

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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Christmas is almost here.  
Leaves have fallen from the trees, and so have we from beehives.  
There is no cause to swear off on New Year day. You can't get away.  
Nothing has come down except the hope that something would come down.  
The most remarkable decline in prices is always on an article you never need.  
About this time of the year our friend that didn't know it was loaded bobs up.  
Some people say, "Give us this day our daily bread," and then sit down to wait for it.  
A New York woman says her husband slaps her every day. This is entirely too often.  
Some wise men are letting their whiskers grow as preparedness for Christmas neckties.  
A Pittsburger had two wives living in the same house. This house shortage is terrible.  
The turkey has reached a price at which he can no longer be considered a Thanksgiving bird.  
The weather man says he is eighty per cent correct, reserving twenty per cent for holidays.  
About 750,000 pencils are sold in America yearly, but we can't learn who buys them.  
A former governor of Idaho has proven a governor can be honest by dying in the poorhouse.  
The postcard, delivered after 41 years, shows Hays succeeded where other postmasters failed.  
One reason why we admire the busy bee is that he provides honey for us, as well as for himself.  
Mary Garden announces she has 150 pairs of shoes and that alone spoils her marriage expectations.  
The Journal has a large stock of books just the kind for a Christmas present for the grown son or daughter.  
If China's finances are so bad, why don't she call on the chink laundrymen in this country to help her out?  
The various foreign delegates say they like the idea of laying cards face up on the table at the disarmament conference, but this does not necessarily mean that they have no cards up their sleeves.

**Dry Cleaning makes his suits spot and stain according to Dainty Dorothy**

"It don't take a man long to bag his pants at the knees, and to make a finely tailored suit look thoroughly disreputable—that's the man of it," avers Dainty Dorothy.

But she goes on to explain that the man who is making use of our cleaning, steaming and pressing services is keeping his clothes in much more presentable condition than when he got acquainted with us. And it cost much, much, either.

**Goods Called for and Delivered**

**FRED LUGSCH**  
WE KNOW HOW  
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Don't be a miser; coffins have no pocketbooks.  
Joshua couldn't make the modern son stand still.  
Without enthusiasm nothing very great can be accomplished.  
It isn't what a man stands for, as much as what he falls for.  
Germany's mistake has been in making her mark instead of earning it.  
Why does a woman always turn her back to her companion when she opens her purse?  
Keep out of debt. Then if opportunity knocks you won't be afraid to go to the door.  
The man who says saccharine is the sweetest thing known never slept until 10 a. m.  
There are some women in our community who have the art of gossip down so fine that they don't need an automobile in order to run down a neighbor.  
If you are looking for Christmas presents for young or old, don't give the Journal the go-by, we no doubt, have what you want.  
We shall expect the war game to end when the homely girl who is good has more admirers than the pretty girl who is naughty.  
Evidently the tariff makers have forgotten that Europe owes this country a lot of money that it will be unable to pay if trade is hobbled.  
It would please us very much if one of those poets who loves the autumn leaves so much would come around and rake ours out of the front yard.  
If a limitation is to be placed on naval craft, how about aircraft, which, according to some military experts, is even more dangerous than battleships?  
The American people smoke a million and a half cigars each day. That is, they look like cigars, but at least a million of them neither smell or taste like cigars.  
If the disarmament conference takes away all our weapons, we can still fight with our fists. Also, as Ring Lardner says, bear in mind we still have Jack Dempsey.  
Along the Atlantic seaboard all the flappers believe that a ten-year naval holiday means that naval officers won't have anything to do but dance for the next decade.  
A Princeton professor complains that he can't live on \$10,000 per year. He is quite right. That much salary would kill the average professor in a very short time.  
What has become of the old-fashioned mother who, just about this season of the year, used to send Johnny and Mary to school with asafoidita bags about their necks?  
Are you looking for Christmas presents for the kids? Come to the Journal stationery department and see what a fine line of picture books and other suitable articles for the kids.  
Premier Briand goes home perfectly confident that he has won his case for France. It has been noticed that some of our own statesmen are unable to distinguish between oratory and legislation.  
If the third party movement is a success, the present republican administration will be responsible for it. McKelvie and his whole gang of bloodsuckers should be fired. Everybody says that except those who hold positions under the governor.  
Senator Watson declared ten days ago that he stood ready to prove the charges he brought against the American army, but thus far he has not produced a scintilla of proof. Watson is merely a prevaricator who knows he is prevaricating, and what his motive may be, even Watson cannot tell. The truth of the matter is that Watson is a cowardly and contemptible pacifist who, if he had received his just deserts during the World War, would have been put in jail for sedition.

### TO TELL THE TRUTH

The individual who gets ahead in the world is the man who pauses once in awhile to indulge in rigid self analysis.

What is true of the individual is likewise true of the people as a whole.

If there was ever a time in her history when Nebraska ought to have a period of self analysis, that time is now.

We indulge in a great deal of talk concerning our virtues, boast much of our resources, but we have, as a people, deliberately shut our eyes to our defects, our drawbacks, our glaring faults, the things that are keeping behind in the march of progress.

It is rare indeed that you find a man who has the courage to indulge in straightforward, common sense talk. On the contrary, we have grown so accustomed to cheap praise, the fawning flattery, and the meaningless mouthings of diet, and the rough verbal menu served is a shock to our stomachs.

### CORN AND WHEAT

A corn crop of 3,152,000,000 bushels in the United States alone coupled with recent favorable reports on world wheat and rice crops suggests that the world's supply of bread and meat will be little below normal despite the shortage in the wheat fields of Russia. A 3,000,000,000 bushel corn crop in the United States alone means probably 4,000,000,000 bushels for the entire world, for the United States usually produces three-fourths of the world's output.

And this big corn crop with us means in turn an unusually big meat supply, especially pork, for a large part of the corn of the United States is fed to swine on the farms where it is grown and the meat thus produced distributed to all parts of the world far greater valued than that of the corn in the natural state. With the changed conditions of production and transportation in Europe resulting from the war, the demand of the world upon the United States for bread and meat has continued down to the present time and the promise of an abnormally large corn crop indicates that we shall be able to respond to the world demand for meat as well as breadstuffs. Already in nine months of the current year for which figures are now available, we have expected more corn than in any full year since 1906, while the quantity going in the form of pork products in the current year is 20 per cent greater than in the same months of 1920, though the value is probably less by reason of the reduction in price. Even at the reduced prices of wheat and corn exports of pork products, chiefly produced from corn, will be nearly \$300,000,000 in value and the corn export in the natural state approximately \$100,000,000. The value of the pork products exported from the United States in the past decade exceeds \$3,000,000,000 and of corn in the natural state about \$400,000,000. The wide distribution of our corn in the form of pork is illustrated by the fact that the exports of bacon in 1920 went to 90 different countries and colonies, hams to 85, lard 38, and sausage 83 countries and colonies.

The tremendous of our corn crop—three-fourths of that of the world—accounts for the fact that we have far more swine than any other country, for swine are most convenient process of transforming corn into human food, especially for exportation, and corn is the most useful food for swine, except for the production of the "bacon hog" which is chiefly fed on the smaller grains, wheat, rye, barley, etc., with an admixture of dairy products, and as those lying north of the corn belt of the world but producing ample supplies of the smaller grains above named. This close relation of the number of swine in the United States coincidental with the growth in corn production and as a consequence the United States alone has about one-half of the swine of the world while it produces about three-fourths of the corn of the world.

It is only in very recent years that our corn crop has crossed the 3,000,000,000 bushel line or that of the world's crop output the 4,000,000,000 bushel mark. The world was slow in adopting this new food grain which Columbus carried back from Haiti under the native name of "maize" on his first return voyage but it gradually spread through southern Europe where it was designated as "maize" in recognition of its Haitian title above named, and after its introduction in southern Europe extended slowly over the other continents. At present the corn crop of the world is normally: United States 3,000,000,000 bushels, Europe as a whole 500,000,000, Argentina 300,000,000, Asia as a whole 100,000,000, Africa about 75,000,000. The corn crop of the United States has been stated as holding first rank in the value of our farm output, hay ranking second, cotton third and wheat fourth.

### PATRIOTISM AND COURTESY

We have been intending to say something on this subject for several days, and it may as well be said now as later.

The first duty of every American citizen is to show the proper reverence and respect for the flag of his country and the national anthem.

We teach these to our children in the public schools, but there are hundreds of grown persons here in Plattsmouth who are either ignorant or grossly careless in both matters.

During the Armistice day in this city not one person in fifty uncovered when the colors passed by, or gave any form of recognition to the flag of their nation.

If this had happened during the World War, large-sized sections of that conflict would have been pulled off in the streets of Plattsmouth. We were very prompt, in those days, to salute the flag, and also stand at respectful attention when the "Star Spangled Banner" was played, but nowadays we are seemingly indifferent to both the American flag and the national anthem.

It ought to be instinctive with all persons, men, women and children, to show proper recognition when the flag passes by. Such an act is not only a recognition of what the bravest and best men of our land have died for.

If you belong to the class of people who quit being patriotic when American, don't neglect this little courtesy.

### PASSING THE BUCK

If you want to rise to the top in your business or line of work, you must have the quality of accepting responsibility instead of evading it.

The man with tendency to "pass the buck" usually finds his ladder of success has only one rung.

Business will stand for almost anything from a man if he has the courage to say, "Yes, that's my fault. But I won't make the mistake again."

Such a man stands out, like a shotgun at a disarmament conference, among the millions who continually are evading responsibility—passing the blame to other people or existing conditions.

The evasion of responsibility seems to be an almost universal human failing.

Savages people the earth with evil spirits to blame things on.

The Chinese for thousands of years blamed their famines on the gods of rain, flood, sun and insect pests. All this was nothing but self-hypnotism—the rearing of imaginary devils on whose shoulders blame was piled. Along came American engineers. They discovered water a few feet under the surface.

"Behold!" they say to the Chinese. "The famine is your own fault. Sink shallow water wells, irrigate your fields, and famine will end."

Today we have civilized America, caught in the simple economic law of cause and effect, blaming imaginary nothings for existing conditions.

Experts delve into the past, find that prices and production in previous years moved up and down like waves. Hence, they reason, we are not to blame for conditions, we are just caught up and carried along by a natural process.

We have psychiatrists, blaming the unsettled mental and moral state of the world on intangible, imaginary things like "the cosmic urge," "the wave of social hysteria," etc.

These gentlemen attract wide followings, for the world is always on the eager looking for anything new, on which it can shoulder the blame, instead of people accepting the truth and taking their own medicine.

This is the truth: That we are masters of our own destinies—that man is responsible for man's troubles.

### HAS GOOD WORDS FOR COUNTY AGENT

Searl S. Davis, One of Well Known Young Farmers of Near Murray Gives His Opinion.

Several years ago the cotton raisers of the entire south were in desperate straits on account of the destruction wrought by the boll-weevil. A clever scientist in the Department of Agriculture at Washington thought he could control the pest if he were given the chance. An appropriation was made and with the aid of college trained young men he went into the south and began work. In a comparatively short time the boll-weevil was being controlled and the cotton raisers were able to go on with their farming with a feeling that they stood a chance to make a success of the cotton crop.

The department of agriculture prepared to call in its field workers, but the cotton raisers had found so many benefits from these young college trained men in the various counties that they urged their congressmen to make such necessary arrangements that the cotton raisers could still have the advantages of these men. The result was a law making it possible for not only the cotton raisers, but all farmers in the entire United States to get the benefit of the services of trained men in meeting the various local problems. The government pays \$1,200 per year, and the county makes up the rest, the amount varying in different places.

That the farmers of the country are benefited by the county agent is evidenced when we realize that out of three thousand counties in the United States, twenty-four hundred of them are taking advantage of this law. In our own county the cost of County Agent Snipes, if it were charged entirely to the farms, amounts to \$1 per 160 acres. During times such as these there should be rigid economy along all lines, public and private. All tax payers know that taxes are too high and that every effort must be made to limit expenses in the county budget. If our county agent cannot show that he is a profitable employee, then he should be dismissed. If our county agent is making good financial returns, he should be retained.

In the program for the County Farm Bureau there are many lines of activity, some of which are hops, cattle, poultry club, pig club, soil, seeds, sophers, T. B. diseases among live stock and plants, county fair, cost records, hot lunch clubs, sewing clubs, culling, pre-fair work, clothing, remodeling, short cuts, dress-making, millinery, health and meal planning.

Let us consider in particular one of the progressive and most valuable activities of County Agent Snipes the past year. He has introduced into Cass county the new variety of wheat known as Kaared. It is a better yielding wheat than we have had before. From the seed brought here by Snipes and offered to any farmer who wanted to pay for it and make a trial, there was an increased yield in this county of nine thousand bushels. At threshing time this wheat would have sold for \$1 per bushel. In this one matter we credit Snipes with paying his own salary for several years. He is making good returns on the money invested in Farm Bureau work and we would be making our condition worse rather than better if we were to disperse with a county agent.

Yours truly,  
SEARL S. DAVIS,  
Murray, Nebraska.

### REPORT ON RAILROAD WORKERS

Washington, Nov. 28.—Class one railroads, comprising those which have monthly receipts in excess of \$1,000,000, employed 1,164,872 persons in July, 1921, at a wage cost of \$214,339,385, according to a report published by the interstate commerce commission today. The average of the first of a series compiled under provisions of the transportation act to show the aggregate number of employees, their classification, wages, working hours and other data.

Of the workers listed in today's report, 15,151 were classified as executive officials, receiving an average monthly pay of \$523. There were approximately 273,000 persons working on maintenance of way, 459,000 on maintenance of equipment and 289,283 on train and engine transportation service. Average rates of pay for forty-eight classes of employees, ranging from messengers to general managers, were found by the comparison, the lowest being \$62 a month.

### BONUS BILL IS BOUND TO COME.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, discussed with President Harding tonight matters which may be included in the message to congress next week, upon which the president is working. As his personal opinion, Senator Watson expressed the belief that "nothing in the world" could prevent enactment during the regular session of a bonus bill. One new source of revenue had become available, he said, through the announced intention of the British government to begin annual payments of approximately \$200,000,000 on the war debt to the United States.

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### AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

By the POST ADJUTANT

1922 dues are now payable. Annual election of officers Wednesday night, December 21st.

The auditing committee is preparing a voluminous report for presentation at the Dec. 7th meeting.

The football season is over and a report will be forthcoming on this activity at the next meeting on December 7th.

"300 members in 1922" should be the slogan. It can be done. In fact it should be easy with our present low dues and fine clubrooms.

It is reported several dark horse candidates are being groomed to enter the race for post commander at the annual election December 21st.

Signs have been made by Roy Holby inviting strangers in the city who are Legion members to visit the club rooms. These will be placed in the depots and hotels.

There is strong talk of a banquet some time after the first of the year at which Legion members and citizens generally would meet for an evening of entertainment and refreshment.

Increasing numbers of members are gathering at the club rooms to spend their evenings now that cold weather has set in and the base burner sheds a radiant and welcome glow of warmth.

Legion men are invited guests of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 733, B. P. O. Elks next Tuesday night, Dec. 6th. Elks have a good turnout and show the "Elks" we appreciate their hospitality. What do you say, "Al?"

The post will soon have four past commanders, Frank Smith, Aubrey Duxbury, Wm. Shopp and Emil J. Hild, whose term expires next month. The policy established by Past Commander Duxbury when he refused to be a candidate for reelection two years ago is a good one, and its continuation will result in placing new men at the helm each year.

At the annual meeting for the election of officers, December 21st, the present officers will submit reports of the past year's work. Perhaps the most surprising of these will be that showing the large number of claims successfully handled by Post Service Officer Aubrey Duxbury. The fact that his services were given wholly without charge makes his efficient work all the more commendable. At no time has he been slow or backward in taking up the claims of unfortunate comrades and presenting them to the government in a way that secured results, oftentimes at the expense of his own business, and a vote of thanks not only from the Legion, but all ex-service men and citizens interested in seeing that the soldier gets a square deal, is due Mr. Duxbury.

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