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A Sioux City man acquired a jag for fifty cents, but that is nothing. Norfolk men have been known to acquire a jag without a cent.

Another spell of that famous Nebraska brand of Indian summer weather is about due and the weather man will please not allow the debt to outlast.

It is evident from the growth of that firemen's fund in Omaha, that the people of that city are an appreciative and sympathetic class. This is not the only time they have generously responded to charity calls.

Uncle Joe Cannon has taken a stand in favor of the prerogatives of the lower house of congress that the members of the upper body will probably not feel inclined to ignore if they wish to retain the good will of their fellow workers in the legislative field.

The price of turkeys may be showing a slump now, but it is quite likely to take another upward shoot just as the poor man has his mouth and appetite properly adjusted for a Christmas feast with a well fed fowl of the proper brood as a center piece.

Senator Allison gives it out that only 20 per cent of the manufactured goods in this country are trust made, which would seem to indicate that some of the trust fighters have been doing about 80 per cent too much worrying over the fear that the octopuses will soon be in supreme control of the country.

The Gordon Journal is edited by a man who practices osteopathy, and he has more advertising space at his disposal than he cares to use. He uses some of it however, and his latest is to deliver an editorial opinion on the subject of owing your osteopathic attendant on account for services long past due, with particular reference to the editorial pocketbook.

The story that Senator Platt is to lead a revolt against the nomination of President Roosevelt is really quite interesting reading, and the democrats undoubtedly wish it might be true, but they, together with the rest of the people of the country, undoubtedly feel that it is composed largely of fiction—quite largely, in fact.

Baby Panama is certainly quite a precocious youngster and is showing Mother Colombia what should have been done in the isthmian canal matter if the country would have wished to retain the regard of the people of the isthmus and that of her friend, the United States. The prompt acceptance of the canal treaty indicates the spirit that progressive people the world over will admire.

There are many lovers of sport with the rod and gun who will consider that Mr. Cleveland used his best judgment when he decided to use his time for his own, which means that he will go hunting and fishing when he pleases without asking the sanction of the American people or any other people on earth, with the possible exception of the property owner on whose land he wishes to enjoy the sport.

Naturally the people may be expected to have some fun over the fact that the modern Elijah has gone bankrupt, and there will be those who will more than insinuate that he has feathered his own nest before the crash came, but he will have comfort and inspiration in looking up the record of the ancient Job, who suffered reverses in doing what he thought to be right and Christianlike. When John Alexander becomes entirely dejected he is respectfully referred to Job's biography.

Norfolk is one of the towns to receive a blow delivered by the harvest trust, which in cutting down the number of its employees and economizing on the expense account, discontinued a district implement house here, but the town is not hurt as much as were others, where a discontinuance of service meant the release of many more men from duty. It would seem that the merging of the agricultural machinery interests was one that should likewise receive the attention of the attorney general. Machinery was in pretty much of a

trust before, but with this new combination it is an octopus to be reckoned with, and it has a larger field of victims to squeeze, than are accredited to other trusts.

Some of New York's best apples are being shipped to Europe, and it devolves upon Nebraska and other states that are filled with people who like apples, and have the soil and climate to grow them, to fall back on their own resources and supply the want that New York's European shipments may have left in the west. It should be but a few years until Nebraska raises all the apples desired by her people and have a few left to supply the localities less fortunate in regard to soil and climate.

Down in New Mexico where they do not need much fuel may come the relief that is needed in the coal consuming states. An investigation of the coal fields of that state have been made, and it is an opinion that with proper facilities for mining and carrying the product to market, the output of fuel by that state can be largely increased. The general public will be pleased to have steps taken at once to get the New Mexican product on the market at an early date, so that the west may be taken out of President Baer's territory.

It is respectfully referred to Carrie Nation that the Imperial scientific station at Prague, Bohemia, has awarded the highest honor for superiority to an American brewed beer, and this at a place where beer brewing practically reached modern perfection and fame. Carrie should be ashamed of herself for attempting to minimize one iota this triumph of the American brewing art. Perhaps, after she reads of this achievement, Carrie will have nothing further to say, at least she cannot lay claim to similar honor as a reformer, coming from any European country.

The fact that one of the animals on the Marshall Field ranch near Madison took one of the high honors at the International Live Stock show in Chicago should be encouragement for the farmers to attempt the breeding of fine stock. If the Marshall Field ranch can produce stock that will take one of the premiums at a show of this character, it is certain that the ordinary farmer can raise blooded stock that will more than answer all the requirements for farm use, and it has been frequently proven that thoroughbred stock is of more value for ordinary purposes than common, every day stock, and there is certainly more money in them. It costs a little more for a starter, but after the start is made the feed and care costs no more than that bestowed on inferior animals, while the income is much larger and more certain.

It is none too early for the people of the state, interested in having its highest type of citizenship, and the man most worthy of the honor of representing it on the floor of the senate chamber, to begin to indicate a preference. Several names have already been mentioned of men who would succeed Mr. Dietrich and confer honor upon the state by serving as senator, but the people should not leave it to any one man, or clique or newspaper to make such selection. There are many men who would give the state good and worthy representation and their names should be presented to the people that a wise choice may be commended to the coming legislature. No inferior representative should be suffered to hold the high honor, and the men who are likely to be selected to form the coming legislature should be emphatically informed on the desires of the good citizenship of the state.

The latest story of a farmers' combine comes from Chicago, where a movement was started that is intended to include all of the eight million farmers of the country before the limit of the organization is reached. The scheme has a very pretty sound to the many agriculturalists of the country, and perhaps they will keep on with their experiments until something permanent and definite is evolved. Should the farmers succeed in organizing and hanging together they would be a power, beyond a doubt, that would make all other trusts and combinations get on their knees in a most humiliating fashion. There are few trusts that do not depend on the farmers for their raw materials, and if the producer could manage to dictate the prices of these the manufacturers would necessarily be compelled to meet it and the consumer would find it obligatory to pay the price. It will require some of the shrewdest management imaginable, however, to bring it about, and there are those who confidently believe that such a combination can never be formed and operated effectively.

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Don't fail to read the president's message.

The weather man has lately been bearing down rather severely, but perhaps he will soon discover the best combination and restore the accustomed sunshine and warmth to Nebraska.

It must be some satisfaction to Rockefeller to be eating nice fresh eggs at a time when the ordinary people are rigidly abstemious and are permitting their egg appetite to develop for the spring rush of the fruit.

Cotton is holding a solid place in the interest of the stock exchanges and the markets just now. The prices are doing some stunts that may well be envied by materials of a firmer nature.

If the same amount of horse power that will be used in moving the jaws of members of congress could be applied directly to drills, shovels and plows that isthmian canal would be dug and in use while they are talking about it.

"Elijah" Dowle can now realize from personal experiences how it has felt to others to run up against the real thing in New York. He evidently got too close to Wall Street for his financial integrity to come out of the metropolis unimpaired.

The democrats indicate a desire to enter the next campaign with the tariff as a paramount issue again, and there is a disposition on the part of the republicans to give them every opportunity to do so by attempting no tariff revision at this session of congress.

It begins to look as though there would be just a few of us left when the grand juries complete their work of turning out indictments. It is apparent that the federal authorities intend to get rid of a certain amount of the corruption that has been doing throughout the country.

The turkey did a great Thanksgiving stunt in regard to price, but have you noticed how the embryo chicken is hitting the high spots and that it is not always available even at that price? The merchant who has had eggs to sell recently has been considered fortunate, but the customer who has had the price asked, has been more envied.

The democrats who have been criticizing the administration for its action on isthmus matters would undoubtedly have pursued the same course had they been in power. It was the kind of action that the American people desired and the democrats know it but would like their countrymen to believe they didn't know what they wanted or how to get it.

The News is growing more pleased every day with the efforts that are being put forth to make it a paper of genuine interest to the people of this portion of the state, whether they hold residence in Norfolk or not. It makes a pretty looking sheet from a newspaper man's standpoint, and the people are showing their appreciation in a gratifying manner.

Nebraska is evidently in on the proposition to merge the interests of the farmers of the country. L. B. Day of Albion was appointed on the committee that is to undertake the job of shaping the policy of the combination. It is a stupendous task, but if anyone is capable of making an outline that will stick it certainly should be a man from Nebraska. Nebraskans lead in other things. Why not in the matter of forming a farmers' trust?

The doings of the grand jury has given Omaha a good example and Mayor Moores announces his intention of probing into the fabric of the city government to see if there be not some graft microbes that have there taken lodgement. Just so he doesn't find anything quite as rotten as that uncovered at Grand Rapids, the people of the state will feel like inviting him to turn loose his investigating apparatus. If there is graft in Omaha or any other city of the state, it should be carefully eradicated.

The special session of congress adjourned Saturday, and today the long and regular session is meeting. It is a short time between congresses, but the people have had one day's rest, and hope to be able to stand it. What would ordinarily be a Sunday recess and of no importance in a political way, is thus made a well-defined halting point between two sessions and makes material changes regarding many questions and policies before the national legislature, and it starts in today with practically a clean slate.

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paper details will be complete for the building of the isthmian canal in short order. The Panama junta set them a good example, but perhaps their very promptness down there will be reason sufficient for the American statesmen to be suspicious of the treaty. It usually happens that when one fellow to a bargain is more than ordinarily anxious the other loses his impatience and looks for something suspicious in the transaction.

Since congress has adjourned without taking action on the appointment of General Wood, which thereby lapses, the democrats who had been hoping that this was the rock on which the republicans would split will now be compelled to look up some other source of dissatisfaction in the party and between party leaders. They will not be at all backward about hunting up some other little difference which they will hope to spread out into a breach that will be of some satisfaction to them and of disadvantage to the majority party. Unless they can find something of this sort to detract republican votes from the ticket, it is realized on the minority side that it is well near hopeless for them to attempt to manifest themselves in the next year campaign to any extent whatever, and it is this thought that makes them keen sighted for an opening and energetic to make a breach of some consequence in the solid ranks of their opposition.

A great many jokes have been sprung at the expense of the person who reads the messages issued from the executive office and directed to congress. Nevertheless, the man or woman who gives these documents a careful reading is the one who is posted on the political events of the day and the affairs of the nation. The president as the executive head of the government is in the closest possible touch with the affairs of his country, and his annual address to congress should receive the careful consideration of every patriotic American citizen, regardless of party. Those who read are the ones who learn and there are questions of interest and importance discussed in all of these addresses. Everyone of thinking age should read the message directed to the present session of congress by President Roosevelt. The time they put in in perusing his address cannot be considered well spent and profitable. It is a message to the people as well as to congress informing them on the affairs of their common country and they cannot hope to be thoroughly posted without giving the document careful consideration.

The Iowa farmer who has figured it out that the meat trust has been robbing the agricultural people of that state has got it down to a science and the indebtedness of the meat trust to the agriculturalists of that state has been charged up by him in full. He finds that the farmers have been mulcted to the amount of about \$30 on every beef steer and about \$4.50 on every hog they have marketed. Since the meat trust commenced reaching into their profits he finds that the farmers of Iowa have been robbed of a total of about \$90,000,000—\$40,000,000 on hogs, \$45,000,000 on cattle and the balance of the ninety millions is more than made up on the profits of the trust on sheep and minor stock products. If the Iowa farmer's figures are correct, those of other states have suffered in like amount and they would be labeled as a very shiftless class if they didn't raise their voices in a long and loud protest and attempt some method of getting relief. This is the problem that now confronts them and if they do not evolve a plan for getting their dues it will have to be admitted that they are an inconsequential factor in the affairs of the country. It would seem that the farmers surrounding a town could afford to establish a market of their own in every town and city of the country, hire a competent butcher and place their hogs and cattle on the market to their own advantage and the decided advantage of meat consumers. The amount that the trust has taken from a very few of them would more than pay the expense of starting such a market, and if there was such a movement by the farmers in all parts of the country the meat trust would soon be brought to time or compelled to retire from business. In many towns, undoubtedly, a butcher who has already established a business could be induced to take up the farmers' co-operative effort. Many of these men are as hardy dealt with as are those who raise the cattle and hogs, and would be as pleased as the farmers to assert their independence. There should be no hesitancy on the part of the farmers in attempting some method to obtain what is justly their's and the sooner such a movement is made the more certain they will be to get out of the grasp of the combine.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

The message of President Roosevelt to the present congress is a characteristic document, and without evasion or apology goes right to the point on several questions in which the people of the country are very much interested at this time. The administrative policy of the government is fully set forth, and leading questions are energetically and entertainingly discussed in a manner that cannot but be pleasing to the people of the country who will be gratified at the fresh evidence that there is a man of energy and entirely fearless in the executive chair.

First place is given to a review of what the administration is doing regarding the trust question and the controversies between capital and labor. This is a question of first importance to the people of the country, and they will be glad to note that the president has not hidden his opinion in an obscure paragraph way down in the body of the message, but has given it first place. Reason is shown why men of wealth interested in capitalistic combines that have been engaged in questionable transactions with the people and the necessities of the people should not have a profound regard for the present occupant of the presidential chair. That plans are forwarding to give the people justice where their interests are being trampled by these trusts is shown, and it will be the wish of everyone outside of the millionaire class that the president should be sustained until the government machinery that has been set in motion will make it possible for the people rather than the trusts to be favored through the workings of the vast natural resources of the country, and it is earnestly to be desired that the time has come for the placing of the trusts in the right line before the people and punishing any attempts at extortion and the control of prices, and the cornering of necessities as they deserve.

Corruption in high places is another matter of general interest, and the president handles it without fear or favor, presenting the crimes of the public thieves in a clear light and insisting that every possible step shall be taken to punish those who have been guilty of defrauding the people. No one will question the president's sincerity on this subject. His entire public life goes to show that he is emphatically against all forms of corruption, and it may be depended upon that, so far as in his power lies, bribery and fraud will be sought out and punished at its deserves. The following quotation from his discussion of the question is deserving of emphasis and should be read and remembered by everyone:

"There can be no crime more serious than bribery. Other offenses violate one law while corruption strikes at the foundation of all law. Under our form of government all authority is vested in the people and by them delegated to those who represent them in official capacity. There can be no offense heavier than that of him in whom such a sacred trust has been reposed who sells it for his own gain and enrichment, and no less heavy is the offense of the bribe giver. He is worse than the thief, for the thief robs the individual, while the corrupt official plunders an entire city or state. He is as wicked as the murderer, for the murderer may only take one life against the law, while the corrupt official and the man who corrupts the official alike aim at the assassination of the commonwealth itself. Government of the people, by the people, for the people will perish from the earth if bribery is tolerated. The givers and takers of bribes stand on an evil pre-eminence of infamy."

Third, perhaps, in importance to the people of the country, are the negotiations pending with Panama for the building of the isthmian canal of which the president treats at greater length than any other subject covered by his message. The negotiations with Colombia are reviewed and the entire subject is closely followed up to the time of the treaty with the new republic of Panama. He is gratified to point out that after the futile efforts to negotiate a treaty with Colombia that was desired by the United States, Panama, and the entire civilized world, the way is at last open for the construction of the canal, only awaiting the favorable action of congress to place it under headway. It is evident that if the president was only given power to act in this matter with the understanding that the building of the canal should be made impossible through the intervention of the transcontinental lines of railway, and other large interests, those who laid such plans have been greatly circumvented and a canal treaty is up to congress and only awaiting their action to permit their work to go forward. If those interests are opposed to the construction of a canal, they no longer have the Colombian government to deal with, and the only bar-

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Other questions handled are those confronting the army and navy, Indian affairs, the preservation of the forests, relations with foreign countries, the settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute, immigration, and other interesting public topics are vigorously handled, and the message in its entirety is one of the most interesting ever issued from the executive office. People should give it a careful reading. Their time will be well repaid.

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