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Another rain Tuesday night.
The farmers are very busy.
Beware of heated arguments.
The carnival draws good night crowds.
It is easier to win over than to force into line.
The war is hitting base ball a pretty hard blow this season.
The best way is to insure your bridges before you burn them.
We should all be satisfied with our lot in life, but then we are not.
One thing about this June weather—you just can't tell anything about it.
Now that three is to be a scarcity of tin cans, the dogs should be happy.
Telegraph operators do business on "tick," yet it is done on a "sound" basis.
The one who sells whisky under the present law is taking a desperate chance.

NOT A NEW SHAME.

After this stirring fashion the Lincoln Daily News (Evening Journal) strives to arouse the patriotic ardor or Nebraskans and lend support to the government of the United States in its conduct of a great war:
"Perhaps it is unavoidable, but nevertheless it is distinctly regrettable. Everybody who comes back from Washington these days tells of the open and above board display of petty politics in the hour of the nation's distress. They say it is openly gossiped that the south is in the saddle and riding the government in the interest of the south. This is said to be evident in every taxation program and every other measure wherein there is any sectional interest or advantage to subserve."
"Petty politics," says our petty contemporary, is "distinctly regrettable." And then it proceeds to play petty politics on this amazing foundation: "They say it is openly gossiped!"
What a basis for such a charge! "They say it is openly gossiped!"
In the Congress of the United States today there are 96 senators and 435 representatives.
Of these 30 senators and 145 representatives—less than a third in the one instance and exactly a third in the other—come from the southern states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.
And of these Missouri and Oklahoma are distinctly more western than southern, and West Virginia more northern than southern, with two republican senators and four of its representatives republican.
What an amazing case it would be of the tail wagging the dog if the News' charge—"they say it is openly gossiped"—were true!
What a confession of northern and eastern and western weakness and incompetence it would be if it were true that 66 northern senators were letting 30 southerners, if 290 northern representatives were letting 145 southerners, "ride the government in the interests of the south!"
What an indictment of popular government it would be if it were true that a President of the United States, because he happened to be southern born, in the greatest epoch of the world's history, in this republic's supreme crisis, were to be betraying his country by "riding the government in the interest of the south!"
It isn't true, of course. It is merely the "they say," merely the "gossip" which those like the News, whose sectional and partisan prejudice is greater than their patriotism, take malicious delight in peddling.
Woodrow Wilson is serving his country with a pure and single-hearted devotion that is as far above sectionalism as truth is above the editorial columns of the Lincoln News and Journal.
The members of Congress, republicans and democrats, northerners and southerners, are and have been co-operating on the great war measures, most of which have been passed with substantial unanimity, and utterly regardless of sectional and partisan lines. The few individual exceptions—such, for example, as Senator Harding, of Ohio, and Congressman Sloan, of Nebraska—are the shame rather of northern than southern patriotism.
It is just such contemptible slander as the News and men and newspapers of its ilk pour forth day after day that hampers and embarrasses our government at this gravely critical time. It is the weakness of human nature that such fabrications find their mark—find a very considerable proportion of the population whom they can and do influence.

Those who read and believe them say to themselves:
"Why subscribe to the Liberty Loan when a democratic 'southern' government is taxing us and letting the south go free?"
"Why enlist in the army that is to be sacrificed by a government 'playing petty politics in the hour of the nation's stress'?"
"Why should I register for conscription when southern men will be left home and I be drafted?"
And the very agencies that set these doubts and suspicions, these falsehoods and prejudices, to tormenting the minds of the people at a time of all times when unity is essential—these same newspapers then hypocritically ask themselves and their readers: "Why is it so hard to raise the Liberty Loan? Why is volunteering falling off? Why is registration a million under the government outrage that American citizens, prominent estimate?"
It is a blistering shame and an outrage that American citizens, protected by the American flag, enjoying the blessings of American liberty, should thus be stabbing their country in the back.
But it is not a new shame, not a new outrage. Abraham Lincoln had it to endure, even as Woodrow Wilson has. The same kind of scurrile pens that jabbed poison at the one are jabbing now at the other.
But the government a half century ago triumphed over the enemies of the republic, the cowardly ones that were behind as well as the brave ones that were facing it, and so, please God, the government of today will triumph. It will triumph now, as it triumphed then, because the vast majority of American citizens are true and loyal patriots who "look at the doughnut and not at the hole" and would rather assist their government in war than try to hamstring it.
Woodrow Wilson makes his mistakes and the Sixty-fifth Congress in his day made their mistakes. This newspaper would be the last to contend that any one man, much less any body of men, is all-wise and flawless. But it does contend that Woodrow Wilson has proved himself one of the wisest and purest of American statesmen, that he is selfishly giving himself to his country's cause, and that the vast majority of our representatives in both houses of Congress are patriotic and honest and are devoting their best ability to the service of the republic.
The Lincoln News has its dates mixed. This is not the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party. This is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the country. The time to come to the aid of party will be next year, in the congressional elections, when the News, with better though still dubious propriety, may play the game of partisan politics to its embittered heart's content.—World-Herald.

A Red Cross worker went from Omaha to Chadron but met with a frigid reception out there, because they thought she lacked authority. The folk out there look with suspicion upon everything from Omaha lately.

Russia has been in advance of progress. It has for some years had the referendum, the initiative and recall, and you can now see how it works in government there.

The weather was a little too cool for pleasure Thursday night, yet the people were out in full force and the carnival did a splendid business.

"Whispers of peace," says President Wilson, "is a part in a German conspiracy." And the president has hit the nail right on its head.

Last year Nebraska produced 79,875,000 bushels of oats. It is estimated that this year's oat crop will be 95,800,000. That's the talk.

Much advice is being offered on the subject of growing old gracefully. Our contribution: Keep on feeling young.

The cow, as the producer of milk, meat and butter, is entitled to rank pretty nearly as a household pet.

ROOSEVELT AT LINCOLN.

Colonel Roosevelt is a wise and well-informed man and an astute politician. Since the government of the United States was born he has had few equals and no superiors in the art of feeling the popular pulse, of diagnosing the popular temperament, of interpreting and applying the popular will.

When the war broke out he knew, as few men knew, what was the attitude of the American people toward it. When the war had been waging for six months he knew; when it had been waging for a year, two years, he knew. He knows what is their attitude today, now that our own destinies are bound up in the war. Few if any men knew better.

And knowing, Colonel Roosevelt, in his Lincoln invective against the administration at Washington, struck at it wildly and ferociously because of the efforts it had made to keep this country out of war. He exhausted his supply of opprobrious epithets in abusing the government for not having precipitated war when Belgium was invaded, or when the Lusitania was sunk, or when poison gas was first used—on the first cause or pretext that presented itself, instead of wasting thirty months and then taking up the gage of battle only when war was no longer honorable and safely to be avoided.

How Colonel Roosevelt can do this and retain his self-respect is beyond what he knows, what indeed all thoughtful and observant men know, viewing the situation open-eyed, can escape the conclusion that the Roosevelt charges are permeated through and through with intellectual dishonesty.

Even today, after nearly three years, it is proving exceedingly difficult to reconcile the masses of the American people with the fact that their country has actually been involved. Even today, after all the outrages and indignities that have been visited upon us; after the conspiracies to incite domestic sedition and let loose upon us alien foes; after our having been peremptorily ordered off the seas; after the sinking of our own ships and the murder of our citizens; after the betrayal of our hospitality; after the purpose of the kaiser to dominate the world, ourselves included, has been made plain; when the issue trembles in the balance and our own rights and liberties are at stake—even today the martial spirit of the American people is being aroused but slowly. Even today, in spite of the urgings of the government, in spite of the crystal eloquence of the president, in spite of the colonel's exhortations, and the beating of the drums daily from a thousand editorial pages, the people, while their patriotism is beyond question, as a whole are moving toward battle with leaden feet and reluctant spirit.

What, in heaven's name, would have happened to this country and in this country had the president demanded war and congress declared it two years ago?

More than two years ago, it is true, Colonel Roosevelt was demanding war and he kept on demanding it every day until it actually came. He had twice been president. He was known to the American people better than any other man. Despite his eccentricities he was respected by practically all of them, and was idolized and loved by millions. Yet the result of his war cries was a rapid and amazing diminution of his own personal popularity and influence, the like of which has seldom if ever been witnessed in this or any other country.

Woodrow Wilson was a better man and wiser than Theodore Roosevelt. He was a better man because he loved peace and hated war, where Roosevelt has seemed, at times, actually to hate peace and love war. Mr. Wilson fervently hoped for an early peace in Europe and contributed everything in his power to bring it about before civilization should be wrecked. He just as fervently hoped

that this country might be spared the descent into the black pit, while at the same time insisting that its rights and honor be respected and warning the belligerents and the American people that if it was necessary to fight to defend them this country would certainly fight.

He was a wiser man because he knew no leader can lead his following in a direction it does not wish to go. He was a wiser man because he knew that no government can plunge a free people into war except for reasons that appeal to them as adequate.

And he had to deal with a people drilled in the ways of peace, committed to peace, looking upon our own participation in the great European war, upon the sending of our own boys to fight and die in France, as an unthinkable thing.

Fortunate beyond words to express is it for this great republic that Woodrow Wilson patiently and wisely bided his time; that he had the courage to endure, the faith to hope, clear up to the limit of the time when endurance and hope alike were ended! Only so was it made possible to insure to the government the support of the people when war was at last declared. And even so that support is coming slowly though it is coming God be praised! surely and steadfastly, because Americans now can see that their government made every honorable effort to avoid war and that when it came it was inevitable.

According to his lights and in his peculiar way Theodore Roosevelt is a patriot. No one can question his love for America, his passionate devotion to its purposes, his faith in its destiny. But he attests his patriotism in a most amazing fashion, after the manner of a madman, when he devotes the half of his energies, as in his Lincoln speech, to trying to make the government of his country appear pusillanimous and contemptible, and the other half to exhorting the people to support it with their labors, their fortunes and their lives!—World-Herald.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

The First National Bank of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Plaintiff,
vs.
Perry Marsh, Defendant.

Notice to Perry Marsh, Defendant. You are hereby notified that the plaintiff has commenced an action against you in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage for \$210.00 and interest from January 1, 1916, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, on the following described real estate, to-wit:

A strip of land out of the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 19, Twp. 12, Rge. 14, E. of 6th P. M., about 22 by 297-19 feet in size, including an adjoining lot eleven on the South, and being all the land between said lot and Patterson's Avenue, commencing at the NW corner of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 19, Twp. 12, North Rge. 14, E. of 6th P. M., thence running South 154 feet to the point of beginning, thence running south to Patterson Avenue, thence East to the corner of Lincoln and Patterson Avenue, thence Northeast along said Lincoln Avenue to a point due East of the point of beginning, thence West to the point of beginning, Sixty-eight (68) feet of 1/4 of the South side of Lot 11 in Sec. 19, Twp. 12, Rge. 14, East of 6th P. M., in Cass County, Nebraska, and a equitable relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 8th day of July, 1917, and in failing so to do, judgment will be duly entered therein and judgment taken as prayed for in plaintiff's petition.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PLATTSMOUTH.

By A. L. TIDD, Its Attorney.
May 28-4w

ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL.

In the County Court of Cass County, State of Nebraska, ss.:
John G. Larson, Plaintiff,
vs.
John G. Larson, Defendant.

Notice. John G. Larson will take notice that on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1916, Lena Larson, plaintiff herein, filed her petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, against said defendant, the object and prayer of which are to secure a divorce from defendant, and the custody and control of John Larson and Eugene Larson, children of plaintiff and defendant. Grounds for divorce alleged in said petition are: Extreme cruelty, lack of support for herself and children and habitual drunkenness. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 13th day of July, A. D. 1917.
Dated June 8th, 1917.
LENA LARSON, Plaintiff.
By C. A. RAWLS, Attorney.
6-11-4tw

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