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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Irresolution is a worse vice than rashness. He that shoots best may sometimes miss the mark; but he that shoots not at all can never hit it.—Feltham.

It's all up with the candidates now. If you didn't get in it's your own fault.

Sunday was certainly a very hot day, the thermometer registering 105 in the shade.

Well, after all, the United States senate can guess pretty good sometimes. It appears to have taken Billy Lorimer's exact size when it boosted him out of the senate as a bad man.

If Governor Morehead is to be blamed for changing his mind, how about R. B. Howell, who has announced for the republican nomination for governor, when he promised other candidates that he wouldn't run?

Ross Hammond will have to do some hard work if he expects the republican nomination for governor. It was thought when he first came out the nomination lay in the palm of his right hand. But not so since R. B. Howell has filed.

One thing wherein Gov. Morehead especially appeals to the people—he is plain and common, and his head has never swelled because of his successes. Few men bear such honor's as meekly and as unassumingly as John H. —Lincoln Herald.

If one or two fellows who are candidates on the democratic ticket for state offices are nominated, and a personal fight is made on their records, it will make the countenances of many democrats pale with shame.

And now Carranza comes to the front and says he will never accept any man for president whom Huerta has even indirectly preferred. Somebody has got to serve, and we move that Villa be pushed for the place. He has done more fighting and less bragging than any man in the whole outfit.

The Omaha judge seems to have the correct system. The judge warns all auto and motorcycle speeders that "the higher the speed the greater the price." The "open cut-out" fiend is being taken care of as he deserves.

President Wilson will now have an opportunity to appoint a democrat as a successor to Justice Lurton of the United States supreme court, who passed away at Atlantic City, N. J., Sunday of heart failure. He was 70 years of age, and his home was in Tennessee. He was appointed by President Taft.

Joe Burr of Nebraska City has withdrawn from the race as a candidate for float representative from Otoe and Cass counties on the democratic ticket. Mr. Burr is a good man, but believes, as many others do, that according to past precedents, the candidate this year should come from Cass county, as the last candidate came from Otoe.

ANOTHER THINK.

It is the wise man that can change his mind, and tradition has it that the fool never does.

Another candidate for governor has entered the lists as one who has changed his mind. It is R. B. Howell of Omaha, who has just yielded to the importunities of many political admirers and altered his previously proclaimed determination to keep out of the race.

The new attitude of Mr. Howell is going to relieve some of those who persisted in imagining that Governor Morehead had committed the unpardonable sin by allowing his friends to force him into a campaign for re-election.

In all material respects their positions are identical. Neither of them wanted to be a candidate for governor. Each had said that he would not be. Each was importuned by citizens who had at heart the welfare of the state and of the party.

Each seems to have had the same conception of the duty he owed to his party and the state to respect a call to public duty, regardless of his own personal desires or preferences.

Governor Morehead would have preferred to run for congress or retire to private life. Mr. Howell was very partial to continuance in the important public office he now holds at the head of the Omaha water system and the making of it a success as a public ownership project.

When the call came to Governor Morehead, it came from an overwhelming majority of the members of the democratic state committees and chairmen of democratic state committees and chairmen of democratic county committees, who might be expected to express with fidelity the sentiment of democrats in their respective communities. Nine out of ten of these importuned the governor to run again. It was as practically unanimous as sentiment ever is in regard to a candidate. Much more so than usual.

Undoubtedly a large element of the republican party entertained a sincere conviction that the candidacy of Mr. Howell was imperative, as a large element of the democracy believed that Governor Morehead owed it to his party to submit to its call.—Lincoln Star.

Hon. W. B. Price was in Plattsmouth this week shaking hands and becoming acquainted with the democratic voters. Mr. Price is a candidate for the nomination for congress, and he made a good impression upon all with whom he met, and went away greatly encouraged.

Lancaster county has several candidates opposing Gus Hyers for re-election to the office of sheriff. Of course this is a "free-for-all" race and any person can get in who possesses the entrance fee. But at this distance we can see no cause for opposition to Gus. He has made one of the best sheriff's in the state, attended strictly to the duties of the office, always ready to go at a moment's notice, no matter how dark the night or what part of the county, Gus Hyers done his duty. He has been tried and not found wanting, and we believe the people of Lancaster county know Gus Hyers too well to turn him down at the primary for one who has never had the experience that

this daring young office has had. Gus is not of our kind of politics, but we realize the fact that he is a splendid man, a splendid officer, and deserves a renomination and re-election.

According to Bradstreet Journal the business of this country has increased at the rate of \$2,000,000 a day for the first week in June, in comparison with last year's figures.

Some fellows should be thinking of some way of harmonizing the democrats instead of how one faction is going to control the Columbus convention. Because there must be harmony if the democrats expect to carry the state.

Col. Roosevelt's resignation from the Outlook force has a string to it in the shape of a promise to write special articles for the paper when he shall feel like relaxing from his political duties. The colonel always has another cup of coffee in view.

To leave the trust bills in mid-air between senate and house until the short session next winter would mean their defeat and another two years of business uncertainty. If congress will follow the suggestions of President Wilson, all will end well.

The democratic county committee meets in Weeping Water next Saturday to fix the date for holding the county convention to select twenty delegates from Cass county to the state convention at Columbus. The date for the state convention is Tuesday, July 28.

The primary election is but one month off. Let us wait and see who the grouches will be. With so many candidates it is certain that some will be disappointed. The man who isn't ready to accept defeat and be willing to support his successful opponent should get out of the race right now. They are not fit to be voted for in the primary.

The State Journal, in reply to an editorial in the World-Herald, seems to think there is a difference in the pledges of Governor Morehead and R. B. Howell. Well, yes, there is some difference, but the greatest mistake is made by Howell, because he pledged to two of the leading republican candidates for governor that under no consideration would he become a candidate, and upon this pledge they filed for the office. Otherwise they would not have done so.

Can't we get up some kind of entertainment for the latter part of August? We have had nothing of this kind so far this season. Several have proposed a "Home Coming celebration." That will prove a drawing card, and bring in a large number of former residents, who would make it a pleasure trip to this old town. It would bring to the town those who have not seen one another for years—boys and girls of twenty or more years ago, who graduated from the High school. These home coming days have proved a pleasant event in other towns, and why not in Plattsmouth?

Hon. John Mattes is one of the oldest Germans in Nebraska, and his nomination and election to the state senate means that Otoe and Cass counties will have a representative in the next legislature that the voters of the district will be proud of. As the World-Herald, the great organ of Nebraska democracy, has frequently said—there should be more men like John Mattes in our legislature. Men who are always on the lookout for the welfare of this great commonwealth. Every democrat should support John Mattes to a man.

IT MUST HAVE POWER.

A justice of the state supreme court has said that there is extreme danger in the delegation of wide powers to the state railway commission. He suggests that the body's activity should be curbed because the legislature has allotted to it many duties not contemplated in the constitution. The justice finally denounces the commission "as unlicensed autocracy, possessive of powers that people would hesitate to give to kings and parliaments."

A fundamental study of the learned justice's contentions is worth while. It brings out many points which only a few people have understood and a few points which many people have misunderstood.

The commission was created by the people. Its basic duties were prescribed by the people themselves. And the powers given to the commission under this people enactment in the beginning are greater than have been conferred at any time since by the legislature—the representative of the people. So to halt the commission now in detail of service at legislative hands would be to draw the lines at the very elements that contribute to its power.

The commission cannot accomplish its purpose if its field is to be only administrative. It must appropriate large judicial functions. And to further properly perform its full task it must assume also a legislative function of no mean proportions. Hence to restrict it to any single field would be seriously to impair its usefulness and perhaps destroy its efficiency altogether. It is better to have a commission of three-fold power that will accomplish what the people want than to have one of lesser power that will be helpless to aid the people in regulation of utilities. The people want results—even from the courts. If they do not get them they are entitled to prescribe reforms which will.

The efficacy of the railway commission law must stand or fall on this so-called autocratic feature. If the commission cannot go to the heart of any diseased system which it seeks to restore to normal health it cannot make diagnosis of a case. And compelled to act without diagnosis it cannot prescribe a treatment that will respond to the needs of the patient. The commission to be responsive to public needs must be supreme—but being supreme must not forget that the interests of its creators, the farmers of the field and the employes and officials of great corporations, must be guarded zealously, equitably and justly.—World-Herald.

The tailors take advantage this season when men don't want to wear anything to announce that the coming fall clothes will be "form fitting."

R. Beecher Howell tells what he expects to do if he is elected governor. Now, let's hear from Ross Hammond and the other republican candidates. George Berge tells what should be done, but it would take a good many years to carry out his platform, while we know what Governor Morehead will do, because he always does the right thing at the right time—and no monkey business.

Some democrats and republicans, too, seem to think that an election can't occur unless they are on the ticket. This seems to be the case on the state ticket. Some fellows delight to keep their names before the people, whether they are ever elected or not. If they can't get the governorship, they will finally crawl down to an appointive office from the governor. Anything so it is an office.

Several new residences are contemplated.

Plattsmouth is holding her own pretty well this season.

Judge Tibbets of Lincoln predicts a hard political fight in Nebraska.

The Commercial club does not seem as active as it was a year ago. What's the matter?

They are now expecting Huerta to hand in his resignation almost any day—then who'll be president of Mexico?

There has been no democrat appointed postmaster at Lincoln yet, and neither has Tommy Allen been made district attorney.

Hold the next band concert at the park is the sentiment of over two-thirds of those who attend. The band boys, many of them, don't like the Air Dome for concerts, and several of them refused to play last Thursday night.

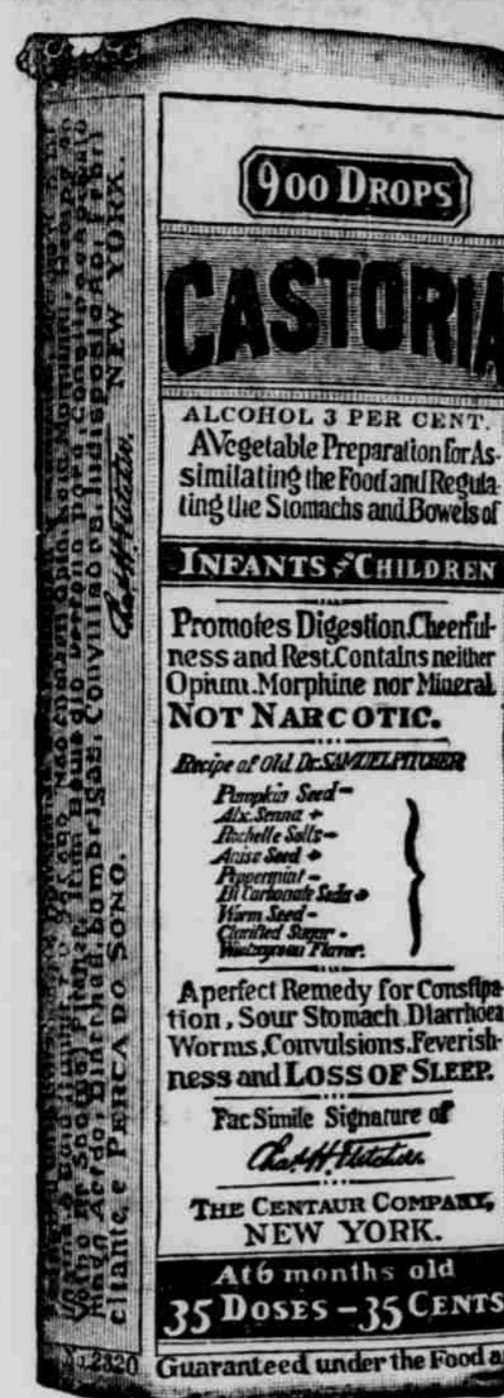
What Sunday schools need, according to speakers at the religious conventions, is more and better advertising. What advertising needs, according to publicity experts, is more of the Sunday school spirit.

No one with an ounce of brains will contend that President Wilson has not the right to appoint whom he sees fit to office, but they will contend that it is not proper or right to appoint so many from one family. The American people believe in a division of the spoils of office, and they are just as much due to one democrat as another, as long as they are honest, good and true democrats and competent.

They can't down Governor Morehead, no matter how hard they try. The other day while we were in Lincoln we met a couple of democrats from the west part of the state, and in a little talk with them, the conversation naturally drifted upon the governorship, and they were both unanimous for Governor Morehead, and they were free to declare that they believed he was the only man that could be elected. This has been the Journal's opinion all along.

The toll at grade crossings continues, and news reports of the past week have hardly missed a day without bringing to public attention an unusual number of killed and maimed at grade crossings. And in nine cases out of ten the causes occur by the auto driver trying to beat the railway engine to it. There should be a law in every state compelling auto drivers to stop before passing over railroad tracks, and if such a law is put in effect you will not hear of any such accidents.

A strong delegation of democrats from Elmwood are going down to Weeping Water next Saturday to ask that the county convention be held in that city. It has been some time since a convention has been held in Elmwood, and the last held there was one of the largest and most harmonious ever held in the county. The people, irrespective of party, will extend the glad hand. They have a fine large, airy hall in which to meet, and every arrangement will be made for all who attend, and Charley Hart, the landlord of one of the best hotels in the state, will be abundantly prepared to care for all who come. There is no doubt about the hospitable citizens of Elmwood keeping up their reputation in caring for the convention in first-class shape. The trains run so that it is easy to come and go. They want the convention, and the Journal says give it to them.



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Occasionally there is a woman who suffers from brain-fag. She's tongue-tied.

There are so many heat records that a few are bound to get broken every summer.

Speaker Clark is in favor of extending the presidential term to six years. That's all right.

No town in Cass county is any better prepared to take care of the democratic convention than Elmwood.

There are a heap of people carrying their appendix around with them just because the doctor didn't think they had the money.

Old Mother Netticoat wanted a petticoat and went down town to a store. But when she got there the girl said with a stare: "They're not wearing them things any more."

Wisconsin's eugenic marriage law has been declared unconstitutional by the courts. In other words, a person must have a pretty good constitution to live up to its provisions.

Colonel Roosevelt, it seems, is going to smash the Wilson administration because the word "regret" appears in the columbian treaty. Isn't it too bad that facts have come to light showing that that particular word was put in the treaty by former President Taft, who's already smashed?

You can't shut down on all the knockers in Plattsmouth. Some of them are old enough to know better, but they won't down, so just as well let them keep on wasting their breath.

The overskirt is coming back. There is a multiplicity of them, first is a long one, next a little shorter and so on until the ladies have three or four overskirts. Looks like rather a warm garb for this hot weather. But after all, is it not more modest than the transparent kind they have been wearing?

Democratic Committee to Meet.

The Democratic County Committee of Cass County is hereby called to meet at Weeping Water, Neb., on Saturday, July 18, 1914, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of calling Primaries and County Convention, at which Primaries and Convention delegates will be selected to county and state convention, and such other matters as may come before the Committee.

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