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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Pity me not. I am happier than you; for I am fighting to be free.—Francis Marion.

Plattsmouth property offered for sale finds ready purchasers. Many newcomers are locating in our city.

This paper does not believe the Fuller telephone bill will help the telephone business to any great extent.

State appropriations now asked for amounts to the enormous sum of \$11,000,000. Don't this make the taxpayers of Nebraska shudder? It ought to if it don't.

The legislature should increase the salary of the governor and let it go at that on the salary-raising question. The governor's salary never was what it ought to have been.

Many new residences are contemplated for the ensuing season. The music of the saw and hammer has been heard all through winter, consequently it will not prove much of an attraction when the building season properly opens.

There is one paper out in the west part of the county that has already raised a howl against the county jail. But, thank the Lord, the paper nor the fellow who makes such a public attempt to publish it has very much influence either one way or the other.

Prejudice should be thrown aside when it comes to the jail proposition. Twelve thousand dollars is a very small sum to build a jail that will be safe in which to keep prisoners. Think what a saving a new jail would be to the taxpayers of Cass county.

Toting around revolvers is not a very healthy business these days if you are caught in so doing. The statute enacted two years ago provides that whoever shall carry a concealed weapon, such as pistol, bowie-knife, revolver, dirk, metal knuckles or other dangerous weapon, shall, on conviction, be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding two years. An exception is made under the law, however, in favor of any one who is engaged in any lawful business, calling or employment, and is placed in such circumstances as would justify a prudent person in carrying a weapon for the defense of his person, property or family.

The passage of the bill in the house of representatives to print the constitutional amendments in pamphlet form and send them out, in preference to publication in the newspapers is a direct insult to every democratic editor in Nebraska, and we hope to see the bill defeated in the senate. There are but precious few democratic papers in the state that are making anything over a bare living, and the publication of the amendments once every two years comes to them as a God-send, and it is outrageous to take the patronage that belongs to them and give it to some Lincoln print shop that is an enemy to the party. No wonder the democratic party is in the minority in Nebraska.

Governor Morehead is having the time of his life in trying to please all-comers. It is a safe proposition that he does not succeed, and in his effort to do his duty he does not care whether he does or not. Do your duty, Governor, as you see the way, and we have the utmost faith you will be all right with the genuine common people.

The newspaper publishers are all right before the election, but after once inducted into office, the men whom they supported soon forget the part they had taken to elevate him to his present position. There is one thing certain, the democratic papers of Nebraska, generally, get the worst of it from their own party friends—they forget services rendered.

Commercial clubs in every city in Nebraska are waking up to their local interests, and they comment extensively upon what the Plattsmouth Commercial club has done. Plattsmouth has been placed very prominently on the map of Nebraska, and we want to see it remain there. Every citizen can help to do it, and they should all "buckle on their armor", and fight for Plattsmouth and her interests.

A Duluth, Minn., carpenter has been left a legacy of \$3,000,000 by the death of an uncle in England. When he received the news of the legacy, he is reported to have said: "I am 46 years old, have a wife and two children, together with a modest home, and I have learned to be contented with a poor man's lot. Ten years ago I would have welcomed the fortune. Now I fear it is going to spoil my happiness."

A farmer remarked to us the other day that it is more comfortable to travel over the roads now than it was 25 or 30 years ago in this part of the country. The observation is correct, but it must be borne in mind that more money is being expended on our roads and better methods of making roads are in vogue now. Slipshod methods of road making have given way to scientific methods and better roads are the result.

Men may make mistakes and yet have the best of motives. One may have a conviction that this or that is clearly for the best interests of his city, only to ascertain that the consensus of opinion and the common judgment does not bear him out and that, unintentionally, he has done more harm than good. Such a result should neither condemn him in the opinion of those of opposing views nor, submitting to the verdict of the majority, expect him to change his own view, if he cannot honestly do so.

We are not a knocker, to say the least, but we do like to receive all that is coming to us. That is all we demand, and should receive. Some people who run and are elected to office seem to think that it is the duty of the newspaper editors to support them, whether we want to or not. This is anything but a duty, and they are mistaken. This paper has been democratic at all times and under all circumstances, but it makes one who has been so faithful to the cause of the party and individuals representing the same tired "to have it rubbed in," when they have an opportunity to lend a helping hand otherwise.

LEGISLATION FOR MERCHANTS.

Nebraska business men, especially those engaged in the mercantile business, from time to time have found it difficult to get greatly needed legislation through the legislature or past the veto of the governor. An important measure along this line asked by the retail merchants two years ago, was vetoed and the same bill is now pending with only a fair prospect of its going through.

What is true in this regard in Nebraska seems to be true in other states as well. There seems to be an unwarranted and uncalled-for suspicion that because merchants are asking better protection in their credit that they are seeking to impose some hardship on someone else, when the fact is that no honest man would get anything but helpfulness out of the legislation asked for.

In Kansas there has been this year, a concerted effort made to get two or three bills of importance through that legislature. One of them was their bulk sales bill; this passed the committee of the whole in the Kansas house by a good majority, but when it came to final passage, the opponents of the bill beat it by one vote. A garnishment law is also being worked for in Kansas, but this is receiving the usual opposition that comes from those who would purposely escape payment of just obligations or those who are ignorantly afraid that someone is going to be injured if a merchant gets added relief in securing payment for goods sold by him.—Lincoln Trade Review.

Mrs. Florence Gamble, who styles herself "the champion heartbreaker of Iowa," has finally been lodged in jail for failing to put up a thousand-dollar bond to answer the charge of using the mails to defraud. Mrs. Gamble's little scheme was to send a photograph, and as she was unusually good-looking, she succeeded in entrapping large numbers of men. To ask for money in order to prepare her trousseau was easy, and the postoffice was soon burdened with loving missives. She caught a man in at least every state in the Union, and if she had operated through the express offices, she could have escaped, but unfortunately she chose the postoffice. However, she accepted her sentence with the utmost sang froid, laughed at the United States marshal who arrested her and smiled at the jailer when he turned the key upon her. She declares that all men are fools and that it is the easiest thing in the world to humbug them. She has a husband and three children in Boone, Iowa, and when she was arrested and taken to Des Moines she smilingly kissed them all around, waved her husband a fond adieu and bade him be of good cheer. Such a wife is worth having.

A VAST DIFFERENCE.

The Lincoln Journal pretends to find a far departure from the legislative action two years ago, requiring a 35 per cent affirmative popular vote to adopt a constitutional amendment submitted by initiative petition, in a recent action of the lower house of the present session. The house passed favorably by unanimous vote, on a proposed constitutional amendment providing that a majority of the votes cast on the question shall suffice to adopt a constitutional amendment submitted by the legislature.

There is, of course, a world of difference. A constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition stands in a very different light from an amendment submitted by the legislature. When an amendment is submitted by the legislature opportunity has been given for its careful consideration and discussion by the legislature. It has been considered first by a standing

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committee of one house, then in committee of the whole of that house before passage. Then it has been considered by the standing committee and committee of the whole of the other house. If any differences have developed between the two houses it has been considered finally by a joint committee and gone back to both houses for a final vote. There has been opportunity for full discussion, for careful study, for amendments and changes. When both houses finally agree on the amendment and submit it to the people it is reasonably sure that it is a well-considered constitutional amendment on which the people are asked to vote—and the people have had the benefit of all the legislative discussion, as re-

ported in the newspapers, to enable them to form an intelligent opinion of its merits. It is altogether different with a constitutional amendment submitted by initiative petition. Nobody has had an opportunity to amend the initiated amendment. It has been discussed and passed on by no public, official body. It has not "been put through the mill." It may represent the wishes and ideas of only a few "leaders" and a comparatively small portion of the voters. Yet there is danger that such an amendment, possibly "half-baked," poorly put together, injudicious and unnecessary, if not positively harmful, might be adopted by default in a popular election.

Even the legislature has made serious mistakes, after the fullest opportunity for consideration—as note the biennial election amendment submitted by the last legislature, and adopted by the people without thought or investigation. How much greater is the danger of mistake with an initiative amendment that nobody has considered except those who first drafted it and started the petitions going! For this reason it is wisely provided that initiated constitutional amendments must poll at least 35 per cent of the popular vote to carry. The necessity does not exist for a similar requirement in the case of amendments submitted by the legislature.—World-Herald.

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