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Pass the turkey, please. And the dressing and the gravy.

A liberal enforcement of law helps to dignify its majesty.

The gunmen business is said to have lost some of its glamor in New York.

The Russian bear still grows, but a good deal more discreetly than he once did.

Hoot, mo! Dinna ye ken the Laird of Skibo is one bully little publicity agent?

It must console Mr. Carnegie that he does not have to pension ex-presidents of the Steel trust.

It may seem like a nature fake to say that Orange county, California, is the home of the walnut.

Better hurry with your Christmas shopping; the base ball season opens a little earlier than usual, next April.

A Chicago man lost part of his brain and then recovered his health. Probably does not know the difference.

An investigation under the anti-trust laws might disclose an ugly odor connected with the cold storage egg situation.

Aunt Della is contributing a mince pie to Nephew Will's quiet Thanksgiving. She, at least, is not worried by the result of the election.

That California woman who is demanding a divorce from the man she refused to marry 100 times ought to have to repeat her solicitation that often.

The binding twin adjunct to the Harvester trust looms bigger the more it is inquired into. Nebraska has long contributed to this form of benevolence.

A 1,000,000-acre ranch was recently sold in Texas. The proceeds from that much Nebraska land would make a man so rich he could not count his money.

Those acquitted industrial workers of the World are defiant of large tasks, to say the least. They are going to work until the workers own the mills.

The million votes for socialism has dwindled to less than 700,000. But this is not the first instance in which a shrinkage of political claims has been noted.

The democrats are already beginning to worry about the reunion of the republican party, which is one more mighty good reason why that reunion should be brought about.

The World-Herald in analyzing figures of the recent election finds that the democrats are weaker in Nebraska than they were in 1910. It took no precedence to discover this fact.

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Uncle Sam has an humble employe out in San Francisco worthy of promotion to higher service. His name is W. H. J. Denay, a customs guard, who refused a bribe of more than a year's salary to shut his eyes to the smuggling of Chinese girls into this country. Another "purest ray serene" which the "unfathomed caves of ocean bear."

Thanksgiving.

Criticism has come upon the spirit and form of our modern Thanksgiving, which lays stress upon eating and drinking. Yet that, with the underlying benison of gratitude, was exactly the spirit animating the Pilgrims when they celebrated the first Thanksgiving day in the autumn of 1821, the first year of their settlement in New England.

So we are not violating the original spirit of Thanksgiving by eating our bounties, if with gratitude. Nature continues to bless us with increasing abundance and we should praise at least once a year to express in a peculiar way our thanksgiving. Our wealth, statisticians tell us, adds up at the stupendous rate of \$14,000,000 a day. This appalling magnitude is potential of good or evil, and we like to think of it as devoted largely to good.

Comparative Election Figures. The total vote cast in the general election this year, according to the figures just issued, was less than that of 1908, which means, no doubt, that thousands of republicans remained away from the polls through sheer disgust.

Those who bet that Wilson's total would be less than Bryan's four years ago won, for according to these figures, Wilson had 6,156,748 as compared with Bryan's 6,393,128.

One of the surprising features of these returns is the small disparity between the Taft and Roosevelt totals. While Roosevelt's backers have been claiming 4,500,000 popular votes for their man, the figures show the colonial received 3,928,140, as against 3,376,422 for Taft.

The socialists gained nearly a quarter of a million votes, falling far short of their claims, totaling 673,783. The prohibitionists also fell down, actually losing this year nearly 100,000 votes.

Another Divine Right Trust. Ten years ago the manager of the Harvester trust claimed the divine right of his corporation to monopolize the trade of the universe. It was about the same time that the president of an anthracite coal railroad arrogated to himself and his company similar rights.

No wonder it appropriates \$1,000,000 for the advancement of intensive agriculture. It does not say exactly where this \$1,000,000 comes from, but since the trust rules by divine right we presume that it is none of the people's business.

Recalling what effect Mr. Baer's claim to divine right distinction had upon the issue then at hand, the farmer should halt with much glee this defense of the Harvester trust.

Eggs and Cold Storage. Cold storage is a potential of popular benefit if properly managed, but may be turned to the serious disadvantage of the people under improper management, as in the case of the egg market, which seems to have been again cornered.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—The city council transacted only routine business. Among those who answered present week Corby, DeLong, Leader, Kistman, Thynne and President Stull.

Twenty Years Ago—Billy Pinkerton, of detective fame, was in the city and returned to Chicago in the evening. Judge Osborn of Blair was in town transacting legal business in the district court.

Twenty Years Ago—John James Monell, one of the pioneers of Omaha, died in his home at 2025 Dodge street at the age of 75. He was born in New York and came west with his parents.

Ten Years—It became known that the Union Pacific had all ready for operation a pension system for its advanced employees to go into effect January 1, a resume of the system being published exclusively by The Bee.

The chances are that when the Cummins resolution is debated in the senate there will be much discussion as to whether should the required number of states favor the proposed amendment, it could be held to apply to Woodrow Wilson's term as president.

People Talked About. In addition to running ahead in a campaign, Governor Ross of Massachusetts puts long walks daily near the top of the list as a health promoter.

The United Irish societies of Chicago have taken steps to erect a statue in one of the city parks to the memory of Hon. John Frederick Pinney, former member of congress, journalist and leader in Irish-American affairs in the United States for thirty years.

Woman suffrage is revolutionizing the rewards of jurors in the state of Washington. In a recent case at Tacoma the man on trial, when a verdict of acquittal was returned, promptly and gallantly kissed the three women on the jury, while the man's wife hugged and smacked the nine men.

Mrs. Hetty Green owns that she keeps young at 73 by eating baked onions. It was E. S. Grant who telegraphed to Washington after Fort Donelson, "You promised me forty wagon loads of onions. When they come the army will move, and not before." The onion is thus, historically, a life saver.

Remember Hiram Johnson? When he returned home ten days ago and surveyed the havoc wrought by the unrighteous politicians in California, he took up his pen and expressed the brevity of his day in this Thanksgiving proclamation: "In accordance with custom and the proclamation of the president of the United States, I do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November, nineteenth hundred and twelve, as Thanksgiving day."

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There were indications today that an active effort would be made to have the senate adopt the resolution. From prospects those in favor of the measure are hopeful of success. A similar resolution, presented by Representative Clayton of Alabama, has been reported favorably to the house by the judiciary committee of that body, of which Mr. Clayton is chairman.

One of the arguments advanced in favor of the one-term resolution pending in congress is that the principle involved was endorsed by the overwhelming democratic victory this year. It is believed that the house, with its present large democratic majority, will accept the resolution because of the declaration in the democratic national platform.

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