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HOW TO STIR AMERICAN PRIDE.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

In nature there is no blemish but the mind—none can be called deformed but the unkind.—Shakespeare.

"Heart failure" covers a heap of medical ignorance.

The Zeppelins wreck little except the nerves of villagers.

A substantial gain in the Chicago wheat market is reported.

Mexico is always finding a brand new Joshua, but he always gets lost in the wilderness.

If the airmen destroy Greenwich we shall have to find some new place from which to reckon time.

The Smith family seems to have considerable influence with both branches of the Mormon church.

New York continues to grow in wealth and population, notwithstanding the Becker and Sulzer cases.

Mr. Hobson has not yet verified that Turtle Bay rumor, but he may be jealous of that amateur alarmist.

To be reasonable one must reason, and to reason one must think; that's why some people are so unreasonable.

The most strategic thing a Mexican general can do is to capture a telegraph line that has an end in the United States.

Mr. Armour says that when labor unions get a little power they begin excesses. The same charge has been made against packers.

Want a good joke on the other fellow? Wait till this item gets cold—then cement a nicker to the sidewalk and watch 'em try to pick it up.

England is trying to placate us. It has modified the cotton and dye orders and invited Billy Sunday to cross the Atlantic. Maybe they think Billy can stop the war.

We notice quite a number of extra fine colts this spring, which indicates that our Cass county farmers are paying more attention to the raising of better horses than ever before, and they are receiving better prices for those they sell.

It is hinted in Lincoln that if Charley Bryan should happen to be elected to the position of mayor, he will become a candidate for governor next year. He may be elected mayor of Lincoln, but we doubt it. And as to governor, he wouldn't reach the first base.

If President Wilson could have heard how unqualifiedly Senator Hitchcock extolled him in that recent address to the legislature, perhaps the president might forget that he has always at his elbow an enemy of the senator who never learned how to quit hating anybody.—Omaha Examiner.

Tomorrow is clean-up day in Plattsmouth, according to the request of both Mayor Sattler and Governor Morehead. Just as well get all your old tin cans and other trash ready to be hauled to the garbage dump. It will also be a good time to bury some old grudges, grouches and despicable personalities beneath the other rubbish. One is just as detrimental to the health of the city as the other.

Writing of the probable injection into the next national campaign of hostile feeling against the next national administration because of the quality of its neutrality in the war beyond the seas, that astute and ultra-republican, Ross' Hammond, says in his Fremont Tribune:

"Politically speaking, there are very many of us who would not care to defend the administration, but if it should come to pass that its attitude toward the war should be made a line of clear demarkation, there would be a quick and decisive realignment in favor of supporting the administration, right or wrong. It is to be hoped it will never come to this."

Ross Hammond has unmasked a spectre that stands in the way of the realization of otherwise professedly ardent republican hopes. The great mass of the American people believe that the administration has honestly and impartially tried to maintain an attitude of the strictest and fairest neutrality with reference to the troubles in Europe. That it has incurred, without consciously inviting, the protest of both sides of that awful controversy is the best evidence that its neutrality has been of the genuine sort. Its course has no more won the approbation of the allies than it has of the foes of the allies. Whenever either has sought to use this government as a club with which to disadvantage its enemies, it has met with disappointment.

The ferocity of hatred existing between the combatants, and the effects which resulted to the legitimate commerce of neutral nations, have combined to create some mighty critical situations for the solution of this government. Americans as a class reject the suspicion or imputation that in their solution any favoritism has been shown any belligerent.

Its attitude in regard to this brutal war is perhaps the very best asset of the administration. An impetuous president might very easily have involved this country in unnecessary hostilities with one or both elements of the sanguinary struggle beyond the sea. Avoidance of precipitate action or national arrogance has alone kept our own skirts clear. This is the trump card of the administration. It would have been destroyed by an unneutral act.

The splendid determination disclosed by the president to merit the confidence and friendship of all the nations involved in the war, and to evince no other emotion in respect to the conflict than one of abhorrence of its results and commiseration of its victims, has been manifestly shared by all the members of the president's official family. Few Americans will harbor any regret that our government did not evince more readiness to take offense at any of the many opportunities offered by the interferences with American commerce and the indifference for possible losses of American life and property in the naval policies pursued by all of the belligerents. Few will regret that their government did not bristle with summary ultimatums or undertake to lay down threatening rules in restraint of either party to the combat.

Granting that this nation may continue to avoid actual entanglement in the fierce hostilities, the administration will, when the war is happily over, have something to offer in a record satisfactory to the American masses. It will be its chief asset when it seeks vindication from the people. It will need no other.

But if anybody wants to make its triumph in the next national election more of a certainty than it now bids fair to be, he will assail it for its course in regard to this awful war.

The raising of a question like that in a campaign in this country, as it would in any country, will obscure all other questions and rally to the support of the administration most of those who are now recognized as its foes on issues involving only our domestic policies and partisan precedence.—Lincoln Star.

Terre Haute, Indiana, takes the cake on the "clean-up" business.

Why is it that the more fishing tackle a man buys the less fish he gets?

Teddy lost out in the first round in his libel suit, when he failed in getting the judge to entertain a motion for a dismissal of the suit.

The United States can feel free to send all the protests it wants to the European governments, as their waste baskets are very large and capacious.

Huerta intimates that his military code of ethics prevents his exonerating himself of responsibility for the death of Madero. Such devotion to ethics is unparalleled.

In Omaha jitney busses are carrying local people anywhere they want to go for 5 cents, but the traveler from a distance is welcomed by allowing him to pay a dollar to get to the railroad station.

It must be that the Riggs bank of Washington has a good case or it would certainly not attack the government. Most people are on the defensive in dealing with the government in such cases.

It is considered all right in the modern household to make up for high prices by cutting down on the meat, bread and other substantial consumed, but there must be no letting up in the style in which the food is served.

CONCERNING AMERICAN RIGHTS

The saving clause in the British Order in Council, to which the United States took such strong exception, was that dealing with its administrative features. Large discretion was left in the hands of the officers of the crown as to the manner, and also the measure, of enforcement. The Washington protest of a few weeks ago called attention to this fact, and more than once expressed the expectation that the commerce of this country would, by such means, be relieved of many of the obstructions which the order, if it was to be literally and strictly enforced, would raise against it. The Washington note, in fact, insisted that a much wider latitude than that fixed in the order should be allowed in its application.

This, as we said at the time, was all that the United States was in a position to demand. And that such a form of protest could not go unheeded, the official British announcement that cotton is now removed from the list of contraband and that certain cargoes of dyestuffs from Germany will be permitted to proceed to this country is evidence. These announcements seem no sufficient answer to the late German contention that the United States has made a supine surrender of its neutral rights. But we shall expect to see other concessions made from time to time as emergency demands and conditions permit.

In the American note the strongest emphasis of protest was laid upon that part of the Order in Council serving all the purposes of a blockade of neutral European ports. This protest will, no doubt, be removed if such an administration of the order as will facilitate our commercial communication with such ports does not remove the embargo. We have gone far in the successful assertion of our rights and interests as neutrals, and we will go farther as occasion warrants. This blockading position of the allies was so indefensible from the start that its modification could be seen as likely to follow such a strong protest as Washington sent to London against it.

Let everyone get into the game for a cleaner and prettier Plattsmouth.

Are you doing your duty on the clean-up proposition? If not, why so?

Never count your chickens until you are sure the incubator is working.

Swat the fly, and keep on swatting him. Now is the time to begin the task.

Considering the low market value of a grouch it is surprising there are so many of them.

There are many things that can be done for the betterment of Plattsmouth, but we have not heard of any suggestions from the Commercial club.

The population of the country has passed the hundred million mark, but there is still enough land so father can have a back garden, if he really wants one.

Uncle Henry Clews is feeling much better over trade conditions. The gambling on Wall street always regulates the feeling of those Napoleons of Finance.

The celebrated elephant is beginning to appear in the cartoons with some frequency, indicating that a presidential campaign looms up in great shape, and that the republican party has some hopes.

The coming city election in Lincoln will be a lively one. There seems to be a great opposition to Charley Bryan, who wants to be mayor, as a stepping stone to governor. He may be big enough for mayor, but not for governor. Oh, no!

Remember Governor Morehead has designated Friday and Saturday as clean-up days. Maybe some people will do as he suggests and other won't. Some people are filthy, and the way to determine who they are is to take note of the conditions of their premises.

We cannot, in justice to our readers, urge too strongly that you keep them on a while longer. The temptation always comes on a warm day, but always in the early spring hot days are followed by cool days, and then's when you get it in the neck, and head, and lungs.

Germany, in all probability, feels the pinch of the British blockade in the matter of needed imports, both for war and industrial pursuits, but the probability of Germans starving is mostly talk for sympathy, which all nations at war are seeking, although it hasn't much to do with winning battles.

Politics are very quiet, and will perhaps remain thusly until the dawn of 1916. Then candidates and party organizers will begin to get in their work. The people generally are more mixed in their views than they have ever been, and from present indications it will be hard to tell "who will be who" in 1916.

Don't cuss the farmers because they want all the benefits of a good town near them and want to avoid all expenses in supporting that town, for in that they are not different from many other kinds of human beings. Make the farmers believe you can serve them better and cheaper than other people—and in doing that you have a hard fight with some experts in that business.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

One of our citizens who occasionally wipes the dishes for his wife, became tired of his job and refused, saying that "it is not a man's work." Not feeling disposed to lose his help she brought the bible out to convince him of his error and read as follows from II Kings, 21:12: "And will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down." It is needless to say that he is still doing his occasional stunt.

CLAIMING TOO MUCH.

The women are much like men in claiming more for the reform in which they happen to be interested than is at all likely to result. Democrats and republicans alike have had the fatal habit of boasting overmuch regarding the programs they have put forth and of what would be accomplished thereunder. Both have been compelled to explain and apologize when the event rose to plague them and to deny many if not most of their claims.

Commercialized vice, we are now told by eloquent apostles of equal suffrage, will never be wiped out until women get the ballot. Perhaps not—and perhaps not even then. Even women will not be able by their ballots to change human nature; and there happens to be a lot of human nature in commercialized vice. It is only perverted human nature.

We shall hope that when women obtain the ballot—as they are practically certain to do in this state before the end of the current year—they will come to the aid of those earnest men who are striving, not to change human nature, but to permit it free play under normal conditions. Commercialized vice cannot flourish to any great extent in a society where the struggle for existence is unembittered by monopolistic control of natural opportunities. Commercialized vice is practically unknown in primitive societies where the chances to make a living are open to all on substantially equal terms.

Commercialized vice is a symptom only. It is not a disease in itself. It manifests itself only under certain economic conditions. If these conditions are removed or overcome, commercialized vice disappears, just as pimples disappear from the face when impurities in the blood are eliminated. It is unthinkable that commercialized vice could flourish on any large scale or perhaps on any scale at all where young men and young women could mate in the mating season without fear of the future in regard to food and shelter.

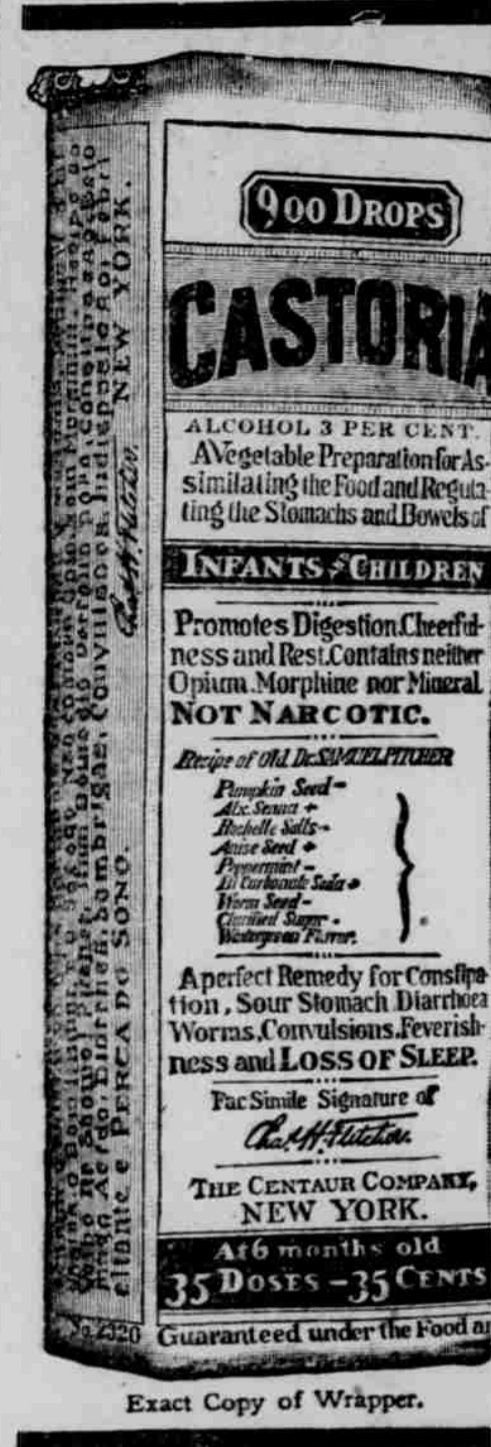
Here is the whole story. But our suffrage friends do not appear to apprehend it or sense its meaning. With the ballot they fancy that they shall work wonders. And with it they certainly may work wonders. But not along the lines suggested by some of their evangelists. If they banish commercialized vice they will not do it by legislative decree, not by resort to proscriptive and force, but by so improving economic condition that normal ties may confidently be assumed by young men and maidens at the time when nature most insistently calls.

However, the women cannot be blamed if they dream dreams and float in clouds now and again. We lords of creation have set the example. The women could not by any possibility outrun their fathers, their husbands, their brothers or their lovers in imagining vain things. Men for thousands of years have been trying with might and main to banish commercialized vice and other evils which afflict society, resorting even to the most drastic means, yet without practical results. Commercialized vice still flourishes and other evils remain to challenge and to shame the society under which they are bred.

If the women shall not quite realize their fondest hopes and desires when the ballot is theirs, they will at least have the satisfaction which men have in knowing that they have used it according to their lights. If the lights have been dim and ineffective, that is not the fault of the ballot; and lights may become better as we progress from the tallow dip to the electric bulb. This progress, of course, marks simply the gaining in knowledge.—Johnstown Democrat.

Every day should be clean-up day with our people. If you cannot do it all in one day, take two, but clean up your premises.

Meat prices jumped up a notch or two this week, and the people will have to be content or go without meat, which is one of the necessities of the laboring man.



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PECULIAR ACCIDENT AND DEATH NEAR ELMWOOD

From Saturday's Daily. Otto Stubbendeck, jr., passed away Tuesday afternoon at the Stubbendeck home, southeast of town, from injuries received while attempting to bridge a fractious mule last Saturday afternoon. He was taking up the animal preparatory to making use of it in the field, and was trying to get the mule to proceed in harnessing. But the angered mule fell over against him, and he was pinned between the animal and the partition in such a manner as to horribly mash his abdomen about the chest and lungs. He suffered terribly until death came to his relief. Funeral services will be held this (Friday) afternoon, from the North Branch church.

Otto Stubbendeck, jr., was a splendid young man, and a member of one of the most proper and respected families of that locality. His untimely death is a great shock to his relatives and many friends. He was aged 20 years.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

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Where Are You Going This Summer?

Not everybody can go to California; the summer will bring thousands from the East to the ranch resorts and hotels of Scenic Colorado, the Black Hills, the Big Horn Mountains, the Absaroka Mountain ranches beyond Cody.

THE NATIONAL PARKS—This is going to be a big season for Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, and for Estes Park, Colo., just north of Denver, adjoining the new Rocky Mountain National Park. The increased number of Eastern visitors to these western summer localities during the summer of 1914 showed the "grip" that the glorious summer life of the mountains was taking with the Eastern people.

Publications now coming off the press. An early mention is made to call them to your attention and to indicate the wisdom of making your plans early. Write me of the locality you have in mind.

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