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CROSSING THE LINE.

They have an expression among electrical companies that there is a certain peak in the volume of business that when reached, more profitable conditions follow and a better basis for permanent business is established. That is as far as we want to go in the discussion of a technical point in the electrical field, but to use this for a text, this paper wants to express the belief that in business conditions through country towns, that the peak of unfavorable conditions in business in these localities has been reached and that from this time on, troubles and discouragements that have been so pronounced will be on the down grade and better established business than ever heretofore enjoyed will be forthcoming.

For a number of years there have been adverse conditions in the always legitimate and always necessary country trade. There has been an unaccountable indifference on the part of rural communities toward their local home trade that has been as unwarranted, as it has in many instances been unjust, says the Lincoln Trade Review.

Inroads have been made by outside interests that in the very nature of local co-operation and development were indefensible; there have been suspicions, unjust, and a lack of understanding if not of appreciation that has worked hardships upon local communities that injured both those working them and those worked upon. The value of the country town has been too much lost from sight. What the country town does for its surrounding territory, what it is to the social life, the business life, to educational interests and to the real development of values, has been too long overlooked and neglected. This paper believes that there are changing conditions in this regard and that there is a new day coming in which many of these evils will disappear—a day in which community interests will be recognized, something at their real value, and that the reasonableness of farmers and business men in all localities working together instead of pulling apart, will be understood and appreciated.

A good business man who keeps his courage up, is learning many things that he can do to bring about more common fellowship in community interests. He has learned that some of the methods that have been used against him by outside interests can be turned to his advantage through adopting them in whole or in part in reaching his trade. He has found that publicity of his business is a wonderful help toward better conditions and he has learned that the confidence that far distant mail order houses establish with their trade when they take, so far as community conditions are concerned, everything away and return nothing—he has found that he at home can, with a little extra exertion, build confidence for his own business and trade and put it upon a reciprocal basis that no outsider furnishes. The farming communities who have swung a long way from home interests through the allurements of catalogue trade, are on their part, realizing that in the months and the years, home co-operation with home business men, is to their ad-

vantage in a multitude of ways and the more they look into the question, the more they see what the prosperous towns in their own immediate locality mean to their social side of life as well as what it means in the added dollars of value to their acres.

For these reasons, many of which will be recognized as now existing, when one stops to look the field over, this paper feels warranted in saying that the peak of discouragement to country trade has been reached and passed and that in the future, there will be a revival and increased growth in home business and that all elements going to make up a community, the town and the farmers surrounding it, will be found more and more working together, doing business together and profiting together.

The democrats of Lancaster county are talking some of running Sam Hinkle of Havelock for treasurer of that county. Sam is an old Plattsmouth boy, and is all wool and a yard wide any way you take him, and is always competent to fill the bill wherever you put him.

To make our large cities—New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, for instance—into states, is the novel suggestion which E. J. Batten makes in a magazine known as the Public. Only in this way, he contends, can the bigger cities have absolute home rule.

It does not matter who the ringsters around Lincoln want for governor. If he isn't a man the people want, on either democratic or republican ticket, they will give him a black eye in the primary. The ringsters can't control the nominations like they did years past in the convention. Oh, no!

Senator Banning announces that he is not a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, or any other office. He declares that the democratic party of Nebraska should nominate Governor Morehead for reelection, regardless of any "no-second-term" promise.—Grand Island Independent.

As one of our exchanges puts it, the relatives of the Oklahoma woman who couldn't evade a blind man, ought to provide her with a body-guard—even though the Oklahoma senator was not guilty.

The farmer near Jetmore, Kansas, who found \$6,800 in gold on his farm is likely to devote all the rest of his days trying to keep the lawyers from taking it away from him.

There are no better men in Nebraska than Dr. P. L. Hall, and there is nothing too good for him. The democrats have tried to boom him several different times for positions of honor, but he has invariably declined. He wants no office, but he is always in the front rank for the success of the democratic party.

Every now and then we are asked: "Are we to have a city election in April?" Of course we are, and that reminds us that those who are interested in securing the proper persons to conduct the affairs of this city for the next year, were waking up to the fact.

POLITICAL ASSASSINS.

Many times politics is a cruel, cold-blooded game. The Mexican bull fight often pointed to as a relic of barbarism, but it is quite seldom that a man engaged in battle with a bull gets hurt. The Cuban cock fight is held up as evidence that the Cubans are not capable of self government, although nothing of greater consequence than two scrappy roosters are involved in the bloody fracas. We think, too, that the blackmail and the whitecap methods are about the extreme limit of outlawry and the last word in disorder and violence, but they seldom punish where there is no guilt. We condemn these things because they seem unnecessarily cruel, and because they cannot be reconciled with our ideas of the square deal and fair play. These things, however, as barbarous as they may seem, are not in the same class, in the matter of cold-blooded cruelty, with American politics and politicians. No Mexican bull fight ever exceeded in inhuman atrocity the attack that was made upon Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma. For the past two weeks Senator Gore has been defending himself in an Oklahoma court against a charge made by the wife of a disappointed office-seeker. This woman was demanding damages in the sum of fifty thousand dollars for an alleged insult that seems to have been staged for the occasion and at a time when witnesses unfriendly to Gore were near at hand. The whole proceeding carried the ear-marks of a plot to discredit and ruin Senator Gore, and to eliminate him from Oklahoma politics. The disappointed office-seeker and politician too frequently become an assassin of character and a destroyer of reputation.

Guiteau, who shot President Garfield, was a disappointed office-seeker. He was an assassin of the man, but he was not a greater criminal than the disappointed office-seeker who assassinates character and reputation. And there are mighty few public men who have not suffered from assaults made upon them by disgruntled and disappointed political rogues. Many good men and great men have been driven from public life of political assassins—because of the Guiteaus who shot them in the back and who stabbed them in the dark. And because of these political assassins it is difficult to induce good men to take part in political affairs and become a target for the poisoned arrows of these murderers. Senator Gore is one of the most wonderful men who has ever become prominent in American politics. He was born in poverty, and he became blind at the age of 14 years. His life was a daily struggle for existence. But he struggled on and on and made the best of his talent and of his opportunities. His ambition carried him into the senate of the United States, where he has served for the past six years. He has few equals as an orator and statesman. His term expires next year. This prosecution was a part of the campaign to defeat him. Politics is a cruel, dirty game.

Ex-Governor Sheldon is visiting his old friends in Nebraska. He has been a steady resident of Mississippi for five years, and has been very prosperous. His many friends in Nebraska are always pleased to learn of his prosperity.

Some newspaper men are always pointing out the mote in some other editor's eye, when if they would gaze in a looking glass they would perceive their own eyes full of motes. "Cast the mote out of thine own eyes" before you see even a speck in your neighbor's eyes. It is always best.

Mayor Jim Dahlman, if reports be true, seems to be hankering for Congressman Loeb's shoes. Well, Jim would prove all right.

Suggestion to congressmen who are greatly distressed by visions of a postal deficit: Why not abolish the congressional franking privilege?

"The Deep Purple," one of the heaviest plays that was ever produced in Plattsmouth, is coming to the Parmele theater next Saturday night, February 28th.

It is suggested that when Mr. Ford raised the salaries of his employees so they could get married he evidently had a vision of the number of little runabouts which may result.

The Wilson administration has not ruined the farmer as yet. In January beef cattle ere higher than they were a year ago and hogs during the same period were \$1.00 a hundred higher than they were in January, 1913.

John D. Rockefeller has failed to pay his income tax, and he should be compelled to "pony up" like other people. It is the rich who generally get out of this paying business, only just as they feel about it.

The auto show is now on in Omaha, and there are all sorts of machines on exhibition. The man who has waited so long to buy an auto may see just exactly what he wants at this show.

Sunday was Washington's birthday, but Monday was celebrated instead, and the post-office, the banks, county offices and B. & M. shops were closed in honor of him who was "First in War, First in Peace and First in the Hearts of His Countrymen."

From more recent dispatches from Washington it can hardly be judged that there was an agreement of the powers who are supposed to dish out the offices. Because Ross Hammond continues to draw the salary of collector with a genuine smile on his countenance.

It seems that some newspapers, as well as democratic friends, seem determined to push Governor Morehead into the limelight for re-election as governor. We do not believe that the chief executive can be forced into such a plot when he knows there are thousands of voters in the First district who are anxious to support the governor for congress.

It will soon be time to agitate the question of convicts working the public roads. That is always the case about the time spring opens up and the roads get hub-deep in mud. In some states the convicts are let out to do this kind of work, and it would be a good move for Nebraska to invoke convicts who are not at heart vicious men, can be used very readily for road work.

The indicated total shortage of meat animals since the census of 1910 is nearly 9 beef cattle, 7 sheep and over 3 hogs for each of the total estimated population of the United States in January, 1914, according to the estimates of the Department of Agriculture just published. This means that it would take 18,259,000 more meat cattle, sheep and swine than the estimates show at present in this country, to give the present population the same meat supply that the census of 1910 showed to exist. These estimates are based upon reports and estimates from the department's field and state agents and county, township and special correspondents, who have reported on practically every county in the United States.

SOME WOMEN PROPOSE.

While marriage may be made in heaven some earthly preliminaries are usually necessary. That all women are, or should be, at least receptive candidates for matrimony is generally admitted. That not all have been altogether passive during the courtship has often been hinted. Mr. Longfellow, romantic as he generally was, recognized that circumstances might arise which would make the proposal by the woman entirely proper if not absolutely necessary, and he presents the matter so skillfully in "The Courtship of Miles Standish" that the modesty of Priscilla has never been impugned. But the proposal by proxy was in itself so unusual that the case could by no means be regarded as typical of even a small percentage of courtships.

While the Federal Census Bureau has pried into the number of divorces and the grounds therefore, it has made no attempt to gather data on the number of marriages due to feminine initiative. It would be impossible to get information from husbands, for a husband might deem it ungallant to admit that the wife proposed and also might consider the fact an indication of lack of manly courage on his own part. Nor could we expect women who proposed to shout the fact from the housetops. Hence statistics-loving folks have idly speculated on the matter with little hope of ever being able to give figures. But fortunately the Mother's Magazine has taken the question up and, under pledge of inviolable secrecy as to the identity of correspondents, professes to have made a nationwide inquiry, covering persons of every station in life, rich and poor, educated and illiterate, urban and rural. It announces that out of every 100 marriages 40 result from proposals by the man, 20 are due to proposals by the woman, 20 come to an understanding without formal contract, 10 arise from unexpected circumstances, 5 are brought about by the schemes of parents and friends, and 5 are "business marriages by mutual arrangement."

The figures are too round to be persuasive and everyone can figure out causes of marriage not enumerated in the classification. While the magazine's good faith is not open to question, there is an obvious uncertainty as to the sincerity of the anonymous correspondents of the anonymous correspondence absolutely frank, the figures overturn conventional theories. Just how surprising they may be to married folks cannot be determined, for the reasons already intimated. It would be interesting to know how many of the forty men who proposed were led up to the critical point. The manner of the leading varies. When it becomes too obvious it defeats its purposes, a fact that young women should bear in mind in studying the tabulation. Man is mildly a suspicious brute and will run if he sees a girl throwing herself at it. But fortunately his discernment is not over keen. It is only when the girl and her parents combine that all hope of capturing him is doomed. Sagacious parents are lukewarm to a desirable suitor.

Now they want to divide Mexico and make two governments of it. All right. Anything that will bring peace in the family.

The death of D. Glen Deaver, which occurred at his home in Omaha Sunday, removes one of the best known characters in Nebraska. For a number of years the deceased had been connected with the Burlington railroad as an advertising manager, and he performed his duties so competently and faithfully that his place will be hard to fill.

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS.

Alice M. Smith, real name unknown, the unknown heirs at law and devisees of said Alice M. Smith and her unknown spouse, James Plummer and Nancy D. Plummer, his wife, the unknown heirs at law and devisees of James Plummer and Nancy D. Plummer, and their unknown spouse, Selwyn E. Plummer and Sarah Plummer, his wife, the unknown heirs at law and devisees of said Selwyn E. Plummer and Sarah Plummer, and their unknown spouse, Fred J. Plummer and his wife, first real name unknown, the unknown heirs at law and devisees of said Fred J. Plummer and his wife, and their unknown spouse, Harriet M. Young and O. P. Young, her husband, and the unknown heirs at law and devisees of said Harriet M. Young and O. P. Young, and their unknown spouse, John Doe (real name unknown) and Richard Roe (real name unknown), Defendants, will take notice that on the 14th of February, 1914, Lillian C. Wilson, Plaintiff, herein, filed her petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, the object of which was to quiet title, quiet and possession of said plaintiff in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: The west half (w/2) of the southwest quarter (sw/4) of Section six (6), Township twenty (20), Range ten (10), east of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska, and to establish her fee simple title therein and that she and her immediate grantors have been in the open, notorious, exclusive, continuous, adverse, visible and actual possession and ownership of all of said above described real estate, claiming the same as owners thereof against all the world and especially against the defendants herein since the 26th day of October, 1878, and praying that the defendants and each of them and all persons claiming by, through or under them, may be enjoined from claiming or asserting any right, title, claim or interest of any name or nature in or to the above described real estate, or any part thereof, and for general equitable relief. You and each of you are hereby required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 6th day of April, A. D. 1914.

LILLIAN C. WILSON, Plaintiff.

P. P. WHITE, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public, that the undersigned, Andy Thomsen, has filed his petition and application in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, as required by law, signed by a majority of the resident freeholders of Eight Mile Grove Precinct, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the state of Nebraska.

PHILIP SPORN, Plaintiff.

By D. O. DWYER, His Attorney.

braska, and praying that license be issued to said Andy Thomsen for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from May 17, 1914, ending May 17, 1915, in a building on lot 5, in block 6, in the village of Cedar Creek, in Eight Mile Grove Precinct, in Cass County, Nebraska.

ANDY THOMSEN, Applicant.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In County Court, STATE OF NEBRASKA, Cass County, ss. In the Matter of the Estate of Jacob W. Valley, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased that hearings will be had upon claims filed against said estate, before the County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 28th day of March, 1914, and on the 25th day of August, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m., each day for examination, adjustment and allowance. All claims must be filed in said court on or before said last hour of hearing. Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 26th day of January, 1914. (Seal) ALLEN J. BIRZEL, County Judge. 1-25-14wks

LEGAL NOTICE.

To Lucy Boggs, Carrie Wonderbarbe, Henry Steadler, Joseph Steadler and Edward Steadler: You are hereby notified that Philip Steadler, as plaintiff, has filed his petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, against you and against the purpose of enforcing a written contract executed by George Steadler, your father, and Carrie Steadler, his father, purporting the inheritance interest of George Steadler, under the law, in the estate of his father, as security for indebtedness of said George Steadler to plaintiff. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 26th day of March, 1914, or the same will be taken as true and judgment entered accordingly. PHILIP STEADLER, Plaintiff. By D. O. DWYER, His Attorney.

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