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## A WORD FOR FATHER

The editor of the Indianapolis News thus rushes to the defense of the downtrodden father: When a man succeeds in living a good or useful life that fact is usually attributed to the influence of a mother. When men talk of days past no word brings forth more treasured memories than "mother." When a lawyer wishes to arouse a jury's compassion for a client he invariably speaks of the effects of conviction on the mother. Poets, dramatists and fiction writers of all ages have united in honoring her name. Days have been set aside in her honor, pensions are given her, flowers named for her, societies founded for her. All this is well. The world would be a sorry world, indeed, if it were not so. But is there not danger of father being overlooked in the shuffle? The average father succeeds pretty well in discharging his duty to society. He labors along persistently and quietly for six days a week that his family may be provided for; he stands between his family and the world, shouldering the responsibility of the rent, the taxes, the grocery and the coal bills; he admonishes the boy and advises mother, seeking always to make their burden lighter; he works unceasingly, without complaint, fighting, scheming, suffering to the end that his family may be assured comfort and independence. In this he sometimes fails, but he keeps on trying, cheerfully, stolidly, stubbornly plunging along to the end. The sacrifices that must be made he makes willingly. The boy must go to college and the girl must have music lessons; something must be cut, and usually it is some luxury of father's that perishes by the wayside. He is not so poetical a figure as mother, not so demonstrative in his affections, so elated in pleasure, so depressed in grief. And yet many will remember a kind word here, or a thoughtful act there, that stands out, clear and distinct, as one of youth's happiest impressions. Not often is he appreciated by the growing boy. Often he stands in the family as the official admonisher to whom the boy's faults are related for punishment. On him falls the unpleasant task of applying the rod; his is the arm that must enforce respect for mother and regard for the rights of others. In this light the growing boy is likely to view him with a mixture of fear, awe and respect. Not until years bring a proper perspective is he rightfully understood and appreciated—and perhaps not even then.

"Home Coming." Keep pushing it.

The Democratic county convention meets in Weeping Water today. Also, the republican convention, which will occasion the absence of quite a number of the faithful of both parties from the city who are attending.

Plattsmouth is far ahead of any town of its size in the state, and we intend to keep it that way. More improvements will be made this season than any previous season, and residences for rental purposes cannot be had for love or money.

An American advises Washington that he recently had a talk with Villa, who, he said, had recovered from wounds received at Columbus, N. M., but limped a little. Otherwise, we take it, Pancho is prepared to take on Chautauqua engagements in the United States.

The music of the threshing machine is once again heard in the state, and this, coupled with the jolly joke of the ever present candidates and with money rolling in for the big crop, makes the kind of music that bids well for the fortune of the grand commonwealth. Stand up for Nebraska.

Heard on every side: "Meet me at Plattsmouth on 'Home Coming' week, beginning Thursday, August 31."

Let any man get far enough away from home and he becomes quite an important person if judged solely by his conversation.

When you get too hot and discouraged you can cool off by reading about the floods that are sweeping the southeast.

If a man won't work when he is offered plenty of it what is he going to do about it? But that is simply the condition throughout the west.

Some men "know everything" make a big noise, and get nowhere. Others know a few things and say little and get to the front. Take your choice.

Persons who began to fear last year that the climate was changing and there was to be no more warm, dry weather, may now be assured.

It is awful hard trying to be a calamity howler in these prosperous times but there are a few darn fools who have the audacity to attempt it and expose their ignorance.

A Chicago music professor boasts that he can tell good music from bad even after he has been blindfolded. Now don't laugh because such a distinction really amounts to a great deal. Many music professors, you know, are entirely at sea concerning the merits of a composition unless they can see the composer's name.

The question as to whether the sharks eat their victims, or merely bite off their heads, which is now agitating New Jersey, is not so hair splitting as it seems to an outsider. They have to have some evidence in New Jersey to establish the fact as to whether the attack is by a shark or one of those celebrated (mosquitos) gallinippers, which infest that country.

## THE PROGRESSIVE VOTE

Gilson Gardner, the well known Washington correspondent has it figured out that 8 out of 10 progressives were former republicans and will return to the republican fold for various and pecuniary reasons. The other 2 are irreconcilable and will go to Wilson mostly, as he and his platform are more progressive than Hughes and the platform framed by Root, Barnes & Co. Since Wilson got 7,000,000 votes last time to 4,000,000 for Roosevelt and 3,000,000 for Taft, it will take less than one-fifth of the progressive vote to elect Wilson, and he predicts he will get it. These figures are based on the present outlook, and, like a \$5 note, are subject to change, as the campaign goes on.—Blair Pilot.

## PREACHERS OF PEACE

Washington officials, we are told, believe that it was the calling out of the national guard and the actual dispatch of troops to the border that caused Carranza to change his hostile attitude towards the United States. Unquestionably. The thousands of regulars and the thousands of militiamen called out for service in connection with Mexico are the greatest preachers of peace conceivable. Many of them probably never thought of themselves in this role, but they fill it just the same. They are doing more to promote peace and a lasting settlement than all the words of all the pacifists, from David Starr Jordan to Henry Ford, could possibly do. It is worth while for those who imagine that an army always means war and militarism and a host of public ills, to pause and consider the exact part which our soldier boys have played in the Mexican crisis. If it hadn't been for the fact that we had them and showed we would use them on occasion we should very probably have been in a state of actual hostilities with Mexico by now. There is no way of wholly avoiding the hazard of war. But when all ordinary arguments for peace have been exhausted the argument of a reasonable preparedness to resist aggression or to assert fundamental rights is more than likely to turn the scale.

## WHO WILL BE THE GOAT?

One cannot seriously condemn the republican convention in Lancaster county because it refrained from endorsing prohibition in order to please the German-American alliance.

The republican party is trying to win the votes of two radically hostile elements the prohibitionists and the German-Americans. One of the proclaimed missions of the German-American alliance is to combat prohibition.

The republicans of the nation may succeed in winning them both. It is making some progress in that direction. It will at least win some of both. But when it has done so somebody is going to find himself a victim of mis-placed confidence. The republican party clever (not to say unscrupulous) as its leaders always are, cannot hope to serve both the prohibitionists and the enemies of prohibition.

One can't very much blame the republicans for trying to herd both of these discordant elements under its banners. It is true that the leaders, in lending their party to the attempt of the radical German politicians to punish President Wilson for having displeased the implacable German-American alliance, is helping to establish a dangerous precedent, and to set up the principle that no president hereafter must turn a deal over to hyphenism.

But what is such a principle to a republican who wants an office? It is a something thinner than air, lighter than eider down and carrying no weight perceptible to the office-hungry politician.

If the republican party in state and nation is able to get away with this cunning plan of double-crossing either the prohibitionists of the German-American alliance anti-prohibitionists, it will be entitled to some admiration. It will hardly be to blame for it from any partisan standpoint. But when it does so it will dawn upon the electorate of both of these elements that they ought long ago to have had a guardian or conservator appointed to protect them from the wiles of the political confidence men.—Lincoln Star.

Good rains all around us.

Another big day Monday, September 4—Labor Day and Flag Day.

A woman reveals her age only when she is very young or very old.

A western doctor says Americans eat too much salt. Still it cannot be said they lack pepper.

People who have nothing to do but kill time are sometimes likely to make a rather a brutal job of it.

As soon as the state conventions are over we will compile the democratic national state and county tickets and run them regularly on our editorial page. We shall also do the same for the republicans and give the same a place in our columns.

We candidly believe this is another democratic year and that the entire democratic ticket will be elected if there is no mistakes made in handling the campaign. We believe L. F. Langhorst of this county the man who will permit no mistakes to be made if he is placed at the head of the state committee as its chairman. A man of Lou Langhorst's push and ability is one that will do the business properly and bring forth success.

Those who are opposed to a war with Mexico have been interested in a speech delivered by President Wilson at Washington on July 4 in which he declared that the greatest barrier to industrial peace had been the difficulty of getting both sides to see that "getting our fighting blood up" was "the long way and not the short way" of securing rights. The occasion for this address was the dedication of a labor temple for the American Federation of Labor. Though the president did not refer to the Mexican situation in this speech the audience evidently considered that it referred indirectly to the crisis counseling as he did for calm judgement in hours when human passions and prejudices are very likely to get the better of our reasoning faculties.

Do you sleep well these night?

Keep in mind August 31. Tell your friends.

If a man doesn't recover, he can't kick on the doctor's bill.

A diplomat has to learn how to call a man a liar and make him like it.

Talk about it all the time—"Home Coming" week. Biggest event in our history.

A fundamental error is the one your opponent makes when he first begins to discuss with you.

American aviators are winning fame in Europe but then they don't belong to the American army.

The automobile can never expect as many special privileges as were formerly accorded the family horse.

Give a man a choice between two bits in cash and \$7,000 worth of advice, and he will take the two bits, every time.

After the state conventions are over the political pot will begin to simmer, and ere the ides of November will be boiling hot.

Most women are admired for what they are and not for what their ancestors were before them. It is not always so of men.

If another attempt at rain is made, we hope for a better result than that of Tuesday morning. The ground was barely wet and that was all.

## A CHANGE IN MEXICO

Certain things are being done and said in Mexico that seem to indicate that the international situation is really improving.

The Southern Pacific of Mexico railroad, that had been seized by the government in Sonora has been turned back to its owners for management.

Bullion and other property of Americans and other foreigners that had been confiscated have been returned.

Bandits have been executed by Mexican authorities for raiding the ranches of Americans.

A train load of supplies for Pershing's army, started down the road for Casas Grandes, was held up on orders from General Gonzales. The order was overruled by General Trevino who directed that the supplies be allowed to proceed.

The Carranza government has warned us when bandits were supposed to be headed in our direction so that we could give them the proper reception at the border.

These things appear to signify that Carranza and the Carranzistas have experienced a real change of heart and realize at last that they are more likely to achieve their own objects by co-operating with the Americans than by opposing them.

But as significant as any of these acts is an interview which General Trevino gave out. It is rather remarkable for both tone and substance. It is very different from the expressions of Mexican political and military leaders with which we have grown familiar since the relations between the United States and Mexico become strained. Contempt and defiance are absent and the general shows a recognition of the value of American friendship to his party in the task of establishing peace and order in Mexico.—World-Herald.

Procrastination lends itself to many lines of endeavor, but a man applies it most frequently to the matter of writing letters.

There are fewer people interested in knowing what makes the price of coal go up than in having the aviator brought to earth.

The county convention at Weeping Water Tuesday unanimously endorsed L. F. Langhorst for chairman of the democratic state committee, which was a very proper recognition of the valuable services of Mr. Langhorst as chairman of the Cass county democratic committee.

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## SUFFERING NEBRASKA

We are pained to state that after three years of democrat rule the people of Nebraska are suffering some of the consequences. In less than fifteen months just passed the deposits in Nebraska banks have increased thirty-eight million dollars a record-breaking era in all the history of the state—and this in spite of the fact that everybody has bought either an automobile or a Ford—which kept that much of the money out of the banks. Seventy thousand new depositors have their names enrolled on the books of Nebraska banks making the total number of depositors more than four hundred thousand or almost half the population of the state. This is a tremendous showing for the state to make when the democrats are in the saddle—especially when one's memory flits backward eight years to the dear, delightful and luxurious Roosevelt prosperity when the Nebraska citizen could go to his banker and draw as much as ten dollars of his own money if the emergency seemed to warrant the banker in letting it get away. So, we say we are "pained to state," because the republican spell-binder can't find a single thing with which to interest an audience this fall—and that is hard on democrats. There's no contest and nothing to argue about this year—which means that democrats are to be handicapped, because a democrat is at his best only when there is a fight on.—Aurora Sun.

Our army on the border is settling down to stay until winter, anyhow, and by that time it may become a fairly efficient organization, with sufficient machine guns and artillery and aeroplanes to make it apportionally the strength of a modern fighting force. Just now it is certainly short in many of these particulars, and it may be just as well that intervention was deferred.

Germany has been nearly six months battling at Verdun, without getting there, but the fact that she is still battering is the answer to those who expect the war to close in a hurry.

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**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**  
A man is turned into a sem-blance of the idol he worships.—A. T. Pierson.

Monday, September 4, is Labor day.  
Cut the weeds and save a doctor bill.

One observant woman may be a whole public opinion in herself.

This year of 1916 will be another banner crop year for Nebraska.

The shop boys will make a success of "Flag day" at the shops, September 4.

We are all for "Home Coming" week, and intend to make it a big success.

Everybody is arranging to come to Plattsmouth during "Home Coming" week.

There are those who are handicapped by their friends more than by their enemies.

The worst of it is, we will get no credit for it even if we do have to go in and clean up Mexico.

Anybody who can get the solid support of the fault finders ought to be elected by a safe majority.

The corn crop needs rain, but is not "burning," as yet! But it can't stand the excessive heat much longer.

There is a brand new question that may be interesting to spring right now. Well, is it warm enough for you?

The printer who set it "Higher official density await returns" wasn't far off in these trying times of business.

The old-fashioned sailing vessel is once more plowing the seas and a new crop of nautical yarns may be the result.

The man who invented a muffer for street car wheels has done a great service for humanity—if his device is a success.

There probably never would have been such an agitation over bathing suits if the men had looked presentable in them.

The man who respects the rights of the others experiences little difficulty in securing the consideration due himself, but the wolf generally gets his due.

Somebody ought to tell the Russians to call a halt. If they capture all the Austrians the Italians won't have any excuse to offer why they don't overrun the Trention.

An Indiana man asks a divorce decree on the ground that his wife chews tobacco, a habit which he probably regarded during courtship as a very cute and distinct little mannerism.

Yes, the weather is warm—no question about that. The evidence is unmistakable. But did it ever occur to you that July is a month in which we rarely have big snowstorms?

"Don't worry about anything," advises John D. Rockefeller. But the advice doesn't go far enough. Also, don't get sick, don't meet with any accidents, don't lose in any important undertaking, don't fail to make big profits, don't go crazy. By observing these simple precautions much more can be gotten out of life as we journey along.