book that no one else will serve for him.

A few days ago the World-Herald printed an editorial in reference to the election, headed, "A Stand-Off in Nebraska." The more we view the returns the more we think there is no stand-off about it. The republicans have the best of it. Aside from the election of Governor Morehead, we get precious little consolation in the election results on the state ticket. And the fact is, the state is republican by a bigger majority than for several years. There is no stand-off in that. Considering there were two republican parties bucking one another, this paper thinks the republican party has cause for elation.

Aurora Republican: Governor Aldrich gratified his enemies and disappointed his friends in the lengthy post-election statement he gave out last week. He proved himself a poor loser, which weakness will be remembered if he ever undertakes to "come back." The Republican is not qualified to speak for all the various elements which the governor holds responsible for his disaster, but as one republican newspaper which supported the straight republican ticket we may be permitted to suggest that Governor Aldrich himself furnished Taft supporters plenty of provocation for turning against him, and an excellent example how to do it. A public official, elected and renominated by a great political party, who bolts that party's nomination for president of the United States, has no license to complain if enough loyal members of the organization bolt him to retire him to private life.

MUCH ADD ABOUT NOTHING.

It is rather surprising that Charles W. Bryan and T. S. Allen should raise such a hullabaloo of protest because Senator Hitchcock has suggested a method of consultation and agreement for the Nebraska democratic congressional delegation in the recommendation of aspirants for federal appointments.

The plan proposed by Senator Hitchcock, and favorably regarded by the other democratic members of the delegation, is the essence of fairness and has the promotion of party harmony in Nebraska as its object. Why should anyone object to that?

One way would be for Senator Hitchcock, and for each of the three democratic congressmen, to make their recommendations independently of each other, and often necessarily at variance with each other. That would make for strife and discord.

The other way is that suggested by the senator, and followed for a long time by the Iowa republicans in congress with eminent success. Instead of each senator and representative "going it alone," let them meet and confer. Let them call into their conference the national committeeman and state chairman. Let them try to reach a harmonious and equitable agreement, in which no member can expect to have all his wishes entered, but in which each will have a fair say and to which they can all give their assent. Let their recommendations to the president be made with the greatest possible degree of unanimity and be based not on the individual desires of any one man, but on a united desire to advance the interests of the entire party and the efficiency of the public service.

Naturally and necessarily, before any such harmonious action could be taken, all classes and kinds of democrats would be heard, and their wishes would be given careful consideration. When an agreement was reached it would not be an appointment—it would simply be a recommendation to the president. He would give the recommendation, together with all other recommendations in harmony or in conflict therewith, the weight to which they were entitled, and would then act in accordance with his own judgment.

What is there wrong with that? The two clamorous objectors are inspiring yards of newspaper nightmares about the plan being hostile to Mr. Bryan. Nothing could be more perfectly absurd. Why is it "hostile to Mr. Bryan" for Senator Hitchcock to invite to consultation five of Mr. Bryan's close personal and political friends—Chairman Thompson, Dr. Hall, Congressmen Maguire, Lobeck and Stephens—and ask them to try to reach an agreement as to recommendations, he casting his lot with them and taking "pot luck" on the result?

Senator Hitchcock would certainly have the right, not alone as a senator, but as a citizen and a democrat, to make recommendations on his own account, for the president to dispose of as he might see fit. There could be nothing improper in that. How does it become improper when he asks that, in the interest of harmony and a square deal, these other official representatives act in conjunction with him, and he with them, in the effort to agree on joint recommendations?

The criticism of Senator Hitchcock's plan is based on the false assumption that it is hostile to William J. Bryan and contemplates an effort to deny him a voice in the distribution of Nebraska patronage. This is absurd as well as impossible. If Mr. W. J. Bryan has recommendations to make to the president he will no doubt make them and they no doubt will have great influence with President Wilson. Mr. Bryan holds such a position in the party and such relations with the president-elect as entitle him to

speak with authority. This is not true, however, of G. W. Bryan nor Tom Allen. Their relation to Mr. William J. Bryan cannot be coined into the power to control patronage. They have not been charged, as Senator Hitchcock, the three democratic congressmen, Dr. Hall and Mr. Thompson have been, with the responsibility of acting for the party. They are entitled to have their opinions and to make their recommendations, but not to set themselves up as patronage brokers in Mr. Bryan's name without exhibiting either a license from him or a commission from the party.—World-Herald.

The Turks do not seem able to make much of a stand at either Amageodon or Adrianople.

In a former age Turkey expected to "sweep the earth." It is another instance of an exaggerated ego.

President Taft has until March to plan for the future, and have his Cincinnati residence placed in good order.

Over 200 fatalities have occurred in air flights this year, in one important matter man has not succeeded in imitating the birds.

The constitution, having withstood the vigorous assaults of Teddy, is now to be given an acid test. The Hon. Joe Bailey of Texas is about to quit congress.

The democrats have a good majority on joint ballot in the Nebraska legislature and could elect a democratic United States senator if it felt so disposed.

Another new business house for Plattsmouth. H. M. Soemrichsen will erect a new up-to-date brick structure on the lot west of the Journal office, and the work will commence right away.

In the controversy between Turkey and the Balkan states, Uncle Sam is playing his usual part when the powers are at work that of providing timely relief for the unfortunate victims.

Withal the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt was not in vain. It demonstrated anew that the American people will not stand for third terms in the presidency. It looks now as if Teddy was on the shelf for all time to come.

Good news to the cleanly: "The bathtub trust must dissolve." So says the court.

The weather has been so beautiful for the past week that we have been afraid to say anything about it for fear it would turn off acid.

Look back to the political prophecies of the past few months if you wish to see some humor you may have missed in the passing.

Limiting the presidential tenure by law will be a great aid to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in the matter of keeping his pledges to the people.

Comparing the Nebraska hen with the Kansas hen, the agriculturist's report says: "A Nebraska hen could lay one egg a day until she had enough to hatch a brood of chickens, sit on the eggs, hatch the chickens and then overtake the Kansas hen."

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