

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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The income tax next. Twelve hundred dollars brings it. Send and get your blank report. Everyone has to pay that has an income.

About the only thing that is safe to export to Russia just now is the I. W. W.

The trouble with the dove of peace Germany is putting on exhibition, is that it looks too much like a buzzard.

These two week vacations don't help any one but the teacher. They are indeed a detriment to the younger pupils.

The winter is about the same all around us except in Chicago, where they enjoyed a fine blizzard Saturday and Sunday.

If you're doing your bit, do another bit. That's two bits for which you can buy a War Savings Thrift Stamp, and that is still another bit.

General Crowder's estimate of fifty thousand slackers in the United States includes only military slackers. The income tax returns haven't started in yet.

Provost Marshal General Crowder asks that the conscription law be administered by local boards with common sense and sympathy, a mixture that it must tax human ingenuity to concoct.

An Eastern newspaper recently published an article on "How to Live on \$35,000 a Year." We have never been able to do it, and since reading the article we have no hope for our future chances along that line, either.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa has introduced a bill reducing the pay of senators and representatives \$2,500 a year. We mention it at this time so you will know about it. Don't forget it, for you'll never hear of it again.

Every time the Berlin Vorwaerts tells the truth about the government, it is suppressed for three days. So you see what a short and ugly sort of man an editor must be to print a regular daily paper in Germany.

"Bill" Haywood says there is "nothing in common between the I. W. W. and the Bolsheviks," and since the Bolsheviks have shown some disposition to disagree with Prussia, it looks as though "Bill" might be right about it.

However, choking on one's jokes is not the most satisfactory method of suicide. In the first place, fatally funny jokes are so rare that it would be cheaper to die by eating radium. Then, what is killing funny to one man might make another so sad that his health would improve and his despondency disperse, and all desire for suicide would give way to a gloomy happiness and a wretched desire for longevity. The old-fashioned ways of suicide are far from satisfactory, but they're the best we have in the long run.

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There should be plenty "coolness" put up.

Sooner or later the finger of suspicion comes to a point.

The gold brick always shines the brightest just before you grab it.

The collector of the wages of sin never goes away empty handed.

The wise man never puts the advice of a stranger in the same pocket with his money.

In dealing with Russia the German militarist evidently do not care who makes the speeches so long as they make the terms.

Horse meat has become "pure food" in many of cities of the country. Perhaps it is, but we don't want any of it in ours. Yet awhile, at least.

While waiting for the arrival of the overcoats the quartermaster's department bases its prediction if an efficient army in the spring on the loss of the survival of the outfitted.

Embroider a couple of yellow apples on the crown near the brim, and attach both ends of a string to it, and the derby hat can be made into something as useful as a knitting bag.

After the Revenue men get a whack at the farmers there's going to be a whole lot of book keeping done on the farms. It will pay every man to keep an exact copy of all disbursements and receipts this year.

We can grin and bear it even if non-essential traveling is eliminated so far as to exclude summer vacationists. If we crave the sight of summer resort postcards, we can resurrect the ones we received last year.

In China grows a tree the fruit of which yields soap. The shell of the nut, moistened and rubbed, gives forth lather. Small boys climb trees to steal the nuts and frequently fall out and come to America and start laundries.

Is the local Defense Council doing its duty? We simply ask for information. We have not heard of it doing anything lately, and it is said that there are matters occurring in Plattsmouth every day that need their immediate and direct attention.

If the government's tentative plans are carried out, you will be able to go to Chicago on only half as many trains as you can now. This terrible hardship may shrink in aspect somewhat if you will only remember that you can't ride on more than one at a time anyhow.

A Chicago physician says the reason two persons get tired of kissing each other is because each kiss consumes so much electro-chemical energy. As a remedy for this unfortunate condition, a kissless day has been suggested to young lovers. In that case, let the kissless day be Mondays.

The rather sudden death of W. K. Fox has cast a gloom over the city, where he was reared, and his friends were all those who knew him and universally respected him. Personally very popular in Cass county, he was elected to numerous positions of trust, principal among which was two terms as county treasurer. He was also well known and highly respected especially among the democratic leaders throughout Nebraska. Peace to his ashes.

## THE BOYS IN TRAINING.

The World-Herald is in receipt of the following letter:

"I have just heard through a letter I received from Camp Funston of the letter written by a Mrs. McConnell and published in the Bee a few days ago. As I did not read her letter I do not know all she said, but my letter referred to what she had to say about the blankets and about the swamp.

"I have been told by a number of boys from Funston that they were well clothed, well fed and well housed, and I think they are too busy and too patriotic to notice a few discomforts. I am proud to say my son is a soldier and not a kicker. He said: "If she will show me ten men who have only one blanket apiece I will eat the blanket. And as to the swamp, when we go out to drill we march through about four inches of dust."

"The government is training these men to fight as only strong, healthy men can fight, and for that reason if no other they will have the best care that can be given them. I am not writing for publication, but to ask you, Mr. Editor, to please say a few words of assurance to other mothers of boys at Camp Funston."

Figures given out by the war department last Saturday show that during the first three months of training at all army camps and posts there died, out of 900,000 troops, 1,391 men. This is at the rate of six men out of every thousand per year.

In 1898, the year of the Spanish-American war, the death rate was almost three times as great—17.45 per thousand—due almost entirely to insanitary conditions in camps, to poor food and poor housing.

For previously healthy young men who are not in the army, the death rate at ages 21 to 31 is approximately 8 per thousand. In other words, the average young man at the average army camp during the three-month period had a 25 per cent better chance of living than if he were at home.

In these figures we think the mothers of boys who are in training to fight their country's battles may find both reassurance and comfort.

It should be remembered, too, that conditions during the first three months were the worst. There was an actual shortage of clothing and of other essentials, and there were defects in sanitation and housing arrangements that have since been exposed, denounced, and are rapidly being cured. The second three months period should and will show marked improvement, and a reduced death list.

In saying this this newspaper does not present itself as a wholesale apologist for the war administration, nor as the unrelenting critic of those who have complained of conditions. The senate investigation has brought out very plainly the fact of inefficiency in the early months of the war, just as the World-Herald predicted it would. There were boys in the training camps who suffered unnecessarily and there were those who did and might have been saved but for dragging delay and red tape. That this should be true is lamentable and the American people have a right to denounce it.

Having said this much, it is only fair to add that conditions in England, in the first months of the war, were far worse than in the United States, and that conditions in the



## Mothers Thank Us

Keep your growing girls free from colds and weakening coughs and you are helping them to healthy vigorous womanhood. Thousands of mothers have written letters of thanks, telling what **Foley's Honey and Tar** has done for their daughters in ridding them of coughs that "hung on" and weakened them just at the age when the young girls required all the physical strength they could command. **Foley's Honey and Tar** is noted for its quick effect on coughs, colds and croup. Mrs. Ada Sanders, Cottonwood, Tenn., writes: "We use Foley's Honey and Tar as our best and only cough remedy. It never fails to cure our two girls when they have colds." **"SOLD EVERYWHERE."**

United States, with a million men to provide for, were immensely better than during the Spanish-American war with its 100,000 men.

Our war departed did not make a perfect score; there are some ugly blotches on the record, but it is a much better score than was made in '61 or '98, and it was made in the face of enormous difficulties and handicaps. And the mistakes and failures and stupidities are being rapidly searched out and ruthlessly exposed. Today, we think it fair to say with very few exceptions the men in uniform are well fed, well housed, well clothed, and are afforded the best sanitary protection, medical service and hospital facilities.—World-Herald.

What a soft old world this would be if our off days and our days off always arrived together.

The worst thing about short skirts and pink hose, is the tendency among our young men to marry in haste.

One of our exchanges says: "If Germany should win this war, it wouldn't be necessary to die to go to Hell."

When you have saved up enough money to buy a quantity of oil stock take it and buy a government bond or War Stamps.

## PUBLIC AUCTION!

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction, at my farm, in Eight Mile Grove, opposite Eight Mile Grove cemetery, 9 1/2 miles southwest of Plattsmouth, 6 1/2 miles northwest of Murray, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 1918.

Commencing at ten o'clock a. m. the following described property to-wit:

- Six Head of Horses.** Consisting of:
  - One black horse, seven years old, weight 1350.
  - One bay mare, three years old, weight 1350.
  - One mare twelve years old, weight 1350.
  - One team bay ponies, smooth mouth, weight 2000.
  - One sorrel colt, two years old.
- Nine Head of Cattle.**
  - Three milk cows, giving milk, four years old.
  - One cow, giving milk, three years old.
  - One cow, will be fresh soon, three years old.
  - One cow will be fresh soon seven years old.
  - One heifer, one year old.
  - One cow will be fresh soon, three years old.
  - One cow, eight years old.
- Ten Brood Sows, All Bred.**
  - One Turnbull wagon, good as new.
  - One wagon with good hay rack.
  - One low wagon.
  - One spring wagon.
  - One top buggy.
  - Two sets of one and one-half inch harness.
  - One set of one and one-fourth inch harness.
  - One Suttley Riding lister and drill, combined.
  - One Alfalfa disc, new.
  - Two Pony Deering Binders.
  - One Osborne mower.
  - One Tiger hay rake, 11-foot.
  - One 3-section harrow, 16-foot.
  - One drill corn planter.
  - One Badger riding cultivator.
  - One New Departure cultivator.
  - One two-hole corn sheller, with elevator.
  - One Gear grinder.
  - One hog rack.
  - One folding sawing machine.
  - One 25-gallon iron kettle.
  - One Buckeye broadcast seeder.
  - One Engate seeder.
  - One two-horse power gasoline engine.
  - One circle saw.
  - One cement mixer.
  - One pump jack.
  - Seventy black locust fence posts.
  - Eighty Oak fence posts.
  - Sixty-five hedge fence posts.
  - One Economy Chief separator.
  - 4,000 feet of lumber.
  - Household goods and other articles too numerous to mention.

## LOYAL SONS AVAIL SERVICE FLAG

From Monday's Daily. Yesterday morning in the place of the regular services at the Christian Church, was held the services and a beautiful program, of unveiling the service flag which the Loyal Sons class of the Christian Sunday school has made for the members of the class which have gone to the service of the country.

A large number of the friends of those who were away was present, and others making a large crowd, who wished to honor the ones who had gone to service. The services were begun with the congregation led by the chorus singing Gloria, followed by an invocation by Rev. Hargett, when another number was rendered, after which the entire congregation standing all saluted the flag. Coming then was the scripture lesson, and the Male Quartette rendering "The Red, White and Blue."

C. E. Whitaker spoke on the "Causes of the War," occupying five minutes, in giving a history of the incidents which preceded and led you to the war, showing it was designed by Germany to subjugate the entire world. He was followed by Clarence Stenner, who spoke to "America's Part." Mr. Stenner had given considerable study to his subject, and was able to tell with precision his idea of what part America would play both in the struggle, and the conclusion of the great conflict. It was only after having found nothing else to solve the problem, that America got into the struggle, and now it is devolving upon America for man power, for munitions, and for something to feed the world as well. In the end, America is to say what kind of a peace we are to have, and what are to be the guarantees for the perpetuation of that peace when it comes.

Mrs. L. F. Pickett then gave a reading "Wrap Me in the Flag" with an accompaniment by Mrs. Hargett, which was very touching and many an eye was wet with honest tears, ere she had concluded, and on finishing spread the flag over the pulpit, Mrs. George Goodman then followed

## THE SPRAGUE TIRE AND RUBBER CO.

LIKELY TO BE A FACTOR IN THE GROWTH AND UPEUILDING OF PLATTSMOUTH.

The new factory of the Sprague Tire and Rubber Co., to be erected in Omaha at 18th and Izard, will soon complete the financing of their organization. It is expected that the factory building will be ready for business on or about the 1st day of July 1918, at which time they will start turning out about 200 tires and 150 tubes per day. The new factory will have twice the capacity as the plans of the company originally called for, owing to the fact that the stock of the company has come into such popular favor with the public. The question of ample funds for the financing of the business is now an assured fact. Mr. Sprague, the president of the company is well known throughout the state and especially well known in Omaha, where he has been in the Tire and Rubber business for the past 32 years. During the past 20 years as president of the Omaha Rubber Co., he built up for that organization one of the largest jobbing businesses in a Tire and Rubber goods in the United States. The people of Plattsmouth are also not unfamiliar with the name of Sprague, as the Sprague Mfg. Co., is at present operating here through the Western Machine Works, which is connected with the Sprague Mfg. Co. The work of the Sprague Mfg. Co., alone mean much to Plattsmouth as already they employ a large working force of expert mechanics, many of whom have already removed here, with others to come. As the business expands it is expected that the Western Machine Works will do a great deal of the work connected with the engineering department of the Sprague Tire and Rubber Co. Should this be true, it means an increased employment for labor here, and the consequent growth and prosperity of the city. About 37 tire companies are at present located in Akron, Ohio. There is no special reason why they should be so located, but the fact remains they are and as a result the people of Nebraska, are paying freight both ways, freight on the raw material passing through Omaha to Akron and then on the finished product reshipped to the consumers here.

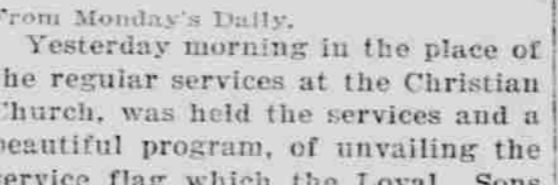
It is a good idea to keep Nebraska money as far as possible at home. Build up our own smoke stacks first and thus furnish employment to the thousands of young men and women of our own state, who are forced to leave our homes every year, seeking employment in the large manufacturing cities, because of the lack of manufacturing industries here.

## CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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with a history and work of the Red Cross, giving their origin, and aims, with what they are doing to the soldiers. Miss Myra Stenner then spoke for the Y. W. C. A. telling of their work, their aims, and the history, what they have done and are doing for the girls and women connected with the army. Then came a special number by the church chorus, "You Can Do Your Share." Thomas Wiles, a veteran of the Civil War, spoke to the subject of "Soldiers of Today and Yesterday." Eloquently and in a touching manner told of the experiences of the boys, of the revolution, the war of the rebellion and Spanish American war, and the struggle which in operation now detailing the manner of fighting and the experiences there.

Then followed a number of the quartette, composed of Jesse Brady, A. M. S. Sanders, W. D. Wassell and B. A. McElwain the "Boys of the Old Brigade." Miss Fern Neill gave a reading entitled "Somewhere in France" which was an ode to the soldier who is there now from America, doing his portion.

M. S. Briggs, the teacher of the Loyal Sons, spoke of the class, its mission, their vision of service, and the boys' members of it, who are at the various places over the world, some in France, some in England, on the Ocean, both Atlantic and Pacific and those who are in the camps of America, saying "We have not tried to teach the boys war, but we have endeavored to teach them Loyalty."

Miss Esther Godwin followed with a reading of a message from each one of the boys, and an appropriated scripture quotation, telling of their army experiences, and impressions. This story told where they were, what they were doing, and their hope for the peace which is to come. Following a number entitled "Unfurled the Banner" by the quartette, was the unveiling of the service flag. O. C. Hudson called the roll name at a time, while Doris Wainwright and Aleta Stenner, removed a small flag which had covered each

star, as the name was called, placing the small flags in a flower vase, which when completed filled the vase and made a beautiful bouquet. Following each name Rev. Hargett read a verse in response to the reading. There were eighteen stars on the flag, and one which had been reported later, making nineteen. The names as called were, Harry Win-scott, Cassius Carey, Wayne Allen, Henry Stull, Earnest Stenner, Ralph Allen, Ralph Lair, Jesse Tower, Glen Neill, Perry Neill, John Brooks, Robert Jones, Eugene Vroman, Oliver Harvey, Leon Stenner, Thomas Isner, Albert Godwin, Percy Warthen and George K. Nelson.

Following this was a singing by the congregation, "America" with the invitation by the pastor which was responded to by five people becoming members.

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