

Berger, socialist congressman-elect, from taking his seat, the ground for this action being that Berger would "destroy the constitution." Gee, but we'd like to see just such a fool move as that made! If there is anything on earth that would rip the old political parties up the back and throw the fragments to the winds, it would be a move like the one suggested. Just as soon as the voters could get action they'd simply elect a socialist congress.

Mr. Business Man, every time you send out a job of printing bearing the label of the Allied Printing Trades you are inviting the best paid mechanics in the world to reciprocate by trading with you. The union mechanic is always the best paid mechanic.

The Traction Co. should either compel the conductors to stand outside while receiving fares or abandon the pay-as-you-enter system until it has equipped its lines with the cars built for that system. The system as enforced in Lincoln under present conditions is a condemned nuisance.

To the Women of Lincoln: Do your Christmas shopping early in December, and do it early in the day. Why? Because by doing it early in December you will confer a favor on the men and women who clerk in our stores. By doing it early in the day the tired mechanics will have a chance to sit down in the street cars when they go home after a hard day's work. Be considerate, please!

ABOUT MEN AND MATTERS

No, sir; we didn't have a turkey at our Thanksgiving dinner. Never did care much for turkey, anyhow—that is, not during the last twenty years or so. At any rate not since they began selling by the ounce, troy weight. We had chicken—roasted to a delicious brown, stuffed with sage dressing and garnished by escalloped oysters. We do not wear our diamonds lest we make a vulgar and ostentatious display of our wealth. For the same reason we never carry a turkey home under our arm.

What, abolish the governor's staff! Never! Avaunt, ye who propose it. Abas! Likewise consquez! What would we do without an occasional opportunity to see a lot of gentlemen with swelled chests and enlarged caputs strutting around with enough gold braid on 'em to sink a battleship? Life is a serious business at best, and we betide those who would deprive us of a single opportunity for unalloyed glee such as we have when the be-braided and be-buttoned colonels of the governor's staff are paraded before our eyes like the prize Percherons or Polled Angus at the state fair. We insist upon retaining the staff.

What a wonderful state Nebraska is. And how criminally negligent her people have been in the matter of advertising her superior advantages. The average wheat yield of the entire United States for the ten-year period, 1901-1910, was 14 bushels per acre; the Nebraska average was 19 bushels for the same per acre. The average corn yield for the same period in the entire United States was 24 bushels; the Nebraska average was 27 bushels. The same record is made on oats. And yet, because Nebraskans have neglected to advertise the real facts about Nebraska there are millions who yet believe that what land is not given over to the Indian and the buffalo is really a barren plain devoid of fertility and wholly lacking in moisture.

Adjutant General Hartigan's plea for a better supported militia is based on sound reasoning, but while General Hartigan realizes why organized labor is opposed to the militia system as now supported, there are those who do not. Organized labor is not opposed to a militia system that can not be used by selfish men for selfish purposes. It is opposed to a militia that is the plaything of politics and of "big business." It ought to believe in a well-drilled and a well-disciplined militia, for in time of war it is the mechanics, the farmer boys, the wage earners, who must fight the battles. "Pig business" never shoulders a musket—it is too busy manufacturing shoddy shoes and clothing to sell to the government at exorbitant prices, or cornering the finances so as to compel the government to give it a five-dollar interest bearing bond for every dollar put up to finance the war. But as long as the militia is used to break strikes, protect conscienceless employers, intimidate men seeking justice and protect dollars at the expense of souls—as long as that system prevails organized labor will oppose the militia system.

Governor-elect Aldrich will have plenty of applicants for the wardenship of the state prison, but he will have a mighty hard time trying to find a man who is the equal to Tom Smith in that position. Under Warden Smith's management the prison has been improved in many ways, the discipline is better, the cost to the taxpayers is

lessened, and the results upon the inmates more beneficial. Doubtless the spoils system will deprive Warden Smith of his official head, but that will simply mean that the taxpayers are foolish for allowing the spoils system to prevail.

Mayor Love is in the Canadian northwest telling the people of some big city up there of the benefits of a "dry city." There are many benefits, to be sure. But so far as we have observed cleaner streets is not one of them.

One of the biggest enterprises under way in Nebraska today is the construction of the great drainage ditch in the Nemaha valley, beginning at Humboldt and straightening the channel of that woefully crooked stream to its junction with the Missouri. The ditch will cost a quarter of a million dollars, but it will redeem thousands of acres of the most fertile land in the world from overflow and save enough crops in one year to more than pay its entire cost. Some ideal of the crookedness of the Nemaha may be had from the knowledge that in one place a stretch of ditch just two miles long shortens the channel of the stream a little more than eleven miles.

Governor-elect Aldrich has returned home from his visit to the Aldrich homestead in Ohio, and his troubles are now begun. He has about 600 jobs to give out, and there are 3,000 aspiring statesmen who want to fill them, each one with proof in his pocket that without his aid Aldrich could not have been elected. If Governor-elect Aldrich is desirous of rewarding the man who contributed most to his election he will offer the fattest job at his disposal to James C. Dahlman.

It seems a cinch that Senator Norris Brown is going to have a fight on his hands for re-nomination at the hands of his own party. Congressman Norris is sure to go after the nomination. While these two are fighting it out for the republican nomination a gentleman claiming a residence several miles southeast of McCook will be setting the pins to lick the stuffing out of the winner.

The death of Colonel Moses Wetmore in St. Louis marks the passing of a man who knew how to buck a trust. Col. Wetmore was squeezed by the tobacco trust several years ago, and he wasn't in shape to fight back at that time. But later he was, and he at once organized an independent tobacco company. He was so perniciously active that he forced the trust to buy him out at his own terms. Then he started in all over again and made the trust come across with another million or two. He might have kept this up indefinitely, but the trust gave him a million or so for his promise that he would not again engage in the tobacco business.

Lincoln business men will find that it is a paying idea to have the Allied Printing Trades label on their printed matter. It is a standing invitation to the best paid mechanics to trade with them.

The socialist editor and the union labor leader who violates a law or disregards an injunction is sent to jail. The trust magnate who is convicted of violation of law is fined, and at once makes the people pay the fine by merely raising the price of the trust made goods. A trust magnate behind the bars would have a greater moral effect than all the fines ever assessed against trust managers.

A half-dozen democrats of the "big interests" variety may meet in Baltimore and resolve to their hearts' content. But five or six million democrats who never attended a six-dollar-a-plate banquet will put the quietus on any little scheme the "big interests" democrats may frame up.

If some labor paper editor were to use the language or advocate the measures used and advocated by John J. Kirby, president of the Manufacturers' Association, he would probably be sent to jail, and in any event he would be denounced as a disturber, an anarchist and an irresponsible agitator. Kirby has money, however.

The First National Bank is spending a quarter of a million to beautify and improve its corner at Tenth and O. As soon as it has completed its job it will be fined about \$3,000 a year for its enterprise. In the meantime a lot of people who own shacks in that vicinity or vacant lots near the business section will reap an undeserved reward in the way of increased property values and neither the city nor the state will get any share of the increase. Laws that punish thrift and enterprise and put a premium on the lack of them are unwise laws.

The insurance that Nebraskans carry should be carried by Nebraska insurance companies. Why drain money from Nebraska to build up big business enterprises in Connecticut and Massachusetts and New York?

"Insurgency will be rather more fashionable in Washington during the next four months.