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Nearly everyone has something to feel thankful for.

Are you ready to do your Christmas shopping early?

Generally speaking, an election contest is a very poor investment.

The nearer the approach of Christmas the matrimonial market, like the holiday trade, begins to loom up.

Governor-elect Morehead is sojourning at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, to recuperate and get relief from the annoyance of office-seekers. Great move.

The commission form of government was defeated in Norfolk at a special election Tuesday. It should be defeated in every other small city where the people do not want ring rule.

The report of the state agricultural department, just issued for 1911, shows the value of poultry products in the state last year was \$43,000,000. The value of such production in the entire country last year was \$750,000,000.

No use to get excited over the changes that are designed to take place in the federal officers in Nebraska. Three months till the change in administration, and after the change it will take six months to get down to the smaller positions. So don't begin to worry yet.

The republicans of Nebraska are already figuring on candidates for office two years hence. W. E. Andrews, who has been holding down a soft position in the federal treasury at Washington for the past sixteen years, and who will be requested to "step down and out" on the advent of the new administration, is spoken of as a probable candidate for governor.

The various state institutions are preparing to ask for enormous appropriations from the incoming legislature. The sum total is enormous, and it isn't any wonder why the taxpayers grumble and want to know where all this money goes. The legislature is the place where these appropriations are made, and the members thereof are expected to look out for the extravagance of these institutions.

J. M. Grace, a former resident of Cass county, was elected to the state senate from Harlan county, which district includes two other counties. The Lincoln Herald, in speaking of Senator Grace, says: "He defeated former secretary of state Junkin in the senatorial race and won by 574. When one comes to know 'Jack' Grace, it is easy to understand his popularity and his success at the polls. The senator may not cut any spread eagle didos during the session, nor make the public think he is a fell of a holler, but he will do plenty of good, hard, earnest work and his district will feel it has been well represented when it is over. Senator Grace believes the legislative needs of the state can be looked after in 60 days of business session and he is going to plug vigorously to that end. Mr. Grace is from Mascot and he is the happy possessor of thirteen children. It is not known whether the town or the lucky 13 is his mascot, but his constituents feel that the senatorial district is saved by Grace."

This is fine fall weather and the corn-gatherers are making good use of it.

Don't be afraid of criticism. It is a sign that you are making folks take notice of what you are doing.

It is predicted that beef will be higher before grass comes again than ever before in the history of this country.

Now is the time to prepare for the cold, chilly winds of December. Don't wait until they are right upon you.

Next Thursday will usher in the turkey trot, but they will trot so high and fast that only the rich will be able to trot with the turkey.

Ducks and geese are the favorite Thanksgiving fowls upon the market now. They are still within reach of the poor man's pocket-book.

Teddy thinks the democratic and republican parties want to oppose the bull moosers. Perhaps they might, though there is no necessity for it.

The most discouraging thing about the California contest is that no matter which way the state went the rip-roaring Hiram Johnson will still be its governor.

Careful estimates place the world's loss by strikes for the year up to September 1 at fully \$1,000,000,000. A fourth of this is charged to the British coal strike.

Governor-elect J. H. Morehead was initiated into the Eastern Star lodge Tuesday night. After the ceremonies a social hour was enjoyed, at which time delicious refreshments were served.—Falls City Journal.

If you don't think Plattsmouth is improving about as fast as any other town of its size in the west, try to hire a first-class carpenter or contractor and you will find out this fact. And already there are indications that a great deal more improving will be done early in the spring.

Congress meets the first of December and continues in session until the 4th of March, at which time the new congress comes in. Many of the old, familiar faces will be conspicuous by their absence, the most noted among the number will be the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois.

Congressman Dan Stevens of the Third district is another man who coincides with Senator Hitchcock on the manner in which the federal patronage in Nebraska shall be disposed of. Of course the senator and congressmen are going to have a great deal to do in the matter, along with Chairman Thompson and National Committeeman Hall. Mark that!

Republicans holding positions in the various state institutions under Governor Aldrich have the effrontery to ask Governor-elect Morehead to retain them. The attitude of Mr. Morehead has already been stated in regard to his appointments. He will take his own time in selecting his assistants, and you can bet your bottom dollar there will be precious few republicans retained, if any, and that every democrat appointed will be worthy and qualified.

## PANIC AND SOUP HOUSES.

Start a common lie well on its way, and it does seem impossible to check it. So we hear occasionally now, since the overwhelming election of Wilson, the dread of "panics and soup houses." Everyone who utters this cry either is ignorant or he is attempting a malicious perversion of the truth, if it is his inference that panics and soup houses are the necessary concomitant of the success of the democratic party.

The fact is, and this can be verified by any student who is sufficiently honest to investigate, that there never has been a panic or soup house regime, except under the full swing of republican party policies. Even the panic of 1893, which started a few months after Cleveland was inaugurated, occurred under the full swing of the McKinley tariff law and it continued until that law was repealed, when conditions gradually returned to the normal.

There was evidence, however, that the panic of 1893 was the deliberate invention and plan of the financial sharks of that day who determined to fasten upon the country the gold standard. At that time the government was purchasing silver in the market to the extent of four and a half million ounces each month, and coining this silver into money. It was the scheme of John Sherman, enacted by a republican congress, and was about as unsound and absurd a financial measure as could have been devised. It was not fundamental in any sense, and the only possible good it could accomplish was to create a market for that much silver—merely to stimulate the silver mining interests. But even that did not precipitate the panic of 1893. It merely furnished to the financial pirates the excuse they desired.

It was shown at that time, and still can be verified, that in the attempt to force the gold standard upon the country (which it was then thought would restrict the volume of money, giving to the money sharks a larger opportunity for their piratical conduct) having a secretary of the treasury (John G. Carlisle) who was willing to do their bidding, these sharks deliberately planned and executed the panic of 1893. This they accomplished, first by establishing the custom of holding in the treasury \$100,000,000 of gold, and second by pledging to "back every dollar of the circulating medium by a gold dollar."

The rest was simple. Having established the custom of holding that sum of gold in the treasury, all they had to do was to take other forms of money to the treasury and demand gold for them. No amount of "gold reserve" could withstanding such a drain. This furnished to the Morgan interests their long sought opportunity to replenish their stock of government bonds. Then occurred the "scheme of the midnight assassins of a country's peace and prosperity," when they secured from Cleveland the issuance of the desired bonds and the complete establishment of the "gold reserve" and "gold standard." This was the cause of the panic of 1893, and it had no Cleveland administration.

That the establishment of the "gold standard" did not work the good to the financial interests that they had planned is due to the fact that improved processes in refining gold and additional mines were discovered. This prevented the restricted volume of currency for which they had planned, and obliged them to turn their attention to other schemes, in the form of bank note circulation, Aldrich currency plans and such.

These are the facts of the panic of 1893, and those who desire to be fair will investigate them.

However, it is through perpetuating that sort of falsehood that tariff and financial exploiters have so well succeeded in their nefarious game of holding the

people by the throat. In President-elect Wilson the country has a man who has shown some disposition to look behind their smiling mask of craft and the courage to withstand their onslaughts. Consequently the opportunity of their succeeding again in precipitating a panic are nil.—Omaha Chancellor.

An optimist is one who expects too much, but is good at concealing his disappointments.

Abuse him as much as you like, but the man who has to scrimp for the occasion isn't very apt to do his Christmas shopping very early.

A Cincinnati woman claims to have married a man without a fault. She may yet get up bare-footed some night and discover that he throws his wooden laundry studs on the floor.

Colonel Roosevelt is now only a private "in the rear ranks," but he will continue to issue imperative orders just the same. Which shows how the common people are advancing.

No, sir, President Wilson has not yet selected his cabinet, but is resting, preparatory to entering upon his arduous duties as president. He does not need any advisers for a few months yet.

According to a government hospital report, unmarried men are more likely to become insane than married men. And when they do, an old bachelor friend in this city suggests they get married.

The Bell Telephone company has announced that the company has set aside a fund of \$10,000,000 which will be used to pension employees after they reach the age of 60 years. The Bell company now has approximately 180,000 employees in the United States.

For a few hours one day last week the South Omaha stock yards paid a higher price for hogs than was paid in Chicago, thus leading the markets of the world for a short period. What resident is not proud of Nebraska and her great stock yards? There should be none.

It would seem from the official reports that the democrats will have a good working majority in the new congress coming in after March 4. The political complexion of the new house membership is about as follows: Democrats, 289; republicans, 134; democrats, 8; progressives, 2; Washingtons, 2; total, 435.

Teddy Roosevelt, late candidate for president on the bull moose ticket, said in a speech the other night in New York that he would never favor any fusion of the third party and the republican party. It may be that the republican party will not want any fusion. Teddy, it seems, is going in to create more disturbance than the republican party is counting on.

President-elect Wilson is to have a \$5,000 cow when he gets into the White house, a present from William Galloway of Waterloo, Iowa. Mr. Galloway says: "I am not a democrat, but President Wilson is as much my president as he is the president of any democrat." That's the sensible way of looking at it. The cow is a prize-winner of the Ayleshire breed.

Business has nothing to fear from a revision that merely takes "iniquity" and "graft" out of a tariff and does not slash for the sake of slashing, or in obedience to a dogma. In the rule of reason there is safety for tariff-makers as well as for trust prosecutors.—Chicago Record-Herald. And this from one of the leading republican papers in the west.

Don't be a knocker. Everybody looks upon a knocker with contempt.

Do your turkey buying early if you expect to get one. This is not intended as a joke.

A little learning is not as dangerous as the big amount of conceit that generally goes with it.

A man may not know who his friends are, but he usually has his enemies spotted.

By the way, the democrats can call it a victory of 16 to 1. Sixteen years to one victory.

As the Panama canal will be completed in 1913, why not get a great deal busier in river improvement by 1914?

To call a man a dead duck is held not to be libelous. The nearness of Thanksgiving may have influenced this decision.

Let all merchants unite in putting on a "Holiday Opening," say December 19, 20 and 24—the week before Christmas. A great scheme and not much trouble either.

Maybe those Kansas ladies who burned their old hats to celebrate the suffrage victory, had a different object in view. Maybe they wanted an excuse of buying new millinery. It's just like a woman.

It is noteworthy and unusual that the candidate for the presidency who received the smallest vote is doing most of the talking for publication. And there is not a pessimistic note in any of his utterances.

It seldom occurs that the Nebraska farmers secure a good yield of wheat, oats and corn the same year, hence those who are not husking fifty bushels of corn to the acre are not making any great noise about it.

Up at Fremont the merchants will have what they call a "Holiday Opening," and have designated December 5, 6 and 7 as the dates for the opening. All the merchants co-operate in this movement because it will give purchasers an opportunity to see just what the merchants have in stock for the holiday trade. Why not make a move in this direction and start the ball rolling. Only a little over four weeks till Christmas.

At any rate, prosperity weather continues pretty well.

Students of the price of hard coal who have not studied the higher mathematics have been unable to follow it to the bitter end.

The crop of democrats and Ben Davis apples is unusually large this year. You may take this as a prosperity or calamity item, just as you see fit.

The price of gasoline has increased 60 per cent in the past year, greatly to the satisfaction of Rockefeller and partners—if not the public.

The average republican federal office-holder is regretting the dawn of the 4th of March, soon after which they will have to "vamoose the ranch" and get down to hard work.

Civil service is very popular with the Taft administration just now, as it nears its close. In other words, the president wants to take care of all the pap-suckers he can by prolonging their terms of office.

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