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FARMING DOES NOT PAY.

A recent statement of the census bureau is to the effect that instead of a movement "back to the land" the figures show there is an increasing tendency toward deserting the land and seeking the cities. The rural population is becoming less and the urban greater. The true cause of this movement has never until lately been authoritatively stated. It is because farming does not pay. Landholding pays, but farmers who do the actual work on the farms receive less wages than any other calling. President George E. Vincent of the University of Minnesota and president of the American Sociological society, told the exact truth when he said that "farming pays the average farmer less than day wages; that only increase in land values gives him a delusive sense of prospering from agriculture; that tenancy is increasingly disconcerting even in the best farming regions, such as Iowa and Illinois; that the rural population is increasingly foot loose and migratory, and that by reason of these conditions education, social life, political responsibility, moral standards and religious functions are being neglected alarmingly and undermined."

The farmers of Nebraska are rich and prosperous, but they did not make their wealth by farming. They became rich through the rise in value of land. As long as they who till the soil get "less than the average wage," there will be no movement back to the land. The statement of President Vincent is in complete accord with a survey made of the southeastern counties of this state by the Nebraska State university. In its latest report it says: "If 5 per cent interest is allowed upon all capital invested by the operator, owned farms returned an average labor income of \$203 and tenant farms an average of \$806 to the operator."—World-Herald.

Welcome, 1917. May we all be happy.

Be careful how you date your letters.

The trouble with most reformers is, they over-play themselves.

The legislature opens up for business today. There will be but little contest for the speakership.

The New Year has arrived, and we welcome it for better or worse, and may it prove prosperous and happy for everybody.

One-half the world may not know how the other half lives, but with the present high prices of living, both sides are excused if they wonder how either half lives.

Personal happiness lies largely in the liberation of the higher nature. This freedom, this larger responsiveness, admits one into that magnetic and marvelous atmosphere in which are the hitherto undreamed of possibilities of beauty and joy. One has but to turn to the light and live. To rise each morning in newness of life is to find in one's hands the power to shape conditions for the day. The law by which this may be done is as definite and as unerring as is the law of gravitation. Man is not only "the heir of the ages," he is the heir of all spiritual treasure and power. The hours lie before him like plastic clay before the sculptor, ready for the impress of his spiritual design. Let him stamp these hours with the force of high aspiration, noble energy, generous purpose. Let his live in serene dignity, unflinching faith in the Divine aid, in the rapture and the joy of the beauty of holiness!

A NEW YEAR THOUGHT.

"For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory"—but as he said it he took from willing, working men the necessities of life, that he might gather gold—and the glory he knew was greed; another took usury from the poor—and the glory he knew was cunning; another surrendered his conscience to his party—and the glory he knew was folly.

"For thine is the kingdom—" It came in lifeless notes, for I read its meaning in the campfires lighted by those who have broken the shackles of party pride; I felt its strength in the business methods of unpretending men who take their toll and give to every man his due.

"For thine is the kingdom—" and it was a new, sweet song, for I saw it spring to life in the lovelight of the mother's eyes, in the laughter of the little child, in faithful friendships, in generous deeds.

Then I threw open my own dear memory doors and saw go trooping through—some with tears in their eyes but all with laughter in their hearts—those who had brought happiness to me. What a line of loving, living men and women and children they are! Some are in the Now; others are in the Forever; but all are frequent visitors to this hall and never do they come but they bring—am leave—something of good.

I knew then that the song I had heard was, in truth, a psalm of life; and as the last echo of the footfall of those I love had died away my listening heart received this New Year thought:

"Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory," for all that is Thine is mine—and mine is the kingdom of good, where the power of love brings the glory of God.—Omaha Nebraskan.

The Swedish and other Scandinavian peoples, who have been neutral throughout the great European war, are expressing their appreciation of the good spirit and humanitarian motive which actuated President Wilson in sending his note to the powers at war. It seems that now the greatest criticism of the president's act is coming from the English press, some of these papers attempting to be very sarcastic. Strange, is it not? Just a few months ago the German-American alliance in this country was assailing the president because—as they claimed—he was favoring England as against their mother country. Now the Englishman is hot under the collar and in effect reverses the charge made by the German-Alliance some months ago. The truth of it is that President Wilson has tried to be perfectly fair with all of these warring nations and not one of them can justly criticize his official acts.

John Murthey, cherubic exponent of democracy and willing representative of Cass county, knows the state well and insists that establishment of a publicity bureau should be one of the main considerations of the present session. John believes that Nebraska has a future more golden than Jerusalem's because the climate and soil are both better here, and he wants the word to go so far around the world that Nebraska will pull business on it from as far away as Jerusalem. John may not talk much this session, but when the publicity bill comes up he'll have a few words to say, we'll warrant.—World-Herald.

Is it the proper thing to do to leave snow on the sidewalk until it melts and makes ice for old people to fall on? It seems to us that there is an ordinance compelling the cleaning of snow off the walks. If there is not, there should be.

A prominent cartoonist has drawn a series of pictures to demonstrate that an absent-minded man should not get married. It has always been our impression that most married men prefer to be absent-minded.

A man in need may keep you broke, but life without friends would be pretty tame.

It is a mighty poor brand of charity that sticks to the fingers.

Holidays are over.

Now down to business.

How's your pocketbook after the holidays?

Many a "miss" is far better than many a "male."

Before you complain, think what the poor have to endure.

When a man's wife gets her back up he gets a hump on himself.

President Wilson, evidently, has his eye on that noble peace prize.

Congress is having a hard time trying to put the lid on the pork barrel.

Maybe England and France don't want any peace until they are shot all to pieces.

If you are so inclined, there is a thousand different ways of making a fool of yourself.

The time is past for resolving to do better, but remember, it is never too late to do good.

Only about three months till spring will be here. Come on, gentle spring, come a looping, and ease up the coal bills.

Our beauty doctor says that if girls would eat less momatoes and more onions they would be prettier and healthier, and no doubt, lovelier.

When four girls earn \$2,400 from the products of two acres of garden, the high cost of keeping alive is softened so the thud is scarcely audible—for them.

Cordelia says she has noticed by close observation, that because a young man is a good dancer, is no reason that he can earn a living for a wife and a family of children.

Latin Americans refuse to buy our shirts because our shirt makers insist in putting goods in the sleeves that ought to be added to the tails. Why not make it a Pan-American protest?

Who said "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was out of date? This is a show that never gets too old to capture the people. The writer saw "Uncle Tom's Cabin" the first time in 1856, when he was but fourteen years old, traveling under canvas, and has seen it many times since.

We would rather think that those who have been elected members of the Nebraska house and senate were about as well qualified to get up a prohibition law as fellows on the outside, who are clamoring to make a law to their notion, and having it introduced, both in the house and senate at the same time. Men are elected to both branches, who we believe, are broad-minded enough to do their work without any interference from those who are not members of the legislature. It is a reflection upon the ability, honor and integrity of the members of the legislature to have a lot of outsiders constitute themselves guardians over those who are elected to do the business of the state.

The St. Joseph Gazette hits the bull's-eye when it says: "British officials, editors, and scholars are promptly announcing their opinion of the proposal of their enemies for peace. Nothing has yet been heard, however, from the soldiers in the trenches. It would be interesting to know how they view the suggestion that the bloodshed be ended. Perhaps the London politicians, writers and students but voice the sentiments of the men who along the battle fronts are offering their lives for their nation. It might not be unfair to make certain of the fact, however, rather than to merely take it for granted. There is a possibility, that, were the office holders, journalists and educators under constant shrapnel fire, with small chances of getting away alive, they would give the entire problem of whether the war should be continued more careful consideration than they have yet accorded it."

Local News

From Tuesday's Daily.
Tom Keckler of the vicinity of Louisvile, was in the city for a few hours today attending to some matters with the county commissioners.

August Krecklow of Manley, road overseer of Center precinct, was in the city today attending the meeting of the board of county commissioners.

Attorney William DelesDernier of Elmwood, one of the best and whole-souled gentlemen in the county, was in the city looking after a few matters in the county court.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leinbach of Hay Springs, Neb., who were here over New Year's visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hassler and family, departed this morning for their home.

R. S. McCleery of Weeping Water motored to this city this morning to attend the some important business matters and visit friends. While here Mr. McCleery gave this office a very pleasant call.

Miss Alpha Peterson, who is teaching in the commercial department of the Red Cloud High school and who has been here for the Christmas holidays, departed yesterday morning for Red Cloud to resume her school work.

R. T. Propst and family of Ralston, visited with his parents over New Years. Returning home this morning via the auto route. Mrs. Propst has been here for the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Taylor.

Miss Gretchen Boeck of South Omaha, who has been visiting her Uncle Henry Boeck and family in this city for the past week, returned home yesterday afternoon. Miss Boeck is one of the teachers in the South Omaha schools.

P. B. Smith and wife and family of Bloomfield, Neb., who have been visiting with their relatives and friends near Murray and Nehawka, during the holidays, departed this morning for their home. J. L. Smith of Nehawka, a brother, accompanied them as far as Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Minniear and sons, Irvin and Chester of the vicinity of Union, drove to this city today for a short visit with friends. They departed for Lafayette, Ind., this afternoon where they will make an extended visit with relatives. Mr. Minniear and son were pleasant callers at this office.

John T. Porter, who is making his home at Nebraska City for the present, was in the city and, as usual with our old friend, dropped in on the Journal fore to enjoy a short visit that certainly was most pleasing. Mr. Porter recently returned from Minnesota and has not as yet decided on a permanent location, but hopes to in the near future.

The firm of Peters & Richards, contractors and builders passed out of existence yesterday when C. P. Richards withdrew from the firm and was succeeded by C. M. Parker, who will in the future be associated with Mr. J. W. Peters. The new firm will be greatly strengthened financially and will be in a position to continue the work of contracting.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Attorney C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water was in the city for a few hours today looking after some matters at the court house.

Henry Ofc was among those going to Omaha this morning to attend the sessions of the A. O. U. W. grand lodge in that city.

F. W. Young of near Union was in the city today for a few hours visiting and attending to some trading with the merchants for a few hours.

John H. Albert was among those going to Omaha this morning where he goes as a delegate to the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. of Nebraska, in session there today.

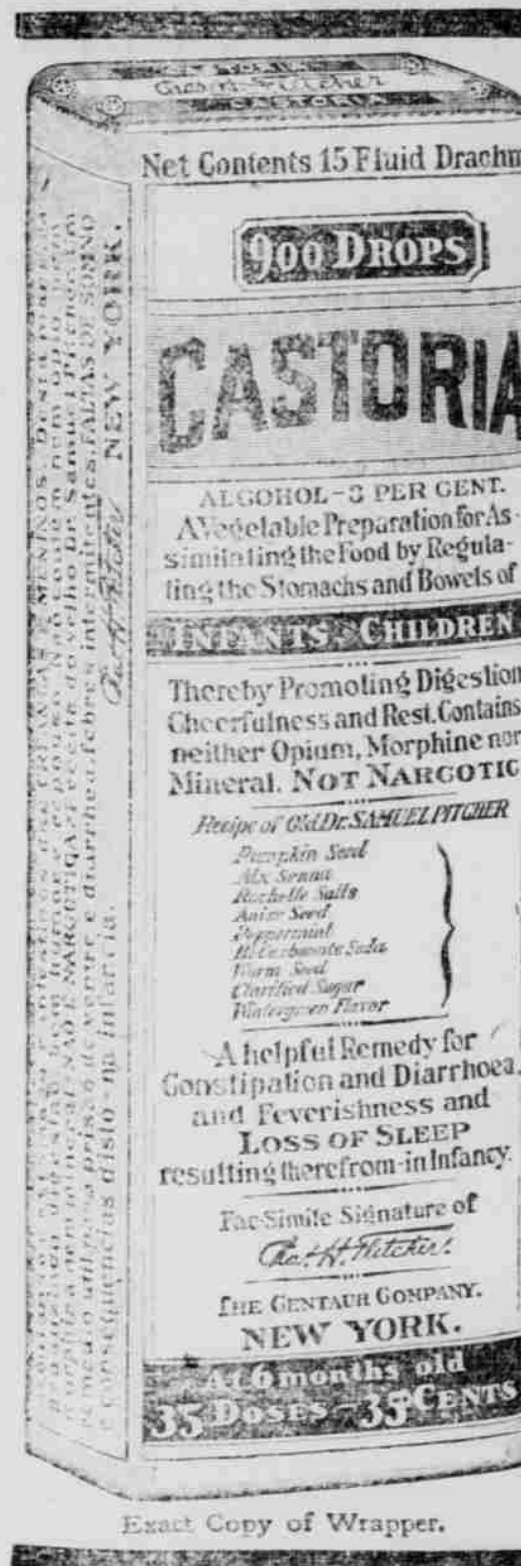
Frank P. Sheldon of Nehawka came up this morning from his home and departed on the Burlington train for Omaha where he will represent the Nehawka lodge at the grand lodge meeting.

C. H. Cobb, of Central City, came down last evening to visit his son-in-law, E. P. Stewart, at the hospital in Omaha and with Mrs. Stewart in this city. He departed for his home this afternoon.

C. E. Cook and son, Raymond, came in this morning from their farm home and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha where they spent the day there looking after some business matters.

A. H. Barnette and wife of Lynn Grove, Ia., who have been here visiting at the home of Mrs. Barnette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Toney, during the holidays, departed this afternoon for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Meisinger, of Cedar Creek drove to this city this morning and spent the day visiting friends and attending to some busi-



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ness matters. Mr. Meisinger gave his office a pleasant call.

John G. Wunderlich came up last evening from his home at Nehawka and visited here over night with his friends, who are legion in this city and vicinity, departing this morning for Omaha to spend the day at the A. O. U. W. meeting.

Philip Fornoff of the vicinity of Cedar Creek, came down to this city on the morning train and spent the day visiting friends and attending to some important business matters. Mr. Fornoff just returned from Tuttle, Okla., yesterday, where he made an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. George Miller and family and while in the city today called at this office and had the subscription of the Plattsmouth Journal going to Mr. George Miller in Oklahoma, extended for another year.

SUFFERING FROM GRIPPE.

Jesse Perry, the barber, is suffering from a very severe attack of the gripe and is on the retired list today, being confined to his home by the annoying malady. The friends of Jesse are hopeful that he may soon recover and be able to be up and around as usual.

Different-Kinds of Coughs.

Colds lead to different kinds of coughs—"dry cough," "winter cough," la gripe cough, bronchial cough, asthmatic cough, and racking, painful cough to raise choking phlegm. Enos Halbert, Paoli, Ind., writes: "I coughed continually, could hardly sleep. Foley's Honey and Tar relieved me, curing my cough entirely." Sold everywhere.

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TAKEN TO OMAHA HOSPITAL.

From Wednesday's Daily.
This morning George Stander departed for Omaha taking with him his son, Morris Stander, who is to enter the St. Joseph hospital to be operated on for appendicitis. The young man has not been in the best of health for some time past and it was decided that it would be necessary to operate in order to give him relief.

HOLIDAY PARTY.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Miss Elsie Gopen entertained about thirty of her friends last Thursday evening at the home of her parents south of town. The evening was pleasantly spent in music and in playing games. A number of the guests were home for vacation and such occasions make the holidays seem doubly enjoyable. A dainty luncheon was served and at a late hour all departed for home.

SELLS CATTLE ON MARKET.

Albert Fickler of Stanton, who was in the city over night visiting with his relatives and friends, brought to the South Omaha stock market two cars of fine cattle that brought \$9.90 per hundred. Mr. Fickler has been very successful since locating at Stanton and his friends in Old Cass county are very much pleased to learn of his good luck.

John Meyer of Mason City, Ill., arrived this morning from his home and will spend a short time here visiting with his relatives in this section of Cass county, and also will look after the land interests of the late J. P. Becker and wife of Mason City.

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