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The Reds are beginning to feel blue.

O wad some power the giftie gie us to see the bill collector before he sees us.

It is said that only 6,000,000 Americans carry life insurance. G'wan! There is that many agents.

A woman's will always prevails, unless she is rich enough for the lawyers to break it after she is dead.

It generally costs a fellow from one to ten thousand dollars in this country to prove that he is not guilty.

There is talk about the Crown Prince heading a German revolution. If he does, it will certainly be a bliver.

Even after the meek have inherited the earth some blustering trust official will come around and collect the rent.

We read that bustles are coming back. Woman is constantly enlarging her sphere. If it isn't one way it's another.

Man wants little here below, a poet sang with fire; there's only one comment to make—that poet was a liar.

The more we study the statutes the more we become in favor of enforcing all the laws, against everybody but ourselves.

A carpenter planes the white planks And makes them smooth and flat, And children marvel that he's paid For having fun like that.

When you notice how eager and anxious, and almost daffy, women are over bargain counter sales, you can figure out how some of us get grabbed up as husbands.

The electric fan certainly has the palm leaf beaten for efficiency. That is, if the owner knows enough to use it for blowing the cool air into a room, or the hot air out, instead of merely stirring the same dead air around and around.

Londoners protest once more against the playing of music written by German composers. Maybe they are right. Still, German music was the lease offensive thing about Germany. And most of the German composers had a proper contempt for Prussia.

Farmers in Long Island, N. Y., are said to be so pestered by locusts that they can't work. They seem to be losing a rare opportunity. Haven't they heard the verdict of that Johns Hopkins professor, that locusts are good to eat, and taste like shrimp? Why don't they spread the news and supply the New York market with locusts? Or why doesn't some enterprising canner put them up and offer them as "Long Island Shrimp?"

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You may kid gloves and string beans, but you can't bull frogs.

There is no solution for the H. C. L. Even the temperature is unusually high.

"Beef remains high thought cattle drop." Apparently the only thing the poor public can do is to drop beef.

Congress will soon have to decide what percentage of alcohol makes a drink intoxicating. What congressman is qualified by experience to pass on that question?

Flower beds filled with poppies grown from seed imported from Flanders fields form a part of the decorations in an Ohio memorial park dedicated to the soldiers of the great war.

The big wheat crop now being harvested in Cass county ought to help us all just a trifle, but followed by a good corn crop will help us a great deal more. Can we slip over a ringer this year.

Belgium is buying from the United States army all the machine tools it has in France. They are to replace the tools stolen by the Germans. And Germany, properly enough, will pay the bill.

What do you think of the new highway just south of Plattsmouth? It is a daisy, but don't say anything about the connecting link between the city pavement and the newly graded road. All that it needs is a whole lot of work, and who is going to do it?

Congress, after making a great show of its intention to adopt a budget system, has finally disposed of the matter by arranging for a commission to investigate and report on the subject, which is probably as much as anybody had a right to expect from any congress along the line of business like innovation.

A Michigan hotel man says he has found that when men don't drink, they spend more for food. Which doesn't exactly harmonize with the argument, soberly put forth by some anti-prohibitionists, that men who are used to having drinks with their meals can't digest their food without them.

Austria objects to being made "the heir of all the responsibility of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, of which it was the smallest, poorest, most peaceful and most liberal of states." Poor Austria. All these years nobody seems to have realized what an innocent lamb she was. How could the world wrong her so? Why, she hadn't anything more to do with the war than Prussia had.

Four hundred scientists have met in California to discuss earthquakes and the best means of protection against them. If they're open to amateur ideas, we modestly suggest putting a few bands of reinforced concrete around the earth to strengthen and steady it. Or if that looks like too much trouble, why not use bamboo for building material, as the Japanese do, so that a little shaking won't do any harm.

Have you heard anything about a new engine and better equipment for the local light plant. We may have another storm within a few days, and the result will be another total eclipse over the city of Plattsmouth, only. We might get something out of the present company, if we can locate the "man behind the gun." Let everybody do a little talking for a more reliable electric equipment at the home plant.

LET GERMANY WORK.

At last there are some slight signs that Germany is coming to her sense. Says the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin:

"What we need is a despot to compel the nation to work. If we are unable to install him, our enemies will send him."

That is the plain, simple truth. The former kaiser has been at work ever since the armistice, saying nothing and sawing wood—the most useful and profitable undertaking of his whole life. What the German nation needs is to do likewise. To make the Allies some small measure of recompense for the evil done them, to restore their own country to something of its former prosperity and comfort and to make their own future tolerable and respectable, the Germans must stop whining, stop talking of revenge, stop their eternal preparations for war, and go to work patiently and constructively.

Honest work is in itself a cleansing force. Through honest work and discreet silence Germany may in time wipe out the memory of her evil past and renovate her own soul. And it will be much better for her to do it of her own free will, in voluntary penance, under the compulsion of the nations she has wronged.

THE ESTIMABLE BARTENDER.

Bartending has never stood especially high in public estimation. But perhaps the estimate has been wrong. Hear what Dr. H. Pierce Clark, New York neurologist, has to say in praise of the profession:

"Abolish the saloon if we must, but keep the bartender. He is generally a good fellow, and far better educated, as a rule, than the patron. When the saloon passes, the loss of this genial friend will be felt by multitudes of light tipplers throughout the country."

The "education" of the typical bartender may be called in question by those who choose to apply academic standards; but certain it is that he is generally an expert in his knowledge of human nature. And that, according to many philosophers, is the highest form of knowledge.

The metropolitan nerve specialist need not be so disconsolate, however, over the prospect. The bartender is not going to vanish from the face of the earth. Communities that have already gone dry have found that the good ones keep right on serving the public, and very largely the same public at that, as waiters or as dispensers of soft drinks. In one or two states that have recently sworn off, most of the bartenders are said to have remained right in the same saloons, using their old-time skill in handling near-beer, ginger ale, etc., and conducting themselves with all their accustomed geniality.

There is no need to be pessimistic. Good things are seldom lost, even in reform waves.

SENSELESS REDUCTIONS.

Arbitrary reduction of appropriations ordered by the standpat "steering committee" of the House has not taken well with the country and republican leaders are beginning to hear from it. It is evident that there is a deep sentiment and desire in the hearts of the people for honest, justifiable economy, but not for wilful, deliberate, senseless reductions that cripple the government and threaten the comforts and welfare of returning soldiers.

If the House program for the aviation service of the Army and the Navy goes through the United States will become a third-rate nation in aircraft and airmen. The action of the House in this instance is proving a flare-back. The roar from the press of the nation has caused republican senators to rush into print with promises to reconstruct provisions framed by the House.

It is charged by democrats that the republicans of the House, following the advice of the "steering

committee"—the new boss of the House—are playing politics with appropriations. This committee will make heavy cuts, without regard for the needs, and then let the senate increase the amounts given, or put them in special bills to come later. Members of the "steering committee" seem to think it will sound well, in the coming campaign, to say that they reduced the estimates of the democratic administration "one billion dollars." That would help republican candidates for the House in their campaigns, they argue. But the democratic leaders will not let them succeed in any such political trickery. House leaders will make it plain to the public what is going on.

During the debate in the House on the shipping board appropriation Representatives Moore of Pennsylvania and Britten of Illinois closely questioned Representative Good of Iowa, chairman of the appropriations committee, about the total appropriated for shipping. Messrs. Moore, Britten and Good are leading republicans, but the representatives from Pennsylvania and Illinois were suspicious of the gentleman from Iowa.

It was brought out that the shipping board was about to be deprived of money needed to carry out its plans for a merchant marine. Mr. Good admitted that there is a probability this provision for the shipping board may fall short of what is absolutely necessary to carry out the program of the administration.

"I am greatly interested in seeing this bill carry enough money to enable the shipping board to bring to successful conclusion its desires for a well-balanced fleet of cargo and passenger carriers," said Mr. Britten.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss: In re Estate of Herman Kipke, deceased.
You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 13th day of July, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m. each week, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The limited time for presentation of claims against said estate is for four months from the 10th day of June, 1919, and said time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 10th day of June, 1919.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge.

ORDER OF HEARING

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss:
To all persons interested in the Estate of John Edwin Barwick, deceased.
On reading the petition of Hilga Coffman praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 20th day of June, 1919, and purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of John Edwin Barwick, deceased; said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to W. A. Robertson, as executor.

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 18th day of July A. D. 1919 at 10 o'clock a. m. to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in the estate 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 19th day of June A. D. 1919.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge,
By FLORENCE WHITE,
Clerk.

ORDER OF HEARING
and Notice of Probate will
In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss:
To all persons interested in the Estate of Melissa Timmas, deceased.
On reading the petition of Rosina Timmas praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 20th day of June, 1919, and purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of Melissa Timmas, deceased; said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to Rosina Timmas, as executrix.

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Allen J. Beeson, County Judge, notice of hearing regarding estate matters.

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