

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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A new candidate is in the field for the appointment of revenue collector. Senator Ollis of Ord, it would seem, has been prevailed upon to try for the position. It is a fine job, and is worth \$4,500 per annum.

Some autoists are exceeding the speed limit in the city limits, and it would be well for the city officials to look more closely to this matter. It is not outsiders who do this, but residents of the city. The motorcycleists should be looked after, also.

We were asked recently, "Why are there so many more girl graduates than boys?" We are unable to say, unless it is the girls are closer students, and perhaps there are more of them attending school regularly. But this is the case in the schools all over the country.

After a man spends his money with a lavish hand buying flowers and candy before marriage, and after marriage not a cent, are the flower and candy dealers justified in appealing to the federal court to dissolve the merger on the ground that it is in restraint of trade?

The standpatters are trying to make friends with the farmers by declaring that putting agricultural products on the free list will ruin American agriculture. Intelligent farmers know that so long as we produce a surplus of wheat, oats and corn there is no danger of such products being brought into this country, tariff or no tariff.

There's very little use talking about dragging the roads unless the people interested—those who use the roads—do the work. Newspapers can talk till doomsday about the efficacy of properly treated highways, but unless the beneficiaries of the roads take interest in the matter themselves, talking through the newspapers will do but little good. We will add, however, now's the time to begin the work.

It is awful nice for an editor in his own town to hear visitors speak so flatteringly of the manner in which our business men are brushing up. No one can help but note the greatly improved condition of the business houses even so far this spring. It is indeed encouraging to hear visitors speak of the handsome appearance of the business blocks. All but a very few are neat and tasty, and we trust these few will fall in line before the season's over.

The city council did a noble act last night when it unanimously voted to increase John Fitzpatrick's salary \$10 on the month. This will please a large majority of our citizens.

An exchange thusly defines the word "cigarette": "A cigarette is a roll of paper, tobacco and drugs with a fire at one end and a big fool at the other. Some of the chief enjoyments are considered to be nightmares, fits, cancer of the lips and stomach, spinal meningitis, softening of the brain, funeral processions and families shrouded in gloom."

It would be well for the public to keep an eye on those statesmen who are so anxious to muzzle the newspapers by regulation, inspection, supervision or censorship, says the Tamaroa Lyre. The man who lives in constant horror of being hawled out by the press, must have quite a load of some sort on his conscience. The press usually plays fairer than the people.

"Women do not want to vote," says Mrs. Dodge. If they did there would have been more than 8,000 women in the suffragist parade in New York, after suffragists had raised heaven and earth and had women come from all over the United States to march. Who is Mrs. Dodge? She is president of an association of women opposed to woman's suffrage. And she is a pretty smart lady, too.

The insurgent Woodmen of the United States, in their recent national meeting at Springfield, Illinois, organized the National Modern Woodmen of America Federation. Among the long list of resolutions passed is one repealing the increased rates; demanding the restoration of popular government, and one, by no means the least in importance, demanding the heads of officials responsible for the present rate troubles.

Everything seems to be running smoothly around the state house at Lincoln, since the adjournment of the legislature. Governor Morehead has finished his appointments very satisfactorily to himself, and thus he is rid of the vast number who thronged his office in quest of positions. He has now an opportunity for a breathing spell, and can lay back on his oars until something exciting turns up to need his attention.

The death of Luther McGarty will knock out prize-fighting in Canada.

A writer asks: "Do handsome men make the best husbands?" If they do there are darn few good husbands in Plattsmouth.

"If you want to make people love you, 'sass' them," said a Plattsmouth man the other day. "Roosevelt, some years ago, told the people of California he would force the Japs into the public schools in that state at the point of bayonets, and in spite of that slap in the face, the people out there gave Roosevelt a majority for president at the last election."

Decoration day, [next Friday, will be faithfully observed in Plattsmouth, as usual.

The trust magnates of the east are barking up the wrong tree when they think they can in the least intimidate Woodrow Wilson. He isn't a man of that character. No man in the United States has made a closer study of the trust evils, and he knows there is not the least justification for such combinations. He is the only president, since Lincoln's day, in whom the people at large can place explicit confidence. And success is bound to crown his efforts to give this country an administration of which the masses can feel proud. Hurrah for President Wilson!

Weeping Water has concluded to celebrate on the Fourth this year.

To produce a given net output requiring a certain amount of power and a certain number of workmen in the United States, the British manufacturer must use one-sixth more power and two and a half times as many workmen. This is the finding of the Department of Commerce. Of course this superior efficiency of American labor is responsible for the better condition of labor in the United States. The only way on earth that an American workman can be better off than a British workman is by producing more. High tariff duties have enabled manufacturers to make larger profits. But they haven't been responsible for the comparatively high wages of the workmen.

Advocates of a law that will prohibit killing cattle until they have reached a certain age, because cattle are becoming scarce, a committee of commerce of the District of Columbia will confer with Secretary of Agriculture Huston. After investigation, the committee has decided that within the next ten years children will have no shoes to wear, beef will sell at between 40 and 50 cents a pound, milk will be at least 15 cents a quart and the price of butter will soar to the sky. All this is laid to killing cattle without giving them a chance to breed. The only way in which to stop this, says the committee, is to have passed a law which will prohibit the killing of cattle until a fixed age, which should be 3 years in the case of steers and 6 for cows.

This is the season for house cleaning and the wife needs new carpets. As a tribute to the manufacturers she has to pay a tariff tax of from 60 to 80 per cent. She has to buy clothing for herself and children and pays a tariff of from 60 to 120 per cent. And yet her husband complains because a democratic congress is trying to reduce the price of carpets and clothing to an equitable basis so that she may buy them at a reasonable price. Party prejudice binds some people as tightly as the bonds of slavery bound the negro in ante-bellum days.

The Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, twice elected governor of Iowa, and former secretary of the treasury, is seeing things in as rightful an aspect as Richard Pessimist Hobson views them. In an interview given out a few days ago he expressed himself as being doubtful as to the finishing of the Panama canal, and said he did not believe it would ever be finished. He also threw in a few Japanese scares to make the situation one to make a fellow shudder. Leslie is a dead political duck, and it is always the man out of a job who becomes a pessimist. They may have to give him another soft job to cure him.

Ex-Governor Dockery, third assistant postmaster general, was in Missouri, his home state, the past week, attending the grand lodge meeting of the Odd Fellows of Missouri, of which he is grand master. He is also grand master of the Masonic order, and also a member of the Masonic Home board. Before he accepted the third assistant postmaster generalship it was understood by Postmaster General Burleson that he should retain these positions.

There is a good demand for good houses to rent. Every day there are inquiries for decent houses. If somebody would build a few cottages they would have tenants occupying them before the paint would be dry on them.

When the metropolitan journals of the east think they can fool the people of the west on the tariff question they are simply barking in the wrong direction. Every line in the protection journals against the new tariff bill is paid for by the trust manufacturers of the country. These fellows have bought up every newspaper of any importance that has a purchase price. In fact, money is no object to the trusts if it will only kill certain sections in the bill. They are even trying to buy senators, and have a large number of lobbyists on the senate floor every day seeking whom they might devour, with their pockets filled with money. We would hate to be the senator who would so far forget his principle and respect as to be caught in the trap set for him. In the eyes of all honest people he would be a bigger traitor to his country than Benedict Arnold.

The fact is the Missouri Pacific people are not treating Plattsmouth fairly in the running of their passenger trains. It would appear that they have "it in" generally for the people of Cass county, from the manner in which they are running their trains. There would be much more travel to Plattsmouth from the west side of the county if the people could get here and back home the same day, but the way the trains are now run, to the disadvantage of the people, we are determined to have the relief that fairly belongs to us. And high-up officials of the road have acknowledged this fact, but still refuse to come to our rescue. But a railroad corporation that won't do what they ought to do, there is a higher authority that sometimes compels them to do—the state railway commission—and the probabilities are that this higher authority will be appealed to, as a last resort to an outraged people.

If you don't think the fly is nasty just read what an eastern physician has written about him: "You may readily picture to yourself what takes place when a fly, gorged with a liquefied diet of typhoid material, tuberculosis sputum, or microbe-milk, hops gawly here and there on your berries, butter, sugar bowl and kitchen utensils. The apparently clean and harmless fly that glides idly into your kitchen from the passing garbage cart in order to have a bit of your bread, your sugar, your meat, or your butter, regurgitates a few times here and there wherever it alights. If a fly wishes to sip some nourishment it must regurgitate several times at least upon the food it craves. It has been abundantly confirmed by experiments that the fly not only stores up food for days and weeks at a time in its crop, but it also regurgitates fresh, as well as old food, very often. The fly will thus regurgitate food through its mouth and proboscis mixed with saliva, in order to dissolve and liquefy food that is too solid to take. Indeed, flies are so filthy in their habits that the regurgitate and re-swallow the same food many times. Some of its ejected saliva and food may be the remnants of fetid repasts obtained some days previously from the filthiest places. Moreover, the sticky, gluey cushions upon a fly's feet are literally alive and swarming with bacteria and other disease-spreading filth. The graceful act of the fly upside down is due to this mucilaginous material present upon the insect's feet." Get your swatter ready, for if the weather keeps getting warmer they will soon be here in great droves.

The recent exposure in Germany of the extent to which great manufacturers of armaments and war material have worked to stir up war scares in order to get trade and promote army and navy increase, have shocked Europe

and the world; and whatever the errors in the details of impeachment may prove to be, the conservative newspapers of Germany unite with the radical journals in recognizing the shameful character of the simple and undesirable facts. Nothing shown in the matter is worse than the share of the military party in the government itself is booming the armament business. Could it be possible that the same state of affairs exist in this country? If there is we can trust President Wilson to nip it before, it has proceeded very far.

In Michigan, where the manufacture of beet sugar is an important industry, the state authorities have been investigating the prices paid to the farmers for beets in the state and across the border in Ontario. The result is interesting as a comment on tariffs as they used to be made. The Michigan farmer, it was found, is paid \$4.50 a ton for his beets having a sugar content above a certain per cent. The farmer pays for his seed and pays the freight. There is a tariff "protecting" the American farmer from the blighting competition of the farmers just across the St. Clair river in the Dominion. It was found, however, that the base price for beets was exactly the same on each side and that the Canadian farmer gets his seed free and pays no freight. The only offset for this advantage is that no bonus is paid on Canadian beets having a high sugar content. The conclusion of the investigation was that the Canadian gets a little better price for his beets than the American. The need for protection, therefore, is purely imaginary.

Soon the graduates of the Plattsmouth High school will go hence to battle for themselves. Their happiest school days are over. Some, no doubt, will fit themselves for teaching, while others will go "higher up" in scholastic work. The young men graduates will go out into the world to battle for themselves, which they now have the opportunity to do. They go forth with a clear conscience that they have done as near right during their school career as is possible for boys to do. They are young and have had their fun, now they must think of what the future has in store for them. The boy graduates in the past, generally speaking, have done well, and many of them today are filling honorable and lucrative positions and are highly respected in the communities in which they reside. And it is hoped that the graduates who go forth today will fare as well in their future avocations as the boys who have gone out into the world before them. The Journal extends congratulations to each and every one of the young ladies and gentlemen, with the hope that they will prosper, and may heaven's choicest blessings attend them wherever they may go.

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

