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That still small voice is the voice of the people.

Noah did not wait for his ship to come in. He built it.

One fellow who isn't cutting much ice now is the ice man.

Special session of the legislature next week. More taxes.

About the only thing reigning in Russia now is consternation.

The spirit of '76 survives all right but the spirit of '86 is still.

A Chicago maniac who swallowed five spoons was all stirred up.

To be a gentleman, all a man has to do is to hide his meanness.

In reply to "What is the world coming to?" we say "America."

The pipe offers the strongest argument in favor of age before beauty.

The headline, "Federal Aid Drouth Victims" aroused many false hopes.

The old time reformer used to work without salary and pay his own expenses. It's different now.

Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court receives \$15,000 a year, while the others get \$14,000.

As we understand it, Russia's main needs are statesmen with brains and foreigners with capital.

If there is an ordinance compelling the people to keep their sidewalks clear of snow, why is it not enforced?

There must be a stop to the immense taxation, or the farmers are ruined and along with them go many business men.

The paper money issue in soviet Russia has reached 11 trillion rubles. Russia's greatest need seems to be a pressman's strike.

In the old days, we always kept the family skeleton hidden. Now she parades her bones at almost every party in evening gowns.

If hoopskirts come back and cheek-to-cheek dancing continues, life is going to brighten up right away for the masculine wallflower.

Our idea of a blow at the very foundation of government is when a democrat has to get out of office to make room for a republican.

The K. C. carnival which closes tonight has been a great success. Large crowds every night and all in attendance speak highly of the pleasure that it afforded. The management certainly deserves great credit.

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FRED LUGSCH
WE KNOW HOW
PHONE 166
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A man may be handicapped by being born a poet but there is no reason why he shouldn't brace up and make something of himself.

It is said that Grover C. Bergdoll wants to become an aviator. Well, if he does, gravity can take its course so far as we are concerned.

The experts say the 5-cent loaf of bread is an impossibility, so we suppose the Chicago bakers who are selling them haven't heard about it.

If Darwin could have lived to see some of our present congressmen he would have been spared the necessity of writing a whole book to prove his theory.

One dozen clothespins with every purchase of Blank's garters—Advertisement. A safe investment. If the garters fail to hold one can use the clothespins.

When the boys went away, speakers declared: "Everything we have is yours." When the war was over the boys agreed that the statement was about right.

The farmers may be the backbone of the country, as so often has been claimed, but nobody is denying that the reformer folk continue to be the jawbone of the country.

Freezing temperatures in California must be very aggravating to the residents, and may suggest to them the desirability of acquiring some industry besides climate.

Taxation goes on. Even Mr. Ford in his Muscle Shoals offer he asks the government to help him with \$100,000,000, or more. And the people will be called upon to pay the freight.

Germany is very sad over her national deficit as reported to the reparations commission, but think how much sadder she would be if she had to come through the year obliged to report a surplus.

Messrs. Clodt and Moore, managers of the Parmele theatre, are putting forth their greatest efforts to please their patrons with the best pictures going. And we are pleased to see they are receiving the patronage they deserve.

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Now you can go sleighriding.

The weather man is on his job.

Governor is "getting it" from all sides.

No matter how good our foreign relations, all of them are poor.

Lots of people are on the right track, but headed the wrong way.

The Irish Free State at least started well. It kicked out a bum president.

A scientist says that a mosquito has 22 teeth. Let us hope they all ache.

Planet Venus is only about 300 miles smaller than the earth in diameter.

A barber shop sign says—"If you spit on the floor at home go home to spit."

The correct use of "lie" and "lay" also worries a farmer every time a hen cackles.

It isn't always the veterinary college graduate that displays the most horse sense.

Planet Neptune farthest from the sun of those yet known, was discovered in 1846.

Poison liquor and lightning never strikes twice in the same place. They don't have to.

Of the American casualties due to gas in the last war, only 1 1/2 per cent were fatal.

The people have a voice, and when they assert their rights, look out, Vox Populi, Vox Dei.

Let's hope these foreign aviation programs don't mean they will slip something over on us.

A St. Louis man chopped up his furniture with an ax. Try this on your neighbor's piano.

New airplanes have everything except a place to get out and crank when the engine stops.

"Silk Stockings Higher"—headline. Don't worry. They will stop before they reach the neck.

"Women painted in the middle ages" finds a scientist. Women still paint in the middle ages.

An alibi is proving you did do what you didn't do somebody will think you didn't do what you did.

The old fashioned boy who used to go rabbit hunting on Saturdays now has a son who spends the day at the movies.

Miss Alice Robertson, Oklahoma's congresswoman, is going to stand for re-election, even if she has to run for it.

This year may be different from the other, but it is astonishing how often you meet up with the same old songs and dance.

The federal census says half the women marry before they reach 25, but it is because it takes them so long to reach 25.

Of course, it is none of our business, but what do the women folks do with all the white goods they buy at the white goods sales?

Premier Briand has resigned. We would like to see his illustrious example followed by some office holders in Nebraska but it's no use suggesting it to them.

If our rampaging revenue agent, and other fee-grabbing officials are allowed to continue their raids, the corporations in Nebraska will become so lean that you couldn't fry fat out of them with an acetylene torch.

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WALL STREET BETS

Considering the facilities Wall street has for searing itself to death, it is remarkable how successful it is in avoiding heart attacks. Last week, for instance, the boggy man jumped at Wall street half a dozen times—good, scary jumps—and each time Wall street laughed in his face. Railroad earnings for November were announced at 40 million dollars under the October figures. The December output of steel and iron was away off, the idle car surplus increased, and there were fewer loaded freight cars. Then came the Briand resignation, disappointing hopes of an immediate stabilizing of European conditions, says the Kansas City Star.

Reports like these, anybody would think, would be very bad for Wall street's heart. It isn't what you could call a good heart at its best, having a distinct murmur that could be produced by leaky valves. Sudden shocks put a hard strain on it, which is why Wall street is so careful what it does.

But the surprising thing is that all this Job's news didn't depress Wall street a bit. In fact, it perked up.

The meaning of all this is not far to seek. The market operators, trained in the signs of the times, and willing and ready to be bears whenever they see the chance to make any money, were convinced that the solid underlying prosperity of the squared country was a better bet than mere surface ripples. They are convinced that the country has turned the corner and is squared away for a straight, long stretch of good going. Otherwise they wouldn't have climbed aboard for a ride. It is true that stock trading is a speculative game, and its turns are subject to a good many influences not always traceable to underlying causes, but in general the stock market is a barometer of business. And when it goes up in spite of happenings that ought logically to depress it, it shows the part confidence in healthy conditions throughout the country plays in the final result. That confidence is strong, and last week knocked out the Job's news. It's just another sign that the betting odds are swinging around to the side of settled conditions again.

SHOCKING SELFISHNESS

Selfishness on the part of the male of the species juxtaposed to the same times fiercer, but usually more gentle female, is too common to be noteworthy unless it manifests itself shockingly. But ordinary selfishness was surpassed, shockingly, by the Philadelphian who slew his wife with the bread knife and killed himself with his razor.

A razor, as everyone knows who uses one for shaving, and as everyone knows who slips one into his vest pocket for use in emergency, or in contemplated vengeance, when he sallies forth to a social gathering, is the better for careful honing and stropping just before it is used, in every instance and for any purpose. But a razor can be twice used after one honing and stropping, and no razor becomes as serrated as the edge of a breadknife, no matter how often it is used.

A bread knife, admirably adapted for the purpose for which it is designed, cuts like a hand saw. A more cruel weapon could not be imagined. Razor cuts, as everyone knows who has observed, sometimes with discomfort, unless well executed, will not stop an advancing enemy before he can reply in kind or bring his shooting irons into play. In certain social circles these facts are so well known that they need no elucidation.

An ordinary selfish man contemplating killing his wife and then killing himself might reserve his razor for his own execution, but only the singularly selfish man would be so callous as to select the breadknife for uxoricide while reserving the razor, in prime condition for suicide.

"Just like a man," the embittered married woman will say. But it isn't. The case is singular, decidedly.

In all of the kitchen cutlery there is nothing which resembles a saw save the breadknife.

The ordinary selfish husband would, at the very worst, observe the usefulness of the breadknife and, while reserving the razor for himself, choose some weapon of offense less cruel than the breadknife.

"A nation grows in strength or falls into weakness with the measure of its people's productive work," says a modern economist. This being true, it is up to our lawmakers to do all in their power to make Nebraska more productive, and this can be done only through the enactment of laws that will enlist capital to bring about production.

The National Fertilizer association does not oppose private operation of the Muscle Shoals nitrate plant unless it involves a subsidy by the government operation or government subsidized operation in competition with the existing fertilizer industry.

A social hint: Guests should always depart early enough to leave the hosts ample opportunity to discuss their faults before bedtime.

The strongest appeals to consider the public welfare are utterly lost on a man who is looking eagerly forward to a twenty per cent fee.

HIS PASSING FANCY

There was a man who fancied that, by driving good and fast, he'd get his car across the tracks.

Before the train came past, he'd miss the engine by an inch.

And make the train hands sore; There was a man who fancied that—There isn't anymore.

WAYS OF MEASURING

A correspondent sends us the following little anecdote illustrating Lloyd George's ready wit. On one occasion when he was to address a meeting in South Wales, the chairman, thinking to be funny at the speaker's expense, said in introducing him: "I had heard so much about Mr. George that I naturally expected to meet a big man in every sense; but as you can see he is very small in stature."

Lloyd George arose. "I am grieved to find," he said, "that your chairman is disappointed in my size, but this owing to the way you have here of measuring a man. In North Wales we measure a man from his chin up, but you evidently measure him from the chin down."

After that the chairman made no more personal remarks.

ARTIFICIAL

Is civilization on the wrong track? A visitor comes to Plattsmouth. With greatest pride, you point out the tallest buildings and other construction achievements like factories, bridges and pavements.

City life, at its best, is artificial, unnatural.

The things we build out of brick, steel and cement are merely tools for enabling civilization to exist.

The real civilization, often mis-called "culture" is not material. It is spiritual and intellectual. That is the real measure of a town—the character and knowledge of its people.

How ridiculous to strive constantly for a bigger town instead of a better town.

MUSCLE SHOALS

An analysis of the effect on the taxpayers' pocketbook of the acceptance by the government of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals nitrate and power plants is being circulated by the National Fertilizer association. The analysis is put in the form of a chart, showing that over a period of 100 years, the term of the proposal leases, on the basis of the calculation which Mr. Ford himself uses, the taxpayers would pay as a subsidy to Mr. Ford \$984,935,000.

Under the Ford offer for a 100-year lease of the dam and power plant the government must complete the waterpower development with taxpayers' money. Mr. Ford proposes to make two kinds of payments—interest and amortization.

The interest payments are a partial reimbursement to the government for the interest which the taxpayers must pay on the money invested in the water power. But Mr. Ford's interest payments are limited to \$1,680,000 per year. During the first few years his payments are even smaller than this amount in total over the 100 years to \$161,040,000. The government, however, must pay interest on \$57,000,000 new money invested which at 4 per cent would amount to \$2,280,000 per year. This, as will readily be seen, creates a deficit of \$600,000 or more every year.

Amortization payments under Mr. Ford's plan (\$46,547 per year) are to be compounded at 4 per cent so that a fund of \$48,000,000 may in this way be created by the end of the 100-year lease. Since Mr. Ford's amortization fund is compounded at 4 per cent for the period of the lease to the enormous sum of \$1,032,935,000.

To apply against this enormous sum we have only Mr. Ford's \$48,000,000 amortization fund (his interest payments having been already deducted to arrive at the deficit). This leaves at the end of 100 years a net loss to the taxpayers of \$984,935,000.

This \$984,935,000 is the subsidy which Mr. Ford will receive over a period of 100 years from the taxpayers if the government accepts his Muscle Shoals offer.

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ALVO DEPARTMENT

Turner McKinnon went to Lincoln Monday evening.

Miss Della Sutton spent Tuesday with Mrs. Fred Proby.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Braun spent Thursday night in Lincoln.

Mr. Hull is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. Lauritsen and family.

LaVerne Stone went to Lincoln Thursday to remain a few days.

Some ladies met with Mrs. A. J. Brobst Tuesday and made three dresses for Mrs. Lauritsen.

Mike Smith returned Friday noon from Lincoln where he spent a couple of days.

Three carloads of hogs were shipped from Alvo to South Omaha Friday afternoon.

Geo. P. Foreman and son Joe, left Sunday for Anamosa, Colorado, to spend a week.

Six carloads of ice arrived from Meadow Thursday and ice houses are nearly all filled.

Boy Cole of Elmwood and R. J. Embury of Louisville were in town Friday on business.

Miss M. G. Kuehler returned home Sunday from Plattsmouth where she visited her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harris went to Lincoln Thursday evening where Mr. Harris will take treatment at the hospital.

Dr. L. Muir autoed to Lincoln Thursday afternoon bringing his daughter, Miss Carmen home for the week-end.

Mr. Fairfield father of W. E. Fairfield, died Monday evening at his home in University Place, aged 65 years.

Miss Mildred Knight of Omaha had the misfortune to fall and break her arm near the wrist. She will spend some time at home.

Miss Clara Dickerson returned from the state university Friday afternoon to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lauritsen.

Harold McKinnon, who is attending the state university, came home Thursday for the week end and visited the Alvo schools Thursday afternoon.

The Walton Boys and Girls basketball teams played Alvo Boys and Girls teams here Saturday night at the school house the Alvo boys winning with a score of 17 to 10 and the Alvo girls winning with a score of 20 to 16.

The Community social was held Thursday evening at the church basement, the A. B. C. D. and F.'s serving. A nice program consisting of music and a home talent play was given. Refreshments were ice cream, cake and coffee. The attendance was large.

The Pythian Sisters of Alvo Temple No. 2 gave a 1 o'clock luncheon Jan. 13 at the Stewart hall with honor guests, sister Mae Anderson, G. M. of P. sister Clara Trimble and sister DeFord of North Star Temple No. 10, Lincoln. The husbands of the local members were also present. During the afternoon the regular temple meeting was held which the officers for the ensuing year were installed by the visiting sisters: P. C. E. Ayers; M. E. C. Mattie Skinner; E. S. Ruth Taylor; E. J. Clara Bornemeier; M. of T. Luella Klyver; M. R. C. Pearl Brobst; P. of P. Rosa Foreman; O. G. LaNita Mueller. There was a good attendance.

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To the Wabash Baptist church and community: I learned of the sudden death of one of Wabash's most worthy citizens and know the loss you all sustain and assure you of my sympathy. Wish it might be said of all of us, that we had done as much for everyone as she has. I refer to Mrs. Allis, of whom we thought so much. Respectfully,

A. H. WALTZ.

STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

From Friday's Daily.

Reports from the Clarkson hospital in Omaha state that Percy Warren, who was operated on there yesterday, has come out of the operation in as good a shape as could be expected, but is still in very critical condition and his recovery the matter of grave doubt as yet. The mother and brother remained at the hospital until the young man regained consciousness, but as yet the final outcome of the case cannot be fully determined.

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