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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Philosophy is nothing but discretion.—Seelen

Fly-swatting not in it yet.

Winter may continue all summer.

Snow storms continue in the Wild West.

What about a Fourth of July celebration?

A real smart man never has more than one wife at a time.

An effort is being made to have band concerts this summer.

Day by day the question grows: "How soon is immediately?"

A tightwad should never run for office if he expects to be elected.

It's an extraordinary man who can look dignified in his shirt sleeves.

Let us now mobilize the surgeons of the nation and cut out the hiphens.

This would indeed be a bitter world if it were not for the tactful liars in it.

If he leaves a trash pile lying idly by; when flies and skeeters breed, no doubt he'll wonder why.

The United States has no objection to Carranza doing the work, but they propose to stand around on the side lines to see that it is done.

Justice Hughes bids fair to be forced either to resign from the bench or declare that he will refuse the republican presidential nomination.

America's murder rate, accounted abnormally high, really is only about 80 to one million inhabitants, in spite of the great number of lap dogs and little green hats.

Most men, or at least a greater number, are willing to fight when the nation needs them. But few men know anything about fighting, and it takes time to learn.

Politics take away the jobs of competent men of experience and give them to men without experience, who may or may not be competent. And that's why the public gets the worst of it.

Henry T. Clark, who has served so long as railroad commissioner, was defeated for renomination at the recent primaries. They all "get it in the neck" if they keep coming long enough.

According to the Chicago Tribune many republican papers throughout the country have announced their intention of supporting the re-election of President Wilson, no matter who the republicans nominate.

There is great inequality in our economic struggle. There are men who get as much as \$800 a night for lectures about the war, and we know men here in Plattsmouth who do the same thing every day for nothing.

The shortest and quickest way for Carranza to get American troops out of Mexico is to capture Villa and deliver him up to our soldiers, instead of talking about what his soldiers can do. That Carranza is a failure as president of Mexico no one doubts, and his own people are dissatisfied with the bunch of whisks.

The republican papers seem very anxious that some means will be devised by which Mr. Bryan can secure a seat as delegate in the democratic national convention. They seem more anxious, really, than Mr. Bryan's personal friends. Every sensible man knows why they want him there—not any particular friendship for Bryan, however, but simply to create further discord. Mr. Bryan can find plenty of opportunities for a seat as a delegate without going to the republicans for any assistance.

WHERE TRICKERY WON.

Nothing was more apparent in the returns from the recent primaries than that sentiment for or against the amendment was not the ruling force in determining the identity of candidates of either party. In but one case was it potentially worked as a trick to secure the triumph of one recognized an avowed friend of the amendment over the other. A great majority of the voters were evidently of the opinion that the attitude of candidates with relation to the amendment was no measure of their fitness for the positions to which they aspired.

When those who enacted the initiative and referendum measure made provision therein that no political party should either endorse or oppose any measure proposed under it, they evidently did it for the purpose of allowing every such measure to be considered upon its merits alone, and to free the selection of state officers from the prejudice and passion accompanying the consideration of such issues as must be submitted by the proposal of constitutional amendments.

The wisdom of that provision has been emphasized by what transpired during the primary campaign. As a matter of fact the attitudes of candidates in no way affected the prospects of the amendment. It is for the people as a whole to determine the fate of the amendment, and all candidates are, if elected, sworn to carry it into effect should it be adopted.

There is no warrant for the suggestion that any candidate would dare to fail or refuse to enforce the amendment with all the power at his command. Such a suggestion is but a false pretense, made in behalf of a particular candidate in an effort to credit him with a virtue that is wholly artificial, put upon him for show purposes only.

It is true that this pretense did excite enough sympathy in the primary to enable Mr. Sutton to defeat his more popular rival, Mr. McKelvie, although the latter was recognized as just as good a friend of the amendment and the conditions it is intended to create as is Mr. Sutton. It also aroused much indignant protest from friends loyal to the amendment. It certainly could not be urged against Mr. McKelvie that if he had been elected governor, and the amendment should be later adopted, he would not enforce it with as much zeal as Mr. Sutton is likely to entertain in its enforcement should he be elected.

If that be true, then it must be admitted that the triumph of Mr. Sutton over Mr. McKelvie was accomplished by a trick, and behind the manipulation of that trick, which fooled a good many zealous and conscientious friends of the amendment, were some of the cleverest tricksters whose services are at the command of republicans. It was a trick which the framers of the initiative and referendum had sought to outlaw in specific terms. It was tried in the democratic primaries and failed. And to those who protested, the identity of the trick manipulators is known?

That it won the republican primary is not by any means evidence that it will win the fall election, although those who so successfully and lawlessly worked it last week are already diligently seeking to put it into play for the election.—Lincoln Star.

The wife is the very first to find out that you are a tightwad.

What we sow we shall reap, unless, of course, we are so credulous as to plant congressional garden seed.

Any effort that congress or anybody else may make to keep American people off of armed vessels is absolutely unnecessary so far as we are concerned. Those who board such vessels despite the warnings given, are taking their lives in their own hands and no government should be held responsible under present conditions.

Five million dollars worth of loot buried by the late General Thomas Urbina, said to be a Villa lieutenant, has been recovered by Carranzista military forces, according to an official announcement by Consul Garcia, at El Paso. The treasure was buried on the Las Niexas ranch in Durango. It comprised twenty-three boxes of gold coins and jewelry, twenty bars of gold bullion, some silver bullion and loot from Mexican churches, besides \$800,000 in bank notes.

The victory in a fly campaign lies in doing the swatting early.

Some men, who think they own the town, should pay the taxes.

Eastern cartoonists still think Denver is on the Mexican border.

It has always seemed strange that a man invented a talking machine.

Splendid weather for the rheumatism, if you don't care what you say.

Germany need not think it will fall in our estimation by conceding our contentions.

A chronic kicker should be kicked occasionally so that he may see how it is himself.

A politician's idea of a demagogue is a man who is making a bigger hit with the people than he is.

The allies seem to realize that the only redress the United States has lies in an embargo that would ruin business.

Dentists and barbers have more practice at talking than other people, because those in the chair can't answer back.

When a man talks a good deal about what good neighbors he has, it is an indication that he is a pretty good neighbor himself.

Parking automobiles in the center of Main street is just the thing and pleases everybody. This is the work of Chief Barclay.

General Scott should carefully study General Obregon's looks during that conference. It may be necessary to identify him sometime.

The old bugaboo about the possibility of the house of representatives electing the next president has bobbed up early in this campaign.

Although "Hugo" was 8 feet 4 inches tall and weighed 500 pounds, it is Tom Thumb whose name will always be remembered. But Goliath is the world's pet giant.

When the Journal can't work for the best interests of Plattsmouth, it will be ready to move out. That's the way that every property owner who amounts to anything should feel.

Some folks would pour hot criticism on President Wilson whether he made Germany come to time on the submarine issue or not. There is always a class of critics who couldn't live without knocking.

More than 30,000,000 pounds of paper, embracing almost every kind in present day use and costing approximately \$1,200,000 a year, is used in the government printing office in Washington, making the United States one of the largest buyers of paper in the world.

If Plattsmouth is to have a fall festival, let it come in September. Hon. R. B. Windham deserves great credit in his efforts to bring this matter before the commercial club, as he has been working for some months to have a "Home Coming" celebration. Let's have a hummer.

Since the late state-wide primaries there has been much discussion throughout the state in regard to abolishing the law. Politicians have long been insisting that the primary system was destroying party organizations and party interests. This is probably true, but at the same time, to return to the convention system may not suit the masses of either of the parties. While the politicians seem to think better candidates could be nominated at a convention than at a primary. This is probably true, also. But we are of the opinion that it will be hard to get a legislature whose members would take it upon themselves to abolish the law. And there you are.

Financial prosperity and strength in the United States is spreading rapidly to new levels, according to the interpretations placed by the comptroller of the currency on figures made public yesterday showing conditions March 7, the date of the last bank call, in the country's national banks. Here is what the returns show: Total resources of national banks, \$13,380,000,000, an increase of \$2,271,000,000 or 20 per cent within a year. Total deposits, \$10,790,000,000, an increase of \$2,198,000,000, or nearly 25 per cent within a year, and an increase of \$411,000,000 since December 31, last. An increase of \$990,000,000 in loans and discounts within a year. Surplus and undivided profits of \$1,031,278,000, an increase of \$18,000,000.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP.

The following editorial is taken from the Columbus Telegram, of which Edgar Howard is proprietor, printed at a time when he thought he was defeated for lieutenant governor on the democratic ticket:

"On the faces of the primary election returns it would appear that the democrats of Nebraska have voted in favor of transferring the party leadership in this state from the hands of the progressives to the care of some leaders who are not as progressive as we might wish them to be. First returns show clearly that Charley Bryan and all his progressive running mates on the primary ticket have been defeated, and it is almost safe to estimate that William J. Bryan has been defeated as a candidate for delegate at large to the national democratic convention.

"As a believer in the democratic doctrine of majority rule The Telegram bows to the will of the majority, and accepts the decree without a protest. We made the best fight we knew how to make for the progressive primary ticket. It is not pleasing to note the passing of the party leadership to the hands of men whose primary campaign was promoted by interests opposed to the pure principles of democracy. It is not conducive to a free democratic peace of mind to discover that the great public service corporations have the power to dictate the selection of a ticket at a democratic primary. But it is the will of the majority, and if a democrat is sincere in his claimed allegiance to a fundamental democratic principle, then he must bow to the will of the majority, and support the nominee of the party, save only in case the nominee shall later be discovered to be unfit to receive the suffrage of a democrat. Not often do such men receive democratic nominations. There is none of that kind on the democratic state ticket this year.

"The democratic leader in the coming Nebraska campaign is Mr. Keith Neville, who has received a very substantial majority as primary candidate for governor. He has never filled any public office, and so nothing can be said about his official record. In private life he bears a good name. He is well educated. He has large property interests. He has had experience in business matters, and is fully equipped to give good service to the state in capacity as governor. His running mate as the party nominee for lieutenant governor is Hon. William Banning, a man of affairs, and with legislative experience. He is well qualified for the honor to which the party has called him as a candidate.

"And now that the primary battle is over, we shall wish success to the new party managers in Nebraska. Perhaps the editor of The Telegram may not be able to instantly become a first-class worker in new harness. It may rub a little in spots. We have become so accustomed to working in the old progressive democratic harness that we may not at first be able to pull our share of the load while working in harness which was not made in a progressive factory. We will do the best we can."

L. F. Langhorst, who, as chairman of the democratic central committee of Cass county so successfully managed the organization in this county, has given him a state-wide reputation as an organizer, and in several sections of Nebraska, has been highly spoken of for the state chairmanship. Mr. Langhorst has demonstrated great ability as an organizer and the Journal does not believe that there is a more competent person in the state to take up the management of the state campaign as chairman of the committee. He is, we believe, the proper man for the place, and knowing him for his efficiency, we feel justified in recommending him.

The house printing committee declares in a formal report that "millions and millions of franked envelopes supplied free to members of congress for their own use have been turned over to private organizations to conduct private campaign for certain purposes." Further the committee says: "Such transactions have cost the government many thousands of dollars for printing and carrying free in the mail tons of publications intended to further the special interests of certain individuals, or organizations."

Sir Roger Casement faces the possibility of being beheaded, hanged or declared insane. But perhaps he gets some consolation out of the thought that when he undergoes one he will escape from the other two.

Four lean years for republican politicians probably present the greatest force in the interest of party harmony. To a republican four years is quite a while to be kept from the pie counter.

Be for Plattsmouth all the time.

Nebraska is for Cummins for president.

It is easy to point out the town knockers.

Teddy is donning his fighting mits. Look out.

Hughes may come to the front yet. No telling.

The first day of May, and overcoats still in demand occasionally.

Hope is nourishing. To try to live on regrets means starvation.

The voters are showing signs of preparation to "swat their literary cusses" again.

There are three ways of enjoying one's self in the south in cold weather—being a plutocrat, a baseball player or a tramp.

It is remarkable how many men can create the impression that they are deep thinkers by merely contracting their brows.

Anti-martial slogans will never convince any young mother that she isn't raising her boy to become some sort of a hero.

Why have the silly notion that the reason the Venue de Milo has no arms is because the sculptor didn't think much of her elbows?

A woman with a pet monkey ought to be humble; the right of it must remind her of the days when her ancestors scampered in the tree tops.

No wonder the sober American mind is all agog, with the constant chatter by Justice Hughes and Ambassador Gerard forever ringing in its ears.

Maybe you'd better be a bit cautious about eating pieplant tops as greens. A farmer near Wichita, Kansas, ate some that had been frosted, and died as a result.

There are no doubts about the present state democratic officials being nominated, but their re-election is very doubtful, and should be with several of them, but we don't care to mention any names.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa reiterates what almost every sensible man has repeated to himself, when he expresses himself thus: "If war comes out of this, I hope the first to enlist will be those who insist on riding on armed and belligerent ships."

There is no one in Nebraska but a prejudiced fanatic that believes that Sutton will come anywhere near making as good a governor as Keith Neville. This is the opinion of republicans and democrats alike, who are personally acquainted with the history of both candidates.

When a lot of "intelligent" American citizens deliberately cast their ballot for presidential preference for an unknown livery stable employe, it makes one feel like withdrawing all objections to giving women the ballot. The woman would certainly do no worse than to vote for the "hired girl" under such circumstances.—Aurora Sun.

Many papers are urging the necessity of a "municipal clean up." Why not? If the city authorities will use their persuasive powers on the matter of cleaning up the city, it will have more effect than all other powers. There are those perhaps who will not clean up their premises unless they have to, and these are the ones that the city should get after.

Democratic newspapers should avoid saying cutting things about one another. Of course, at present there seems to be two factions, but if the factions will throw aside the bitter animosities engendered in the recent primary election and go to work for harmony, this bitterness will have all passed away, and the democrats of Nebraska, marching in one solid phalanx, as of old, will go to democratic success at the fall elections.

It is a little perplexing to read that representatives of the several hundred newspapers of the Associated Press, at their meeting the other day in New York, participated in a toast in which they tendered their "sympathy and loyal support to the man who, by virtue of his great office, is our spokesman to this world, and who speaks for our rights and our honor as God has given him to see our rights and honor." Is it possible that there were no Roosevelt editors in that bunch?—Lincoln Star.

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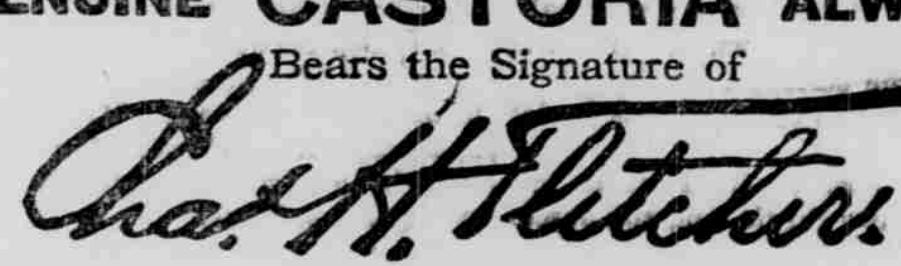
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