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## THE PRICE OF PEACE.

Col. Watterson's dream of empire running from the North Pole to the Straits of Magellan is being taken too seriously in some quarters. There are administration organs capable of seeing in it a covert attack upon both the president and secretary of state, to whom, in jointure, the colonel seemed to allude as two souls with but the single thought of peace in preparing for an invasion of Mexico. The fear is expressed, in some administration quarters, that the colonel implies a suspicion that the ways of peace are being abandoned for ways of wars of conquest. But, say the administration organs, there is no war, and should there be one, it would not be a war of conquest.

What Col. Watterson broadly intimated, in the editorial correspondence he wrote in Rome and sent by cable, was that the ways of such peace as we seem to be entering upon in Mexico being always very costly ways, we should have to pay ourselves as we went along, taking, as indemnity, all or part of the territory of a vanquished country. In such a way, he seemed to say, we could go south to land's end. As for the North Star, above the pole, his plainly expressed opinion was that the Canadians will themselves seek political union with us, and that war in that direction will be unnecessary. Conquest, through the ways of peace, he hinted, will have to be a progressive conquest, taking just as much of the land at a time as may be needed to pay the price of wars of peace, as we are now beginning to inaugurate one in Mexico.

Col. Watterson may be open to a suspicion of delicately and gently satirizing President Wilson. It is known that, as demagogues, they have not always acted in that full accord with which the president and Mr. Bryan are now acting in Mexico. But, if so, it would not be necessary to take him seriously were not the opportunities and the weapons for effective satirizing ready to his hand.

A majority of women do not want to vote. But that does not prove anything in particular. A majority of women do not want to quit wearing corsets, but the health authorities say they should.

State Auditor W. B. Howard will not run for re-election to that office, but will try to oust Congressman Lobeck in the Second district. But Mr. Howard will find a different kind of a race in the Second district than he did in running in the state at large.

If Mexico City is surrounded by rebel forces how is Huerta going to save himself? Can he expect any help from President Wilson, after being as impudent to that good man, who has done all he could in the past to remedy matters and save him from hanging.

The Lincoln Star insists that Governor Morehead owes the people a second term. We don't know so much about that. And we do not think the Star is any more capable of advising the governor in this matter than many of the dyed-in-the-wool democratic papers of the state. The Star is but a recent recruit to the democratic side of the house, anyway.

Years of maturity have softened Col. Roosevelt's nature. It is now apparent that he would rather be known to posterity as a mapmaker rather than as a broncho buster.

There is not a thing to be gained by fighting over the presidential race of two years ago, and until such folly ceases there will be but little use of nominating a democratic state ticket in Nebraska.

Right or wrong, every true American stands by the flag of his country, but it is nobler to have the old flag always stand for right. And in our opinion of the Mexican trouble both President Wilson and the flag are right.

Ex-Senator Foraker, of Standard Oil fame, is in favor of free canal tolls. That is certainly further evidence that the people should support President Wilson in his fight for the common people's interests, in tolls and other matters.

Governor Morehead is doing the proper caper by completely ignoring the illegitimate bantling called the Nebraska Republican. Those who are responsible for its existence are afraid to father it. That is a sufficient reason why no one should place any reliability in what it says.

Closing all day Saturday and reducing business to five days a week is being advocated in Chicago. That secured it is probable that three-day working clubs will be making demands. It is as natural to overwork reform as it is to hunt the shady side of a street in the summertime.

In some cities and towns the school boards are arranging for what they term vacation schools, to be kept up by tuition fees. There is no compulsion about it, as parents who want their children off the streets during the long vacation can get some comfort in knowing where their boys are, if they desire it that way.

Lester, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Grunther, died Sunday morning from pneumonia, at the home of the family in Platte Center. Chris Grunther has a large circle of friends throughout Nebraska, who deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Grunther in this, their hour of deep affliction, being the first death in the family of several children.

Clyde H. Barnard is said to have that man Waite on "the hog," as the saying goes. Secretary of State Waite has served two terms in the office as "boss," and Lord only knows how long as deputy. Clyde is just as competent to hold down the place, and a much pleasanter gentleman to meet. The republicans will miss it if they don't vote for Clyde for the nomination.

If the rebels in Mexico are still for war what good can the mediators do in the direction of peace? It is just as well to subjugate them now as at any time in the future. It looks to the man up a tree that it will have to be done. Now that Huerta is virtually out of the way, Villa and Carranza are looming up with a determination of protracting the war or having their own way about matters.

## EVERYBODY SHOULD DO IT.

The clean-up spirit which prevades Plattsmouth should be kept alive for all time. It is so much easier to do things when everybody is doing the same thing. There is comfort and encouragement in company. There is stimulus and inspiration in the touch of elbows. It is the all-pull-together spirit that carries the army to victory, that overcomes all obstacles and opposition, that plants the flag on the enemy's ramparts. When everybody is doing it, it is soon done. When any movement is made popular, its success is assured. The people of Plattsmouth can do anything that is humanly possible for five thousand people to do, if they will but bend their backs to the task and all push and all pull together. The reason that Plattsmouth has not made greater progress and has not procured all of the good things that are within her reach, is found in the lack of harmony and co-operation among our own people. There have been too many selfish interests and selfish men, and not enough public-spirited and broad-minded men whose vision extended beyond the demands and the distractions of the day. The boy's clothes must be enlarged as he grows, and so must the community spirit be enlarged as the city grows. The problems of the city multiply as the population increases, and many things that were good enough for the dog-fennel days of forty years ago will not meet the demands of these stirring times. Our business men recognize the necessity of keeping abreast of the business men of other cities, and of being able to meet competition and asking no quarters. The city, the people as a whole, must meet competition upon the same basis, and be able to offer as many inducements and advantages as do any other of her rivals. Among the first things that a stranger observes upon entering a city is the general condition of the streets and alleys. Dirty streets stamp the city as a back number and wholly lacking in enterprise and thrift. Only the dead lie buried in the dirt without making a kick, and a city that does not keep its streets and alleys clean and in a sanitary condition is classed as a "dead one" and waiting to be buried. The city may keep its streets clean, but it cannot be a scavenger for the whole town. The citizens themselves must care for private premises, and must keep them clean and ornament them. This every citizen should find pleasure in doing, and not deem it a burden or useless task. A neatly trimmed lawn, shrubbery and flowers are within the reach of almost every property owner, and these simple ornaments not only add beauty to the premises and to the street, but they add value to the property. Even from an investment standpoint they are worth many times their cost. The citizens may do much also in the matter of ornamenting our school and church grounds and making them attractive. If everybody will do it, it will soon be done and well done.

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The democrats of the First congressional district do not want Governor Morehead to run for reelection, but insist that he remain in the race for congress. He is well fitted for congress, and there is where he should go. He has made a good governor, and can exercise his ability in congress in such a manner that the outside world will at least know the First district is represented in that body.

The Allman Bros. carnival company is perhaps an exception in many respects. There never was a show of this character that every remained for one week in Plattsmouth and left with such a kindly feeling among our people. Allman Bros. have certainly demonstrated that it is just as easy to organize a company composed of nice people as it is one of the "rough neck" order. They met with great success here, and the Journal is free to recommend the managers as perfect gentlemen in every respect.

It is very unfortunate for the democratic party of Nebraska that men who pass as leaders should feel themselves "the whole cheese" in the distribution of the patronage coming from Washington to this state. Their actions are very selfish and the man who expects anything at their hands must do their bidding or be blacklisted. Now, one democrat is as good as another, no matter whether he voted for Wilson, Clark or Harmon, and the faction rulers at Washington should exercise more judgment in order to allay all dissent of the party in Nebraska. Otherwise it will never be done.

## HONORING THE DEAD.

It was an impressive scene when President Wilson stood before a vast throng of people in the Brooklyn navy yard, and spoke for the American nation in eulogy of the nineteen men who lost their lives in battle with the Mexicans, and in expressing the sorrow of the whole American nation. It was a scene that is rarely staged, and right well it is for the American people that an occasion for such a scene rarely comes. Honor to the dead, however freely and however generously given, is but poor recompense for lives lost in battle. War is a most cruel game, and the world will indeed be fortunate when nations shall refuse to engage further in human butchery, and universal peace shall be established among all the peoples of the earth. While universal peace may not come to this day and generation, yet its coming will not much longer be delayed. Civilization in learning the arts of peace, is learning also the needless waste and wickedness of war. Civilization is learning that the victories of peace are more to be desired than the spoils and trophies of battle, and that man's highest mission in this world is to serve and not to shoot his fellowman. And President Wilson truly expressed the prevailing and the best sentiment of the American people in saying that "We have gone down to Mexico to serve mankind, if we can find out the way. We do not want to fight the Mexicans; we want to serve the Mexicans if we can, because we know how we would like to be freed and how we would like to be served if there are friends standing by ready to serve us."

The president spoke feelingly of the patriotism of the American soldier and of his fearless and unwavering devotion to his duty, and with what seemed a touch of personal anguish the president added: "I never went into a battle, I was never under fire, but I fancy that there are some things just as hard to do as to go under fire. I fancy that it is just as hard to do your duty when men are sneering at you as when they are shooting at you. When they shoot at you they can only take your natural life; when they sneer at you they can wound your heart. And men who are brave enough, steadfast enough, steady in their principles enough to go about their duty with regard to their fellow men, no matter whether there are hisses or cheers—men who can do what Rudyard Kipling in one of his poems wrote, 'Meet with triumph and disaster, and treat those two imposters just the same.' These are men of whom a nation may be proud. Morally speaking, disaster and triumph are imposters. The cheers of the moment are not what man ought to think about, but the verdict of his conscience and of the consciences of mankind." President Wilson spoke from a heart that has suffered and is still suffering from wounds inflicted by men who hiss and sneer at his efforts to do his duty and to serve the people. Bullet wounds may heal, but heart wounds never.

The Journal learns of several other candidates for the several offices to be filled in this county, but it seems they have as yet failed to file. If you are determined to run for an office get in the race now. Don't think that your chances are not as good as the other fellow's until you have tried. You may be the lucky man.

McKelvey has not given up his contest for the governorship and proposes to appeal to the supreme court for a new trial. He is evidently a gritty fellow, and if he succeeds, in getting his name on the primary ballots he may fool some of the republicans who are aspiring to the same position.

## PUBLIC SALE OF Mammoth Jacks & Big Stallions

COLUMBUS, NEBR., JUNE 4th



This nation has been forced to take a step in connection with Mexico which it cannot retrace. As there is no reasonable head to the Mexican nation it makes the situation so difficult that it would be impossible to withdraw until the whole of Mexico has been subdued. This will undoubtedly require from 10 to 20 years. Our Government, with its army invading a foreign country will be obliged to purchase thousands of mules for military equipment. Good mules were never so scarce and never have commanded such high prices as at the present time, and if there are not more mules grown by our people our Government will be obliged to go to foreign countries for a portion of its equipment. We should not make this necessary. Let us raise more mules. I am offering jacks strongly bred in the CUSTER, BOURBON, FALCON, STARLIGHT and PARAGON families. These jacks are bred to produce the most desirable mules that can be grown. I also have a nice line of finely finished, long-neck, high-headed, half Spanish jacks, sired by jacks imported from Spain. These jacks are making the best cross for heavy draft mares that can be had. Come and buy a jack. Male raising will be the most profitable industry that a farmer or stock man can follow for the next 10 or 20 years. I will sell a car load of these jacks and a car load of big stallions at—

COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ON JUNE 4th

All who anticipate attending this sale kindly write me for sale catalogues at once. Please come a day before the sale so as to look the stock all over and get thoroughly acquainted with it. Will also be making daily sales at my farm.

**W. L. DeCLOW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

The county assessor is a very busy man right now, as the precinct assessors begin to turn in their lists.

The Hessian fly is injuring the wheat crop in some sections of Nebraska. If it isn't one thing it is another to injure the prospects of an overflow wheat crop.

Senator Norris told the senate not long since that he thought "it would be a disgrace, instead of an honor, to have Huerta to salute the American flag." We think so, too.

And in the meantime, while Huerta has joined the watchfully waiting forces, the enemy is actively engaged in making hay—if activities in Mexico are worthy that dignified expression.

Were the army board given the men they wanted in the Mexican matter there would only be one answer to the hopes of Huerta, they would be blasted. However, the peace envoys meet this week in Canada, when negotiations of peace for Mexico will be considered. It must not be forgotten altogether that Huerta has failed to salute the American flag.

"Chop off the skirt" is a headline in one of the exchanges, giving the latest women's wear. We don't know how much shorter they are to be chopped off, but it makes us think that Sam Jones' suspicions were well founded. We once heard the famous Georgia reformer say in a lecture that the women had cut off a foot of the dress at the top and about two at the bottom, and he was beginning to be suspicious of the whole thing.

## GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

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**ILLUSTRATIVE DETOURS AND RATES.**  
Round trip excursion fare from Eastern Nebraska to Glacier Park Station.....\$35 00  
One-day park tour from Glacier Station..... 8 25  
Three-day park tour between Glacier Park Station and Belton..... 21 00  
Five-day park tour from Glacier Park Station..... 31 25

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