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It looks like a Red Christmas.

Capital and labor have one thing in common—our money.

Faith will move mountains, but it takes men with picks and shovels to get coal that is uncovered thereby.

Greece will be a great nation again when all the shoe shining boys in this country go back home, but it will have the phonograph habit pretty bad.

The silver in a dollar has risen to the value of \$1.29 and judging from scramble after paper, the intrinsic value of a paper dollar must be about \$2.50.

The news that Carranza has fled to Queretaro is of some interest, as it seems to establish that Queretaro, wherever it may be, is one place in Mexico that is not in revolt.

In case France is still unable to get a candidate for president a letter sent to almost any lecture bureau in the United States and addressed to W. J. Bryan will reach that worthy gentleman," says an exchange.

The St. Joseph Gazette refutes the general criticism by pointing out that congress was able to agree on one thing, anyway—the resolution allowing the lawmakers 20 cents a mile to go to their homes and return to Washington was passed unanimously by both houses.

A woman in New York has been asleep for 51 days, and an effort will be made to awaken her by the use of violin music. After this experiment fails, we suggest a green bottle fly be released to buzz around the ceiling of the sick room. If that doesn't awaken her, the woman is dead.

The northwest Missouri editors are are consistent. All through the war they wrote about the importance of home fires, and Saturday they convened in St. Joe and resolved that the government has the same right to draft men to meet the fuel situation that it had to draft them in any other national crisis.

No one can have followed the events of the last few years without being impressed by this tremendous fact: Americanism is the one issue before the country today—Americanism that puts the interest of the whole country above the interest of any group; Americanism that retains the guidance of American affairs in American hands.

I love the autumn poses that bloom around the stoop, like they're doing sentry duty for lawn; it hurts my feelin's terrible to see 'em start to droop an' I'll miss 'em most ferocious when they've gone. It know it ain't so very long till spring will come again an' bring the precious darlin's in its track—but, Lordy, how I dread to feel the winter an' it pain, when everybody's system's out of whack.

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THE KIRK PAROLE.

State Senator Bushee, whose signature as acting governor brought about the release from the penitentiary of Beryl Kirk, serving a 20 years' sentence for the murder of an Omaha police detective, "regrets" that the World-Herald insists on uncovering the full facts of this remarkable proceeding.

The World-Herald suggests that its interest is due simply to a desire to gain a satisfactory answer to the following questions, which it considers pertinent and for the public interest:

Why should a man convicted of an atrocious murder after a bold daylight robbery be released after serving only 18 months of a 20-year sentence?

Why should a convict be released on a "furlough," something unknown to the laws of the state, when he was not eligible to release on parole, the method prescribed by law for such cases.

Why did an acting governor, in office but a few days, extend such favor to a man who had been refused release by the governor and parole officials after full investigations?

Why was the order for release signed in the private law office of the convict's attorneys, who happen to be close political and personal associates of the acting governor?

Why does not Governor McKelvie order the immediate rearrest of the convict, with regard for the safeguarding of the public and the maintenance of justice, rather than for the "courtesy" due a fellow state official?

These are questions the World-Herald would like to have some one answer. These are questions which, it believes, the people of the state wish answered.

The case would not be so important if it were the only instance of release of criminals of this sort. But it is only a few months ago that Governor McKelvie ordered the release of Densmore, the man whose crime aroused the entire state when it was denounced as one of the blackest deeds of Nebraska's history. It is only a few days ago that a convict was paroled who was serving his second sentence, who had a record as a parole breaker, and who was charged, within a week after his release, of a new crime committed in Lincoln.

It is particularly disconcerting, at a time when men are being urged to have respect for law and order, that those in charge of its affairs should act thus carelessly, to use no more severe term. It is particularly astonishing that a criminal should be released from the penitentiary on an order written in a private law office, under no known authority of law.—World-Herald.

Eggs have now gone to 85 cents a dozen in the big cities. We suppose the hens, too, have refused to arbitrate.

The people look to the federal government to use all its resources to get coal. The time for temporizing and conferring is past. It is time for action.

Two and three-quarters per cent beer is like some candidates—it has no enthusiastic supporters, and is only in the race because there is no one else.

Public officers are servants and agents of the people, to execute laws which the people have made and within the limits of a constitution which they have established.—Grover Cleveland.

A STENCH.

Mayor Smith of Omaha has instructed the police to arrest Beryl Kirk, the bandit and murderer illegally released from the Nebraska state penitentiary, to stand trial for another crime than that of which he was convicted.

Mayor Smith, of course, has done right. He would have been entirely within the limitations of his duties and powers if he had ordered Kirk arrested as an escaped convict, to be returned to the penitentiary where he belongs.

If Governor McKelvie, as the chief law enforcing officer of Nebraska, has not issued such an order by the time these words appear in print, he cannot get about it any too soon for the protection of his own good name as well as for the protection of the good name and the peace and dignity of the state he serves.

The scandal of Kirk's release will be multiplied unless prompt and effective steps are taken to wipe it out.

Kirk was turned loose from the penitentiary on a written order that had no more standing in law than an order from "Judge" Julius Cooley to the same effect would have. There is no warrant of law entitling the "acting governor"—or the real governor, or the lieutenant governor, both of whom were conveniently absent from the state—to order the release from the penitentiary of a convicted murderer just beginning to serve his sentence.

The order that turned this criminal loose on Nebraska was signed by State Senator Bushee, a man of good reputation, nearly three months ago, in the law offices of State Senator Peterson and Republican State Committee Chairman Devoe at Lincoln. That order, after prolonged and unexplained delay, was served on the warden of the penitentiary and Kirk, convicted of the murder of an Omaha policeman following the daring robbery of an Omaha store, gained his freedom.

The whole transaction stinks. And its stench will attach itself forever to the official garments of the real governor of Nebraska unless he takes such prompt and vigorous action as will convince the state that he has not tolerance for so flagrant an assault on law and order and decency, and no tolerance for those guilty of it however close to him they may be personally and politically.

The Omaha police department is laboring under difficulties enough. The policemen who ran down and captured Kirk and his confederates in crime risked their lives in a pitched battle in making the arrest, and one of them was shot down. Kirk was convicted in a fair trial, and his conviction was confirmed by the supreme court. That such a man should so soon be turned loose from prison, free to join the other criminals who are making war on this city, free to murder other policemen, to rob other Omaha business houses and homes, is scandalous and intolerable. And that he should be illegally released, whether by the ignorance or worse than ignorance of public officials and their advisers and persuaders, makes the offense such it calls to high heaven.

There is but one possible course open to Governor McKelvie. It is to exert every power of his high office to find Beryl Kirk, arrest him, and restore him to the state prison to which the courts of Nebraska consigned him.

Any other course would be to condone and protect an act of lawlessness and incite renewed anarchy on the part of ignorant and alarmed people whose confidence in the enforcement of law is already, unhappily, at a low ebb.—World-Herald.

The Moberly Democrat is confident nobody will have Christmas egg nog this year unless he did his Christmas shopping early.

Another reason we don't believe they'll get around to try the kaiser in 1920, or even in 1921, is that even if they make the effort, they'll have to find twelve jurors who haven't formed an opinion, held discussions or read about this case in the newspapers."

But coal is coal, we believe just as governors are governors.

This government cannot tolerate any domestic power greater than its own.

The paper situation is becoming so acute that at any moment we may have no shoe soles.

The miners refer to the coal operators as "barons." We had supposed barons had some sort of power.

The way popular tastes seems to be running now, most anything you'd do for posterity ought to be appreciated.

It isn't even comforting to look out and find that the wagon which was broken down on the street isn't a coal wagon.

Government sugar control is not renewed in the hope of discovering sugar where isn't any, but of making it scarce in certain quarters where there is too much.

Another reason we agree with the scientists who fear something is going to happen in the heavens on December 17, is that that's where it will have to happen. Everything else has happened down here.

Emma Goldman is to leave us, which will make one happy less in America, provided, of course, some feeble minded jack-in-office at Ellis island doesn't overrule the government and turn her loose.

PUBLIC SALE!

I will offer at public auction, to the highest bidder, at my farm, 5 miles west of Plattsmouth and 19 miles east of Louisville, on

Wednesday, December 17, 1919, the following described property, to-wit: Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.:

Horses. One sorrel horse, 7 years old, weight 1,200; 1 brown mare, 7 years old, weight 1,200; 1 black horse, 9 years old, weight 1,400; 1 black horse, 12 years old, weight 1,200; 1 dark bay mare, 5 years old, weight 1,400; 1 black horse, 13 years old, weight 1,500; 1 brown mare, 5 years old, weight 1,500; one black mare, smooth mouth, weight 1,200; one team of drivers, 5 and 6 years old, weight 1,800; 1 brown horse, 12 years old, weight 1,500.

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SEEKS FORECLOSURE.

From Tuesday's Daily. An action has been commenced in the district court by the Plattsmouth Loan & Building association against Adolph Giese, involving the property situated on the corner of Fifth and Pearl streets, which is owned and occupied by the defendant. The association through their attorney, J. M. Leyda, allege that in 1917 the defendant entered into a loan with the plaintiff giving as security a mortgage on lots 7 and 8 block 34 and agreeing to take out 15 shares of stock in the loan company. It is alleged that the defendant has failed to comply with the terms of the agreement and action is commenced to secure foreclosure on the premises to have them sold to defray the amount due the plaintiff which is given at \$2,609.63. John Wolff and Ray Herold as well as the Western Machine & Foundry Co., are named defendants as well as the Bank of Cass county, the first two being tenants of the defendant and the two corporations as having interest in the property affected by the action.

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NOTICE ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

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CHARLES E. NOYES, Administrator.

ORDER OF HEARING on Petition for Appointment of Administrator.

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss: In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of William Taylor, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of C. E. Taylor praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Mary J. Taylor, as administratrix:

Ordered, That December 27th, A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m. be assigned for hearing said petition when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and 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.

Dated December 1st, 1919. ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge. By FLORENCE WHITE, Clerk.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On Petition for Determination of Heirship.

Estate of Agnes Root, deceased, in the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, creditors and heirs, take notice, that Jesse A. Root has filed his petition alleging that Agnes Root died intestate in Murray on or about September 2, 1914, being a resident and inhabitant of Cass county, Nebraska, and the owner of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots numbered eight (8) and nine (9) in Block seven (7) in Latta's First Addition to the Village of Murray, Cass county, Nebraska, having as her sole and only heirs at law the following named persons, to-wit: Jesse A. Root, her husband; Vincent A. Kennedy, her father and Laura Kennedy, her mother; and praying for a decree barring claims; that said decedent died intestate; that no application for administration has been made and the estate of said decedent has not been administered in the State of Nebraska, and that the heirs at law of said decedent as herein set forth shall be decreed to be the owners in fee simple of the above described real estate, which has been set for hearing on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 29th day of November, A. D. 1919. ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge. By FLORENCE WHITE, Clerk.

W. A. ROBERTSON, Lawyer. East of Riley Hotel. Coates Block. Second Floor.

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