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OPPORTUNITY OF UNITED STATES

Officials at Washington are calling attention to the fact that the present war situation in Europe and the consequent obliteration of the merchant marine of either Germany or England—more probably the former—gives to this country a grand opportunity to build up a merchant marine and secure a foreign market for our manufacturers that no one in the world could take away from us once we are firmly entrenched.

Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce announced yesterday that wheat dealers should have no fear about ability to ship grain abroad. Mr. Redfield pointed out that if the war continues any length of time, the wheat of America will be looked upon as a necessity in Europe and the countries that need it will find the way to transport it at their own risk.

To alleviate alarm in the south where fear was expressed that the demand for raw cotton would fall off by reason of the war, a New York authority sent the following opinion to Congressman Oscar Underwood, majority leader in the house:

"The south is unnecessarily alarmed over the prospective reduction in the demand for cotton in view of the general European war. European manufacturers may not require the usual amount of cotton but American manufacturers will require it all. It is inevitable that all over sea trade of Germany will be at the mercy of any nation which first seeks it and can best serve the former patrons of Germany. Of all nations, the United States is in the best position to take and hold the trade.

"Germany supplied the coarse and cheaper cotton trade of Mexico, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and the orient generally.

"There will be no embargo on the commerce of the Pacific. Our cotton should go abroad not as raw material but as a finished product and when Europe is over we should hold largely the trade that now is waiting to fall into our hands."

FIRE EQUIPMENT BONDS.

The motor driven fire fighting apparatus that was recently contracted for by the city, will all be in the city hall station in a few days. Part of it is here now and in service, and the balance will be delivered probably by the first of next month.

The cost of this new equipment is about \$15,000. Of this amount the city now has \$3,000. This leaves a balance of \$12,000 yet due. The council is going to handle it in a way to keep the interest here at home. The council will issue bonds and sell them to the home people. The state law specifically prohibits the council from buying fire equipment with money from the general fund, but the state law authorizes the council to levy a millage to the specific purpose of providing the city with sufficient equipment for protection from fire. This levy will enable the city to maintain its present equipment and apply \$3,000 a year on the payment of the bill for the new equipment.

The council now proposes to issue \$12,000 of city bonds in denominations of \$500 and \$1,000, payable in one, two, three and four years. These bonds will draw five per cent interest, payable semi-annually and are non-taxable even for the income tax. They make an absolutely net five per cent investment. They are absolutely safe and are issued in accordance with the state law giving the council the authority to issue them.

As this is a small bond issue, the council proposes to sell these bonds right here in the city to any citizens who are seeking an investment. This is the proper spirit and it is hoped that they will be taken up at once. Parties who have \$500 or \$1,000 that is drawing less than five per cent now have an opportunity to invest in one or more of these bonds. Any one desiring any part of this bond issue can go to the city hall and make application or notify C. E. McDaniel, chairman of the finance department, and he will call on them. This is an opportunity for the small investor as well as the large one.

WHERE IS THE STING?

A whole nation extends its sympathy to Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, in this, his hour of bereavement, following the death of his beloved wife and helpmate. From every side come messages seeking to condole with and comfort the nation's executive. Reports tell us that the president, strong throughout the long vigil he kept by the side of his dying wife, broke down when the spirit had finally fled. Everywhere there is grief. If there were less of faith and more of knowledge concerning the hereafter, it would be more easy to approach the bereaved and seek to comfort. If our Christian faith is not misplaced, wherein is the cause of grief?

Mrs. Wilson was a good woman—at unusually good woman—and there is no doubt but that the full reward that comes from leading a good life, is hers. Unless religion is wrong, she has seen her Savior and is numbered among the hosts of Heaven. She had rounded out a life that was a useful one to the world and to her loved one and she met death in a way that furnishes inspiration for all. She is infinitely better off than she was in this world of work and sorrow, and she is now enjoying sweet and perfect peace.

In grieving for her we neither add to her happiness nor to her pain. On the contrary we show very plainly that we consider our personal loss more than we do her gain. Our grief is selfish.

When a military general rounds out a life of service and is called home promoted, and retired with honors, we rise up and exclaim. We rejoice that he has been advanced and those who have most intimately connected with him are the first to hurrah at the promotion. Were they to express only their own great grief at losing him from their midst, they would be considered very selfish and small.

permitted to run riot. Several taxis were seen going by the corner at a dangerous rate of speed, but no one stopped them, and fortunately no one happened to be in their way. Traffic laws that are not enforced are very bad because they give pedestrians a fancied feeling of security which makes them less careful than is required.

"One of the principal things," says the Keosauqua Republican, "that has occupied the attention of recent Iowa legislative assemblies, has been the creation of hundreds of ornamental offices of the appointive class as a method of paying political debts, a herd of useless officers to feed out of the public crib at the expense of the taxpayers of the state. That is one of the things that materially helped to increase the running expenses of the state over two and a half million of dollars this biennial period than ever before."

Tuesday found Carranza and Carrabal in harmony on the question of transferring authority from the Mexican provisional government to the rebels. Wednesday negotiations were broken off. Thursday everything was broken again and the goose hung high. Yesterday the rebels were marching on Mexico City and the public was panic stricken. Today—but what's the use. Just follow the schedule.

There is one nice thing about this garbage situation. If the citizens will only bear with the administration at other two or three months, carting away their own refuse in the meantime, by that time the furnaces will be going and there will be a place to dispose of garbage. There are very few if any cities the size of Ottumwa where the city officials force the people to dispose of their garbage themselves.

Not long since an edict against weeds was issued by the city administration. Maybe the edict was obeyed at the time and then again maybe it wasn't. At any rate there are just as many weeds now as there were then.

"The United States is as backward as Turkey or China," says the Okaloosa Herald, "in trying to regulate the affairs of respectable business men by the machinery of criminal law. The object of a constitution is to protect citizens against that kind of imperial government."

The congressional squabble which is holding up the passage of the rivers and harbors bill may result in the laying off of thousands of government employes now working on river improvement and the stoppage of vast improvement projects.

American ocean liners never before enjoyed the prestige accorded them now. They are the safest boats in the world, because ships flying the Stars and Stripes are secure from attack by any of the warring European powers.

Burlington baseball fans can testify that first place in June is different from first place in August. The order for a new pennant pole for Burlington, which was sent in after a month of league play, has been cancelled. It is understood.

The bureau of education finds that the number of foreign students enrolled at 275 American universities, colleges and technical schools in the year 1913 not only reaches the surprising total of 4,222, but shows an increase of 577 over 1911.

John T. Hamilton, democratic candidate for governor, has a real live press agent and judging from the amount of typewritten matter he is sending out, he has been given a real life size bank account.

Germany and Iowa together, measure in area about the same as the state of Texas. The Lone Star state has 975 square miles left over for good measure.

To look with a level mind upon life is to overlook the trivialities which make miserable the lives of the most of us.

By covering up their tracks, some men get credit for walking in the straight and narrow path.

Engineers estimate the available water power of Oregon as more than thirteen million horse power.

Huerta fled from Mexico to France to get away from war. Now he says, "What's the use?"

Press Comment

Des Moines Capital: Emperor William's shoulders are broad and he seems willing to carry a chip on each of them.

Dubuque Telegraph-Herald: If this European war develops, the English militant suffragettes may find their danger strike training a decided advantage.

Chicago Herald: Rulers would be wise to hear the still, small voice of the thrifty peasant withdrawing his savings from a bank in preference to the enthusiastic approvals of the trained soldier.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: Not all the money that the farmers of Iowa are making comes directly out of the soil. They have their own elevators, their own creameries, their own banks now, and in many cases these institutions prove handsome revenue producers.

Waterloo Courier: Government bonds and stock exchanges have joined hands to protect the finances and the business integrity of the United States while the war is on. The only possible danger to conditions has been the excessive export of gold to Europe. But since this has been effectually checked there is nothing for Americans to concern themselves about except to keep calm and not rock the boat.

Lincoln Journal: An exchange says it is hard for a boy of 18 to realize that some day he will be a full grown man and know as little as his father.

Waterloo Courier: A campaign has begun at eastern coast resorts for a reform in men's bathing attire. Despite the faults we find with woman's dress she is the more modest of the sexes.

Cedar Rapids Republican: The United States was never presented with such an opportunity to remake itself in the commerce of the high seas. We shall be criminally negligent and lacking utterly in the substantial kind of patriotism, if we do not take advantage of this opportunity.

Cedar Rapids Gazette: The question now arises, will the "drys" of all parties flock to the progressive standards in Iowa since the latter was the only political organization possessing sufficient nerve to endorse prohibition? Would it seem funny to see some of these half-century veterans voting the progressive state ticket just to strengthen their position against the liquor interests?

Springfield News: Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago, is showing signs of reform. Specialists have not determined whether his symptoms indicate a spasmodic or permanent form of the affliction. In its earlier stages, the ailment gives promise of permanency, but of course there is no telling what changes may take place in the ensuing weeks. The crisis will be passed about September 7. If Carter can hang onto his newly contracted disease until that time, he may never get rid of it.

Davenport Times: President Wilson's offer of mediation proves the sincerity of the United States in its belief in and work for the maintenance of the peace of the world. While it is presented as provided for in the Hague conventions, it is not likely now to be given consideration by any of the belligerents, but it opens a door and leaves it open for the European powers to seek a refuge at any time the war gets to a point where its continuance either jeopardizes the independence of any nation or seems likely to exhaust its resources. It may be that months, or even years, will elapse before any one of the warring nations takes advantage of the offer made by the president in the name of the United States. But the fact that the offer has been made shows the entire disinterestedness of this country and its good will to all, and will have only a good effect in the capitals of Europe.

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She was the daughter of Levisa and Thomas J. Smith and is survived by her husband, mother, four brothers and three sisters, Mrs. E. Lambert, Mrs. Gus Miller and Mrs. Ben Neppier, also William, Robert, Charles and Thomas J., all of whom live in Albia except Mrs. Miller, who resides in Okaloosa, and Charles of Vinton, Iowa.

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Ward Saunders is here from South Dakota visiting at the parental home, Mrs. Harry Cramer and daughter, Helen, returned home from Des Moines Saturday night.

T. S. Jones of Waukeo, Iowa, is visiting at the George Amos home over Sunday.

Miss Clara Barker of Des Moines spent Sunday in Albia with relatives and friends.

Dinner Stories

"You know, ma'am," said the seedsman, "you don't have to plant your potatoes whole; you can cut them up in small pieces."

"Yes, I know," said Mrs. Newwife, "that might do very well if we always wanted to raise potatoes for Lyonnale or for mashing, but we should probably desire to have potatoes served whole now and then."

A reporter was interviewing Thomas A. Edison.

"And you, sir," said he to the inventor, "made the first talking machine."

"No," Mr. Edison replied; "the first one was made long before my time—out of a rib."

Shortly after the return of the fleet two naval officers were talking about their wives. Naturally they used nautical terms.

"What a dear little craft your wife is," said the first.

"Dear and little, did you say? She is dear, all right; but there's nothing little about her. Why, she's the biggest revenue cutter I have ever seen."

A witty Londoner, going to dine with a lady, was met by her with a face of apology.

"I could not get another man," she said, "and we are four women, and you will have to take us all in to dinner."

"Forewarned is four-armed," said he, with a bow.

In Memoriam

Frank J. Abernathy, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Abernathy, was born on the old Comstock farm March 16, 1880, and died July 27, 1914, at his home, three miles south of Kirkville. He was 34 years four months and eleven days of age. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and baby, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Abernathy of Kirkville, six sisters, Anna Abernathy and Mrs. May Holland, both of Bancroft, S. D., Mrs. Belle Fairchild of Mora, Minn., Mrs. Carrie Guthrie of Richland township, Lucy and Ruby at home and three brothers, Guy, of Rich-

land township, Huston and Theodore at home.

His interest in the home was to care for others and he was happiest when making others happy. His cheerful disposition and kind consideration made him a host of friends and his going will be keenly felt by many. To know him was to love him.

Although the end came as a great surprise to many, he had not been well for six years, and we knew he was gone to a land where there will be no more sorrow or suffering.

The funeral was held at the house at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, July 30, and at the Presbyterian church of Kirkville at 3 o'clock. It was conducted by Rev. Montgomery of Kirkville. Interment was made in the Kirkville cemetery, the L. O. O. F. taking charge at the grave.—Contributed.

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE

Benny, you look like a monkey, my like, I sed.
Nevvir mind wat you were telling me, wat wat you feet said agn, sed ma.
You look like a monkey, I sed.
Wat, you reedy did say that, sed ma.
And she hit me great with wun of the slippers, herting like anything.
Owtich, I sed.
You bettir save your owthces till yure farther kums hoam, youll need them, sed ma.
G, ma, I sed, dont you look out of yure eyes, and dont a monkey look out of it eyes.

I dont care wat it looks out of, sed ma, wat do you mean by kumparing me to anything like that.
Its ony a joak, I sed.
So is that, sed ma. And she gave me anuthir krack with the slippr in the saim place, not feeling like eny joak.
And wen pop calm boam she told him and then got mad at him for seeing the joak.

Rose departed Monday night for a visit with relatives in Cambridge, Neb. Miss Grace Crosson went to Minneapolis, Tuesday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Pearl Hall.

Miss Goldie Mater after a few days visit in Ottumwa came home Tuesday. Mrs. Grace O'Neil arrived from Illinois Tuesday morning to visit at the L. A. Lemmon home.

Miss Ruth Morris was an Okaloosa visitor Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter De Selm from west of town visited friends in Ottumwa, Monday and Tuesday.

EDDYVILLE. Mrs. Lars Johnson, Mrs. Alfred Johnson and Mrs. Victor Johnson and son Sandberg home returned to their home in Algona, Ia., Saturday morning.

W. A. McGee was a business caller in Albia Saturday. Mrs. Elbert Epperson returned to Ottumwa Saturday after a visit here with relatives.

Bert Schriber of Centralia, Ill., who has been visiting relatives here returned home Saturday night. Mrs. J. L. Lee is at home after a visit in the country at the home of her brother Geo. Schriber.

Miss Margaret Schurf of Monroe, Ia., came Friday to spend a few days with Mrs. Katherine and Bertha Werner. Mrs. F. V. Dunkle, Mrs. Neva Candler, Mrs. S. J. Conrade and Margaret Robertson were Saturday guests at the B. O. Worner home in Ottumwa.

E. M. Johnson was an Okaloosa visitor Saturday. Miss Cloe Cawley spent Friday in Ottumwa at the home of her brother L. E. Cawley.

BLADENSBURG. Dick Hedy who is improving his farm with a fine new house has it almost ready for plastering.

Charles Steele, Ben Welper and Abner Clarkson all went over to the Skunk river fishing recently. Velma of Ottumwa came Sunday to visit at the home of her sister Mrs. Ray Green.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Humble and son John started Tuesday for Aberdeen, S. D., to visit their son and family Bert Humble.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Green, on July 24, a son, able to survive. Mrs. Frank Reno of Hedrick, formerly of this place, is very poorly, having had a stroke of apoplexy.

Austin Wymore of Ottumwa called on Yeager Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Humble of Hedrick visited Sunday with his uncle and family, Sanford Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crady was shopping in Ottumwa Monday. Mrs. Joseph Allen died July 26 at 1 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara Wheaton. She was stricken very suddenly with apoplexy and passed away before medical aid could be sent to her, where she will be buried beside her husband and children.

James Timond is on the sick list.

BOARD PROCEEDINGS. Proceedings of the board of supervisors Friday, July 10, 1914, being the seventh day of the June session. The board met pursuant to adjournment, members all present. President J. R. Stodghill in the chair. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. The transcripts of fees from the justice of the peace and coroner's courts were approved. On motion the time of hearing evidence and argument of council on the several petitions for abatement of mill tax was extended to the September session of this board. On motion the board adjourned to meet on Saturday, July 18, 1914, at 9 o'clock a. m.

J. R. Stodghill, Chairman. Attest: J. F. Stevens, Auditor.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors Saturday, July 11, 1914, being the eighth day of the June session. The board met pursuant to adjournment. Members present, H. B. Patterson and J. W. Hall, President J. R. Stodghill being absent. H. B. Patterson acting chairman. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. The following final resolution of necessity was passed:

Resolution. Whereas, on the 18th day of July, 1914, same being the date fixed therefor, the board of supervisors terminated the hearing in conformity with the public notice thereof, and passed the statutory resolution of necessity on the 18th day of July, 1914.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the board of supervisors of Wapello county, Iowa, that it now finally determine to construct the bridges and culverts described in said resolution of necessity. On motion the board adjourned to meet on Monday, August 3, 1914, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

H. B. Patterson, Chairman. Attest: J. F. Stevens, Auditor.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors, Monday, August 3, 1914, being the twelfth day of the June session. The board met pursuant to adjournment, members all present. President J. R. Stodghill in the chair. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. The day was spent in transacting miscellaneous business. On motion the board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, August 4, at 9 o'clock a. m.

J. R. Stodghill, Chairman. Attest: J. F. Stevens, Auditor.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors, Tuesday, August 4, 1914, being the thirteenth day of the June session. The board met pursuant to adjournment, members all present. President J. R. Stodghill in the chair. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. The day was spent in allowing claims and transacting other business. On motion the board adjourned to meet Wednesday, August 5, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

J. R. Stodghill, Chairman. Attest: J. F. Stevens, Auditor.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors, Wednesday, August 5, 1914, being the fourteenth day of the June session. The board met pursuant to adjournment, members all present. President J. R. Stodghill in the chair. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. The day was spent in allowing claims and transacting other business. On motion the board adjourned to meet Thursday, August 6, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

J. R. Stodghill, Chairman. Attest: J. F. Stevens, Auditor.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors, Thursday, August 6, 1914, being the fifteenth day of the June session. The board met pursuant to adjournment, members all present. President J. R. Stodghill in the chair. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. The day was spent in allowing claims and transacting other business that may come before it.

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TO EXPEND \$175,000 AT AMES COLLEGE. Ames, Aug. 8.—At its meeting in Ames this week the building and business committee of the state board of education voted to provide for the erection of the following buildings at Iowa state college as the funds become available from the special millage tax: Animal husbandry building, \$30,000. Bacteriology and zoology building, \$65,000. Hospital, \$20,000.

This recommendation will go to the next session of the legislature which must approve all proposed uses of the building tax of all three state educational institutions. The different buildings will be constructed so that they may be enlarged as the future needs demand, with the least possible change and expense.