

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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## A MISSOURI DINNER.

It is quite the fashion for the "native sons" of the various states who have moved into other commonwealths to organize state societies. Thus we have the Wisconsin association, the Illinois association and other state associations in Nebraska, and out in California there is a Nebraska association with several thousand members. Comes now the word that native Missourians resident in Nebraska are contemplating a "get together" for the purpose of having a regular old 'possum dinner with 'simmon sauce trimmings and corn pone adjuncts. Lack of time and shortage of space precludes the idea of attempting to give anything like a complete list of native Missourians who have made Nebraska their habitat for many years, contributing of their time, their talents and their energies in the work of developing this commonwealth. But if that proposed "Missouri dinner" is pulled off it is easy to imagine what will happen when men like Ed Buckingham, Warren Switzer, Tom Byrne, Frank Ransom, "Bill" Oldham, "Bill" Maupin, John Utt, W. H. McCord, F. H. Hoel, Roy Byrne and a score—or a hundred, or a thousand—other native sons of the old state, sit down. The savory smell of the baked 'possum, the tang of 'simmon sauce, the effulgent glow of golden corn pone baked in the ashes, the spicy scent and taste of punkin—not pumpkin—pie, and the satisfying gurgle of sweet cider as it emerges from the jug and nestles in the gourd—Well, if those Missourians do get together it is going to be some party and some feed.

When it's 'possum time in Ol' Missouri, And 'simmons purple 'neath the frost; When pawpaws lose their purple hue And co'n pone in the pan is tossed—Yum, Yum! Just spread the board complete. And watch them Ol' Missourians eat!

Nebraska owes a lot to the Missourians who left their native state and crossed over to the western side of the Big Muddy and helped to develop Nebraska. A lot of good men have come from Missouri—and the better they were the sooner they came to Nebraska. The "Missouri Dinner" really ought to be brought to pass.—World-Herald.

If that dinner is pulled off within a hundred miles of Plattsmouth we want to be there. While we were not born in Missouri, we lived in the good old state for thirty years, and have partaken of many 'possum and sweet potatoe suppers prepared to a queen's taste by some good old black mammy. Those were days we shall never forget and do not care to forget, for they were happy ones, and the only regret we have is that we cannot live them over.

The revival meetings inaugurated at the Methodist church promises to be a great success.

The latest fashion notes announce that nine inches are to be cut off the ladies' gowns, but it is silent as to which end of the gown is to come off. But we hope it won't be the top end.

The state militia are to have a sham battle in Lincoln next week. We would advise them not to get too close to the state house in their maneuvers, or they might accidentally blow up some of the state officials.

It was a great tribute paid to the memory of Hon. R. D. Sutherland when his funeral occurred the other day at Nelson. During the time of the funeral every business house in the town, as well as the postoffice, by order of Postmaster General Burnson, were closed in honor of this noble man.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Few causes age the body faster than wilful indolence and monotony of mind—the physical youthfulness.—James Lane Allen.

Make a noise, even if you can't make good.

There is evidence in high places that no rules can be prescribed for courtship.

If you expect two favors for one, you know yourself you are expecting too much.

Only two months till the holidays. Don't forget to do your Christmas advertising early.

A breach of promise suit generally hinges on the theory that the defendant has the money.

The Navy League has invited W. J. Bryan to make an inspection of its books and accounts. Wonder if he will?

The way this wireless telephony business is developing it is going to be so, pretty soon, we can none of us talk without having everybody hear us. That'll be bad on the gossipers.

The popular time to burn backyard refuse is a good windy day, when the smoke will blow right in the direction of your neighbor and away from you.

Sir Lionel Corden might have died with a reputation as a trained diplomat but for the facts about Mexico becoming so awful that he could not keep them to himself.

A couple will go on a three weeks' honeymoon trip and return expecting a grand ovation, but discover that during their absence the fact that they had been married is forgotten.

Germany has just officially announced the sinking of twenty-three vessels for the allies. But no official returns have been received from the allies as to how many they sank for the Germans.

A lady friend announces that women and Ford cars are pretty much alike. Some have to be cranked up, some have electric starters, but nobody knows just what they are going to do next.

There is a move in some parts of the state to have school boys taught marksmanship, and they are doing their best to co-operate with the idea by practicing with air guns on their neighbor's chickens.

Billy Sunday departed Sunday night with his wad. The people of Omaha have evidently shown themselves "easy marks." There would have been more Christianity displayed by giving that money to charity.

There are more than twenty million of men fighting in different parts of the world, and several million killed and wounded, but for the life of us we can't remember just now what they are fighting about. Can you?

If some newspaper publishers would pay more attention to the work of getting out a readable paper instead of putting more than half of their time in trying to secure influence for some office, they would perhaps please their patrons better.

Truth is stranger than cartoons—don't you think?

Brains, like biceps, are something that thrive from being used.

Rather cool these morning to run around in one's shirt-sleeves.

All Carranza has to do now is to make good—that's the little all.

Black frost has held off so long now that it will find no harvest but weeds.

St. Paul had a snow last week and Minneapolis had a frost—so the "drys" say.

The dollar is king, but still half a billion of them have been given as hostages to England and France.

Conditions in Mexico already show improvement, and it is hoped they will continue for the better government.

Young man, it is absolutely dangerous to try to drive an automobile and drink out of a beer bottle at the same time. Don't try it.

The republicans are trying awful hard to get Governor Morehead to come to the front as a candidate for the senate. They have an eye to making trouble.

Once there existed an anti-horse-thief association ramifying all over the country. Abduction of automobiles has grown so frequent that it promises to develop another fraternity of this character out of necessity.

## AN ALIMONY PROBLEM.

It is a poor consolation to a woman applying for a dependent mother's pension to be advised by a court, as a reason for denial of her plea, that she can secure assistance from a divorced husband who has been married again and has a new family to support.

Perhaps the suggestion of the court is true, and it may not be criticized for saying so. Perhaps the former wife may yet be able to induce a court to tax her former husband for a share of the cost of support of herself and their children.

But the situation suggests the thought that in the proceedings which resulted in the separation of her from her now otherwise engaged spouse, somebody charged with responsibility must have overlooked something of vital importance.

It is a little late, seemingly, for this suggestion to come from a court. The divorce proceedings that left the husband free to take on new family cares and obligations was obtained in a court. It would have prevented much embarrassment, and would have materially safeguarded the public, if that court had then charged the husband with some responsibility, or rather with so much responsibility as the court now says may be made to rest upon him.

Perhaps something may have been granted this woman in the way of alimony when the divorce was decreed. Of that nothing is said in the reports of the proceedings that led to the denial of her pension. If anything was allowed her, it is evident that it was not sufficient, else a court would not suggest that the former husband may now be held for relief for her.

Anyone who takes cognizance of the alimony allowances of the courts must realize that as a rule they are neither fair nor adequate. The wife gets a pitifully meagre share of the family fortune when she and her husband are legally separated.

One of the duties of every court empowered to grant divorces should be to see that dependent wives and children should not become public charges in order that the husband and father may marry again. It should be so well understood to be the duty of a court to make provision for them that it would become a reproach upon the divorce courts to have it said by anyone that any divorced husband is liable for any charge not at the time of his divorce imposed upon him by the court.—Lincoln Star.

## INTERNATIONAL RESULTS.

Only about 200,000 foreign immigrants arrived in this country last year, against 1,000,000 during the preceding twelve months. This country is not involved in war, but in this age of the world no important nation lives to itself. What war may do to a country at peace, and arriving with all its power to observe the obligations of neutrality, is illustrated by the figures of immigration. The people of the United States are not anxious that the high tide of newcomers should continue. We can certainly get along without such a large annual addition of inhabitants. In fact, a discriminating restriction of immigration has been much debated, and is still an open question in congress. But a reduction so great and so sudden, strongly impresses the point that all nations are affected by an interruption in the amity that, in justice, should exist among all. Ideal international relations are not likely to come soon, nor to be maintained for any millennial term of years, yet it is well to realize that war is not a matter that touches the welfare of two combatants only. Battles and sieges may appear superficially to be of local concern. The truth is that war to a considerable extent is a world-wide disturbance.

The genius of the age tends to promote commerce and other intimate relations among nations and races. In the countries now at war with each other there has long been a strong desire for trade expansion. Their industries were built up in the hope that foreign customers would be many, that the number would steadily increase, and agreeable mutual advantages be multiplied. In such a situation war comes as a strangely false note. If the conflict is inspired by ruthless ambition, by a purpose to oppress, it is all the more incompatible with the incentives of commerce. If peaceful trade is logical, the destructive forces of war are necessarily the contrary. Not one of the nations now trying to overpower each other will accomplish what it expected when it summoned its millions to the sound of trumpet and drum. The millions are now, for the most part, "digging in" for the winter, an amazing spectacle of defensiveness on both sides. Armies peeping at each other through periscopes, shivering with cold, and covered with frozen mud, are more an exhibition of widespread insanity than of a reasonable effort to accomplish anything whatever of substantial value to anybody.

The bystanders suffer also in various ways, as is usual, and none the less because classified as innocent. Dementia is a dangerous visitation to all who are within reach.

Walt Mason has an automobile. Whether it is one or two syllabled, like his poems, our informant doth not state.

There is plenty of money in this country for automobiles and movie shows. This denotes the prosperity of the country.

The first hazing known to the history of instructions of learning was the bent pin. The older heads remember those days.

Bryan is speaking for prohibition in Ohio. But, of course, one can't blame him, as he gets the price for each speech he makes.

Sometimes you will meet men who would rather be married than be president, and maybe Woodrow Wilson feels that way just now.

This section of the country never witnessed any finer fall weather than we have enjoyed the past two weeks. But we can't expect it to stay with us a great deal longer.

Automobile accidents seem to have become more numerous than ever. It is astounding the number of serious accidents that occur every day. Of course there must be some carelessness attached or they would not be so numerous.

It is hard to tell these days who's getting the best of it in the European war. Why not call it a draw and quit? No doubt this would be very satisfactory to the rank and file in all the armies.

A new dance in which the partners do not touch one another at all, will decide whether it is art or emotion that is the impelling motive in the dance. That sort of dance wouldn't prove popular in Plattsmouth.

Since the drys have predicted that the last saloon will go in 1930, the query offers itself, what system will mankind, which has indulged since the time of Noah, contrive by 1930? For one can't expect human nature to be revolutionized by 1930.

Hallowe'en is almost here, and the small boy, as well as some of the larger ones, are getting ready to have a big time. If your gate is removed from its hinges and if you see a pumpkin face through the window, don't get excited, just simply remember that you was a boy once yourself.

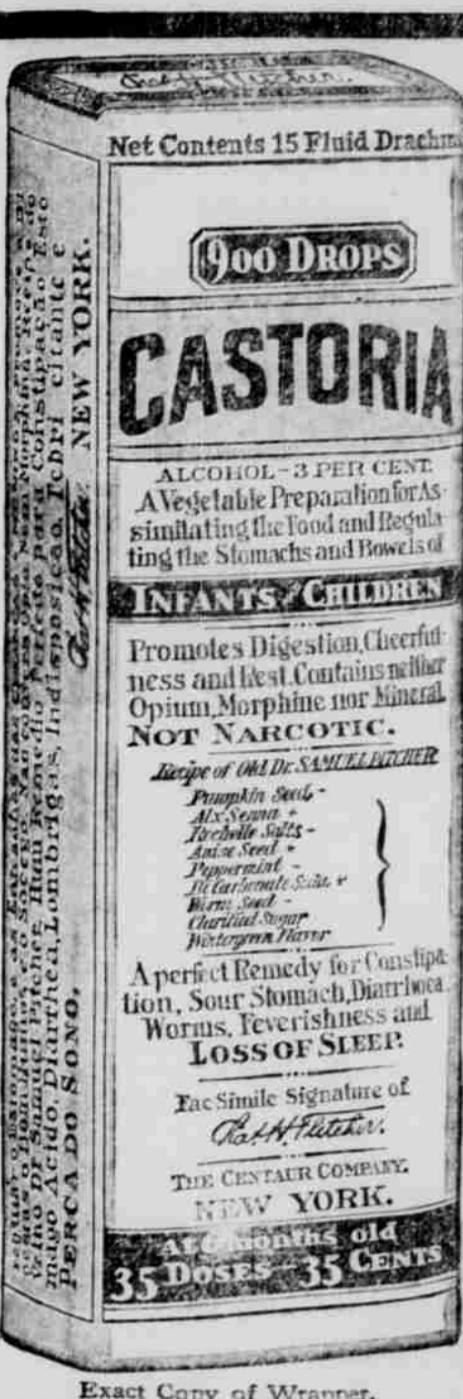
If there is any man in Nebraska who understands the situation in the matter of the United States district judgeship, we'd like for him to arise and explain why this vacancy has existed so long when there are so many competent applicants for the position? The appointment should have been made long ago.

The columns of a newspaper are the publisher's stock in trade. If they are of value to a money-making scheme, they are worth paying for. The business man demands his price for his goods, the professional man and the laborer for their services, the farmer for his products and the preacher for his sermons—and they get it. Is the publisher not human, that he alone must be asked to advance without compensation the interests of undertakings founded and conducted upon a monetary consideration? Or is he, like the horse, expected to give "something for nothing" to the end of his days?

## MAKING CHANGE.

The United States mints are working over time now to coin nickels, dimes, quarters, etc., supposed to be due to business revival. One of the minor inconveniences of life is the difficulty of making change. Most people who have the paying out of money like to do it with a few bills and coins as possible. This saves work for the paymaster, but involves considerable running around to get bills changed. If a man hands a \$5.00 or \$10.00 bill to his wife to pay household charges, at the door at home, she finds that few tradesmen can break it. This leads to the habit of running up accounts, which on the whole tends to extravagance. People will buy things on credit that they would not take if they had to pay cash out of the pocket. Those who go into remote districts for vacations find the difficulties of making change quite acute. The "natives" are apt to be short of ready cash, though they seem to live comfortably enough. It is sometimes as hard to pass a \$5.00 bill as if it were mere counterfeit.

Supplies of small change are obtained periodically by business people. But they soon melt away. A plentiful supply of \$1 bills and silver is a mighty handy thing on a vacation. Small bills and change are somewhat bulky to carry. Modern style pocket-books are pretty small, and conform to the habit of carrying money in the larger bills. The roomy old wallets our grandsires used were more practical. It takes a good supply of small bills to see even a little business house through a day. Before it is over the proprietor may be seen rushing around hatless, to see if his neighbors can break a bill. This is often due to his own lack of foresight, and sometimes to general depression in the cash drawer. But if there is any real scarcity of small bills in the country, the treasury should get busy. Plenty of small change is a public convenience, and facilitates cash payments and trade generally.



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A committee on preparedness has sent out invitations to a hundred leading ministers of the country to address their Thanksgiving day sermons to the question of national defense, and many have signified their intention of responding. If there is anybody who makes a business of urging preparedness it is the preacher.—Lincoln Star.

## BIDS FOR SUBMARINES.

Experts Put Final Touches on Specifications For Undersea Boats. Naval construction experts have put the finishing touches to the specifications for two great submarines for which bids will be asked next month and which will be greater and faster than any now in the United States navy. The two monsters were authorized by the last congress. They will be fitted with steam turbines that must develop a speed on the surface of not less than twenty-five knots an hour, and their full capacity will be more than 10,000 miles. The two vessels will be several tons larger than the Schley, now under construction, which has a displacement of 1,000 tons submerged. The Schley's tonnage is twice that of any of the American submarines thus far built.

Mrs. J. H. Kuhns was among the ladies attending the meeting of the Episcopal church, being held in Omaha today.

Emil Koukal departed this morning for Tekamah, Neb., where he will spend a few weeks visiting with friends in that vicinity.

L. F. Sales of the Masonic Home, was among those going to Omaha this morning, where he was called to look after some matters of business.

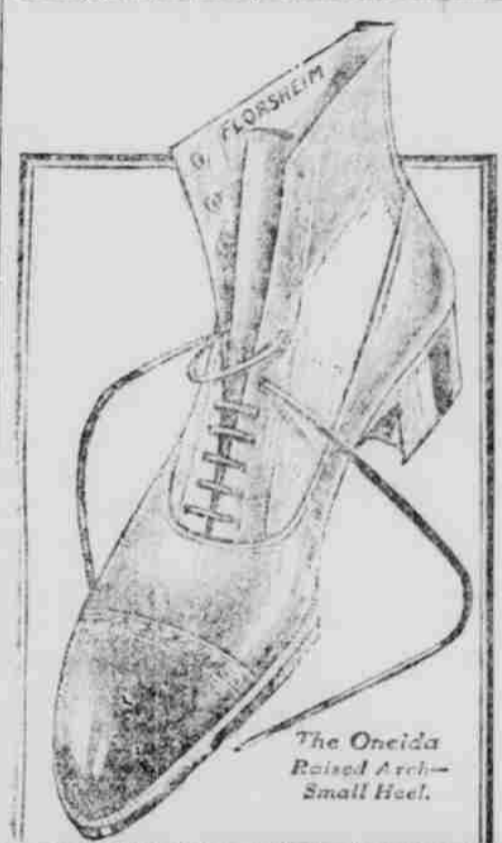
John Mefford of Greenwood was in the city yesterday for a few hours looking after some matters at the court house and calling on his friends.

See the kinds of fancy stationery, the latest up-to-date, and sure to please, at the Journal office.

Mrs. W. J. White was among those going to the metropolis this morning, where she will spend the day attending the convention of the Episcopal church being held in that city today.

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