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After Election Comments.

Now that the election is past and the excitement, such as it was, has subsided, people who were not candidates, can sit up, take their bearings and see where they are at, and also see where the candidates are at. Although it is not definitely known yet, just where some of the candidates are, it is believed that they are piled up somewhere under the wreckage.

The sun still shines and the world moves on about the same as it did before election. Of course some of the successful candidates are ordering larger hats and some of the unsuccessful ones are papering the inside bands of their old ones, while some are so badly disfigured politically that they are hardly recognizable, hat or no hat, but there is no noticeable change in the personal appearance or every day conversation of the ordinary citizen. Republicans think just as much, but probably no more, of Taft than they did before election. Democrats think just as much of Bryan, but probably not so much of his running ability. And Hisgen,—well, he will sell just as much axle-grease during the next four years, maybe more than he sold in the four years just past. And then there are Debs and Chafin who also ran,—side shows. And Tom Watson, too, who tried to march through Georgia and will probably try again. But if Tom does run again and his vote gets any smaller he is likely to be arrested for repeating.

With the exception of an occasional letter from the president, all is quiet on the Potomac, but the waters of the Ohio are troubled. This is due to the unusually large overflow from Salt Creek caused by the people living in the north half of the blue grass region dumping into the briny waters Gov. Harris of Ohio, gubernatorial candidate Watson of Indiana and several "stand-pat" representatives. Over in Missouri a serious accident happened to candidate Cowherd who tried to run for Governor and carry Ed Butler at the same time. He broke down on the home stretch and Atty. Gen. Hadley came under the wire several laps ahead. There seems to have been another little accident over there too. The Joe Folk senatorial automobile bursted a tire when it tried to cross the gum shoe tracks or maybe it was egg shells in the dust.

That rumbling sound heard in the vicinity of Hell's Gate on the morning of November the 4th was only the blubbering groan

My Thanksgiving.



For sunshine and rain; for seed-time and harvest; for summer's sun and winter's snow; for the glow of hope in the spring and the mellow richness of Autumn; for food that springs from the earth; for beauty of the sky and trees; for eyes to see glories of the changing years; for ears to hear the melodies that mother nature sings; for these, O Giver of Good, make me truly thankful.

For home and love and country; for friends who meet my gaze and ask no words of mine to understand me; for all the tender ties and hallowed memories of the years; for childhood and its recollections; for the comradeships, the aspirations and the joys of youth; for manhood and womanhood in full fruition; for the blending of the golden light of sunset with the shadows of on-coming age: for such a vision of life, O Giver of Good, make me truly thankful.

For knowledge revealed in the realm of matter and the realm of spirit; for the power that Thou hast given me to think Thy thoughts after Thee; for Thy words written in the rocks and in the stars; for the earth's abundant life with its revelations of Thy law; for the growing consciousness of Thy presence in human history; for the understanding mind, the feeling heart, the spirit that can answer when Thy spirit speaks to me; for Thyself and the world that Thou hast made; for divine possibilities in me, made in thy likeness; O Giver of Good make me truly thankful.

For ideals and fulfillment; for the possibilities of gains and growth arising out of human need and human incompleteness; for the sense of satisfaction in achievement; for the experiences that sweeten the sorrows of life and the admonitions that chasten its blessing; for the teacher's joy of contact with growing and immortal minds; for the clearer vision and the deeper hold upon the realities as the years go on; for the faith that life is continuous and the illumination of Thy truth that blends the life now with the life that is to come; for the whole life, O Giver of Good, Thou dost make me truly thankful.

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of suspicioned pupils during tests and examinations. Music will receive special attention. According to latest reports, the conservatory will be located fifty feet under ground and made of solid masonry, twelve feet thick. It will have a ventilating shaft coming to the surface four miles from the Normal. It is supposed that by this process the tones will be so blended as to produce a good effect on pupils of other departments. We are waiting eagerly for further developments.

Locals.

Miss Turner of Topeka is attending W. K. S. N.

Winnie Cox again occupies her accustomed place at the piano in chapel.

C. A. Shively moved into his new home on east Normal avenue Monday.

Jessie Hite, who is teaching near Victoria, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Grace Copeland enjoyed a visit last week from a friend, Miss Nona West of Rush county.

Miss Carrie Stradal, a well-known student of last winter, is attending the State Normal at Emporia.

The senior class are studying, "She Stoops to Conquer." They expect to play this production some time this winter.

The Society Meetings.

Friday evening the thirteenth, the Lyceum society presented a district school program in their hall. It was very realistic and carried the listeners back to the days when they attended school in a little rural school house. The star numbers were the little girls' flag drill, the recitation by little Jimmie Hotentot and the address by Dr. Henry Doolittle.

On Friday evening the 20th, the Literati society rendered a good program to a full house. At the close, Mr. Beach, who acted as critic during the evening, gave a helpful talk to the society, offering suggestions as well as good encouragement.

Model School Notes.

James Mock has been taking in the "sights" lately.

Miss Keller received a treat one morning last week.

We have had almost a complete change in teachers this term.

Four new scholars enrolled in the Model School at the opening of the new term.

The report cards have been given out for the first ten weeks and all were glad to get them.

The ninth grade was greatly surprised Thursday morning when it was announced that they were to go to Miss Keller's methods class to be experimented upon.

Mr. Jacobs is in school again after a long illness.

Neva Bell, an ex-Normal student, enrolled last Monday.

Two handsome covers for the society pianos arrived last week.

The literary societies elected new officers last week. Look them up in the Society Directory.

Joe Irwin left school to accept a position as stenographer for the new milling company.

Mr. Bartholow, the chemist from Yocemento, was looking over the building last Friday afternoon.

The seniors had a marshmallow feast at Miss Ethel Pierce's last Saturday evening. A pleasant time was had.

Murray Wallace has enrolled to complete his fourth year work.

Most of the out-of-town students are planning to spend Thanksgiving at home.

Nettie Orndoff, a former student at Bethany College, is taking the business course in the Normal.

The delegates to the Y. W. C. A. convention at Wichita gave interesting reports of their trip at the Y. W. meeting Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Picken attended the inauguration of the president of Wesleyan College at Salina last Monday. On Friday he went to Emporia and from there to Pittsburg where a meeting of the board of regents was held.

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"A Thankful World"

That good old feast-day, the national Thanksgiving, soon recurs. It has come to be a day for exalting the home with thanksgiving and feasting.

How many of us have ever stopped to consider what a peculiar world we live in? From day to day and even within a day our experience alternates in joy and sorrow, thankfulness and regret. It is within our power to make a thankful world if we learn to appreciate what is ours, regardless of what is not. Even the little band of Pilgrims in New England with half their number gone, thanked God for a bountiful sum-

mer.

With a full appreciation and use of what is ours comes happiness. And yet a human trait—the desire for more—often springs up. A Scotchman defined happiness as "a wee bit more'n we've got." But still, a realization of the fact that we are ever living in an incomplete world with much in store for us only tends to make it a more thankful world.

We even sometimes find it well to reflect and be thankful for what we have not. This is the negative side, to be sure, but in a world of many misfortunes it helps along the appreciation of good fortune.

And now, to conclude, we wish each one a happy vacation and a thankful Turkey Day.

The Library.

Our library is now one in the true sense of the word—an apartment for holding a collection of books and a place to consult and enjoy whatever is found on the shelves.

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our command a fine collection of books, treating of almost any subject and each student should make an effort to obtain the greatest possible amount of good from them.

Y. W. D. C.

The debating club of the young men of the Normal has been organized for three years and has been doing good work along the line of debating and extemporaneous speaking. Last year an organization for work along the same line, was begun by the young women but did not remain permanent. The matter has been taken up again and resulted in the formation of a young women's debating club which will begin its regular meetings the week following the Thanksgiving vacation.

The members expect to do earnest, thorough work and although not hoping to surpass the Y. M. D. C., after its three years advance training, hope to compete favorably with it in the not far distant future.

The Young Women's Debating Club of the Normal begins its organization with the following members: Alpha McVey, Lottie Morton, Mabel Rowilson, Eva Stenstrom, Clara Loreditsch, Ida Solomon, Florence Peppiatt and Elizabeth Kline.

Y. W. C. A. Convention.

The W. K. S. N. Young Women's Christian Association sent two delegates to the Oklahoma

and Kansas Convention which was held at Wichita from the fifth to the eighth of November. There were about three hundred and fifty girls present representing city, college and High School associations. One school sent twenty-five delegates. The girls were pleasantly entertained in the Wichita homes, and receptions were given at both Fairmount College and Friends University. Every meeting was inspiring and interesting and the delegates came away ready to impart new thoughts and helpful ideas to their respective associations. The reports were given at the regular meeting Sunday afternoon.

The Slayton Jubilee Singers.

Notwithstanding the fact that the first number of the lecture course came just nine days after the great Bispham concert, the new auditorium was filled last Wednesday night for the Jubilee Singers. The company gave splendid satisfaction. In addition to the plantation melodies which only negroes can sing perfectly, the various members of the company rendered numerous selections of a high grade of music. The work of Miss Brown, soprano, Mrs. Downs, alto, and Mr. Downs, basso was especially good. It was a jolly, good natured, refined company of artists and Hays people were highly pleased with the entertainment. The next number on the course will be given by Cutter and Mack Dec. 4.

A senior note book was found on the walk to Normal one day last week. It was marked with the initials E. D. and contained the following diary:

Oct. 1.—She is tall and dark, awfully jolly and witty—but I must keep my mind on my books, haven't time for such things.

Oct. 10.—See her every day at school. Am going south.

Oct. 22.—Got rid of my comp. for the Colby game. She's a "beaut."

Oct. 24.—She came. Played a good game,—she cheered.

Nov. 1.—Took her buggy riding. She's a good driver.

Nov. 6.—Away on a football trip. Might have had a date if it hadn't been for pesky football.

Nov. 7.—C. met me at the station. O, Joy!

Nov. 8.—Spent every cent in Salina. Couldn't afford a buggy. Took a walk.

Nov. 9.—We went to the concert. I spent ten cents on candy, was well repaid.

Nov. 13.—Lyceum, had good luck, though it was the 13th. The moon is full.

Nov. 15.—Walked ever so far to-day, not tired. Talked awhile at the gate to-night.

Nov. 16.—Fine day. Off the usher force,—bought two tickets.

Nov. 18.—Went to Jubilee concert. Took her clear up to her own door. Dark of the moon.

Nov. 19.—Sleepy to-day. Wonder if I'll be called on in Phil. of Ed.

Among the visitors listed in the Saturday's Yocemento Herald (?) we notice the names of Ward Sullivan and lady and Will Calvert and lady.

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