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## What Is Coming In The Next Four Years

### A Journal Commentary Upon Some Facts That Affects Us All

The democratic administration is on trial in the great court of Public Opinion. At such times it is entirely proper for every citizen of the nation to become justly critical of his government. To be fair-minded and just is the first essential; but after this, we can not be too careful and pains-taking in our investigation, nor too keen and incisive in our judgment of the evidence; for we look to our government to protect our property, our liberty and our lives.

Until recently the Journal has refrained from criticizing the Wilson administration. It has felt that the more considerate part was to be silent regarding those matters which it could not fully approve or commend.

However, the time has arrived when it is proper to discuss the merits and shortcomings of our government at Washington. The Journal has been doing this pretty vigorously the past three or four weeks. It has made no bones of the fact that it regards the so-called eight-hour law as an indefensible act, of which the farmers of the nation are the particular victims. All attempts to defend this iniquitous law have broken down. More and more it is standing out as an outrage against the public which should really have been protected and defended by Mr. Wilson at all hazards. Yet none can say that it was committed in any spirit of deliberate ill-will. Rather it seems to have been simply a blunder due to weakness and lack of knowledge in a place where we should expect to find instead strength and wisdom.

Most of us instinctively recognize in this the great, sweeping charge that can be brought against the present administration. It has been weak and short-sighted and wavering in too many cases. Indeed, it is hard to recall many instances in which it has shown strength and sagacity—or courage. If there be an instance where firmness was shown it was in our dealings with Germany over the question of submarine warfare; and yet we cannot forget that during the precise period when this matter was being adjusted and war clouds were lowering over us, the president declared in a public speech that we were "too proud to fight." Moreover it was just at this time that the Hay Law was enacted, which so limited our army and navy as to leave us completely helpless before any other important nation of the earth; and this law had the presidents active support and approval.

Facts like these should be carefully considered by every man at present. What do they mean as to the ability of our government to defend itself and to protect its people in case the test came as it may easily come within the next four years? The test may come or not. But let us not forget this: that the world's wealth is flowing to us in unthinkable quantities; that already we have as much gold as all of Europe taken together and total wealth equal to any other two or three nations of the earth; that when the war is over the other great nations will be bankrupt but still have powerful armies and armaments while we shall be rolling in wealth but undefended and helpless; and that we are on really friendly terms with hardly one of them at present.

No, dear reader, the above is not imagination nor speculation. It is rather a list of ominous facts which we as American citizens should face fully and which should not under any condition be lost to mind while we are laying our course for the next four years.

If ever in the history of the world there was a gold-burdened nation which was a shining mark

for other predatory and powerful nations of the earth, we shall be that nation during the next four years. No reader of the Journal can question this for one short moment since it is so obvious that it can be seen through anything but total blindness.

The inevitable conclusion is that a government that is lacking in strength, courage, and wisdom will not do during the next four years. The Journal believes that all of its readers must subscribe unreservedly to this view. They may however, differ honestly as to the degree of weakness that has been shown by the Wilson administration. As to this, we should of course keep open minds until the evidence is all in. It is a topic of vital importance and will be more fully discussed in these columns within the next two weeks.

## SALE BILL SEASON IS HERE AGAIN

It's not a secret any more and the fact should be known that the Journal is getting out a splendid Sale Bill this year and is making the plain so plain that an Automobile party in passing can see that it advertises a Sale; gives its LOCATION, what is to be SOLD and the PARTY'S NAME who is offering the CHATTELS.

In other words the Journal covers the larger part of the county; is read in Nearly Every Home and enjoys the confidence of its readers. Our system gets the crowd of buyers. Sorts out the fellows that attend only for the FREE LUNCH, and brings you the practical man.—The buyer, with the Cash or Credit.

## CHARLES C. LARSON FOR COUNTY AUDITOR

To correct an error that is being circulated regarding the birthplace and residence of Mr. Charles C. Larson, the republican candidate for auditor we print his history.

Charles C. Larson was born in 1887 in Sharon township, Audubon County, Iowa. He was a son of Martin Larson, and a brother of Dora Larson, who was for a number of years Assistant Principal in the Audubon High Schools. He lived on the farm on which he was born until March 1, 1908, having farmed the home place four years for his mother, from 1904 until 1908. He took a trip to California immediately after leaving the farm to visit a brother. In August 1909 he returned to Sharon township and worked at the carpenter trade a year. Then desiring more education he took a commercial course, successfully passed civil service examination in the spring of 1911 he was appointed mail carrier on Route No. 1, out of Kimballton, in which capacity he served five years and two months, from June 1, 1911, until August 1, 1916, at which date he then resigned to enter the political field.

Mr. Larson was honorably discharged. He is a young man of fine character, public spirited, and is a believer in business efficiency and civic righteousness. He will appreciate your support at the election November 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams came up from Atlantic, Tuesday, for a week's visit with their sons, Frank and Jesse Williams.

## DRESSMAKING CLASS

Having fully recovered from sickness Mrs. Connrardy will start her class in dressmaking Monday, October, 16th. Pupils can enter at any time during the week.

## AUDUBON AND CASS CO. MEDICAL SOCIETY MET

A joint meeting of the Cass and Audubon Counties Medical Society was held in Exira, on October 11, 1916.

The first part of the program was held at the Theater Palace. Three reels on the prevention of Tuberculosis presented by Dr. Brooks, a delegate to national Society for the prevention of Tuberculosis.

A three course supper was served at the Hotel at 6 o'clock of which every one did justice.

At 7 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Dr. Childs of Audubon, President of the Audubon Medical Society.

The first paper was given by Hal-loran of Audubon, on the treatment of Lobar Pneumonia.

A paper by Dr. W S Mullins of Atlantic, on a case of Tumor of the Pituitary Body.

Paper by Dr. Mainard of Adair, on Cholera Infantum.

Paper by Dr. Jacobsen of Exira, on Quarantine.

Every paper showed the best efforts of its author and were discussed in every detail.

The doctors present: Dr. Stults Wjota; Dr. C. L. Campbell, Dr. Graham, Dr. Greenleaf, Dr. Mullins, and Dr. Becker, all of Atlantic.

Dr. Jones, of Lewis; Dr. H. E. Campbell, Dr. Adair, Dr. R. A. Beckler, of Anita, Dr. Childs, Dr. May, and Dr. Brooks, of Audubon; Dr. Soe of Kimballton, Dr. James of Elkhorst; Dr. Riley and Dr. Jacobson, of Exira.

## COMING EVENTS CAST SHADOWS BEFORE THEM

Before you get to shucking corn at your level best,

Just lay aside your troubles and take a little rest

For we're going to have some festival at Bowman don't you know?

On October 17th., that's when you are to go.

There'll be sale 'bout everything you ever heard of sellin'

Corn, apples, pumpkins, squash, and maybe a watermelon.

Yes, friendship quilt, kerchiefs, towels and aprons not a few.

Now don't be late or stay away, you'll miss it if you do.

I think this all I need to say, we'll not bring you by force,

Place? Have I forgot that. Why I A W Stewart's of course.

Ladies Aid of Bowman.

## CHECKER CHAMPION HERE MONDAY

Harry Lieberman, one of the best Checker Players in the world, will be in Exira, Monday, October 16th, under the auspices of the Exira Commercial Club.

## DANISH SISTERHOOD BAZAAR AND LUNCH

The Danish Sisterhood will hold a bazaar Saturday, October 14th, in the building formerly occupied by the Hansen Drug store in this city. Coffee, Cake and Sandwiches will be served. All are cordially invited to come and enjoy themselves with us.

Fred Arent of Fontanelle, autoped to Exira last Tuesday and spent the day with his old time friends the Williams at the restaurant.

## WATER PROSPECTS ARE NOT FLATTERING

Mr. Reynolds, the gentleman who is trying to procure a flow of water for the city, has failed to strike water for the third time.

The third well was down about seventy feet, and tested out Tuesday last with a small flow.

The drilling machine was moved to a new location Tuesday afternoon near the home of Charles Kommes where surface indications are good for water.

Every eye in the city is on that well augur for we need water and we need it badly.

The boys handling the machine are doing their best before cold weather sets in and we all wish them success.

## HENRY PETERSEN AND MOTHER TO DENVER

Mrs. H P Petersen and son Henry, left last week for Denver, where the latter will receive treatment from an Indian doctor for diabetes, he having a backset the first of the week. In a letter to his father, Henry says that we all ought to feel proud that we reside in Iowa.

## AUDUBON COUNTY HOME OF GOOD HOGS

Mr. Nels C Jensen of Oakfield Center Stock Farm, took the blue ribbon at the Omaha Hog Exhibition last week with his Junior Yearling, over all competitors.

This was the same hog that took first at the Iowa State Fair a few weeks ago, winning over all exhibit in his class.

It is a remarkably fine hog and Audubon County feels proud to have such stock in its territory.

Mr. Seever of Roxa, won Championship on Boar, and Sow and first on herd.

These two gentlemen, Jensen and Seever, are bringing Audubon County in high repute with their fine stock and are attracting buyers from other states.

There were fourteen hundred entries of the different breeds in this show. Missouri had many contestants but Audubon County Iowa, "Showed Them."

## NELS L. BECK INVENTED TWO USEFUL ARTICLES

Mr. Nels L. Beck of this city has invented two articles that farmers cannot afford to get along without.

One is an animal Catcher by which Cattle or Hogs can be caught held by one hand and the Snouter can be used by the other.

The Snouter fixes the hogs nose so that it puts a stop to his rooting up the clover pasture or any thing else that he may choose to destroy.

The same instrument can be used to put an everlasting mark in the ears of cattle or hogs or sheep. This office is getting out an explanatory pamphlet which Mr. Beck will send for the asking. A card will bring you one. Testimonials are in the book of men you know who will gladly answer any question you may ask regarding them. One says he "would not part with his for \$25.00 if he could not get another."

While Judy Young was pounding some nails one day last week, a nail slipped and struck his eye, on which a cataract had been growing and seemed to completely remove the cataract. He had been intending to have the growth removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the telephone man and wife moved into the George Paige house.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN GREEN

Audubon County Journal Exira, Iowa.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of an open letter which Mr. Joseph F Beh, Chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee, is sending to Judge Green this afternoon. You are at liberty to make use of it in the columns of your paper and it occurs to me that it would be proper as a news item.

Yours very truly,  
John C. Pryor

The officers of the Democratic Congressional Committee are Joseph F. Beh, Harlan Chairman, Frank H. Binder, Council Bluffs Secretary, Committeeman for Audubon County is John I. Hensley, Exira Harlan, Iowa.

October 10, 1916.

Hon W. R. Green,

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

In a recent editorial in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, under the caption, "GREEN WAS USUALLY RIGHT," attention is called to the fact that you, with a large majority of the House Republicans, voted for the ADAMSON BILL; and that the Republican Senators, including Cummins and Kenyon, voted against it. The editorial then goes on as follows.

"The House members had little choice in the matter. The administration wanted the bill passed and seemed willing to assume responsibility for it. The action of the House members was based on the question of whether they were in favor of or opposed to a strike. There was no choice to amend or substitute some other plan of settlement. In voting for the measure the House Republicans voted against a strike. By the time the measure reached the Senate the Republicans had got a grip on themselves and had reached the conclusion that the measure was not correct in principle. They, therefore, lined up against it.

The voters of this district would like to know whether or not this editorial expresses your sentiments in reference to the so-called "EIGHT HOUR LAW." Has it generally been your principle to vote for a measure merely because "the Administration wanted it passed and seemed willing to assume responsibility for it?" Was the action of the Republicans in the House, including yourself, based principally "on the question of whether they were in favor of or opposed to a strike," as the Nonpareil says, and not upon the merits of the claim of the Railway employees?

Is it your view that the Republicans in the Senate voted against the bill because they were in favor of a strike?

The Nonpareil says that our Iowa Senators "had got a grip on themselves" and had concluded that the bill was bad. You have now had a much longer time to consider it than they had when they "got a grip on themselves." Is it now your view that the bill was bad and that your vote, which the Nonpareil says was cast to accommodate the Administration, was too hasty and ill-considered, and do you now regret that you voted for the measure?

Respectfully yours,  
Jcs. F Beh  
Chairman,  
Democratic Congressional Committee  
Ninth District of Iowa.

## PUBLIC SALES

Martin D. Nelson at residence in West Exira, on Friday October 20, commencing at 1 o'clock.

Williams and Lyle at Audubon, Iowa, Monday October 16. A choice offering of Hereford Cattle.

Dim Rieff will offer his farm at Auction Monday, October 16th. Whether you buy or not you are invited to be present.

## ANDERSEN CAR UPSET MR. ANDERSEN INJURED

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Andersen and family who live north of Exira, while on their return home from town last Thursday, had the misfortune to capsize their car in which they were riding. Mrs. Andersen and children escaped with slight injury while Mr. Andersen had many ligaments torn loose in one of his arms.

## SENIORS HELD PICNIC IN ATHLETIC PARK

The School Seniors held a picnic reverie in Athletic Park Friday night and they indulged in many new and useful plays of fifty years ago. A very popular one we noticed was something about some "old maids skating on the ice." The animation put into the exercise could easily be heard six blocks away. Perhaps this was because of the fine moonlight night. Anyway the youngsters enjoyed themselves and that's what we like to see.

## WILLIE PEPPER'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

About fifty friends and neighbors of Willie Peppers met at his home north of town last Thursday evening in commemoration of his twenty seventh birthday anniversary. The evening was a fine one and those present had a delightful time. A fine luncheon was served at the conclusion of the meeting with roasted waffles in the bill of fare.

## IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Wednesday night of last week M. T. Foley received a severe injury to his left leg that will probably leave him a cripple for the remainder of his life. He had spent the day at work on his farm, returning home in the evening. After placing his auto in the garage, he ate his supper, after which he started down town to attend to some business. It seems that during Mr. Foley's absence, the paving gang had cut out the cement sidewalk and part of the steps leading to the Foley home and dug a trench about two feet deep for the curbing. As the night was dark, and no signal displayed Mr. Foley fell into the trench rupturing the under side of his left knee and injuring his back and neck. The physician who attended him placed the limb in a plaster cast and it will be six or more weeks before the extent of the injury can be determined. This is indeed a very unfortunate accident for Mr. Foley, as at this time of the year he has a great deal of work to look after. All trust that the outcome will be better than is now anticipated.

## OMAHA DID HERSELF PROUD

Last week Omaha celebrated the first Fifty years of her Statehood. Invitations were out for everybody to come and help celebrate. The evening of October fourth was the electrical display and it was one of the Grandest pageants ever prepared without doubt.

Five blocks of arches and columns, over 12000 incandescents lights illumined the thoroughfare. The floats were based on Shakespeare's plays.

Seventeen bands and good ones too, were in the procession. Every member of each band did his best and their music was fine.

The spectacle was one of exquisite grandeur and worth anyone's time to attend. Ak Sar Ben.