



CONGRESS has declared war against Austria—a voting of existing conditions. The vote was unanimous.

CAN the Public Service Commission knock out a lawful contract signed, sealed and delivered, non-fraudulent and regular? Have we, in instituting that body, set up a master to say us yea or nay, as a parent to his minor child? That's one of the things I want to know particularly, out of the many not within my understanding.

OUR with the naturalized citizen who does not stand by his adopted country! As for him who refuses to swear allegiance to the United States, owing to his love for our enemies, transport him to the land he loves so well, nor permit him to stand upon the order of his going. Have him run the gauntlet of the Kaiser's murdering submarines.

WHAT hypocrites some Christians are! Professing to follow Him who proclaimed "Peace on earth, good will toward men," they are engaging in the bloodiest war known to history, with every discoverable means to aid in taking human life. It is a condition forced upon the world by the murderous Kultur of a people whose surroundings are embellished with tall church spires pointing heavenward from consecrated altars. They quote to us, "I come not to bring peace, but a sword," in their barbarous behalf—in my belief an interpolation by some mad old monk seeking to give warrant for the blood-strewn onward path of so-called Christianity—in whose name the world has agonized for two thousand years. O, for an early return to the precepts and example of Him who died in behalf of humanity!

THE liquor dealers are going to present to the public through the press the reasons why the proposed National Prohibition Amendment should be rejected by a liberty loving people. They are willing to pay for the space they use, just as the railroad and other interests have done with other proposed constitutional legislation. This fills the mind of Mr. Bryan with holy horror. In the agony of his anguished soul he ejaculates: "Watch the papers and see how many newspaper owners are willing to sell their souls to the liquor interests, and then mark the insidious spread of their propaganda. Congress ought to so change the law against liquor advertisement as to prohibit this palpable violation of its spirit."

Now the owner of the REGISTER is not going to "sell his soul" to either the Prohibis or the Antie, but is going to give both sides a square deal at so much per line. Editorially, he will pronounce himself "without money and without price." But the super-righteous Mr. Bryan would by law deny us the privilege of printing, and the anti-prohibitionists the right to present, the adverse side of the question. A few years ago he announced that while an advocate of State Prohibition he was opposed to making it a National issue. I said then he would evolve, and he has; but to a fanatic extent no friend ever dreamed of. Just consider the possibilities of the legislation he would have Congress enact!

Almost a Centennarian.

Died at Bismarck, Mo., December 19, 1917, Jesse Harral, the son of John and Elizabeth (Gillam) Harral, aged 99 years, 10 months and 27 days. An acquaintance with him of nearly fifty years leaves with me the memory of an upright man and an exemplary citizen. He faithfully fulfilled the duties allotted him during a very long and honorable life. His passing removes from this section a landmark—a tie between the cruder period when Iron county was new to the State and the advanced surroundings of to-day. Venerated as a patriarch in Israel, he goes to his eternal rest. May his soul realize the promise held out to the faithful and just! The following sketch of his life and labors is taken from the Bismarck Gazette: In 1835 he moved with his parents from Alabama to Weakley county, Tenn., and resided there until 1856 when he came to Crawford county, and lived there until 1861 when he came to Iron county near Bellevue; the last years the greater part of which he spent in Bismarck at the home of his son John. Mr. Harral was twice married. In 1838 he was united in marriage to Miss

Mohale Falter, who died 26 years ago. Four sons, W. P., J. W., J. A. and A. M. Harral were born to this union, two of whom, W. W. and A. M., survive him. His second marriage was to Miss Emma Padfield in 1866. She died 10 years ago. One daughter, now deceased, was born. Mr. Harral served in the Indian War, and helped to move the Cherokee Indians from Georgia to Oklahoma—then the Indian Territory. In 1836, at the age of 18, he was converted at the old Meridian camp ground at a brush arbor meeting and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Later with his wife he joined the Methodist church. He was a good and faithful official of the church for years. He was one of the oldest Masons in the state, being made a Mason October 25, 1850, by Washington Lodge, No. 159, at Millersburg, Tennessee. Upon his coming to Bellevue he affiliated with Tyro Lodge at Caledonia, and became a charter member of Bellevue Lodge when same was instituted. After a long, busy and useful life he died as he had lived—honest, trusted and respected. He was a man who united sound sense with strong convictions and was eminently fitted to mould the rude elements of pioneer society into form and consistency, and aid in raising a high standard of citizenship in our young and growing state. Though he is gone his record has been made and will remain with us a lasting treasure.

Funeral services were held at the residence of his son this (Friday) morning, conducted by Rev. Del Long-gear of this city, assisted by Rev. S. A. Bennett of Elvins. Interment was at the Eldon cemetery, Bellevue. Beside his two sons there are surviving five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild and a host of relatives and friends. Peace to his ashes!

From Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

Editor Register—The Sixteenth Field Artillery has once more been drawn together and has been brought into encampment at Camp Greene, North Carolina. Different Batteries and Battalions have been on the road since November 28, and the last Battery, Battery F, which was stationed at Fort Snellings, arrived here last evening, thus completing the Regiment.

The Band is always with Headquarters Co., which belongs with the First Battalion. The First Battalion was stationed at Plattsburg, New York. It was the first section of the Regiment to start south, leaving Plattsburg, Wednesday morning at one o'clock, with the temperature at 11 degrees below zero. The men were ordered to hold themselves in readiness to leave Plattsburg at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday evening. All stock was loaded and everything ready, for the soldiers to load, except the cars. Owing to the poor train service in the Adirondack Mountains, on the Delaware & Hudson System, our cars never arrived until midnight. We had quite an enjoyable time stamping around in eight inches of snow from 8:00 p. m. until 1:00 a. m. the following morning. Everybody in general would begin to get pretty sore, and peevish until someone would remind us of the fact that we didn't have to repeat any general orders to the O. D. (Officer of the Day) or walk post with a gun buckled around us, or that we were only moving and not "going over the top" into the trenches.

We managed to get loaded up and ready to start before we became too cold to enjoy a good warm berth in a Pullman Sleeper. I never heard any one kicking on account of not sleeping good. In fact we all slept so soundly and late that the majority of us missed "chow" at breakfast time. We came in sight of the Hudson River, just south of Albany, and followed along its banks until just before we arrived in Jersey City. We arrived in Jersey City, just opposite the Statue of Liberty, at 5:30 Wednesday evening; our horses were unloaded, watered and fed, and loaded again by 8:00 o'clock. But we never left Jersey City until nearly midnight on account of one or two officers and several men having relatives in New York City, whom they were permitted to go to see while the train waited for them.

We passed through Philadelphia about day break, Baltimore about 9:00 o'clock, and arrived at Washington at 11 o'clock, Thanksgiving Day. We were entertained for a while by the District of Columbia Chapter of Red Cross Society, who passed cigarettes, cake, coffee, and pie among the boys, while the 16th F. A. Band, in turn, entertained them—the Red Cross—with music. A sample of the kind we are going to use on the Kaiser.

We "mounted" the train and were again on our way at 12. Mess Sergeant treated us to an excellent Thanksgiving dinner. I will not try to give the menu, but it was far superior to the regular every day mess. We arrived in Camp Greene Friday morning at 8:00 o'clock, thus having nearly a full day of daylight in which to unload. The Band was unloaded and had camp pitched by 1:00 o'clock. Our Commanding officer believes in working and hates to see any one idle, therefore we were called out to help the Batteries unload their heavy guns. In this way working up an appetite for supper and dinner combined, which we received at 8:00 o'clock. Of course, you can imagine what a showing one regiment of soldiers makes in a camp of 80,000 soldiers. But at that the 16th Field Artillery is

the only regiment in Camp completely equipped.

In consequence thereof we have been assigned to the fourth over seas division and expect to be ordered across about January 15, 1918. And that date can't come any too soon for me, for as one of our men said, "The sooner the quicker." Sincerely, L. E. HARTZELL.

16 F. A. Band.

About the Income Tax.

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue George H. Moore announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on January 24, and will be here until January 12th. He will have his office in front of the Courthouse and will be there every day ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without cost to them for his services.

How many income-tax payers will there be in Iron County? If you can guess how many married persons living with his wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over, and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know. The Collector of Internal Revenue estimates that there will be 160 taxpayers in this county.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1st, he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you better call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

Of course, persons resident in other counties may, if they want to, come and see the income tax man who will be in front.

The Collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you got.

Just received a large car of Red Top Flour; also fresh Graham and Whole Wheat Flour, and Aunt Jemima's Pancake and Buckwheat Flour. LOPEZ STORE CO.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Bellevue Valley Bank will be held at its banking house in Bellevue, Mo., on Saturday, the 5th day of January, 1918. Said meeting will be convened at 10 o'clock a. m., and continue during at least three hours unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner. The purpose for which said meeting is called is to elect five directors for the said bank to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

December 18th, 1917. S. E. BUFORD, President. O. R. ROBINSON, Cashier.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration on the estate of Joe Duty, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of December, 1917, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

This 8th day of December, 1917. CHARLEY DUTY, Administrator. O. W. ROOP, Judge of Probate.

Iron County, Mo., December 8, 1917. STATE OF MISSOURI, ss. COUNTY OF IRON, ss. I hereby certify that Charley Duty was granted Letters of Administration upon the estate of Joe Duty, deceased, on the date above written. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set (SEAL) my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 8th day of December, 1917. O. W. ROOP, Judge of Probate and ex-Officio Clerk.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Mary Polly (colored), deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of December, 1917, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Executor within six months after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

This 17th day of December, 1917. WM. H. WHITWORTH, Executor with Will Annexed. O. W. ROOP, Judge of Probate. Iron County, Mo., December 17, 1917. STATE OF MISSOURI, ss. COUNTY OF IRON, ss. I hereby certify that Wm. H. Whitworth was granted Letters Testamentary on the estate of Mary Polly (colored) deceased, on the date above written. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set (SEAL) my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 17th day of December, 1917. O. W. ROOP, Judge of Probate and ex-Officio Clerk.

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A Happy New-Year!

Is Our Cordial Greeting to You.

MAY Happiness and Prosperity be with our Friends and Patrons throughout the coming year, which we pray may crown with victory our arms and give lasting peace to the world.

May our efforts toward your advantage and pleasure always be attended with deserved success.



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