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Santa Claus knows his business.

The lid of the flour bin has rusty hinges.

He is coming the night before Christmas.

Every little thrift stamp has an income all its own.

If your coal bin is full you are a lucky man.

His sleigh will be loaded with everything for children.

People as a general thing, don't go where they are not wanted.

Germany no longer regards our Liberty Bonds as "Scraps of Paper".

What has become of all the sleighs? We don't hear the merry jingle of sleigh bells, either.

The old gag about the first three days in December ruling the winter months turned out to be a frost this year.

We would like to get a view just now of the oldest inhabitant who predicted a mild winter, with ice on the Missouri river nine inches thick.

The Buffalo School Board discharged a teacher for being absent without leave. And the unfortunate girl's absence was unavoidable, too. She was in jail with the suffs at Occoquan.

After making two declarations of war, the senate apparently wants to find out if any war is being made before declaring any more before preparations are being made to arm our troops.

Tribute of the Journal to the late Mrs. J. M. Roberts, one of the most estimable ladies that ever resided in Plattsmouth: "Green be the sod above thee friend of my better days, none knew thee but to love thee, none named thee but to praise."

The army has no machine guns because the ordnance experts have been apart for years on the type to be used, which recalls the man who did of sleeplessness sitting on the edge of his bed with a nightshirt in each hand, but unable to make up his mind which to put on.

One ton of rabbits were given away to the poor of Denver the other morning at the Sunshine Mission by the pastor. The rabbits were killed and shipped to Denver by the Haxton, Col., hunting club. This club holds a 1-day rabbit hunt each year and sends the results of their marksmanship to the Sunshine Mission.

The writer has no acquaintance with Phillips Brooks, but the following is credited to him, which appeals to the finer sentiment of life and may be adopted by any and all to whom it appeals: "To live, to work, to help and be helpful; to learn sympathy through suffering, to learn faith by perplexity; to reach truth through wonder—behold! This is what it is to prosper; this is what it is to live."

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for the booklet, free.
J. H. CHENNEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
All druggists.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Both old and young should enjoy it.

People are carrying home coal in baskets in Omaha.

Only seven more shopping days for Christmas presents.

Just now money talks when it comes to buying coal.

It is Governor Neville yet, and liable to be for some time.

Have you written to that soldier boy yet? If not, why not?

Don't forget the poor children of Plattsmouth during the Christmas hours.

If you can't carry a gun, you can at least lick a stamp for the War Savings Fund.

Only six more days for Christmas shopping. Don't put it off till the very last day.

The December Sunday school lesson always seems to be the most interesting of the year.

Most of the "eating apples" this year are so small one would imagine there was a war tax on them.

War industry workers who contemplate striking while the iron is hot may find it too hot for comfort.

The only thing they're certain of in Petrograd is that there'll be somebody else in command in the morning.

The Seventh regiment is liable to be placed where they do the most good—some in one regiment and some in another.

The cold weather still holds on, but we are getting used to it, and don't care so much now, only if there was plenty of coal.

Make Teddy Roosevelt Secretary of War, and we'll bet things will move a great deal faster on the munitions and arms propositions.

Most any child would like to invest in Thrift Stamps and the parents should encourage them to do so, as it is good lesson on saving.

President Wilson, and in this hope he was speaking to Russia as much as to the people of his own country in his address to Congress Tuesday.—World-Herald.

The oldest inhabitant who predicted a mild winter hasn't been seen since the cold weather blew in. He no doubt is sitting at home by a good fire these cold days.

"Isn't our earthly existence curious?" asks one writer. "Because Austria tried to gobble Serbia, we are paying three cents postage." It would be very curious, indeed, if that were the real reason.

We are under obligations to Senator Hitchcock for a copy of the "Congressional Directory," giving a biographical sketch of every senator and congressman and other information of importance. We thank you Senator, very much, for thus remembering us.

Germany, by reason of some sort of mental process we can't understand, hopes to win a big victory on the western front and thus impress the Allies with her argument for peace. About all a big Teuton victory on the west front would do would be to impress the Allies further that Prussianism must be ground into the sod.

The last week for Christmas advertising.

The advertising merchants enjoyed a very good trade Saturday.

"Frightfulness" in war wins with victory nor peace. A peace founded upon unlimited atrocities would be frightfulness perpetrated.

Protection is the policy of patriotism, of progress, of civilization—a policy that defends the weak against the strong, and stands resolutely for one's own against all assailants.

According to the Department of Agriculture, rats and mice destroy each year property worth more than \$200,000,000, equalling the gross earnings of an army of 20,000 men.

Mr. Vanderlip's statement that the hoarded dollar is a slacker gives a mighty comfortable feeling to a lot of us who have not aided nor abetted any of these coins in their disloyalty.

Paris scientists are convinced that the people on Mars are trying to signal the earth. Our advice, however, is not to go to any trouble to communicate with them. They probably only want to know when the war's going to end.

Those who are looking for the nicest, best and most desirable Christmas presents will always go to those merchants whose energy prompts them to ask for the Christmas trade. They have the goods and their prices are liberal.

"Keep your husband at home nights with a pair of comfortable slippers," says a Christmas advertiser. That might do the trick in most cases, providing the slippers are gaily colored, and the weather is bad and his shoes hidden away.

PERSHING'S MESSAGE.

General Pershing, the American commander in France, has sent a message to the people of the United States which ought to quiet the fluttering pulse of any timid person who may entertain doubts as to the outcome of this war. To Bishop Wilson, who has just returned from a Young Men's Christian association mission to France, General Pershing said: "Tell the American people that there is no ground for the heresy that Germany cannot be beaten. Germany can be beaten, Germany must be beaten and Germany will be beaten."

That's the sort of talk we like to hear. Tell it to Lansdowne, drum it into the ear of Hillquit and shout it in the senate of the United States. That is the kind of talk which inspires the men in the training camp, which heartens the sailors on the destroyers scouring the danger zone to rid the seas of the submarine "pests."

It is a heresy that Germany cannot be beaten and every red-blooded American knows it. Arrayed as it is against the civilization of the world, Germany cannot win. It "must" and "will be" beaten. The only question, involved in the entire situation is how long it will take to vanquish it, and the answer to that lies with the allies to a great extent, since it depends upon the efficiency with which the war is conducted. Intelligent, co-ordinated energy may end it within a year; mistakes may prolong it to five years. But in any event the outcome is foreordained.

Pershing's message should be repeated from every pulpit and blazoned from every printed page until every man, woman and child in the United States receives it, for it epitomizes the American spirit. The unflinching determination of the public to win this war at any cost, however great, that the world may be rid for all time of the threat of Prussianism, is reflected in the words of the American commander in France.—Washington Post.

Don't wait till Monday to do your shopping.

READ THE NEWSPAPERS.

Those persons who speak contemptuously of "newspaper talk" as something inexact and unreliable are seldom newspaper readers. Nor are those persons newspaper readers who habitually listen to and repeat the sort of baneful gossip that just now is being so persistently circulated to the disparagement of the American government and its allies in the war for democracy.

Newspapers—not news organs—do not gossip. Their standing and success are in exact ratio to their adherence to the facts and their ability to tell all the facts. Policy, if nothing higher, dictates exhaustive inquiry by them into sources of news and a rigid truthfulness in the presentation of news.

People who read newspapers and do not merely buy them and skim the headlines, people who steer temerously as far east as the editorial page, are seldom or never caught napping by whispered slanders and poisoned innuendos such as recently have been going the rounds to the injury of America, its allies and the charitable and other agencies of war work.

Do not merely buy newspapers—read them. It will repay you.—Chicago News.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

You can hardly have failed to note the great number of golden wedding celebrations all over the United States since the spring of 1915. The reason for these at this period, it is understood, is that just at the close of the Civil War—50 some years ago, the boys came home and married the girls they left behind them. And now it is interesting to recall that there was no great abundance of golden wedding feasts in America in 1911, fifty years after the beginning of the Civil War. Why? Didn't hundreds of boys rush to the parsonages when the call to war came in '61, as they have been doing in 1917? Doubtless they did, in the same proportion, as time and circumstances allowed. But many of the boys evidently did not survive, and many of the marriages evidently did not survive. Many married in haste for a post-bellum repentance, beyond all doubt. Which opens up the question again—is a marriage in wartime haste any different from one in peacetime haste? Are all the marriages this year entered into with the view of a lifetime partnership? One has only to read the war bride news, or to read the letters from the training camps, or indeed to look about among his own acquaintances, to know that not all of the 1917 marriages are true love matches. Many of them, we know, are after engagements of long standing. Let us hope the war gods are kind to these. In behalf of the others, we must turn to Cupid, and implore him not to desert them. And then, perhaps, some of us may live to count as many golden weddings in 1967 as there will surely be in the few years following.

THE KAISER CAN NEVER WIN.

There are some men so obsessed with the idea of German superiority that they claim the kaiser will come out triumphant in this war, but he can never win it. Even if he should break through the defenses of Italy, even if he should defeat France, make peace with Russia and hold all of the Balkan states, he will find still facing him the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and these three can easily shut him from the sea. These powers will have all the resources of North and South America, Australia, Africa and most of Asia to draw upon and they can maintain an economic blockade until Germany and her allies are reduced to poverty for want of raw materials and lack of foreign commerce.

FOR SALE.

3 Holstein calves, 9-months old, 2 of which are heifers. Also 6 Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels. Inquire of Byron Babbitt, or call Phone No. 31-J. 12-12-4td1rtwklly

Ready Now at Old Prices.

Fresh lots of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound are selling at before the-war prices. This puts this well known cough medicine, ready for use, in homes at less than it costs to buy and mix the ingredients yourself, and all bother and muss is avoided. There is no better remedy for coughs, colds, croup or laryngitis. Sold everywhere.

Gift Cards for every occasion at the Journal office.

ness into a land of plenty, filled with happy homes, and the work they have done in that line has astonished the whole world. The time has come when they are forced, much against their will, to turn their attention to war. They will make as great success of this new business of war as in transforming the wilderness, which was partly covered with great forests and partly was arid plains, but now is dotted with cities, universities, churches and schools. It may be just as severe a task, but there will be no flinching. The Germans are transferring their troops from the Russian front, and Lenin may release all the prisoners, enormous in number, which the Russians hold and they may be added to the German forces in France and Italy. There may be some German success, but the United States and England will fight on until democracy prevails in the world. The kaiser can never win.—World-Herald.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY.

No project ever yet devised seems so well calculated to encourage popular thrift as the war savings stamp system now just getting into operation through the postoffices of the United States.

Every man who wishes to help his government win this war is provided with opportunity to lend that government his small savings in such a way as to impose no hardships upon him, but on the contrary in a way that will benefit him by an actual reward in interest for the loan and a stimulation of the thrift habit in him.

By the purchase of savings stamps with available savings, in sums as small as twenty-five cents, and saving these stamps until they can be converted into savings certificates in denominations of a progressive system of amounts above \$4, the investor is enabled to receive at the end of a short term of years a sum equivalent to the principal invested and 4 per cent interest thereon, compounded.

These savings certificates are manifestly for the stimulation of thrift among small investors, as no one can buy more than \$100 worth of these certificates at a time, and nobody is permitted to have more than \$1,000 of them. And yet the government anticipates being able to borrow through their use two billions of dollars toward financing the war.

It is the baby Liberty bond, and it is impossible to conceive of anyone so poor as to be unable to possess one or more, and profit from having it or them. Full details of the system may be had by any one upon application to the postmaster in any city or town.

One of the valuable fruits that must accrue from this war is a greater devotion to thrift upon the part of the hitherto spendthrift American people. The tremendous cost of the war is going to make greater economy necessary and along with it will come a revival of habits of thrift among the classes of our citizenship that have drifted away from the old ideas of thrift that animated the American people. The American standards of living have long been only a polite name for profligacy. If the war checks the spirit of extravagance in this country it will have other rewards than the consciousness that we have served the ends of humanity.—Lincoln Star.

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ACCESSORIES FOR

Farm Lighting Plants!

I can sell you accessories from a Mazda lamp to a complete electric pumping outfit; from an electric iron to a washing machine, and I've got the very best washer made. Drop me a line if you are interested in an Electric Washer, which washes and dries the clothes without a wringer.

Buy your wife an Electric Toaster, Percolator, Vacuum Cleaner or one of a thousand and one electrically operated appliances to be had from

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DELCO-LIGHT DEALER,
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MRS. MEDKIFF VERY SICK

From Tuesday's Daily
Grandma Midkiff, living near Murray, is reported as being very sick at her home, afflicted with a cancer of the liver, and is suffering greatly. Mrs. Margaret Midkiff, who is well advanced in years, being now nearly eighty, has been confined to her bed for the past ten years, and while in this condition, she has continued patient and resigned to her condition. Dr. B. F. Brendell and Mrs. Midkiff's son, Edward, were in the city this morning looking after the obtaining of some medicine and other things with which to minister to her comfort.

LOYAL WORKERS WILL MEET.

From Thursday's Daily.
The Loyal Workers, the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will meet at the home of their member, Mrs. C. A. Harvey, on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, when they will look after the business of the society, and will be entertained at luncheon by Mesdames C. A. Harvey, George Goodman and Inez Stenner.

Extra Work for Women.

War conditions try the strength of women. The overworked woman, in home, office or factory, will find in Foley Kidney Pills a great relief from kidney trouble, backache, headache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, swollen muscles and that awful tired feeling. They assist nature in restoring strength and vitality. Sold everywhere.

GOOD LANDS NEAR HOME.

There are large and small tracts of land near home that you can buy right through the agency of Curtin & Muckenaupt, of Sterling, Neb., as you will see by their ad in another column of this paper. They have some very choice farms near Sterling, and will take pleasure in showing you the value of the same if you will take a day and visit with them.

A handsome line of Christmas crepe paper, all colors and decorated, at the Journal office.

ITS USEFULNESS IS ENDED

From Tuesday's Daily.
The ice house which has stood for a number of years just west of the home of Deputy Treasurer John Neumetz, and which for the past four or five years has been subject to hazardous guesses as to whether or not it would be filled with ice, is now going the way of the world so far as an ice house is concerned. But the lumber which composed it will be used for a barn on the farm of F. H. Range south of the city.

With the removal of this building an elegant building lot is uncovered, which is easy of access, and a good site, being but a short distance from the business portion of the city. We do not object to see an ice house removed from the city, should it be replaced by a beautiful home.

GO HAVE A LOOK!

Vallery and Cromwell leave Plattsmouth every Saturday night at 7:45 for Keith, Perkins and Chase counties.

They have the good level black soil that is raising all kinds of small grain, corn and alfalfa.

Nobody has any lower prices and better soils. Ask those who have been out. 17-swtf

Dennison's crepe paper at the Journal office.

STOP COUGHING

The simplest and best way to stop coughs, is to take

Foley's Honey and Tar

You get the curative influence of the pine balsam together with the mollifying effect of the honey, and other healing ingredients. It leaves a soothing coating on the inflamed tickling throat, raises phlegm easily and puts a quick end to hard wearing coughs.

R. F. Hall, M.D., writes: "One bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar stopped a troublesome bronchial cough and irritation that had bothered me for seven years. Your dealer sells it. Try it."

"SOLD EVERYWHERE."

The Nehawka Mills

are now Rolling and Manufacturing the

"Letter Roll" Flour!

"Letter Roll" Flour needs no boosting, For on the top shelf it now is roosting. The best cooks wherever you go Use this famous flour, you know. They just set their yeast and go to bed, For they know on the morrow they will have good Bread.

J. M.

C. D. ST. JOHN, Prop.

JOE MALCOLM, Head Miller.

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