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Bargain Day January 18th.
January has been lovely, so far. One of the best things out is a defunct tooth.

U. S. railroads have about 70,000 women employees.

A bluff is seldom a luxury, and often a grim necessity.

Any one can live within his means if he has means enough.

There are more than 50 registered women lawyers in Kansas.

To be on the right side in politics means to be on the inside.

Goldenrod is the national flower emblem of the United States.

Automobiles are falling. It is fine to know that something is falling.

If you have a hair-raising story to tell, spring it on a bald-headed man.

Perhaps so many men are in the soup line because it is a good brand of soup.

An optimist can always see the bright side of the other fellow's misfortunes.

Red hair is common among the royal families of Europe. Go to it, redhead!

Wonder if the eggs in it can have anything to do with its being called a layer cake?

Satan loves hypocrites because they serve him better and are satisfied with low wages.

The average man would rather be bald than to have an economical wife who wanted to cut his hair.

Don't fail to attend the Bargain Day next Wednesday. It is becoming more popular as it becomes older.

Many a man congratulates himself on his ability to deceive his wife, although two can play at that game.

Even Senator Reed would admit that a four-power agreement is better than a four-power disagreement.

"A street car once struck Kelly near the union station," says a news item. A tender spot, near the belt line.

How Would You Like to See What Irvin Nerhook (Pa.) Saw?

"One customer told me that after using one huge package of Ras-Snap, he got FORTY-EIGHT dead rats. How many more dead he couldn't see, he doesn't know. Remember rats breed fast and the stow-tollars' worth of property." 85c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by:

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

Up to this time it has been overlooked in the shuffle, but what has become of the ex-Kaiser's American dentist?

The Governor says he covers the ground he stands on. That's nothing. Lots of folks fill the hole they are buried in.

Prince Leopold, the Belgian heir, is reported engaged, but you must whistle your own wheeze about Belgian Hares.

The value of the U. S. Capitol is only \$26,000,000 and more money has been spent on it than on any other piece of ground in the world.

There is nothing romantic about hard work, but the only way to fully establish property is to get right down to hard work and stick to it.

The trouble with our climate the last three months is it has been so confounded too confounded glorious. The seasons are getting all mixed up.

The thimble was invented only 235 years ago, so it is no wonder that a few housewives here and there are not yet acquainted with its use.

Further fruit of recent reading is the fact that Mr. Knox Nunn is a merchant in Jones, La. It is hoped his competitors also stick to that text.

"Fred Beauvais into the Movies." And thus are we moved to urge the postponement of a high tariff on German-made films another five years.

Modern surgery can remove the signs of grief from a woman's face, almost as completely, some say, as a verdict for \$50,000 in breach of promise.

The legislature should cut out the expense of McKelvie's trips to New York to interview the state house architect. He takes several with him every time.

"One dollar down and two dollars a week while they last," says a phonograph advertisement. Here's hoping your misfortune is not to select one too durable.

Another reason people scoff every time a return of the old fashioned hoop skirt is predicted is that modern apartments and motor cars are built for them.

There's a plot to restore the Chinese emperor, too, but from all we can hear, what that country really needs is a food dictator of the Secretary Hoover type.

The Chicago superintendent of schools has decided attractive teachers are the most successful. Is there any implication intended that there are any other kind?

Yes, gentlemen of the legislature, there are a few political barnacles who can be scrapped from the ship of state, and the old vessel will sail much easier when they are removed.

Fashion makers for men in Paris have decreed tight trousers and waspish walists next year. Thank the Lord, we don't have to follow Paris. Our figure simply wouldn't stand for it.

A Chicago girl suicide left a note blaming two prominent men for her actions. The men were interviewed and declared they knew the girl only slightly. But that is frequently sufficient nowadays.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that J. Ogden Armour cannot be a director of the Illinois Central and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads at the same time, and that he must give up one job. It is to be hoped the commission will not apply this ruling so far as to materially increase unemployment in the country.

The report that the mines in the Kansas coal fields are to be manned with American workmen is one of the important results of the campaign against lawlessness in that district. The "Americanization" of the mines does not mean that the workmen will be limited to American born citizens; but it means that American citizens will be employed; men who understand American laws and American standards.

More snow coming.
Are we having the January thaw?
A man is known by the way his daughter dresses.

We have lived long enough to see calves clad in silk.
"Root, hog, or die!" is changed to "Root, man, or starve!"

It used to be "Jones paid the freight!" Now it's the farmers.
Charity is a cloak that covers a multitude of queer performances.

There is a great opposition to the gasoline tax throughout the state.
Uncle Sam is trying to lift the Rock of Gibraltar off of taxation.

There is one postal worker for every 337 persons in the United States.
A man can make a good bluff by looking wise and keeping his mouth shut.

The farmers' wheat is down to earth, but where is the five-cent loaf of bread?
Women of 25 have fewer chances of living to be 50 than a man of the same age.

Pollage in cities where there is much soot is usually free from insect pests.
Fortunately children do not learn to walk until after the tooth-cutting period.

People are always trying to dodge the man who thinks he can tell a funny story.
De Valera says he is going to fight to the bitter end. The end will be bitter, all right.

It took DeValera some time to realize that the procession had left him out in the cold.
Nerve specialists suggest airship hospitals, stationed at high altitudes free from germs.

Just as we have mastered "agenda," they throw "extraterritoriality" into the ring.
Lots of times when a man starts out to make a fool of himself he gets a lawyer to help him.

Life insurance is an outgrowth of the custom of insuring ships and cargoes in olden times.
Maybe Senator Pepper will be able to put a little of it into the proceedings of the senate, what?

The more you read the divorce news, the harder it is to tell who's whose in America this season.
A Kansas moonshine still was found on the inside of a hearse. You can write your own paragraph about this.

It is said in the East that prosperity is on the road. We hope that hand will not capture it before it gets here.
Anonymous books are not quite so common as anonymous murders and robberies, but the purposes are about the same.

They are going to have put another Arbuckle trial up in San Francisco. One read will be enough this time, please.
News from the east is somewhat more encouraging. It seems that many articles are taking a tumble. Let 'em tumble!

An opera singer says that she is 30. Maybe not; but how is one to tell when she is 30?
A man seldom drops the coin of fairness into the slot of self-esteem for the purpose of ascertaining his moral advotredupols.

"Normalcy" is perhaps a proper word, but hosts of people don't seem to get any benefit from it, and don't really know its meaning.
Perhaps the reason why a family of owls has made their home in the dome of the state house is that an owl cannot see in daytime.

That indefinable something which we call charm is what enables a girl to violate the traffic rules day after day with absolute impunity.
Marshal Ferdinand Foch, was adopted by the redmen under the Indian name "Waatakepec Wakkiya." Meaning "Charging Thunder."

A movie press agent sends us a long-winded yarn about the "emotional virtuosity" of a star he represents. But old fashioned virtue and emotional virtuosity are not synonymous terms.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK of Plattsmouth.

Charter No. 1420 in the State of Nebraska at the close of business December 31, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$278,329.42
Overdrafts	270.22
Bonds, securities, judgments, claims, etc., including all government bonds	42,085.73
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	11,152.60
Current expenses, taxes and interest paid	268.15
Cash items, 1922	115.75
Due from National and State banks	61,554.14
Checks and notes on deposit	5,612.86
Currency	9,788.00
Gold coin	622.50
Silver, nickels and cents	1,000.74
TOTAL	\$468,864.11

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	2,000.00
Undivided profits	664.76
Liberty bond certificate of deposit	36,700.00
Individual deposits subject to check	160,433.22
Time certificates of deposit	132,189.52
Checks and notes outstanding	4,155.29
Due to National and State banks	9,475.01
Interest on Liberty bonds	15,000.00
Bills payable	15,000.00
Depositor's guaranty fund	2,575.00
TOTAL	\$468,864.11

State of Nebraska } ss.
County of Cass }

I, T. M. PATTERSON, President of the above named bank, do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the State Bureau of Banking.

T. M. PATTERSON, President.
A. J. SCHAFFER, Director.
MARK WHITE, Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1922.
B. A. ROSENCRANS, Notary Public.
My Commission expires March 24, 1922.

STATEMENT SHOWS INCREASE

The general increase in standing as to the volume of business and the increasing amounts of deposits is shown by the report of the condition of the Farmers State bank, of this city of which Mr. T. M. Patterson is the president. This bank had at its last statement in August resources of \$361,187.67, while at the present time it has grown to \$468,864.11, which is a very pleasing showing for the past five months. The bank now has deposits of \$292,622.74, which is a very flattering increase over the last statement made and the amount of business handled has been more than pleasing to the stockholders of the bank among whom are a large number of the leading farmers and business men of this portion of the county. This showing indicates that last year has been very successful for this bank and shows that the community has enjoyed a healthy growth.

Remember the "Hard Times" mask ball to be given at the Peterson hall, in Murray, on next Saturday evening, Jan. 21. Masks will be on sale at the Wilson & Puls store.

PUBLIC AUCTION!

I will sell at Public Auction at my place, five miles west and a mile and a half north of Plattsmouth, two and a half miles southwest of Orepopolis, and two and a half miles southwest of Cullom, on a part of the Falter farm.

Monday, January 16th
The following described property
Horses, Cattle Etc.

One bay horse, 7 years old, weight 1250; one brown horse, 10 years old, weight 1200; one sorrel horse, 5 years old, weight 1450; one black mare, 6 years old, weight 1190; one buckskin mare, 7 years old, weight 1250.

One milk cow, 5 years old, giving milk; one milk cow, 6 years old, giving milk; two yearling heifers.

Four spring pigs, weight 175 each; eight spring pigs, weight 125 each; one old sow.
Six dozen chickens.

Implements and Household Goods
One set 1 1/2-inch harness; two sets 1 1/2-inch harness; 10 sets corn flay nets; six leather collars; one seven-barrel galvanized tank; one new 1 1/2-inch Cooper wagon; one truck wagon and rack; one Bradley walking lister; one Deere walking lister; one Crown mowing 5-ft.; one 16-inch walking plow; one 1-horse corn drill; one new slope end-gate; one bicycle grindstone; one 2-section harrow; one buggy; three chicken coops; one Economy cream separator; one McCormick hay rake, 12-ft.; two New Departure cultivators; one round oak dining table; six dining chairs; one sofa; one rocker; one buffet; one 9x12 Axminster rug; one white enamel bed; one Hoover kitchen cabinet, and many other articles.

Sale starts at 10 o'clock. Lunch served at noon.
Terms of Sale
Sums of \$10 and under, cash. On sums over \$10 a credit of six months will be given at eight per cent interest on bankable note. Property must be settled for before being removed.

E. G. HUBBELL,
Owner.
W. R. YOUNG, Auct.
GEO. O. DOVEY, Clerk.

A Woman Wrote The Canby News, Minn., December 10, as Follows:
"If any subscriber ask what you think of Ras-Snap, let them its the best rat exterminator I know. Ras-Snap were taking our rats, cats, had full swing in our cellar. I used Ras-Snap for two days and rats have cleared out completely." Threshings, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by:

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THE RETAIL MERCHANT

Dispatches from Washington indicate that Uncle Sam is about to again play the role of a meddling monkey, by attempting to regulate retail prices.

After its former disastrous experience with this pernicious form of paternalism, it does seem that the federal government would leave this question severely alone.

It is possibly true, in some instances, that retail prices on commodities are somewhat higher than they ought to be, but, as a general proposition, it can be at all times asserted that prices are governed by the inevitable law of supply and demand.

Price fixing by the government, if effective, would stifle all competition, and that is the last thing that should be eliminated from the retail trade.

If Uncle Sam is going to fix prices charged by merchants, he should also fix the fees charged by doctors and lawyers, the advertising rates of newspapers, and all other things that enter into our commercial life.

The retail merchant is not a bandit, nor is he an undesirable citizen. He has never manifested predatory instincts to justify a belief that his business should be subjected to government regulation.

In Plattsmouth the retail merchants form the largest percentage of our business men.

In every community in the commonwealth it is the retail merchant who is the leading citizen. The churches depend upon him for support. Local and organized charities seek him out first, and expect him to start off with liberal subscriptions. They are always found on the boards of trustees of our churches and colleges.

There is no type of individual who has the town, general community, county and state more at heart than the merchant. He is the first to aid a new industry proposed for his locality; such as vegetable growing, dairy and stock raising. He lends his efforts and money freely for those things which means advancement to the community. Things depend on him. He must lead.

Then comes his immediate service to the community. His whole life is organized for service. He must open his doors early that they might be served at the last minute. He must buy what they want or what he thinks they want and if goods are left on his hands he must carry the loss.

Buying for the people is a great deal more difficult than selling to them. The merchant is constantly on the firing line, making quick and definite decisions. He must select commodities which he can sell to his customers at prices commensurate to their real values and which will prove such to them.

Customers to be satisfied must feel that they have received goods that are good and at a reasonable price.

At the same time that the merchant is considering at what price he can dispose of his goods, his manufacturer and jobber are trying to drive their sharpest bargains with him. The merchant must know his cost of doing business and decide quickly whether he can afford to spend his time and make an outlay of his capital on commodities which means little or no profit to him.

The merchant must live, his family must have food and raiment, his children must be put in school. The merchant must hold all these things in mind when buying goods. Yet with it all, there are certain commodities, and not a few of them at that, which he must carry with no profit at all in order to serve his customers and to bring them in his store to see those goods on which he can make a living.

The merchant, for the most part in this state, is the very foundation of the farming industry. The merchant supplies his farmer friend with his needs and depends upon the sincerity of the labor of the farmer and favor of the elements for the return of his money with a fair profit. When the seasons are bad and the crops fail, the merchant bears with his farmer friend the brunt of the burden. He must wait another season with hopes of better luck.

We must have merchants. They fill one of the biggest and most important places in our national life. To Nebraska the merchant is indispensable. We must see that he receives fair treatment and encouragement from our law making bodies and not have insurmountable difficulties and discouragements thrown in his path by them.

A fashion magazine says that the letters "R. S. V. P." are omitted from dinner invitations in the best society nowadays. Instead it is probable that there will be substituted the letters "B. Y. O. H." which interpreted means, "Bring your own hootch."

Charter No. 1914 Reserve Dist. No. 10-J REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Plattsmouth, in the State of Nebraska, at the Close of Business on December 31, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts	\$456,884.42
Deduct notes and bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank	32,800.00
Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured	\$3,551.77
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds-par value)	50,000.00
All other United States Government securities	82,700.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	2,000.00
Banking house, \$11,000.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$5,000.00	16,000.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	15,682.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	34,931.78
Cash in vault and amount due from National banks	29,300.33
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	2,033.87
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank	651.40
and other cash items	2,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	651.40
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$611,127.11

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	5,256.53
Circulating notes outstanding	49,400.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers and trust companies	7,473.61
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve: (Bank deposits subject to check, \$296,288.71; Certificates of deposit due in less than 90 days (other than for money borrowed)	21,277.00
Time deposits subject to Reserve: (Certificates of deposit other than for money borrowed)	209,431.84
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank (including all obligations representing money borrowed other than rediscounts)	10,060.60
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank	2,909.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$611,127.11

I, Geo. O. Dovey, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct-Attest:
H. N. Dovey, A. G. Cole, F. E. Schlatter, Directors.
GEO. O. DOVEY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, 1922.
EDNA M. WAHREN, Notary Public.
(My commission expires October 19, 1926.)

AND IT WASN'T FRIDAY THE 13TH, EITHER

Gypsy Ill Luck Can Come Just Any Old Day—And in Unlimited Volume Too, It Seems.

From Friday's Daily.
A Dodge commercial car owned by Steve Marks, a member of a band of Gypsies enroute south from the northwest, was badly damaged late yesterday near Wyoming when the brakes of the car refused to work while going down a steep hill and crashed into a car ahead of it. Both frames of the car were broken and the radiator wrecked. The wrecked car was taken to the Dulin Brothers repair shop for repairs. The occupants of the car escaped injury. Marks together with five other cars were enroute to this city from Omaha when the accident happened and the party came on to the city and are now camped at the Driving park.

This was not the only trouble the band encountered yesterday. When they reached Plattsmouth it was found that they did not carry 1922 licenses and they were compelled to secure Nebraska license before continuing their journey.

The party expects to remain in the city until the car is repaired which will be the latter part of the week.—Nebraska City Press.

GETTING RECOGNITION

The very full and complete report of the service department of the American Legion post of this city, which was made by Service Officer A. H. Duxbury at the annual meeting of the post, has attracted a great deal of attention by its thorough and complete manner in dealing with the problems of the office and the matters that have arisen concerning the former service man and his needs. The Mid-West Veteran, the principal organ of the service men in the west, has the report published this week in its entirety.

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