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Books cannot always please, however good;
 Minds are not ever craving for their food.—George Crabbe.

The hunting season for Greasers will be open in Mexico until the United States government consents that it shall be closed.

If Germany could succeed in cutting off the food supply of England the war would end in a short time so far as England is concerned.

If Carranza would hand over Villa with his demands for the United States troops to withdraw from Mexico the demands would be promptly complied with.

Reports are coming across the big water to the effect that serious riots are occurring in Berlin, the wage earners of the city and many wives of soldiers and soldiers' widows taking part. They demand that the war shall come to an end.

Experts estimate that the decline in the wheat crop of the United States this year will be 100,000,000 bushels. That shortage will more than offset the shortage of consumers resulting from the slaughter in the great world war.

The Methodist conference at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., took occasion to criticize President Wilson for serving liquor at white house functions. A resolution was adopted expressing regret and importuning the president to discontinue the practice. Attention is called to the fact that many European rulers are now taking advanced ground upon the temperance question.

Henry Ford is now running page ads in some of the newspapers telling the people how to run the government. Since Henry never took enough interest in governmental affairs to even vote, unless his wife sent him to the polls, he is not very good authority upon the question he is discussing. Henry is nothing more than a notoriety seeker who has a big wad of money to expend to display his vanity.

No, Iowa is not putting too much money into good roads. It may be that the state is expending too much for roads, but not too much for good roads. The road problem has not been properly handled in the past, but methods are improving and before many years this state will have as good highways as any state in the middle west. The people now want the roads improved and they are ready to pay for the job if proper results are secured.

Germany, Great Britain, France and the rest of them have no hesitancy in complaining and protesting to the United States over breaches of international law and war usages. Then why should not the United States complain to them when they are guilty of the things of which they themselves complain? To protest against the infractions of The Hague covenants does not mean war. It simply means that the nations so protesting want to go on record in favor of obeying treaty obligations and usual war practices.

According to dispatches from Copenhagen the arrest of Karl Liebknecht, the great socialist leader, by German authorities because of the part he took in the May day celebrations in Berlin is having a serious effect. The socialists of Germany, and there are about 3,000,000 of them among the voters of the empire, are admirers of Dr. Liebknecht and believe in him. When arrested he was addressing a peace meeting and was wearing citizens' clothes, which is contrary to the laws of Germany, the doctor being a soldier. Copenhagen thinks the German government will be compelled to release the doctor to avert a revolution. A revolution at this time would be disastrous to the empire and would surely win if engaged in by any considerable number of the people.

Since the jury in the Lorimer case failed to send the ex-senator to jail he has announced, according to a Chicago dispatch, that he will re-enter politics and become a candidate for senator again. Mr. Lorimer certainly has retained his nerve throughout the ordeal through which he has passed. He can probably rely upon the support of the henchmen who stood so loyally by him in the past in the event of further candidacies.

They say America is shipping a million dollars' worth of ammunition to Europe every day. There is reason for saying that the basis of our prosperity is blood money.—Story City Herald.

Well, that depends upon the viewpoint. Perhaps the munitions we are sending to the allies will enable the allies to restore Belgium to her rights, redeem Serbia from a foreign invader, protect the Armenians from the Turkish sword and save France from ruin and devastation. The allies could stop bloodshed today by complying with the demands of the Kaiser and Germany could likewise stop the carnage by hoisting the white flag and surrendering.

Senator Kenyon is in favor of peace, but he is not just sure as to the way to go about it to insure peace. There is to be a convention of the League to Enforce Peace held in Washington this month and the secretary of the Fort Dodge commercial club wrote the senator to represent Fort Dodge at the meeting. The senator will comply with the request and has written the secretary the following: "I am in receipt of yours. Certainly, I will be glad to go as delegate from the Commercial Club to the League to Enforce Peace. In this connection it would help me very much in my duties to have the Commercial Club instruct its delegate just how to enforce peace. Sometimes you have to enforce peace by fighting for it."

AFTER 44 YEARS.
 Amelia Bloomer, now of Council Bluffs, predicts that Massachusetts will be the first state to grant woman the ballot. It is stated, by the way, that Mrs. Bloomer intends to head a movement on the Iowa Legislature, at its special session this winter, to induce it to reconsider its last winter's action, and take the preliminary steps toward submitting the question to the people.

The foregoing is clipped from the Freeman of date of November 27, 1872, forty-four years ago. Subsequent events have proven that Mrs. Bloomer's forecast was not a good one. Wyoming, Colorado, California and a number of other states now have women suffrage, but old Massachusetts has not yet adopted it and there is no indication that it will in the near future. It appears that the women of Iowa were after the legislature in 1872 as they have been practically ever since. However, indications now point to a victory for them and it is likely that Iowa will vote in favor of universal suffrage at the primary on the fifth of next month. The Freeman-Tribune hopes that Amelia is still living and that she will enjoy reading the returns of the primary.

THE COLONEL.
 The friends of Col. Roosevelt are greatly pleased at the reception he received in Chicago a few days ago. He went there to talk on preparedness and supposed he would be met by an unsympathetic audience, as he had been repeatedly told that the middle west is against preparedness as advocated by himself. Imagine his surprise when he received a great ovation and when the audience went nearly wild with applause when he would make a telling point in his arguments on the subject of this country getting ready to take care of itself and to assert its rights and insist upon them before the whole world. Mr. Roosevelt was in fine form and although at the beginning of his address he did not know how it was going to be received he indulged in no pussyfooting, going straight to the center and talking just as he had been talking in the east. That is one trait of character the common people like. They want a man to be direct and fearless. Say what he thinks and think what he says. That is a Roosevelt asset. He

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always speaks his mind. In 1896 when he went to Denver to discuss the money issue and was confronted by a hostile audience, but he stood as firmly and as strongly for the single gold standard as he had in previous addresses in the east, and while his audience did not agree with him they admired his frankness and courage and in later years Colorado was one of the states that was always loyal to his standards. We believe Roosevelt is today the most popular man in America among the common people—the toiling masses. They have confidence in him and recognize his towering personality and marked ability. Henry Waterson did not miss it much when he declared that Roosevelt had the most active mind the world had produced since Napoleon. The country now needs a man of his courage and ability in the president's chair, but his fearlessness and constructiveness have made so many enemies among the politicians that it is doubtful if he can be nominated on June 7th. The big politicians want a man in the white house who will be under their dictation and they know there would be nothing doing in that line while Roosevelt was at the head.

NOT ANTI-AMERICAN.
 A significant change has come about in the attitude of many German sympathizers. It is illustrated by a speech made last week in a public meeting of Germans by Henry Weismann, president of the German-American alliance of New York state. This is the largest and strongest organization of its sort in the country. Mr. Weismann has in the past year attracted national attention by the alleged anti-Americanism of his utterances. The meeting in question was called for the purpose of supporting national preparedness—a purpose formerly opposed by the German-American Alliance. Mr. Weismann strongly urged a more effective army and navy. "Our hope for peace is not shaken," he said. "But black clouds are gathering all over the horizon, and they justify a demand for proper defensive power on sea and land." He rejoiced that "Germany, violating international law, has yielded in the past and has shown its desire to hold American friendship at great cost," and looked to the Fatherland to satisfy our demand for a reformed submarine warfare. The tenor of his whole speech, while naturally sympathetic

toward Germany in a general way, was genuinely pro-American. Mr. Weismann also declared in a newspaper interview that he "would do nothing to segregate the German vote as a separate political force. And simultaneously Jeremiah O'Leary, president of the much criticized American Truth Society, which has been active in pro-German propaganda, announced that his society was "not advocating any union of German-American or Irish-American voters" for action in the presidential campaign. This is a change of front which must be gratifying to every American. It is a promise of a better understanding among our various racial elements. And it is calculated to win far more consideration for German sympathizers than they could hope for by antagonizing their adopted country in our German controversy.

SIN NO MORE.
 Cedar Rapids Republican: The Chicago Tribune's idea seems to be that we can pick up some cheap real estate in Mexico. But let it be hoped that we do not become a nation of bandits ourselves looking toward the picking up of other people's belongings. We took one slice out of Mexico, which history has not wholly justified. Let us sin no more after that style.

THE ONE STATESMAN.
 Des Moines Capital: Col. Roosevelt spoke to the Illinois Bar association in Chicago Saturday night. He talked for preparedness and for patriotic united citizenship. He said no man had a right to continue a foreign citizenship while claiming an American citizenship. It does the soul of an American good to read the lofty and inspirational words of the colonel. He was met with the old time enthusiasm. The people crowded on the streets to see him and to hear him at the meeting. He is the one American statesman who knows his own mind and is not afraid to speak out.

A BLANK RECORD.
 Springfield Republican: The present outlook is that the Chicago convention of 1916 will be securely held by its leaders against any stampede for the colonel, although even this is a hazardous statement in a period when the events of twenty-four hours in our international relations may upset the calculations of the shrewdest and most far seeing politicians. As things are, however, at this moment the colonel must gamble on events in the next month in order to be made the nominee of the republican party. The sober second thought of the people is against his leadership, as involving risks beyond measure; and it is this quality

of caution in the party that brings Hughes into the foreground as pre-eminently the safest man to nominate. More things can suddenly happen between now and November, and more situations can arise, which would leave Hughes still in the running as a candidate than in the case of any other republican one could name; and that is because for six years past his record on all national and international issues is a blank.

IOWA'S RIVERS.
 Burlington Hawkeye: Strange, is it not, that Iowa is a land of beautiful rivers and many Iowans are not aware of the fact? Great steamers will never ascend and descend these beautiful streams, but there is no reason why thousands of motor boats should not carry happy Iowans to all sorts of beauty spots, bring them nearer to nature and help them to a better appreciation of the great state of Iowa, while exploring the rivers of the state. As the auto helps many Iowans to discover that they live in a state that has much of natural beauty, so the motor boat will eventually help other thousands of Iowans to discover much of natural beauty in their own state that would otherwise ever remain a sealed book to them.

HAVE YOU A PELICAN?
 Times-Republican: "It isn't the cost but the upkeep. As an illustration, the Sioux City council bought a pelican of a fellow who had captured it last fall. The bird was cheap—only \$2. It was also an addition to the park. Mighty few parks have pelicans. The bird with the haversack on its bill lent distinction. The hot poll town has no pelican. "But the pelican eats fish, fresh fish. It has an amazing appetite. The couple of iron men the blamed thing cost wouldn't feed it fresh fish forty-eight hours. It eats its head off every day. And the city council proposes to eliminate the pelican from the attractions of the park. It hasn't made up its mind how but it is considering it. And meanwhile the pelican like Oliver Twist swallows high priced fish and screams for more. "That's the way it went with Whatsname. He had about as much use for an automobile as Sioux City had for a pelican. He bought his at a bargain. It took all he could rake and scrape. So far he was all right. Nobody was sick and they didn't need the money. It was a big car and began eating its head off the next day when a tire went to pieces. It wasn't the cost but the upkeep. It is still the upkeep. He's got a pelican. "Now, Jones' case was different. He and his wife went into society on a \$1,200 a year salary. It wasn't hard to get in. They made the flash and everybody seemed to think it was a fire. Nice young folks, too. But in that case it wasn't the first cost but the upkeep. And Jones has a pelican on hand. He wishes he might twist its neck—but can't and the blamed thing keeps on calling for more fresh fish. "Lots of us have our pelicans in our own little parks, pelicans that didn't cost much to begin with but that are eating their heads off and ours too. This pelican business is pretty common. Mouse around in almost any back yard and you'll find a pelican. There are all kinds of pelicans and they all eat their heads off."

IOWA MAN FOR PRESIDENT.
 Waterloo Times-Tribune: Among the possibilities in the race for the republican nomination for president Senator Cummins now stands a good third. With Roosevelt and Hughes eliminated, Cummins stands a good chance to be nominated. Roosevelt's chances, provided he has any, seem to be waning; Hughes is an uncertainty, there is no telling his strength and no certainty that he will even allow his name to be used. It is not improbable, it is almost certain, that the Roosevelt and Hughes men will try out their candidates first. Roosevelt has but 12 pledged votes, probably due to his demand that his name be not used in the primaries; Hughes has 95 and they come to him contrary to his wishes as expressed in public interviews. Cummins has 112 votes pledged—leading all the candidates, active and inactive, by a good margin.

Iowans may well get out of their heads the notion that the Iowa senator's nomination is impossible. While with a dozen and more candidates, favorite sons and all, success for him cannot be said to be a probability yet, it must be admitted that the senators has a good chance. Because the republican party has never thought nomination of a man beyond the Mississippi river advisable, is no criterion and it would not be surprising, in view of the circumstances, if precedent were broken. The middle west has been growing, growing in population, in power, in influence. The middle west has begun to assert itself. It does not now leave its politics to be arranged by the east. During recent years it has been disposed as



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election returns verify, to think and act for itself. Independence of thought and action have taken hold of the middle west; men are more, party less. The hide bound, vote-for-the-yellow-dog variety is not in evidence to speak of any more. The east is well aware of this change. Iowans observe the moves on the checker board with great interest. Iowa is proud that it can claim a man so distinguished that he represents a favorable candidacy for the greatest office in the gift of the people of the United States. It is something to Iowa that it can claim such a man and point to him as a representative Iowan. Senator Cummins has brought fame to Iowa, is bringing fame to Iowa and his future means much to all Iowa, regardless of politics—so all Iowa is boosting, as it should, some publicly, some privately, as their stations in life appear, for the senator's success. He's from and for Iowa is the best recommendation for Iowans: being from and for Iowa he's good for the whole United States.

RUSSIANS IN FRANCE.
 Clinton Advertiser: The mystery regarding the appearance of Russian troops in France has been cleared up somewhat. It is in many respects one of the most interesting episodes of the big war.

The reasons given for so remarkable a step as the shipment of Russians to the western front, by a route taking them half way around the world, are many. In the first place, it appears that Russia still has more men than munitions. She can raise and train soldiers faster than she can equip them. The decision seems to have been reached some time ago that, merely as an efficiency measure, it was worth while to send several corps to France. The first contingents have arrived without equipment, their weapons and uniforms being provided, on their arrival, by England and France. It is likely that the transport ships bringing them carry munitions for Russia on the return trip. Thus Russia and her allies work in smooth co-operation.

Late dispatches from France suggest that Russia may lend France as many as 300,000 men. Such a contribution would be a powerful help to the republic. It would probably replace, twice over, all the French losses in the last two months' fighting at Verdun. It would replenish France's launching reserves and help in the launching of the German line in May. But the moral effect is out of all proportion to the material assistance, no matter what may be the size of the expedition. It is the strongest proof yet given of the determination of Russia to stick to her allies to the end. It sounds the knell of German hopes of a separate peace with the czar. It has heartened France and England tremendously, although England perhaps feels a little ashamed that Russia is supplying, under such great difficulties, auxiliary troops in

France which England herself ought to have supplied. Incidentally we have new proof of the greatness of Russian resources and Russian spirit. A year ago the Russian armies were beaten everywhere. Today they are crushing Turkey to death, holding the Germans steadily on the eastern front, preparing for a great drive against Germany and Austria when the spring rains are over, and helping their allies out by their great surplus of manpower. And today it seems more likely than ever that Russia is to be the real victor of the war. However the tide may turn, or whatever arrangements may be made in the final peace conference, there can be little doubt that Russia will get more substantial benefits from the struggle than any other belligerent. And that would make Russia the great world-power of the future, so far as Europe is concerned—perhaps, too, the leader of Europe's civilization after another generation or two.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.
 "One of the best investments the next legislature could make would be to hire a capable press agent for Iowa and then give him free rein," suggests the Des Moines Capital.

"Persons who chide Congressman Frank Woods for not being a statesman find little the matter with his political fences," notes the Waterloo Times-Tribune.

"The Iowa democrats didn't give the liquor interests a pleasant look," notes the Hinton Gazette. "Bourbon democracy apparently is no more."

"In no event will the republicans have an easy walkway on the governorship," predicts the Eagle Grove Eagle.

"If the state historical society wishes a rare relic to file away in the archives of the state," suggests the Castana Times, "it might start an earnest quest for some kindly comment on Iowa's first presidential primary."

"The democrats of Iowa have put up a ticket, or at least outlined one, that will put the republicans on their mettle to defeat it," declares the Lake Park News.

To the Vinton Eagle it looks as though political parties would be run by commissions hereafter, the thought being suggested by the democratic conference at Des Moines which picked out a state ticket.

The Knoxville Express takes issue with the Newton Record's statement that the democratic state ticket was made up by "a small coterie of self appointed delegates." The Express declares: "It was an open conference to which every democrat in Iowa had been invited, and any democrat who did not take part in the deliberations had no reason for his non-participation except his own lack of inclination."