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LONG TIME TO WAIT.

Ashland Daily Independent: Wars will end when we have an encyclopedia and a history all peoples can read without getting mad.

WILDERNESS OF VOICES.

Lowell Evening Ledger: In these days of radio broadcasting even a voice crying in the wilderness does not lack an audience.

PLENTY OF LISTENERS IN.

San Antonio Express: A Long Island society belle accepted a proposal by wireless. The swain whose girl has given him the air may take heart.

BUT THEY DID STOP.

Cleveland News: Firemen of Monroe, Michigan who drove their engine into the side of a speeding freight train can logically claim that they stop for nothing.

IF NOT, SUPPOSE HE WAS.

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin: Man who has just returned to a Cambridge, Mass., library a book he had out for 38 years is evidently what you might call a careful reader.

WET THINKING.

Washington Star: Jud Tunkins says opposition to the Eighteenth Amendment has caused many people to think more about what they drink than about what they think.

GREAT TO KNOW SOMETHING.

Almost any American audience now sleeps through a discussion of the financial situation, but cheers wildly when beer is mentioned. They actually know what the speaker is talking about when he mentions beer.—Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.

The democrats in the national senate the forepart of the week agreed on a broad program for the short session of congress. Among the list proposed is the repeal and the modification of the Volstead act. They will try and carry out the democratic promise of "Beer for Christmas."

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

By Frank P. Litschert.

The question of the foreign debts and whether or not they will be paid continues to be the all absorbing topic of the day. The propaganda for cancellation goes ahead in Europe and in certain financial quarters in the United States. Up to this time there is no evidence that the progandia is having any great effect among the chosen representatives of the American people in Congress. We are told that the British pound sterling is slumping toward zero because of the necessity for war debt payments; that nations will be forced into repudiation of their international debts with fatal effects on foreign trade; we are told that if the debt payments are continued the depression will continue and that cancellation will mean immediate prosperity.

But to each argument someone in favor of retaining the validity of these debts has found an answer. One financial writer of national reputation tells us that there is good reason to doubt the permanency of the recent slump in the British pound. He opines that it may have been in part manipulated by financial interests who want to put the worst possible phase on debt payments for the purpose of frightening America into cancellation. He adds that some of the slump is undoubtedly due to the short selling of the British money, and that when the covering comes, as it must, there is apt to be a rapid advance. He believes that if the payment is made, much of the fog and furor will disappear, the pound will recover and business will go along as usual.

While it is possible that some of the smaller countries who owe us money and whose credit is none too good at any time may be forced to repudiate their obligations, temporarily at least, there is apparently little fear that countries like Great Britain and France will use the remedy of repudiation. They have too much at stake in the way of national credit. Some financiers seem to be of the opinion that if any nations are threatening, the soon-

er they get to it the better. The Commercial and Financial Chronicle said recently:

"If some countries should actually default in their war debt payment, that would not be half so unsettling as the constant agitation of the question with attendant uncertainties. The country now needs a rest, and should be spared from the constant injection of foreign issues in its daily affairs after having suffered so severely from these during the last eighteen months."

Some of the eastern seaboard financiers who think cancellation would be such an unmixed blessing are evidently out of touch with the people back in the states, and do not realize the state of public feeling. In this regard, it may be said, that cancellation of war debt payments would be followed not only by a protest, but by a demand for the scaling down or cancellation of private obligations in this country. There are many mortgages on many farms in America, because of which a great many farm owners now face dispossession. Many of these will be unable to see why, if we can forgive Europe's debts, a little cancelling cannot be done at home in the interest of the American who owes money. The seaboard financier would doubtless shudder at such a proposal as spelling the end of financial order, but let him not forget that cancelling the European debt would set a dangerous precedent and one which might have repercussions in various parts of the country, far different from the kind that might be ordinarily expected.

In view of Europe's present attitude, that the debts are purely political and that the allied nations are being harshly treated, it is interesting to note just what was said when these loans were being negotiated back in 1917. Then the pleas to Uncle Sam to aid were vehement and frantic. As the Washington Star recently stated: "Dispatches of Lord Balfour, British secretary of state for foreign affairs; Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to London; many other continental statesmen, and Admiral W. S. Sims, show the pressure under which President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury sanctioned loans of approximately four billion that year to Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, Belgium and Serbia.

"On June 28, 1917, Ambassador Page said: 'Financial disaster to all European allies is imminent unless the United States government advances to the British enough money to pay for British purchases in the United States,' and added: "Unless we do come to their rescue we are all in danger of disaster. Great Britain will have to abandon the gold standard."

The New Era of Road Building

Ohio recently completed 1,800 miles of dustless, mudless farm-to-market roads at an average cost of but \$2,000 a mile. Commenting on this, State Highway Director Merrell said, "The relationship of flattened public pocket-books to the ever increasing need for new roads opens up a new era of road construction."

Like all other "commodities," roads have gone through constant evolution in this country. At the beginning of the automobile age, there are few highways that didn't tax the resources of even the horse and buggy. Then came the beginnings of the superhighways, costing untold thousands of dollars a mile. "Political" roads were built—splendid, high-priced arteries, traversing country which had no need for them. Millions of dollars of tax money were wasted in this way.

Now, as Mr. Merrell said, we have come to a new era. We have learned that the cost of a road must be measured by the return it gives us—that it is as wasteful to build a \$20,000 a mile road where a \$2,000 a mile road would serve, as to build a low cost road where traffic demands an artery

that can withstand the constant passage of the heaviest vehicles. Science has given us materials and processes making possible the construction of first-class, weatherproof rural roads for very small sums.

States which are building low-cost roads, connecting farms and small towns with the outside world, are laying a foundation for the future. They are setting the stage for more profitable farming, and for accelerated community development.

Mail Bandits Make Big Haul.

Five bandits robbed a registered mail carrier in Chicago last Tuesday and got away with \$500,000. The mail was intended for one of the larger Chicago banks. The vice president of the bank said that of the half million taken by the robbers there was possibly \$200,000 that might be classed as negotiable.

HOLT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NOTES

James W. Rooney
County Extension Agent

Judging Team Wins Third at Chicago

The Holt county Girls Room Judging Team, consisting of Martha Fisher and Birdie Doolittle of Amelia, placed third in the judging contest at the Eleventh National 4-H Club Congress held at Chicago November 29th to December 2nd.

In individual judging Martha placed sixth and Birdie ninth. These girls competed with a number of teams from various parts of the United States.

Women's Project Meetings

The leaders of the women's project clubs will meet at ten o'clock on Thursday December 15th at Atkinson at the World Memorial hall and on Friday, December 16th at Ewing at the City hall at the same time for the third training meeting.

Seedling Trees Will be Available

Nebraska farmers will again be able to get broadleaf and evergreen seedlings and transplants for windbreak and woodlot planting next spring, according to an announcement made today from the College of Agriculture by Extension Forester Watkins.

Present plans call for the distribution of about 850,000 seedlings. As in other years they will be distributed through the extension service and local farm bureaus by virtue of the Clarke-McNary congressional act. Farmers will pay one cent each to cover the digging, packing and shipping charges on the trees.

Practically the same varieties that were offered last year will be available again this spring, Watkins says. Though some red cedar seedlings will be available for planting, the distribution of this variety will be restricted to western Nebraska in order to help prevent the spread of cedar rust among apple trees.

In the past six years it is estimated that Nebraska farmers have planted approximately twelve million seedlings for woodlot and windbreak purposes. Last Spring 950,000 were distributed in practically every county in the state. Favorable weather conditions made ideal growing conditions and the percentage of survival was large.

Application blanks for seedlings have not yet arrived at this office and further notice will be given when the blanks arrive.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury

The Coroner's jury, which was empaneled on November 21 and heard evidence on the killing of F. J. Sexsmith, prominent Holt county farmer who was found slain at his farm home on Honey creek, northwest of this city, on Sunday morning, November 21, and which adjourned without ar-

riving at a verdict to meet again at the call of the coroner, convened again last Tuesday morning. In the meantime the murder mystery had been solved, a confession obtained from one of the guilty parties and both of them are now in jail. The coroner's jury returned the following verdict:

State of Nebraska } ss.
Holt County

At an inquisition holden at O'Neill in said county, on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1932, before me Julius D. Cronin Coroner of said county, upon the body of F. J. Sexsmith lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said Jurors, upon their oath, do say; That F. J. Sexsmith came to his death on the 20th day of November, 1932, as a result of gunshot wound feloniously inflicted by one Frank Mackay aided and abetted by one Lloyd Hammond.

In testimony whereof, the said Jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

L. G. Gillespie
William Grutsch
Eugene Krier
Mat Ernest
J. C. Parker
S. J. Weekes.

BRIEFLY STATED

Editor Murfin, of the Page Reporter, was an O'Neill visitor this morning.

Rev. B. J. Leahy left last Monday morning for a few days visit at Sioux City, Iowa.

E. C. McElhaney, of Omaha, was in the city last Wednesday visiting relatives and friends.

W. T. Fisher, for many years a resident of Atkinson but now living at Randolph, was an O'Neill visitor last Sunday.

Mrs. H. M. Uttley, president of the Holt county W. C. T. U. attended an anti beer rally held by that organization at Atkinson last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Todson and children drove to Grand Island last Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Todson's nephew, Peter Hitchler, aged eight, who was buried in that city on that day.

Mrs. Della Shaw left last Sunday for Irvington, Kentucky, where she expects to spend the winter. Her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Clauson and Mrs. J. P. Brown accompanied her as far as Omaha, returning home Monday evening.

Our Indian summer weather was checked last Tuesday night when the thermometer dropped down to 5 below zero. All day Wednesday it was quite cool, never getting over 7 above. That night it dropped down to 6 below and all day today it has hung around zero. Very little snow has fallen here and the indications are that it is going to clear up without further snow.

Weather observer Harry Bowen has been on the job checking the weather at this station for the Federal weather bureau for fifteen years, since the spring of 1917. During all that time he says that last month was the first month in all the fifteen years that there was not enough moisture here to register. Even the dry year of 1931 there was sufficient moisture here to enable them to record it.

Whiel Ed. Heeb and family were at church last Sunday some one broke into his home and broke the door of a safe that he had in his living room. The door of the safe was not blown off, but the hinges were torn off and the door badly battered, so that entrance to the safe was gained. There was not much of value in the safe, so the perpetrators of this theft were not very well paid for their pillaging.

T. T. Waid was a pleasant caller at

this office last Saturday and for the thirty-fourth annual time renewed his subscription to The Frontier, paying up to January 1, 1934. Mr. Waid says that he subscribed for The Frontier a week after he arrived in this county and has taken it ever since and will continue to read it the balance

of his life. He says that this paper is like the beverage outlawed by the Volstead act, that it improves with age. Many thanks for your kind words of appreciation "Wink" and we hope that you will live many more years to enjoy the weekly visits of this disseminator of current events.

The Junior Class
of
O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
Presents
"The Red Headed Step Child"
and
OTHER ATTRACTIONS
at
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Friday, December 16, 1932
Evening performance at 8 o'clock. Adm. 25c & 15c
Matinee at 2:30.—Adm. 10c, 15c & 25c
We urge that children attend the matinee.

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Beans	HAND-PICKED MICHIGAN NAVY	3 POUNDS	10c
Hominy	MORNING LIGHT FULL SIZE NO. 2 CAN		5c
North State Peas		3 CANS	25c
Cane Sugar		5 POUNDS	24c

BUY NOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS

PINEAPPLE	SLICED AND CRUSHED	15c
Large No. 2 1/2 Can		

GRAPE JAM This seedless grape jam is a fine spread. Grape jam sandwiches add to the variety in the school lunch—a delightful filler for layer and rolled cakes. **2 POUND JAR 21c**

MORNING LIGHT GREEN BEANS Fancy, tender, young beans. As free from strings as those you have in season from your own garden. CAN—**9c**

SELOX	PER PKG.	10c
The speed soap—for soaking clothes, for dishes, for boiler, for washing machine.		

WHITE LAUNDRY SOAP	5 BARS	10c
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GREEN GOODS DEPARTMENT

CELERY, Large Bunch	15c
DELICIOUS APPLES, Large, Per Doz.	30c
HEAD LETTUCE, 2 for	15c

HOLIDAY Special

Beginning December 10th and continuing to December 24th.

- Permanent Waves 2 for \$5.00
- Guaranteed Waves with ringlet ends . . . \$5.00 . . . 2 for \$9.00
- Hot oil treatment—Shampoo and finger wave \$1.00
- Shampoo—finger wave and Nushen Rinse \$1.00
- Violet Ray Facial and Eye Brow arch \$1.00
- Thero-oil Shampoo and finger wave \$1.00
- \$1.00 bottle Permanent Wave Oil 50c

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