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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

You picture to yourself the beauty of bravery and steadfastness. And then some little, wretched, disagreeable duty comes which is your martyrdom, the lamp of your oil; and if you do not do it, your oil is spoiled.—Philips Brooks.

This section of Nebraska has had plenty of rain until after harvest.

The Nebraska wheat crop will knock the spots off the sun if anything will.

The flies are coming thicker and thicker every day. Put that swatter in use.

There never was a new business started that some pessimist didn't predict that it wouldn't pay.

Disarmament is not gaining in Europe, but there is more caution than formerly in striking a match in international affairs.

In the Japanese army great care is taken that the socks of soldiers properly fit their feet. Attention to such details has been known to push through a long hike and win a battle.

A new war in the Balkans is declared to be inevitable. But the states there have had a taste of the expensiveness of war and a more moderate word than inevitable may be found to fit the case.

With all due respect to the candidacy of Fred Volpp, it should be borne in mind that Nebraska has quite a number of democrats who are well fitted for governor. It is somewhat early for prospecting.

An Anti-American Youths' association in Tokio, Japan, has adopted resolutions for immediate war with us. In Japan, too, there are young men not knowing what war is, but very willing to find out.

It is stated that if one grain of corn could be added to each ear there would be a revenue thus derived to pay for all the agricultural colleges now in operation, and if no seed were planted without being tested, our crops would be increased to an amount sufficient to pay the national debt every year.

The W. C. T. U. has declared war on tobacco, especially cigarettes.

There is a fashion in words. Strenuous has been replaced by insidious.

Society gets its hardest knocks from the woman who is trying to break in and can't.

Nebraska farmers are yelling for harvest hands, and they need all that will come.

Secretary Bryan says President Wilson's new money plan is O. K. and thinks business men will welcome the act.

There will be no cause for any able-bodied men in Cass county being idle next week. The wheat harvest will be on and good wages paid.

A flank movement is threatened against Mexico by Central America. After a country once gets into the trouble belt it is always difficult for it to get out.

Press dispatches from Frisco announce that there are one hundred college graduates washing dishes. Such a college education is good for something after all.

The kaiser's twenty-five years have been peaceful, a fact to remember in connection with the military preparedness of Germany, the most thorough and scientific in the world.

Anti-American meetings in Japan are poorly attended. The jingoes are accused of a desire to embarrass the Japanese cabinet and the game is too apparent to have much influence on public sentiment.

The big base ball attraction of the season will be the game at Plattsmouth next Saturday on the local diamond. A genuine Hawaiian base ball club will be here to play the Boosters at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A free concert will be given by the Hawaiians before the game begins.

Mrs. Lillian Stuart of St. Louis says that too much good clothes are responsible for the shallow life of today with its scandals and divorces. The trouble is that we are suffering from too little clothes. The fashionable woman of today appeals to the sensual side of men by wearing no clothes at all, or so little as only to be suggestive and inmodest.

Nebraska has enough moisture for all practical purposes and some to spare.

Crops were helped in some places and some damage done in others by the rain storm Tuesday night.

A \$19 steer is said to cost the consumer \$97. Men are given steers occasionally that eventually cost them more than that.

If you are looking for work, remember that every wheat grower will need from five to eight extra hands next week, at good wages.

We haven't much confidence in the business man who thinks every other business in the city is run on a crooked basis except his own.

You haven't heard any panic talk in the past few days. Oh, no! President Wilson closed up the Wall street sharks like so many clams.

If it is true that President Wilson will not be present at the Gettysburg celebration he will miss one of the most important events of the four years that he remains at the head of the government.

If the Billy Sunday evangelistic schedule is a criterion it is very evident that the tariff on soul-saving and revision downward have not yet crossed each other's path in the helter-skelter march of human regeneration and reform.

There seems to be no slowing down of the wheels of industry. Everything is prosperous. President Wilson has had control of the reins of government now nearly four months, with no gloom over the country nor any panic in sight.

The Fremont Tribune disputes Grand Island's title to the "third city" in Nebraska. Why not settle the matter by a show-down? They are both fine cities, but it has always been in our mind that Grand Island is at least a thousand the largest.

Across thousands of miles came the native Hawaiian base ball club to make their tour of America. And in their tour have consented to stop off at Plattsmouth to play the Boosters one game, which will occur tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock at the ball park.

After Senator Lodge permitted the sugar trust to send out sugar trust documents under his senatorial frank, the postage of which would amount to \$16,000, it doesn't take a man with a glass eye to see just how the trust lobby has been getting in some of its work. Is it any wonder that President Wilson is anxious to clear the senate of these corrupt influences?

You don't have to go far from Plattsmouth to celebrate. Go to the Tulene grove, one mile west of town, and you can amuse yourself delightfully. Plenty of good music.

The boys and girls of Cass county will have to hurry up if they want to get in on the June weddings. Plattsmouth has done better this month than it has done in numerous years past.

The people of Plattsmouth will have a good excuse to lay aside their work Saturday afternoon when the native Hawaiian base ball club plays the Boosters at the park at 3 o'clock. Don't miss it.

This accounts for the cooling atmosphere from the north Monday night—former Vice President Fairbanks had arrived in Omaha to be present at a republican love-feast. It did not prove a very "hot" affair, however.

Fairbanks' harmony dope proved uneffective at Omaha, as the bull moosers refuse his comforting words as too cold and chilly. The Indiana statesman is not of the kind to bring enthusiasm to warring factions.

During the recent senatorial investigation of the conditions under which certain West Virginia mines are operated there was a fierce colloquy between one of the operators and Senator Martine of New Jersey. During the war of words the operator asserted confidently and without hesitation that the New Jersey senator had taken three drinks with him within half an hour. Good thing that operator wasn't a newspaper man! He would be up against a libel suit for sure.

"Every normal city newspaper man," declares the Lincoln News, "carries around for years the dream that some day he will save up enough money to permit him to buy out a newspaper in a country town, preferably the county seat, and there enjoy the leisure that his talents and hard work have entitled him to receive." As to leisure, however, it might be suggested that some discrimination might well be employed even as to country county seat towns! Evidently distance always lends enchantment to the view.

The advent in Nebraska of William B. McKinley, the Illinois interurban railway magnate, is taken to be a matter of importance, since it foreshadows activity in that line of enterprise. He has bought the Omaha-Papillion line and is reported to favor pushing it on to Lincoln. Mr. McKinley is the big noise in trolley line operation in the west. We may consider ourselves fortunate that he has come over into eastern Nebraska with his money and his ability. In due time local transportation in this rich region will be largely that of electric power—hydro-electric power.

Eventual free sugar and free wool are to stand in the new tariff bill.

Some meddler started the rumor that the stars and bars would float over the capital building at Gettysburg, from July 1 to 4. Col. John A. Dempster, department commander of the G. A. R. of the state, wrote Governor Morehead about it, and the governor soon put a quietus to such a rumor. Some sensationalist of the old bloody shirt order probably thought it would be a good time to revive the feeling of forty years ago, even in Nebraska, while a democratic governor is in the chair. Thank God, peace reigns supreme between the north and south, and "One Flag and One Country" is the motto of every true and loyal American, and he who would attempt to float such a rumor is not worthy of being classed as an American citizen.

The big city papers never tire of poking fun at the provincialism of the country editors. And we must admit that they do sometimes cause merriment by their crude sayings, poor grammar, bad spelling and fly-specked punctuation. But it may be said of the country editor that he lives nearer to nature than his city critic and is therefore closer in touch with the everyday affairs of life. The country editor knows how to milk the family cow. He knows a flock of sheep, a herd of cattle or hogs, a swarm of bees and so on through the list of rural things that make life happy. He sees more blue sky and buys less than the city editor. He smells the fragrance of flowers and knows their name better than the city editor. He knows the difference between kafir corn and samac better than the city editor.

All kinds of publications, printed in all parts of the country, are printing stories of Nebraska's remarkable prosperity, remarkable in contrast to the conditions and prospects in other sections. In the first place, the crop conditions in Nebraska are far above the average for this state, and the very best in the union. On those prospects are based most of the optimism found in Nebraska business. But more than that, Nebraska's banks have shown a remarkable increase in all classes of deposits during the past year, business failures are fewer and the general prosperity and wealth of the citizens of the state has steadily grown. This is in the face of a change in administration, decided activities on the part of the national government in business affairs, depressing conditions in the east, a strong money market and a weakening of securities, strikes and other labor troubles, and many other things that have adversely affected the business prosperity of other sections.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

One thing certain—the common people stand squarely by President Wilson. And as long as he retains them he feels encouraged to go onward in efforts for right as against wrong.

President Wilson is said to be receiving many requests to hurry up the passage of the tariff bill, on the plausible theory that the sooner the bill is passed and the question settled, the sooner the business of the country will be on a more settled basis for the next four years. There might be some advantage, after all, in giving congressional orators free "leave to print" and let it go at that.

An unusual sample of divorce justice has been meted out in a case at Chicago. Peter Van Vliet was a prominent and wealthy broker. He made money by crooked transactions. His stenographer, acquainted with his business methods, married him. She knew of his misdeeds; but she was socially ambitious and willingly shared in the fruits of his actions. He was caught at it and is in the Joliet prison. She wants a divorce on the ground that he is a felon—and wants likewise a goodly share of the property that is left. The court commendably refused the decree.

While the weed question is on there has been many suggestions as to the manner of getting rid of them along the public streets in this city. The best one that we have heard is for the city to place an additional tax on all property in a sufficient sum to pay for cutting the weeds twice each season. By this means we are sure to get rid of the pests. By the "free-for-all" plan some people will never cut their weeds, while their next door neighbor's property is kept clean. Property owners will have to pay the tax all alike, and by this method we can have a city free from weeds the entire season round without any great cost to anyone.

Edgar Howard, editor of the Columbus Telegram, says that Phil Kohl will manage Fred Volpp's campaign for the democratic nomination for governor next year. Mr. Howard thinks that this means a "wet" and "dry" contest, which he hopes can be avoided. The writer hopes that such a contest will not come up. It has always proven disastrous to the democrats in Nebraska. Edgar Howard is not a prohibitionist and never was. In this he is a man after our own heart, and we believe two-thirds or more of the democratic voters of the state are anti-prohibitionists, but we are afraid of the treacherous brewery interests, who cannot be depended upon to support the party that furnishes the most votes against prohibition, no matter how many promises they make so to do. "They have been tried and found wanting."

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS

By Gross

