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Patriotism and the Young Men.
Millions of young men, the brightest and best of our country's youth, will be deputed this week to the service of their country, with a consecration as holy as ever accolade touched on knightly shoulder or benediction fell on dedicated priest.

Controlling the Nation's Food—IV
Prices and Price Fixing
By Frederic J. Has in

Washington, June 1.—There is one thing which every consumer can do right now to keep prices down, and that is to refrain from buying more than he usually buys of staple food articles. The present high prices of staples is due in no small part to the sudden alarm about a food shortage, which has sent housekeepers in to the market to buy far beyond their immediate needs.

THE DAY
Proverb for the Day.
Bought wit is the best wit.

One Year Ago Today, in the War.
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American Womanhood.
"American womanhood"—so noble and brave. Last at the cross and first at the grave. Self-sacrificing, she says, "So, go and fight for our country, for liberty and for the right."

Resignation.
Can we give to our country a greater gift than that of an only child? While others are gladly doing their bit, we, too, would do something worth while.

Hold Parents Responsible.
Omaha, June 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: I very often read in the Bee and other papers of so many petty deprecations done by boys of the age of 12 to 16 years, and also know of several communities that are pestered almost beyond endurance by boys, that as yet haven't been caught.

Wake Up, America!
It is time, brave men of our land, we sensed the condition of things. Important we wake to the fact that apathy to us clings.

Every Man on His Job.
Omaha, June 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Every man's duty is precise. His job is his duty. Each can do his part most effectively by redoubbling his presence at what he does.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.
The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, America's oldest military organization, celebrates its 275th anniversary today in Boston.

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Washington, D. C.
Enclosed find a two-cent stamp, for which you will please send me, entirely free, a copy of the pamphlet, "Preparing Vegetables."

The mothers and fathers of America know what this war means, and so do their sons. Patriotism has never had a sterner test, nor has it ever risen to a higher tide than swells in America today.

In a Land of Free Speech.
Among the remarkable spectacles presented the world during this time of astonishing events none deserve more of attention than that presented by Hon. Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives.

The Quaker and the Slacker.
The Society of Friends is founded on the basic principle of nonresistance, and from the very first its members have been opposed to war. No amount of persecution, punishment or derision has ever moved them to abandon any part of this principle.

Price-Fixing a Questionable Cure.
Advocates of price-fixing by the government, both buyers and sellers, approaching the same end from different points of view, overlook one of the vital factors of their problem. One contends for a maximum, the other for a minimum price, and neither seems to recognize that whatever point is determined on beyond which the price can go no higher or no lower is likely to become the established selling figure.

Drafting the Coal Industry.
In its plea for government regulation of the coal industry, including price-fixing, the Federal Trade Commission testifies to conditions of confusion which have operated severely against consumers and in favor of unscrupulous producers and dealers.

Shafts Aimed at Omaha.
Beatrice Express: Someone seems to have lifted the lid off a rather unsanitary spot in Omaha's police force. Revolutions have occurred in the law enforcement departments of numerous other cities, and it seems to be somewhat contagious.

NEBRASKA EDITORS.
The Superior Express and the Superior Journal will discontinue the publication of their daily editions May 31.

Shelton Clipper: Fourteen truckloads of liquor valued at \$5,000 were seized at Omaha last week by Sheriff Clark in the wholesale confiscation of intoxicants at the Anton Larson dairy farm.

General Pershing frowns upon every suggestion of taking a flock of war correspondents to France. A battery of publicity searchlights might distract from the business on hand and raise undue expectations at home.

Price-fixing will not be resorted to at all until the end for it is certain. The first price fixed, if any price is fixed, will be a minimum price for certain staples. This price will be high enough to assure the farmer of a liberal profit over all costs of production.

In the long and earnest discussion which preceded the drawing of the price-fixing clauses in the bill now before congress, the ultimate consumer was seldom mentioned. However, it may be applied, the theory of the bill, as understood by the congressmen, was to fix prices solely with a view to the farmer's welfare.

Needless to say, these price-fixing provisions of the bill will be fought in congress and may be stricken out. Even the committee deviated somewhat from scientific lines in drawing them. The consensus of expert opinion seems to be that a fixed price or basic price is the best.

It might be added that, according to Dr. A. E. Taylor, who spent some months in Europe studying food administration, the European countries have not been able to keep the price of food down to the rate of wages. All over the world the cost of living has been advancing more rapidly than the rate of wages.

Thousands of confederate veterans will gather in Washington today for the formal opening of the first national reunion they have ever held north of the Potomac.

Fairbury News: If the authorities can keep Omaha dry—and they seem to be making a good start at enforcing the law—there should be little trouble about the rest of the state.

Bloomington Advocate: The Advocate man has been appointed a delegate to attend a conservation congress at Omaha to work on a plan to get the farmers to raise more crops and for everybody to save more stuff from waste.

The latest report of the sinking of an American lumber schooner by a submarine carries the additional detail that before it was blown up the Germans took off all food and other valuables, not even sparing the crew's personal possessions.

man was W. H. Newhall and the bridesmaid was Miss Carrie Adams. An elaborate collation was served by Manager Balch of the Barker.

At the annual meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: E. Buckingham, worthy master; G. Anderson, senior warden; T. K. Kueh, junior warden; William Sievers, treasurer; J. B. Burner, secretary.

Dr. Robert Gilmore was born just sixty-one years ago today in Belfast, Ireland. He practiced medicine for seven years in a private country and then in Omaha since 1887.

Robert Ptasimmons, former champion heavyweight pugilist, born in Cornwall, fifty-five years ago today. Lee Magee, outfielder of the New York American league baseball team, born in Cincinnati, twenty-eight years ago today.

1776—English fleet arrived in Charleston harbor to begin campaign in the south. 1825—Lafayette given an enthusiastic welcome on his visit to Buffalo.

1867—Convention met at Albany to revise the state constitution of New York. 1875—Anglo-Turkish convention signed at Constantinople.

1898—Captain Charles V. Gridley, commander of the transport ship of Admiral Dewey at the battle of Manila Bay, died at Kobe, Japan. Born at Logansport, Ind., November 24, 1844.

1899—President Loubet of France attacked by a mob at the races.

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