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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Always laugh when you can; it is a cheap medicine. Merriment is a philosophy not well understood. It is the sunny side of existence. —Byron.

The legislature is still at it—introducing bills.

Fine weather—but how long will it last?

Our ice men have done remarkably well in storing up this essential article in summer.

To demonstrate that they have not had enough war, the Turks are now fighting among themselves.

We expect to be awakened most any morning now by the chirping of the robins, if this weather keeps up.

The Chicago motor bandits have become so fierce that they should at least be fined for exceeding the speed limit.

There is now a possibility that a state bee inspector will be appointed. If he has to go in among the bees we don't want the job.

When we get that "blue-sky" law passed by the legislature dealers in "blue-sky" propositions had better steer clear of Nebraska.

The list of presents for the Gould-Shepard wedding indicates that friends have fitted them out so they will be able to set up housekeeping at once.

The state of Nebraska will go into the insurance business, furnishing life protection and annuities at cost, if the bill introduced by Senator Grace, a former citizen of this county, becomes a law.

There are still no signs of a panic, and everything goes on in its usual way. Corn is moving, the farmers are getting ready for bigger crops next season and money is plenty. What more do we want?

In some localities of the state there is opposition to the Sunday base ball bill, even though the law as proposed, gives each community the power to say for itself as to whether or not a Sunday afternoon ball game is to be permitted.

C. W. Pool has been selected by Governor Morehead as labor commissioner, a position held by W. M. Maupin under the administration of Governor Shallenberger. Mr. Pool is one of the publishers of the Tecumseh Tribunal, and was speaker of the house of representatives four years ago.

The democrats up around Lincoln have quieted down somewhat since it has been learned that Hon. John H. Morehead is not only governor in name, but governor in action. We know democrats who were directly opposed to Mr. Morehead's nomination, and who were probably opposed to his election, who are now endeavoring to influence the governor in their way of thinking. But they readily find out that he has a head of his own, and knows how to use it.

No one objects to voting money to erect a monument to the memory of General Thayer, but why go to Vicksburg to do so, when there is none here at home?

Omaha not only wants to annex South Omaha, but they want Florence and other near-by towns annexed. If they keep on with the annexation scheme the first thing we know they will be after Plattsmouth.

Governor Morehead has planned to consolidate the offices of chief food inspector and coal oil inspector, and C. E. Harman, who was a candidate for railroad commissioner in the last two elections, will have charge of both positions.

And still no action has been taken in the removal of the state university. But the schemers who are opposed to removal are working very hard and quietly against the project, while on the other hand the other fellows are not sleeping.

If women suffrage can change the high cost of living to an amount within reach of the poor man for strictly the necessities of life, we are in favor of giving them a trial at the ballot box. We are afraid, however, that the first cut they would make would be on bats, ribbons, and such like.

The organization of the Nebraska fruit growers will prove beneficial. It is something that should have been done long ago. We perhaps would have been in shape to have exported apples, instead of furnishing a ready market for foreign apples. Nebraska is well adapted to the growing of apples, and we would be glad to see every farmer who owns an orchard get in line for a worthy cause.

There never was a legislature in session for a great many years that Omaha did not come in for its share of attention, and more, too. There are always a certain number of the membership of both branches of the legislature "who have it in" for Omaha, and go to Lincoln prejudiced against the metropolis and will vote and oppose any measure that an Omaha member of the legislature will introduce, whether good, bad or indifferent. This is not right.

Senator Joe Bailey of Texas has stepped down and out of public life, and while perhaps he has made a few mistakes during his political career, no one can truthfully say that he is not one of the brainiest men in the nation today. Show us a public man, with the experience of Senator Bailey, who has never made any mistakes during his political career, and we will show you a man who is not worthy the position he occupies—whether president, senator, congressman, or what not. They don't last long.

The lower branch of the legislature has decided that no bills carrying special appropriations shall receive any definite attention until the appropriations for the several state institutions have been made. This action is very commendable. It will have a tendency to give the established and absolutely necessary institutions the financial consideration they truly need, instead of being cailed here and there and compelled to make sacrifices on account of other side lines. It will also eliminate log-rolling.

Some men never do today what they can put off until tomorrow; others never put off until tomorrow what they can do today. To which class do you belong? It doesn't take a philosopher to figure out to which class the successful men of the world belong.

Of course we all expect Congressman Maguire to be unusually generous this spring in his distribution of government garden seeds. Whoever fails can have a chance to kick by writing John, and you can bet your bottom dollar they will come forthwith.

It is said that the hearings before the house money trust committee will have to be given up because the bankers are unwilling to testify. Are bankers any better than other people? Perhaps Wall street has controlled the government so long they have come to the conclusion they own it.

Havelock has a new paper, the initial number of which has reached this office. It is published by Will C. Israel, and one would judge from its neatness that he is an old hand at the business. It is a six-column quarto and bears evidence of prosperity, and the Journal hopes that Bro. Israel will meet with all the success his energy and enterprise truly deserve.

The United States court of appeals has remanded for a new trial the case against the Lexington, Neb., flour mills, which was charged with violating a certain section of the pure food law because it had the electric bleaching process. It is an important victory for the Nebraska milling business, which openly ridicules the proposition that the process is deleterious to health.

If some democrats, who want all the say in running the party in Nebraska, are not careful they will wake up some of these fine mornings to find they have split the party wide open. Some people think that in giving out the offices is all there is to a party, and apparently that is all they care for. But there is a hereafter, and one democrat is just as good as another, that is if he is truly a democrat, not for spoils only.

Interesting statistics are furnished by the federal bureau of education regarding the tendency of university and college graduates to show less favor toward the ministry during recent years. Only 2 per cent of Harvard graduates now become clergymen, although that institution was founded chiefly to educate preachers of the gospel, while from Yale 3 per cent alone of the graduates "take orders," despite the fact that this establishment was also inspired by a desire to educate men for the ministry. From other institutions come similar reports, showing that the law and business are absorbing almost all of the university and college men, while only a very small majority don the cloth to preach the gospel.

Representative Potts of Pawnee county introduced a resolution Friday morning calling attention to the extravagance in state institutions and departments and providing for the appointment of a committee of three to act jointly with the senate committee in inquiring into the present business methods and expenditures of public moneys. The resolution calls for an investigation of the methods used for ten years back. Mr. Potts' resolution hits the center mark, and should not meet with a dissenting voice in either branch of the legislature. The people have a right to know just how these institutions have been conducted, and just exactly where the money goes, and Mr. Potts' resolution, if adopted, will do the business.

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Only the young Turks propose to defy all Europe. The old ones seem to have had enough.

Arbitration seems to be just about as hard as any other form of settling a controversy.

Cold light has come to keep company with the fireless cooker. Ring in costless living and the millennium will be near.

It seems to be necessary to have occasional uprising of Indians in order to stimulate public interest in the wild west moving pictures.

President-elect Wilson says, in reference to the protest of Great Britain in regard to the Panama matter, that "Uncle Sam must keep his agreements." Of course.

Men who attend more strictly to their own business than they do to other people's are the ones with the most friends and generally make a success of their calling.

Congress is preparing for its extra session, and the public are expecting great things to be done in that session, and many are going to be greatly disappointed by expecting too much.

There has been just about three weeks of real winter weather so far, necessitating reference once more to the joke on Nebraskans who went to California searching for a milder climate.

The money trust has at last been found; an investigation committee finds that Morgan, Baker and Stillman are the controlling factors of the giant organization. The question is how to break it up?

We haven't heard a word from Flip-flop Harrington since "his friend," Clarence E. Harman, has been appointed food commissioner. We sorter looked for him to register a kick, but he hasn't so far.

The suffragettes of New York, under "General" Rosalie Jones, are staging a hike from Gotham to Washington, leaving the former point on February 12, and being scheduled to arrive in Washington in time for the inauguration.

The young woman who says the girls will not marry men with less than \$10,000 a year, overlooks the fact that some of them, after being married to men of that wealth have eloped with fellows who couldn't raise 10 cents.

A New York miss declares that the modern young lady requires an income of at least \$10,000 to maintain a suitable establishment, and \$5,000 pikers need not apply for a wife. It is probable that this perf miss will know more when she is older.

President Ripley, one of the greatest railroaders in the country, asserts that the railroads are still in their infancy. Some farmers claim that farming is in its infancy. Now, when these too youngsters get their growth there will be something doing.

Utah is the first state to select a woman to carry the electoral vote to Washington, after helping to Washington, after helping by her ballot to decide it. There has been in Utah a wide departure from the views of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young on the status of American women.

The Commercial club is evidently getting down to business in good shape. The committees appointed by President Schneider should everyone do their duty, and if everyone does his duty there will be something doing in Plattsmouth with the opening of spring.

It is now hinted that ex-Governor Shallenberger has an eye on the secretaryship of agriculture, is one reason why he refused the position as a member of the board of control. That may be possible, and should the appointment drop in his lap, one thing is certain, "Shally" will prove equal to the emergency.

A united citizenship for the best interests of Plattsmouth can accomplish a great deal. But no men with extremely radical views can do much toward building up and harmonizing a community; but he can sow seeds of discord that will eventually, if allowed to do so, create a feeling among the liberal element that will take many months and perhaps years to pacify. We want none of that, but do want peace and harmony, at all hazards, for the benefit of our city.

If a mothers' pension bill is adopted by the legislature, for heaven's sake fix it so that it won't take 75 per cent to carry out the proposition, while the mothers only get 25 per cent. Let the money be placed with the state treasurer and paid out on vouchers, like the soldiers' pensions are paid by the general government. Do away with all that red tape business.

"Who is the greatest woman in all history?" One hundred and fifty school teachers recently answered the question, and with enthusiasm and unanimity the judges awarded the prize to the one who made this reply: "The wife of a farmer of moderate means, who does her own cooking, washing, ironing, sewing, brings up a family of boys and girls to be useful members of society and has time for intellectual improvement."

In cutting down the employees of the house, among the number who "got their walking papers" was B. F. Timmons of Geneva, an old soldier, who was nominated in the regular democratic caucus and regularly elected in open session as assistant sergeant-at-arms. Therefore no one has the power to dismiss him but by a vote of the house, and that will never be done. The old soldier will stay, and ought to, and someone else's head will have to fall.

Print paper and wood pulp are two articles from which the duty might be removed with little peril to American interests. The house ways and means committee is now hearing evidence on the subject and the showing is strongly in favor of putting these commodities in the free list. When the reciprocity law was up two years ago the paper makers opposed it and told congress that the industry would be ruined. But despite the considerable reduction of duty under that act, the paper business of 1912 broke all recent records. The exports of the trade exceeded the imports by more than \$2,000,000. In the light of this fact the committee is not liable to take seriously the plea that the industry is in danger if the remaining duty is wiped out.

DR. HALL ABOUT RIGHT.

For years and years, and at least since the days of Andrew Jackson, the party in power has held to the motto, "To the victors belong the spoils!" Dr. P. L. Hall of Lincoln, whom we admire, both as a gentleman and democrat, is generally about right on matters pertaining to the best interests of the party, opposes the election of postmasters by ballot, and gives good reasons why. He is a member of the national democratic committee, and what he says on the subject reflects the sentiment of the democrats of the state, and the more we read what he says, the more inclined we are in believing he is about right. Read

for yourselves what he has to say in reference to this important matter:

"I am in receipt of numerous inquiries regarding my attitude as national committeeman toward the plan of popular primaries for the selection of applicants for postoffice appointments, where all patrons of the office are permitted to participate, regardless of political affiliations.

"That my position may be fully understood, and in answer to all such inquiries, permit me to say that I am unalterably opposed to permitting republicans to participate in the selection of democratic postmasters, under the coming democratic administration.

"My reasons are: That these offices for more than forty years have been a part of a political machine used effectively by the opponents of the democratic party. How valuable a political asset these places have been is evidenced by the tenacity with which the opposition cling to them.

"Further, it would only be natural for republicans, if allowed to participate in the selection of these appointees, to select, so far as they could, only those who would best serve their purposes. No administration can be successful unless it receives the loyal support of its appointees, and an appointment received with the aid of republican support would certainly place the appointee under obligations to the opposition and embarrass him as a democratic official.

"I am in favor of making these offices elective under the law, but so long as they are appointive, I shall reserve the right to recommend those who in my opinion are best qualified and most deserving, and always democrats. I must respectfully decline to add my recommendation as national committeeman, whatever it may be worth, to the credentials of any applicant selected by the aid of republican votes. I have every respect and give due honor to republicans who stand by their colors, but I am opposed to the plan of consulting the people who fight under the other flag in these matters. P. L. Hall."

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