

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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A jingo is a crank who stays far from war's sounds or smells. And waves a flag and whoops 'em up. And yells, and yells, and yells.

Contentment is better than great riches because, for one thing, it is scarcer and harder to get.

One hears less of "Salome" than a few years ago, but fashion is still edging toward her comfortable costume.

A young thing is fairly certain to think she knows more than her mother about everything except the kitchen work.

Ships carrying much gold were convoyed through the war zone. Those carrying only men, women and children were not.

A local merchant advertises "good woman's hose cheap." Guess he's right. Good women do not wear the \$10 a pair kind as a rule.

The wife of a Kansas editor is suing another woman for \$25,000 for alienation of her husband's affections. Never dreamed before that an editor's affections were worth half that money.

A proportion of our legislators waste energy with the same prodigality that a squirrel does when it whoops it around by the hour in a revolving wheel cage, making lots of work about it and traveling a long distance, but never getting anywhere.

We are going to have a new lighting plant in Plattsmouth and the best of all is the fact that the old company are going to install it in the very near future. We have been given the assurance by the head officers of the company that a new plant will be in operation not later than Nov. 1st, just as soon as the required machinery can be had and shipment made to this point.

Now is the time to forget all those old time inconveniences when we were in the dark for the want of electricity, and all pull together for the new equipment that will soon be installed by the Nebraska Gas and Electric Co. in this city. We are going to have a new plant right here at home, one that will take care of all our needs and more too, in fact the plant will be large enough to take care of the whole of Cass county.

Now is the time for all us fellows, who have had a grinch at the Nebraska Gas and Electric Co., to pass their office with a smile, and take Manager Kuykendall by the hand, and tell him that we have forgotten the promises of Manlove and Abbott, and we are going to help him and the new company install the new plant in Plattsmouth. Now is the time to boost and boost hard, and we will have a new plant by November first.

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### THE INCOMPETENT HORSE.

Street car traffic was held up for half an hour recently on one of the main thoroughfares of a big city because a fool horse had got his legs caught in bridge ties.

Traffic of all sorts was held up in another city because a poorly shod horse had slipped on the pavement and broken his leg.

In another case there was a prolonged tie-up due to a runaway horse and the wreckage he caused on a business street.

It is getting to be an old story. Says a policeman: "When traffic is obstructed nowadays, it is nearly always a horse that is responsible."

"Most everybody remembers the time when it was a common thing to see an automobile being towed home by a horse. Now it is the beast that succumbs to engine trouble or lack of fuel or a broken axle, and along comes a cynical motor truck and carts his remains off to the boneyard.

The horse's troubles are not only mental. He has his brainstroms, but his worst defects are physical.

"Every time I look at a horse hauling a buggy or wagon," says an engineer, "I can't help thinking what a mechanical failure he is, how imperfectly he functions, what a small percentage of energy he produces from the fuel he consumes."

Poor incompetent horse. It is not his fault that the Creator failed to equip him with a six-cylinder motor, ball-bearings and pneumatic tires.

### DIRIGIBLES.

Count Zeppelin was said to have died a disappointed man. His disappointment may or may not have been caused by the fact that his famous dirigible balloons killed so few English babies. At any rate, at the time of his death his invention was generally pronounced a failure.

Allied critics condemned it and Germans found it hard to defend. It did not succeed in terrorizing the enemy as the Germans expected. Most of the big fleet built were destroyed by anti-aircraft guns or blown up by accident or wrecked in storms. Germany finally stopped manufacturing them, and concentrated on airplanes, as the allies had done. Nearly everybody said that the future of aviation depended on the heavier-than-air craft.

Since the fighting ended, however there has been a swing back to dirigibles. Everybody is talking about them. England and France are building them in large numbers, and of increasing size. American attention has been directed to them by the successful voyage of the British R-34 to this country and back. The United States is now planning to build a "blimp" as big as the R-34, which is about the size of the biggest oceanic ship or of the Woolworth building, New York's greatest skyscraper. Britain is said to be starting one much larger, to be 1,100 feet long with a capacity of 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas, capable of carrying a load of 200,000 pounds and cruising continuously 16,000 miles.

Was Zeppelin right, after all? Is the rigid, cigar-shaped balloon, carrying suspended cars and driven by powerful gas engines, destined to be the dominant aircraft of the future.

It hardly seems possible, in spite of all these developments. The "blimp" has a big advantage in its buoyancy—it can keep afloat with its engines stopped, whereas the airplane instantly starts to drop. But it is largely at the mercy of the wind. It cannot buck a bad storm.

It has difficulty in landing except in comparatively calm weather. It requires special facilities and a large crew of men to make it fast to the ground, and is not safe then except when enclosed in a shed. Lightning may strike it. A match or spark may explode it. The airplane can fight almost any kind of a blow, and land almost at will, and is fairly safe from fire.

Nobody need be in a hurry, then, to order a "blimp." There will be dependable flivver planes on the market soon.

### MORE AND BETTER HOUSES.

That the housing situation cannot return to normal in less than three years is the prediction of housing experts everywhere. Whether the American people want to see it return to what was considered normal before the war is a question.

Certainly Plattsmouth wants enough houses built so that increasing population may be accommodated. But they do not want cheap, shoddy houses which will go to pieces in half a dozen years. Neither do they want to see rows of empty houses in some districts and crowded slums in others.

Good housing is vital to good citizenship. The herding of a dozen people in two or three rooms is not conducive to good health, good morals or ambition in the occupants. Nor is the sleek inducing of young couples to part with all their savings for cheap shacks built for selling, and not for living, any more conducive to health, morals or ambition.

The temptation to build flimsily because of the great need for housing space will be seductive. But it should be resisted alike by contractor and by owner. Wages will not go down for a good while, if ever. The labor cost of handling good material in a workmanlike way is very little more than that of handling poor material in a slovenly way. And the final cost is far greater, for both labor and material must be replaced in so much shorter a time.

The matter of building shelter for a city is one which may well be taken up by a committee that will aid in planning and in financing homes and apartments built solidly and for the future. Good ventilation, good plumbing, good heating and lasting quality must be secured if the families who will live in these dwellings are to keep well and prosper.

### UNCLE SAM'S SHADOW.

Senator Swanson said a good thing in answer to critics who want less American participation in foreign affairs:

"Let us not be frightened by our own prodigious shadow."

It is the big shadow of a big nation which has taken a leading place in the world and is well qualified to hold it.

### SUMMER AUTO STYLES.

Automobiles come in all sizes, including the piker size, the family size, the bank director size and the fool size. A small car with only twelve condensed horses in it can be bought for \$350 and can be driven over a curb and into a tree as successfully as a big car which costs \$5000 and has tires as fat as an elephant's legs.

### UNDEODORIZED ALIENS.

This good old U. S. A. is so full of aliens of various and sundry kinds, among them being the turbaned, the yellow, the low-browed and the undeodorized, that a little wholesome legislation relative to their accumulating large gobs of land here is well. We like our Hindoo brother first rate out on the railroad section, and are not particularly averse to seeing a siant-eyed Mongolian chase a shirt up and down a washboard, but don't exactly hanker for either of them buying the adjoining home place next to us and smoking baled hay and opium and stewing chop-suey to the detriment of the pure and ambient atmosphere now full of healthful microbes and ozone.

### WATER IS FINE STUFF.

Several orthodox denominations are making a fuss again over the old question of whether one should be sprinkled or immersed when accepted into the fold. Ah, don't quarrel over technicalities, brothers. Give 'em both, dodgast 'em, give 'em both, and if that is not enough pour some of it down the inside. Water is a fine remedy for most everything. And if water isn't strong enough, try sheep dip.

### MILK AND HONEY AND COIN.

It is mighty nice out in the country where the fields are ripe, the flowers blooming, and the birds making love, and where the bare-foot boy with cheeks of tan and one gallus worries the fleet-footed angle worm with a narrow-gauge plow, and bikes over the dew bespattered meadow after the brindle cow with the crumpled horn. We'd be a farmer in a minute if we only knew how and had sense enough.

### TO GIVE RELIEF TO PLATTSMOUTH

Company Starts Work on Remodeling Plant in This City to Guarantee Service to Consumers.

The Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., which is serving the people of Plattsmouth and vicinity have heeded the needs of the city for proper service without continuous interruptions due to failure of the power station in Omaha to supply the current. The company have commenced the installation of a reserve unit in this city at the plant near the Burlington shop yards, which will be capable of looking after the needs of the consumers in this city in case of an accident or tie up of the Omaha service. The generating reserve unit will have from 250 to 300 kilowatt capacity, and be capable of handling the needs of the city in case of a break down of the high power lines.

The Nebraska Gas & Electric Co. have for some time been contemplating the installing of a large generating station at one of the points in its Nebraska territory and this city has been considered one of the best points for this plant but owing to the immediate needs of the city the reserve plant will be installed at once and give the company further time to perfect their plans for the large plant.

Mr. James B. Harvey of Omaha, vice president of the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., who was in the city last week looking over the situation together with Superintendent Kuykendall of the local company, has been using his best efforts for the relief of the people of Plattsmouth and has been able to secure the reserve generating plant for this city to guarantee service at all times for the city.

The decision of the company to give us the immediate relief demanded will be gratefully received by the Plattsmouth people and the consumers of the power and current and Superintendent Kuykendall is entitled to a great deal of credit for his efforts in the direction of getting the company to take immediate action. The letter of Mr. Harvey in regard to the plant is as follows:

August 18, 1919.  
Mr. R. A. Bates, Editor,  
Plattsmouth Journal,  
Plattsmouth, Nebr.

Dear Sir:  
Our decision regarding the installation of a reserve unit at Plattsmouth has finally been made and it is now our intention to install a reserve generating unit of from 250 to 300 K. W. capacity at as early a date as the equipment can be secured.

We appreciate the value of our business in Plattsmouth and with the territory we are taking on south of there, it is most important that we be able to give uninterrupted service.

Our decision regarding the location of a large generating station to supply our entire system is still open because of the question of cost and delivery under the present prices and the selection of a suitable site. This large station is going to be built but there is too much at stake to use snap judgment in reaching our decision at this time. It was our hope that we could decide on Plattsmouth before this time but the urgency of the local situation made it necessary for a decision of a reserve unit at first and thus give us a little more time in reaching our final conclusion on the larger station.

We have several units for the reserve station in sight and expect to inspect and test them within the



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next week so the unit can be bought and be installed ready for operation by November 1st.

The expenditure of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 at this time is no small problem and it is unfortunate for us that the recent service interruptions, caused by transformer trouble in Omaha, has made us act so quickly. This however will give service to Plattsmouth and the territory that is being added to it and as we expect to make Plattsmouth one of our district offices, it is the logical place to locate the unit at this time.

I trust you will appreciate our acting in this matter within the time I told you we would and that the evidence of this report will soon show itself.

Yours,  
JAS. B. HARVEY,  
Vice Pres. Nebr. Gas & Elec. Co.

### A FINE LITTLE DAUGHTER.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina on South 11th street was visited yesterday afternoon by a

charming little daughter, who has come to make her future home with them. The mother and little one are doing nicely and Cyril is busy receiving the congratulations of his friends over the happy event. The many friends will extend to the little lady their best wishes for her future welfare and happiness.

### NEW MANAGER HERE

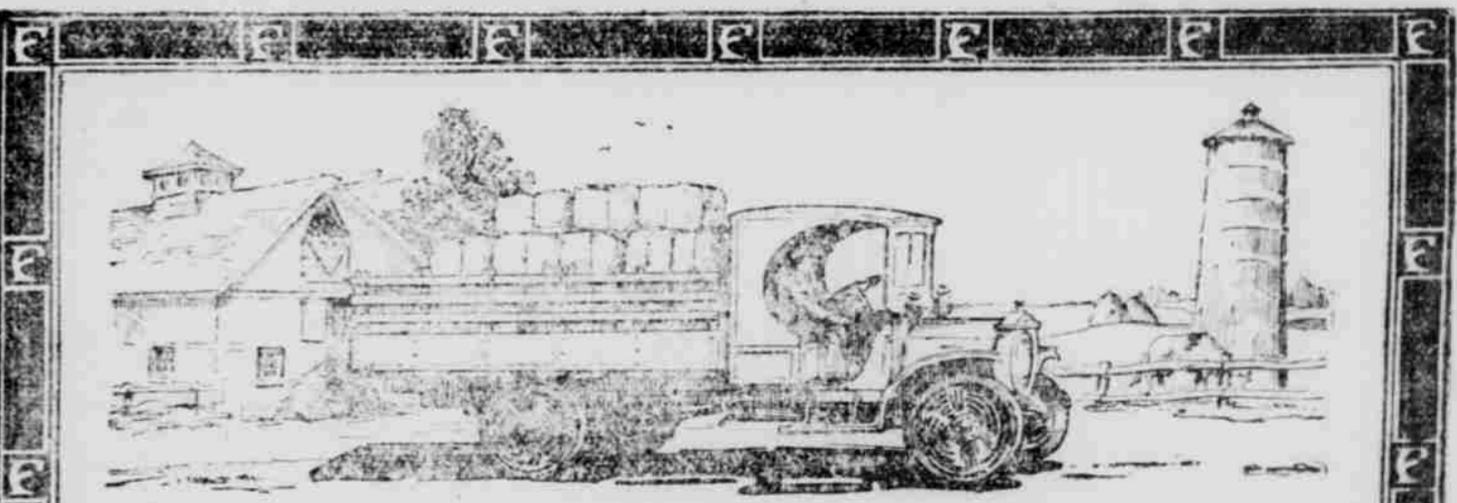
From Tuesday's Daily.  
The Cass County Monument Works of this city has been purchased by Mr. Harry W. Smith of Blair, Nebraska, and the new owner is now located in Plattsmouth and taken over the control of the business. Mr. Smith and wife have located in the George W. Thomas residence on Vine street and expect during the latter part of the week to be joined by their two sons who are at present enjoying their school vacation. The Smith family will make a splendid addition to this city and are very much pleased with the appearance of the city and the splendid

class of people with whom they have come in touch. Mr. Smith has been in Plattsmouth several times in the past in the interests of his monument business and decided that this would be a fine place to reside.

The new owner of the Cass County Monument Works is a practical stone cutter and can give his patrons the best possible line of work as he has had years of experience in this line and the work which he has done here is a practical demonstration of his work in this line.

### An Old Fault Finder.

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