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The "clean-up" order is always in force, and you should put in all your spare time around your premises. It won't hurt you in the least.

A Milwaukee judge has decided that it is all right for a wife to strike her husband's affinity, and yet there are women who go about shouting for their rights.

Everything is booming in Plattsmouth; the knockers have taken to the woods. There are a few cranks in town yet who should have accompanied them.

An Indiana man with \$150 in coin in his pockets fell into the water and was drowned while trying to land a big fish. The boy with the pawpaw pole is still ahead.

In defense of the proposition for a strong navy it should be remembered that the United States has nearly 6,000 miles of coast to patrol and the task cannot be performed by a small fleet.

The man who thinks President Wilson is not onto his job is badly mistaken. Woodrow is right there with the goods, and the American people have great confidence in his manner of doing business.

Omaha's population now totals 168,484. Show us the person who says the Nebraska metropolis is not forging to the front in population as well as in everything else that is calculated to make it one of the greatest cities in America.

Militant British suffragettes are said to have damaged property to the extent of \$5,000,000 in three months. They have injured their cause by violence more than can be stated in dollars and cents, not only in England, but in America also.

Colonel T. H. Tibbles of Omaha suggests a way out of the dandelion jungle. He says he has sown sweet clover around his shack, and that it drives out the dandelions and other bothersome weeds, and yields some fodder worth as much as alfalfa besides.

The fact that a change in the tariff disturbs business is a strong argument against the protective system. Anything in legislation that builds up artificial conditions in business is class legislation pure and simple. It is the enrichment of a certain people at the expense of the whole people.

Evidently some people are not so enthusiastic for road dragging as they were a year ago. What's the matter?

Swat "with a high hand and outstretched arm." Swat from the rising sun to the setting thereof. And swat him hard and plenty.

Some wise old gink has said that "the guilty flee when no man pursueth," which may account for the nervousness of some people in this town.

An aeroplane consigned to Mexico has been lost on the way. In case of defeat it would have been handy in striking a bee line for the American side of the border.

The change in the administration at Washington hasn't had any effect on the interval improvements in Plattsmouth. Improvements keep right on. Keep 'em going.

If rabbit serum is to be a cure-all for cancer, as declared by Dr. Nowell, we will have to doff our hats to Mr. Cottontail for all the damage he has done in times past.

The month of May is a notable one in Mexican history. So many days are claimed for celebrations and dedications that washday and payday have practically been abolished.

The Lincoln papers are authority for the announcement that the Anti-Saloon League of the state had decided to make a fight for state-wide prohibition in 1914. Come on, boys!

One late view is that the dandelion is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." Because it is a plant, a product of nature, it ought to be given permission to grow where it listeth! Tell it to Mayor Dahlgren.

A table in Mr. Cannon's late Washington residence has been sold for the fancy price of \$16 because it is said to be the table at which Mr. Cannon often played poker. Then "standing pat" on a full hand must be popular in Washington.

"I am not the kind that considers compromises when I once take my position. I have taken my stand for the present bill. Enough said. I am not looking for or accepting compromises."—President Wilson. Hurrah for Woodrow, the man of grit!

"There is no place like home." Plattsmouth is our home. Let us make it the very best home on earth. This can be done by a continuation of beautifying our homes.

From the reports of our Kansas auto visitors Saturday, the roads between Plattsmouth and Omaha and also between this city and Nebraska City are not in a very good condition. The good roads advocates do not seem to be lining up in the proper shape this season. Of course the frequent rains may have had something to do with the slow work on the roads. Get busy, gentlemen, get busy!

The man who, once honored and elevated to public office, and straightway forgets his obligation to those who were responsible for his election, is not destined to hold such office a great while, and no matter on which ticket he is elected, if he so far forgets his true friends as to lend encouragement to one who is not loyal to his party, he is not the kind of a man who has the true interests of his party at heart.

People from various parts of the county are asking every day: "When will work be commenced on the new jail?" We do not know. But what we do know is that there is unnecessary delay in the matter. The commissioners do not necessarily have to wait until after the levy is made to let the contract. The levy has been voted, and contractors know that the money will come in time, and can place their bids with this understanding.

Neighboring cities are watching the recall of Mayor Houston of Nebraska City. The chief executive of our sister city is giving the people all kinds of trouble, and many are disposed to believe that he has partially been justified in so doing, and the outcome will be watched very closely by other towns, who like the commission form of government. There are numerous towns with officials whom they would recall if they only had the power to do so. But they are not large enough to adopt the commission form of government.

Edgar Howard of the Columbus Telegram, an intrepid fighter for the right, is now battling against the practice of school children selling tickets for entertainments, on the streets and in business houses and offices. Editor Howard believes this practice should be stopped. He feels that the public should not be pestered by school children who are sent out for the purpose of "boosting" school entertainments. He goes on the theory that very few parents like to have their children placed in the role of beggars and says that tickets are bought from them not because the entertainment has any particular merit, but because it is not the custom to "turn down" a child.

What a wonderful system of highways we would have if good roads talk made good roads.

It is very pleasing to the Journal to notice the great interest our business men are taking in the Commercial club. It denotes that we are all pulling together for a Greater Plattsmouth.

Under a ruling of the supreme court state banks may escape all taxes. Most banks hold real estate mortgages far in excess of the amount of their capital stock. If mortgages owned by banks are to be deducted from capital stock, as held by the supreme court, there will be nothing left upon which state banks may be taxed. "The state and county will owe these banks instead of the banks owing state or county taxes," said one state official.

The census reports show that where there were but 39 Japanese farm operators in the Pacific states in 1900, there were in 1910 some 2,215, a remarkable increase in numbers, but as the acreage summary proves, not producing a proportionate increase in Japanese ownership. The report of the immigration commissioner shows that within the last three years the number of Japanese residents has actually decreased 4,933. These are facts and figures over which California is raising such a disturbance. The people of the Golden state should be made to understand that they have no authority to plunge this entire country into a bloody war, without giving the national government an opportunity to amicably adjust matters.

Discriminate legislation on the part of California or any other state of the Union will undoubtedly cause protests and possibly those citizens are thus restricted, whose citizens are thus restricted. It behooves Mr. Bryan and the national government to use all diplomacy in dealing with such a situation. But California and the other states on our western coast are the ones vitally concerned in this matter, and the ones which must deal with it directly. It is rather hard to believe that their attitude is not based on some real foundation. If trouble can be averted it should be done, but if our western states find it necessary to use drastic measures in dealing with a real menace, the federal government can do nothing but support them, if matters come to an absolute crisis. The principal of "America for Americans" ought to be as sound on one coast as the other, and if the immigration which comes seeking admission cannot possibly be developed to fit into American progress we certainly are justified in raising the bars, and raising them high. It is a sane assertion that Secretary Bryan will use every effort in his power to amicably adjust this deplorable situation with all the haste possible, and to the best interests of all concerned.

Of the six largest winter wheat states, Kansas ranks first and Nebraska second in acreage and production. The remaining four are Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

If democrats put democrats into elective offices it would seem a very poor return for such favor and about the climax of base ingratitude for those so elected to turn down their friends as soon as they themselves were comfortably encircled at the pie counter. A party's strength lies in its unity. It was good politics for the republicans and it will prove good politics for the democrats to follow the precedent.

About 500 or 600 High school cadets of Omaha are looking for a suitable place to camp for ten days or two weeks. They could be induced to come to Plattsmouth if the proper place can be secured for them. If the rifle range is not finished up by the middle of June—the time they want to come—why not look around for some other suitable place? But it is probable that the rifle range will be completed by that time. The Commercial club should get busy.

The Outlook, in an article on the woman's suffrage question, contains the following, which sizes up the condition and standing of a majority of the women of the United States on the matter, and they are facts as they exist: "The fact that practically all woman suffragettes are opposed to asking women whether they wish to vote or not confirms our belief that only a small minority of women favor this political revolution. And we repeat what we have often affirmed before—that it is neither democratic nor just to impose on women the duty of sharing the responsibility involved in active participation in government without first ascertaining whether or not she wishes to assume this responsibility from which hitherto she has been exempt."

For time out of mind, the frog industry in Wisconsin has been a source of revenue to the people of that state. In the first place, they sell them to tourists who wish to use them for bait for muscalonge, and the next place, the trade in hotels and restaurants is great. Now the legislature has passed a bill making it unlawful to take, catch or kill any frog, or to sell or to offer for sale any living or dead frog or parts of frog, between November 1 and June 1 next following. It also makes it unlawful for any hotel or restaurant, boarding house, club or private family to use or serve as food the hind legs of frogs at any time. Why the frog should be thus protected, is not stated, for hitherto thousands of frogs have been shipped to Chicago, New York and other centers, and the industry is lucrative.

The people of this country are sweetening the sugar trust with an annual bonus of \$130,000,000 in tariff taxes. And yet you occasionally hear men oppose a reduction of the tax who never did own a stalk of cane or a sugar beet.

A. Grove, treasurer of a local store at Milton, Ill., placed \$500 in bills in a wallet prior to going to a bank to deposit. He had occasion to go to the stable, and when he passed a stall where a calf was tied, the animal nipped the wallet from his pocket and Grove did not notice it. Back in the store he missed it, and after a search found that the calf was chewing the wallet, money and all. Taking it out he found a ball of chewed up money and leather. It will be sent to Washington for possible redemption.

Graduation day, with all its flowers, will soon be here. You can already scent the fragrance of blossoms. Our people have always taken great pride in our schools, and no student ever carried away a diploma but took it with the best wishes of our people. Speaking of the rapid approach of another graduation day reminds us that there is nothing more pleasant in the busy humdrum of after years than to permit your mind to wander back to the days of school life, the sweet memories and incidents that come up, the smiling faces and pleasant countenances; the old school house door, that has so often admitted you, swinging back and forth on its great hinges; the very walls speaking forth of happy hours; while at your side stands the noble teacher who has watched your every move, and is as much interested in your success as you are yourself.

The story of the Kentucky girl who led a posse against her moonshiner brothers should be taken with a grain of salt. Such procedure is against all the rules of the motion picture plays.

The first assistant postmaster general, acting under instructions from Postmaster General Burleson, has mailed a letter to every democratic congressman to furnish the files of the postoffice department with all papers in their possession bearing upon the qualifications and general fitness of persons recommended for such positions, so that immediate action might be taken. This is as it should be and no other recourse should ever have been thought of. The people at the polls last November certainly expressed themselves in a very emphatic way that they desired a democratic administration, and the only way to give a thoroughly democratic administration is to put democrats on guard in every conceivable appointive position. And men who are known to have always been loyal to the party—not one who is a democrat only when he has friends on the democratic ticket—but one who always stands by his party nominations.

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS . . . By Gross

