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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

To be wise we must first learn to be happy; for those who can finally issue forth from self by the portal of happiness, know infinitely wider freedom than those who pass through the gates of sadness.—Materlinck.

The Missouri Pacific, according to rumor, will soon put on another passenger train.

Perhaps the absence of snow on the first of the year was responsible for the lack of resolutions to sweep it off.

Cold weather still lingers and once in a while gentle zephyrs from the northwest remind us that Old Boreas can sweep down upon us at any time he sees fit.

High prices and prosperity continue. Then it must be high prices that makes prosperity. Let's try lower prices awhile and give the poor people a chance to live as they used to live.

People living along the Ohio river are being somewhat disturbed by floods, while this section would be glad to get a part of the water. We haven't enjoyed a good downpour here for many months.

Lots of people are trying to use the parcel post that don't know how, because they have not taken the trouble to be accurately informed. Lots of merchants are trying to run their business on the same plan.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

Omaha people are very much peeved over the removal of the auditing department of the Burlington to Chicago, but they must not "cut their noses off to spite their faces." The Burlington people, if they should see fit, could do Omaha more damage than Omaha can possibly do the Burlington.

With a view to obtaining more uniform results in assessment of property, Secretary Seymour of the board of assessment and equalization has called a meeting of the county assessors of the state, to be held in Lincoln on February 4 and 5, at which problems in connection with the work will be fully discussed.

Representative John J. Gustin of this county fares pretty well on committees in the house. He is chairman of the committee on benevolent institutions, and member of the following committees: Banks and banking, fish culture and game, live stock and grazing, and railroads. All very important committees.

The last issue of the Omaha Trade Exhibit was not only a beauty in print, but the matter contained therein was a big boom for Omaha and Nebraska. It is such issues that talks for the upbuilding of our state institutions and ought to make the enterprising citizen feel good. The Trade Exhibit is doing good work for the retail trade, as well as the wholesale trade, and is sure a fine representative of both. We enjoy reading the Trade Exhibit every week, and the merchant who becomes a reader of it will learn more about conducting his own business than he ever knew in his life before. Success to the Trade Exhibit!

The temperature Sunday morning added a little spice to the variety.

Lemons are likely to be 10 cents apiece, which should insure against a man being handed so many in the future.

Let's have a vote on the proposition of removing the state university. "Let the people rule" in such matters. It is a state institution, and the people have a right to a voice in the matter.

The Omaha Bee says: "The proposed removal of the Burlington auditing and claims offices from Omaha to Chicago is being resented by many of the heaviest shippers. Freight solicitors are noticing the difference in the business, and some of them say that the business has fallen off as much as 50 per cent."

During the present session of the legislature a bill will be introduced providing that all insurance companies doing business in the state shall deposit with the auditor, securities to the amount of their Nebraska reserves. Such a bill has been indorsed by the major political parties in the platforms adopted at the 1912 state conventions.

According to Senator W. H. Smith of Seward, taxes on chickens in Nebraska amount to more money in a year than the taxes received from express companies doing business in this state. Senator Smith will introduce a bill tending to remedy the condition and providing for a 2 per cent annual occupation tax on Nebraska receipts of all companies.

Fremont is one of the most prosperous cities in Nebraska and there is a splendid reason why it should be. It possesses a live Commercial club, every member of which works together in harmony. There are no knockers to contend with, and every citizen gives aid to every enterprise which the club undertakes, and they make it go. It is wonderful the amount of improvements made in Fremont the past season, and the most of them are attributed to the work of the live-wires of a Commercial club. Plattsmouth can do more improving next season than they have done this season if every citizen will make up his mind to aid our Commercial club by making himself a member and doing all he possibly can to aid in all its undertakings. You owe it to yourself and the good of the city to help along the prosperity of Plattsmouth.

California has so amended its marriage laws that it is no longer necessary for applicants for marriage licenses to state their ages. It has done so on the theory that women are sensitive concerning their years, and that the state is performing a service of gallantry in catering to this sentiment. There are some women who dislike having their ages made public when they marry, but they are so few in number that California's action in suppressing its vital statistics to spare their feelings appears ridiculous. It would better collect the information for its records and follow the rule which is observed in this state. When a Nebraska woman asks that her age be not made public, the age blank on the report for the newspapers is filed with the information that the applicant is of "legal age." This saves her feelings without impairing the record.

## BOOST A BIT—FEEL BETTER.

Here, you discontented knocker, growling 'bout your city's ills; Chloroform your dismal talker; Take a course o' liver pills; Stop yer darn ki-o-tee howlin'. (Chaw some sand and get some grit. Don't sit in the dumps a-growlin'; Jump the roast and boost a bit!

Fall in while the band's a-playin'; Ketch the step an' march along; 'Stead o' pessimistic brayin' Fine the halleyuy song! Drop your hammer, do some rootin'; Grab a horn, you cuss, and split! Every echo with yer toolin'; Jump the roast and boost a bit!

How about that resolution by this time?

Of course it is important that we have an ice crop to harvest, and it is good and ripe.

The matter of the removal of the university to the state farm is creating quite a stir among the interested property holders in Lincoln.

Senator Hoagland of North Platte favors settling the removal of the university by a vote of the people of the state. That's the proper caper.

If you are not a member of the Commercial club, join right away. And if you are already a member, don your hustling clothes and attend every meeting.

Talk may be cheap, and there seems to be a unanimous sentiment among the patrons of the telephone all over the country manifesting itself to keep it so.

Governor Morehead recommends doing away with the circle on election ballots. That is a very wise suggestion, and would do away with straight party voting.

One point is already established—Woodrow Wilson is going to be president, much to the discomfort of a few who think they should have a hand in running the government.

Lincoln Star: Before recommending removal of the university to the state farm Governor Aldrich, with rare sagacity, acquired an appreciable bunch of lots just over the line in University Place.

The first vessel to go through the Panama canal will make the passage September 25, the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific. In four centuries the world has seen some progress, but no Yankee is smart enough to guess what the next four hundred will bring forth.

For the fiscal year ending in 1912, the railways of the United States took in from their operation in the neighborhood of \$2,800,000,000. This was a sum equal to about one-tenth of the total income of the nation, which may be roughly estimated at \$25,000,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000.

In the selection of Hon. Henry Gerdes as one of the members of the board of control, Governor Morehead is wise. There are no better men than Henry Gerdes. He is as honest as the day is long and will do his duty, regardless of any criticism that may occur. He is one of the best men in the state for the place.

Among the people there appears to be an impression that all parcel post packages are not delivered—that only the smaller parcels will be brought to the homes of patrons on city routes, on rural routes, or through the box method of delivery. The impression is obviously erroneous, as all packages, regardless of size or weight—within, of course, the postal limitations—are delivered by carrier or otherwise, city route or rural route, according to the department's printed regulations.

Are you arranging to attend the Commercial club banquet? You ought to.

Uncle Sam seems to manage to worry along somehow under the parcel post load.

No one has ever discovered that Nebraska soil could be improved, Mr. Hill or anybody else. Mr. Hill may be perfection at railroading, but he can't tell old farmers anything they don't know about caring for the soil.

Notwithstanding the stiff-necked express companies were going to show Uncle Sam that they could not be affected by the parcel post, one company already has announced that it will at once prepare to meet the rate up to eleven pounds.

Omaha manufacturers and wholesale dealers are boycotting the Burlington railroad. Very poor way of getting even, and it may result disastrously to the instigators. Boycotting a big railroad system like the Burlington is a big undertaking.

Although a placid man of peace, President-elect Wilson talks like a man who might also swing a big stick should occasion arise. And he is liable to do it when his plans of running the affairs of the great nation are interfered with.

With congress and the legislature both at it there will be much news for the next few weeks and there is a prospect that the readers of the Journal will get full value of their money and more, too, of this kind of news.

Omaha has passed an ordinance forbidding the distribution of hand-bills. However, in this enlightened age, the wise advertiser prefers the newspaper advertising to seeing his "gutter-snipes" blowing up and down the street.

The suggestion of Governor Morehead in his message that the state buy a quarter section of land in Sarpy county, and that Mrs. Roy Blunt, whose husband was killed in the pursuit and capture of the escaped convicts last summer, be given use of the same during her lifetime, will meet with general approval. The legislature, no doubt, will act favorably upon the governor's suggestion. It will be something of a restitution for the loss of her husband, who was so ruthlessly shot down by the officers.

The death of Miss Ella Ewing in Scotland county Missouri, removes, perhaps, the largest woman in the world. She owned a farm and had plenty of money. On this farm is a home built for her special accommodation, and planned by her. The writer visited Miss Ewing several times during his residence in Memphis, Missouri, and always met with a kindly greeting and was highly entertained by her. She was very sociably inclined and bore the love and respect of all who knew her. She made quite a fortune in traveling with shows, but since the death of her mother she had constantly grieved over her demise.

How many persons know what is liable to happen when a pint of gasoline is left open in a room? If the temperature is normal the liquid will entirely evaporate in twenty-four hours. The vapor is heavier than air and therefore sinks to the floor. Unless distributed, it will remain for hours and by mixing with the air, forms an explosive compound seven times as powerful as powder. One pint of gasoline will make 200 cubic feet of this compound. It is not necessary that a lighted match come in contact with it. A spark struck by a nail in a shoe will explode it, or a gas jet, or even the enclosed fire of a kitchen stove.

Every good citizen is for Plattsmouth first, last and all the time.

A man's lawyers, as well as his friends, commence falling off when his funds run out.

Are we to have the fiddlers' contest? You fellows who know speak up and tell us all about it.

An early spring is predicted. We hope the prediction will come true, and ease up a little on the coal bill.

Uncle Sam hopes that no treaty exists that will prevent him from entering an objection to shipping trusts.

A dearth of oranges in California and a plethora of yellow gold in New York—we seem to be a nation of extremes.

Both the legislature and congress are getting down to business, and the leading committees will have their hands full from now on.

Florida claims that it will be able to offset the loss of California oranges. The Florida orchardists have either moved south or become experts with the smudge pots.

Government aid to the several states in the construction of good roads is one of the propositions that all parties and all factions can unite upon for the common welfare.

A careful perusal of the proceedings of the peace conference in London shows that the Turkish delegation wants to balk and that the Balkan delegates want to do the Turkey trot.

From reports over the state the people, outside of Lincoln, are in favor of the removal of the state university to the state farm. Lincoln property speculators had better submit to the inevitable.

Governor Morehead is sticking to his text. When he gets good and ready he will announce his appointments. And he is not a man that is in the habit of deviating very far from his text.

Robert W. Archbald has been asked by the United States senate to walk the chalk line for "high crimes and misdemeanors" and shorn of his judicial robe. This comes pretty hard to a man who has served upon the bench of state and federal courts for twenty-nine years, and is forever disqualified from holding positions of honor or public trust.

There is liable to be serious combat between Chris Grunther of Columbus and George L. Loomis of Fremont for the appointment of revenue collector. Mr. Grunther has been one of the best democratic workers in the state, and has done as much as any other man in Nebraska for the success of the party. But the most energetic workers are the very ones that generally get left when rewards for loyalty are being dish-ed out.

State Superintendent Dazell Monday announced the appointment of R. C. King as examiner of rural schools, a position made vacant by the death of E. B. Penny, which occurred last August. Since that time the place has been vacant. It pays a salary of \$1,800 per year. Mr. King was superintendent of schools of Otoe county for many years, and for the past two years was superintendent of the Nebraska School for the Blind under Governor Aldrich's administration. Prof. King is a first-class educator, and with it a gentleman of the first water.

Don't forget! The Journal office is prepared to do all kinds of fancy job work. Give us a trial.

## SHOULD THEY BE WHIPPED?

Some eastern clergyman, whom one cannot help suspecting of wishing to see his name in print, recently gave out an interview in which he stated that he believed the whipping post should be revived and put in common use in the civilized countries of the world. The classes he suggested as fit subjects for the cat-o'-nine-tails were wife-beaters, white slavers and suffragettes.

It has been some time since the civilized nations have favored the use of severe corporal punishment for lawbreakers. A new idea in dealing with criminals has become largely recognized—an attempt to reform the man or woman who falls into the clutches of the law and make a useful citizen out of a piece of human wreckage. The idea is certainly the right one to take insofar as the ultimate aim is concerned, but the means to that end sometimes proves something of a puzzle.

Corporal punishment can only be justified, it seems to us, in dealing with natures so primitive and crude that ordinary influences or methods cannot reach them. Such natures must certainly be found in the white slavers and the wife-beaters if at all, and we would be loath to say that the fear of stinging lash might not have a very salutary effect on both of these classes. Certain it is that few could waste any great amount of sympathy on either of these classes of men.

But while we may not fully approve of the methods employed by the women in England, especially in their suffragette movement, or even of some of the things done by American women in their campaign for the ballot, the suggestion of fighting this movement with the lash seems to us anything but right. No man with a right outlook on life could possibly put these women in the same classification with the 20 classes of men mentioned, no matter if they break all the windows in the English house of parliament and have bricks at every member of that august body. Try the lash on the white slavers and wife-beaters if you wish, and we will not object to the experiment, but if you cannot find a better way of keeping civilized womanhood from wanting the ballot than by beating her, better give up and let her have what she asks.

There will be numerous bills presented in the present legislature upon which the rural members of that body should keep their weather eye. Among them are the numerous appropriation bills, some of which the amounts should be cut right square in two, and then the amounts will be enough for all practical purposes, if economically expended. There is no use appropriating more money than is really necessary. It simply creates a desire for more when the legislature grants them all they ask for. And the greater the amount granted the bigger the graft. The people of Nebraska demand economy in the running of all the institutions of the state, and a member of the legislature is elected to look after the interests of the people of his district, and if he does not do it he is false to his constituents and the taxpayers.

Herman Spies, headquarters for all kinds of pipes, from cornob up to the meerscham.

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