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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Be sure of the foundation of your life. Know why you live as you do. Be ready to give a reason for it. Do not, in such a matter as life, build an opinion or custom, or what you guess is true. Make it a matter of certainty and science.—Thomas Starr King.

That Easter bonnet is all the rage and they all want 'em.

It will soon be time to make garden. Ain't you glad for the exercise it will afford?

There are many things Plattsmouth can have this season if we all unite in going after them.

The special session of congress will begin Monday, April 7. It is predicted by the wise heads that it will be a brief session.

California has had an unusually severe winter, and it is hoped that the tourists who went there to spend their money will have sense enough to stay at home and spend the money where they made it.

The good roads proposition should not be lost sight of in the hurry and flurry of other matters. It is about time to begin the agitation in earnest, and the time is almost here for active operations.

If Mrs. Woodrow Wilson has the courage to shock Washington society by gowning herself on \$1,000 a year, her husband will find no room to complain that his salary is being eaten up by her extravagance in dress.

The legislature of Missouri has passed an local option law which virtually makes that state prohibition. According to advices, the effect of this law will make every county in Missouri but three "dry," and will open up a rich field for bootleggers and cheap mail order houses selling rotten whisky.

It is generally conceded now that it is dangerous to shake hands. In China everybody shakes his own hand, but in Tibet, when a young lady meets a companion she sticks out her tongue at full length and at the same time pulls her right ear. This avoids contamination, and the idea is to be introduced in Chicago at the missionary exposition, which begins on May 3. This is really an improvement on the "turkey trot," the "bunny hug" and other innovations of the old-time methods.

The democrats of Nebraska assembled today in Lincoln to do honor to the new secretary of state, Hon. William Jennings Bryan, on his fifty-third anniversary. Mr. Bryan has come all the way from Washington to be present on this occasion, and to greet his many friends. Tonight the annual banquet will be held in the large auditorium, and it will be crowded to its utmost capacity with enthusiastic democrats, who come from every corner of Nebraska to pay tribute to the great commoner. May he live to enjoy many more such occasions, and may peace and happiness ever be his lot, is the prayer of the Journal.

The Sunday base ball bill has been signed by the governor and is now a law.

Who will be the first one to declare that the peaches are all killed? It is about time they were showing up.

The leading suffragettes of America are about to get into it among themselves. Lord, but won't the false hair fly if they do?

The base ball meeting at Tom Wallings office Monday night is intended for the officers of the association and the active players.

Improvements have already been commenced in various sections of the city and carpenters and contractors generally look for a better season than last year, if that could possibly be.

If good boosting will do the business, Plattsmouth will be right in line for a greater city than ever before. The Commercial club is composed of some live wires that are always on the move for any and everything beneficial to the metropolis of Cass county. Incessant work will always be bound to bring forth good results.

In enlarging the depot and erecting new buildings at the shops in this city the Burlington will have a gang of extra workmen in Plattsmouth at least three or four months this season, and at least \$50,000 will be expended in good hard money by the company. This, in connection with the many other improvements to be made in the city, Plattsmouth bids fair to be one of the busiest towns in the west. "See Plattsmouth Succeed," won't you?

The high cost of living does its worst among the poor people. It wouldn't matter if the rich had to pay a little more in proportion to what the poor have to pay for the necessities of life. But they don't. A day laborer is compelled to eat more than the ones who "live on the fat of the land," and in proportion he is the very man that suffers from the high cost of living, because it costs everything he makes to sustain his wife and children.

Some people, when they find any article on the streets or anywhere else, make no effort to find the owner. The Journal desires to say to such persons that the law is very severe in such cases. The finder of pocketbooks, or any article of value must attempt to find the owner, and in case this is not done, and the articles are found in his possession, the law dealers with such persons as common thieves, and punished accordingly. This is said in good faith and as a warning.

President Wilson has again exhibited sound judgment in ignoring party factions in his appointments. There is no use or sense in party factions, notwithstanding some men are never better satisfied than when the party is rent in factions and don't care so long as their own nests are well feathered. But President Wilson is not going to recognize this class to any great extent to the detriment of those who have always been loyal to the party, no matter which faction won out at the nomination primaries. We see wherein President Wilson has taken the proper shoot for the sake of peace and harmony in the democratic party.

If the Mexicans look half as bad as the cartoonists picture them no wonder they want to kill each other.

Although broom corn is worth only \$14 a ton now, the prices of brooms remain as high as ever. There are also other things we don't understand.

A congressman just retired served several times as the party whip, but never made a speech. The best whip is not necessarily the one with the loudest cracker.

The spring, summer and fall of 1913 is going to be a great year for Plattsmouth in more ways than one. Everybody is going to prosper and we have many things in view that will help the city. All we have to do is get down to business and push.

Richard Olney, formerly member of Grover Cleveland's cabinet, was tendered the ambassadorship to Great Britain by President Wilson, but declined. We know a gentleman down in Missouri, in the person of David R. Francis, who would fill the bill to perfection.

Los Angeles, according to the Associated Press, has set another precedent. Fire-proof baskets have been ordered for the city schools by the board of education to catch the "snipes" thrown away by school ma'ams addicted to the cigarette habit. O, Lord!

The egg consumer is undoubtedly interested in the new proposition to date the cases of eggs when they are put into cold storage, but he cannot help feeling that a date on the eggs when they are put into the cases would inspire more confidence.

The new secretary of the navy lunches on three bottles of milk and a loaf of bread. A sailor seldom gets milk, but it must be remembered that Secretary Daniels is an old North Carolina editor.

Remember that life is but a game of chance, while death is a sure thing.

According to Frank Carpenter, the world-renowned traveler, the people of the United States own two-fifths of the wealth of Mexico, and at the present rate of increase will soon own the rest of it, when it will only be a question of happy assimilation as to what will become of Mexico.

A New York trust company has issued its edict threatening dismissal for every one of its young men employees who marries while receiving a salary of less than \$100 a month. If such a restriction should become general, the race suicide alarmists would have real grounds for their warnings.

All farmers, and in fact every other citizen who has any pride in his county, will vote for the \$12,000 jail proposition. They all know how badly Cass county is in need of a jail, and they know that one will have to be constructed sooner or later. Then why not rally to the support of the present proposition. No one should let a prejudicial mind control him in this matter.

Mrs. William C. Clark of Cleveland, Ohio, is only 35 years old, and yet she has given birth to twenty-seven children. Recently she presented her husband with four boys. The quadruplets died because of an injury to the mother. This is the second set of quadruplets the woman has borne. She also is the mother of three sets of triplets and five sets of twins. Six of her twenty-seven children are alive, the oldest, Roland, being 19, and the youngest, Hubbard, is 2 years old. Mrs. Clark's mother had twenty-eight children. Her grandmother had twenty-nine children, quadruplets and triplets among them.

March does not seem to have lost any of its gentle reminders that this is the month to "blow off."

But if ex-President Taft should happen to visit Oyster Bay he's the kind that could carry his smile with him.

Plattsmouth is a good town—one of the best in the state—and good enough for anybody. Keep boosting for the old town.

The Wisconsin legislature has prohibited the killing of bullfrogs. Good, Lord! They must be about as crazy a set up there as there is in our legislature.

President Wilson makes it plain enough that there are plenty of things for him to do besides handing out pie to the hungry office-hunters.

A Los Angeles widow 105 years old, says a paper of that city, is about to become a blushing bride. Those California papers never tire of trying to convince us of the superiority of California climate.

It would appear to the general public that some time a Kansas City jury would have pride enough in their state to put an end, some way or other, by agreeing on some sort of an end to the Hyde case.

The Fremont Tribune has it down in good shape when it says: "If being progressive means going crazy, we would rather the legislature would adjourn." It would be money in the taxpayers' pockets to do so.

The United States senatorship is still hanging fire in the Illinois legislature, with no possible hope of breaking the spell. If the legislature adjourns without electing, Governor Dumm will appoint the senator for the short term.

But trust magnates are afraid of a cell, and if they can be convinced that if they violate the anti-trust law they will go to jail, like the poor go to jail when they violate a law, no one doubts that the Sherman law would be obeyed and the problem of illegal trusts solved. The Sherman law provides for jail sentences for trust magnates just as other laws provide for jail sentences for other kinds of robbery, but for twenty years and more the federal courts have not been impressed by the fact. This is why so many persons have come to be suspicious of the courts, and to sincerely believe that the poor do not receive the same kind of justice that is meted out to the rich; it explains, too, the recent remarkable growth of socialism and the agitation for the recall of judges.

The district attorney in Milwaukee advertised in the daily papers of that city for one hundred married women to take into their homes clean, good young girls as maids. Only those need apply who will take an active interest in the welfare of their charges. The district attorney says that he is going to inaugurate an extensive campaign to rescue girls who are working for inadequate wages in vice breeding environments. He says his plan has worked well in individual cases, and he is certain that it will be practicable on a large scale. The girls in these homes, under the eye of the mistress, are educated, taught the art of cooking, the care of the household, and of young children, while the mistress of the house acts as guide, councillor and friend. That is to say, unless she goes off to play bridge, and leaves the girl to struggle along and do the best she can, turning her out as a mere scrub-woman instead of making her a trained cook, or a competent housekeeper.

The open season for shooting, and shooting accidents is now on.

The late blizzard was a reminder that spring has not yet arrived.

This paper prefers to wait until blooming time before it renders a decision on the peach crop.

We learn from telegraphic reports that the ground-hog's cussedness extends even to South America.

There is such a thing as too much of a good thing, but March was never known to be accused of anything like that.

The Bryan banquet in Lincoln Wednesday night was the greatest ever. More than two thousand guests were present.

Three states are lacking to ratify the constitutional amendment to elect United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

It would be a good idea if the suffs would save some of their energy for the harvest field if they are so blamed anxious for equal rights.

John D. Rockefeller says he wants to see the Panama canal before the water is let in, and it is generally understood he can afford the trip.

All those who have an interest in the country's welfare are now reading garden seed literature, which is almost as interesting as Peruna advertisements.

Madero had plenty of money before he sat in that Mexican game, so there may be something in the theory that he was looking for trouble. In which case he can't kick on the results.

Congressman Mann of Illinois has doubtless discovered by this time that the Washington suffragette paraders are like other women in one respect. Scorned they let their fury know no bounds.

The Missouri Pacific management has promised to give the people better local passenger service, by which the people residing in the west part of the county can come to Plattsmouth and return home the same day without any trouble. Good!

Quick revision of the tariff is planned by President Wilson and the senate and house. If a revision will reduce the high cost of living, let it proceed at once, for that is what the great mass of the people are interested in more than anything else, just now.

Now there is talk of removing the state university away from Lincoln altogether. Should this become a serious matter, it will make the Lincolnites hump themselves to retain it. Beatrice has a citizen who offers forty acres of land for the site and give the state a clear title to the same.

Spring will soon be here in earnest. Fix up. The most humble cottage in Plattsmouth can be made neat and attractive. A common board fence, without plane or paint, can be made neat. Don't tie up your gate with a fence post. You can get a fastener for 10 cents or make one yourself in thirty minutes without a cent of cost. It takes no money to burn up the old rubbish, fix up broken fences and make your home look homelike. The busy and industrious find time to fix up their fences, but often the men who make little or no garden and let the yard resemble a last year's bird's nest, are those who have the most leisure time on their hands.

"The tariff legislation will be ready for presentation to the house," says Representative Underwood, "in three or four days after the house convenes."

The house of representatives still maintains its strong love for the principle of the recall, including therein judicial affairs. The Journal never believed in the principle of recall, but if we did we would not be in favor of making any distinction between any officials—the judiciary as well as the balance.

The American people are paying annually about \$80,000,000 more for their cotton goods than they ought to pay, because of the iniquitous Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The sixty-third congress is preparing to interfere with this robbery. There will be a big downward revision on all kinds of cotton goods.

In New York counterfeiters have already put out issues of parcel post stamps. Although the denomination of the new stamps range from one cent to one dollar, they are all printed in the same color, red, and are of similar designs. The new dodge is to raise the cheaper stamps and there is so much confusion in the post-office that the fraud easily passes.

Governor Morehead has signed the Sunday base ball bill, passed by both houses of the legislature. It permits the playing of base ball on Sunday, within the corporate limits of cities or towns where a majority of the voters declare themselves in favor. Outside of the corporate limits Sunday games may be played on permission of the county commissioners.

How vague and elusive art must be shown by the current criticisms of the new nickel. One critic declares that the nickel is an ugly coin; another that it's popularity, manifestly, must be based on other than artistic consideration. No difference about the looks of the coin—it will buy a glass of beer or a cigar, and pass for just as much as the old brand.

Oh, you idle rich! Down at Palm Beach and other southern resorts they have to invent new ways of enjoying themselves and one of them is the wheel chair tour of the resorts. At one of them a string of twenty-eight wheel chairs started out and made the rounds of the places of amusement, ending up with a supper. The guests then disembarked from the wheel chairs and went back to Palm Beach in a house-boat. It isn't much; just boats giggling at a reception and that's all.

Why have we never been able to place an income tax on the statute books? is the question that naturally arises. Here is the answer: High protectionists have prevented the passage of an income tax law, because they know that the more money the government collects from taxing incomes, the less excuse there will be for a tariff tax. To take protection away from the tariff trusts is to interfere with their monopolies. And how could the tariff trusts regulate prices and gouge consumers without monopolies?

One of the genuine farmers of Liberty precinct was in the city yesterday and gave the Journal a friendly call. In talking of the jail proposition, he said he was in favor of it now, but voted against it before. He also stated that a great majority of the farmers of his neighborhood thought it would be cheaper to build a new jail than it would be to spend twenty times as much for a new court house. That is the way many of the big farmers look at the matter.