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CURRENT COMMENT

Does anyone doubt that Theodore Roosevelt is laying his plans to secure the republican presidential nomination? If such there be, let them not say so else they be looked upon as either ignorant or simpleminded. Theodore Roosevelt is the most cunning and adroit politician this country has seen since the days of Martin VanBuren. Nor is he at all choice in his methods once he is convinced that they are necessary for his own personal aggrandizement. Those who dare oppose him, or to deny his infallibility, are at once catalogued as liars or scoundrels, or both. There may be those who doubt Mr. Roosevelt's ability to make a satisfactory understudy for God, but Mr. Roosevelt is not among them.

After considerable cogitation and research we are compelled to admit that we have been unable to find any fragments of trusts that were "busted" during the Roosevelt administrations. We heard a lot of fuss, and we saw a great deal of political froth, but nary a busted trust so far as we can discover. Pinned down to concrete facts the most ardent Roosevelt advocate finally falls back upon the assertion: "Well, Roosevelt settled the anthracite coal strike." And even that statement is not true. And if it were, it is simply another proof that Mr. Roosevelt balled things up then as badly as he did when he gave official sanction to the violation of the anti-trust law in the case of the steel trust's absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. Had Roosevelt kept his hands off that strike it might have resulted in a prolongation of suffering in some quarters, but it would have whipped the coal barons to a standstill. Had that strike gone a bit further we would have made some appreciable progress towards public ownership of the coal mines—something devoutly to be wished.

And now, just as we have some faint hope of putting a few trust magnates behind the bars on charge of violating the criminal clause of the anti-trust law, along comes Mr. Roosevelt with his federal corporation scheme—a scheme whereby the states are to be shorn of their rights to control corporations within their own borders. You'll have great difficulty in locating a trust magnate or a corporation manager who is not earnestly in favor of that.

Nebraska without a fight. Hence the formation of this new Taft League. Not long ago the republicans were

went to joke their democratic friends by asking: "What kind of a democrat?" That's double-barrelled joke now. We have several kinds of republicans nowadays.

Taft organization are wise in their day and generation. You will notice an absence of federal officeholders in the membership roll. Of course they are there—like the traveling man's overcoat—but the rank and file don't see them.

The funniest part of it all, however, is the sight of Senator Norris Brown

MEN AND MATTERS

Take it from us—and we are in a position to know—Mr. Bryan never recommended any man to appointment to public office, save that of postmaster when he was a member of

or that person would be pleasing to him. He never told Governor Aldrich so. If anybody told Governor Aldrich that such and such an appointment would be pleasing to Mr. Bryan, that party said so without authority. Lastly, Governor Aldrich never said Mr. Bryan asked him to appoint anybody. So let's have an end to it.

Of course we have reason to be thankful. Not that we are better off than somebody else, but that we are as well off as we are, and that we have an opportunity to help those not so fortunate as ourselves. We don't like this thing of postponing all our thanks for eleven months and twenty-nine days of the year, and bunching them all on Thanksgiving day. We want to give our thanks for what we receive when we receive it, and we do. And we have reason to be thankful every day. For life, and health, and opportunity, and friends and home circle. We've been up against it pretty hard in time gone by, but never so hard up that it could not have been worse. And we were always thankful it was no worse.

A lot of people imagine that if they give thanks on the last Thursday in November they have paid the debt. They haven't paid the interest. They belong to that class who send their children to Sunday school an hour a week and think they have attended to their Christian duty as parents. Such will get their bumps in due time.

The trouble with most people is that they give thanks after the manner of the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not as other men. They give thanks because they are not so badly off as some other they know. Hell's full of such people.

We of Nebraska have every reason to be thankful, and if we are not we don't deserve our blessings. What we've got we worked for—but we ought to be thankful for the opportunity to work. Our socialist friends will not agree with this, but that our socialist friends find it extremely difficult, sometimes to agree among themselves. It's all right to express thanks next Thursday, but there are 364 other days in the year on which most, if not all, of us should be returning thanks.

State Senator Selleek of Lincoln is reported to be on the point of announcing himself as a candidate for the republican congressional nomination.

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THANKSGIVING IN NEBRASKA

Taken by and large, up and down and across, the people of no other state have more reason to be thankful than have the people of Nebraska.

I know a bit about Nebraska—and about other states. This I know: There is less of destitution in Nebraska than in any other state. There is more wealth production per capita in Nebraska than in any other state. No other state has so healthful a climate, more days of sunshine, more bounteous returns for labor whether in mill or upon farm.

The year now closing has not been the most fruitful in the history of our republic. But no other state reaped more bountiful harvests than Nebraska.

The ninety-two counties of Nebraska have all prospered. Every one of them has raised a surplus of one or more commodities that the world must have and for which the world looks to Nebraska.

We are not thankful that we are better off than others. We wish all of them were as prosperous. But we are—or should be—thankful that our lines are cast in such pleasant places; that we are privileged to live and work in such a glorious commonwealth, where the rewards of toil are so rich, and where environment is so pleasant.

Other states may excel Nebraska in some one or two particular things. But in the grand aggregate of production of those things that go to reward the toiler, to make life happier and easier and make more sure the future, Nebraska leads them all.

For all the blessings of sunshine and of rain; of fruitage of vine and tree; of grain and grasses; of hogs and cattle; of health and opportunity, Nebraskans every one have reason to be thankful to Almighty God.

There's a joy just to be living day by day
In Grand Nebraska.

With the smiles of God to light us on our way
Here in Nebraska.

There's a rich reward awaiting all our toil;
Richest fruitage from our ever fertile soil,
Here in Nebraska.

Health in every breeze that blows across her fields;
Plenty for the world her wondrous bounty yields,
Here in Nebraska.

And for all the joys that help us on our way
We unite as one this blest Thanksgiving day
In our thanks to God whose hand has been our stay.

—WILL M. MAUPIN.

It seems to have dawned upon the Taft republicans that they are not going to secure a Taft delegation from

The men at the head of this new

and National Committeeman Victor Rosewater getting together amicably in an effort to hold the state in line for Taft. The senator is there because he knows that his political salvation depends on holding the state in the Taft column. Rosewater knows his reputation as a political manager is dependent upon his ability to make good for the administration. And it must be admitted that the recent state election and the Douglas county election demonstrates that Dr. Rosewater is far removed from the amateur class of political managers.

Of course the democratic opponents of Mr. Bryan are not going to try

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congress. He never asked Governor Aldrich to appoint anybody. He never told anybody to tell Governor Aldrich that the appointment of this

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