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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Without courage there can not be truth, and without truth there can be no other virtue.—Sir Walter Scott.

Now is the time to buy it early.

They are talking of a new map of Europe with Turkey left off. Just as well.

Only nineteen more days till Christmas. Have you done that "early shopping" yet?

It is doubtful if any ex-president starves to death or dies from exposure, even if he don't accept the pension of Mr. Carnegie.

Before beginning to stamp out an evil some people ought to be careful to wipe their own feet before taking a part in the business.

The show windows of the various stores and shops catch the eyes of the little ones, who are all interested in the advent of Santa Claus.

The decision with reference to the water rights in Nebraska looks like the cutting of a melon. And it appears to be a large enough specimen to eliminate any quarreling about it.

The people are watching the papers for Christmas bargains. The merchants who do not advertise evidently expect no Christmas shoppers, or have no bargains to offer.

One thing certain, Governor Morehead is not going into the appointing business until he gets good and ready, and he is not going to stand any monkey business with candidates, either.

An eastern editor speaks of "the effort of the president-elect to lose himself" by going to Bermuda. All a mistake. Like Governor Morehead, when he went down to Excelsior Springs, he was simply trying to lose the office-seekers.

Wisconsin, by the laws of its statute books, ranks admittedly first among the progressive states. Yet it rejected equal suffrage overwhelmingly. From Wyoming and Colorado, where the women vote, the political news consists largely of graft and scandal. What's the answer?

The League of Democratic Clubs, in session in Washington this week, adopted resolutions recommending that the ceremonies of swearing in the president and the attendant pageant should not be separated. This means that both should occur on the 4th of March, blizzard or no blizzard.

It will be a splendid charity act if some of the Sunday schools of Plattsmouth would some way provide the poor children of the city with Christmas presents. Some charity-inclined lady or gentleman should take the lead in this matter in time to raise sufficient money to do the business. Then a committee should be selected to find out the really poor children of the city—those whose father or mother is dead, and those who are too poor to buy Christmas presents for their children. This is the proper way to display the Christmas spirit.

Nothing saved by waiting, unless you wait till after Christmas.

Winter is already here and yet we have had no real winter weather.

Governor Morehead declares he will make no appointments until January 7.

To do your Christmas shopping early is no fake, if you will only "take time by the forelock."

Congress and Christmas shopping will keep the average mind pretty well occupied until after the holidays.

While the champion corn husker serves a useful purpose, he can't charge admission and make money like other athletes; he has to earn it.

Improvements still booming notwithstanding this is the first month of winter. There will be work all winter if the weather will hold off its icy blasts.

The children are hoping for a white Christmas. What is Christmas to the little ones without snow, anyway? The jingle of the sleigh bells is music to their ears.

An Ohio woman, who recently died at the age of 91 years, boasted she had never been kissed by a man. But one that old could hardly be expected to fully possess her memory of trivial things.

There are men in politics who believe the federal constitution is a fossilized instrument that does more harm than good, but Judge W. H. Thompson of Kansas is not one of them. It gives him the senatorship.

Sixty million packages of garden seed have been prepared to send out early next spring. Of course each congressman gets his share. We'll bet a coonkin that but few of them will be as particular in sending them next spring as they were last spring.

Chicago has received this season approximately 177,000 western range cattle, as compared with 354,000 in 1907. With only half as many grass cattle as five years ago it is not difficult to figure out why beef is so high and why the price is going to remain high.

The regular republicans don't seem to take very kindly to John O. Yeiser's proposition to unite the party. As one Cass county leader says, they will gladly accept all those who "went off after stray gods" who desired to return to the fold, into full fellowship at any time.

A college for hoboes is the latest thing contemplated for the benefit of Wandering Willies by James Eads Howe, the St. Louis millionaire tramp. Here is an opportunity for Andrew Carnegie to dispose of some of his surplus millions, instead of pensioning ex-presidents.

Governor Baldwin of Connecticut favored the restoration of the whipping post at the meeting of governors in Richmond this week. In many cases the whipping post is the proper thing. One instance in our mind's eye is Jack Johnson, the nigger slugger, who has just married another white girl.

Progressives should not worry over the back-sliding of Flinn. The Pennsylvania boss will be found standing at Armageddon again if there is anything in it for Flinn—and his "children."

Last week the Omaha World-Herald, which is always doing something for the poor of that city, started a fund to pay off a mortgage of \$250 on the little home of a poor widow in Omaha, and the entire amount was raised in a very short time. The mortgage was lifted on Thanksgiving day. Wasn't that a happy Thanksgiving in that little home?

The woman suffrageists are meeting in Omaha this week to devise ways and means of giving the women of Nebraska the right to vote. The matter will come as a question at the next election, but there is no more show of carrying woman's suffrage in Nebraska than there was in carrying Wisconsin in the late election, and it was defeated in that state by an overwhelming majority.

Such has been the popularity of moving picture shows, according to an article in McClure's, that one of the promoters of these enterprises to lease the Metropolitan opera house in New York City for their production, and offered a rental of \$150,000 a year; this being refused, he is now building a moving picture theater in Harlem which will seat even more people than the opera house.

Anyone who has an unused 13-cent United States postage stamp printed on blue paper would do well to hold onto it rather than to use it on a letter or package. A stamp dealer who has heretofore sold these stamps to collectors for \$62.50 each, announces that the price will be \$75. Four thousand of these stamps were originally printed, but fewer than a hundred are known to exist at present.

Governor Aldrich has proclaimed the five amendments to the constitution voted on at the late election adopted. The amendments are as follows: First, initiative and referendum; second, increasing legislative salaries and limiting period for introduction of bills to the first twenty days of the session; third, board of control for state institutions; fourth, biennial elections; and fifth, giving cities of 5,000 or more population the right to make their own charters.

President Taft evidently intends to fill all the vacancies of postmasters whose terms expire while he remains as chief executive. He reappointed one postmaster down at Wichita, Kansas, the other day for another term of four years, and from reports from Washington he intends to make such appointments right along, who will try to hold on under the civil service order. The democrats will undoubtedly register a kick against such work, by doing away with the civil service altogether.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has called attention to the extent to which the postoffice department has to bear the expense of carrying the mails for other departments by means of the franking privilege. Twenty millions is the annual cost of carrying the franked matter of the agricultural, war, navy, interior and other departments. Let the selfish penny-postage seekers exercise their efforts toward remedying this abuse before seeking to cut down half of the receipts of the department, ostensibly in order that the great mass of people may send their letters for one cent instead of two cents, but in reality in order that the benefits of postal service cannot for years to come be extended to other undertakings, such as parcels post, etc.

The most useful gifts in the world at Eastwood's.

Hurry up, girls, leap year is rushing to the jumping-off place.

Get busy and secure the trade of the early shoppers. Advertising will do the business.

From a financial standpoint, Mr. Bryan would make more mone out of the cabinet than in it.

Even the ministers of Omaha will urge in their sermons the advisability of doing your Christmas shopping early.

The Aldrich currency scheme is coming to the front in congress again, and the members feminist it will have to be on their guard.

The prospects are most excellent for this holiday season to break all records in the volume of trade. The business of the country is getting under tremendous headway.

A man down in Missouri got religion recently and straightway fed three carloads of Ben Davis apples to the hogs rather than sell them. He felt they were unfit for human food.

"The war cloud still hangs over Europe," according to reports. Well, let her hang. The United States has plenty to supply their demands, as long as they have the money to foot the bills.

Our republican friends need not worry—Mr. Bryan can have any position in President Wilson's cabinet he may desire, and the beauty of it is he is abundantly able to fill any of them.

President Wilson has already indicated that so far as he is to be concerned the pledges made the people in the democratic platform of 1912 are to be kept, and legislation along that line will be insisted upon.

Men who want to do the housework and take care of the children while their wives go to the polls on election day are the only ones who will vote for woman suffrage. And there are precious few men who will consent to this.

The next congress that meets, the official message directing that body what to do will be written by Hon. Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States. A democratic message to congress is something new of late years.

Grand Island is to have a new brewery, costing \$100,000. It is also fair to state that that city raised \$75,000 in three days for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building. Evidently there is nothing too good for Grand Island.

In New York last week a loan shark was fined \$250 and sent to jail for sixty days. The specific offense was making a loan of \$45 for one month at \$15 interest, or 400 per cent a year. It seems that the loan shark can be harpounded if the local disposition is sufficiently pronounced.

Sixty-five thousand two hundred and ninety-nine automobile licenses were issued in the state of Illinois from January 1 to September 30, inclusive. That is quite a large number of whiz cars for one state to buy in seven months, but it seems all people who can raise the money are bound to have one.

"Send no money." This is a favorite way the mail order houses have of heading their advertising of so-called bargain offers, although they are always careful to get the money before the buyer gets possession of the goods. The consumer who wants to be loyal to the community of which he is a part, will make that read, "spend no money" with those fellows. That's the way it should be read.

You citizens who imagine a great country like this can be ruined by some little reductions in the cost of sugar, clothing, shoes and implements should take notice and govern yourself accordingly. With the biggest crops on record and the factories months behind with their orders, Mr. Panie cannot get within a thousand miles of us if we will let nature take its course.

The new postal law becomes effective January 1, 1913. You can then send by the rural route carriers butter, eggs, potatoes, cabbages, turnips, onions, beets (diced beets excepted), apples, poultry of all kinds, "pigs in a poks," besides numerous other things. If a man kill a skunk and hasn't time to bring the hide to town he may wrap it in a newspaper and send it by the carrier. Of course the smell goes with the hide, but the carrier cannot object because that is part of the skunk. In the good old summer time when hens leave their nests with their brood the eggs that did not hatch, but upon breaking will put to shame a glue factory in the matter of smell, the housewife may send this diseased hen fruit to the grocer by the carrier and in return take limburger cheese, which he must take back to the lady who sent the eggs. But should the eggs break in the transit—oh, should they break—the carrier won't do a thing but break for the brambles in the brakes and swear in blue volleys at congress for making chambermaids of rural carriers.

CARNEGIE'S REWARDS.

There doesn't seem to be any good reason for anyone getting angry and vituperative over Andrew Carnegie's offer to pension ex-presidents out of his \$125,000,000 philanthropy fund. It is a matter that concerns the public little.

If Mr. Carnegie wants to give an ex-president \$25,000 after the latter has retired from the office, that is a personal matter between Mr. Carnegie and the ex-president, whoever the latter may be.

But it does seem as if he only ought to give his pensions to republican ex-presidents. It was governmental favoritism in the form of an outrageous tariff on steel manufactures that gave Andrew Carnegie his burdensome hundreds of millions. He owes much to that party. To such presidents and ex-presidents as still contend for the continuance of the special favors that made him the world's steel king he is necessarily under some obligations, for they are aiding him in covering his tracks.

Besides, Mr. Carnegie is just the kind of a man to propose a pension of some kind. Every proposition for a pension is born of callousness toward all the millions who toil. The man who really earns his bread through the sweat of his brow is seldom found contending that some particularly fortunate person shall be pensioned.

There is not a humane consideration to prompt the pensioning of an ex-president. It is not essential as a matter of morality that one who has enjoyed the great distinction of having been president should live ever after in affluence, at the expense of the man who has never enjoyed such distinction, but has had to toil incessantly at small pay to help meet the expense of government.

Mr. Carnegie's great wealth was taken from the toiling masses by the government and bestowed upon him. If he wants to give some of it back to individuals who have never known what real toil is, that is his own private affair and theirs. No resentment against his doing so should be allowed to serve as an excuse for congress pensioning anybody for anything.—Lincoln Star.

Cabbage, apples and cider for sale by S. O. Cole.

The first bill introduced in congress last Monday was to pension former presidents, and was introduced by De Forest of New York. It provides for a pension of \$2,000 a month for an ex-president and \$1,000 a month for the widow of an ex-president. The pension business has gone far enough, and if it doesn't stop pretty soon they will be wanting to pension ex-congressmen and senators. There is just as much sense in pensioning these as pensioning ex-presidents.

Attention, Farmers!

My Dear Farmer—Have you your own farm or are you renting? I have land in Minnesota, cut over timber, from \$10 to \$15 per acre. One-third cash, balance at 6 per cent. I have good, smooth land in Stevens county, Minnesota, from \$45 to \$65 per acre. This land is sold direct from the owner of the land. No land company in this deal. I also handle the best land in eastern Oklahoma. Corn runs from sixty to seventy bushels to the acre. Now if you want land try me and see. I deal with no agent. If you come with an agent you must pay him yourself. Write or call.

Henry Hummels,
1421 North 26th St.,
Lincoln, Neb.

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In placing your Xmas orders for Photographs. About the last week before Christmas we hear wails from lost souls—"procrastinating parties" who failed to take time by the marcel wave. Order now and save your tears, fears, doubts, gooselish and heartburn. Old pictures copied and enlarged. LEONARD'S STUDIO.

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The new Booster's Shining Parlor in the new Leonard building, is now open. Here you can get the best shine at any time. Nice line of cigars and tobaccos. See Tom, he will treat you right.

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