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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

I believe that the mind can be profaned by the habit of attending to trivial things, so that our thoughts shall be tinged with triviality.—Henry D. Thoreau.

"In time of peace prepare for war." Eh!

Most things are not as bad as reported.

When a man howls for justice, he means that he wants to be the judge.

New homes are still going up in Plattsmouth. On with the building spirit.

It is said one Plattsmouth woman is so ugly that her husband backs in to the house.

There is a tone of finality in the latest note to Germany, which went forward yesterday.

Kaiser Wilhelm is to be presented with a bible. He will find justification in it. Everybody does.

If Warsaw escapes capture at the hands of the German allies it will be little short of a miracle.

When they make farm life as attractive in the field as on the screens we'll all want to go back.

If the censors keep on cutting down the films kiss it won't be much longer than a Mexican presidential term.

Sometimes the American people take as fondly to a public man who is half cracked as they do to the Liberty Bell.

It is presumed by some that an atmospheric effect of the European war is responsible for both the rain and the hailstorm.

Making a motor car go faster is not as painful an operation as jabbing a horse with spurs. Humane impulse gains something.

Many prayers for peace are being offered in the churches, but no one has as yet been heard praying for the health of an European king.

Gossip continues to be unreliable, of course. It is said of a Plattsmouth man that he has deeded all his property to his wife, although he has never been married.

Dr. Dernburg may write a book about America and Americans. Dr. Dernburg did enough while he was here to make our good will almost crack under the strain.

In announcing the new American submarines will be of the "sea-going" variety, the naval department may not intend any slur upon the earlier vessels of submersible type.

It is said the European war will cause a shortage in the supply of elephants. By this time several of the nations would probably like to dispose of some of them they have on their hands.

One sees the beauties of the commission form of government in Lincoln. The mayor wants to have everything his own way, but every other member of the commission won't have it that way. They believe four heads are better than five, where the fifth one is a sheep's head.

## SETTING DOWN ON CHARLEY.

It is embarrassing to speak of the wrangle in the city commission, for reasons which every reader of this paper will well understand. Mayor Bryan is availing himself of every opportunity to prove that he is just what this paper before election guessed he would be as mayor, a disturber and assumed dictator.

It is one of the unfortunate peculiarities of Mayor Bryan that his temperament is such that no one with any self-respect can work with him. He is dictatorial and domineering, egotistical and headstrong. He is exemplifying as mayor the same characteristics that made something of a joke of his activities as a member of the park board for several years. Nobody takes C. W. Bryan half as seriously as he does himself, but relying upon his election to the mayorship as evidence of his popularity and strength, he has sought by every means in his power to disrupt the work of the city for his own ends. His colleagues have simply been driven to desperation, and it was only as a last resort that they determined, it seems, to sit down upon him and upon his dictatorial methods.

It was rather surprising that among those who gathered at the council chamber to watch the wrangle that some knew was coming were several men who had actively espoused his cause in the mayorial election. They were on hand to part company with him, and frankly told him so. Many others of the mayor's strongest backers who have parted company with him were not present to tell him so.

Anyone who knows what the three commissioners have been who rejected the mayor's crazy quilt recommendations will not blame them. It was a case with them either to sit-down-on-Charley or resign. At least one of them had seriously contemplated resigning. He could not speak of the experience that had overtaken him without emotion.

The three men who have found it necessary to differ with the mayor are the three older members of the commission. They have had years of experience in the conduct of the city's affairs. No one will question either their ability or their thorough integrity. They have been repeatedly re-elected to municipal office, because the great majority of the people have been pleased and satisfied with their work and had confidence in their character. It is not surprising that they are not disposed to forego the wisdom of their years and experience to humor the vanity of one who has had but two or three months' experience in the conduct of city affairs.

Fortunately it is within the power of the people of Lincoln to determine, if they wish, whether they want a one-man government in the city or would prefer to have the governing done by the entire commission they have elected. If the mayor and his friends desire it there can be a referendum or recall or any other old kind of proceeding for a test of popular sentiment. Doubtless the three old commissioners would welcome the test in any form, if only to get out of the pickle in which the recent election placed them, but the test can be had whether they would welcome it or not.

Lincoln has for several years been a well governed city. There has been no graft even suspected by intelligent men. That the government has been as progressive as the funds provided would permit is evidenced by the almost incalculable improvement made in all its public works. Few cities have as much to show in substantial improvement during the past two years, in proportion to the money

spent, as Lincoln. This work of improvement has been done by the men who now find it impossible to agree with the mayor. They profess to see that his so-called "program" would entail expense which the city could not meet under its present revenue possibilities, and he would have much hardihood who would suggest that they, with their experience, are not better qualified to judge of that than is any man who has not been engaged in the work.

What Mayor Bryan has been in the democratic politics of the state he is now trying to do in our municipal government, a disturbing influence with which no agreement that does not place him in supreme command is tolerated. After two years of peace in the city hall, this approximate approach to the conditions now prevailing in Europe and Mexico is bound to prove exhilarating, if not altogether pleasing.—Lincoln Star.

The crop prospects the country over seem to be excellent, indicating that this is a great country, even if there are spots occasionally which don't seem to be up to the standard.

The Canadian government proposes to use their soldier reserve to assist in caring for the harvest which is on now or soon will be. This is the proper caper, besides it will give the boys fine exercise and good muscular development.

The citizens of Lincoln are very much dissatisfied with even the temporary appointment of A. S. Tibbets as postmaster of Lincoln. "The people be d—!" They don't have a thing to say about it. The "ring" is the power behind the throne.

England wants to recruit soldiers in the United States. She will be waiting for some time before getting permission. Every recruiting officer attempting such a thing should be given their papers straight back to England. Such cheek!

Out of seven new residences contracted for recently, the lumber for five of which was bought in Omaha and two of our own lumber dealers. Now, there must be some cause for this. This certainly does not look right, to say the least, with two lumber yards in town.

Mayor William H. Thompson of Chicago is willing to accept the republican nomination for president. So is the governor of New York. And New York has more votes than Illinois. There are several others. But altogether they are not able to down Woodrow Wilson, the pride of the American people.

There is being considerable work done upon the streets, but many of our people believe that it is not being divided fairly. They believe favoritism is not the proper way to administer a city government—one taxpayer ought to be as good as another, as long as the expense comes out of the general street fund.

The penalty for deliberately setting fire to a forest is a fine reaching \$5,000 and imprisonment not exceeding two years. The presumption is that no forest fire is ever maliciously or premeditatedly started, but lately there have been arrests of men so charged. But carelessness, in view of all experience and in spite of repeated warnings, is in itself a crime, the more so because the damage cannot be repaired and prevention is the only cure.

There was a time when the voters thought politicians were honest in their convictions. But that was many years ago, when Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas were expounding truths to the voters. Now it is to advocate anything to catch the voters, but the voters today are soon to catch onto political questions, and see the difference between a lie and the truth. The people are getting too smart for the professional politician who is after office simply for the graft there is in it—and that is all.

There is nothing precisely strategic in giving up Warsaw.

The knockers must go before anything can be done that will benefit Plattsmouth.

England, having consumed one Canadian regiment almost utterly, is asking for more.

Superintendent Baird certainly hit the right chord at the Commercial club meeting Thursday night.

If we could afford to be a philanthropist we would see that there was ice water in all the public drinking fountains.

The wheat crop could be harvested with submarines in sections. Perhaps it would be costly, but then it's worth it.

In estimating preparedness for war it must not be forgotten that this country is headquarters for the Missouri mule.

When a man wants to assume the authority of dictator in a community, the people should sit down on him pretty hard.

Covetousness of territory provoked all the wars of Europe. Everybody seems to have wearied before getting to the tenth commandment.

An exacting Plattsmouth husband thinks his wife ought to make her own clothes; let it be fancied what his opinion would be if she proposed to make his.

On general principles "Tipperary" is a hotter war song than "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." It ill becomes us to criticize the aptness of the British ballad.

Attorney General Reed refuses to consent to the enforcement of the public warehouse law. Why? What's the use of laws if they are not enforced? We would like to ask our astute attorney general.

It was natural when the confidence in future punishment for the wicked began to wane that the punishment in penal institutions should be shaken also.

Harold Bell Wright's novels are advertised in the same way that Ford's automobiles are. Now, guess. In both cases it proves immensely profitable.

An original letter written by Robert Burns has sold for \$450. If Robert had foreseen that, he would have written a bushel of them for the benefit of his descendants.

A farmer asked us the other day if there was an agency here in Plattsmouth for the Ford car. And we had to tell him we did not know. And we didn't. And you know the reason why.

Every town of any importance has electrolers, and many towns of less than 1,000 population have them. And here we have a city of over 5,000 population that is without these up-to-date lights. The business men want them, and have subscribed liberally to get them. The citizens want them, and while we are progressive in every other way, let us be so on the light matter.

The light question seems to be the all-absorbing question since the meeting of the Commercial club Thursday night. And it seems to us that the Commercial club is exceeding its jurisdiction in matters of this kind. The members of the city council are elected from the various wards of the city, and they are the legal power to act in such matters. It has been too much the case of the club endeavoring to predominate over the power of the city council, when it should be the all-prevailing power and nothing pertaining to the interests of the city could possibly be legal unless endorsed and acted upon by the council.

Give us the electrolers or no light at all on Main street.

There is some complaints registered against the city for not having the weeds cut in some of the streets.

Religious revivals and hard times always come together, history says. So one may figure in a way how long Billy Sunday will last.

The size limit on parcel post has again been increased, but it is not possible to send an automobile or a piano through the mails yet.

We want the farmers to come to the office and see us when they come to town, and we have a twofold object in extending this invitation. We want to keep in touch with each and every one of you and we want you to tell us the news of your respective neighborhoods for publication in the paper. Every one of you has an item or two of which others want to learn, and if each of you hands in the news when you come to town you will all know everything of importance throughout the whole community. Come and see us.

Nothing in recent years has been such a good commentary on the power of the press as the decreasing number of accidents due to Fourth of July celebrations. About six years ago several powerful newspapers and magazines took up the cudgels against some Independence day celebrations. The campaign for a sane Fourth has in a peculiar and special way been a newspaper campaign. Smaller papers followed the lead of the originators until the press of the country was lined up for a sane Fourth. The result of the agitation can be plainly seen in the statistics since 1909. In that year there were 215 deaths and over 5,000 injuries due to the Fourth of July accidents. Since that time there has been a steady decrease until this year, it is estimated, there were but 18 deaths and 800 accidents.

Tommy Allen "got in," but is not yet confirmed.

Senator Hitchcock will have his say when the senate meets.

That the appointments do not give general satisfaction to the democratic party of the state goes without saying.

Despite its well known aversion to entangled alliances, this country continues to go in for matrimony quite regularly.

It is a sorrowful, a distressing fact that the long list of divorced couples does not include all who wish they had not tied up.

The last note to the German government of the United States is accepted by diplomats as a strong and emphatic pronouncement.

Isn't it strange how all the good, paying offices are controlled by one family? But after the next election they won't be—not in Nebraska.

Sunspots need not think they can escape responsibility. They are to blame either for the rain in America or the drought in Europe—or both.

Let us return to the old gaslights, and be done with it. That's about what the opponents of the electrolers want—a return to the antedileuvian days.

Dallas, Texas, has offered \$100,000 for the national democratic convention in 1916. Omaha wants to hustle if she expects to do anything in this line.

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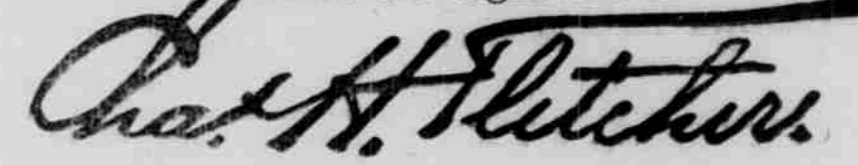
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Attorney General Reed does not declare the warehouse law void and yet he refuses to enforce it. Funny, isn't it?

Some of these dinky straw hats the men are buying this year need only a few artificial flowers on them to make them look like the real thing.

When the matter is sifted down to the proper point, we can't see for the life of us where Senator Hitchcock comes in for any satisfaction.

It is a fine thing for the man who can control the federal patronage to the extent of getting his entire family well provided for. But this kind of thing is not going to last long.

A write in the Atlanta Monthly says the nose is more expressive than the eye. We don't know so much about that. A red nose expresses a whole lot—but then, so does a black eye.

Even if war should come and the business of the country should become paralyzed, the stock brokers would manage to make money out of it. And they are the principal advocates of war.

It is reported that the sea gulls are disclosing the presence of German submarines. Could not the allies train the English sparrows to something useful, too?

While the average man can't consistently approve of war, yet it is noticed that after a quarrelsome man is whipped several times he becomes more reasonable and quiet.

At the present almost all the mole-skins used in the United States come to us from Europe, though the skin of the mole found in this country is far superior to the foreign product.

Why did Tom Allen tell numerous friends that he was not a candidate for district attorney, and after they became applicants come out for it himself? Double dealing with a vengeance, eh?

Every day more clearly demonstrates that the civil service law should be abolished. And the quicker it is done, the better for the country. Let it be as of old, "To the victors belong the spoils!"

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