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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

If thou canst not give pleasure to all by thy knowledge, give it then unto the few: many to please is but vain.—Schiller.

Remember the poor children.

Let them feel there is a Santa Claus.

Only four days yet in which to do your shopping.

We hardly believe autos are responsible for infantile paralysis, as not a single Pomeranian has been taken down.

If the famine in paper should discourage the custom of putting bands on cigars it would not be wholly without advantage.

All the world is paying for the European war. It is to be hoped that all the world will reap its share of any benefits that may come from the great disaster.

Paper is now so high that people are beginning to understand why the ancients inscribed their message on clay or stone tablets.

Apple pie now sells for 10 cents a cut in Minneapolis, reports the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Still knocking that town, it seems.

Combiners are as much to blame for the prices of everything as the European war. The war is simply an opportunity for these combiners to get the best of the consumers, and they are very eager to snap up the opportunity.

We would like to see a show come to the Parmele that would please everyone. But that is an utter impossibility, and life is too short to even dream of such an occurrence. You just cannot please all the people all the time, and the manager will have to make up his mind and do like the editor of the Journal, who makes no pretention of pleasing everybody. And it is foolish any time you try.

It is not many days till the legislature meets. It assembles a week earlier than usual this time. The members of the house, and we suppose the senate, also, will meet on Friday and Saturday, December 29 and 30, for the purpose of caucusing and the selection of chairmen of committees. We desire to see our good friend, Hon. John Murtry, get the chairmanship of some important committee, as he is a gentleman of considerable ability, and we believe the committee on banking and currency would be well headed by him, because we know he is one of the best qualified members of the new legislature in the state for a position of this character.

To those of us who recall with what wisdom the president and congress worked out the details of the federal reserve act, providing a remedy for evils which republican statesmanship had for many years been unable to solve, it gives hope that all that is evil in existing high prices of food will be ferreted out and summarily eliminated. There is no longer question that existing oppressive prices, while attributable in some measure to the war and the fact that the world is bidding against the domestic consumer for the food the republic produces, are more largely due to cunning and conscienceless combinations of men who corner food supplies and advance prices so as to yield them enormous profits.

Robbers are trying their hands on bank robbing.

Don't spoil the effect by writing it Xmas.

Nevada is as dry as a bone, which may account for her people voting "wet."

Now is the time when you should feel thankful for what you are about to receive.

Do you notice how good the little fellows are just now? They know old Santa is watching them.

An Iowa woman keeps her husband tied up in the back yard, says an exchange. But maybe he snaps.

Remember, we have a number of widows with children. They ought to be remembered Christmas morn.

Do it now, before the rush on the last day before Christmas, and that is Saturday, when the stores will be crowded to overflowing.

Many of the larger manufacturers in the east are increasing the wages of their employes, in consequence of the high cost of living.

The British are said to plan an increase in charges for the use of the Suez canal. Evidently the Panama canal has not greatly hurt their business.

Our minds are said to be working overtime coining money, but the problem of securing coin is still uppermost in the mind of the average man with a family.

If you have a poor family in your neighborhood who is unable to remember their children, you should be a Good Fellow, if you are able, and remember them yourself.

More than eight million acres of land were eliminated from the national forests in the last fiscal year, as a result of the classification work. Let the good work continue.

When a man sits down on a pin or a tack he generally makes a pointed remark right away, and it wouldn't be very complimentary to the lad who placed the tack there, either.

This, the last week before Christmas, is bound to be a busy one, in more respects than any half dozen were. While the little tots are preparing to listen to the chimes of the Christmas bells many of those of the proper age will be listening for the peals of marriage bells, which are liable to be very numerous, if all signs do not fail.

Plattsmouth merchants never in the history of the old town enjoyed a larger trade for one day, than they did last Saturday. One of our principal merchants took in \$1,000 in cash, and one-half that amount or more went on the books. Evidently, very few country people went to Omaha Saturday to do their Christmas shopping, and this demonstrates splendid judgment.

The \$15,000 recently voted to finish the new high school building according to plans and specifications is now held up, and work on the building is to be further delayed in a suit to prevent the payment of the bonds thus voted, and the Board of Education and taxpayers put to a further expense of defending this suit, which was brought through spite work. This is an outrageous proceeding, and not only that, but it is not a very good advertisement for the city of Plattsmouth, which is noted far and near for its energy and enterprise.

To be generous is to be happy.

It looks like a white Christmas.

Eight inches of snow in Tennessee.

Only three more days to do your shopping.

Any move for peace should be encouraged.

If you can't give with a smile, don't give at all.

It don't take much of a person to start trouble.

Eggs are still eggs in this man's town at 40 cents a dozen.

The boycott in Kansas City has reduced the price of eggs to 35 cents a dozen.

It seems to be the women vote which has kept Greece out of war all right. King Constantine's better half turned the trick.

There will be cheaper living, perhaps, after the European war is over. But maybe some of us will not live to see that time.

Broom corn is now worth \$200 a ton. Now is the time for Secretary Redfield or somebody to make a sweeping investigation.

It may be that the question of which party had the best end of the Pinchot and Garfield family split will never be definitely settled.

Strange as it may seem, whenever the government starts an investigation of a certain thing the price on that particular article moves up another notch.

Hon. John Murtry has the car shortage question down to a fine point, and having been in the shipping business for many years, he knows just exactly where the beginning of the trouble comes in.

Nebraska hens delivered seventy million eggs last year. Editor Maupin, of the York Democrat, has figured it out and says that if these eggs were placed end to end they would circle the world and then lap over from the Missouri river to Salt Lake City. When it comes to handling statistics, Bill Maupin is there with the correct figures. He is from Missouri, but don't "have to be shown."

The tragic death of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Becker, near Mason City, Ill., should be a warning to farmers keeping large sums of money at home. There is no doubt they were murdered for money, as \$14,000 was missing, and the old gentleman was known to have considerable more, that the murderers did not get. In this day and age it is rather risky for anyone to keep large sums of money in the house. We say this simply to warn some farmer friends.

HITTING THE BULL'S EYE.

The St. Joseph Gazette hits the bull's-eye when it says: "British officials, editors, and scholars are promptly announcing their opinion of the proposal of their enemies for peace. Nothing has yet been heard, however, from the soldiers in the trenches. It would be interesting to know how they view the suggestion that the bloodshed be ended. Perhaps the London politicians, writers and students but voice the sentiments of the men who along the battle fronts are offering their lives for their nation. It might not be unfair to make certain of the fact, however, rather than to merely take it for granted. There is a possibility that, were the officeholders, journalists and educators under constant shrapnel fire, with small chances of getting away alive, they would give the entire problem of whether the war should be continued more careful consideration than they have yet accorded it."

An eastern Ontario rural telephone company is imposing penalties for the frivolous use of the telephone. Frivolous use of the telephone ought to be frowned on everywhere.

LINCOLN OR ROCKEFELLER.

The chief justice of the supreme court of Nebraska, Andrew M. Morrissey, writes the World-Herald the following letter:

"I have been much impressed with the suggestion of Judge Wannamaker of the supreme court of Ohio, Captain Adams, and others, that the study of Abraham Lincoln be made a part of the regular work of our public schools. This is a suggestion that richly merits the approval of the American public. Races are judged by the strong characters they produce. If the youth of America are to develop a proper sense of the dignity of their own nationality they must be made familiar with great American characters. Up to the present time there has probably been little need for teaching Lincoln in the schools because there have been with us so many men and women who knew him in the flesh, and his work was so recent that it seemed as if he still lived and moved among us. Gradually, however, those of his day and generation are passing away. Boys and girls are growing up who know nothing of the stirring scenes through which he passed, and if they are to know and appreciate his character they must get their knowledge in the schools. His life ought to be an inspiration to every American youth, and, like American history, it ought to be made a part of the regular curriculum."

There is in this letter a thought that will bear careful consideration. "If the youth of America are to develop a certain sense of the dignity of their own nationality," writes Judge Morrissey, "they must be made familiar with great American characters."

What means are we taking today, in the schools or out of the schools, to impress the youth of America with a sense of the dignity of their own nationality?

What are we doing to make them understand what is the meaning of America; to make them familiar with the soul of the republic, to inspire them with its ideals?

Is the United States of America something more than a colony of money-grabbers? Has it other ideals than to get rich quick? Has it a soul, or is it purely materialistic? Is our republic to be represented in terms of coal and iron and steel and steam and electricity and wheat and pork, or are all these merely means to an end? If so, what is that end?

The life that Lincoln lived, the emotions that were in his heart, the aspirations that fired his brain—were these elements that should endure, that should be part and parcel of the America of today—and of tomorrow? Or is it better, in the new age of steel and chemistry and electricity, to forget them, and devote ourselves assiduously to learning a trade or a calling, working hard—the harder the better—and getting on in the world?

What is that "dignity of our own nationality" to which Judge Morrissey refers? By what is it created? Is it symbolized better by Abraham Lincoln or by John D. Rockefeller?

In our schools and in the daily life of the republic the idea of success and greatness that Rockefeller represents is being driven into the national life with incessant sledge-hammer blows. That is the reason that the church pews are empty. That is why the suggestion that the study of Lincoln be made a part of our public school course comes as a novelty and a surprise. It is as much of an innovation as would be the suggestion that the churches invite the publicans and sinners into close communion with the elect.—World-Herald.

If it is true that the South Omaha Stock Yards company have been charging shippers such outrageous prices for feed for live stock while in the yards waiting sale all these years, it looks as though something has "been rotten in Denmark" all this time. But the shippers are to blame for not reporting to the proper authorities.

Hampshire boars for sale. Inquire of C. R. Todd, Plattsmouth, Neb.

ONE CERTAIN GAIN.

Great Britain and her allies may or may not agree to discuss terms with the Teutonic empires and their allies. But at least one good thing will have come of the suggestion at any rate. The word "peace" has been spoken in an official and authoritative fashion, not by a neutral who might be accused of intermeddling and of ignorance of the feeling of the belligerents, but by one of the parties to the great contest.

This mere fact will give license and force to peace discussions all over the world. It will particularly set forward the discussion of the far-reaching plan of devising a league to enforce peace—or at least to enforce a delay which will give time for due deliberation. It should promote a renewed consideration of the feasibility of limiting armaments. Peace may be good under almost any circumstances. But it would be a great opportunity lost if it should come without an accompanying recognition of the need for making it what all the belligerents profess to desire—an actually "durable peace."

It is something that even the mere word has come from so influential a quarter. Naturally but unfortunately the arrangements proposed contemplate a practical return to the situation in which the "balance of power" is to furnish the principal guarantee of peace. That and the recollection of the horrors of recent years may serve the purpose for awhile. But nothing less than the league in question promises even a partial solution of the problem.—Chicago Herald.

STUDY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Some time ago, Judge Wannamaker of the supreme court of Ohio, suggested that one year's study of Abraham Lincoln should be made a part of the required work in every high school in the land. This suggestion has been received with nation-wide approval and it has been commented upon in the eastern press.

Recent comments made in this section are all in favor of this study of Lincoln. Captain C. E. Adams of Omaha has written and published a very comprehensive argument in favor of Judge Wannamaker's idea and these letters of Captain Adams have called forth local editorial support for the proposition. It is pointed out that Lincoln has left a heritage to his people greater than that of any other man. His life and public services are being more and more understood.

The World-Herald says of this study of Lincoln in the schools, that there is no study better calculated to make good capable Americans of pupils than the study of the life of Lincoln. The same paper expresses the opinion that there are few American farmers but would rather have their sons study "Lincoln" than study Caesar or Cicero. The contrast between Lincoln and his life and his influence upon the world with that of any of the old Romans is so much more forcible in favor of Lincoln that as a study of men, there would be no comparison between his character and that of all others. There is a growing inclination wherever the people themselves give attention to modern education, to more and more depart from the old classics and reach through modern education, a better understanding of modern life and modern conditions. The epoch of Lincoln's time has no comparison in history. Nothing that the great Greeks and Romans of twenty centuries ago accomplished compares in magnitude with the influence of Lincoln and his time upon civilization. Because his time is nearer to us than ancient Rome or ancient Greece, is no reason why it should not have just as great attention—greater attention, than we give in the text books to times and conditions and men in the days of the greatest glory of Greece and Italy.

It will be interesting to note how generally school men will take to the suggestion of Judge Wannamaker regarding a year's study of Lincoln in the high schools of the country. If the educators in public schools and universities show any real enthusiasm for this work, it will become a fixture in

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the public schools in the country in the very near future.—Lincoln Trade Review.

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The Adamson law will be up before the United States supreme court the first week in January, at which time the court will hear arguments. No attempt will be made to enforce the law until a ruling is given by the court.

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A Pennsylvania scientist is growing tomatoes and potatoes from a single stalk. Very cheering to vegetarians, but what most of us want is an invention that will make both ends meet.

Peeling potatoes is now a misdemeanor in Germany, and if the government will make dish-washing a felony the war will not seem nearly so awful to a lot of young daughters.

A young California minister has married on eight dollars a week, saying, "Faith in God will sustain us;" and perhaps it will be all right, if the happy bridal couple are not too particular.

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