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## THE OLD OAKEN ADVERTISER.

How dear to our hearts is the old advertiser,  
Who runs his stuff fifty-two weeks in the year,  
He turns up on Monday with good snappy copy  
And drives out the blues with his laughter and cheer.  
He never says, "Kill it," "The people won't read it,"  
"It don't do no good" nor "I can't stand the pace."  
But comes to the front (with his check) like a major,  
And sometimes says, "Bill, better double that space."  
Oh, the old advertiser,  
The good advertiser,  
The safe advertiser  
We all love so well!

Have you had your questionnaire yet?

Buy a War Saving Stamp and be happy.

A good way to save coal—lock your coal house every night.

The income tax is nothing a good many people, but it must come to time.

The Russians are finding out that the German dove of peace is a hyena.

Have you got your garden spot staked off yet? Don't fail to have it ready. Early spring, you know.

The thriving little city of Murray is after more light and they are going to have it too—electric light.

Judging by the results obtained by the German Zeppelins, they must be offered by active German diplomats.

The Chicago 17-year-old boy who confessed to fifty burglaries probably committed only about twenty-five real burglaries. You have to allow some for his being 17.

No enlisted soldiers any more. All must be drafted. In the civil war it was a dishonor to be drafted. Now it is more honorable to be drafted than to walk up and enlist.

During a recent trial in an adjoining county, a woman testified that she had never heard of the word "bonehead" before. Evidently she does not trot in society circles.

Whenever anybody, anywhere undertakes to tell you what is going to happen in Russia, call the police on him. Anybody who can tell what Trotsky has in mind needs watching himself.

With representatives in Washington trying to discredit Hoover and the Draft Law, we think it would be wise not to send all of our soldiers to France—we may need an army at home.

Draft registrants failing in Class one are so notified by card, which says, "This questionnaire entitles him to a place in Class 1." Why "entitles"? asks one of the Class Ones. Why not "awards," or "bestows the privileges and benefits of?"

**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 through 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 testimonials, free.  
J. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.  
All Drugstores.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Still a little snow.

Cold weather holds on.

And so does the price of coal.

Seed corn should be selected from the home grown corn.

One train yesterday carried 20 cars coal, but failed to even stop here to take breath.

Harmony should reign supreme among those who are guiding the destiny of this nation.

Why not make another investigation of the cold storage warehouses? Maybe that's where all the coal is.

Father may rebel against meatless, wheatless, heatless days, but his shavess days he'll honor without a murmur.

In recognizing the New Russia the Allies probably will find material aid in forgetting what Russia used to look like.

It is almost impossible to rouse the ire of an insurance agent by accusation of innuendo, until he has sold you the insurance.

It is not humanly possible to make it any plainer than President Wilson made it yesterday. Colored pictures by the most painstaking illustrators would only make it confusing to the cultured mind.

A physician in a town down in Missouri last week reported the birth of eleven babies only one of whom was a girl and those who believe in omens are saying that it indicates a long, hard winter.

It strikes us that paragraphers are wasting their energy working overtime to put the trench overcoat into disrepute. One fat man in a belted overcoat can do that job up more completely than all the paragraphers in Christendom.

"We stand for a democratic peace," a Russian delegate says. "If the German government attacks us it will display itself to its own people in its own true light." Is it kind of him to make such harsh threats against the German government?

Politics should be the last thing thought of in the present crisis, but there are men who love office dearer than the salvation of their country. Such men should be the last ones elevated to positions of honor and trust. They should be spotted by every true American citizen.

We would follow the government's advice and buy a sheep instead of a lawnmower next spring if we were not perfectly sure that when the sheep got big enough to eat, one of our neighbors would borrow it, as they always have borrowed the lawnmower the day we sharpened it.

Politics always was noted for strange bed fellows. Now it is the professional politician who would like to become bedfellows of the farmers league, or union, whichever it is, but it was ever thus, with the professional office seeker, and if the new organization is wise they will steer clear of all such fellows.

General Pershing's recent order for white mice, to be used for detection of poison gas in the trenches, practically exhausted the supply in America. Dispatches earlier in the war, however, related that cats were useful for this purpose, for at the first whiff of gas, pussy ruffles up her tail and hikes back to safety. Moreover, a shortage in cats would be one of the easiest war burdens this department could bear.

## VOTING AS THEY SHOOT.

What the loyal voters of the Eighth senatorial district of Wisconsin have done is worthy of emulation wherever in this country pacifism, Germanism and Prussianized socialism are strong enough to be a menace.

When war was declared last spring the socialist representing this district, which is in Milwaukee, made speeches so offensive that he was expelled, only three members of the state senate opposing the action. For the election of his successor the republicans and democrats combined upon the republican candidate, who, making his appeal wholly in support of the war and the national administration, defeated the socialist by a majority of 237, with the soldier vote not yet heard from.

This is the way to deal with copperhead foreignism masquerading under socialist banners. It is the way to meet the issue which Senator LaFollette will raise a few months hence when he tries to place an obstructionist like himself in the seat vacated by the death of Senator Huston. Whether they meet the enemy at home or abroad, democrats and republicans are under the highest obligations to vote as they shoot side by side.

## NOT CONVINCING.

The Reed-Lodge committee is going to have a hard time convincing the public that it is engaged in a patriotic work when it tries to discredit the Hoover Food Administration. The American people will regard with favor any congressional investigation—such as that by the committee on military affairs—that is plainly directed toward increasing the efficiency of any government agency to which they must look for the winning of the war.

But the Reed-Lodge investigation exhibits no evidence of such a purpose. Mr. Reed has shown a personal animus toward the food administrator from the start, and it has destroyed public confidence in his motives. Mr. Lodge seems not to be quite abreast of the times. He can be acquitted of personal feeling in the matter, but he is against the whole program of governmental control of food and the fixing of prices. It goes against his New England conservatism.

The public is not interested in either view. It has accepted the Food Administration as part of the war program, and it has seen enough good results from it to be convinced that it is performing the desired function. Perhaps it does not work perfectly. None of our war agencies has so far. But it has done as much as any one thing—and perhaps more—to bring the American people to recognize their individual part in the war and to enlist every household in support of it. We think that was a mighty important work and we believe its success was largely due to the personal abilities and human qualities of Mr. Hoover.

Price fixing has its difficulties, and if anybody wants to stir up friction over it, it is usually easy to find some interests that believe they have suffered from it, and the trouble maker can pose as their friend and advocate. So far as sugar is concerned, and the committee has fixed its attention on that for the moment—Mr. Hoover has made clear the reasons for the shortage, which is temporary, and the wisdom of his action. Without government interference the price probably would have been double what it is now. The conviction will be strong that unless Mr. Reed and Mr. Lodge can justify their course more than they have done up to this time, they not only will not "get" Mr. Hoover, but they will leave themselves open to an investigating body that can sometimes be severe—and that is the investigation of public opinion.—K. C. Star.

We should try not to expect too much from the government's railway rights at the start. For our part, we shall be delighted if the station agents become even as polite as postmasters.



## ANY PRETENSE GRASPED.

It is easy to convince the German masses that England is fighting for territory at Germany's expense, though neither is true; but it is not so easy to manufacture the conviction throughout Germany that the United States also has gone into the war with selfish aims. The desperation of the German moulders of public opinion is shown by the fact that they can think of nothing more convincing than that the United States "desires to annex Switzerland." This country's record has brought the kaiser's editorial writers to their wit's end.—Fremont Tribune.

## AN INSTRUCTIVE TALE OF THE SEA

In businesslike detail the navy department tells the story of how, on Nov. 25, in the war zone across seas, the destroyers Fanning and Nicholson sank a German submarine and made prisoners of the crew. By way of contrast, we should be interested to read the same story as it might be embroidered by a master of sea tales, such as Joseph Conrad. The mind of every imaginative reader will find between the lines from Washington the unwritten things that would spell opportunity to the romancer.

The undersea boat is out on its errand of barbarity. It is detected by sharp eyes and its destruction is wrought by good shooting. In place of barbarism then appears humanity, two of the Fanning's crews leaping overboard to rescue a foe man exhausted by swimming and cold. A few moments of strenuous work and the lately ruthless submariners are drinking hot coffee on board the American boat. Presently, captive but happy, they are singing the songs they know best.

Here are a beginning in German frightfulness and a finish in German song, with examples in American gunnery, American heroism and American chivalry sandwiched between. Many fantastic tales of the war have been written. Many will escape writing. There can be few to match this official yarn in its exhibit of varied motives, methods and impulses, in its showing of abrupt human changes and in its revelation of how the spirit of the chase can differ among chasers.—New York World.

## REED AND LA FOLLETTE.

Ohio apologizes to Missouri. Missouri owes an apology to the United States. It was from Ohio that James A. Reed went to Missouri, by way of Iowa. But it was from Missouri that he went to the United States Senate.

It has been Missouri's misfortune to be represented in the upper branch of Congress since the war began by men out of touch with American sentiment and out of harmony with the deep seated instinct of the American people to defend their national honor when assailed, whoever the aggressor be. William Joel Stone was one of the "kaiser's dozen" of noisome memory. James A. Reed chooses to make himself thoroughly obnoxious. The charitable view is that Missouri is no longer represented in the Senate of the United States.

The actions of the Missouri senator in the food investigation are a reflection upon the Senate. They have undermined public confidence in the purpose of the inquiry. He makes it appear that food control is under investigation not to assist the government, but to "get" the man whom the President made chief administrator. There has been a widespread demand over the country

for the expulsion of La Follette from the Senate. As a traveling companion for the Wisconsin man, with a one-way ticket home from Washington, Reed would be an ideal selection.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## COUNTRY AND CITY WOMEN.

A woman writing from out in the state says that she has kept house for thirty years and for the last five years the family has numbered never less than ten, and for portions of the year, sixteen persons. In all that time there has never been a shortage in any essential article of food and her deliveries have been only once a week and sometimes once in two weeks. She has often had company wholly unexpected, but she always found something for them to eat. She expresses the greatest astonishment about the talk in the papers concerning "only one delivery a day," and "wonders what kind of women live in the city." She says that "no woman is fit to keep house who wants more than one delivery a week except for milk and bread, where they do not do their own baking." She further declares that "any woman who does not have brains enough to figure out and write down what she wants for one day should be sent back to a boarding school until her intellect is developed enough to run a house."

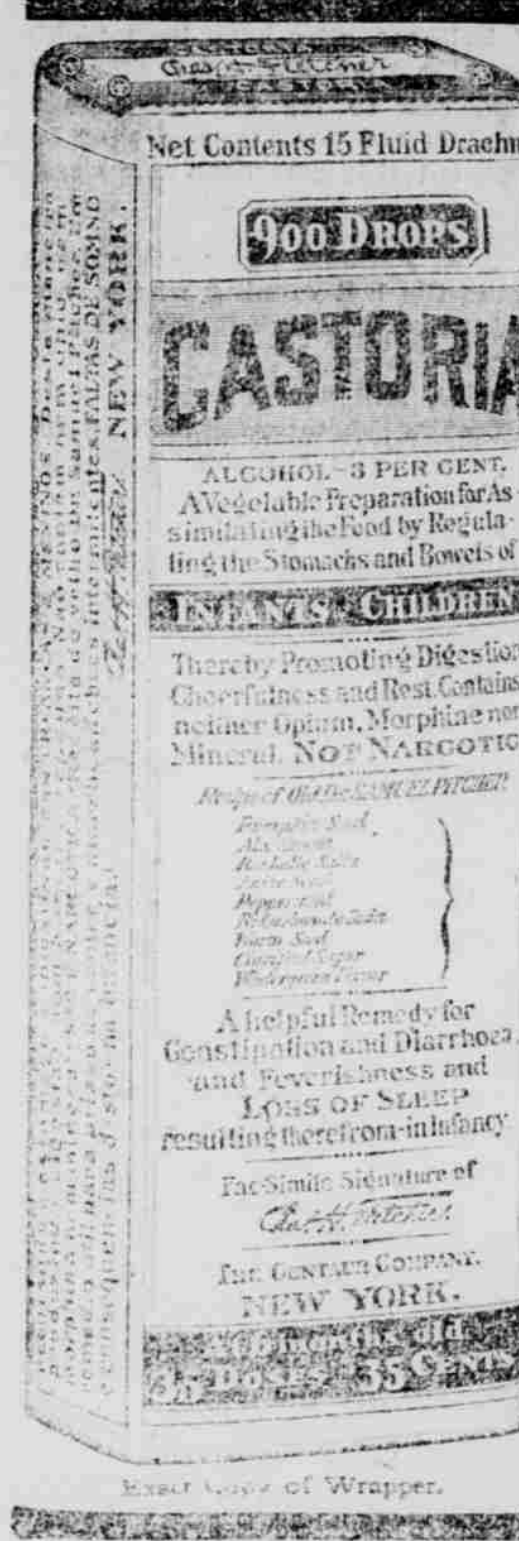
There are some things that this indignant protector does not take into account. Ten to one when she has had unexpected company she has run out to the barn, caught a chicken and gathered a lot of eggs. Then again she likely has a big barrel of pork downstairs where she can get meat and a can of lard in store since hog killing time. More than likely she has a lot of dried beef stored away, besides cans of fruit she put up during the season. Now the city woman has few of these advantages. Many of them have no place to store anything. So the country woman's idea about one delivery a week is all out of order. But the other suggestion that the housewife should be able to write down all that she needs for one day and get that at one delivery, stands good, and the chair holds the point well taken.—World-Herald.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT PLATTSMOUTH, IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31ST, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts (except those shown on balance sheet)	\$357,351.11
Overdrafts, secured none; unsecured	88.66
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	50,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, pledged to secure U. S. and other deposits, 3 1/2 per cent and 4 per cent	17,800.00
Bond, other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings, \$ 5,000.00	
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks)	12,653.31
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	2,250.00
Value of banking house	11,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,410.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	7,067.88
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	21,416.13
Cash in vault and not amount due from national banks	50,494.31
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	658.23
Total of items 1 to 17	551,172.80
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	125.08
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00
Total	\$553,964.49

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	9,882.50
Less current expenses, interest and taxes	none
Circulating notes outstanding	50,000.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers other than included in item 17	8.89
Total of items 18 to 22	\$89,882.50
Individual deposits subject to check	165,466.44
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	24,488.67
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits subject to check)	25,334.35
25, 31, 32, 33 and 40	\$180,812.11
Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed)	215,230.80
Postal saving deposits	2,041.07
Total of time deposits subject to R. S. E. V. O.	
Items 41, 42, 43 and 44	\$217,280.90
Total	\$553,964.49

State of Nebraska,  
County of Cass, I, E. E. Schiatter, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
E. E. SCHIATTER, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest: H. N. DOWDY,  
A. G. COLE,  
GEO. G. DOWDY,  
Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1918.  
ANNA WARREN,  
Notary Public.  
[Seal]  
My commission expires December 26, 1922.



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## MARRIED HERE LAST EVENING.

From Friday's Daily.  
Last evening Roy Beindorf, age 27, and Miss Inez Johnson age 21, appeared at the court house and made application for a permit to wed, which was filled out, and then the accommodating judge performed the ceremony which united the lives of two of the young people of the capitol city, and they immediately departed for their home there to surprise their friends.

## TELLS OF CAMP PIKE, ARK.

From Friday's Daily.  
Robert Will of this city, went with the boys on September 18th to Camp Funston, where he stayed for some time and asked for a transfer to Camp Pike to enter the Artillery division, as a truck driver, was with Fred Rutherford, and Fred Newman, transferred and placed in the artillery department there. As they do not have trucks at Camp Pike the boys have to drill with horses, and one cannon. Fred Rutherford is a cook and is said to be a fine one by his comrades, who know good cooking; well we know Fred and he is sure a young man who would pick up a thing of that kind rapidly.

Mr. Will and Mr. Newman are with the artillery, and have one hundred and fifty horses, for some two hundred men to care for, besides their drilling which began at a little after seven in the morning and lasts until after four in the afternoon, and consists of athletics drill, horseback riding and handling the cannon. Mr. Will says he likes Camp Pike better than he does Camp Funston. In speaking of the country down that way, he says he does not think much of it, as it is filled with rocks, and is pretty rough, with but few redeeming characteristics as the lands seem so poor that grass will hardly grow out. The weather is so mild that scarcely any ice forms, but this time it was down to eight above zero, which was pretty cold he people thought. The barracks at camp are warmed by large furnaces, one at each end of the large buildings, while at Funston there is a

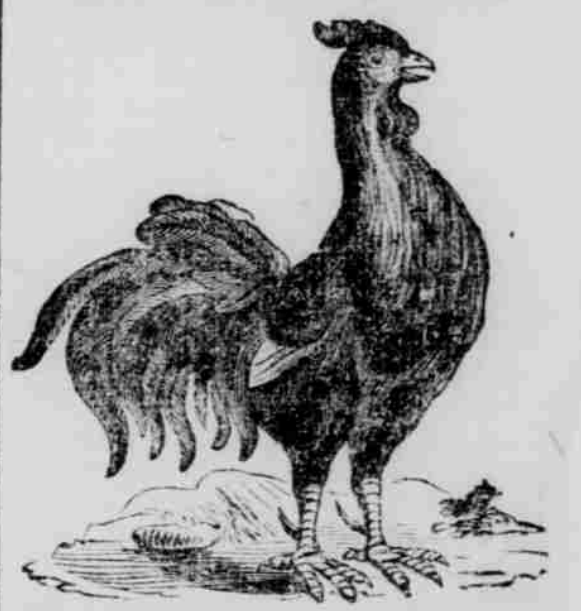
steam heated plant. At camp pike there is a electric lighting plant, which furnishes lights for the entire camp. There are about 40,000 soldiers there at this time, and they expect to be moved in the near future but do not know where they will be sent.

## Are Your Sewers Clogged?

The bowels are the sewerage system of the body. You can well imagine the result when they are stopped up as is the case in constipation. As a purgative you will find Chamberlain's Tablets excellent. They are mild and gentle in their action. They also improve the digestion.

Subscribe for the Journal.

## -WANTED!-



## Car Load of Live Poultry

to be delivered at car near Burlington freight depot Plattsmouth, Neb., on Friday Jan. 18th for which we will pay in cash:

Hens	21c
All Young Roosters	18c
Ducks	18c
Geese	17c
Old Roosters	12c

We will be on hand rain or shine to take care of all the poultry offered for sale.

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