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It's all over. Do your shouting now. Six months of wetness, then drouth.

Only forty-six more days to Christmas. Do your early shopping now. As a sign of irrigation safety an unseasonable rain is a painful delusion.

Still, an election as close as that is altogether too nerve-racking for comfort.

Nebraska heads into the dry belt with a cloud of dust that mocks the sprinkler.

The wise stakeholder will keep the money in his hands until he is sure he knows to whom it belongs.

Never mind, "Every cloud has a silver lining." Let the defeated remember, too, "After clouds, sunshine."

Anybody, anywhere, who is not more inclined to favor the short ballot movement than ever before?

New Jersey returns to the republican column. Such ingratitude to a schoolmaster wrecks educational precedents.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, while the Missouri flows by and railroads run hither and yon, a sufficient supply of wetness to lay the dust is assured.

It remains to be seen whether Omaha really gets that army balloon station which the secretary of war has been holding up for political purposes only.

If the primary in Nebraska had only given us either two "dry" or two "wet" candidates to oppose one another for governor, it would have been different.

The east stood up loyally for Charles E. Hughes, while some of the middle west wobbled.

Analyzing the moving cause promises an interesting study of political by-products.

It is not King Corn's fault that the quantity of his output slumped a bit. His intentions were good. But the price quality overcomes the shrinkage in the profit column.

With the Third ward returns staring all in the face, "Hitchcock, 1,002; Kennedy, 441," our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, should forever after have none but kind words for that much-decried balliwick.

Open drawbridge tragedies at Chicago and Boston emphasize a gross degree of municipal negligence. Automatic safety appliances for such dangers are available, and their reported absence throws a spotlight on city inefficiency.

Government officials threaten an investigation of the rising cost of living. Some suspicious deals in price juggling are worth looking into, but the job is too wide and deep for formal inquiry. Its size becomes federal grand juries.

Sudden Rise In Prices

Washington Post. The sudden and alarming rise in the price of food, following a steady rise for many months past, bears on its face evidence of manipulation.

There is no such shortage of production, no such excessive exportation, as to justify the violent increases. Many commodities are increasing in price which are not affected directly or indirectly by European war conditions.

The retailers now charge that wholesalers have begun a widespread movement for boosting prices, having discovered that the fiction "on account of the war" is accepted by many people as a valid excuse for increased costs.

The wholesaler must clear his skirts, too, if he can. In many cases it will be impossible for him to give a reasonable excuse for some of the outrageous increases.

It is well-nigh impossible to establish the fact of conspiracy in price raising when the practice covers the continent. Dealers may not conspire at all, but merely engage in the game of follow your leader, without knowing who the leader may be.

Spontaneous price raising seems to be a phenomenon of business as mysterious as spontaneous combustion. No one is personally guilty, and yet all combined are guilty.

Nevertheless, the government cannot fail to make the most rigid inquiry into price raising. The dealers in most cases are engaged in interstate commerce, and if they are in a conspiracy they are criminals, for whom a penalty is provided. If they are merely common victims of the hard workings of the law of supply and demand, the fact can be ascertained. The Department of Justice is fully equipped for an investigation into this situation, and no work can be performed which is of more importance to the people. Let the facts be ascertained at once.

Nebraska Goes Dry.

Out of complicated and delayed returns the one thing that stands out unquestioned is that Nebraska has gone dry by adopting the prohibition amendment to the state constitution.

For many the result on wet and dry has had a more intense interest than the result on the presidency and the campaign has been waged on both sides with an energy and vehemence even greater than the political contest between the parties.

We have had a great deal of speculation and prediction as to what would happen if the amendment carried and we will soon have the actual demonstration which we take it will fall short of what was promised by either wets or drys.

Nebraska is now turning its fiftieth year of statehood with an unmatched record of progress and development which must go on, regardless of any change of policy as to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

War Debts and Dear Money.

Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale university, writing in The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, discusses the probable effects of huge war debts on the world cost of money when peace comes.

When war ends European financiers will be confronted with the problem of converting short time loans into long time bonds. At the same time the rebuilders of shattered Europe will be in the market for money.

Prof. Fisher emphasizes what other American observers have heretofore pointed out—the reasonable certainty of an exodus of tax-burdened people to the United States.

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Agriculture in the Future.

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Of more immediate interest to the American farmer, perhaps, is the future of Russia. The wheat fields of lower Russia have long been the principal rivals of the United States, even with the restrictions forced on Russian commerce by England and Germany.

These and other similar movements affect the American farmer in that, as production increases elsewhere, his market is cut off. In general, the progress of agriculture in the remote regions of the world is interesting, because it meets the proposition that consumption has been overtaking production at a rate that boded ill for the future.

In recent years public indignation and strong arm threats greeted the anthracite coal barons on every side. Their alleged cruelties to the independent miner startled the country and provoked measures of defense, lest the big monopoly strangle competition, throttle the little fellow and gouge the consumer.

A modest fortune of \$58,000 survives the good deeds of a practical champion of down-and-outers, the late Ben Hogan of Chicago. How much of it originated in the prize ring cannot be stated. Probably the greater part. In that comfortable pile no doubt are some of the huge stock of dollars with which Omaha's bygone sports backed Hogan in his bout with Allen at Hamburg, Ia., forty-five years ago.

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From an American Woman In a French Military Hospital

Madeleine Annuciata Davis

I've been here, the prettiest town in the world—Nevers, Nièvre—four hours from Paris, since June 14 and now we are having a lull and I can return to civil life for a day or two.

Came down here June 14, again a victim of errors. They had not been informed by the medicine chief of the place to expect me. Once in—I am well in. For a while I worked eighteen hours every third day and twelve hours the other days. I wrote to Paris headquarters. Now expect few heart sobs. I began in Ward L. Salle des Gravement Blesses.

A huge Corsican told me to call him when I went off duty at midnight—he had a purge to take. I called him and he said: "I only wanted to be called to wish you goodnight for it is sad for a lady to be out in the night alone." Can you beat that for politeness?

Wrote a letter to New York Herald Paris edition asking for things. I got a photograph and several associates are sending me bandages. Wish you would print a plea for more. Are there any doctors who would give us second-hand instruments? I am now serving in the bandaging and operating room and our instruments are so inadequate.

We may move out of our present quarters, the normal school, into the old Hotel de France. Hope we do, for there are little stoves here and there is steam heat there. As to the war, you probably know more than I do.

There was one wounded German prisoner speaking more intelligent than the rest, who, in raving of the captured towns, related that immediately boarding schools are opened up to which German children over 4 are sent, with short vacations. These children even at play must speak German.

Took a half day's vacation Sunday and worked at the railway station at the Cantone. I don't know how many soldiers from passing trains we fed—soup, stew, salad and cider.

Honor among thieves in Chicago suffered from a hammer knock. One disreputable member swiped the gang's roll of \$1,800 while the gang was busy cracking a safe.

Charles A. Filipiak, a Chicago resident, indignantly resented a bombardment of political mail and "resigned his citizenship" with the remark, "I will always remain an anarchist."

Authorities in New York and New Jersey threaten to pull coal dealers before grand juries and yank out of their inner consciousness the working model of a conspiracy to boost prices. Meanwhile, prices are aviating and the prosecutors talking for public consumption.

The alumni of the Shortridge High school, Indianapolis, after canvassing the names of men and women who contributed to the upbuilding of the school, finally picked upon the janitor, James Biddy, who had served the institution twenty-five years.

In explaining how some of the taxpayers' money produce certain harmonious notes in street improvement in San Francisco the Chronicle relates that a strip of basalt black pavement in the center of Haight street was torn out and replaced with paving brick.

A clip of a girl in Philadelphia, tomboy by inclination and only 15, led juvenile court officers a lively chase and staged hair-raising stunts on roofs. As nimbly as a squirrel she leaped from roof to roof, across alleyways which halted the hunters, and shinned up and down rain spouts, occasionally turning hand springs.

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TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day. Why thus longing, thus forever sighing For far off unattain'd and dim While the beautiful all round thee lying Offers up its low perpetual hymn?

One Year Ago Today in the War. News received that Italian liner Anconia had been torpedoed by Austrian submarine in Mediterranean, with loss of 272 lives.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago. A petition was filed in the county court asking for the probating of the will of the late John R. Folsom of Wyoming county, New York.

and Daggett, the man who admitted having caused the burning of the Barker block. Elder N. C. McClure of San Francisco and his wife are visiting John M. McClure, agent of the Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul road.

This Day in History. 1809—Town of St. Louis (Mo.) incorporated. 1813—General Jackson defeated the Indians at battle of Talladega, Ala.

The Day We Celebrate. James H. Macomber, lawyer in the Keeline building, is celebrating his sixty-fifth birthday. He was born at Milo, Mo., and was admitted to practice forty-one years ago.

Timely Jottings and Reminders. Under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association and kindred organizations today is to be observed in many cities as "Father and Son" day.

Storyette of the Day. Mrs. Jones, down in Maine, was much perturbed by a missive she received from her sister in Boston.

SMILING LINES. "Well, dearest, I have just asked your father for your hand."

AT BREAKFAST TIME. My pa he calls his breakfast in a funny sort of way.

DEAR MR. KABIBBIE, A GENTLEMAN CALLING ON ME IS ALWAYS CHEATING GOM—HOW CAN I BREAK HIM OF THE HABIT?

DID I UNDERSTAND YOU TO SAY "GENTLEMAN"?

621 Residents of Nebraska registered at Hotel Astor during the past year.

1000 Rooms. 700 with Bath. A cuisine which has made the Astor New York's leading Banqueting place.

Single Rooms, without bath, \$2.00 to \$3.00 Double 3.00 to 4.00 Single Rooms, with bath, 3.00 to 6.00 Double 4.00 to 7.00 Parlor, Bedroom and bath, \$10.00 to \$14.00

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