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Anyway it looks like we are to have a white Christmas.

Good morning! Have you unhoarded your food supply yet?

One hundred coal mines opened up last Monday. That's some encouragement.

It is charged that favoritism is being shown by the coal administration to the eastern cities.

There are quite a number of bashful young men who are wondering if leap year means anything to them.

When Columbus waded ashore and stepped on something substantial, he exclaimed "This must be the United States."

The money-maker finds pleasure in getting; the miser in the mere possession; the rest of us in what it will buy.

It would be interesting to know just what those American born women in England intend to do when they get their majority in parliament.

Why should a man wish to rob a bank at this time? Without the approval of the fuel administration, he couldn't buy coal if he had all the money in all the banks.

Little boys and girls shun the persons who say there is no Santa Claus. Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman said there was no Uncle Sam, either, and look where they are.

The prodigal son returned to his father's house, which was where he was wise. If you are prodigal and have strayed from the father's house, you better hike back or when the general roll is called you'll be eating husks, all right.

We hear from Washington that taxes are going to remain high next year, and while we take most things we hear from Washington without a grain of salt, something tells us we can take this straight and anyway, we're conserving salt—we're going to need it in the coming campaign.

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### FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

The depreciation in foreign exchange is not due merely to the heavy trade balances, declares the National Bank of Commerce in New York in the December issue of its magazine, Commerce Monthly. It is also due to the fact that foreign moneys are depreciated at home. The gold standard has been suspended in most European countries, and the money is merely irredeemable paper. No normal exchange conditions can be expected until the gold standard is restored.

"How far the exchange rates will fall, when they will recover—these are questions to which no one can give confident answers," the bank says. "It is the general expectation that so long as the heavy excess of imports over exports continues for the European countries, their exchange will go lower. On the other hand, there are some observers who express the opinion that much of this has already been discounted in the existing exchange rates by short selling and that the demand from these short sellers themselves will take up the new supply of foreign exchange growing out of the exports for a considerable period. Other observers, however, maintain that the general tendency of speculation has been bullish rather than bearish." This view is strongly buttressed by statistical arguments. The long time loans of Europe in the past year fall far short of the balance of Europe's current debt to the outside world, and speculation of one kind or another must have absorbed the difference, either by buying exchange or by letting balances accumulate in European banks, or by withholding exchange from the market, and allowing 'open accounts' to run. There would thus be an enormous volume of exchange hanging over the market. Definite prediction is dangerous where so many uncertainties exist."

Commenting on the recent high level of money rates, Commerce Monthly holds that this came largely from speculative activities which overburdened a credit situation already strained by unusual demands from commercial enterprises. The cure, it declares, is not an extension of credit facilities but an arousing of public sentiment against speculation. "Since the conclusion of hostilities a year ago," it says, "credit demands on banks have increased steadily. Since midsummer this increase has been rapid. This situation has resulted in part from the unusual volume of credit needed at prevailing high price levels to finance commercial enterprises and the marketing of crops. The lateness of certain crops, the slow movement of grain, strikes at ports, and general industrial unrest have tended to increase both the duration and the volume of financial assistance required from banks.

"At the same time there had developed a vast amount of speculation—not stocks alone, but in land, cotton, grain and in commodities generally over the whole country. The undue growth of this spirit of speculation threatened a serious impairment of the country's credit position, and a point was approached where the further extension of the banking position to finance speculative activity became expedient. In the face of this scarcity of funds, and in consequence of its own over-extended position, the stock market has undergone a severe liquidation.

"In view of the speculative spirit widespread over the country, the development of public sentiment against the undue extension of speculation and possibly further advances in federal reserve discount rates, may be

necessary to restore normal conditions. It would seem to be clear that any permanent relief of the credit situation must come through a reduction in the demands for speculative purposes generally, rather than in a further extension of the supply of credit."

### UPHOLDING AMERICAN IDEALS.

Former President Taft has given some excellent advice to the new American Legion. The tendency some members of that organization and some of the local chapters have shown to resort to violence in defense of American principles and especially in opposition to radicals seeking to overthrow the government he deplores and warns the organization against it. These manifestations of the mob spirit are prompted by an excess of patriotic zeal, and therefore have not at their core anything harmful to the country. But in their desire to safeguard American principles they should not overlook the fact that fundamental among these principles is respect for law and order and the determination of all disputed matters by regular judicial process. In dealing with advocates of illegal use of force there should not be an exemplification of that very un-American principle. Most of the legioners are young and impulsive, yet they have all received education and training in the American spirit. No democracy can stand which does not have supreme regard for the sanctity of the law and the authority of the officers regularly chosen to enforce it. The best contribution the legion can make to the support of true Americanism is to uphold the law and its officers in every time of stress and excitement. If more force is needed than the officers of the law possess at any time of trouble, it is the duty of every citizen to lend the officers aid in enforcing the law and preserving the peace. There is no finer example of the true American spirit of democracy than that of a man helping the officers of the law to preserve the peace at a time when his sympathies and natural impulses are with those who are breaking the law or disturbing the peace. That is a triumph of principle over impulse and sentiment. It is the acid test of democracy. Every member of an order which makes patriotism its chief reason for existence should be able to stand this acid test.

There is much to be hoped for in the preservation of our democratic institutions from the splendid American young men who fought to preserve democracy for the whole world. The American Legion has before it a full half century of powerful influence upon the conduct of public affairs in this county and the education of the youth of the land and the immigrants who come to us from abroad in true Americanism. This influence will be the stronger and the more beneficial as the members of that order themselves exemplify the ideals of Americanism in all the emergencies that arise, high among which ideals is preservation of the peace and support of the law, as interpreted and applied by the courts and executed by officials charged with that duty.

### "LET'S GO."

The coal strike settlement is one of the greatest Christmas presents that the country could receive as it brings to the homes of the nation the promise of the removal of the perils of the fuel shortage and to the great industries of the nation the supplies needed to allow these institutions to operate in producing for the benefit of the people.

The action of the union leaders in the acceptance of the proposals of President Wilson shows a patriotic spirit in submitting their further claims to the court of judgment where the differences between them and the coal mine operators can be settled. The spirit of hostility manifested should be forgotten in the great need of the country at the present time for a full and adequate supply of fuel and any attempt to boost the prices of the coal output

should be met with sternly by the government.

The statements made during the strike as to the percentage secured from the mines by the owners seems sufficient to warrant them being able to pay the increased wage secured in the settlement and still be able to furnish the coal at the same prices to the public as before the strike. The proposition of making the common people the goat should be stopped and the adjustment not permitted to force an upward price on the badly needed coal supply.

Let the operators prepare to pay a wage that will be just and adequate in the opinion of the commission that is to deal with the question and the miners put in their fall time at the mines in producing and this will soon replace the shortage that has been made in the fuel of the nation.

### SPLENDID COUGH MEDICINE.

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### PUBLIC SALE!

I will offer at public auction, to the highest bidder, at my farm, 5 miles west of Plattsmouth and 10 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.

#### Cattle.

21 head in all ages, including several good milk cows, and 1 high-grade Durham bull, coming 3 years old.

#### Hogs.

30 head of May pigs; 9 head of July pigs, all good ones, ranging in weight from 90 to 200 pounds; 2 old sows.

#### Farming Implements.

1 Deering 7-foot binder, good as new; 1 14-inch walking plow; 1 grand-De-Tour gang plow; 1 John Deere 2-row machine; one broadcast seeder; 2 tongueless cultivators; 1 riding lister, single furrow; 1 John Deere corn drill attached to lister; 1 Newton farm wagon; 1 Beggs running gear, with Galloway box; 2 Jenny Lind tongue cultivators; 1 7-foot McCormick mower; 1 50-bushel Cloverleaf manure spreader; 1 Moon Bros. carriage; 1 Moon Bros. top buggy; 1 3-section harrow; 1 walking lister; 1 7-foot Coultter disc; 1 double row stalk cutter; 1 grind stone; 1 power washing machine; 2 50-gallon steel gas barrels; 1 15-gallon iron kettle; 1 1-horse I. H. C. pump engine and jack; 1 DeLaval cream separator; work tools of all kinds; 1 hay rack 14-foot, with iron trucks; 1 hay rack 16-foot; 1 steel water tank; 2 sets of good work harness and one set of buggy harness, also several other harnesses and collars; 1 saddle and 2 pair fly nets, 1 heavy and one light.

#### Household Goods.

1 dining room set, chairs, table, 1 buffet; 1 kitchen cabinet; 1 Perfection 3-hole oil burner; 1 Quick Meal range; 1 Round Oak heating stove; several hundred chickens and many other articles too numerous to mention.

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#### Terms of Sale.

All sums of \$10 and under cash; on all sums over \$10 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving good bankable note, bearing 8 per cent from date. All property must be settled for before being removed from the premises. CHRIS PARKENING, R. F. Patterson, Clerk. Rex Young, Auctioneer.

### COLD FREEZES PIPES.

From Thursday's Daily. The cold snap of Tuesday night and yesterday was certainly one that worked havoc with the households of the city and as a result many of the homes have frozen water pipes to add to their other trials and tribulations and the call for the plumbers of the city have kept the men on the jump trying to fill a part of the numerous orders that they have for repair work.

### DRIVING ON ICE.

From Thursday's Daily. The cold weather of the past few days has had the effect of completing the closing up of the Missouri river and it is now possible to drive over the river opposite this city. Several parties from the Iowa side have driven over and report the ice in very good shape for crossing. With the early winter the river will be solidly frozen in a few weeks and assures a big ice crop for the ensuing summer.

### SHOULD BE QUARANTINED.

Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure—the sooner one rid himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you find a better remedy than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.

### JACK FOR SALE.

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### NOTICE ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

The Noyes farm, which is located one mile east and one mile south of Louisville, is offered for sale in order to settle the estate. The farm contains 320 acres, has modern improvements: an 8-room house with light, heat and bath, new basement barn 26x50 feet. A 5-room house for tenant.

CHARLES E. NOYES, Administrator.

### ORDER OF HEARING on Petition for Appointment of Administratrix.

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., is 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, leaving 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 bearing 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 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.

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