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THE LIVABLE TOWN.

Why are so many country towns going backwards? During the past 10 years 650 towns in a middle western state have decreased in population. The rural districts of another have lost 180,000 people. Practically every other middle western state has suffered in the same way, and it is believed that shortly every state east of the Rocky mountains will face this condition. At the same time every large city in these states has shown a remarkable growth in population. This indicates that the young people of the rural districts and small towns are dissatisfied with conditions, and gravitate to the larger towns because of the pleasures and better living conditions they hope to find there. Until we make our small towns attractive we cannot hope to hold the young people. There must be amusements for them. We must stop the continual nagging, the passage of narrow laws, the constant fretting of the older people who see in the pleasures of youth eternal damnation and the end of morality. Times change, and with them goes the narrowness of puritanism. In years gone by, dancing was condemned. Now dancing is recognized as a healthful pastime. It is encouraged, or should be. If the young people desire to dance the new dances, why not let them? The old people of today, if they dance at all, waltzed and two-stepped, where their grandfathers and grandmothers danced square dances and the minute. Simply because a fad is new, it is not necessarily immoral. Encourage the young people in all the harmless amusements of the day, regardless of what you did when young or what your parents taught you to do. This is a new generation we are trying to keep in the small towns, and youth demands its play. Be broad and liberal. Narrowness in teaching or by law can only result in disrespect for authority and law; in making harder the lives of those who don't think as we do or in driving them entirely out of the community and to those places where they can have some freedom of thought and action.

THOUGHT RECORDS.

A tinfoil philosopher has said: "The more I see of men the better I like dogs." As an example of logic, that is a good epigram, but there is more of cleverness in it than of love for humanity. Man is alright in himself; it is only when he reflects the thoughts of others that he falls to their level. No institution or group of men or association is greater than the individual. A religious or an irreligious man; a democrat or a republican, a prohibitionist or an anti-prohibitionist, a suffragist, or an anti-suffragist is not great or evil because he is a religious man, a democrat, a prohibitionist or a suffragist. He is great only in that proportion as he is conscientiously honest in his convictions or evil in that proportion as he goes against them. Thus a man who believes in his soul that a principle is right, does wrong when he votes for a law that would oppose that principle. Also he does wrong by voting for a law which he intends later to help nullify. Think for yourself and do what you think is right. Thus a man becomes truly great. Do not record the thoughts of others. Thought is the light from heaven. Consideration of bodies of men makes us hard and narrow. Think for yourself and let others think for themselves. Don't be a thought record.

The national treasury continues to run behind about three-quarters of a million dollars per day. By inducing early payments of income taxes and by urging prompt remittances by collectors, the treasury department made a book showing of a balance of about \$82,000,000 on July 1. That this

was a fictitious showing is now proven by the fact that from the first day of the new fiscal year, the expenditures exceeded the receipts and the balance dropped to about \$67,000,000 at the close of business Saturday, July 24. On the corresponding date two years ago, with republican revenue and appropriation laws in effect, the balance was \$129,453,000.

With the inventive brains of the country at the disposal of the government, we might well search around for an ounce of preventive gray matter and apply it to our inland marine service. We are doing a deal of yelping over the Chicago horror, but what is being done to safeguard the lives of other people on other boats?

We have a few friends and we have some enemys, and there are some people who don't care a rap about us anyway. But we are not shedding any tears, or losing flesh, or turning gray hairs, because every other man with brains is paddling around in the same canoe.

It's a blasted shame that we can never hear of these wonderful bargains until some other fellow has gobbled them up. Here's the Wabash railroad, worth \$200,000,000, sold the other day for \$18,000,000 and we didn't know a thing about it until too late to get in our bid.

If you like your home town, tell everybody about it. But if you don't like it, go to work and do something to convert it into a town that you can like. Perhaps the only thing the town needs may take root in your own brain.

"The federal income tax has come to stay," declares the Springfield Republican. Yes. And if democratic extravagance continues while tariff duties are reduced, the federal income tax will have to be increased.

"I ought to have sense enough to quit this blamed town," said the chronic knocker the other day. We promptly offered to supply the sense and the transportation, but the sucker is still here.

The wedding in Greece.

Julius Caesar Nayphe, the Athenian, who lectures here during chautauqua, says that divorce is practically unknown in Greece. This may be due to the manner in which they proceed with the courtship. The mothers there have a lot to do with the wooing. The mother of the bridegroom calls at the house of the daughter-in-law to be, and inquires about the girl; learns her mental qualifications, her characteristics, and her accomplishments.

The mother of the young lady likewise calls on the young man's mother and learns his peculiarities, his likes and his dislikes. And then if all seems well to both the parents and the young people, the wedding ceremony is performed. And an elaborate affair it is, too! Mr. Nayphe contrasts the weddings of the Americans with those of the Orient also, as well as the manners and customs of the people generally. Undoubtedly no one has ever appeared in Loup City wearing, as Mr. Nayphe does, those elaborate and heavily embroidered robes of his native land. He tells his story in a unique and unusually fascinating way. It's interesting and helpful.

THE CHURCHES.

German.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning devotion 10:30. Subject: "The Sign of the Times." Everybody invited to attend; everybody welcome. Choir meets for its weekly practice Friday evening at 8 p. m.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Loup City, Nebraska, for the month ending July 31, 1915. Ladies—Miss Ida Collins. Gentlemen—M.C. Steele. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.—C. F. Beushausen, Postmaster.

C. J. Whitmore and daughter, Ruth, were over from Litchfield Friday. Miss Whitmore took the reading circle examination while here, preparatory to teaching the coming year.

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Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, Aug. 3.—A rather moderate run of cattle arrived yesterday, about 3,700 head. Good to choice beef steers were in good demand and prices were firmly held with the latter part of last week, but it was a rather slow and uncertain trade on the common to fair warmed up and more or less grassy cattle. Nothing new developed in the market for cows and heifers and for the most part prices were in practically the same notches as toward the latter part of last week. Veal calves were in active demand and firmly held at \$7.00 to \$10.00, and there was about a steady deal in bulls, stags, etc. The wet weather was an unfavorable feature of the stocker and feeder trade, and while good to choice grades sold at just about recent figures, the medium and common grades were slow sale, at steady to a shade lower prices.

Cattle quotations: Good to choice heaves, \$9.25@9.75; fair to good heaves, \$8.75@9.25; common to fair heaves, \$7.25@8.50; good to choice yearlings, \$9.00@9.85; fair to good yearlings, \$7.75@8.75; common to fair yearlings, \$7.00@7.75; good to choice fed heifers, \$7.00@7.50; good to choice fed cows, \$5.50@7.25; good to choice grass heifers, \$6.50@7.00; good to choice grass cows, \$6.25@6.75; fair to good cows, \$5.50@6.00; canners and cutters, \$3.75@5.25; veal calves, \$7.00@10.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$5.25@7.50; prime feeding steers, \$8.00@8.50; good to choice feeders, \$7.50@8.00; fair to good feeders, \$6.75@7.40; common to fair stockers, \$5.50@6.50; stock heifers, \$5.75@6.50; stock cows, \$5.50@6.00; stock calves, \$6.00@7.50.

Some 3,300 hogs showed up yesterday. The market was a little slow, but prices were generally a nickel higher. Best lights sold up to \$7.30, and in comparison to the size of the supplies there was a better representation over \$7.00 than at last week's close. Packers' purchases were made around \$6.25@6.40.

Sheep and lamb receipts totaled 18,000 head. The market opened out slow, packers wanting to buy at lower prices, but finally both sheep and lambs bring fully steady prices. Trade was active when once under way. Most of the lambs brought \$8.75@8.90, the latter price was as high as has been paid since July 12. Some yearlings went at \$7.00. Quit a few ewes brought \$6.20@6.25, with a bunch up to \$6.40.

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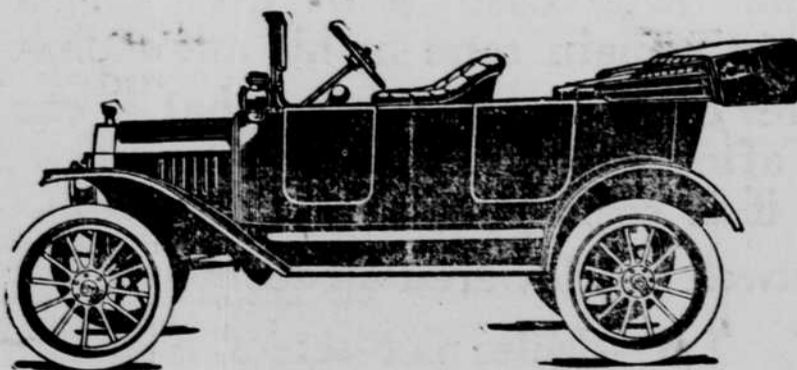
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