

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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The telephone subscribers of Lincoln and vicinity will not be called upon to pay increased telephone rates for June. Then why should Plattsmouth patrons be called upon to pay the increase?

The Nehawka News has just begun its fourth year under the management of John I. Long, and while not as large as some papers, it has proved a success, and really deserves a better support than it is receiving. The Journal extends congratulations.

The investigation of the lobbyists at Washington, inaugurated by President Wilson, has had a tendency to scatter out a few fellows who seemed to have no particular business around the capital except to attend sessions of the house and senate, if nothing more.

President Wilson is just a little bit too smart for some of the senators who are hollering "lobbying himself!" The president is the head boss of this country just now and has a right to go just where he pleases around the capital in the performance of his sworn duty to the common people of the country in defiance of the friendship some senators bear toward the lobbyists.

A bill making mandatory the daily reading of a portion of the bible in the public schools of Pennsylvania is now a law, Governor Tener having signed it last week. He also signed the Flynn law, which will enable the Catholic diocesan authorities to get control of church property in all parishes, and thus exercise a disciplinary power over some of the refractory congregations. It will make the church property ownership reside in the bishop or other diocesan officer instead of the congregation.

Some people are always worrying about matters that do not concern them in the least. This class of people are now asking: "What is to become of Mr. Bryan's Commoner?" The occasion for this question is because Richard L. Metcalfe, assistant editor of the Commoner, has been appointed governor of Panama. The Commoner was started several years before Mr. Metcalfe was connected with it, and it was just as well edited then as it is at present. While Mr. Metcalfe is a very brilliant writer and splendid man, his going to Panama is not going to cause the suspension of the Commoner. Don't you believe it for one moment. The paper is too well established.

What about the weeds in the street in front of your residence? Don't you think you can take time some evening soon to cut them? Study the matter over. A trip over the city will show anyone how disgraceful the weeds appear in many parts of the city, and no efforts have been made to remove them. They are unhealthy and draw millions of flies during real hot weather and cause much sickness.

It has recently been proposed that another holiday be established to be known as "patriotic day." Already there has been considerable comment in the rural papers of the state, and this comment is largely along the line that an additional holiday is entirely unnecessary. Memorial day is a patriotic day and efforts should be made to render its observance more thoroughly. Aside from this we have the Fourth of July and "Flag day," both of which are not celebrated in such a manner as they deserve. We need no more holiday. By the time we observe what we already have most of us have spent more time in celebrating than we can really afford to spare.

The chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives has announced that the income tax is not to be the same from year to year. The rate is to be changed to meet the varying needs of the government. A man who one year pays a tax of ten dollars may be called upon next year to pay twenty dollars on the same income, and the year after perhaps only five dollars. That is because the leaders in congress are planning to adopt the budget system and to adjust the income of the country to its outgo. If the plan works well the national treasury will have no more large deficits and no more large surpluses.

There are some people in this city who are so silly as to believe that the Boy Scouts is an organization gotten up in the interest of a certain denomination. Such is not the case, and upon investigation it will be found so. A year or so ago members of the First Presbyterian church of this city made an attempt to organize a troop, but for some cause or other they were not successful. The organization is not denominational, notwithstanding there are perhaps some people who would like to make it so. It is worth of encouragement and all the youngsters in the city should join the Boy Scouts. It will do them good.

Billy Sunday, the evangelist, who evangelizes for so much per and is the highest paid in the profession, has a good excuse for not coming to Omaha. Some of the better and ablest ministers of the metropolis refused to cooperate and Billy's price was likewise a little steep. Such fellows are not out simply for their health.

No one really believed that Mr. Roosevelt was, or had been, a drunkard. His great work in various fields during his brilliant career would prove to the most skeptical that he had not been a slave of the liquor habit. Whether or not he ever took a drink, and just what brand he did or did not like, if he did, really matters very little to the great mass of the people, further, perhaps, than what his example might mean to aspiring young America. But there are many liars and drunkards in politics. Every newspaper man knows this, and not infrequently a newspaper ardently supports a man who could be branded with either or both of these terms without danger of mistake. It must be admitted that the discussion of a man's private life after he gets into politics is too often a matter of policy and political prejudice on the part of many editors.

In the opinion of William Allen White, the Kansas bull moose leader, President Wilson will either wreck the democratic party or the progressive faction of the republican party, for the reason that "there cannot be two progressive parties in the nation today." Mr. White also says that "if he keeps up his present line of action he will have the progressives solidly behind him in 1916. They will solidly take him into their party or follow him into his." President Wilson is doing his duty to the people of the whole country and if the progressive republicans believe he has done right, it is proper that they drift to the democratic side, where the progressive spirit first originated.

It is announced in the trade journals that the April export balance showed \$55,000,000, as against a ten-year average of \$35,000,000. It is also stated that we are selling in foreign markets at prices which are 14.27 per cent above those that obtained a year ago, while in the purchase of foreign goods there has been a slight falling off. Our exports are 11.5 per cent greater than a year ago and the margin of profit is a great deal larger. In these figures is the basis of future prosperity and the prophets of depressed business because of "politics" can find no hope for the fulfillment of their dismal predictions. The country has continued to prosper under a democratic administration, and the policies that it has inaugurated give hope for more and greater prosperity.—World-Herald.

In writing criticisms on individuals or officials the advice of Craver Cleveland—"Tell the Truth"—should be adhered to. To tell a lie in either case is adding insult to the injury. Public confidence cannot be established by misrepresentation because sooner or later the deception will be found out and then the party doing the injury will be looked down upon as a willful villain whose word ever afterward must be discredited until proven true. In all you do, be just, be truthful, be fair, be positive and that will inspire confidence where subterfuge and deceit will lose every time. This article is intended for home consumption.

The citizens of Dayton were not dismayed at the calamity that overtook them. As soon as the flood subsided they set about raising \$2,000,000 to protect them from a repetition of the calamity. In a week they raised the money. The National Cash Register company subscribed \$250,000 and then at the close of the campaign doubled its gift. When it was announced that the sum was raised, bands paraded the streets; a great clock in the court house registered the contributions. Some workmen mortgaged their homes in order to contribute to the fund, and at the conclusion of the canvass the citizens were wild with delight. That's where grit takes the cake.

The three great political parties, according to reports from Washington, are about to plunge into a marathon of activity, which will keep the political pot boiling until 1916 without a let-up. The campaign which is now mapped out for the contest for the control of the house in 1915 bids fair to be one of the keenest in many years. This is the opinion of statesmen who have been watching the developments for several weeks. And all this political activity, strange as it may seem, comes on the heels of an overwhelming victory by the democrats last fall. There will perhaps be some changes made in the lower branch of congress, but possibly not enough to take the control from the democrats.

The International Bible Students' association held a convention in Hot Springs last week, at which time they solemnly resolved "that hell and hell fire are a myth," and they also passed a resolution asking ministers to discard the offending word and to cease preaching the doctrine. It is proper that this sentiment should have emanated from Hot Springs, because in olden times, those boiling springs were supposed to be vent holes in hell, while volcanoes were its open mouth. Therefore, when a collection of biblical students assemble at one of the vents, it is proper that they should recognize the great advance that science has made in explaining these phenomena by natural law.

Individual initiative and individual greed are two different propositions and should not be misinterpreted. The proposed income tax does not take away the best incentive for individual ambition. When a man has accumulated fifteen millions or more he ought to be glad to see some of his money do good in public works. Indeed, the putting of a limit on multi-millionaire fortunes is more likely merely to stop individual greed; there are plenty of us who may still retain the individual initiative and ambition.

I had in Des Moines, aged 17, brought up on a farm, concluded he'd go to college. He began by delivering papers for one of the Des Moines sheets, saved his money and rented two acres of land just outside the city. He pitched a tent on his property and put his plat into onions and other vegetables. He spent all of his vacation looking after his crop, and as a result he sold 600 bushels of onions at a dollar a bushel and he made \$200 from vegetables and young onions which he thinned out of the patch in the summer and sold in the market. And now, with \$800 in his pocket, he is ready to begin his college work. Of course, that lad will succeed because he has a head.

People don't want to labor. They would rather fight than work; they would rather steal than work; they would rather murder than work. You are apt to insult a man today if you ask him to do work for you. You almost offer a woman an indignity when you offer her the means of a living. People don't want to work. The attitude of the world today is antagonistic to work. The governments of the world are trying to meet the demands of the deceitful workmen who don't want work. They want fewer and fewer hours of labor; they want less and less work. And every political party in every country in the world today is bending the knee of the workman who really don't want work.

The Nebraska Press association has decided to issue boom editions of their papers some time during the fall to advertise the state. The best boom for any community is the local paper, and in the community where they are lucky enough to possess one there is but little need of boom editions as a specialty. Every issue of a well gotten up and well edited paper is sufficient to boom the town and county in which it is circulated. It is just as easy to get up a paper that will always prove a credit to its supporters as it is to print a paper that does not reflect credit, if the paper is in the hands of competent people and they are not too lazy to do the work that it necessarily takes to print a paper that the community is not ashamed of.

What Bob Ingersoll said: I do not believe in the government of the lash. If any one of you ever expect to whip children again I want you to have a photograph taken of yourself when you are in the act with your face red with vulgar anger, and the face of the child wet with tears and the little chin dimpled with fear like a piece of water struck by a sudden wind. Have the picture taken, and if that little child should die, I cannot think of a sweeter way to spend an autumn afternoon than to go out to the cemetery, where the maples are clad in tender gold, and like scarlet runners are coming like poems of regret from the sad heart of the earth—and sit down upon the grave and look at the photograph and think of the flesh, now dust, that you beat. I tell you it is wrong to whip children. Make your home happy. Be honest with them. Divide fairly with them in everything.

The flood which devastated Dayton, Ohio, compelled the citizens to adopt the commission form of government. Twenty thousand votes have been cast to select a manager, and the vote for John H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register company, was almost unanimous. This was in recognition of his heroic work in aiding his townsmen in the recent flood. In some of the wards he received every vote cast. Mr. Patterson has recently been convicted of violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, fined \$5,000 and sentenced to one year in jail, and yet his fellow townsmen select him as the best man to form their new theory government. The selection of a commission manager is much like the old Roman plan of choosing a dictator in the time of a public peril. It is a commentary upon the action of the law that a man who has been convicted of violating it should be chosen as its highest exponent.

Some newspapers are still advocating the removal of the state university to the state farm. The legislature could have easily decided that matter before it adjourned, but it didn't do it. A syndicate was formed some time ago that bought up a large tract of land in the vicinity of the state farm, and the fellows who form that syndicate are the very ones who started the removal question, and they are the very fellows who will be mostly benefited by the removal. That's all there is in it. Why should the people out in the state care where the university is located? The present location is all right, and it should remain right where it is. If there was anything to be gained by the state going to a great expense to remove the university to gratify the desire of this band of speculators we would like for someone to tell us wherefore. Of course a few dollars may have something to do with some of the newspapers' advocacy of removal.

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

