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Remember it is much better to give than receive.

There's no need to worry. Let the other fellow have part of it.

Mr. McAdoo's shoes are being billed one by one, and business goes on as usual.

It is ludicrous the way Germany and Austria are "passing the buck." The officials of each country are willing to admit that the other country started the war.

Some of the American newspapers are pretty sore at Holland for her course regarding the kaiser. The Detroit Free Press even says there are times when it believes Mr. Hearst ought to move over into Holland, too.

We have had plenty of rain to do until after the holidays. The kids would rejoice to see Old Mother Earth covered with about a foot of snow, so they can use those sleds they are expecting on the Municipal Christmas Tree."

The Municipal Christmas tree tomorrow night is an event to be enjoyed by all. Notwithstanding it is intended for the enjoyment of the boys and girls and little tots, the parents should be there to see how they welcome "Old Santa Claus."

Germany plainly hasn't been licked enough, or hasn't been Bolshevized enough or something. From all accounts she seems about as rampant as a man who has tried to steal second base and has been called out by the umpire in a close decision.

The ladies who are taking such great interest in the "Municipal Christmas tree" will deserve more credit than they will really receive. Their efforts have been untiring, and with the proper weather, it will be one of the most successful events ever pulled off in Plattsmouth. God bless the ladies.

Hon. John H. Tanner, who was a candidate for Senator in the recent election, has been elected and defeated more times than we ever heard of in one campaign. He was defeated until the soldier vote was counted and now Doc has 6 majority. And his opponent, W. J. Broatch, republican, has contested, and is going to try to beat him in the Senate. Of course the senate is overwhelming republican, but we believe they will treat Senator Turner who has served several terms in that body very fair.

It is good to all of us to see our old friend Dr. E. W. Cook on our streets now on his vacation visit. If there ever was a man that ever lived in Plattsmouth with more friends than Dr. Cook, we would like to see the color of his eye. All of us, old and young, greet him in a manner that they mean a welcome that won't rub out. He looks well and genial as ever, and the people would like to see him back among us. Anyway they are all glad to see him looking so well, and hope he will always be happy and enjoy good health forever more.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATERRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1918.
A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
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Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

If the German people are really going to elect their own officials the first one they'll need is a corner.

Sir David Beatty, commander-in-chief of the British Grand Fleet, said he always thought the German fleet would come out, but not on a piece of string.

The American legation at Bucharest has been robbed of \$100,000 worth of goods. And what do you think! Germans are suspected of having stolen the stuff.

Thanks to Uncle Sam's assiduous sermons on thrift, most people take care of their money these days. But they seem to leave their kinfolks lying around as carelessly as ever.

War has destroyed one set of autocrats, but seems to have built up another. There's the hen that charges 75 cents a dozen for eggs and the cow that is profiteering in butter.

Secretary Daniels says that America will need a larger navy under the League of Nations. And at the same time the League of Nations is being urged as a means to the end of immense reduction.

Dr. Frank Crane says to live on this planet at this time is worth 50 years at any other time. Having referred to the latest cost of living sheets at hand we should say he estimated it about right.

Some people say this kind of weather is just what we need to insure bumper crops next season, but we want weather now that will insure a big time for the kids at the "Municipal Christmas Tree."

We must prepare ourselves now to gasp with surprise at how quickly Mr. Schwab can take the dollar he earned last year working for the government and go out and retrieve his personal fortune with it.

Already reports are coming in that men returning from the war are given jobs again, with their old firms, but at different work and at lower pay. Evidently it is too early yet to begin tearing up the slacker lists.

Congressman James R. Mann is again a candidate for Speaker of the House. He is republican leader, and has been for some time, and it is right that he be elected speaker. He will make a good speaker, too.

It looks certain to us that there will be a League of Nations. Some will boost it because it means a bigger navy. Others will boost it because it means reduction of armament. And then when we get it we may find out that it means something else again.

While the children are writing their letters to Santa Claus the various belligerent and neutral countries are formulating their demands to the peace conference. There, however, the analogy ends on account of the extreme moderation of the children's demands on Santa Claus.

We will inform the kids that the rumor that Christmas had been postponed on account of the influenza, and probably would not come around again until the Fourth of July, is all hush. Santa Claus wouldn't have it that way because he has made arrangements to be at the Municipal Christmas tree to-night, and he will surely be there in person.

A STORY WITH A MORAL.

At Aberdeen, Md., Tuesday, under the direction of the War Department, there was an exhibition of the guns, tanks, tractors, war materials and war appliances in general which the United States has produced since its declaration of war with Germany in 1917.

The exhibit was made on the government ground at Aberdeen, and was a remarkable spectacle. Ranks of big guns, 7-inch, 14-inch, and 16-inch, poured tons of projectiles over the range. There was the new 3-ton, 2-man type of tanks, an American design, intended to take the place of the 6-ton type, which was in use at the close of the war.

There was the war tractor, another American production, powerful enough to plow its way through rough ground and through forests, breaking down trees, smashing obstructions, and firing an 8-inch gun every thirty seconds.

There were 14-inch trench mortars and 16-inch mortars. It was an exposition, or demonstration of accomplishment, to thrill the pride of every American, and to impose the lesson in a magnificent way, of our great ability to do things.

It was also a spectacle which pointed a moral which no American should want to forget.

With the official review of all these great preparations for the war, the announcement is made in almost every line of the news story which reported the scene at Aberdeen, that the country was "about ready to begin the output," that the tanks would begin to be produced in quantities "in the spring," and that the powerful and effective tractors would be ready "about June 1."

In other words, the United States was getting "good and ready" to fight some time within six months after the fight was over.

We were preparing to smother the enemy with guns, and crush them with tanks and overwhelm them with armed tractors in June, 1919, in a war which ended in November, 1918.

Attention can be called now to the above fact without the semblance of carping criticism, or in the spirit of crying over spilled milk. The ordinance department demonstrated the fact by the Aberdeen review, that, in spite of all its handicaps, it was making progress most effectively. The review proved conclusively that the United States can produce the necessary weapons to meet modern warfare.

But none of these things were produced in time to be used in the war for which they were intended. The Germans did not wait until June, 1919, to force the war of April, 1917. Guns were needed when war was declared, guns that would shoot when the enemy was shooting at us.

Thanks to the fact that our Allies had the material to fight with when it was necessary to fight, and could lend us what we lacked, we were enabled to have a part, and a conspicuous part, too, in the war which we declared. But we fought our war with borrowed guns and borrowed material.

The United States lacked nothing in the way of spirit, of loyalty, of courage, or of devotion. It lacked nothing in the way of money or of resources. It only lacked, in 1917 and in 1918, the equipment which it would have received in 1919 had the war not ended when it did.

The moral of the story is too obvious to need illumination. No American, let it be repeated, will want to forget the big lesson which was impressed upon us by the exhibition of materials that would have contributed so greatly to the winning of the war, if they had been ready when they were needed.

BREAKING UP BIG FORTUNES.

A will recently probated disposes of the estate of the widow of a man from whom she inherited \$9,000,000 when he died in August, 1911. How much of this sum remains is not yet known, but the testator's

son, who inherited a like amount from his father, had reduced his patrimony to \$5,000,000 by the time of his death two years later. At the rate of two million a year spent during the brief span of life that remained to him he was on the high road to the poorhouse.

These facts are worth the consideration of those eminent publicists who are clamoring for a redistribution by some process of legal confiscation of what they call the "swollen fortunes" of America. There is no need for any special legislation on this subject. The work of breaking up the great inheritances is carried on automatically in a way that is far more thorough and effective than by any scheme that even the most radical wielder of the red flag could devise. Of the fortunes of forty years ago, then regarded as stupendous, only a few remain intact. The others have either been wasted in stock gambling and dissipation or have been divided and subdivided to the vanishing point.

Moreover, nearly all these fortunes have been accumulated by men who began life with no capital save brains and ambition, and this fact is a constant stimulus to young men of the rising generation. Back of these schemes of legalized confiscation lurks that mean envy of the rich which is a failing that human nature is heir to.—New York Herald.

MANY THANKS.

Already before the Christmas carols have been resounding throughout the land, the Journal office has received a visit from a most generous Santa Claus, in the person of Hilt Wescott, who deposited a package for every employe, including the head boss, editor and reporter, which we all delightfully received, and all are proud of them, because they are such beautiful neckties, and could not possibly come from any other store in Plattsmouth than Wescott's Sons Emporium for nice dress goods for men.

Thank you, Hilt, and may you live to enjoy many more Merry Christmases.

The est of war has come and gone, and the boys stood up like heroes. Now comes the test of love—will the girls remain as true to their soldier boys in derby hats, baggy trousers, and vests that lack an inch or so in length?

A good deal of worry is expended in selecting Christmas presents for men, but we never yet heard of a man who was offended at receiving a Christmas present that was something he could eat.

The kaiser has written so many pages denying responsibility for the war it is believed that if someone were to ask him how he liked the way the war came out he would say, "What war?"

The Journal wishes everyone of its readers a Merry Christmas and may they each and every one enjoy Yuletide in the manner as intended. Christmas comes but once a year and let us all be of cheer.

If those angry Dutch women had read the newspaper accounts of the great German retreat they would have known they couldn't catch the crown prince in a straightaway chase.

The ex-kaiser is ill again and has sent for another specialist. But the specialists who are finally going to take charge of Herr Hohenzollern's case are now gathering in Paris.

A turkey would look good on our dinner table tomorrow. But they roost too high yet for our pocket-book.

Now that the boys are beginning to come home, it is high time the suggested memorial for them should take some tangible form and work start on same.

Public Sale!

I am going to leave the state, and will sell at public auction on what is known as the old Walker farm, 6 miles west of Murry, 1/2 mile south and 6 miles east of Manley and 8 miles northeast of Weeping Water, on

Friday, January 3, 1919,

all my farming stock and implements, consisting of

Five Head of Horses Two Milk Cows

One Ford Touring Car one with calf at side

My complete line of Farmin Implements and Household Goods and many other articles used on the farm.

Sale will start at one o'clock sharp. The usual terms.

H. G. ENGELKEMEIER, Owner

COL. WM. DUNN, Auctioneer.
GLEN BOEDEKER, Clerk.

LEGAL NOTICE.

TO THE CREDITORS AND HEIRS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF BURTON C. KERR, DECEASED, AND TO THE CREDITORS AND HEIRS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES KERR, DECEASED.

You are hereby notified that on the 10th day of December 1918, Sarah Elizabeth Kerr, filed her petition in the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are for the judge of said county to fix a time and place for hearing the allegations of the petition, and to determine who all the heirs of Burton C. Kerr, are, and who all the heirs of Charles Kerr, are, and to find that both Burton C. Kerr and Charles Kerr, died intestate in Cass County, Neb., and to enter its order barring all claims against the estate of Burton C. Kerr, and against the estate of Charles Kerr, and said petition alleging that Merrit S. Kerr, now inter-married with Lottie Kerr, who resides in Houston, Texas; Alice Kerr, now inter-married with Ray E. Anderson, residing in Plattsmouth, Nebraska; Elizabeth Kerr, now inter-married with James E. Riebel, residing at Glenwood, Iowa; and Julia M. Kerr, single, residing in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, together with your petition, constitute the only heirs at law of Burton C. Kerr, and that the petitioner, Sarah Elizabeth Kerr, is the widow of the deceased Charles Kerr.

You are further notified that a hearing upon the allegations and prayer of said petition will be had at the County Court, in the County Court House at Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, on the 22nd day of January, 1919, at 10 o'clock A. M. and all objections to said petition must be on file on or before said time, or the prayer thereof will be allowed and decreed entered accordingly.

By the Court, ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

23-3wks. Jan. 20, 1919.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

State of Nebraska, Cass County, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Andrew Peeterson, deceased, On Reading the Petition of Andrew Peeterson praying a final settlement and allowance of his account as administrator of said estate, filed in this court on the 16th day of December 1918, and for assignment of estate and discharge of administrator, It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter appear before me at the County Court to be held in and for said County, on the 30th day of December A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M. to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the hearing of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for one week prior to said day of hearing.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said Court, this 16th day of December A. D. 1918. ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge. (Seal) By Florence White, Clerk.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, NEBR.

In the matter of the application of Henry Snook, administrator, for license to sell real estate.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. Now, on this 24th day of November, A. D. 1918, this cause came on for hearing on the petition, under oath, of Henry Snook, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Sumner, deceased, praying for license to sell the following described real estate of said Elizabeth Sumner, deceased: Lots Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6), in Block Twenty (20) of the Village of Bazile, Cass County, Nebraska, or a sufficient amount of said real estate to pay the sum of \$423.99, for the payment of debts allowed against said estate, and allowance of costs of administration, for the reason that there is not a sufficient amount of personal property in the possession of said Henry Snook, administrator, belonging to said estate, to pay said debts, allowances and costs.

It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before me at chambers in the City of Plattsmouth in said county, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1919, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. to show cause, if any there be, why a license should not be granted to said Henry Snook, administrator, to sell so much of the above described real estate of said deceased as shall be necessary to pay said debts and expenses.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be served upon all persons interested in said estate by publishing the same to be published once, each week for four successive weeks in the Plattsmouth Journal, a newspaper published and printed in said county of Cass. JAMES T. BEGLEY, 5-wks. Judge of the District Court.

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Springs	21c
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Ducks	20c
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Turkeys	22c
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