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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

No one is respectable who is not doing his best.—
Horace Fletcher.

Only one more month and school commences.

The Nebraska City chautauqua last week proved a great success.

The fly swatter still comes in very handy, if you have the energy to use it.

The currency fight at Washington is now on good and plenty, with a full determination on the part of President Wilson to have it his way.

Secretary McAdoo is surely on to his job. And no attempted intimidation from the Wall street crooks can phase him in carrying out his duties.

Governor Morehead does not like nepotism in any form. In this respect the governor is a man after our own heart. Neither do we.

Those fellows around the state house should kiss and make up, and make matters more congenial for visitors. You are doing business for the people, and not for yourselves.

Please remember, as you go along the highway of life—Plattsmouth people are in favor of a fall festival. And if they can't get it through one source they will have it through another.

John D. Rockefeller says, "waste of energy is one of the wanton extravagances of the time." It's all right for John D. to talk thus, but with waste of energy is the only thing we have to get gay on.

It is pleasing to note the solidity of the democrats in congress. With very few exceptions they are standing right with President Wilson. That's the proper caper, and if they continue to stand by him it will mean a great deal to the success of the democratic party. In unity there is strength. The people at large have the utmost confidence in President Wilson, and he has not made one move yet to change the minds of the people that he is the proper man at the head of the government.

China is poor in other respects, but its vein of trouble continues to prove inexhaustible, or thereabouts.

An hour on the front porch will convince anyone that there are more kinds of bugs than are absolutely necessary.

Every town around us is arranging some kind of fall amusements, while no stir in that direction has been made by Plattsmouth people. Why is this thus?

There are many Mexicans who are eager for Huerta's job, and some who might go so far as to get it in the same way he did. Mexico is indeed a wrecked country.

Ty Cobb was a visitor at the White house the other day and made a hit with President Wilson. His reception was so genial that it was not necessary to tell him to "steal home."

General Manager Holdrege is one of the best crop authorities in the state. He says there is a probability of a crop of corn in Nebraska about the average. We can only hope that Mr. Holdrege is correct.

If ex-Senator Bailey concludes to become a candidate for the democratic nomination of governor of Texas there will sure a warm time down in the Lone Star state at the primaries. There is really but one party in Texas.

John O. Yeiser of Omaha has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor. John may be a pretty brainy fellow, but he will never be governor of Nebraska, no matter how incessant his hankering for the job.

Chicken thieves are raiding the country for spring fryns. They do their work at night, of course, and are very quiet about it. One farmer over near Eagle had 200 taken at one haul. Keep an eye on the secondrels.

The Auburn Herald is booing Hon. George W. Berge for the nomination for governor on the democratic ticket next year. Mr. Berge is a splendid man for the place, and we candidly believe, with a united party, harmoniously marshalled, he can beat any man the republicans can put up against him. He is an exceedingly popular man in every section of Nebraska.

Because everybody is doing it, doesn't make it right.

The wheat crop is the largest ever raised in Cass county.

Most things are pretty well won that come to those who wait.

One of the hardest things to do is to try to be friendly with a grouchy person.

Some men grow better by comparing themselves with better men, while others improve through police regulations.

There is still room for improvements, of course, but Plattsmouth has done wonderfully well in this direction this season.

A panic would please some of the republicans in congress about as well as anything that could happen. But, thank the Lord, they have not the power to bring it on, as they once had.

Maybe the pessimists who have commenced to croak about the corn needing rain don't remember what a great amount of drouth Nebraska corn will stand and still turn out a bumper crop.

We do hope at the next meeting of the Commercial club it will take some action in regard to the fall festival, or drop it, so that some one of the fraternal orders can take the matter up and do something in that direction.

According to Mulhall, the lobby at Washington spent annually from a half to three-quarters of a million dollars defeating laws that would have been beneficial to the common people, but unfavorable to the national trust lobby. Is it any wonder that the republican party kept itself in power for fifty years?

Notwithstanding the increasing use of automobiles throughout the corn belts, the agricultural department is far from certain that the farmer is getting all there is in it out of the corn crop, and a new line of investigation is being followed, with a view of increasing the by-products of the cereal. The corn cob, for instance, has been thought of recently as a possible source of artificial tire material.

Wisconsin has an anti-gossip law which should adorn the statute books of every state in the Union. It carries with it a penalty of \$500 fine and imprisonment for peddling damaging stories about your neighbor, and particularly to make remarks reflecting upon the good name of his wife, mother or sister. Such a law should certainly have the desired effect, even in Nebraska, and Plattsmouth is one of the cities of the state where it would prove beneficial to the community at large.

The longest vacation is usually taken by the family Princess, so mother can get a little rest.

Everybody seems busy but the professional loafer, and is is busy, too—with his tongue.

Reports from the harvest fields show that the corn crop will have to be a real bumper to keep up.

Bulgaria has been beaten for wanting more than its share, and is having some difficulty finding that sympathy to which it feels it is entitled.

The drouth don't seem to have any effect on the weeds. The crop here in town is almost as prolific as ever and needs another round with the scythe.

The integrity of the tobacco trust is now being questioned. In all fairness to the trust, it is never claimed that the election cigar came under the pure food

The Nebraska City News is urging the Commercial club of that city to get to doing something. This gives the Journal a gentle reminder that the Commercial club of this city is lying quite dormant right now, and has been for a few months past.

Speaker Champ Clark is about right when he says that our public schools will not be as they should be until the teachers are paid enough to make teaching a life profession. This paper has contended for years that the school teacher has never received enough salary.

Least we forget—have you visited the "City of the Dead" recently? If not, why not? Are you afraid of the weeds? They won't hurt you if you will take a scythe with you and take a little exercise in cutting the weeds that have been allowed to grow on some of the graves. The place where rest the dead should be kept neat and respectable at least. Then let those who have friends resting in Oak Hill cemetery get a move on them.

Attorney General Lucey of Illinois gives his opinion as to the voting qualities of foreign-born women in the states that have adopted woman suffrage, by the declaration that a foreign-born woman, who marries a citizen of the United States, whether such a citizen be natural-born or naturalized, by such act of marriage becomes a citizen of the United States. An unmarried foreign-born woman, whose father did not become naturalized, until after she arrived at her majority, would not, by such act of naturalization upon the part of her father, become a citizen of the United States. A woman born in the United States whose father was not naturalized prior to her arriving at her majority, is a citizen of the United States.

If you don't think Plattsmouth is a busy town, just make the attempt to hire a mechanic of any kind and then you will perceive they are "all busy."

When women's skirts became so narrow that they walked with difficulty, the style was made the subject of criticism and censure, and now that she slits the skirt to facilitate her progress, she is criticised more severely than ever before. What, pray, can she do to satisfy the public?

Evidently Ambassador Henry Wilson is not getting much pleasure out of the vacation. President Wilson invited him to take, from the way he is complaining. Poor fellow! It is hardly probable that he will return to Mexico—if he returns at all—with any indications of rest or consolation.

The "loan sharks" of Omaha have a new way of doing business now, since the new law went into effect. They fix up the necessary papers in Omaha and then proceed across the river to loan the money. Pretty slick, those money sharks are. It is pretty hard to down the man with the money.

According to the law which went into effect April 25, any merchant who sells cold storage eggs as fresh eggs must, on complaint of customer, replace them with fresh eggs, or be liable to prosecution. It also provides that the merchant must replace spoiled eggs. Another ruling provides that anyone buying a box of fruit is entitled to a full quart, and the merchant who sells less is subject to penalty.

There is plenty of money in the Nebraska banks to move the crops without the assistance of Wall street, consequently the government at Washington does not need to make any arrangement in that direction so far as we are concerned. There may be need of assistance in some of the other states, and it is just as well to be prepared for any emergency in case the Wall street manipulators try to create a panic, which they no doubt would do if they could. But that man McAdoo is just a little bit too slick for them.

Those who think they know so much about the condition of affairs in Mexico may grumble and growl to their heart's content, without any effect upon the administration. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan fully know the situation down in that country better than those who seem to know so much about it and don't know anything. If the Mexican difficulty can be adjusted without further bloodshed, we say it should be done. And the great majority of the people of America are right with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan in their efforts to do so.

In opposing the order of Postmaster General Burleson extending the first zone limits, reducing rates, and increasing the size of package mailable, the railroads assert that it will result in losing to them millions of dollars now paid by the express companies for transportation of such packages. This seems to confirm the postmaster general's claim that the increase will take from the express companies and give to the government the paying package business.

It is rumored that a Lincoln democrat recently returned from Washington with his feathers considerably ruffled. Of course he was after an appointment of some kind, and stated that it looked to him as though Nebraska would receive no appointments of any consequence until the senators and members of congress and Mr. Bryan could come to some understanding in matters pertaining to appointments in this state. If these matters are not amicably adjusted by "the powers that be" we would not give "two whoops in hades" for the chances of electing a congressman or a candidate on the democratic state ticket next year.

Pope Pius X, who a few months ago was believed to be on his death bed, was busily engaged last week in the preparation of a plea for international peace which he intends to be the most important encyclical of his pontificate. The encyclical will be formally issued August 9, the tenth anniversary of the holy father's installation as successor of the late Pope Leo XIII. The document will contain an urgent plea summoning the Catholic church everywhere to a worldwide effort for permanent international peace. It will call on the archbishops to begin the propaganda immediately and will instruct the legates to these governments diplomatically related to the vatican, to make formal representations to the sovereigns of those nations, urging their participation in the movement for universal peace.

One of the most interesting of the contests over proposed amendments to the tariff law in the senate will be that in connection with Senator Hitchcock's proposed alteration or addition, imposing a graduated tax on tobacco manufacturers. The larger the output of any one concern the higher the tax rate! Nebraska's senior senator declares that the main objection to this plan of regulating or limiting a monopoly in tobacco that it will work. The administration opposes the amendment, but many senators of democratic faith are said really to favor it. Senator Hitchcock has in the meantime withdrawn from the democratic caucus so far as this question is concerned and will fight it out on the floor of the senate.

The state board of equalization has accepted the work of the county assessors without change, and makes a total levy of 7.80 mills.

Is the cemetery committee of the city council doing its duty? From complaints that reach this office we would judge not. Every citizen should take pride in keeping the resting place of their dead in good order. But for some cause or another our people are negligent in this respect. The weeds about the cemetery are nearly as high as a man's head and a disgrace to any civilized community. If it is the duty of a committee to look after the condition of the cemetery why don't they perform their duty and secure someone who will keep the "City of the Dead" in respectable shape? The Journal is going to keep howling until something is done to make Oak Hill as respectable as it ought to be.

There is something refreshing in reports appearing every now and then about headquarters of Industrial Workers of the World being demolished. It is one of the most dangerous organizations of modern times, recognizing no law, countenancing violence of any sort in securing the demands of its members. Men at the head of it are avowed anarchists and smart enough to secure a following of ignorant and irresponsible members of labor unions. There should be no room for the red flag in this great country and a good many old-fashioned citizens have looked with misgiving and forebodings on the tolerance it has received in the last few years. It is possible the violent teachings of the I. W. W. may drive common sense people into demanding a greater respect for the flag and the law it presents.

Parties wishing to enter the Journal office at this season should be governed by the following rules: Advance to the door and give three distinct raps or knock the door down. The "devil" will attend to the alarm. You will then give him your name, postoffice address and the amount you are owing for the paper. He will admit you. You will advance to the center of the room and address the editor with the following countersign: Extend the right hand about two feet from the body, with the thumb and index finger pointing to a ten-dollar bill which drops into the extended hand of the editor, at the same time saying, "Were you looking for me?" The editor will grasp your hand and the bill and pressing it will say, "You bet." After giving the news of your locality you will be permitted to retire with a receipt for an obligation properly discharged.

Senator Cummins of Iowa does not like the new tariff, as he predicts all kinds of disaster after it is put in force. He says it imposes duties that are dangerously and destructively low, and which, from end to end, griveously discriminates against the west in favor of the east—that is to say, in favor of the manufacturers and against the farmer. This is just simply a sample of the manner the republican senators take in their attempt to defeat the tariff. But the west has a great many just as smart men as Senator Cummins in the two houses of congress, and he can't convince but very few that they are going to allow anything in that tariff bill that will prove detrimental to the hard-toiling yeomenry of the west. Senator Cummins is a good politician, and he is one of that class that fears the adoption of the tariff bill because it will prove disastrous to the republican party, which has always favored protection, that has been favorable to the manufacturers of the east and detrimental to the western farmers and producers.

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS - - By Gross

