

# Today

Handsome Mr. Willis. Head Hunters at Home. Yousouppoff-Rembrandt Gold in the Zhugh-Zhur. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Senator Willis, tall, handsome gentleman from Ohio, who might serve as model for all the ready-made clothing advertisements, has a program for the republicans in 1924.

"They must stand for the constitution of the United States and not for any of the various proposals advanced by so-called reformers, who would like nothing better than to see it torn to tatters."

"I refer, for one thing, to the proposal now pending to substitute the transitory power of congress for the power of our courts."

Mr. Willis, and some others believe that the people of the United States never really intended to rule themselves. The idea was to make a constitution, and then give control of the nation to somebody else and let somebody else run it.

Mr. Willis is mistaken and he and others will realize it when the time comes.

The people of the United States do mean to rule themselves. Once in awhile a man enters a police station and says, "I think I am crazy and I'm afraid I may do something foolish, please take charge of me."

The people of the United States are not that kind of a crazy person—not yet. They think they can take charge of themselves. And if they find that any power outside of the people has become greater than the power of the people, then that thing will be changed.

It isn't necessary to "tear the constitution to tatters" to have this a country managed, as its founders intended, by the people and not by a chosen few, whatever their label may be.

A very weak chain is the human race, if it is only as strong as its weakest link. And far is that poor human race from real civilization.

From Rangoon, India, comes that the efforts of the British to stop slavery, in border districts between Burma and Assam, are bitterly fought by the slaves themselves. They have enough to eat, their brains are comfortably soaked with opium, they want to remain slaves.

That's had enough, but in Nagra Hills, human sacrifices still continue. The Papuan head hunters capture and sell Indian children to be used in the sacrifices.

That shocked us, but our own supreme court declared unconstitutional a law that would have prevented the United States from hunting under the guise of child labor. Whether you chop off a child's head to please a savage god by the sight of his blood, or kill 1,000 children slowly to make money out of their small bodies, doesn't make much real difference.

Prince Yousouppoff of Russia demands two Rembrandt pictures held by Joseph B. Widener of Philadelphia. Mr. Widener says he will be delighted to return the Rembrandts when the prince pays him back \$500,000 plus 8 per cent interest now due.

Frederick Landis, brilliant brother of the famous Judge Landis, writes:

"Yousouppoff is about the only Russian prince now worrying about Rembrandts, most of them worry about ham sandwiches. If Rembrandt knows about two of his canvases now being worth half a million dollars, he doubtless recalls the day when all his possessions were sold at auction, including his dead wife's clothes, even her wedding dress, of the hungry days when he sketched with chalk on tavern walls to amuse the crowd and of his funeral at the hands of charity, which cost a little over seven dollars."

If you want to hunt for gold go to Siberia, to the Stanovoi Zhugh-Zhur and Yablonoi ranges.

Gold is there, according to a great mining engineer recently killed in the Japanese earthquake. Nobody can guess what the wealth of Siberia and the future wealth of Russia are to be. This expert says, "Four thousand square miles within 50 miles of the seacoast, every part of it as far as it has been explored, shows gold."

Klondike or Alaska would be nothing compared to it. That news will promote friendship with Russia.

If you have plenty of real gold you are all right—just a little eccentric, perhaps.

Many Americans are amazed at the prosperity and rapid growth of Canada, with farms producing more bushels of wheat per acre than ours, railroad stocks selling, in proportion to return far above our own and so forth.

There is no mystery about it. They use common sense in Canada while we shut out population that this country needs, and tax our people to pay dividends on privately owned, inflated railroad stocks, the Canadian National railways establish a department of immigration and colonization, to import, distribute, encourage and assist desirable immigrants.

Canada has brains enough to know that nations are made prosperous, and lands made valuable by human beings, not by bond issues, or foolish legislation.

Affirms Lebeck Decision. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 12.—The Iowa supreme court yesterday affirmed the decision of the Shelby county district court by which Mrs. Ethel Lebeck of Prairie Rose, Ia., must serve 20 years in the Women's reformatory for the slaying of George Bohneke.

Mrs. Lebeck killed Bohneke when he came to her home with another woman, and then turned the gun on herself. The conviction is for manslaughter. Mrs. Lebeck testified at her trial to intimacies with Bohneke. Her husband is proprietor of a general store at Prairie Rose.

## Boil Canned Goods to Avoid Botulism Toxin

State Department of Health Outlines Causes and Prevention of Disease.

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—Prompted by several recent deaths in Nebraska from botulism, the state department of health today issued a statement outlining the causes of botulism and possible preventives. In it the department urges users of canned goods to boil the contents before placing on the table.

The statement of the department follows: "There are several species of bacteria that may cause changes in preserved foods, rendering the foods unfit or even dangerous for human consumption. One of the most dangerous, although not the most common, is botulism. It is caused by a form of food poisoning from bacterial cause is botulism. Botulism and ptomaine poisoning are two entirely separate and distinct forms of food poisoning."

"The bacillus may grow and produce its poison in vegetables, meat, fish, cheese and occasionally in some fruits. As it requires time for its growth, and the production of its poison, fresh foodstuffs are not dangerous as far as botulism is concerned. Foodstuffs that contain the botulism poison may or may not be altered in color, taste or odor. The absence of any evident change cannot be taken as proof of the absence of the botulism poison."

"Lives in Soil. "The bacillus botulinus seems to live in the soil as its natural habitat. Its spores have been found by bacteriologists in soils from widely scattered points from all of the continents of the northern hemisphere and from practically every state in the United States. Dust containing botulism spores may be carried by wind or insects and deposited on foodstuffs and there the spores lay dormant until conditions become favorable for their growth and the production of their poison."

"Bacillus botulinus will grow under a wide variety of conditions. Body temperature, partial or complete exclusion of the air, as in canned goods; the presence of a little sugar and a nearly neutral reaction, such as is present in canned vegetables and in meat products, offer the most favorable conditions. Bacillus botulinus, however, will grow in brine solutions, in strong sugar solutions and in the acid juices of many fruits."

"Although the botulism poison is readily destroyed by boiling, the spores of bacillus botulinus are extremely resistant to heat. The spores alone are harmless but are potentially dangerous as they are able to develop and produce the poison, given time and favorable circumstances. It is possible to destroy the spores by temperatures higher than boiling such as may be secured under steam pressure in canning factories, but the boiling temperature which is available to the housewife in canning is not sufficient, even through prolonged, to insure the destruction of all the spores in the canned product. Survival of the spores through the canning process is likely to occur with vegetables which have a nearly neutral reaction, but will be more common with canned fruits which are more acid in reaction. Any spores not killed by the heat in canning may of course develop and produce the botulism poison in a few days or months."

BEATRICE—Although his big truck, loaded with poultry, went into the ditch southeast of Wynmore on account of the muddy highways, Ben Clark of this city, fearing that some one might carry off the fowls, procured an oil stove and remained on the job until his machine, practically undamaged, was pulled out of the ditch and driven to Beatrice. Mr. Clark was en route to Oketo, Kan., and Barneston when the accident occurred.

CALLAWAY—Mr. Croghan, who has lived in the vicinity of Finchville for a number of years, died at his home there yesterday. He was ill only a few days.

CALLAWAY—The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Embree of Merina was seriously injured while playing with a lawn mower at the F. C. Embree home. He caught his hand in the mower and it was necessary to amputate part of one finger.

LIBERTY—While John Pennington, farmer north of here, was driving his auto on the highway near Lewistown, just north of here, the car struck a stone in the road and skidded to one side where it went over a small embankment and tipped over. Pennington sustained a deep cut on one hand and severe body bruises, and Glen Pickard, farmer near Pawnee, who was riding with him, received a sprained shoulder and a deep cut on the back. The auto was badly damaged.

RED CLOUD—The funeral of Mrs. A. H. Carpenter, 65, of this city, was held here. Mrs. Carpenter had spent nearly her entire life in this state, having moved to Nebraska City with her parents in 1865 leaving there in 1873 for Red Cloud, where she had made her home since. Besides her husband, she leaves several sons and daughters.

RED CLOUD—The Community Christmas club of this city and the business men are making elaborate preparations for decorating the business section of this city during the coming holiday season. In addition to the usual 20-foot Christmas tree which is put up in the heart of the business section and decorated with electric lights each year, there will be 53 smaller trees in front of the business establishments. A prize has been offered to the merchant producing the prettiest decorated tree.

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while there visiting with her niece. She had not been in good health for some weeks. The body was brought to Wynmore, where funeral services were held from the family residence. Burial was at Washington, D. C.

BEATRICE—Announcement has been received here of the death of Lou Blum, 60, at his home at Canton, O. He leaves a wife.

BEATRICE—H. C. Hartwig, living near Barneston, reports that he has just finished gathering 3,200 bushels of corn from his field. He says that from 72 acres he secured a yield of 40 bushels to the acre. The grain was of excellent quality.

GENEVA—Andrew M. Morrissey, chief justice of the supreme court of Nebraska, was the speaker at a dinner of the Geneva Community club Monday evening. Judge Morrissey spoke entertainingly of his trip to Canada, making comparisons between that country and the United States. Music was furnished by members of the Community club.

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## Omaha Man Is Held at Hastings for Forgery

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 12.—John Palmer, 31, of Omaha was lodged in the county jail today on a charge that he forged checks on the volunteer fire department here amounting to more than \$100.

Palmer was arrested late yesterday following a chase which led to Grand Island yesterday afternoon. He was arrested on the outskirts of the latter city and held until the arrival of

local police. Palmer is said to have changed deposit slips while on his way to the local bank and to have signed the name of Guy Ruby, treasurer of the volunteer fire department fund.

According to a story told the police, he was on his way from this city to Grand Island to borrow money with which to cover the alleged forgery and other shortages in his accounts.

Japan lost 1,500,000 books as a result of the earthquake which destroyed Yokohama and a large part of Tokyo.

## Gift Hosiery

Hose That Will Please at Christmas Time, and Be Appreciated All Through the Year

- Thompson-Belden's special 12-strand, all pure silk hose, full fashioned, street shades, pair— \$1.95
- Chiffon hose of gossamer weight, full fashioned and silk to the top, pair, \$2.95 and \$2.45 and
- Clocked hose in smart openwork design, silk to the top. A distinctive hose at— \$3.50
- Heavyweight black silk hose of lustrous quality, silk to the top, pair— \$3.50

Madame Antoinette has exclaimed over the wonderful assortment of shades—those exquisite hues which the Parisiennes are wearing: Dawn, Blush, Sunset, Rochelle, Autumn, Log Cabin, Belgrave, Freckles, Babbling Brook, Pilgrim, Cut Steel and Rose Beige.

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Your Credit is Good Here! GOOD CLOTHES—Men, Women, Children. QUALITY DIAMONDS—Elgin Watches, 1847 and Community Silverware. Advance Styles in EVERY Dept. Six Big Stores mean larger volume, lower prices and easy terms. Dress well without missing the money. Open your account tomorrow or write for Free Catalog. Omaha's Greatest Cash Store. HARRIS-GOAR'S 507 & 511 SOUTH 16TH ST. Hotel Rome Cafeteria The Best That's All

We'll Give You \$25 Toward Your Christmas Piano --if you use the coupon!

Read This Offer!

We purchased for cash, at our own figure, many carloads of Grands, Uprights and Phonographs from national known manufacturers, and we're offering these instruments to you at a remarkable bargain PLUS a cash discount of \$25.00 if you use the coupon. Only a small payment down and three full years to pay!

BUY NOW! Pay After Christmas

Your old instrument accepted as a substantial part payment. Only a small cash payment down and three years to pay. Club privileges in case of sickness or unemployment. You can't lose!

Here Are Club Coupon Privileges

This Christmas Club coupon is good up to \$25 on first payment as follows for any New Upright, Grand or Player Piano or Console Phonograph.

Pay \$10.00 cash and this coupon —we give you receipt for \$15.00

Pay \$25.00 cash and this coupon —we give you receipt for \$37.50

Pay \$50.00 cash and this coupon —we give you receipt for \$75.00

Only One Coupon Accepted on a Piano or Phonograph

We Insure Against Sickness or Unemployment

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Select From These Makers

Steinway Hardman Steger & Sons Emerson McPhail Lindeman & Sons Behr Bros. Premier Camp & Co. Irving Bellman Story & Clark Schmoller & Mueller

Schmoller & Mueller Phonograph \$110 Less Coupon \$25 Club Price \$85

New Player Piano \$395 Less Coupon \$25 Club Price \$370

Premier Grand \$650 Less Coupon \$25 Club Price \$625

Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co NEBRASKA'S OLDEST & LARGEST MUSIC HOUSE 1514-16-18-Dodge St. - - - Omaha

Christmas Gift Suggestions

In our effort to be helpful during this busy season of the year, we offer a number of most acceptable gifts at one very attractive pricing. It is our hope that you will find shopping here a genuine pleasure, for whether you wish to inspect or to buy, you will be cheerfully and willingly served. Store hours nine until six.

Lovely Philippine Gowns Friday at \$3.95

An intimate gift—beautiful, practical and much to be appreciated. We have just received them, in a number of new patterns, some of which are very elaborate, others quite plain. French gowns such as these are a rarity at \$3.95. Second Floor

Madeira Luncheon Napkins

Of fine Irish linen with hand scalloped edge and hand-embroidered corner. The gift of a half dozen of these napkins is a real tribute to one's friends. Very special at, half dozen, \$3.95. Street Floor

Hand-Made Blouses

Of French voile with fine filet lace trimming—a blouse such as any woman will be delighted to receive. In tuxedo style, they are becoming to all. Practically every size. \$3.95. Third Floor

"Trefousse" Gloves Imported Perfumes Out-Sized Hose

Perfect-fitting gloves, the only glove we know of that comes in two finger lengths. Two clasp style of fine French kid in black, brown, gray and pastel at \$3.95. We will fit the gloves and correct the size after Christmas. Street Floor

A true compliment to the receiver is this gift. If she is a blond Madame Antoinette has said Houbigant's "Quelques Fleurs," original bottles, \$3.95. If she is a brunette, "White Narcissus," ounce, \$3.95. Street Floor

Pure thread silk hose, full fashioned and well fitting. Lisle garter top and sole insure serviceability; the value is exceptional when we offer two pairs of these fine silk hose at \$3.95. Street Floor

Most Acceptable is a Rain-Sun Umbrella

And an exceptional value are these attractive selections with newest handles and tipplings, and the assurance that the crisp new taffeta will give the best of service. Navy, brown, purple, black and green. \$3.95. Street Floor

Silk or Wool Bloomers

Jersey silk bloomers of sturdy wearing quality; sport length and street shades; pair \$3.95. Flesh colored jersey silk bloomers of knee length make a dainty gift, at \$3.95. Wool bloomers of sport length will be often appreciated on cold wintry days. Black and navy. \$3.95. Street Floor

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