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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Blessed are the Happiness Makers. Blessed are they who know how to shine on one's gloom with their cheer.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Secret sessions usually indicate distrust of the people.

This is a sour old world for those who possess a sour old disposition.

Be sure you are right. Then go home and talk it over with your wife.

Every young man should learn to paddle his own canoe, even if dad does own an automobile.

One should look himself over occasionally. Probably the inventory wouldn't take a great while.

We wonder how the moving picture men are going to make the siege in the Mexican capital fearfully graphic for us.

If Mr. Pujo finally reports that there actually is such a thing as a money trust, most of us will know at last what has been ailing our pocketbooks.

The weather man may have gotten us mixed up with Florida. Now, if he doesn't get us mixed up with Canada a little later on, we will be very thankful.

If the deposed president of Mexico happened to be as good a financier as old man Diaz was, he can retire to some sunny land for a prolonged period of peace and happiness.

The citizens of Plattsmouth who are against Sunday baseball can now have an election if they want to decide the matter. It will then be up to the people. Yes, "let the people rule."

Vermont has endorsed the income tax and the direct election of United States senators by the people, as well as the blue-sky law. Gradually those down-east states are coming to their senses.

The Commercial club is booming, and so is Plattsmouth, and the Commercial club members deserve credit for both booms. Get in line and help both booms boom louder and longer until every good citizen joins the procession.

A Canadian postmaster has been mulcted in the sum of \$1,000 damages for kissing the wife of a farmer. At last an explanation has been found as to why so many men want to be postmasters.—Lincoln Star.

The dinner tendered to Uncle Joe Cannon, former speaker of the house, was a fitting tribute to the old man. The 4th of March his long services close in the house. The writer knew Uncle Joe nearly forty years ago, when he was in the prime of life and when he first ran for congress. Personally, we admired him, but politically we considered him one of the most radical. Old age will compel him to retire from public life. He is one of those energetic fellows who began life very poor, but amassed a very large fortune. May he end his great career on earth in peace and happiness.

Next Saturday is the anniversary of the Father of Our Country—George Washington.

It is not improbable that the bands at the inaugural will be playing the Mexican fandango.

There will be no constitutional convention—the state senate refuses to submit the question to a vote of the people.

Uncle Sam has proved to Cuba that he is a friend of international order and opposed to territorial greed.

Uncle Sam owns some siege guns whose range is fifteen miles. They deserve to be mentioned among the peace preservations.

West Virginia, with her capital and executive mansion threatened by striking miners, has been having a little Mexican experience of its own.

While the frost gathered a large part of the California orange crop, the tourists who infest the Golden West continued to be pretty good picking.

A ten days' battle with cannon in the heart of a large city does not speak very highly of the marksmanship on either side in Mexico City.

Porfirio Diaz says he would come back to fight American intervention. He welcomed it in 1865-66, and it helped Mexico to its feet again as a free, independent state.

In speaking of candidates for governor two years hence, isn't it strange that someone has not mentioned the name of Jerry Howard of South Omaha? Jerry should get in the limelight some way. The Lord knows he is trying to awful hard.

The proposition that postmasters of the fourth class shall be chosen by primary elections is in reality a scheme whereby senators and congressmen may avoid a mess of trouble.

A bill has been introduced in congress to appropriate \$2,000,000 for a memorial bridge across the Potomac in honor of Generals Grant and Lee. Here's another opportunity for "resoluting" societies to get busy.

At the close of the civil war a large part of the army would have been sent to the Rio Grande if necessary to end foreign intervention in Mexico. In this case the United States restored Mexico to its own people, and the great service should not be forgotten.

Vincent Astor, son of the late John Jacob Astor, and said to be the richest youth in America, has announced that he will become a farmer. However, he will likely never worry much over the corn being down after a storm or that its market price is only 30 cents a bushel.

Every democrat in the legislature is endeavoring to make a record for himself. If they are not careful they will not only make a record for themselves, but also a record for the party that the people will refuse to endorse. The legislature is a representative body of the people, and the members thereof are watched very closely in their efforts to spread it on for themselves, in defiance of the people who elected them.

Another Mexican president deposed. Madero has walked the chalk line.

Let's not worry what March weather is to be. We will know soon enough.

The man who started out to tell the truth about Mexico has undertaken to bite off more than he can chew.

We predict the proposition to remove the state university will be defeated by the legislature, and it ought to be.

That this is to be Plattsmouth's big year is very certain. And you can make it more certain by aiding the Commercial club. Get in line now by joining the club.

There will no doubt be plenty of money appropriated for the support of higher education by the present legislature. More money for lower education is what is most needed in Nebraska.

"Four years and one term only" is a provision relative to the governorship of Nebraska, in the proposed amendment increasing the salary to \$5,000 per annum. That is a wise proposition and is now in force in many states. Two years is too short a term.

No matter how much we would like to attend the inauguration of President Wilson we will be unable to do so, simply because we have not the wherewith to pay the necessary expense. It is not all the true and faithful democrats who can afford this pleasure.

Arthur Mullen defended the state guarantee law, after a solicitation by the governor to do so. He should be paid a reasonable attorney's fee for his vigorous and effective defense of the law in the federal court, and the state should pay him for this work without any further delay in the matter.

Senator Norris Brown may end his career in the United States senate on the 4th of March, but his name will go down in history as the father of the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It is an honor to Senator Brown, as well as the state which he has ably represented for the past six years.

The legislature might just as well adjourn now, for all the good it is doing. They can save a few thousand dollars for the taxpayers of the state by thus doing. Outside of the necessary appropriation bills, there is none that are worth a continental to anyone, except the originators. Clerks in the various committee rooms stand around with nothing to do, and drawing three dollars a day for simply going to and from the capital.

The newspaper publishers of the western section of Nebraska, about thirty in number, met in Alliance Wednesday and organized the Western Nebraska Editorial association. There were eleven counties represented. We have always contended that these district associations can accomplish more good for themselves than can be done in a state-wide association, which is generally manipulated by designing politicians who always have their eyes on the pie counter. There should be at least four of these organizations in the state, and arranged as the northwest, southwest, northeast and southeast press associations, to meet twice a year. Thusly arranged the newspaper men will find more comfort and the benefits derived will be much more satisfactory. What do the boys in southeast Nebraska say about such an organization?

Any burned coffee in the cup may be on account of Congressman Norris, who persists in keeping up in the house his roasts on the coffee trust.

There is very apparently some definite and deep-seated opposition to the proposed medical inspection law. Some of the press comment in the Nebraska dailies is even bitter, despite the fact that medical authority over schools, especially in case of contagious sickness, is not only desirable but necessary.

In truth Tom Darnell has the softest graft of any attorney in the state of Nebraska. He is attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, is subject to the beck and call of any of those in any community who have a little spite work to perform. Tom is generally on hand promptly, if the money is on hand to pay him. Tom is working for the money, the same as other people.

While some of the boys at Lincoln are springing candidates for governor two years hence, what's the matter with Hon. W. B. Banning of Cass as the democratic standard-bearer? He is a gentleman and scholar and possesses every attribute necessary to fill the position with grace, dignity, ability and honor, and his friends throughout the state are legion.

A yellow label on your express package indicates that express charges have been prepaid, and a white label indicates that the package was forwarded "collect." This system of white and yellow labels has been adopted by express companies by order of the interstate commerce commission.

The Bolten bill to print the constitutional amendments in pamphlet form instead of the newspapers has been killed "deader than a door nail" in the house. Bolten should now be consigned to his political grave, and no doubt will be. There are plenty of others in the present legislature who are destined to take the same route.

Ex-Senator Fred Volpp of Scribner, a prominent member of the democratic party, declines to figure as a colonel on Governor Morehead's staff to Washington. He states that he left Germany to get away from serving in the army and does not desire to go on such display. But says he will go with the Nebraska party in citizen's clothes, if allowed to accompany the crowd thusly.

Former State Senator J. H. Buhman hits the proverbial nail on the head when he suggests that the university removal proposition is a trap set for the democratic legislature, to saddle upon the party the responsibility for the big expenditure of funds, and its consequent high taxation, which the people do not approve. He might have added that it is also for the purpose of fostering a republican boom for governor.—Lincoln Star.

Every session of the legislature occasions the agitation of a consolidation of the two Soldiers' Homes. If there should be any such action taken, the old veterans at Milford should be removed to the Grand Island Home. It is more convenient for the old vets to get in and out of, and then look how nicely the Grand Island Home is located on a large tract of land owned by the state, and surrounded by many pretty little cottages. Then Grand Island is a great big city, not a little village like Milford.

The governor's special to President Wilson's inauguration will start for Washington from Lincoln on Friday, February 28. The staff will congregate in Omaha, where a large number of the

members reside. Governor Morehead, Adjutant General Hall, National Committeeman P. L. Hall and others will leave Lincoln at 4:30 p. m. on the date mentioned, and will leave Omaha at 6:30 p. m., with several hundred enthusiastic Wilson shouters aboard it.

The income tax was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United States a number of years ago. Three-fourths of the states have now ratified an amendment to the constitution making an income tax legal. It is estimated that this tax will bring \$100,000,000 into the treasury. That will enable congress to reduce the tariff tax on household necessities without impairing the treasury. But a whole lot of people who don't know where breakfast is to come from will oppose reducing the tariff tax.

Debt rolls a man over and over, binding hand and foot, letting him hang upon the fatal mesh, until the long-legged interest devours him. There is but one thing upon the farm like it and that is the Canadian thistle which swarms new plants every time you break its roots, whose blossoms are prolific, and every flower the father of a million seeds; every leaf is an awl, every branch a spear, and a field of them like an armed host. The whole plant is a tormented vegetable curse, and yet the farmer had better make his bed of Canadian thistles than attempt to be at ease on interest.

The proposition before the legislature to appropriate \$30,000 for the continuance for another two years of the commission created to codify the statutes, should be knocked out in the first round. It is simply a graft, and the appropriation asked for to do this work is more than the statutes are worth when complete. The work simply creates a place for several attorneys whose practice is not worth half as much as they receive for the time engaged in doing the codifying. Another thing is one good, live attorney can do the work of three in the same length of time that the three have been engaged—nearly, if not quite, two years.

Since the organization of the Commercial club four years ago, everybody knows that Plattsmouth has improved more in those four years than in any previous ten years. Don't it appear to every reasonable citizen that the organization has a great deal to do with the genuine, general prosperity of our city that exists today? Of course it does. Then let every citizen who has any interest whatever in still greater improvements for Plattsmouth put his shoulder to the progressive wheel, which the Commercial club has started, and help it with all his might and power by joining the organization and doing their duty in still making a Greater Plattsmouth.

No man who makes a practice of being dishonest and repudiating his just accounts ever amounts to a hill of beans. In the commercial world they never get to the quarter pole. The successful business man thinks more of his credit than he does of his wife, for he knows if his wife leaves him he stands some show of getting another, but if his credit forsakes him he is up against it. He can have but one credit. It seems strange with all this in mind that young men will start out beating little bills at the restaurants and at the stores. They will even borrow 50 cents of a friend and refuse to pay it back. That class of fellows always wear a banner that can be seen all over town and everybody is into them. When it comes to paying your debts, "honesty is the best policy."

It has often occurred to us that children would get on so much better at school if parents would only cultivate the friendship of the teacher more, and win her confidence. We are quite sure that if mothers would let the teachers see that they have an interest in them and the children, too, it would stimulate the teachers and their pupils. It stands to reason that if the teacher knows that the parents are co-operating with her, the efforts which she puts forth are more likely to result in greater progress being made by the children. There is no need whatever to make a great friend of the teacher, but it would certainly help matters a great deal if, say, the teachers were asked to come and take tea at a definite time or spend a certain evening with the children and parents. Such little matters are worth thinking about and we feel convinced that mothers who try what we have suggested will be pleased with the results. This was not written at the suggestion of any teacher, either.

Years ago Rhode Island abolished capital punishment chiefly because of a notorious miscarriage of justice, in which a man believed to have been innocent was hanged. Recently the attorney general of that state, in a public address, said that the state would be better off if capital punishment were restored by the statutes. The subject of capital punishment has always been a mooted question in this country. That a state has no right, ethically, to inflict the death penalty, even in a clear case of guilt, is offset by the equally potent fear of what the effect of the abolition of capital punishment would be on the vicious and criminal classes. The multitude of desperate characters abroad, always ready to commit the most heinous crimes, need a powerful deterrent which many people believe is afforded only by the prospect of punishment by death. Protection of society is obviously of chief importance, drastic as the practical means of attaining it may be. Rhode Island just now seems to be suffering from a surfeit of desperate criminals, and public sentiment of that state is gradually reversing itself at the execution once upon a time of a possibly innocent man is fading from memory.

WOMEN.

- You may talk about the women,
Their styles and all that;
But the smaller the woman
The bigger the hat.
—Yonkers Statesmen.
- You may talk about the women,
As much as you can;
But the prettiest woman
Picks the homeliest man.
—Youngstown Telegram.
- You may talk about the women,
Who giggle and flirt;
But the fatter the woman
The tighter her skirt.
—Chicago Record-Herald.
- You may talk about the women,
The bold and sedate;
But the taller the woman
The shorter her mate.
—Indianapolis Star.
- You may talk about the women,
Their skirts and all that;
But the balder the woman
The bigger her hat.
—Cooperstown Courier.
- You may talk about the women,
The dear little lasses;
Who wear the tight hobble
And flirt with the masses.
- We'll wager a "rat," "hobble"
Or new ostrich plume,
That fashions are made
By the man in the moon.
—Warwick Sentinel.
- You may talk about the women,
Who drink whisky and fiz;
But here's to the woman
That minds her own biz.
—Mott Spotlight.
- You may talk about the women,
Who flirt and wear a light suit;
But give them the ballot,
And the men will be in the soup.
—Fairmount News.
- You may talk about the women,
All you wise and witty ones,
And may God help the women
Who are mothers of such sons.