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The corn crop is booming.
The road drag makes roads.
Is Superintendent Brooks to leave us?
What are you doing to help Plattsmouth.
You can't drag your feet and make much progress.
The coal barons are hot propositions, and anything but patriotic.
Too many people never think of the Lord until they get into trouble.
When you get onto the railroad track, it is just as well to remember that the train cannot go around you.
The president will have no time for a vacation this season. Who says President Wilson has a soft snap?
Why, of course, it is possible to secure world-peace through world war. It is bound to come, and be quiet and peaceful after everybody has been killed.
Are you helping the Red Cross ladies out with their work for the army boys? If not, don't you think it is your patriotic duty to do so? Every lady in this city should be a Red Cross worker.
The little town of Shelby, Ia., whose entire population is 600, has already given \$7,754 to the Red Cross. Plattsmouth with its nearly 6,000 population, hasn't given over half this amount.
Government officials have been worrying a whole lot about the production of foodstuffs. Now we wish that they would begin worrying a little bit about the distribution thereof.
Omaha is given a branch of the reserve bank territory which includes Nebraska and Wyoming. Omaha comes pretty near getting what she wants.
If you are in business in this country and fear that standing up for this country all the time and to all men will work you an injury, you had better sell out and move to some country that your dollar marked heart can find courage to be loyal to.—Clay Center Sun.
President Wilson has caused to be issued a pamphlet entitled, "How War Came to America," in which the intrigues of the kaiser are fully and forcefully set forth. In this it is argued that the ruthless U-Boat warfare was an attempt to turn all neutral nations against the United States.
Help the Red Cross show the world that your country is not only ready to furnish the little comforts and necessities to our soldiers and sailor boys who are fighting for us "back home." Every lady in Plattsmouth should join the local Red Cross society and help in the work that is to give comfort to the wounded boys who need your aid.
The Nebraska State Council of Defense has issued a lengthy article condemning the maneuvers of the enemies of the United States in this state who are doing everything they can quietly against the government. And the council emphatically says this boldness on the part of the traitors must cease or more serious methods must be adopted to compel them to cease their nefarious work in the state where they make their homes. They have interests at stake as well as those who are fighting for the defense of America, the land which protects all alike.

THE GERMAN POLITICAL CRISIS.
It is rather unsafe to speculate upon reports of political conditions in Germany. The matter is rigidly censored, and, in addition, there is always the suspicion that whatever political news comes out of Germany is allowed to go out for a purpose.
However, the reports of the last few days seem to indicate that the autocracy, as represented by the kaiser, is being backed against the wall in the fatherland.
There is nothing to show that the German people have lost any confidence in the ability of their armed forces to withstand their foes and to conclude the war on at least even terms with the allies.
But it seems almost certain that a large part of the German people are not in accord with the kaiser's determination to spread autocracy by demanding "indemnities and annexations."
It is over this issue, apparently, that the political crisis in Germany has arisen; and, seemingly, there is strong opposition to the imperialistic ambitions of the German Junkers, even though it is questionable whether it will be strong enough to overthrow the kaiser's mouthpiece, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.
The sentiment, however, is showing such power that it may force the retirement of a number of other prominent Prussian cabinet members, and may wrest from the kaiser valuable electoral and political rights.
This means that within Germany itself the conflict between democracy and aristocracy is growing to bigger proportions.
Thus the German internal strife is of exactly the same character as is the war between the United States and Germany—which is a war of democracy against autocracy.
Consequently, if reports of the German political crisis are true, they can be received with satisfaction by the United States.
For they appear to show that a good portion of the German people themselves are opposed to the autocratic force which this country has determined to cripple or destroy.
Furthermore, it is a distinct advantage that the kaiser himself has been forced to admit that his is a fight for autocracy, since he does not want peace along democratic lines, but peace "with indemnities and annexations"—that is, an autocratic peace.—Omaha News.
The strawberry season is about over, and the early cherries are "all in," with a poor crop of late cherries.
A man may have a lofty air and still be a very poor shot. Too many men try to shoot too high.
President Wilson's sensible attitude on the beer question will probably turn the scale and keep Milwaukee in the union.
One of the squads marching in the parade of Confederate veterans in Washington recently, carried a banner which read: "Damn a man who is not for his country—right or wrong." That squad can be set down as thoroughly reconstructed in the fullest sense of the term.
It won't hurt anybody to help the Red Cross society out in their noble work. A lady who comes to the front with such assistance is entitled to as much credit almost as the Red Cross nurses on the battle field. You are helping make the material which the surgeons and nurses use on the wounded and suffering, and which they could not get along without. Remember this, and help the Red Cross ladies in their good work.

EMBARGO WAS NEEDED.
It would be startling to all of us to really know the extent to which American exports are finding their way into Germany and making our enemies able to continue the war just that much farther and to fight it harder while it is in progress.
But the truth is the neutral countries, seeing vast profits in the sale of these things to the central powers and also wishing to remain as friendly as possible because they did not wish to share Belgium's fate, have been getting supplies from us and sending them or duplications of them to Germany and her allies.
Now the practice is to be stopped. President Wilson has issued the embargo that has long been expected and which he has been given the right to issue. He will effectually stop the export of everything that would help the central powers and hurt us, by having the supplies leave this country.
Yesterday protests were received at the state department in Washington from all of the neutral countries, one of them, Holland, going so far as to claim that its people were now on the verge of starvation and that it would make untold hardships.
There is plenty of evidence that the shrewd Dutch business men have been laying up long profits in the past at the expense of the lengthening of the war, and the same has been the case of Sweden.
But President Wilson wants to end the war. His boys to the number of millions are involved and his people to the number of 100,000,000 are looking to him for aid and happiness. The munitions used by Germany and her allies are largely made now from Swedish materials, and these are supplied by materials from this country.
If you hear anyone objecting to the embargo just ask them if they would like to see their own son lying dead on the battle field, shot down by American iron and steel, or would like to feel that the country that was in war with ours was being fed by the things raised in Nebraska fields.—Kearney Times.
NEUTRALS IN A TIGHT PLACE.
These must be distasteful days for Senator LaFollette. When it was first proposed that the government should be empowered to levy embargoes upon food supplies the senator was avowedly perturbed through fear that this power might be used by the government for coercing the neutrals.
He may not have been able to discern that this was just what the purpose of the embargo measure was. It was to prevent greedy neutrals from supplying the enemy foodstuffs which our own country raises. It would be the act of a niny to refuse to utilize this weapon against the enemy. Nobody is neutral who provides food for Germany now. Anyone who does so is an enemy of the United States.
On the other hand it is reported that Germany is about to denounce as an enemy any neutral country that refuses to smuggle food into Germany for the soldiers and civilians. It is a difficult position for neutrals, of course, but they are to blame for it themselves. If it were not quite certain that they have been buying our foodstuffs and selling it to Germany nobody would want to deny them food.
The proprieties are plain. This country is going to be taxed to its utmost to supply food for its own armies and those who are fighting our battle with us. Reasonable prudence would require that none shall be spared to anyone who uses it to aid the enemy.—Lincoln Star.
Old pal, do you ever think when the bears drives by it won't be long until you and I take a ride in that big plumed hack and never remember of coming back? Do you ever think when you strive for gold, that a dead man's hand a dollar can't hold? You may tug and pinch and strive and save, but you lose it all when you reach the grave.
If you're a tight-wad at home you have no business trying to trot around with the boys downtown.

The Red Cross is a noble work.
It is publicity that makes the world move.
The ladies engaged in the work are noble.
Make your choice—it's Red Cross or iron cross.
When you feel yourself slipping, slide to safety.
Being neutral is a mighty lone-some job these days.
Nebraska is a poor place for bootleggers, and they are finding it out.
Our country call everybody to assemblance of the Red Cross society.
The man who marries money swells up as though he were a great money-maker.
Our idea of zero in usefulness is a scarecrow in a field where the corn failed to come up.
If you are a good citizen, don't brag about it. Your neighbors will know about it soon enough.
Now is the time to get out your cook book and learn the seventeen ways of making delicious corn bread.
There is a terrible drouth in Germany, but it is nothing to what the prohibitionists want to create in this country.
Maybe some of the loan sharks are increasing their loan rates to pay for the Liberty bonds they so generously bought.
The street costumes the ladies are wearing nowadays is making it very difficult for them to create any special sensation in a bathing suit.
The czar and King Constantine have a lot of time now. Maybe before long Nick and Constantine, Wilhelm and Ferdinand can organize a game of pinocle.
When you see a man hanging around a dry goods store half the afternoon, don't assume that he is a German spy. It may be that he is waiting for his wife inside to match a piece of goods.
Omaha feels puffed up because she is to have a branch of the federal reserve bank. Omaha is entitled to all she can get, and it is a shame that she is to be pestered with the gang of officials that are now fussing among themselves.
Farmers have been very busy for the past ten days, and crops are now looking fine, while the late planting of corn is looking much better than at this time last year. It has been thoroughly cleaned of weeds and the prospects for a bumper crop are extra good.
The Aurora Sun truthfully remarks: "The yellow dog can't change himself any more than the leper can change his spots, but the individual with a face for every occasion can make some change by cultivating a little backbone and moral honesty, and it's worth having, too, if you once get it started right."
That news from the government crop experts that the corn crop in the United States now in prospect is the greatest in the history of the country brings the smile of cheer to every patriotic son and daughter of the republic. If we must feed the world, there is nothing more "fillin" or "fattenin" than good old corn, served in any style.
Your Uncle Samuel is planning to establish twenty-four aviation camps, capable of training seven thousand five hundred men at a time. It is the intention to train French, English, and Italian aviators in these camps as well as Americans. It is thought that the quickest way for the United States to win the war is by the aerial route, and that being the case no time should be lost in training aviators.

DO NOT JUDGE ALL BY FEW.
While the action of the state council of defense seems to be somewhat drastic, in their denunciation of certain university professors and some of the heads of the Lutheran church, at the same time thinking Americans have felt for a long time that some public action should be taken against the continued unpatriotic utterances of many Nebraska people.
The only unfortunate part of the affair is that it tends to bring the Lutheran church and all its people into an unenviable light, not because the council of defense intended to have this done, but because of the 'company that some of them keep,' sometimes the many must suffer for the few.
The whole feeling toward the Lutherans started through the traitorous remarks of several of the pastors of the church, such as Dr. Blatzky of Omaha and others. Some of the members of the Omaha church in seeking to have resolutions passed stating the church's loyalty to the government ran into a snag in the church laws which does not allow any such thing. We all must agree that such a rule is wrong.
But many members resigned from the church, because they would have nothing to do with a pastor who was as far off his base as Blatzky, while others stayed with the preacher.
Here in Kearney we have a Lutheran church, the pastor of which has no use on earth for men of the Blatzky type. He is not afraid to say so either.
Rev. Jiede, German born and raised, has taught his people they must support their government to the limit. When he registered for the draft this same German born minister answered the question, "do you claim exemption?" by saying he was ready to fight for America and American ideals.
With a two-fisted, red-blooded patriot like that in charge of the Kearney church, it is too bad that such individuals as Blatzky and his kind can put the entire church in temporary disrepute. Try as you may you cannot make everyone think the Lutheran church of Kearney is any better than what one leader in the church is.
It is desperately unfortunate as best, but every man in Kearney who claims the proud fact of citizenship in the United States, should take off his hat in respect to Rev. Jiede, an American true blue and four-square.—Kearney Times.
Many young men are enlisting.
They are those who believe America is for Americans.
After a man has had three weeks' vacation he needs three days' rest.
We never expect to be rich enough to give money away like Carnegie.
The fellow who breaks into jail is the fellow who beats the high cost of living.
The fellow who can keep his mouth shut may pass himself off for a patriot.
Christian Science is all right, but it can't make a woman smile when a 200-pound rube steps on her tender corn.
When a hen has laid an egg she cackles almost as loud as the woman who has just been told a scandal secret.
Are You One of Them?
There are a great many people who would be very much benefited by taking Chamberlain's Tablets for a weak or disordered stomach. Are you one of them? Mrs. M. R. Searl, Baldwinville, N. Y., relates her experience in the use of these tablets: "I had a bad spell with my stomach about six months ago, and was troubled for two or three weeks with gas and severe pains in the pit of my stomach. Our druggist advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. I took a bottle home and the first dose relieved me wonderfully, and I kept on taking them until I was cured." These tablets do not relieve pain, but after the pain has been relieved may prevent its recurrence.

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THE NEW LIABILITY LAW.
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This new law is going to hit almost every business man in the state. The old law made only those responsible who employed five persons or more; but under the new law every man who employs one or more persons is hit. Under one of the amendments employers are now required to keep insured sufficiently to cover damages for personal injury or death to their employes; or to furnish to the compensation commissioner satisfactory proof of financial ability to pay direct the compensation in the amount and manner, and when due as provided for in the act.
Under the old law there was a schedule of liability fixed for the loss of a hand, a foot, a leg, or an eye. Under the new law there is a long and detailed schedule of liability for dismemberment. Every joint of the finger is listed with its price. This is continued down through a long list. This detailing of the schedule is considered to be an advantage in that it eliminates all possibility of dispute as to liability in minor injuries and makes law definite and certain.
Since the new law goes into effect within two weeks it is up to the employers to get busy to see to it that their help is protected.—Hastings Tribune.
Doing Good.
Few medicines have met with more favor or accomplished more good than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. John F. Jahtzen, Delmeny, Sask., says of it: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy myself and in my family, and can recommend it as being an exceptionally fine preparation."
While downtown stop in and try that fascinating game of bowling.

USING FARMER AS A DUMMY.
"It is not the intention of the food administration to fix the price for wheat, nor is it expected that it will have any such power," says Herbert Hoover in words as plain as the laxon affords. "If the food bill passes congress, however, we certainly will not stand for speculative buying."
Yet the farmer is being used by designing persons as a dummy in interposing objections to the passage of the food regulation measure over which congress has been palavering for weeks.
And this specious plea for the farmer is being used to deter congress from making needed provision to prevent the steel trust and other greedy corporations of vast wealth from exacting exorbitant prices from the government for the enormous quantities of supplies it will have to purchase from them.
And what could the farmer ask that would more certainly guarantee him a fair share of the profit of his toil than the elimination of speculative buying, whereby crops are bought at bottom prices and held indefinitely for the creation of artificial shortages and high prices?
Senator Lodge, who appears to be leading the fight to prevent the government from holding the steel trust to strict accounts for fair dealing with the government, stated in the senate that some of the senators from the agricultural states had consulted him and asked him to pursue the course he is pursuing.
Every hour of delay in the enactment of the food regulation measure is an hour of grace for the food speculator, who is not idle in the meantime.—Lincoln Star.
Lost—A lady's blue sweater coat on the road two and a half miles west of Murray, leading to Louisville road on the north. Finder please leave same at this office for reasonable reward.
Mr. and Mrs. James Rishel and little son, and Miss Margaret Rishel of Glenwood, motored to this city yesterday morning and spent the day with relatives. They returned home this morning, accompanied by Miss Julia Kerr.

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