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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

"In looking back over our lives at the moments that have been worth while, how many of them did money buy?"—Selected.

There is one month of good hard work for the candidate that expects to be nominated.

Remember the democratic primaries will be held in the various wards on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

When a man comes out for the democratic nomination for office he should possess some record as a democrat.

Elmwood is preparing to give the democrats a cordial greeting next Saturday. She's the town that can do it up brown.

Harry McDonald of Murdock is a democratic candidate for representative. Harry possesses the qualities to fill the bill in good shape.

There are some fears entertained of a general strike on all western railroads, but nothing in that direction has yet materialized.

F. P. Shields of Orleans will oppose C. W. Pool for the democratic nomination for secretary of state. No use in one man running all the time.

Cass county is entitled to twenty delegates to the state convention at Columbus next Tuesday, July 28, and every man selected should attend.

The man who invented smokeless powder died last Friday, but not before he had seen his first crude product develop into all sort of tints for brunettes and blondes.

Red clothing makes over-excited nerves, causing sunstroke. Blue destroys germs; green is the coolest and most restful, while some chickens wear scarcely any clothes at all.

If Howell is expected to sweep the state at the primary, what does Ross Hammond and Senator Kemp expect? Our opinion is that Howell will have to go some to beat either one of them.

No one should be elected as a delegate to the Columbus state convention who will not first pledge himself to attend in person. State Chairman W. H. Thompson requests that this be required.

The filings for state, congressional and county candidates are now complete and the voters will now have ample opportunity to reflect between now and August 18, what a miserable farce the primary election is, for some.

If either faction attempts to cut any "monkeyshines" at the Columbus convention, it will prove a sorry day for the democracy of Nebraska. We would regret to hear of either faction raising a disturbance, and the man who attempts anything of the kind should be sat down upon pretty hard.

## AGRICULTURAL WEALTH.

The secretary of agriculture estimates the total value of the farm products of the United States for the census year 1910 at \$8,926,000,000. The government crop reports for July, 1914, indicate that on the same basis the total value of the farm products of the country for the current year will be \$10,000,000,000. A dollar needs no measure, but billions are better grasped by comparison. The editor of the New York World has made a comparison of a \$10,000,000,000 estimate that is interesting, and probably is as accurate as can be made with the data at hand. The vast sum of \$10,000,000,000, the World says, would buy all the real estate in New York and Chicago, with something to spare. It would pay the huge and fast-mounting national debts of war-obsessed France and Germany. It would clear off our own national debt nearly ten times over; or pay its interest charges nearly 135 times. If next year's farm products were to fall off a trifle of \$400,000,000, the 1914 and 1915 product combined would still buy every railroad in the country at the 1911 capitalized valuation. Our iron yield is incomparably the greatest of the nations; the industries it feeds are called basic. Yet our iron product is only about one-twenty-third part that of the farms. That product is fourteen times the value of our annual output of coal at the mines. It is seventy times the value of a year's yield of petroleum, parent of some of the world's most gigantic fortunes. For some thousands of years gold and silver have been words to suggest wealth untold. Our farm product in this year of abundance will be seventy-five times the latest reported annual production of gold and silver combined. It is greater than the entire world's stock of coined gold and silver in existence today, the hoarded and almost indestructible product of many centuries. It is more than two-thirds of all the gold dug, coined and consumed in the arts in all the world since Columbus discovered America. Some elements of uncertainty enter into this vast aggregate of farm-produced wealth. Duplications complicate it to an unknown extent. The yield of corn and cotton is not yet secure. The slightest variation of price of which markets can take cognizance raises or lowers by millions the value of the year's bounty; and a great part of it never directly comes to a money market at all. But one phase of the situation which profoundly affects the future of the nation and the course of its commerce is part uncertainty. The winter wheat crop is secure; the spring wheat yield is fairly in sight, and between them they break the world record of this country and every other, and fly in the face of some gloomy forebodings concerning the continued life of man upon his planet.

Sam Hinkle, of Havelock, and a former Plattsmouth boy, has filed for register of deeds of Lancaster county on the democratic ticket. Hope you'll get there, Sam.

If Argentine, Brazil and Chile should be able to form a South American league, offensive and defensive, their smaller neighbors on the continent would view it with suspicion.

But Huerta won somewhat of a reputation as a hanger-on.

If the members of congress are one-half as tired as the people they would adjourn.

Huerta will now seek some foreign shore and calmly await for the vindication of time.

There is no scarcity of candidates this year. Primary elections furnishes a "free-for-all," you know.

We are now paying congressmen 50 per cent more than we did a few years ago, but it has not raised the tone of either house. The chief increase has been in the percentage of rabbits.

Tommy Allen, the midget brother-in-law of Giant Bryan, was in the city Tuesday. Did he call on the Journal, as in days of old? Oh, no! He and his gang can't run the Journal. That's what's the matter.

Willis C. Reed is a candidate for attorney general on the democratic ticket. He will be nominated, and if elected will be the ablest occupant of that office that the state has had in a great many years.

Thomas D. Jones, whom President Wilson wants as a member of the federal reserve board, it would seem becomes more and more unpalatable, and it is not at all probable that he will be confirmed by the senate. And we cannot see why President Wilson so persistently demands his confirmation. Even the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, which has stood by President Wilson in all his acts so far, now opposes the confirmation of Jones. The Republican is one of the most influential papers in the east.

The recent decision of the supreme court in the Douglas county case makes it possible that sheriffs can claim all fees, as well as his salary. While this does not appear just right, how are you going to help it? The case was brought by the sheriff of Douglas county to secure compensation for feeding prisoners, and the law in reference to this matter was declared unconstitutional. This decision, it is said, wipes out the requirement that sheriffs must account for fees, while in no way affecting the law allowing him a salary, which is a different measure. Funny piece of business, but then how are you going to help yourself, coming from the highest authority of the state?

No one man has the right to question another man's right as to the manner in which he expects to support men and measures. The men who attempt it simply display their ignorance. There never was a party where the members were a unit on matters that come before them, and there never will be. If a man has a good cause for not supporting a candidate, that's his business, and not yours, and he should not be questioned as to his right. There never was a time in our experience in politics that more or less democrats haven't refused to vote the straight ticket. It is done at every election. It has been only a few years since that democrats who now claim to be leaders refused point blank to vote for the head of the ticket, that are now condemning those who dare assert the same right at the present time. It makes considerable difference with them "whose ox is gored." Notwithstanding these facts, there can be harmony at the Columbus convention, if all who attend as delegates will throw aside these bitter animosities and get together, as they should do, and unite the party the best they can.



GOVERNOR JOHN H. MOREHEAD  
Democratic Candidate for Re-election  
Primaries, August 18, 1914  
Stands Squarely Upon His Record

## Mr. Howell's Hand-Made Issue.

Almost in the same breath with his announcement of a determination to run for governor, Mr. R. B. Howell of Omaha appealed to the state railway commission to have made a physical valuation of the South Omaha stock yards to end that just rates may be fixed for the benefit of patrons of those yards.

It would be interesting to know whether or not any considerable complaints are being made by those who, as producers of stock, are most interested in the rates charged by the stock yards. It must be confessed that if the farmers and stock raisers of Nebraska are suffering from any extortionate stock yards rates, they are mighty patient and submissive about it, for whenever during recent years any outcry has been started against stock yards, it has come through some politician, who, like Mr. Howell, has been seeking public preferment.

If the rates at the stock yards are really unreasonable or exorbitant, and those who patronize the yards are very generally heard complaining of their injustice or oppressiveness, the impulse of every supporter of the popular welfare would be to support the protests of stock yards patrons and demand that the rates be lowered. The Star would be among the first to offer its support to any real party in interest who might have a just grievance. It would find satisfaction and pleasure in the performance of such a duty.

But in this instance the demand for a physical valuation of the yards comes from a locality that necessarily subjects it to suspicion. It comes from Omaha, from a man who has just entered a campaign for office, and who has evidently nicely timed his demand to suit the ends of his candidacy. But the stock that passes through these yards is raised out in other portions of the state, and it is there that the patrons live who would have the right to complain if rates were excessive.

It is not the purpose here to say that stock yards rates are not excessive. They may be, but Mr. Howell does not say that they are. He merely wants a valuation, so that it may be discovered whether they are or not. A physical

valuation is a mighty fine thing to have, but it costs considerable to get it, and the people must pay the expense.

The point is that a good many observant people have begun to note that outcries against the stock yards are of late seldom heard from the patrons of the yards, but generally come from politicians hunting preferment and popular attention.

If the stock raisers of Nebraska feel that stock yards rates are oppressive, the public ought to know it from the stock raisers themselves.—Lincoln Star.

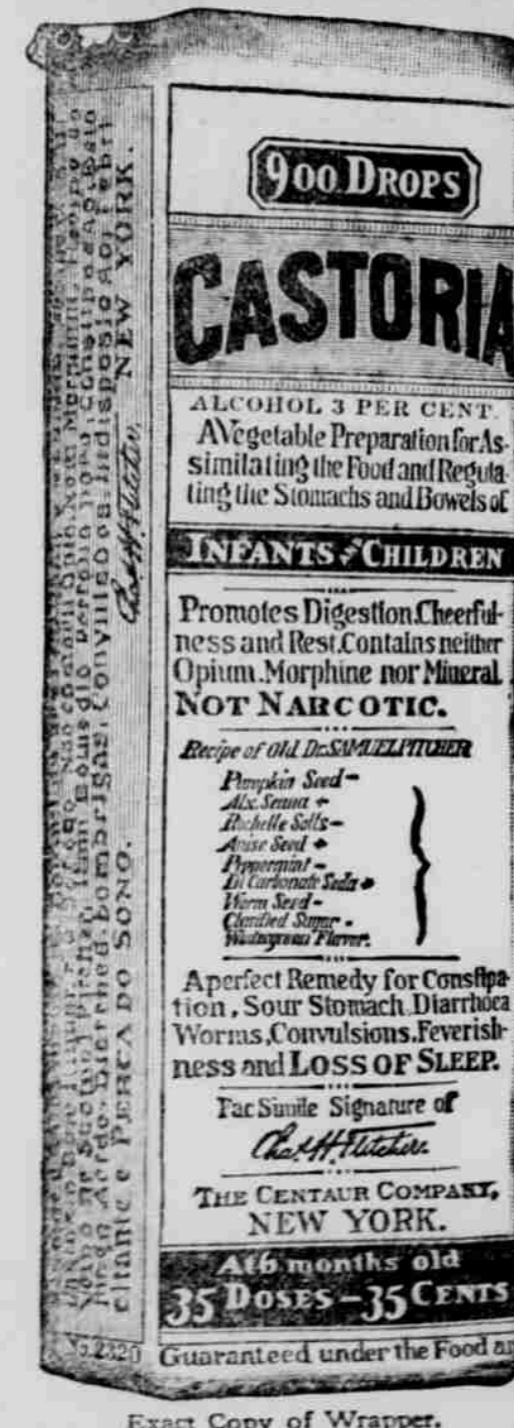
The Travelers' Aid society has been incorporated under the laws of California to protect girls from the pitfalls of Los Angeles and provides a salary for the organizer. An organization of this kind would be a good move for Omaha to make.

The people of Nebraska in every section of the state seem to be very well satisfied with Governor Morehead's administration of affairs, and one who has done his duty as well as the governor, the people will come to his rescue at the proper hour. The fact is, try as hard as they may, it is impossible to keep a good man down.

It is an acknowledged fact that Hon. John Matthes is one of the ablest men that ever served in the state senate. He is a German, well known in both Otoe and Cass counties, and is well liked by all who know him. In the senate the interests of the counties he will represent will be well guarded, and he should receive the democratic nomination without a dissenting vote.

Hon. J. H. Kemp of Fullerton was in the city a few hours Tuesday, and made this office a pleasant visit. Senator Kemp is a candidate for governor on the republican ticket, and bears the appearance of a gentleman with all the attributes necessary to fill the bill if nominated and elected. We were pleased to meet Senator Kemp, and believe he stands more than an equal show with Howell and Hammond for the nomination.

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## NEW LIGHT ON RED HAIR.

Chicago, it appears, has developed what is called a Court of Domestic Relations. What the original and ultimate powers and jurisdictions of this court may be are not set out in the dispatch announcing that one of the women officials connected with its administration has reported that her investigations, under the canopy of the court's authority, reveal the red-haired man as the model husband. Fewer red-haired men, this report says, have been arraigned for beating their wives than of any other sort of men arranged in groups according to the sorts of hair coloring. It might be at once answered that red hair is much less common than black, or (in Chicago) white hair, or brown, or any of the intermediate shades between black and white. This fact seems so incontestable that it at once threatens to wipe out the red-haired man's new-found distinction, until this remarkable report from Chicago is more fully considered.

The Court of Domestic Relations in Chicago is not confined to investigation of wife beatings, desertions or other situations which grow only out of domestic broils or incompatibilities. Its province seems to extend much farther, and to reach even the questioning of married women for learning not only the color of their husband's hair, but the temperament of that individual, his habits, and in short, everything about him. And it is in the exercise of this one of its functions that the Chicago Court of Domestic Relations sets the red-haired man upon a pedestal, to stand as a monument to himself. Fewer of him stay out late at night than men of other hirsute coloring. More of him help in washing the dishes than do men whose capillary integuments are not intended for the illumination of a world.

It is on this negative side of the work of the Court of Domestic Relations that the halo is found

for the red head. We now know that he does less of the evil things a man shouldn't do than men of other sorts, and more of the good things all good men delight in doing. And yet, the court warns us, we should not let ourselves be brought to look upon the red-haired man as an angel in temper. This warning is useless. No matter what the Court of Domestic Relations may say about it, the old tradition that a red-haired man is a quick-fighting man will not disappear in a day. The red-haired man will still be safe from having his nose pulled by men who are only looking for fun.

Democratic county convention at Elmwood on Saturday, July 25.

Measured by the publicity he gets free of charge, Villa must indeed be the Roosevelt of Mexico.

The Jones that the senate refuses to confirm is no relation to the Jones who always paid the freight.

One thing about President Wilson he is not claiming credit for the bumper wheat and corn crops. He is more modest than his predecessors in this respect.

It is to be hoped that harmony will reign supreme at the Columbus convention. A united effort on the part of factional leaders can do wonders in harmonizing the whole business.

It would be a very easy matter to have a harmonious convention at Columbus, if the Lincoln "pie ring" will remain in the distance, and not try to run the whole business. The man or set of men who go to the state convention with the "rule or ruin" idea in their craw will fully demonstrate that they have not the true interest of the democratic party of the state at heart. It is easy to get together if the right policy is carried out.

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