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If skirts are growing shorter, legs are growing longer.

It's pretty easy to be liberal with other people's money.

Only one more income tax payment before Christmas.

A boss is a man who gets down late when you are early.

Only five more months until straw hat prices will be too high.

Christmas comes but once a year; Red Cross seals will help the cheer.

Indiana confesses she has 300 poets, knowing it would leak out anyway.

There is a rattling old time when the family skeleton escapes from the closet.

Some experts say kissing is largely responsible for the spread of mental ailments.

Too many people think the only way to get a new world is to tear up their old one.

Did you ever notice that a man with an ugly wife always has a pretty stenographer.

The census bureau has figured everything except what percentage of our parents are men.

One of the several good things we know about sugar is that it makes a grape fruit fit to eat.

Postmaster exams are set for January 22. The crop of fourth class postmasters is first class.

French scientist has taken an X-Ray photograph of a bone through a brick wall 250 yards away.

Miami, Florida, officials seized a carload of whiskey labeled "Fish." Maybe that's who it was billed to.

Russia is taking drastic steps to make friends with us. Nineteen governments grafters have been shot.

A wild rabbit was shot on Wall street the other day. This will teach rabbits to leave Wall street alone.

A man never realizes what a sponge he is until he falls into a puddle of water and mops it all up.

No matter how badly you may have the rheumatism, you are sure to meet some one who has it worse.

Lenine says it's America's own fault that we cannot accept champagne in trade for our grain. Likewise, it's Lenine's own fault that Russia hasn't anything but champagne and a few sables to trade us for some grain.

**Dry Cleaning**  
makes suits  
look like  
new

*according to Daisy Dorothy*

"It don't take a man long to bag his pants at the knees, and to make a finely tailored suit look thoroughly respectable—that's the man of it," avers Daisy Dorothy.

But she goes on to explain that the man who is making use of our cleaning, steaming and pressing services is keeping his clothes in much more presentable condition than when he got acquainted with us. And it doesn't cost much, either.

Of course, it would be impolite for him to say so, but we suspect that the title of "heap big injun" conferred on Marshal Foch by the chief of the Crow tribe is much more appreciated than the LL. D. of any educational institution.

A prospective candidate for governor contemplates entering the race with the ten commandments as his platform. It would be a fine exhibition of idealism, but he would be snowed under by about 100,000 votes. The kind of governor we are in the habit of electing knows nothing whatever about the Ten Commandments and cares a darned sight less.

**FRED LUGSCH**  
WE KNOW HOW  
PHONE 166  
T. W. JOURNAL OFFICE

No snow yet in this section.

Fine weather for the time of year.

If a girl's face is her fortune there's billions in a drug store.

Why women cry when they are glad is still on the unanswered question list.

Congress is back again, in good time to adjourn for the Christmas holidays.

One reason why we like to do the lion's share of the work is that lions never work.

Give the average man a chance to talk about himself and he will deliver the goods.

Don't pass up the Journal stationery department when looking for Christmas presents.

The hero is all right as long as he can keep his feet firmly planted on top of the pedestal.

Picture books for the kiddies and other articles for little ones in abundance at the Journal office.

A man wants a divorce because his wife spent his money on hats. Money often goes to the head.

Being an optimistic cuss, we are still hoping that the reduction of prices will finally hit something we want to buy.

The most remarkable thing about the Harding administration is the speed with which it has done nothing whatever.

Waistlines will be low next year, says a fashion item, but the prophetic correspondent doesn't attempt to guess where it is this year.

Phraps it might be a good idea to let up a little on that Near East relief until the Near East is willing to quit fighting and go to work.

The wife of a friend of ours has been out of town on a visit during the past week, and already poor husband misses the rattle of his chains.

Billy Sunday says a lot of folks have just about enough religion to make them miserable. And it seems that an evangelist to be successful, must always be telling disagreeable things.

Japan issues an official statement that Hirohito's succession to his father's throne "has no political significance." We are willing to believe it after a glance at the young man's portrait.

It may be true that the president, as commander-in-chief of the navy, has the right of way to "tie every ship in the navy docks," but means are provided whereby a successor may take over the reins of government in the event of the mental incapacity of the president.

A woman, 110 years old, inmate of the Daughters of Israel Home for Aged in New York, decides to hob her hair. Surely this disposes of the question worrying the minds of so many ladies: "Am I too old to do it?" If a woman wants to bob her hair, it's nobody's business except her own.

A millionaire Indian chief in Oklahoma says wealth is doing members of his race more harm than good, and he proposes to lead them away from wealth down some place into Mexico. If his idea is to save them by getting them separated from their wealth, why doesn't he lead them to California?

There is no doubt about the modern youth being in revolt. Once the mind of the new youth is made up, there is no turning aside. In the old days, a way would have been found to prevent a princess of England from marrying a mere viscount with prospects of an earldom and 10 million pounds sterling.

Admiral Beatty disappoints us. We had hoped that he wore his cap cocked on the side of his head because he felt that way about it. But it turns out that it isn't swank, but a knot on the head which causes him to wear his cap at its familiar angle. It gives him a headache to wear his hat or cap in the conventional way. What a prosaic world!

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**Books by the Pound**  
Surely Thomas Edison is original in everything that he does. His secretary, according to the Publishers' Weekly, has given out a statement that the wizard consumes "about forty pounds of books a month, these chiefly in the field of travel, history and science, with occasional dips into fiction!"

This would amount to a little over a pound a day if regularly distributed. It is possible, of course, that Mr. Edison's secretary keeps him to a daily ration, weighing the books on a library scale and feeding out the proper sizes. Pound novels are easily procured or the ration could be varied with a mess of poets, the sardines of the book world, running a dozen or more to the pound.

But Mr. Edison is said to read little fiction and there is no evidence that he fancies poetry. Travel, history and science are weighty subjects. Historians frequently grow to five or six pounds and travelers or scientists are seldom caught under three. No doubt Mr. Edison takes his books as they come and his secretary weighs them up after reading to construct the monthly total.

At a pound a day Mr. Edison must have run through Mr. Wells' "Outline of History" in less than a week, which may well stand for a record—actually less time than Mr. Wells took to write it!

**WHO GOES THERE?**  
The old big X sign at the railroad crossing is a sort of sentinel on guard to prevent drivers of automobiles and other vehicles from being surprised by trains of cars. It stands grimly and silently, in all kinds of weather—sunshine, rain, snow or sleet.

Most drivers know when they are approaching the tracks, but the big X bearing the legend "RAILROAD CROSSING" is a constant reminder of something of importance.

If that sign had attached to it a little poster or placard informing us where we could go and invest \$50 and double our money, we would sit up and take notice at once. Yes, we would thankfully accept the tip and hurry away to the indicated investment shop to get in on the ground floor.

But the crossing sign has only one message for us—though it is one of the highest of importance. It keeps telling us every day in the year to be on guard against some train that may come dashing on its way at any moment.

A great mission is yours, old sign—trying to save human life. Oh, that your warning was headed better than it is!

That old saying "penny-wise and pound-foolish" is very often proved to be correct. Too many of us are very careful of various odds and ends of things, the value of which, compared with the value of our lives and limbs, is about like zero to a million.

Public opinion is being aroused and the next generation will read with shocked surprise that in the year 1920 over 5,000 men, women and children were killed or injured at railroad crossings in this country. Speed that happy day!

**VERNA M. STEGE VS. C. DAVE KUNZ**  
According to Wednesday's State Journal the case Verna M. Stege vs. C. Dave Kunz, petition damages, was filed in the district court of Lancaster county. The plaintiff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stege of this place and it is alleged she received injuries by having been run into by an auto belonging to above named defendant.

Further account from the Journal: Verna M. Stege, a minor, seven years old who sues her father, William Stege, has brought suit in the district court against C. Dave Kunz, asking damages in the sum of \$25,000. She alleges that on May 1, 1921, she was struck by an automobile which was being driven by the defendant and which belonged to him. She was thrown down and sustained severe and permanent injuries, her left arm, right shoulder and right knee being broken. She was also injured internally and otherwise, due to the negligence of the driver of the Kunz car, who is alleged to have been talking and laughing with other children in the automobile at the time instead of paying attention to the road.—Edmwood Leader-Echo.

**A Christmas Play**  
"The Bird's Christmas Carol" by Kate Douglas Wiggin is to be given at the Lewiston school, district No. 7, two miles southeast of Murray, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21. Cakes and coffee will be served after the play.

**FOR SALE**  
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**"Do Rats Talk to Each Other?"**  
Asks Mr. M. Batty, R. I.  
I got five cakes of Rat-Snap and three pieces around last week. Got about half a dozen dead rats a day for two solid weeks. Suddenly they got fewer. Now we haven't any. Who told them you were a rat? Rats dry up and leave no smell. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25.  
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**LEGION BASKET BALL TEAM MAY BE FORMED**

From Friday's Daily.

A meeting will be held some time during the coming week of American Legion basket ball players interested in having a team in the field again this year. Nebraska City and other towns in the first district have already organized and indications point to keen competition in the spring Legion tournament in the spring, which by the way might be secured in Plattsmouth with a little effort.

Havelock Bollemakers and a fast Omaha quintette have already challenged and as soon as positive action is taken toward the organization of a team it is assured a place will be open on many other town's schedules.

Raymond Larson has been named temporary chairman to call the meeting of next week, of which date announcement will be forthcoming in due time.

The team last year was handicapped due to its members playing with different teams in the city league and lacking the teamwork necessary to play a consistent game.

**MANY PROMINENT CATHOLIC PRELATES AT CONFERENCE**

From Friday's Daily.

Catholic priests of the Lincoln diocese who attended the conference held here Tuesday night were: Very Rev. Theodore Sauer, dean and presiding officer, Nebraska City; Rev. Titus Kramer, secretary, Nebraska City; Rev. J. J. Hoffman, Falls City; Rev. Francis O'Brien, Dawson; Rev. Samuel J. Miner, Shubert; Rev. Timothy Corcoran, Elmwood; Rev. W. D. Higgins, Manley; Rev. Herman Hankap, Plattsmouth; Rev. Ferdinand Suesser, Plattsmouth; Rev. Clement Broermann, Paul, Rev. Michael Shancher, Fairbury; Rev. Anthony Pasa, City—Nebraska City Press.

**EX-KAISER ALL BUT DONE FOR**

London, Dec. 8.—The former German Kaiser's head is now swathed in bandages and he has been obliged to abandon wood-cutting for the present at his home at Doorn, according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail. Unable to use his motor saw because of the recent hard frost, William was hastening to overtake many wood orders that had accumulated when a chunk of wood flew up and struck him in the head, making a deep wound.

**NOW SHOWING IMPROVEMENT**

Sam Goodman, a former resident of the vicinity of Mynard, is reported to be showing much improvement from his recent paralytic stroke that he sustained last Saturday. Mr. Goodman is now able to be up and around the home of his sister, Mrs. Adolph Steinkamp, with whom he makes his home. Mr. Goodman is a brother of B. F. Goodman of this city.

**Cockrels for Sale**  
I have a number of pure bred single combed Buff Orpington cockrels for sale at \$2.00 each if taken before December 1st.  
MRS. J. H. BROWN, Murray, Neb.

**FOR SALE**  
A few extra well-marked Rhode Island Red cockrels, \$1.50 and \$2 each.  
MRS. H. S. GAYER, Murray, Neb.

**Cockrels for Sale**  
I have a number of White Leghorn cockrels for sale, which will go at one dollar as long as they last.  
MRS. H. C. LONG, ds-2tw, Murray, Neb.

**For Sale**  
White Rock cockrels, \$1.50 if purchased soon.—Mrs. Roy Stewart, Alvo, Nebraska.

Your ad will carry punch if you write it as a plain "selling talk" instead of trying to fuss it up with frills and exaggerations.

**WAR DEPARTMENT REPLIES TO CHARGES**

**REFUTES STATEMENTS OF SENATOR WATSON BEFORE INVESTIGATING BODY.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—The War department today made a detailed answer to the charges of Senator Tom Watson of Georgia that American soldiers were executed without trial in France during the war.

Before the special senate committee which today began investigation of the Watson allegations, the War department submitted its records showing the established facts: Sixty-two American soldiers in France were condemned to death by court martial.

Only 11 of these death sentences were actually carried into effect.

Eleven more of the death sentences were disapproved by General Pershing.

The other death sentences were commuted to imprisonment.

There is no evidence, so far as the War department is concerned, that any American soldier was executed without trial.

**Colonel Bethel Spokesman**

Executions without trial may have taken place at the front line in cases for instance of men deserting under fire.

Col. Walter A. Bethel, who served as judge advocate under General Pershing throughout the war, acted as spokesman.

The complete list of executions, as shown by the War department records follows:

On October 29, 1917, execution near Ligny of negro (part Indian blood) for attack on 7-year-old child, who died as a result of injuries.

April 27, 1918, negro hanged for attack on French woman, 68, near Neufchatel.

**Son Witness at Trial**

August 30, 1918, negro hanged for attack on French woman, 54, in presence of 12-year-old son, who was witness at trial; execution held at San Sulpice, near Bordeaux.

September 6, 1918, negro hanged at Belleville for attack on French woman, 38.

January 24, 1919, negro hanged near Neufchatel for attack on young French girl.

April 4, 1919, negro hanged near Chateau Thierry for murder of French professor who was rescuing a woman whom the soldier was attempting to attack.

April 25, 1919, white soldier hanged for attack on Belgian girl, 8.

June 20, 1919, white soldier hanged for murder of his guard at Gievres.

June 30, 1919, two negroes hanged at St. Aignan for attack on French girl and murder of her father, who tried to protect her.—Omaha Bee.

**INTERSTATE BODY HOPES FOR LOWER RAIL RATES**

Washington, Dec. 8.—Hope is expressed by the Interstate Commerce commission in its annual report today to congress that a "substantially lower level of railroad rates and fares would be possible with an exception in the volume of traffic following the present business depression and with a further adjustment of operating costs in harmony with prevailing tendencies."

Freight rates, following war-time increases and some later readjustments have not yet reached an equilibrium, the commission says, because the chief factors controlling them, "the value of service and the cost of transportation still are in a state of flux."

The commission's report is for the year ended last October 31. It discloses that a total of \$430,000,000 has been ordered paid to the railroads under the government guarantee against losses during the first six months after their return to private ownership and that there is still due an estimated \$105,000,000 on this account.

Office supplies of all kinds handled at the Journal office.