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Good-bye March.

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Election tomorrow. Women vote.

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It don't hurt anyone to vote for good men.

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We have no favorites for office—yet we want to see good men elected.

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About the next thing we see on the screens will be the dod-gasted flies."

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A single man may be the commander of his soul, but a married man is simply orderly to the commander-in-chief.

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The code of Governor McKelvie may be all right and then, again, there will evidently be plenty of objections to it. It was ever thus.

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A citizen who started to buy a piece of bacon the other day, came to the conclusion that the butchers don't know the war is over.

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They say Germany is as full of super-soldiers and super-scientists who "almost won the war" as America is full of breakfast foods and motor car tires which actually did "win the war."

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Jack Pickford is proceeding in the film making business just as if his name had never been connected with a slacker scandal. Mr. Pickford probably will be popular this summer in patriotic films.

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A philosopher should have made many mistakes, and been saved often by the skin of his teeth. He should have been, or at any rate believed himself, a great fool and criminal. He should be above fear and hate or love, and yet know them extremely well.

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Now comes a new sort of champion. He is Louis Gill, hailing from Montgomery City, Missouri, and he claims to be the champ egg eater and recently issued a challenge to wager $50 to $500 that he could eat fifty-two eggs in five minutes. He says that fifty eggs make him only a fairly good meal and refuses to sit down to a 4-egg lunch.

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While the fire department sits in the station house in Paris discussing how they would proceed in case a fire broke out in 1930, the Bolshevist flames have gone up the east weather boarding on the German house next door, and are now eating away the roof. Not that anybody cares particularly just now, but it is a fact that the Rhine is just a river, not an ocean.

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Our good friend C. C. Wescott, who is now doing service with Y. M. C. A. in France, has placed us under many obligations to him for a copy of the "Stars and Stripes" a paper devoted to special interests of our boys "over there." From the appearance of the addressed envelope we infer that "Cliff" is located in Paris or close thereto. He evidently is doing well and is kept pretty busy. He is a great fellow to remember his friends whenever an opportunity is afforded.

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A Southern planter, in reply to Governor Allen's charge that reducing the cotton acreage is unpatriotic, says the governor forgets that he lives in a wheat belt, "where a price is guaranteed, and also that a reduced cotton acreage means an increased food acreage." For all practical purposes, however, all after the word "guaranteed" may be stricken out. What the South didn't plant in cotton it probably would plant in tobacco, a delightful household luxury, but not a food.

April fool's day.

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The day dawns bright.

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The ex-kaiser a martyr! ha! ha!

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The legislature is about through.

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The ten dollars a day will soon stop.

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No one cares to stay long after that date.

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Home rule for the Philippines and home rule for Ireland.

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Easter two weeks from Sunday. Comes a little late this year.

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Personal magnetism effects some men's brains, more than common sense.

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The builders and carpenters all seem to be busy in Plattsmouth. Let the good work go on.

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The Nehawka team won the high school stock judging contest at University farm last Saturday. Good for Nehawka.

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One of these times when we feel sorriest for the horse is when we find that the cream for the oatmeal has soured during the night.

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A rural telephone subscriber cannot dictate what service he gets, rules the railway commission. Neither can a city subscriber, can he? I guess not.

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A Pittsburgh dispatch says nuts, bolts and rivets are 20 to 40 per cent cheaper under the new steel schedule. Which would be fine if there were some way of cooking nuts, bolts and rivets so they would be tender.

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This year's graduating exercises at the University of Missouri will take the form of a memorial commencement in honor of the Missouri men who gave their lives in the European war. It is an example for other states to follow.

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THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

Sensible men did not grow excited over the prospect of the government losing a billion dollars to maintain the price of wheat which had been fixed at $2.26 at Chicago, and they are now perfectly satisfied that their reasoning was correct when they concluded that wheat would not go much, if any, below that price in the world market. The other day it was stated in the dispatches that the government has sold a million bushels of wheat to the Minneapolis millers at several cents above that price. Mr. Hoover's present view, matured after study of the agricultural situation and prospects in the whole world, is that the price of wheat in the world's market is unlikely to fall below the price our government has guaranteed. Even with a record wheat crop in America the coming season, disposal of it all without loss to the government is easily possible.

It is not probable that there will be any great decline in the price of wheat for some years to come. Before the war, Russia exported from 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 bushels of wheat every year, but the bolshevists have wrought such ruin there that it will be some years before her people can be fed by products from her own soil. Somewhat similar conditions exist in the Balkan states and all of the former Turkish empire. There is little prospect that the government will lose by the agreement to take all the wheat raised in the United States at $2.26 per bushel.—World-Herald.

"NATURAL RIGHTS."

Has the government really any right to tell a man living in New York City that he mustn't buy a drink? Isn't national prohibition really an infringement on personal liberty? Aren't there certain "national rights" that no government is justified in disregarding?

These are questions that have been raised in recent months as never before by the ratification of the prohibition amendment. Men are inquiring into what is really the foundation of ethics. This is a good thing. We ought to consider what is the basis of right and wrong action, what are the rules of conduct. "A life unexamined, uncriticized," said Socrates, "is not worthy of man."

The first thing that impresses us when we consider the matter is that it is difficult to formulate codes to govern conduct. The code fits some particular age and set of conditions. But in the course of time it is outgrown and needs supplementing or amending.

The code of the Old Testament, for instance, was in many respects set aside by Jesus. Even the Ten Commandments call for additions to meet the requirements of the modern age.

What, then, is the test by which conduct is judged? On what principle are additions made from time to time to ethical standards?

The procedure is perhaps best illustrated from the life of primitive man. Treason is one of the earliest crimes recognized by society. It was regarded as a crime before murder was so regarded. The reason is evident. It endangered the safety of the whole clan. The traitor, with the help of a hostile clan, might prove the destruction of the whole group. So treason was rigidly punished. Murder, on the other hand was at first considered little more than a family affair. If a man was murdered it was up to his kinsmen to avenge his death. But the clan was not particularly interested.

The punishment of treason in which the entire clan was concerned was much more certain than the punishment of murder by certain offended individuals. It was only after considerable progress was made that the clan took charge of punishing murder and thus put it on a level with treason.

In considering conduct on its moral side the determining test has been, not does this action conflict with some previous code, but, how does it affect the common good? "The genuinely moral person," Prof. John Dewey writes in the Dewey and Tufts "Ethics"—a really great book, "is one in whom the habit of regarding all capacities and habits of self from the social standpoint is formed and active. Such an one performs his acts with reference to the effect they have upon the social groups of which he is a part." And developing the same idea, he says in another place: "It is the business of men to develop such capacities and desires, such selves as render them capable of finding their own satisfaction in fulfilling the demands which grow out of their associated life."

A man has no natural rights except to what will promote the general welfare. All our legislation is based unconsciously perhaps on that principle. We justify legislation that makes for the general well being of society. If prohibition promotes the general good, then it violates no right of any individual. Because no individual has any right to a scheme of things that however harmless it may be to him personally, is a detriment to society.—K. C. Star.

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Beware of the man who begins with, "Now, I am a man of few words," and if he emphasizes it by saying "damned few" you had better play safe and tell him you are too busy to listen.

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Keep the home fires burning until good old summer time, if you've got the money to buy coal.

It is your own fault, perhaps, if not.

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Decoration Day is the next in order. It should be a big day, and no doubt will.

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Some of the women who pose for motion pictures are paid high salaries, but to see them in the pictures one would think they are just making a "bare" living.

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It is suggested to women who find time hanging heavily on their hands that they can either shorten or lengthen their skirts again, allowing to the way the latest fashion papers report.

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Another thing we dread about the sweet dry and dry is listening to a lot of fellows who were legislated into sobriety telling about the awful struggle against alcohol they underwent, but finally won out.

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"Another nice thing about Texas is," brags the Dallas News, "that the preachers and printers in this state are paying income tax." Huh! That's nothing. All the farmers are paying income tax up here in Nebraska.

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How the modern Kansas City highwaymen must laugh at the old-fashioned robbers who still turn up occasionally wearing masks over their faces. As if it made any difference whether a holdup is disguised or not!

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Pancho Villa is quoted as saying he would die to insure the peace of Mexico, but nobody will take it seriously, recalling the many times he has died before without benefitting Mexico to amount to anything.

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The moving picture patronage in Plattsmouth has shown no decrease since the beginning of Lent. The gallant movie managers say this is no sign Lent is not observed here, but the pictures have been so generally excellent the patrons couldn't stay away.

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Our idea of the absolutely benefitless divorce is that recently forced upon Mr. William Young of Kalamazoo, Mich. All the property was given over to the wife, except a talking machine, which the court awarded to the husband "as a consolation for the loss of his wife."

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The United States and Great Britain and France have fought and bled side by side for great ideals, and are now cemented together in a friendship that probably nothing can break, unless some difficulty over the trade rights to some forty-acre South Sea island comes up.

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"When you hear a man say he is opposed to the League of Nations, watch your pocketbook," says Mr. Ford. Mr. Ford watches his pocketbook very closely since Mme. Rosika Schwimmer sold him a plan to get the boys out of the trenches by a certain Christmas several years ago.

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Mr. Frank Simonds even looks ahead and pictures the return of the kaiser to Germany to take up the sword against the inrushing Bolsheviki from the East. If he could give his imagination a more cheerful turn, Mr. Simonds could write all six of the best sellers every year.

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Recent street brawls between Germans and Yanks in Coblenz are attributed by correspondents to the fact that the Americans "are getting on the German nerves." It would be a miracle if the Germans weren't getting on the Yanks' nerves, too, and we don't believe any miracles have been happening in Coblenz.

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The German national assembly is preparing a special court to try Ludendorff, Von Bethmann-Hollweg and others who were responsible for the war. Hindenburg is not named in the early announcements, indicating that perhaps since he contributed so much toward losing the war along at the last, he will be let off easily.

NEW YORK CITY AND THE SOLDIERS

In the largest way, the city of New York in the last two years has shaken the charge that the people of that city are cold-blooded, selfish and lacking in patriotism.

There is no other city that can compare with New York in the free work that has been done for the soldiers of the United States army. From the time that war was declared, the people of that city, many of them among the most rich and conservative, have given of their time and money to, in the largest way, provide the comforts and accommodations possible for the many thousands of soldiers who centered there, either for permanent war work, or for transportation to and across the ocean.

Attention down to the smallest detail of reasonable prices of living, of comfortable places to stay and of having a place for every soldier, has been featured not only by the municipal government, but by the people generally of New York City, and now, when so many cities are losing interest, when so many people are forgetful of the good that they can do in assisting returning soldiers, New York City is keeping up its gait of doing everything possible in the most generous way and as a result there will be a million soldiers who have come in touch with what that city has done who will go to their homes remembering with real gratitude the spirit of universal helpfulness that New York City and its people have shown.

Now, with the war ended, returning soldiers, singly and in groups, may pass through and stop over in hundreds of cities with no more attention than any private citizen would receive. The enthusiasm that was so pronounced six months and a year ago has waned and in too many cases entirely disappeared. Not so in New York City. Not a vessel arrives from Europe having few or many soldiers but that down the harbor a big reception committee, always accompanied by a band or two, meets all incomers, and in the city, the same high character of service for caring for soldiers while in that city is maintained at the same high mark that New York City has followed every month since the war opened.

The people of this country ought to take their hats off to the metropolis for the fine spirit of patriotic helpfulness that it has exhibited and continues to exhibit with unabated fervor.—Lincoln Trade Review.

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Suggestion to the Anti-Cigarette League: If you can convince the young married women and engaged girls that it is better for their husbands and sweethearts to chew tobacco than to smoke cigarettes your campaign will move along a lot faster.

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Anyhow, what the governor of Kansas said to the governor of Louisiana will not go down the corridors of time as a historic secret.

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As to the Monroe Doctrine: If beaten paths are too long, but is it safe to take the shorter cut-off?

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Every person holds in his hand a stone to throw at the head of the person in adversity.

How Diphtheria is Contracted.

One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. If your child has a cold when diphtheria is prevalent you should take him out of school and keep him off the street until fully recovered, as there is a hundred times more danger of his taking diphtheria when he has a cold. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted.

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ORDER OF HEARING and Notice of Probate of Will

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss:

To all persons interested in the estate of Pierson T. Walton, Deceased:

On reading the petition of Theodore A. Walton praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 17th day of March, 1919, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed and recorded as the last will and testament of Pierson T. Walton, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to Theodore A. Walton and James L. Walton, as executors;

It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer fo the petitioner should not be granted of the petitioner should not be granted said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand, and seal of said Court this 17th day of March, A. D. 1919.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
(Seal) m20-3w. County Judge

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the Estate of Andrew Kaufmann, Deceased:

To all persons interested in said Estate, Creditors and Heirs-at-Law:

You are hereby notified that Marie E. Kaufman has this day filed her petition in this Court, alleging that Andrew Kaufman, late of said county, died intestate in Cass county, Nebraska, on or about the 16th day of April, 1916, being a resident and inhabitant of Plattsmouth, in said county and the owner of an undivided one-half interest in and to Lots 10, 11 and 12, in Block 7, Duke's Addition to Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, and leaving as his sole and only heirs at law, Elisa Kaufman, his widow, and Marie E. Kaufmann, a daughter, both of legal age, residing at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, who are interested in said property according to the decedent laws of the state of Nebraska, and praying for a determination of the time of the death of said Andrew Kaufmann, deceased, the names of his heirs at law and the degree of kinship thereof and the right of descent of the real property belonging to said decedent in the State of Nebraska, and for an order barring claims against said estate and for such other orders as may be necessary for a correct disposition of said matter.

Said matter has been set for hearing at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 14th day of April, 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and contest said petition.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1919
By the Court,
ALLEN J. BEESON,
JOHN M. LEYDA, County Judge.
Atty. for Petitioner. (m13-3w

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Nebraska, Cass County, ss:

In the County Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of Magdalena Vallery, Deceased:

To the Creditors of said Estate:

You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 14th day of April, 1919, and the 14th day of July, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m. on each day to receive and examine all claims against said Estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said Estate is four months from the 14th day of March, A. D. 1919, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 6th day of March, 1919.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 6th day of March, 1919.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
(Seal) m13-5w. County Judge.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

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