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**THE ROADS OF 1917.**

It will be but a short time now until the rigors and storms of winter will be past and the problems of a new year will be before us for solution.

One of the most important of these problems will be, "What of our country roads in 1917?"

The year 1916 witnessed the greatest impetus to road building that has ever been known in our history. Government, state, county and municipality all awoke and attacked the problem with vigor, and the results in many instances were most gratifying.

But there was, the past year, another element in the solution of the good road problem that heretofore had been lacking—that of community co-operation. In many parts of the country the importunities of the good roads advocates had effect, and the PEOPLE awoke to the live fact that the roads were THEIR roads and that THEY were individually responsible for their maintenance. And this was just the added force needed to give the movement an impetus that nothing could stop.

It is this feature of community co-operation that must be fostered if our roads are to be made what we would have them. Each and every citizen must be fully aroused to his responsibility—not merely to pay his taxes and give his few days of work each year, but to shoulder his full share of responsibility and never let up until every road in his community is a good road.

Many communities have worked up a sentiment that each and every citizen shall give one day out of each month to voluntary labor on the roads. This is an auxiliary to all other road working facilities. And the plan as carried out in these communities has worked splendid results in the improvement of the highways.

If all communities will organize on this plan, work it up to a maximum of efficiency, and keep the enthusiasm at white heat it will be only a short while until they wake to the fact that their road problem has been solved.

**THE COST OF HIGH LIVING.**

The success attending the boycott on eggs and turkeys serves to remind us of the remark of a recent writer who ventured the opinion that it was not so much the high cost of living as it was the cost of high living that was troubling the country at this time.

That writer placed his finger on one of the sorest spots in our domestic economy.

We are the most extravagant people on earth.

Fifty years ago our fathers would have sworn mighty but righteous oaths had any been guilty of our extravagance. They lived in a manner that we of this day would consider the extreme of hardship.

Our grandmothers, could they come back, would be thoroughly scandalized at our profligate extravagance, and yet the strange thing to us is that they managed to extract about as much happiness from life as we do, if not a little more.

It has been said that the luxuries of one generation are the necessities of the next.

If this be true the outlook in a few generations is truly appalling. Given all of our luxuries as their necessities with proportionate luxuries of their own of which we have not yet even dreamed, to what gigantic extent will extravagance have reached?

The picture is not a promising one. In fact, it is no means attractive. It has been said that a European peasant's family would live in comfort on what the average American kitchen consigns to the swill barrel. And we haven't a doubt of the truth of the assertion.

Here's the American pace: Mr. and Mrs. B. worth half a million, aspire to live on the same scale as Mr. and Mrs. A. who are worth a full million. And Mr. and Mrs. C. worth only a quarter of a million, would keep pace with the B's who have half a million, and so on down the line.

Really, isn't it time for the sober, intelligent citizenship of the country to call a halt on the useless, senseless and even idiotic extravagance of the age?

There is an end to every string, and the American people are a mighty long way from the beginning.

**OUR MISTAKEN CHARITY.**

The season is again with us when "Sweet Charity" dons her glad rags and ambles forth on her mission of so-called mercy.

"Mission of curs-y" would be a more appropriate term.

Nine-tenths of the charity of the age in its present form is a curse to the recipient rather than a blessing. Three classes of undiluted charity can be warranted to cure the most perfect case of self-respect and leave in its place the most abject case of sycophancy that could be desired.

Seriously, our system of charity is dead wrong. Any system of promiscuous giving that does not require some equivalent in service—except in cases of physical or mental disability, is just so much toward the eternal destruction of self respect and self reliance.

The Man of Galilee said in effect to all of the multitudes that followed him: "Ye followed me for the loaves and fishes." Thousands of charity-made mendicants are today on the same quest.

Why is the hobo? Why is the mendicant? The answer is simple. Self-respect is dead. And in thousands of cases misplaced charity has been its slayer. Effective charity should help the recipient to help himself, and this should be accomplished in such a manner that he may retain his self-respect and independence as a man.

The relief associations of our local land should give to the down-and-out not money, food or raiment, but work

whereby money, food and raiment may be earned.

Every mendicant, made so by mistaken charity, is a liability to society. Every unfortunate placed on his feet and again set going by furnishing him the means by which his own efforts may restore him, is an asset to society.

Any city or town with the proper foresight can provide for its down-and-outs work sufficient for their maintenance. This should be done, and absolutely nothing dispensed without some return in service—except, as we have stated, in the case of the mentally and physically disabled.

**CHURCH NOTES.**

**Presbyterian**

The pastor fully intended to announce last week his appreciation of the many Christmas tokens received both from individuals and the church. The beautiful rocker has become the most popular article of furniture at the Manse.

Sunday morning at 10:30 the Quarterly Communion service will be observed and an opportunity given to any who may wish to unite with the church. The session will be convened at the church at 10:00 o'clock to receive new members. An opportunity will also be given parents who wish to have their children baptized. We hope every member of the church and congregation will be present. Start the new year right by going to church. In the evening at 7:30 the pastor will preach from the subject: "How God Reckons Service."

The contest between the "Hustlers" and the "Rustlers" will close next Sabbath morning. If you stay at home it may cause your side to lose. "Hustlers" hustle, and "Rustlers" rustle.

The Ladies' Industrial society will meet January 10th, at the home of Mrs. S. E. Galloway.

We had a splendid Watchnight service at the Baptist church last Sabbath evening. Rev. Burrell of Grand Island led the first part of the service and Rev. Beebe the last, and both gave very inspiring addresses.

**Methodist.**

The parsonage folks enjoyed a fine dinner and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Christian Oltjenbruns and family on New Year's Day. We have been the recipients of some nice canned fruit since the last writing. Our good friend, the church treasurer, was so elated and preoccupied on account of the arrival of a fine boy at his home the fore part of the week that he failed to hand the preacher his weekly stipend with the customary punctuality. Instead of censuring him we most heartily congratulate him and his good wife over their added happiness.

The meetings at Wiggle Creek have a good start. Service every night at 7:30. Come out and help us. Rev. Waggoner delivered very fine sermons Sunday and Monday. Pray for the work. Everybody is welcome. Lots of young people are attending. Room for more.

The little cards sent by the pastor to the members are being signed and sent in. Thank you friends. Please help. Sign up and do the best you can to attend. You expect the preacher to do his best. "Go thou and do likewise." You will thoroughly enjoy the Thursday night program as was outlined in the letter to you. No preaching. Round table conversational meeting. You need the meeting and the meeting needs you.

We will have a special meeting on Sunday morning at 10:30. It will be "ADVOCATE" day. The general rules of our church will be read and we would enjoy a full attendance of the members. If you have children you would like baptized the opportunity will be provided, also for adults. We will be glad to receive new members. Sacramental service at the close. Don't loaf Sunday night. Come to church at 7:30. Epworth League at 6:30. Stay to Sunday school at 11:45. The school with the "pep." Try it.

**GARLAND THEATRE PROGRAM.**

Commencing Thursday, night Jan. 4th.  
THURSDAY NIGHT  
"Then I'll Come Back to You"  
5 reels.  
SATURDAY NIGHT  
"Naked Hearts."  
5 acts.  
TUESDAY NIGHT  
"A Million For Mary"  
Kolb & Dill (5 act comedy).

**BLUEBIRD PHOTOPLAYS**

PRESENTS  
RUPERT JULIAN IN  
"NAKED HEARTS"

THE CAST  
MAUD (1st Period).....Zoe Bech  
MAUD (2nd Period).....  
.....Francella Billington  
CECIL (1st Period).....Gordon Griffith  
CECIL (2nd Period).....Rupert Julian  
HOWARD (1st Period).....Geo. Hupp  
HOWARD (2nd Period).....Jack Holt  
LORD LOVELACE.....Douglas Gerrard  
MAUD'S FATHER.....Ben Horning  
CECIL'S FATHER.....Paul Weigle  
CECIL'S MOTHER.....Nannie Wright  
She was engaged to Harry a foppish lord whom her father had chosen for her, but her heart was given to another. On the night of the engagement party she was ready to elope with the man she loved, and actually arrived at the trysting place, when something happened that changed the whole course of her life and led her finally behind the convent walls, from which she was never to emerge. Meanwhile war had cast its shadow upon her life, time worked many changes, homes were wrecked and events that followed altered the verdict of fate so completely that what promised to become the story of happy lives and peaceful homes turned into deepest tragedy. These are some of the incidents that conspire to make "Naked Hearts" the Bluebird photoplay, one of the most gripping dramas of the period.

**LIVE STOCK PRICES AT SOUTH OMAHA**

**Cattle Market Stronger; Very Respectable Run**

**HOG MARKET ABOUT STEADY**

Sheep and Lamb Market Active, Stronger, Very Small Supply. Both Ewes and Lambs Steady to 10c Higher. Lambs Equal the Record—Fed Westerns as High as \$13.40—New Record for Season of \$9.40 on Ewes.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, Nebraska, January 2nd, 1917.—The new year and week opened out with a very respectable run of cattle, some 219 loads, or about 5,700 head. Although a very moderate supply of beef cattle showed up in the offerings and packers were not working their full force account of the New Year's holiday, the demand was sufficient to absorb all the desirable beef steers at prices that were anywhere from strong to fully a dime higher than the close of last week. The choice of prime finished beefs were somewhat scarce, but the fair to very good 1,050 to 1,450-pound cattle found a ready sale at \$9.60@10.40.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice yearlings, \$10.25@11.50; fair to choice beefs, \$10.00@11.00; fair to good beefs, \$9.50@10.00; common to fair beefs, \$7.75@9.25; good to choice heifers, \$7.00@8.50; good to choice cows, \$7.00@8.00; fair to good cows, \$6.00@7.00; canners and cutters, \$4.50@5.75; veal calves, \$7.50@10.25; bolagna bulls, \$5.00@5.75; beef bulls, \$6.00@7.75.

A light run of hogs put in its appearance on Monday, when only sixty-four cars or about 5,000 head were reported in. Offerings were too light to give packers who were not killing Monday a kill for Tuesday, and as a result the packer trade was rather sluggish. Bulk of the hogs sold at \$9.65@10.00, and the top reached \$10.15.

The new year opened out with the smallest run of sheep and lambs for a Monday since last May. Estimates called for 18 cars, or 4,500 head. Most of the arrivals were fat lambs, and although the packers were not killing Monday, they took hold of the offerings in very good shape, everything having changed hands before 9:30. Prices ranged from steady to as much as 10c higher than last week's close. Aged sheep sold on about the same basis as lambs, steady to 10c up. Most of the ewes offered sold up to \$9.35@9.40, the latter price being a new high mark for the season.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, good to choice, \$12.25@13.40; lambs, fair to good, \$12.50@13.25; lambs, clipped, \$10.75@11.80; lambs, feeders, \$11.00@12.25; yearlings, good to choice, \$11.00@11.75; yearlings, fair to good, \$10.00@11.00; wethers, fair to choice, \$9.00@10.25; ewes, good to choice, \$8.90@9.40; ewes, fair to good, \$7.50@8.90; ewes, plain to culls, \$5.50@7.25; ewes, feeding, \$5.00@7.25.

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**Order of Hearing on Petition for Appointment of Administrator or Administratrix**

The State of Nebraska, County of Sherman, ss.

In the County Court. In the Matter of the Estate of Charles F. Brown, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Alvina M. Brown praying that Administration of said Estate may be granted to Alvina M. Brown as Administratrix.

Ordered, That January 10th, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said County, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency 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 Loup City Northwestern, a weekly newspaper printed in said County, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.

Dated December 19th, 1916.  
(SEAL) E. A. Smith, County Judge.  
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**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale to me directed from the District Court of Sherman County, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure of a mechanics lien rendered in said court on the 20th day of June 1916, wherein Dierks Lumber and Coal Company was plaintiff, and Lewis Haller, et al, were defendants, I have levied upon the following described real estate, to-wit: A tract of land in Section 28, in Township 14, North Range 16, West in Sherman County, Nebraska, more particularly described, as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 28, township 14, north range 16, west of the 6th P. M. in Sherman County, Nebraska, running thence west along the north line of said southeast quarter 283 feet, thence south parallel with the east line of said southeast quarter 78 rods, thence east 283 feet, thence north along the east line of said southeast quarter of same section 78 rods to place of beginning west of the 6th principal meridian, situated in said Sherman County and State of Nebraska, and I will on the 30th day of January 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the south door of the court house, in Loup City, Sherman County, Nebraska, offer for sale and sell said above described real estate at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the amount of \$335.00 with interest at 7 per cent per annum, and \$50.25 costs of the above action, and accruing costs, which amount was adjudged to be due to the plaintiff above named from the defendants Lewis Haller et al above named, and to be a lien upon the above described premises.

Dated at Loup City, Nebraska, this 27th day of December, 1916.

L. A. WILLIAMS, Sheriff of Sherman County, Nebraska.  
J. S. KIRKPATRICK, Attorney.

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No matter how we may just the cold weather, we will have our heat heartily at the heat next summer.

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