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Vermont and Utah are the surviving remnants of the grand old party's lost Atlantis.

This is the cue of the Democratic party: To be reasonably modest and try not to make mistakes.

Any action taken by the powers to end the war will be regarded by Turkey not as an interference but as a rescue.

Wilson would have gotten a larger majority, only a lot of absent minded Democrats voted for Bryan, through force of habit.

The amendment of the constitution providing for an Income Tax has been ratified by 34 States and two others will ratify it in the next thirty days, which will make the required 36 ratifications out of our 48 States; thus Congress will have the right to tax incomes as it sees fit.

The country seems to have unlimited confidence in the statesmanship, patriotism and ability of Woodrow Wilson; and the assurance that he has given the country that no honest and straight forward business enterprise need fear anything from him has had a very healthy effect on the business activity throughout the country.

It is "Fossilized" United States Supreme Court which now announces revolutionary changes in rules of procedure for equity cases. The new rules go so far as to embody many of the changes demanded by organized labor through legislation. They practically make an end of the midnight and the hair trigger injunction. They require notice to the opposite party in all save very exceptional cases before a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction can issue. They require speedy hearings after the issue. They remove needless steps in modes of pleading and bring the parties more quickly to the test. They provide for more trials by the court and fewer trials by the way of referee.

Thomas For Retrenchment

That State Senator J. Elmer Tomas is to use his energies and influence to give the masses of the people what they so badly stand in need of, and desire, a more economical administration of State affairs, is already demonstrated in that he has requested Governor Lee Cruise to ask all State institutions to furnish him with a budget of appropriations which is to be asked of the Legislature at the coming session. Mr. Tomas requested that a copy of these budgets be sent at once to Representatives and State Senators, in order that they may have time and opportunity to pursue them and give them proper consideration. Much time will thus be saved and Legislators can be fully informed when the budgets are presented for consideration of the Legislative bodies. Senator Tomas has also requested the Governor to ask that each department furnish to him a statement of the number of rooms rented by that department for State use; a list of appointees and employees, together with the salary each receives and a notation of the duties each performs.

In this way it can immediately be arrived at whether or not the State is paying rental for more rooms than is needed; whether or not employees are on the salary roll who can be dispensed with without loss of service. Whether these employees are receiving too high a salary for services performed, etc. Mr. Tomas also requests that statistics be obtained as to the amount the State is paying for insurance, and the loss which has been sustained in preceding years. It is his idea if the premiums amount to a larger sum than the State has sustained by reason of fire, that the State may carry its own insurance.

Senator Tomas will make a fight for retrenchment wherever he deems service and efficiency will not be affected; but it is certain he will meet with a stubborn resistance along the lines that tends to do away with office holders, whether or not these office holders do any work or just draw a salary. One thing is favorable, the Senator will be upon the floor of the Senate at the coming session, and he is not only a strong champion but wields no small amount of influence, both in the House and Senate. — Lawton News and Star.

We admire the man who "plays the game" fair—who put right above politics, and the people's prosperity above personal glory.

President-elect Wilson is reticent in regard to what action on the tariff is to be had when he enters the White House on March 4. Those who are close to him are pretty well convinced that Congress will be called in extra session, soon after the inauguration in March and that the tariff will be speedily revised downward. The Democrats have a majority in the House, and of the 96 members in the Senate, the Democrats are shure of 50 and possibly 51, which will give them absolute control in that body; thus enabling them to shape legislature at their will.

The little old lady at Princeton who admonished Wilson to be merciful should be reassured by the information that he has been elected executive, not executioner.

The Government has just paid for the burial of a soldier killed 50 years ago at Cettysburg. Wonder who paid the undertaker's funeral expenses.

Walter Lane met with a very painful accident Wednesday evening. He had just had a bale of cotton ginned, and had placed it in the wagon on top of the cotton seed, and was on his way up town when, on striking a rut in the road, the bale toppled over onto the side of the wagon box, crushing it and falling to the ground. In trying to hold the bale, Mr. Lane was also thrown to the ground with much force, breaking the right collar bone. The injured shoulder was promptly attended to by Dr. Gamble, and at the last accounts the patient was doing as well as could be expected. Following the accident the team started to run away, but was soon stopped without any damage.

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