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We're thankful that we live in peace;
 Are not like Turkey or Old Greece.
 Religious freedom has full sway;
 We're thankful for Thanksgiving Day.

Nebraska leads as an apple state.

Thanksgiving Thursday. Remember the date.

A calm survey of the returns from all over the country makes it very clear that the biggest winner on November 5 was constitutional government.

President Taft says he does not need, and doesn't want a pension from anybody. He is going to practice law, and it may be proper to add that he is a far better lawyer than politician.

Advertisers will please bear in mind that no paper will be issued from this office on Thanksgiving. The Semi-Weekly Journal will also be issued on Wednesday night—one day earlier.

Woman suffrage may be all right, but we don't think so, and we do not believe that half the women in Nebraska would take advantage of the opportunity to vote if they had a chance.

Congress will be asked to appropriate \$50,000,000 for river improvements. This is an old gag that comes to the front at every session of that body. The people will not be surprised.

Samuel Gompers, who was elected to the presidency of the A. F. of L. in Rochester, N. Y., Saturday, has served constantly in that capacity since 1895. This would demonstrate that Gompers is a pretty good man for the place.

Beatrice has quite a number of applicants for the postoffice in that city, and their friends are talking of settling the matter by a popular vote of the patrons of the office. Not a bad idea, and not a new one. It was done four years ago in a number of places and has been done in many places for the past twenty-five or thirty years.

All this talk of the legislature electing a democrat to the United States senate from Nebraska is bosh. We do not like Norris a little bit, but as the people at the polls decided in his favor the legislature is in duty bound to elect him, and there should not be the least hesitancy in performance of this obligation when the proper time arrives. The democrats could not afford to do otherwise, although there are many republicans who would like to see Deceptive George laid upon the shelf.

That man Manuel, now superintendent of the Kearney Industrial school, has the "cheek" to ask Governor-elect Morehead to retain him under his administration. Governor Morehead is not going to reward his enemies—don't you think it for a moment. In the language of the Lincoln Star, "it may appear to the new governor-elect that, inasmuch as Mr. Manuel was the head of the populist movement two years ago and only the tail of it this year, and an amputated tail at that, the distance flag had fallen before he have into sight."

We believe Plattsmouth is as good a trading point as any town of its size in Nebraska, and that the stocks carried by our merchants will compare just as favorably.

Lincoln Star: From day to day it is becoming apparent that President-elect Wilson can easily find in Lincoln enough material for his entire cabinet and have some left over for heads of departments and foreign posts of honor and profit.

Omaha capitalists are maneuvering for a million-dollar hotel. Well, they should have it, as there is plenty of money in the old town to do the business. Arthur Brandeis and John L. Kennedy propose to give the site, valued at \$250,000.

Col. Bates of the Plattsmouth Journal is an applicant for the postoffice of that city. Good; hope he'll get it. The newspaper boys do more for the public without pay than any other class of citizens and when there is a juicy plum to pluck they should have the first pull at it.—Lincoln Herald.

Hundreds of square miles in northwestern Nebraska and southern South Dakota lie in barren waste as a consequence of one of the most disastrous fires that ever swept the western plains. From what reports can be had the fire raged for several days and nights, and many farm houses, barns, etc., were destroyed and hundreds of women and children made homeless. It is a very sad predicament to be placed in just as cold weather is coming on. At last reports the fire was said to be under control.

Defeated democratic candidates for the legislature in Douglas county have concluded to contest the election on the plea of fraud, and if the defeated candidates are successful in securing a recount in the various wards of Omaha they will find plenty of fraud. There never was an election in Omaha in recent years where fraud was not committed to a certain extent in some of the voting precincts, and the republicans feel somewhat leary over the action of the democrats in the matter of the present contest.

The Journal regrets to learn that the great interest manifested in the Commercial club of this city the first year of its organization has lagged to a considerable extent within the past year. This should not be, and what causes it we are unable to fathom. Every business man in Plattsmouth should be interested in the success of the Commercial club. It has done wonders in the direction of improving the town. No one can deny this fact. When this enterprise was first organized Plattsmouth was at a complete standstill so far as improvements were concerned, and no one can successfully deny that since its organization there has not been more thrift and prosperity in the town the ten years previous. The Journal is unable to perceive why business men—men who are interested in the prosperity of Plattsmouth and who own considerable property here, will cease conferring with their associates in business for the best interests of all. We hope all will take a wise view of the matter and renew their faith in the Commercial club.

WOODMAN RATES.
 Old members of the order of Modern Woodmen are given another respite by the decree of the Illinois court enjoining the installation of the proposed new system of rates, which was to take effect January 1. It was the old members who had chief cause to repudiate the new rates, for the schedule did not take into account their long attachment to the order.

When a recruit is taken into the Modern Woodman fraternity his rate is fixed according to his age, but when the new schedule was adopted old men who had belonged to the fraternity for more than twenty years were rated as if they were recruits at an advanced age, so that their rates were almost prohibitive. This gave the new schedule the aspect of a movement to crowd the old men out.

But even the old men will look upon the injunction with some misgiving. Presumably the court that issued it, after hearing the evidence, was convinced that the proposed rates were excessive or unjust, else it would not have issued its order to prevent the imposition of them. The great body of Woodmen probably have given no careful thought to a study of scientific insurance rates. They went into the order because it offered them cheap insurance. The old members passively accepted a readjustment of rates some twelve years ago that increased the expense of their insurance more than 60 per cent. No wonder they rebel now against another increase of their already increased rate by more than 250 per cent.

The radical increase of rates was made by the officials upon the claim that it was necessary for the preservation of the order. The court seems to have found that it is not, or rather that such increase as must be made may as well be made gradually. Some of the Woodmen who have been active in opposing the increase have given the subject of adequate rates a great deal of study and are practical insurance men. It cannot be said of them that they sought the wrecking of the order, for they have interests at stake.

If this injunction should not be overturned by a higher court, and the Modern Woodmen should continue its business unimpaired, it will then be time to form conclusions as to the origin of the troubles through which it has been passing. If, on the other hand, the Modern Woodmen should reach a point where it should fail to meet its obligations, as it has been represented that it surely will if the new rates be not accepted and installed, it will be poor satisfaction then to know that the proposed rates were necessary and that the court and the insurgents were in error.—Lincoln Star.

Turkey seems to be quite a scarce article in this community. Perhaps the price has something to do with the scarcity.

Certainly one presidential term of six years is better for the incumbent than two terms of four years each, when he doesn't get the second one.

No man who wears a chronic frown is ever truly thankful for anything, not even that he is alive and in the enjoyment of good health.

There is only four more weeks till Christmas. The man who has to pay the bills for Christmas presents should feel thankful that Christmas comes but once a year.

Congress will convene next Monday and then the fun will begin in earnest. The time of most of the senators and congressmen will be principally engaged in receiving and answering appeals for positions under the new administration.

Los Angeles seems to be entitled to rank as the Amagiddem and dynamite stronghold of the Pacific coast.

The interstate commerce commission has decided that chickens are not cattle. Surely the courts will not allow this preposterous decision to stand.

There seems to be trouble brewing among the heirs of the late Captain Enyart, of Nebraska City. There should not be, as the latest will should, and no doubt will, hold good.

Mr. Capper, late republican candidate for governor of Kansas, proposes to die in the last ditch, that is to say, in the supreme court. Evidently he prefers one of those slow, lingering deaths.

Just before leaving the state for a little recreation before assuming the work of his new office, Governor-elect Morehead gave it out that to flood his office with letters and petitions in behalf of place-seekers may only react on the person it is thereby intended to benefit. It would seem to be a word to the wise.

Colonel Bates of the Plattsmouth Journal and Hugh Cooper of the Tecumseh Journal-Tribune are two newspaper chaps who are willing to bear the grief and burden of reading the postal cards, signing pay vouchers and otherwise pleasantly cavorting around the postoffices of their respective towns for the next four years. Both of these applicants have been in the democratic harness for so many years that the "mind of man runneth not to the contrary" and a good share of the time have been pulling the whole load. Each one will probably have several rivals of the near democratic kind; someone who dates his activity clear back to the 5th of August, when Roosevelt cut loose and he began to look like a democratic cinch. Bates and Cooper are entitled to these two jobs, and anyone within their own party who would oppose them ought to be socially ostracized, have a boot and shoe store started just south of their front elevation and ALL of their chewing tobacco taken from them. Bates and Cooper are both the salt of the earth, God's noblemen, and the only thing that at all detracts from their perfection is that they are democrats.—Nebraska News.

Our boasted of system of government is ever on the verge of breaking down, it seems. Before the election columns of newspaper space were used up in figuring on the possibility of the selection of a president being left to congress, and a great deal of unsatisfactory figuring was done to explain what might happen in such an event, under certain contingencies. Things having turned out in a way to silence those who were looking for trouble in that direction, a new set of dire speculations has been brought to the front. Now it is the possibility of a deadlock in the senate over the election of a president pro tem for the winter session that is worrying the forecasters of ominous situations, death having removed the vice president who, by virtue of his office, is the president of that body. The secretary of the senate, or in his absence, his chief clerk, can wield the gavel until a presiding officer is chosen, but they cannot vote in case of a tie, which may often enough occur under the line-up that seems imminent for the short session. However, many a situation more portentous than this one has before projected itself across our line of vision without bringing on anything worse than a series of fits for a few professional watch tower guardians.

A few days ago the country was startled by a series of east and railroad collisions which cost many people their lives. Broken down equipment and negligence on the part of trainmen was in each case found to be at the bottom of the wrecks, and now the roads on whose lines the accidents occurred are called upon to pay damages, the aggregate of which will far exceed the cost of having properly guarded against such occurrences. The short-sightedness of the average railroad manager is hard to fathom.

A good deal of comment is being made over the suspension and going out of business of the Plattsmouth Herald, a daily newspaper established many years ago as a republican paper, but whose editorial policy has been shifting somewhat, and has recently been radically progressive, supporting the third party movement in the recent campaign. Perhaps, after all, it was merely a case of too much newspaper for Plattsmouth, that city having two dailies and being scarcely a one-daily newspaper town.—Grand Island Independent.

The exercise of moderation in the reduction of the schedules of the tariff is obviously the program of the democrats, provided they get control of the senate. This is the program advised by Mr. Wilson, and we are sure there will be no revolutionary measures in the administration to disturb business. A gradual reduction with each recurring congress will insure prosperity and at the same time reduce the high price of living. When by the gradual process the necessities of life are finally brought down to the free list things will be as they ought to be.

The Journal feels thankful that this paper visits more homes than any paper ever published in Cass county, and that it is published in one of the best towns in the universe—that it carries a larger representation of lines of advertising of any paper in the state of any city of 5,000 population, and that it is daily making friends. We feel thankful that many of the political reforms for which it has stood are about to be realized, and that while we are profiting by the beneficial changes that are to come to the country, republicans, bull moosers, socialists and all others will share alike with the democrats in the benefits. We hope every man, woman and child will find enjoyment in this annual Thanksgiving Day to the extent that all will find something for which to be thankful.

The improvements that have been done in Plattsmouth in the past three years are due to a great extent to the energetic efforts of the Commercial club. Then we cannot understand why any merchant, business man or other citizens should "throw cold water" on this worthy and energetic organization by remaining away from the meetings and thus refusing to have anything to do with it, in a manner. Every business man is certainly interested in seeing our little city improve, or should be. In conversing with a traveling man, who makes Plattsmouth but twice a year, he told the writer the other day that in all his travels over four states he had not seen a city of our population that had improved like Plattsmouth. And traveling men not only view the many improvements that have been done the present season, but former residents who have been away from here for ten or twelve years, remark about "the old town being on the boom." The boom can be kept up next season if our merchants and business men pull together for the best interests of Plattsmouth. And there is no way to solidify the business interests of the city than through a well organized Commercial club.

No paper tomorrow.
 Let's all return thanks and eat turkey—or crow.
 The man who has nothing to be thankful for is a very poor citizen.

In cultivating a proper frame of mind for Thanksgiving it would be well to dismise as far as possible all thoughts of the cost of living.

How about that holiday advertising? Only four more weeks till Old Santa will be here in all his glory. Do your Christmas advertising early.

The Chicago News suggests a department of fashions, with a representative in the cabinet. There are numberless bureaus devoted to fashions already. Isn't that sufficient?

Another thing for which the people should feel thankful and that is that Hon. John H. Morehead will be governor of Nebraska instead of Chester H. Aldrich for the next two years.

The weather is still favorable for all outdoor work, notwithstanding it is quite chilly early in the morning. The farmers are pleased to have such days to get in their corn and the carpenters and hucksters are also pleased.

The death of Senator Raynor of Maryland removes one of the brightest minds in the country from the United States senate and one of the ablest lawyers in the land. The governor of Maryland, being a republican, will, of course, appoint a republican to fill the vacancy until the legislature meets in January, 1914.

Senator Works of California will introduce a resolution when congress convenes for the amendment of the constitution, providing for the election of president and vice president by direct vote of the people. The senator will urge in support of the measure that in addition to its directness, it would have an advantage over the present method, in that it would avoid the possibility of a presidential election by the house or a vice presidential election by the senate.

Fresh Lobsters and Crabs at the O.K. Restaurant. Short orders will be our specialty, but we are up-to-date on regular meals. Simont & Egenberger, proprietors.

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