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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Shun idleness, it is the rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals.—Voltaire.

Well, we have had another snow, despite the groundhog.

"Honest business and men haven't anything to fear."—Woodrow Wilson.

In five weeks' time 212 people were killed in the United States and Canada in auto accidents.

Not only should Omaha have home rule, but every other city in Nebraska should have it.

The Iowa legislature has turned down a bill which sought to prevent marriages between whites and blacks. Shame!

Senator Shively of Indiana defines a standpatter as "a man that has stopped and cannot start," and an insurgent is "one that has started and cannot stop."

One congress is about to expire, another will meet shortly, and a third will be elected next year. The recall is applied rapidly enough in at least one branch of congress.

A strange problem in some of the Latin-American states is why revolutionary leaders should fight each other desperately for something that can be held for only a short time, and then by continued fighting.

Events follow each other rapidly in this country. Recently we had the Helen Gould wedding. Next came the Mexican troubles. Now will come the inauguration of President Wilson. Then what is to follow? Decoration day and the Fourth of July, of course.

The member of the legislature who presents a "by request" bill should be made to father the same. These "by request" measures are generally poorly supported by members in either house. And every author of such measures should sign his name to the bills.

The latest fad in city circles is to check babies during church services. The churches are not bothered so much by squalling babies in this city as the theater, and therefore we would suggest that the manager provide a room and nurses for all mothers who attend the theater with young babies.

President-elect Wilson repeats that he will not finally close his cabinet selections until the day of his inauguration. All who have been "mentioned" will consequently be on their good behavior until March 4th. You can bet your bottom dollar that Hon. W. J. Bryan will head the list, if he so desires.

A genuine gentleman is one that is clean inside and out; who neither looks up to the rich nor down to the poor; who can lose without "squealing" and can win without "dragging"; who is considerate of women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and who takes his share of the world and lets other people have theirs.

Bishop David H. Moore of the Methodist Episcopal church may now recall the adage as to what usually happens to introducing peace-makers. Sued for \$50,000 damages by a Kansas woman, who, however, was given a verdict of only \$1, the bishop has good cause to feel a sense of relief. Hereafter, perhaps, he will likely let the Kansas churches settle their quarrels without his assistance.

W. H. Thompson, chairman of the state democratic committee, says that the removal of the state university is a scheme to make the democratic party of the state the "goat" for an expenditure of millions of dollars. The writer was in Lincoln a short time since, and was there but a few hours till he saw how the scheme was working, and the legislature, especially the democratic members, should "keep hands off."

By practically coincident conviction under the criminal features of the Sherman law of the men in the bath tub combination and the cash register monopoly, the government has shown power to control the worst features of unfair restraint of trade. It has been shown that not only can combinations be dissolved, but that those making them can be punished.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings in the history of the Commercial club was that on Thursday night, which surely denotes that the business men are taking a great interest in the future prospects of Plattsmouth. This meeting demonstrated to a dead moral certainty that the business men viewed the work of the organization in the right light and proposed to give encouragement by lending all possible aid in its efforts. Let every man who makes his home in Plattsmouth join the club and lend a helping hand.

Put it to a vote of all the women of Nebraska as to whether they shall vote or not, and if the majority of them are favorable to suffrage, we promise them we will favor them when it comes to deciding the matter at the general election. In conversation with a leading suffragette in Governor Morehead's office a few days since, we put the matter to her in this light, and she hooted at such an idea. The fact is there are but precious few housekeepers—women who have plenty to occupy their time at home—who do not care to vote. It is simply a few old hens here and there who want to get into the political limelight for their own personal aggrandizement. That's all.

At a parental gathering recently a lady toasted "The Gentlemen" as follows: "Bless'm. They share our joys, they double our sorrows, they triple our expenses, they quadruple our cares, they excite our magnanimity, they increase our self respect, awaken our affection, control our property, and out-manuever us in everything. This would be a dreary world without them. In fact, I may say, without respect of successful contradiction, that without them this wouldn't be much of a world anyhow. We love them and the dear things cannot help it. We control them and the precious fellows don't know it."

The late snow is worth several millions of dollars to the wheat growers of Nebraska, and they feel highly elated.

Look out for the stranger who wants you to cash a check after banking hours. He is "doing" merchants in neighboring towns.

The revolution in Mexico is not over by a long shot, and indications are that the United States will be compelled to intervene before it is over.

Every little while, it would seem, something must happen to impress upon the human mind, emphatically and painfully, how brief, after all, the span of life may be.

Some of Plattsmouth's building contractors are so rushed with work that they are compelled to work on Sundays in order to complete their contracts on the date promised.

It is said that the latest revolution in Mexico is backed by a syndicate of London capitalists. To the credit of the United States it may be said that Wall street was not even suspected.

It is suggested in some cities that a corps of professional flirts be organized to deal with street mashers. But the fact must not be overlooked that cruel and unusual punishment is forbidden.

Serious objections are made against the appointment of M. W. Baxter as superintendent of the Hastings hospital for the insane. It would appear from all reports that Governor Morehead has made a big mistake in the selection of Baxter.

Regardless of what the facts may have been, there is not a particle of use of Mr. Morrissey and State Chairman Thompson raising a muss over it now. Don't wake up anything that occurred before the election.

Every time we read the strenuous doings of those London suffragettes we are convinced anew of the truth made by some eminent one, whose name we can't recall just now, that hell hath no fury like woman's scorn.

When the missels of the warring parties in Mexico struck the American club building the shells went through the wall and into the library. There hung portraits of George Washington, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, Woodrow Wilson, William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt. The first shell hit the father of his country plumb on the nose and shattered it. The next shell knocked the stuffing out of Woodrow Wilson. Grover Cleveland lasted only a minute, while a splinter from the leg of a chair played havoc with William McKinley. But through the conflict the smiling face of Theodore Roosevelt glared with its double row of teeth upon the destruction inflicted upon his predecessors, and of all things in the room alone escaped damage, showing that Theodore's star is in the ascendant, and fate seems to indicate that the first duty of Wilson will be to send Roosevelt down to the distracted country, so that the benign influences of the bull moose will shed a halo of peace.

The World-Herald hits that pap-sucker, the State Journal, right squarely between the eyes in the following extract from an editorial in that paper: "The Lincoln Journal pays a very wicked left-handed compliment to the newspapers of this state when it intimates that the reason they have opposed the bill to advertise constitutional amendments by pamphlet instead of by newspaper is that 'they are desirous of the profit of advertising

This is what you get in your copy of this week's issue of

## The COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

**Why the Little Red Schoolhouse Fails.** A frank but helpful criticism of rural schools, written by Ware J. Hibbard after years of personal experience as a country school-teacher. He shows exactly what is wrong with rural schools and how that wrong can be remedied.

**The Man Who Made Good.** He's J. E. Fitzgerald, and the big secret of his success is: "It doesn't pay to raise things to suit your fancy altogether; raise things to suit the buyer's fancy." If you are a market gardener or in any way interested in this end of agriculture, Mr. Fitzgerald's article will help you to make more money.

**An Ex-Slave's Miracle Crops.** The United States Department of Agriculture has just issued a Bulletin telling of the marvelously large crops raised by an ex-slave on a two-acre farm. But Bulletins, like coins, have two sides; this article, by Barton W. Currie, shows the "other side" of this remarkable Bulletin.

**Simple Accounts For Farm Business.** "For want of a nail" the kingdom was lost and for want of a sound system of keeping accounts many a once valuable farm has been lost. To help you avoid just such a pitfall, Morton O. Cooper, an expert farm accountant, has worked out a simple but practical system for keeping farm accounts.

**Breeders Who Make New Breeds.** Years of effort on the part of enterprising and progressive farmers and scientists in developing new and better breeds in plant and animal life were announced at the annual convention of the American Breeders' Association, held recently at Columbia, S.C., and this week's issue contains an article telling just what these breeders have accomplished and how their achievements will benefit farmers and stockmen.

**Correcting Concrete Silo Troubles.** An important article showing why concrete should be used in building such permanent structures. Common dangers that should be avoided are also pointed out.

**Mushrooms at Home.** The market for mushrooms is always good, but the supply of mushrooms is never up to the demand. This article, by S. L. de Fabry, an expert mushroom grower, shows just how to grow and market mushrooms.

**Dairying On Rough Land.** If you have a rough, broken portion of land that seemingly is useless, you had better read what Charles S. Phelps says about using just such land for pasturing dairy cows.

**The Farm That Won't Wear Out.** Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins' (of the Illinois Experiment Station) final summing up of his series of articles on the "how" of maintaining permanent, successful agriculture. You will get the whole gist of this important series in this one article.

**Odd Jobs for the Automobile.** A fifteen-minute article by Charles E. T. Scharps that shows how an automobile can be used on the farm to saw wood, thresh grain, churn butter and cut feed.

**Concrete Corncribs.** In one section of the country progressive farmers are building concrete corncribs. Why they have adopted this new form of construction and how the work is done is explained by William Walter Smith.

### SPECIAL FEATURES FOR WOMEN

**The Country Gentlewoman** this week talks to the woman who is a victim of the "nagging" habit. It is critical, but helpful.

**Grandmother's Recipes** are a number of good old-fashioned recipes that today are among the "lost arts" of the kitchen.

**The Country Woman's Clothes** page gives a num-

ber of designs for waists that are attractive and yet practical and serviceable.

**Keep Your Heirlooms,** for old as they are, they are better than much of the present-day furniture, etc. Moreover, as Frederick Hewitt points out, they're worth money. The antique dealer knows the value of your old furniture and so should you.

### FOR POULTRY FOLKS ONLY

**A Real Cure for Roup** that cured 98 per cent. is explained by F. S. Jacoby. This new treatment has been worked out by the Ohio State University.

**Hen Brooding,** by W. A. Sherman, discusses the advantages of natural brooding over the manufac-

tured brooder—a subject that is especially interesting and timely at this season of the year.

**Types of Wooden Hen** is a timely article on the best style of brooder and the best way to use it. The author is A. G. Phillips, a noted poultry authority.

**The Congressional Calendar.** This week THE OBSERVER discusses among a number of other things the new Democratic Committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives, and the attitude of its members toward conservation.

**The Crops and the Market.** A weekly department written by one of the foremost financial authorities of the country, giving an agricultural-financial forecast that will be of the utmost value to every farmer, and business man having dealings with farmers.

**Everyman's Garden.** To the farmer who has a small vegetable patch for "family use"—to the suburbanite, too—the question of good soil and how to take care of it is vital. This week EVERYMAN'S GARDEN takes up this important question of garden soils.

**The R. F. D. Letter Box.** No matter what you want to know about agriculture, stock raising or poultry, write to us. An expert (who knows what is practical) will answer you—which is better business than learning by stumbling.

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amendments in their own columns. The query it puts into the mouth of 'a prominent lamp post'—if the season is not closed on 'bull's'—Are not the newspapers even now using their power to raid the state treasury—is one that comes with especially good

grace from that quarter. For, if there is a newspaper in Nebraska that has systematically and scientifically raided the state treasury, and the county treasurers, since the ante-grasshopper days, that paper is the Lincoln Journal." It might have

been just as well for the World-Herald to have added that the State Journal is on the lookout to snatch the "whole cheese" by printing the pamphlets which no doubt would be given out by the republican secretary of state.