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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Let us devote ourselves to those great objects that are fit for our consideration and our conceptions to the magnitude and the importance of the duties that develop upon us; let our comprehension be as broad as the country for which we act, our aspirations as high as its certain destiny; let us not be pygmies in a case that calls for men.—Daniel Webster.

A really good man is one who is willing to admit that there are others.

War legislates and so does an empty treasury. Turkey has both troubles on its hands.

Least we forget—have you joined the Commercial club yet? If not, why not? Can you tell? You know very well you ought to join.

The Lincoln memorial is to take the form of a Greek temple, to be built beside the Potomac. Now, let the sticklers for a memorial road build one to it.

If the brains of animals are to be transplanted, the high cost of living would induce some people to prefer the brains of a goat or an ostrich to that of a dog.

We move that the legislature keep right on passing bills without any adjournments only for Sunday, and then adjourn "sine die" and go home. Do we meet with a second?

Owing to the growing popularity of the parcel post system some of the state legislatures may decide to make parcel post stamps a legal tender in their respective jurisdictions.

No matter how much some democrats may differ with Mr. Bryan on certain questions political, none of them can even attempt to deny that he is really the greatest man in the nation today and is truly entitled to go down in history as "The Great Commoner." A man who is fitted for any position within the gift of the nation is certainly a man that any country could be proud of. He would be at home in the presidential chair, as secretary of state or any other cabinet or diplomatic position. This is certainly a character to be proud of and the American people, irrespective of party or creed, are proud of him. We know we are.

Lincoln has nearly twenty-five hundred members in its Commercial club, and they are all loyal, energetic workers, too. According to this, Plattsmouth should not have less than five hundred members. Don't delay performing your duty. Join the boomers and help them boom for a more progressive Plattsmouth.

Senator Smith of Seward county has introduced a measure in the senate, which, if adopted instead of the Bollen bill in the house, the constitutional amendments will be published in the country papers one month in each issue during that time. There is some sense to this measure, but the Bollen bill is just simply a slap in the face to the newspaper people of the state.

A Missouri man also has a bill before the legislature for pure advertisements. How the world do need reforming!

There is considerable enjoyment in the world, but think what a time any of us fellows could have on Rockefeller's income.

Helen Keller, deaf and blind from infancy, is lecturing on sociological questions. No one will have the audacity to deny the progressiveness in this individual case.

Omaha gets the convention of the State Teachers' association next spring. The matter of location was decided by a vote of the teachers of the state and Omaha beat Lincoln, with over 500 votes to spare.

All of the fighting factions in Mexico, regardless of generals or presidents, seem to acquire a special hostility to the town of Juarez, probably for the reason that the Juarez location affords them an opportunity to aim an occasional shot at the United States.

The Commercial club should take up the good roads matter at their very next meeting. Tourists from the east to the west are going to take the shortest and best route from Omaha to Kansas City and it behooves our citizens to get in line as early as possible on the road question.

When Aldrich gave out the constitutional amendments last year he did not favor the Journal with a "smell." Now, that the Journal is the only democratic paper in Cass county, with a circulation of 2,000, reaching every nook and corner of the county, we are decidedly opposed to any division of the "pie," because it properly belongs to the democratic papers in each county, and no others.

While in Lincoln Tuesday we visited the legislature for a few hours. In the senate we had a few moments conversation with Senator Bartling. He is always present when any important bills are up for passage, and he has several measures of his own which he is industriously looking after, including the Sunday baseball bill. Senator Bartling is one of the influential members of the senate and is kept on the move continually, being a member of not less than a dozen committees. He is holding up the interests of his constituents about as well as any of them and is considered a little more than an average in ability.

There are a few silly fools that have found their way into the legislative halls. They possess a lot of gaul, but no legislative ability. One of these fellows wants to deprive the newspapers of the state of the publication of the constitutional amendments, and have them printed in pamphlet form and sent out to the voters. He wants the state to go into the hand bill business to let its sovereign voters know what it proposes to do with important sections of the constitution. It was a mere accident that he got into the legislature, but it is a very safe bet that he never will break the fence down and get into the public crib again.

The only man who can win by kicking is the fellow who makes a profession of foot ball.

"On to Mexico!" will soon be the battle-cries of the United States troops, if they don't quit killing Americans over there. The blood-thirsty demons do not seem to be able to even take care of themselves. They should be driven about 400 miles south of the Rio Grande and be permitted to fight it out to the bitter end.

Whether there is really a "money trust" in this country, or whether the extraordinary conditions which occasionally arise are merely the result of a defective currency system will probably be made clear to the average citizen when the Pujo committee submits its report in half a dozen bound volumes.

About all the legislation one can hear discussed in the hotel corridors at Lincoln is the immense sum fixed up for appropriations, which reaches over \$1,000,000. We say to the democratic members of the house: "Be careful, boys, how you tread upon the toes of the taxpayers of Nebraska."

PUBLISHING AMENDMENTS.

Ross Hammond, editor of the Fremont Tribune, speaks our sentiments exactly in reference to publishing the constitutional amendments in the newspapers of Nebraska, which hits the nail right squarely on the head, as follows:

"The state house of representatives has before it a bill providing that proposed constitutional amendments shall be printed as pamphlets and distributed among the voters in that form. This is to take the place of newspaper publication, as now provided.

"One member in discussing the measure declared his favor for the very good reason that country editors are mighty small potatoes, anyway. Of course, to a puissant, dignified, brainy member of the lower house of the Nebraska legislature an ordinary country editor naturally does look small, weak and unworthy. When one looks down from a seventeenth-story building upon human beings on the street below they have the appearance of insects. A great deal depends upon the point of view. But that is neither here nor there.

"The question before the house is in which form can the best publicity be had—through pamphlets or through the newspapers in those states, like Oregon and South Dakota, where pamphlets are employed as a make-shift, the result has been unsatisfactory. It is a cumbersome and ineffective method. There is no means of publicity as good as newspapers. Business men of the country, who know by long experience and at great cost, have proved that beyond a doubt. It may not be necessary to publish constitutional amendments for three months, as now. The period of publication might be shortened, but any substitution of pamphlets for newspaper publicity will be going backward. The pamphlets will not be circulated. They will clutter up some capacious warehouse or stock room till there is a conflagration from spontaneous combustion."

Dr. P. L. Hall of Lincoln is the Nebraska representative on the national democratic committee. He is a gentleman who wields great influence in the councils of his party, in both state and nation. Nebraska democrats owe a great deal to Dr. Hall, for he has been a loyal defender of the principles of the party all his life, through victory or defeat. If the party goes down in defeat one year, he is one of those kind of democrats who "picks his flint and is up and at 'em again in the next election!"

"See Plattsmouth Succeed!"

and Place Your Laundry Orders with
The New Plattsmouth Steam Laundry

WM. BARCLAY, Manager

A man with years of experience in the laundry business will have charge, and all work will be gotten out on time, and everything left in our care will be guaranteed in every particular. All that we ask is a trial to prove that we know our business, and if we please you we would like for you to tell your friends—if not tell us.

The new management takes possession Monday, February 10th, and we will not be responsible for any business relations that patrons have had with the old management.

The Plattsmouth Steam Laundry

Ten years ago the editor of the Journal first met Dr. Hall, and ever since that time we have been his personal friend—made so by his genial personality, ability and genuine fidelity to the best interests of the party he has so ably assisted in building up in Nebraska. He is a great honor to our state, and a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know, and one who has reflected great credit upon the democratic party of the state as their representative in the great councils of national democracy. Long live Dr. Hall.

HOME END OF EDUCATION.

Kansas has something else to offer that seems to be new. The Jayhawker state superintendent of public instruction is proposing to put a new course of study into

the Kansas schools, a study in habits and industry.

He proposes to provide a list of credits to be accorded pupils for helpful work which they may do at home. Among the home duties for which pupils are to get credit in their school record are enumerate the cleaning of their teeth, washing dishes, building fires, milking cows, feeding horses and chickens, cleaning barns, carrying in fuel, blacking stoves, making beds, sweeping floors, baking bread and biscuits, preparing family meals, doing fancy work, dusting furniture, practicing music and bathing. Each duty has its prescribed credit, according to the degree of its importance and the amount of work required. For instance, sweeping is accorded credits according to the number

of rooms. Twice as much credit is accorded for making two beds as for one. In some of the pursuits authorized credit is given for each hour employed.

Superintendent Ross proposes to allow credits for all home duties performed by pupils, each child being limited to 100 home credits for each school day, the credits running from 5 to 50 points for each recognized duty performed. The credit for cleaning the teeth is 5, but if it is done after each meal the pupil is entitled to 20 a day. The highest credit is for preparing a family meal, which is 50.

The idea of Superintendent Ross is to encourage good habits and home industry. Most parents will realize that there is need of such a system.—Lincoln Star.

Our Big Annual Stationery Sale is now on and as Usual are Closing Out the Line at Less than Cost

We have placed on sale about 500 Boxes that have sold for 25 and 35c at

15c

with a few that will be sold for 10c, a mere fraction of cost.

We have about 60 Boxes of the High-Grade 60c Quality that we are closing out at 30c.

135 Boxes of Initial Paper!

A few in Gold Letter and the balance in Colored letter. This paper cost twice as much as we are selling it at, but we are going to quit handling this line and we want to clean up every box during this sale. While they last they will be sold at

20c per Box

Just think of it. At this price you should buy enough to last the entire year. This opportunity is only offered you once a year, and that at the Journal office. Call early, for at these prices the 500 boxes will be sold this week.

The

- Journal Stationery Department -

In the Initial Paper we have every letter except H. L. and M.