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The death of Dr. Gifford was a sad blow to Omaha.

A lot of people have better digestion than memories.

Russian Sovietism can thrive as long as armed support is given it.

That is all that sustains government ownership and control in Russia.

Save money by buying your Christmas presents of home merchants.

Congress convened yesterday in regular session. Will business be business?

Sometimes the wages of sin look suspiciously like obese dividends on watered stock.

In some states they sure do pick peanut politicians for the "gubernatorial" office.

A good fire company is the pride of any city. Plattsmouth can boast of one of the best.

Remember the motto: "Home first and the world afterwards" when you think of buying Christmas presents.

"Be sure you are right by going ahead" in buying your Christmas presents at home and with home merchants.

If legs are going under cover again, the big problem that will confront a lot of men will be what to do with their eyes.

The honeymoon is over when she discovers a husband makes the same kind of noise a father does when he is parting with money.

A woman's complexion is divided by her nose; it is the true center.

The surgeon is ready to cut any old thing—except his bill.

The Japanese seem to be losing out in Hawaii, with increasing gain of Filipinos. It is just as well for the United States this is the case.

The entertainment at the Legion Hall last week was greeted by fair attendance each night, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Japan is understood to disfavor the proposed cruiser ratio, and to make this seven to ten would be more to its liking. The powers must consider.

The public rather lost track of congressional activities in the excitement of the stock market, but it may be stated that the senate kept nobly at its task of fixing up tariff schedules.

Time flies, so Congress must be up and at it again.

The producer and consumer often meet, but both have good manners.

The kiddies are looking for Christmas and Santa Claus, their best friend.

What a jolly old world this would be if we could see others as we see ourselves.

The new bridge will soon be ready for use. How about the street leading to the bridge?

Dr. Gifford was the first person that tested Col. Bates' eyes twenty-eight years ago when he made visits to this city.

Lucidity and stupidity travel along peacefully, with the latter saying, "Sometimes I am used purposely and should have more credit."

Some of the modern young people give you the impression their consciences were removed along with their tonsils and adenoids.

Christmas time should be prosperous. Everyone should have money at these times. And he that has no Christmas money is a poor excuse.

Our merchants have fine Christmas goods on display, and has prepared inspiration and trade. Traded at home and be happy ever afterward.

The orator told his audience that the perspective and prospective were different propositions. "Right this time," said one. "How you do dissect things."

They say that a man's mind becomes feminine after marriage. There is nothing odd about that. He's always getting a piece of his wife's mind isn't he?

It's probably lucky that women were born without a sense of humor, so many of them are living with such huge jokes they wouldn't be able to do anything but laugh.

You can tell by looking at her husband whether she has as much chances of seeing what the inside of a taxi looks like on a rainy night as she has of seeing what the North Pole does at sunrise.

Dry agent barred by court, from invading homes without search writ. Inalienable rights of citizens superior. Too easy enforcement of Enforcement of Nation's liquor law, Nebraska Federal judge believes—ruling will have echo throughout country, prosecutor protests.

If she can discuss the tariff intelligently, it's a new model car to a last year's snowball that he has to buy new socks if the old ones get too full of holes to wear.

The old-fashioned novelist had a good deal to say about "the one man for the one woman," but the novelists today have to provide a half dozen men for the one woman.

The kitchenette has put the kibosh on big company dinners—a company meal now consists of cold boiled ham, potato salad and cheese bought at the corner delicatessen.

If a modern girl puts a rolling pin in her hope chest, her boy friend is a superoptimist if he believes she plans to use it to roll out pie dough and not to flatten him out if he doesn't behave.

There are 200,000 members of the Bankers' association, representing resources of \$65,000,000,000. This started in 1875 with 17 members. The membership takes in the several banking systems.

What a girl wants now in the way of a husband is one who'll have enough so a sink will simply mean to her what a stone does to water, and not what she'll spend hours standing in front of.

The freedom of the seas will have freedom of debate in the coming naval limitation conference. It looks as if a revision of present ideas will be necessary. Some stiffnecks may have to bend a little.

The Senate was so busily engaged in thwarting the plans of President Hoover in regard to the tariff it really had no time to dispose of the Vane case, so the state of Pennsylvania, senatorially speaking, is a good deal like a "one-eyed" automobile.

The new Senator from Kansas asked Senator Caraway of Arkansas to speak so that he might understand him. Mr. Caraway replied that he didn't expect to live that long. This choice reply is just for your own use, free, if you're ever in a similar situation.

This is no longer the country of Franklin or Lincoln, says Chicago University history professor; our flag rarely thought of it symbolizing revolution; ideals of founding fathers have been lost and forgotten; evolution worked by wars and reaction, culminating in the complainant Harding, who ushered in the regime now in power.

The country is rich in money. The Federal Reserve Board says it is plentiful and that loan rates will be reasonable. There is no overproduction of the necessities or the luxuries of life. With the employment of labor that is assured by the prosecution of the constructive enterprises planned by private, corporate, states and Federal interests there will be assured the full measure of purchasing power to the consumer of old and new production.

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Roasts are particularly popular with wives, and the reason is not far to seek, for they give a wife an advantage over their husband that he finds great difficulty in overcoming. In the first place, Sunday roasts are popular with housewives because they solve not only the Sunday dinner problem but the Monday and Tuesday dinner problems as well. For on Monday they appear warmed over and on Tuesday in the guise of meat pie or stew. Thus at one stroke to provide three dinners out of seven is an accomplishment not to be sniffed at.

But the significance of the Sunday roast is even more subtle than that. It appears contemporaneously with the clean Sunday table linen and accompanied by enough gravy to float a battleship. Only the most skillful hand can avoid a catastrophe. At the beginning of the meal the good wife warms against grease spots on the table cloth, and she scolds about them at the end of the meal.

So long as Sunday roasts appear upon the table husbands will have to undergo a weekly demonstration of their fallibility. It is a test of masculine prowess commensurate only with keeping the grass cut or remembering the articles to be purchased in town. Of course, a roast could be carved in the kitchen or the carving knife could be handed over to the doct fingers of the better half, but that would be an admission of defeat which only the most domineering of husbands would have the hardihood to survive.

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TRIAL BY JURY ON TRIAL

"Should our jury system be modified?" is the subject of a symposium in the Congressional Digest.

The question of the efficiency of the jury system in the administration of justice has for many years been debated by lawyers and leading public men. The system has been vigorously attacked as tending to impede trials and defeat justice.

The question is becoming acute through the recommendations of a committee of the New York bar for the relief of congestion in the Federal courts and President Hoover's appointment of a National Commission on Law Observation and Enforcement charged with the duty of examining into all the causes of delay and inefficiency in the procedure of courts. Undoubtedly the jury system is on trial before the commission and will subsequently be on trial before Congress and the people.

The recommendations of the New York bar's committee have resulted in the introduction in Congress of several bills dealing with the subject. For the relief of court congestion they provide for the appointment by Federal Judges of Court Commissioners to whom may be referred minor cases, mostly misdemeanors or involving small property values in which the right of trial by jury is not guaranteed by the Constitution, but they provide further for a waiver of the constitutional right of jury trial. One bill provides that if the right of trial by jury is not demanded in writing the trial may proceed without jury, thus nullifying the right unless it is specifically demanded by accused persons or litigants.

In the Digest's symposium, to which leading lawyers contribute, those opposed to the jury system or favoring its modification argue that it is not suitable for modern society; that it is not scientific; that juries are unintelligent and are not capable of judging facts in the complications of the social and industrial organizations of today; that they are moved by prejudice and emotions. There is ground for these criticisms, but the real question is whether the objections outweigh the advantages of the present system. Not one of them gives consideration to the principle of liberty and justice—the safety of the people from oppression and injustice upon which the jury system is based.

It is interesting to note that the two Judges engaged in the discussion—Henry Clay Caldwell, former Judge of the Eighth Federal Court of Appeals, and Marcus Kavanaugh of the Superior Court of Cook County, Ill.—defend the jury system.

Judge Caldwell, declaring that the errors of juries as to judgment of facts are far less numerous than the errors of Judges in the interpretation of laws and less important, because they do not become precedents, thus compares the merits of the two systems:

The twelve men summoned from the body of the people represent, in their several persons, different pursuits and occupations in life. Their prejudices, if they have any, resulting from their varied pursuits and environments, counteract each other; but the single Judge, having no counterpoise, his bias and prejudice find full and unrestrained expression in his judgments. He is, besides, constantly struggling to force his decisions into the groove of precedent, and to that end keeps on pursuing precedent and analogies and refining and refining until he grows "wild with logic and metaphysics" and loses sight of the facts of merits of the case in hand. Juries performing casual service only can never acquire the bad habit of fixed tribunals of deciding mechanically upon some supposed precedent.

Jesse C. Duke of the Virginia bar contributes this pregnant statement: The jury is the last check and balance which the people have upon Congress and the Federal Government. Unjust laws and unjust or political prosecutions cannot be successful as long as they require 12 men to unanimously vote to approve them in a jury trial.

The origin of trial by jury is lost in the obscurity of the past, but it has grown naturally in the development of Anglo-Saxon society. After the abuses of power under the throne it was embedded firmly in the English Constitution. It was adopted by the American colonies, except for minor offenses and cases. It was valued so highly by the founders of the Republic that it was embodied in the constitutional Bill of Rights.

From the voluminous writings of Thomas Jefferson advocating the right of trial by jury his opinion of its value may be gathered from the following excerpts: I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a Government can be held to the principles of its Constitution.

The people are not qualified to judge questions of law, but they are very capable of judging ques-

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So long as Articles VI and VII of the Federal Constitution stand the right of trial by jury cannot be abolished. Modification is only a step, but one step leads to another. How long after modification will there be a campaign, supported by persuasive eloquence and powerful influence, to abolish the right of trial by jury?

The extremes to which some Federal Judges have gone in interpreting and applying the prohibition laws and in suppressing liberty and free speech in political cases are not assurances of the reservation of liberty and justice should trial by Judge be substituted for trial by jury.

We want more speed and efficiency in the administration of justice, but is it either necessary or wise to sacrifice constitutional safeguards to gain them? The long delays are caused by dockets congested by police cases, errors of Judges and appeals. Justice is of first importance.

The people should realize fully what may be the consequences of the antijury movement and what it means to them. Ultimately they will be the jury to render the final verdict in the jury trial.

A MARXIAN VIEW OF FASHION Earl Marx rewrote the history of the world in terms of economic conflict. He showed that the rise and fall of dynasties, the friendships and enmities of nations, the collapse of old customs and the rise of new ones—all these could be explained in terms of dollars and cents.

It seems that the women's new dresses have been lengthened to the ankle, not because women are tired of the short ones, or because they deem it advisable once more to make a mystery of the feminine calf, or even "just because." The reason is—Senator Walsh of Massachusetts is our irrefragable authority—that French pattern makers have followed a governmental suggestion that more cloth should be used in order to relieve unemployment in the textile industry. Score another point for Karl.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Copy for this Department furnished by County Agent

Annual County Wide Farm Bureau Meeting

The Cass County Farm Bureau will hold their annual meeting in Weeping Water Saturday, December 14th at the Congregational church.

The program will start at 10 a. m. with the Louisville Farmers Union band. Mr. W. E. Banning, president of the Farm Bureau board will be in charge of the meeting.

There will be no charges for any of this program and every one interested in extension and farm bureau work is encouraged to come and spend the day.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by Golda Noble Beal, Clerk of the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 28th day of December A. D. 1929, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the south front door of the court house, in the city of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 18 Township Eleven (11), Range Thirteen (13), East of the 6th P. M. Cass County, Nebraska—

The same being levied and taken as the property of George W. Rhoden and Mary E. Rhoden, defendants, to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by Conservative Mortgage Company, a corporation, plaintiff against said defendants.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, November 21st A. D. 1929.

BERT REED, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a special order of sale on execution of judgment rendered by Golda Noble Beal, Clerk of the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, upon a decree entered in said Court in favor of D. O. Dwyer as Intervenor of the case of Emma E. Romne vs. Charles Emory Romne, wherein the said D. O. Dwyer was decreed a lien upon an undivided one-seventh of the Southwest Quarter and the South half of the Northwest Quarter of Sec. 9, Tp. 11 Range 12, in Cass County, Nebraska; that pursuant to said writ, I will, on the 23rd day of December, 1929, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, sell said real estate at the south front door of the court house in the city of Plattsmouth in said Cass County, Nebraska, at auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said lien, the amount due thereon being \$200.00 with the per cent interest from the 1st day of February, 1927, and costs of suit, in the sum of \$23.83 and also accruing costs.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1929.

BERT REED, Sheriff of Cass County, Nebraska.

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ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To the heirs at law and to all persons interested in the estate of Malvina Coffin, deceased.

On reading the petition of Ruben E. Donnelly praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 18th day of November, 1929, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Malvina Coffin, deceased, may be proved and allowed and recorded as the last will and testament of Malvina Coffin, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate and the administration of said estate be granted to Watson Howard as administrator with the will annexed.

It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said County, on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1929, at ten 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 pendency of said petition and that 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 three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said court, this 18th day of November, A. D. 1929.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

(Seal) n18-3w

NOTICE OF HEARING on Petition for Determination of Heirship.

Estate of Lois Kiger, deceased, in the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, creditors and heirs take notice, that T. A. Kiger has filed his petition alleging that Lois Kiger died intestate in Sterling, Nebraska, on or about May 15th, 1924, being a resident and inhabitant of Cass County, Nebraska, and died seized of the following described real estate, to-wit:

An undivided fourth interest in Lots 14, 15, 22 and 23 in the northeast quarter of the north-west quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section nineteen (19), Township twelve (12) North, Range fourteen (14), east of the 6th P. M., in Cass County, Nebraska—

leaving as her sole and only heirs at law the following named persons, to-wit: T. A. Kiger, father. That the interest of the petitioner herein in the above described real estate is fee simple title as sole heir at law of said deceased, and praying for a determination of the time of the death of said Lois Kiger, and of her heirs, the degree of kinship and the right of descent of the real property belonging to the said deceased, in the State of Nebraska.

It is ordered that the same stand for hearing the 27th day of December, A. D. 1929, before the County Court at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

Dated at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1929.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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