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**THOUGHT FOR TODAY.**  
Wait not till you are backed by numbers. Wait not until you are sure of an echo from a crowd. The fewer the voices on the side of truth, the more distinct and strong must be your own.—Channing.

Democrats do not want to get too confident.  
Wheat has almost reached the dollar mark again.

Fat political jobs never have a chance to seek the man.

It is almost useless to waste hints on narrow-minded people.

Be on the alert. Be ever ready when opportunity knocks at your door.

The president's message appears in full in the Semi-Weekly edition of the Journal.

The cigarette hasn't any advantage over the corset so far as health is concerned.

Christmas business is fine for those who invite the people to come to their stores to buy.

Esau sold his birthright altogether too cheap. But in those days they didn't know very much about politics.

The date of the marriage of the president is Saturday, December 18. "The wedding will be simple"—simply fine.

It is said that Andrew Carnegie now has only twenty millions left. The poor fellow; and right in the face of winter, too.

Look over the Journal to know where to buy your Christmas presents. The merchant that advertises always has the goods.

Carranza may be president of Mexico, but he will perhaps not venture to sit down in the presidential chair without moving it within reach of the back door.

Those 2,000,000 copies of New York's new constitution being distributed for the voters to read, will be considered as very available missiles to throw at cats on the back yard fence at 2 a. m.

After some have given wedding presents, costing hundreds of dollars, to the president, who does not need or care for them, it will, of course, come hard to find a dollar to give to the poor.

Iowa will be dry after January 1. That's nothing. Iowa has been dry several times before, and they never suffered to any great extent for the drinkables, if they were wanted bad enough.

The republicans of Nebraska have one candidate for president they can always fall back on, "Cheap Wheat" Webster of Omaha. John L. will no doubt remain a candidate until after the convention.

No one in this country understands what the chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster is, but the duties of the post appear to be a little less exacting than those of an American vice president. It has to be wished on to somebody, too.

## OUR NATIONAL CONCERN.

National efficiency and security are the keynotes of the message of President Wilson to the congress. These he urges as a part of a policy of "America for Americans," referring not alone to the United States but to the brotherhood of republics on this hemisphere.

In his discussion of the course of the administration toward Mexico the president makes it plain that whatever has been done has had in view not only the rights and welfare of the people of Mexico, but the binding in closer bonds of neighborhood and community of interest of all the American republics. It has been done with a view of teaching our neighbors on the two continents that it is the desire of our own government to be their companion and co-worker rather than to assume to be looked upon as their guardian, an attitude that has long been offensive to their pride. Its purpose has been to teach the rest of the American people Uncle Sam's understanding that "all of the governments of America stand, so far as we are concerned, upon a footing of genuine equality and unquestioned independence."

Whatever may be the suggested short-comings of the president's Mexican policy, those who criticize it most severely must admit that it has commanded the co-operation and endorsement of the other American republics and has restored their confidence in us, which had been shaken.

In recommending an increase of the standing army the president makes it plain that it is not a war army he is urging, but merely such an army as current experience shows to be necessary in times of peace.

"We shall always see to it," says he, "that our military peace establishment is no larger than is actually and continuously needed for the uses of days in which no enemies move against us."

The increase he recommends is from 102,985 men all told, as at present, to 141,843, an increase found to be necessary for the duties which the army now has to perform upon our continental coasts and borders, in the Philippines, in the Hawaiian islands, on the Isthmus and in Porto Rico.

Next the president recommends provision for a civilian army of 400,000, recruited at the rate of 133,000 per year, to undergo short periods of military and sanitary training in camp during a stated active period, and thereafter, its men being civilians engaged in the ordinary pursuits of life.

There has been much misrepresentation of the president's proposal for the increase of the army. It has been found in evidence in the newspapers of Nebraska, and it does seem as if the president's concise statement ought to relieve it some.

The proposal as to the increase of the navy is not new. It is simply carrying out what has been in the minds of congress as a tentative and sanctioned program for years, except that there has never before been declared a definite period in which it should be executed. The president's plan fixes the period at five years. It is simply a revival of the two battle-ships a year policy, with its essential auxiliaries.

President Wilson brings forward again as a part of his preparedness program his plan for the building of a government merchant marine as the nucleus of an enlarged American marine, serviceable as a naval auxiliary whenever it may be needed. Its purpose is to relieve the United States from its present necessity of having its goods piled up at the seashores awaiting transportation whenever and wherever foreign ship-owners and foreign governments permit or consent.

As part of the general policy of preparedness and pan-Americanism the president recommends the enactment

of legislation fulfilling our obligation to the Filipinos and the people of Porto Rico in clearing the way "for the great policies by which we wish to make good, now and always, our right to lead in enterprises of peace and good will and economic and political freedom."

After pointing out to congress various methods by which the increased revenues may be raised without imposing severe burdens, the president gives expression to a protest against the un-Americanism disclosed in this country during the European war. It is a strong and courageous protest against conditions that have been humiliating to Americans. In a message dealing with a variety of topics of great importance the president's discussion of this one painful subject is the item that will command widest approval.

Men who assume to discuss our national policies should not again attempt to do so until they shall have read this candid and convincing expression from their president, who has been in closer touch than they with all the currents that have beset the government during the past two years.—Lincoln Star.

It will take colder weather before the modern girl feels perfectly comfortable in her low necked waist.

Evening parties frequently wind up by singing the new popular songs, which are chiefly notable as something that nobody knows.

After kicking because their wives spend \$10 on a new winter hat, some men will go out and drop \$15 or \$20 in an hour's game of poker, and never tell their wives.

If a man issues a fictitious check on a fictitious bank, signing the check with a fictitious name, and it is cashed by a fictitious person, what would be the nature of the offense?

Teddy Roosevelt is one ahead of Bryan, even in Nebraska. A petition was filed to place his name on the primary ballot for president, but no such request has yet been made by Mr. Bryan's friends.

It is hard to tell what Governor Morehead will run for next year. He is as sly as a mouse and as quick as a cat. When he does make a leap into the political arena, and the governor allows no flies to roost on his bald head very long at a time.

The irresponsible critics is always sobered by responsibility. Roosevelt did not have any wars during his seven years in the presidential chair, and Mr. Bryan has had no wars to deal with, and these two criticize the president and administration without responsibility.

The Red Cross seals have all the significance of the regular Christmas stickers, but that does not begin to tell their story. In addition to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year greeting, the Red Cross seals typify as nothing else of their kind dose the real Christmas spirit of love and sympathy and service for a brotherhood of suffering humanity. They carry a message of helpful interest to forelorn hearts which cannot be directly reached, however much we may be willing. They give expression to the best impulse that comes from the heart—that of helpfulness to the unfortunate victims of poverty, misery and distress. They represent a real and potent effort to translate this spirit of helpfulness into efficient service toward alleviating the sorrow and suffering which follow in the train of the Great White Plague. They give joy alike to the heart of the sender and to the recipient and help to save the life and happiness of some less fortunate brother beyond the personal reach of either who has already or who may become the victim of tuberculosis. And tuberculosis is so largely a community sin. Placed on correspondence, Christmas gifts, pay envelopes, they carry at once a glad message, a cherished hope and a sympathy that cannot be misunderstood.

Vernon will hereafter be an air Castle.

The early boom is not always as fortunate as the early bird.

A comic opera based on the Ford peace cruise may appear any day.

Christmas comes but once a year and we should all be of good cheer.

The war baby scare in England has been supplanted by a birth famine.

A new merchant marine bill will be introduced about the first of the year.

The women had the first word in congress and no doubt will have the last.

Four radically different plans for national defense will come before congress.

Those enthusiasts for Roosevelt in Nebraska should kindly return the colonel's hat.

The peace terms of the French under secretary of war will arouse no hilarious enthusiasm in Berlin.

It is said of many jassacks that they mean well, and a good many are disposed to give Henry Ford that much credit.

Booms for governor are easily exploded and scattered to the four winds of the heavens. You will hear of others later on.

In the United States there were, by the census of 1910, 47,332,277 males, and 44,689,989 females, or 104.4 males to each 100 females.

It may not be any safer for the automobiles to carry glaring headlights, but it tends to make the other fellow get out in the ditch.

It is fairly easy to write something that no one can understand, and label it "High Thought," but common sense is more difficult to spread on paper.

In view of the fact that \$4,000,000 is to be saved on the rural delivery service, congress will no doubt feel justified in spending \$5,000,000 more for marble postoffices.

There is a whole raft of knockers on the administration at Washington, but that is expected, especially at a time when the administration is trying to do something for the people.

It seems pretty hard to get a candidate for president who says he wants the republican nomination. Hold on a moment—we hear there is a fellow by the name of Estabrook.

Government reports show that the trade of the United States in fruit and nuts has doubled in the last decade. Exports and imports together amounted to \$92,840,172 in 1914.

Don't neglect the little ones during Christmas time. Make their little hearts leap with joy on Christmas morn when they open their eyes to see that Santa Claus has not forgotten them.

There is a widespread feeling in this country, when any more Americans are killed in towns on the Mexican border, that a few of our soldiers ought accidentally to discharge their guns across the line.

A large number of voters have evidently resolved to support no one for president unless he promises to advance all wages 50 per cent, reduce all taxes, divide up the money in the treasury per capita, and establish a six-hour day of labor.

Box Social Friday, December 17th.

The pupils and teacher of the Amick school, district No. 55, a mile west and two miles south of Mynard, will give a box social and entertainment Friday night, December 17th. Ladies please bring boxes and gents their pocketbooks. Ruby Edgerton, Teacher. 12-13-15-d&w

## Local News

**From Friday's Daily.**  
N. H. Isbell and son, Walter, were among those going to Omaha this morning, where they will visit for the day, taking in the sights.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster and children of Union motored to this city this morning for a short visit with Mrs. Foster's parents.

John S. Rough and wife of Nehawka, who have been visiting in Omaha for a short time, returned this afternoon to this city, en route to their home.

L. D. Hiatt, the Murray merchant, was in the city last evening for a few hours en route from Omaha, where he had been spending the day, to his home in Murray.

County Commissioners C. E. Heebner and Henry Snok departed this afternoon for their homes at Nehawka and Eagle, after being here attending the meeting of the county commissioners.

Mrs. Tom Will and little son, James, of Hennessey, Oklahoma, who were here visiting at the home of Mr. Will's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Will, departed this morning for their home in the south.

J. R. Lee, wife and little son came in this morning from their farm home, west of this city, and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha, where they will visit for the day taking in the sights.

Mrs. C. A. Moore of Riverside, Illinois, who has been here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, departed this morning for her home in the east. Mrs. Moore will be remembered by a number of the older residents as Miss Teresa Humphrey.

**From Saturday's Daily.**  
Paul Heil, who is attending school in Omaha, came down this afternoon to spend Sunday with relatives in this locality.

John E. Kaffenberger departed this morning for Omaha, where he will visit his sister, Miss Gladys, at the hospital in that city.

Frank Finkle and son, John, came up this morning from their home near Union and spent a few hours here looking after some dental work.

Tom McCully and daughter, Miss Maude, residing south of Plattsmouth, were in the city Friday visiting and trading with the county seat business men.

George Sayles departed this morning for Cedar Creek, where he was called to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Brodbeck, this afternoon.

Mrs. Herman Gartleman and little niece, Lola Strickland, departed this morning for Omaha, where they will enjoy a short visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Will Jean and two sons were among those going to Omaha this morning, where they will visit for the day and look after some matters of business.

Tom Ruby motored in this morning from his home west of Mynard to spend a few hours here looking after the week-end shopping and visit with his friends.

P. H. Meisinger came in this morning from his farm home and spent the day here visiting with friends and looking after some trading with the merchants.

Ben Beckman, who has been visiting in Omaha with relatives for a few days, returned home this afternoon on No. 24, after a most enjoyable visit in the metropolis.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson of Courtland, Nebraska, who has been here visiting her mother, Mrs. C. P. Sydenbothan and family, departed this morning for her home, going on the early Burlington train.

Joseph Svoboda came in last evening from his home at Lawrence, Neb., to attend the funeral of his aunt, the late Mrs. Joseph Svoboda, which was held this morning.

W. H. Miller departed this afternoon for Lincoln in company with his son, W. R. Miller, of Memphis, where Mr. Miller, sr., will enter the sanitarium to undergo treatment for rheumatism, from which he has been a great sufferer for some time.

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