OBSERVATIONS.

Got the grip yet?

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Now is the time to sell wheat.

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The river is rising higher each day.

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Remember when the sun used to shine?

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Fishworms have come up out of the ground: Spring.

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Not many city butchers are complaining of no profits now.

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Two inch rains in February are not exactly common occurences.

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Old Man Winter evidently decided he didn't want to hurry away.

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Starving the enemy is probably one of the cruelest forms of warfare.

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Pleasant Hill, where a lynching occurred this week, belies its name.

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The average boy considers a bathtub a positive household menace.

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Pa Davis says that rain and snow, now, is the best thing for the soil and crops.

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The state government pays one-half the cost of condemned cattle killed and the federal government one-half. The foot and mouth disease is always prevalent in Europe.

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It is said there are only 40 joints in Wichita, 40 in Leavenworth, 25 in Atchison.

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Submarines, submarines, please go away; Uncle Sam wants to send his ships away.

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Made out your income tax report yet? At least 50 market men will have to pay.

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In some of the cities the women now ship in jitneys. The jitneys will go anywhere directed and respond to phone calls.

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One of the most famous designers of womens clothing, known as a fashion creator, is in the French army. Maybe he'll get what is coming to him. You know what Gen. Sherman said war is.

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F. L. Killam, 50 years old, Winfield, Kan., owner of 1,400 acres of land, is dead.

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Poetic diggers say that the ground is thoroly soaked for the first time in 3 years.

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Farmers say this last rain and snow soaked into the ground and will help wheat wonderfully.

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"Evelyn should have learned to swim" said a man after hearing of her sinking in the North Sea.

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The price of gasoline has taken another drop, according to announcement of the Standard Oil Co.

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It is rather difficult to write "heavy stuff" in a light editorial room, such as The Journal now has.

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Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, has had her leg amputated. She says she will act on an artificial limb.

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A number of contracts to buy unborn calves at $25 to $30 a head next fall delivery, have been made in Texas.

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Farmers living near Minneapolis, Kas., pay $1,25 a month each on the salary of the county farm demonstrator.

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Frost leaving the ground makes country roads too muddy for teams. The farmers all ride horseback to town.

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Thirteen men of the crew of the steamer Evelyn, sunk in the North Sea, are missing. Bounds unlucky for somebody.

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The question, however, is this: Is the weather man too free with the moisture now? Will he have any left for next summer?

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St. Joseph is simply too small to hold all of Mike Moran's oratory. It's gilt edged oratory and worthy of wider circulation, anyway.

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Rev. Herbert Booth, son of the late Commander Booth, of the Salvation Army, is conducting a 2 weeks mission meeting in Atchison.

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Robert Hodges reports to the Rose Corn club at Palestine, Tex., that he grew 141⅝ bushels of corn to the acre last year, which exceeds the records of 3 previous years, to which Anderson county held the state record.

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The extension division of the University of Kansas has circulated over 6,000 package libraries during the calendar year.

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A Missouri editor would like to know if it is a reflection on his paper when a subscriber pays a year in advance with a bad dollar.

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Over 200 high schools have joined the Kansas Debating League, organized by the extension division of the University of Kansas.

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We may all be thankful that we live under the Stars and Stripes, even those who have to wear the stripes and never see the stars.

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A stockman respectfully asks if the public welfare officers who gad about making speeches in other cities could not be kept busy at home?

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Anyway this jitney business has given people who never before had a chance to ride in a motor car, an opportunity to do so for a nickel.

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The Kansas legislature is trying to knock out the 25c river bridge steal. If a foot passenger can walk over for 5c, why should a passenger pay 5 times as much to ride across the river?

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It has been estimated by an august statistician that there is a rat for every person in the United States. There used to be one rat for every third soul, but we had an idea that the population had decreased lately.

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There is nothing significant in the report that the cities Troll river near the brewery got so hot that the ice melted out the day following the passage of the county option bill by the state senate. Did the ice did go out.—Fortham, Mich. Bulletin.

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A Mr. Cloud woman found one of the terrors in her home a "mass of flames." She put out the fire, then remembered the fire department. That is just like a woman. Now a man would have let the house burn down while he was telephoning the firemen all about it.

'TIS AGREED THAT POOR ALECK SHOULD WORK

Poor Mrs. Gladys Gair of Pittsburg, Pa., is very unhappy since her boy Aleck, and it's too bad. Aleck will not work. Moreover, he has run away with and married a young girl. Without his pure income, and Mrs. Gair feels that she is not able let him start for himself, which means shifting for the bills, too. It's this way, in your Mrs. Gair's own words.

"Every wish of Alexander's has been gratified since he was a baby. He grew weakly of his studies. He contracted the habit of cigarette smoking and we neither knew nor of it. He would not settle down to business, but lived like a prince. Yet we had not anxious for marrying without some visible means of support except our check book."

Of course, we want to help this poor mother. Our advice is that she mention anything that Alexander does. He has been brought up to it. When Mrs. Gair gratified Aleck's every wish and prohibited for him being like a prince, she laid the foundation for the cigarette, the unsettled business conditions, the crime of marrying a girl, or any other thing, and she must not object if Aleck's only visible means of support continues to be her check book. Mothers who start in the cradle to raise their boys as lilies must not complain if, at maturity or thereabouts, the boys innocently plunge into the horrors of moneyless matrimony.

It is perfectly natural and, hence, right that Aleck, having had every wish gratified since babyhood, should look upon a wife as just another of the little gratifications that's up to mother. How, indeed, could and why should Aleck like a prince without a wife and invisible means of support?

We really wish that we could aid Mrs. Gair in curing Alexander of his carefully nurtured short-coming. Wouldn't it help if he gave up Gaity like a prince and went to work? Maybe work is the very thing. We recommend work.—Wichita Beacon.

AUTO EXHAUST FUMES TO KILL PRAIRIE DOGS

In a recent automobile magazine is an authentic story of how an automobile owner killed the prairie dogs on his farm. He attached a short piece of rubber hose to the exhaust on his car and drove slowly thru the prairie dog town, stopping and sticking the hose down each hole he came to until the fumes from the exhaust filled the hole. Before driving away from the holes he would cover each one with a small pile of dirt. In 2 minutes the fumes from the engine exhaust would kill the prairie dogs.—Optimist.

Prophecies for 1915

A new rival has risen to seek the laurels of Mme. Du Thebes, the prophetess of gloom and disaster. Dr. Elmer Eugene Croft, of New Haven, is the newcomer at the wailing place, and he outgloms and outdisasters Mme. Du Thebes with considerable extent. He has been preparing, he says, 25 years for the events to come in 1915. Below he gives his forecast, adduced, he says, from the "Pathagorean" code.

The year of 1915 is a cycle of fulfilment. Cycles, epochs, eons are rounded out. Chronological orders are completed and the unveiling of new systems in the world will begin. The chronology of creation ended with the deluge. The chronology of covenant ended with the exile of Moses. The chronology of Judges ended with the disruption of the kingdom. The chronology of the Christian Era ends with a world war. Europe is the world of old. America is the world's hope.

To say the present war proves the failure of Christianity and of civilization is as absurd as it is ignorant. It is the outbreaking of hell. It has shed rivers of blood in Christian lands, and its nations are purified. The greatest war of the world is at hand. This is the end of militarism, commercialism, oil petroleum and monopolistic combinations. With 1915 the cities of the nations will open and complaints will arise all letters and some more and customs and rise to a new expression.

Predicts Kaiser's Death.

The present war will go on. It will be a worldwide war. All the nations in the hemisphere is to be involved. This will cause the cities to tumble. The Western Hemisphere will take the part in the world's tragedy. The Emperor of Germany will not live to see the end of this war, and the crown prince is in fatal environment. Germany will take on a new form of political life, formerly contemplated and he shall changed. Kaiser will not be greatly in the wrong, since of great loss, part of each and other. Holland will be prosperity. Portugal is another great monarchy. Look for England to lose her supremacy on the sea.

France will prove a most important part in ending the war. There will come wonderful events in the closing days. France will not consider indemnity as a factor for peace, but demand restitution. Germany is not to be the whole cost of millions. Hungary and Italy will bring agency to America. It will be for a strong arbitration. Russia will play a leading part in the war drama. Look for a new proposition of government in the Far East.

Let the United States Remain

The American people will not be so much disturbed. Congress will be more or "Independent" with the administration. There is a good deal of American now at the head of this government. Bill speaks. This would change a Cabinet and at least International complications will come to come and with this nation being center in Mexico. Mexico should receive crisis come in the first half of the year. Allies sympathizers will exchanges inevitable. There will be national disruptions in the early part of the year. Look for much political intrigue.

In the first half of the year, the expect months are the last half of January, the early part of March and of April, the last half of May and a July of fire and tornadoes. Disasters will be very conducive to January and March. Look for the assassination of Japan and the assassination of Italy Omaha. Crime will increase. Look for a national conspiracy that will kill many famous names. This means the seeking on the part of man to commercialize the great medium almost defying the national government.

A Tough Business Outlook

The tendering of conciliatory offers on the part of Mexico, Germany and those of the Kaiser's or regimes in the Christian world will be ignored by the powers of war. The Pope's peace will be appreciated in the interests of humane.

Our government will suffer public and commercial. He will be up against legislation. Certain lines of business will greatly prosper, but rather to the depression of others. Look for many failures and readjustments. Manufacture will be much discouraged. It is a crisis of transition. The first four months of the new year will be hard for public men in our government. Our president does not escape danger. Also among kings of finance there will be sudden passing away.

It will be a great year for farming interests. Abundant crops, high markets. The west will be troubled with too much rain, while the south will have to guard against drouth. The year will be one of wonderful fruit bearing. There will be immense demands for produce. It will also be an excellent year for animal raising. There will be a rising market for all kinds of live stock. A tremendous demand for horses and live stock, land and farming will increase in value. Farms will be in great demand in 1916.

OIL OR GASOLINE ENGINES ON FARM

Some form of power, other than man or horse, to do the smaller jobs about the farm is becoming very common. It is now a matter of choice of what form of mechanical power rather than of whether or not to get that power. The small gasoline engine has proved itself a very worthy servant. Gasoline, however, is becoming expensive. Crude oil, distillate and kerosene engines are also on the market. These fuels are cheaper. The operation of small engines on crude oil is still in the experiment of state. Engines in the size of 10 h. p. and larger are operated very successfully. These engines are sold with the latest complicated systems of valves and electric ignition.

Distillate engines are made in small sizes than the crude oil engines but they cost no more and are more economical in fuel costs than needed for the same or the gasoline farm engine. They are operated the same as gasoline engines. Kerosene or coal oil is used to started an engine and then switched to distillate. They are operated successfully in small sizes. Various kinds of fuel are however, considered to work in engines. There is no simple formula to select the fuel for a farm engine. Each case should be considered by itself. Consult the dealer and the agent.

PLEASE EXPLAIN MEANING OF "FEDERAL" WARFARE

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UNITED STATES IS NO DANGER OF SHORTAGE OF FOOD

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JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEB. FARMERS BEEF HORSES

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ADVISES VULCANIZING AUTO TIRES AT HOME

Many old auto and bicycle tires are thrown away before they are worn out, because apparently they are not worth the expense of repair. This feeling comes from our inability to vulcanize them ourselves, as we feel that to "vulcanize" is something intricate, and hence a ban is placed upon repair work at home. This should not be, for the process is a very simple one and consists in cleaning the defective parts thoroly, filling in the break with raw rubber mixed with certain chemicals and heating the part at a temperature of about 300 degrees, for about 15 or 20 minutes.

Small vulcanizing outfits may be had at moderate prices so that repairs may be made at home.—Fred G. Fersen, Colorado Agricultural College.

The jitney service in Topeka is advertised in the papers by jitney owners. Cars run night or day, anywhere. 25c for one passenger, 5c each for 2 or 3 passengers.

Farms for Sale
by Booher & Williams

The Jefferies farm of 160 acres adjoining Nodaway Station. This land is rolling but rich and productive, well fenced and cross fenced, well watered, good 10-room house, barn and other outbuildings. No. 1900

Good 120 acre farm 1 mile west and ½ mile north of Rea, well fenced, well watered, good 5-room house, barn, chicken house and other outbuildings. No. 1867

Good 120 acre farm on High Prairie, southeast of Watsonville. Good 7-room house, barn 32x40, hog house, buggy and wagon house and windmill. No. 1868

Fine, rich valley farm of 165 acres near Avalon City, about 8 miles from St. Joseph, good barn, cheap outbuildings. This farm is very productive. No. 1874

One of the best stock and grain farms in Andrew county of 189 acres, 4 miles north and 4 miles east of Savannah, 120 acres of rich, productive bottom land, balance of land is rolling and very productive, well watered, well fenced and cross fenced, good 8-room house, good barn and other outbuildings, all in high state of cultivation. This farm is well worth the money and can be bought for $100 per acre. No. 1890

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A splendid good 120 acre farm, 3 miles south of Savannah, good house, good barn, good chicken house and other outbuildings, well watered and well fenced. This place is worth $100 per acre but can be bought for $90 per acre. No. 1891

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One of the finest farms in Andrew county, 4 miles east of Savannah, good house, good barn, good chicken house and other outbuildings, well watered and well fenced. This place is worth $100 per acre but can be bought for $90 per acre. No. 1892