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CHAS. P. SUTHERS,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fifteenth day of October, 1915.

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My commission expires May 31, 1917.

What has become of the cologne, meaning Teddy?

And it didn't erupt—a lot of childish foolishness about "High P." and other less known celebrities.

The "jimmy" is particularly busy. When the "jimmy" is busy it behaves real citizens to be wide-awake and watchful. Keep your eye on the "jimmy" because past experience proves that it is ever on the job against the best interests of the voters of Union county. Remember that it disfranchised you in the last election.

Hon. Champ Clark, speaker of the national house of representatives, passed through Clayton Thursday noon. About eight hundred people met the train and gave the great Missourian a rousing welcome. Mr. Clark made a short address from the train platform, speaking about six minutes. His greatest remark, and the one that appealed most to his audience, was "I don't care whether you like him or not, but Woodrow Wilson amounts to more to the American people today than all the crowned heads of Europe put together." Nobody can dispute that statement.

**American Optimism**

Addressing the Daughters of the American Revolution Monday, President Wilson said:

"Living in the easy prosperity of a free people, we did not realize how hard the task of liberty is and how rare the privilege is and men would be drawn out of every climate and out of every race because of an irresistible attraction of their spirits to the American ideal. They came to remind us of what we had promised ourselves and through ourselves had promised mankind. All men came to us and said, 'Where is the bread of life with which you promised to feed us, and have you partaken of it yourselves?'"

We Americans are affirmers. We have faith—in man, faith in life, faith in the world, and if not wholly an old-time faith in a God, then a new-time faith in the moral direction of the universe and in a moral justification for our own existence. With President Wilson, we have faith in the purpose and the future of the American republic, its ideals and its energy, its strength and its ultimate success.

Emerson was our supreme affirmer and others after him have contributed their testimony to the same effect, among them President Wilson has developed into a great, spiritual

affirmer, and the people are recognizing in him an expression of their own unexpressed, heretofore largely unrecognized, ideals.

The reason that Browning and George Merideth met with more recognition in their life-time here than in their home across the sea was because Americans responded to their optimistic affirmations, as a sadder if not wiser Europe could not.

Our national mood is different from Europe's, whether the latter be English, Russian, French, Italian or Scandinavian. It is because of that difference largely that people of those countries come here. They have no adequate idea of just what they like about this country, but they know in a general way that they have opportunities for equality and individual justice here not found in the older countries.

That some of those who come here should not be entirely in sympathy with American ideals is to be expected. President Wilson referred to this phase when he said in his address:

"There have been some among us who have not thought first of America; who have thought to use the might of America in some matter not of America's originative, and they have forgotten that the first duty of a nation is to express its principles in the action of the family of nations and not to seek to aid and abet any rival or contrary ideal.

"Neutrality is a negative word. It is a word that does not express what American ought to feel. America has a heart, and that heart throbs with all sorts of intense sympathies, but America has schooled its heart to love the things that America believes in and it ought to devote itself only to the things that America believes in, and believing that America stands apart in its ideals, it ought not to allow itself to be drawn, so far as its heart is concerned, into anybody's quarrel. Not because it does not understand the quarrel; not because it does not in its head assess the merits of the controversy, but because America has promised the world she will to stand apart and maintain certain principles of action which are grounded in law and in justice, we are now trying to keep out of trouble."

But in time the melting pot will do its work, and those who now feel more attachment for their former home than their present one will see more clearly the things in which America excels.

We Americans, don't know what despair is; we do not reckon with disillusion. Pippa's father is ours: "God's in heaven,

All's right with the world."

—Albuquerque Journal.

**The Editor Soliloquizes**

When a dearly loved subscriber writes to us in irate vein: "Stop the paper, never send the vile sheet to my home again," we just puff our sweet old corn cob, and we stroke the office cat; editors don't have no feelings—never mind—we're used to that.

When a typographical error sometimes creeps in by mistake, and our friends rush up and tell us what a first-rate ass we'd make, we just overlook THEIR errors, never giving til for tat; editors are pachydermic, and—Oh well, we're used to that.

When our advertisers cancel, telling us the sheet's no good; when our subscribers choose to pay us in tomatoes or cord wood, well, we simply grin and bear it, though it leaves us rather flat; editors can exist somehow—somehow we get used to that.

When your daughter's graduation, or her wedding day comes round, you expect the kind of write-ups that in adjectives abound, do you ever stop to thank us, though 'tis done with great "eclat," that's what editors are there for, and—Oh well! We're used to that.

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G. G. GRANVILLE

C. P. Talbot of the Pennington & Talbot Real Estate Company, left the first of the week for Albuquerque to attend the state fair. Mr. Talbot and Dr. Oibeter have charge of the Union county exhibit at Albuquerque, and they can be depended on to show old Union up in the best shape.

Attorney O. P. Easterwood left the first of the week for Albuquerque, to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of New Mexico. Mr. Easterwood is an officer of the Grand Lodge and is advancing toward the Grand Mastership in his regular term.

Mrs. Harry C. Thompson returned Thursday from Trinidad, where she has been employed on one of the daily papers of that city. We understand Mrs. Thompson has resumed her duties at the Citizen office.

Charles Wilkerson of Patterson, spent Monday in Clayton.