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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Why should we wear black for the guests of God?—Ruskin.

St. Patrick's day next Monday. Get ready to celebrate.

Good government is democratic government. Watch us "point with pride" to the administration of President Wilson.

The residence of State Auditor W. B. Howard was burned in Omaha Sunday about noon, while the family were at church. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, with an insurance of \$4,000.

According to the weather bureau at Washington, springtime weather, with fair skies and normal temperature, is promised for this week to all sections of the country.

If any two of the numerous factions in Mexico could ever agree long enough to formulate a plan of action, there might be some hope of enforced peace in that country eventually.

They are now using eggs to disperse the suffragettes in England. Eggs are too high in American to waste in that kind of a manner, unless they are very stale and condemned by the food inspector.

Don't let anything deter you in booming for Plattsmouth. If you are a resident of this city you certainly have its prosperity at heart. The man who makes his home in this town is not loyal to the community if he is not favorable to all that is good for the town, for

It seems like a joke to learn of anti-trust laws in New Jersey. But they have them good and strong, and they were recommended by President Wilson while he was governor of that state. This is sufficient to convince the public how he will stand on the trust business as president of the United States.

President Wilson will take a hand himself in framing legislation with congress. With the cooperation of party leaders in the house and senate, he proposes to work over tariff, currency and other important measures, even before they are introduced and to lend the weight of the administration to the support of the bills.

The jail proposition has been hanging fire for a long time. The old shack that has been used for jail purposes is a disgrace to the county. Every sensible voter acknowledges we need the structure badly, to save the money we pay other counties for keeping our prisoners. Then why not support the \$12,000 proposition and be done with it?

Carl G. Fricke will be a candidate for re-election to the office of city treasurer. Carl has certainly made good, and if competency counts for anything he should certainly be re-elected.

President Wilson evidently is not in favor of neoplatonism. He has notified the various departments that he will not endorse the appointment of any of his relatives for positions. Woodrow believes in "cutting out" relatives, and we believe he is right about it, too.

Let's all wear a green badge next Monday in honor of St. Patrick.

Matters are arranging themselves for Plattsmouth's biggest year yet.

Who will be the next chief of police? Don't put in a man who hasn't the courage to do his duty.

While the hiking suffers didn't help their cause much, they should have improved their health on the open road.

Everything that is good for Plattsmouth benefits every citizen who owns a home here or even contemplates buying a home in the future.

Someone has proposed a law against the onion, which is strong enough to take care of itself, so we refuse to rally to its support.

Only about eighteen days more and the pay for the legislators will stop, and after that time expires, the members will not tarry long in Lincoln.

The many real estate transfers made so far this month shows that Cass county farms are changing hands even at the high figures they have reached.

Burglars have grown so bold in Chicago that they even rob the sheriff's office. Next thing you know they will steal the news agencies and sent out censored reports of their crimes.

The fact that Cass county had no jail worthy of the name cost something like a thousand dollars. This being the amount it took to hold desperate criminals from this county in Omaha and Lincoln.—Nehawka News.

Vice President Marshall remarks that the room assigned him is like a monkey cage without the peanuts. Mr. Marshall has not promised to be as silent officially as some of his predecessors have been.

To get a new jail for Cass county it will cost a taxpayer with a thousand dollars' worth of property just 30 cents and one with ten thousand dollars' worth of taxable property \$3.00. This, remember, is paid in one year, and that settles the whole business.

The "Made in Nebraska" show in Omaha is a commendable one, and thousands of visitors from various sections of the state declare it one of the greatest stunts ever pulled off in the metropolis. It is another demonstration of the fact that Omaha never does things by the halves.

Missouri has joined the states whose legislatures have ratified the amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct popular vote. This is likely to be the XVIIIth amendment to the constitution. Legislatures seem to be approving it as fast as it can be reached.

Illinois is now without representation in the United States senate. No one has been elected to fill Lorimer's place, and Senator Cullom's term expired on the 4th of March. The legislature has failed so far to select a successor to either one, and no doubt the governor will at least name a man for the short term, and he will be a democrat.

President Wilson lets the office-seekers understand that the door to the White house is for circulation of air and not for candidates.

In an address before a meeting of a Federation of Commercial clubs at Moberly, Mo., a few days ago, a farmer admitted that the farmers of this country are the most independent class on earth, and said "they are getting so d—d independent that we can't do anything with them." The fact is, they have seen the time when they were under obligations to the other fellows, and now the other fellows are compelled to take some of their own medicine.

It is preposterous to even think of the large taxpayers voting down the \$12,000 jail proposition for the privilege of saddling upon themselves a debt of \$250,000 or \$300,000 for the removal of the county seat, when we boast of one of the prettiest and most substantial court houses in the state of Nebraska, or any other state, for that matter. The big farmers are not in the habit of voting a debt of which they will be called upon to pay the biggest portion.

And ex-President Taft retired smiling, feeling, no doubt, that the American people have been kind to him. Which is true, surely, for he has held office since he was 21. And the people will remember that kindly smile, although they voted him down cheerfully and in no uncertain manner; even as they disagree, they will remember Taft as a man with courage of his convictions, and a game loser. And those are qualities all people admire.

The Nehawka News, in giving an account of the meeting of the suffragists of that town, says: "Clippings were read from various newspapers showing to what extent the movement has grown, both at home and abroad. Among others was one from the Plattsmouth Journal to the effect that, 'It was nothing but a lot of old hens that wanted the ballot.' The president commented on this by wishing the Journal man was there to see the 'pullets' in the audience, he might change his mind." We'll bet that the Journal was the only paper they read that hasn't played the hypocrite with the suffragists, and they should not feel sore because we told the truth. We are not so much afraid of the "pullets" as we are of the "old hens," when they get their feathers ruffled.

President Wilson was inaugurated one week ago today, and it was an event that will ever be remembered as one of the greatest and grandest events of its character in the history of this nation. The democrats are all proud of the new president, and the nation at large will also soon realize that Woodrow Wilson will prove equal to the emergency. Few presidents have been inducted into office with the best wishes of nearer all the people. In the interim between election and inauguration he made no statements intended to alarm any class, and being the president of all the people, it is natural they should wish him well. Selfishness and patriotism combine to that end, and most of us have a little of both. And it speaks well for the country as well as for Wilson that the administration and political policy may be changed without alarm, and no greater effect than a large celebration of the outs coming in. After which it is well to remember that the future depends a great deal more on yourself than on the administration. Politics of any brand bears no panacea of prosperity for the shiftless, and, played the other across, an industrious man, unless he is an industrious postmaster, is not likely to be greatly hampered by the shifting of the statesmen.

Mr. Taft was a good loser, for he went out smiling.

As marchers the women who walked to Washington were not a success.

The democrats in congress were unanimous in the re-election of Champ Clark for speaker.

The little that a man wants here below is just a little more than the other fellow has got.

The average reader has to keep pretty well posted on Mexican affairs to be able to tell which is the rebel army.

Still the university removal question is on in Lincoln and seems to be getting more exciting around the state house.

The ex-officeholders who were ready to step down and out yesterday can now organize a "back to the soil" movement.

Every apple grower in Cass county should be a member of the Eastern Nebraska Fruit Growers' association. It will pay every man with an orchard who is anxious to grow better apples, and such fruit as will always find a better market. Hon E. M. Pollard of this county is president of the association and manages one of the largest apple orchards in Nebraska.

The solution as to the cause for the high cost of living has not been reached yet, nor is there any probability that it will be very soon. So just as well keep on saving wood and eat just what your earnings will buy.

If the South Omaha packing houses want the friendship and patronage of the Nebraska farmers they must make up their minds to pay them as much for their stock as they can get at other packing cities. This they haven't been doing.

Editorial comment from the London papers upon President Wilson's address are unanimous in praising it as coming from a man of great ability. The American press also give the address favorable comment, and the most of them believe Woodrow is going to make good in every particular.

They must have a very "efficient" police force in Washington when they will stand around and allow a pack of roughnecks to stone the women in the suffrage parade last Monday. Such a scene is a great disgrace to any town, and much more so when it occurs in the national capital of our country.

If the legislature is not very careful it will adjourn without doing anything that is of real benefit to the great mass of taxpayers—the road and bridge question. These are matters in which the whole state is interested, and the legislature should not be so slow in looking to the interests of its constituency.

The Commercial club is now in better shape to do for Plattsmouth than ever before. Live wires are being added to the membership every day in the week, and as they are enrolled, a suit of hustling clothes is at once presented to them, and they are not slow in getting onto the job to boost for a better and more prosperous Plattsmouth.

When the taxpayers figure what the \$12,000 jail proposition will cost them, the unprejudiced can soon become convinced that the amount to each one is but a mere drop in the bucket. The taxpayers will save money by voting for the proposition right now because it will save them money which will have to be paid to other counties for keeping prisoners

The price of hogs is still rising, and so is the already high cost of living.

We now have two living ex-presidents, but don't look for any reunions.

The hen and fruit tree men, real hardbangers of spring, are beginning to cackle.

In enjoying the first breaths of spring, use a little precaution against the pneumonia germ.

You are in mighty tough luck if you can't mortgage your farm or home for enough to buy the kind of an automobile you want for this summer.

Considerable commotion in Washington on inauguration day, but it must be admitted we change presidents more gracefully than they do in Mexico.

The legislatures of Maine and Massachusetts have just refused to submit constitutional amendments providing for woman suffrage in those states.

President Wilson comes to his high office with many perplexing problems to face, but his rare endowments and his able cabinet will be prepared to meet them.

There is no question as to the wisdom of President Wilson in the selection of his cabinet. They are all men of acknowledged ability and well fitted for each individual position.

This has been an open winter in many parts of our common country, and you needn't be surprised if someone arises to blame the democratic party if there is a shortage of the ice crop.

Voting to tax ourselves outrageously for the benefit of some town centrally located may be logical, but we do not think the taxpayers of this community will so view it.—Nehawka News.

Many of the women who marched in the parade last Monday at Washington are reaping the benefits of folly. They are suffering from bad colds, and a number are threatened with pneumonia.

According to the sugar beet association's report, sugar should be cheaper than it has been in ten years, and the bulletin states that if it is not cheaper the fault will be with the grocery stores.

In some states all that is required for a man to be able to start a bank is the price of a month's office rent and the expense of having the sign painted on the door. Responsible bankers themselves protest against such a lack of property safeguards for depositors.

Will Maupin's Midwest for March is full of good things, and it continues better with each succeeding month. It is truly a Nebraska publication and devoted to principals to the best interests of the state. It should be in the hands of everyone who believes in Nebraska and Nebraska institutions. It should have at least 20,000 subscribers in the state for which it is doing so much good.

Mr. Bryan, quite properly, is the premier. His appointment was inevitable as was that of James G. Blaine to the same position. He is exceptionally qualified and has now before him a splendid opportunity to give to his party and his country unselfish service of lasting value. His millions of admirers will rejoice that, though thrice rebuffed in his ambition to attain the presidency, he has at last landed in a position only a little short of that exalted office, at the hands of a president whose nomination he made possible.—World-Herald.

"STAY ON THE FARM."

In a few weeks now, when the frost is off the pumpkins and there is no more fodder in the shock for the simple reason that it has all been fed up to the dairy cows and fattening steers, and when the thrushes will begin to sing in the hedge rows and the smell of new plowed soil is in the air, we will begin to hear the notes of another singer, the "back to the farm" lyricist. Armed with a number of brilliant and alluring word pictures of the "rosy-cheeked milk maid," or the "honest plow-boy whistling his way home" and with hints of worlds of fried chicken, "garden sass," etc., for the asking, he will stir up the hearts and minds of thousands of urban dwellers with unrest and a longing for the sweet, simple joys of rural life.

Every once in a while the fool killer takes a firm grasp on his axe handle and smites mightily some pest which has been abroad in the land for many moons. One of these days he will light on the "back to the country" pest and there will be another period of quiet and peace in the land.

Far be it from us to say that the country would not be able to give ample support to a much larger population than inhabits it. There is scarcely a farm in the whole southwest which is farmed up to its full capacity. Intensive methods on smaller acreage will eventually prove the accepted method of farm procedure, unless we are mistaken.

But it is not the sort of farmers (?) the "back to the farm" advocates will send to the rural districts which will make this change an accomplished fact. One family out of ten, perhaps, thus sent to the country would find success there in the direction they anticipated. Doomed to disappointment, before they even commenced their venture there would be no benefit derived by anyone from their having attempted to adapt themselves to conditions of which they know nothing. The men who will make the most of farming possibilities in the future are the men who have grown up on the farms made a careful study of better methods of farming. Give us someone to sing convincingly a "stay on the farm" song, but chase the "back to the farm" mistake "back to the woods."

The many friends of Frank Sheldon, the Nehawka merchant and all-round good gentleman and citizen, are laying plans to boost him for grand treasurer of the A. O. U. W. There are no better men anywhere in Nebraska than Frank Sheldon, and there are none better fitted for the position. This order has a big following here in Plattsmouth, and he should have the support of all four of the lodges. Frank Sheldon, while very unassuming, is a gentleman and scholar, and would grace the position of grand treasurer with not only credit to himself, but with the honor and dignity that such a high position demands. Every member of the A. O. U. W. in Cass county should unite in endorsing his candidacy.

When a newspaper, and only a pretended one at that, will stoop to falsehood in an effort to carry a point, it is certainly in very poor business. The magnificent court house structure is just as good today as it was the day it was dedicated, except for the general wear and tear that is general with all public buildings. There is no use in lying to prejudice the taxpayers, for the building shows for itself. It is a structure that will last one hundred years longer, much to the gratification of the chief taxpayers of Cass county.

Says the Nehawka News: "One good way to put a stop to this county seat removal clutter is to vote FOR the jail proposition. And it will also be the cheapest way to settle it."