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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

The soul occupied with great ideas, best performs small duties.

Lucky Plattsmouth! The storm all around us, but no serious damage here.

Every taxpayer in Cass county will save money by voting for the jail proposition.

Yes, it is time to plant your potatoes, but we wouldn't advise you to do it just yet.

The new train on the Missouri Pacific is almost an assured fact, and will probably be put on about the middle of April. Let her come!

The jail proposition is just as plain as the nose on a man's face, and there is no use for the opponents to try to deceive the taxpayers. Tell the truth!

Every taxpayer should bear in mind that the jail matter is not a bonded indebtedness, but a straight tax levy, and the same is paid at one time. Thirty cents on the \$1,000 and you are done with it.

Since the superintendent of the mint at Denver has declared that there is no gold in 1913 nickels, doubtless many of them will be found in the alleys and waste baskets, where they have been thrown by their disgusted possessors.

Senator Hitchcock will soon have twenty-five postoffice appointments to make, these being in offices in which the commission has expired since January 1, or about that date. The offices at Hastings and St. Paul are among these. Most of the others are in the Fifth and Sixth districts.

Along with the introduction of the bill in the Ohio legislature regulating women's dress there was made the statement in the assembly hall, that the present mode of women's attire was largely responsible for the wave of immorality. Could it be asked that mothers give the question as much study as they give to the suffrage movement?

Lincoln Star: The government's investigation of the harvester trust, so far as the Omaha end of the inquiry is concerned, seems to have left the impression upon the minds of those who read the testimony that the harvester company is such an ardent friend of the farmer that it ought to have been allowed to elect a president last fall, if only to enable it to get even with Taft, who had offended it seriously by proclaiming it an outlaw.

A citizen does not necessarily have to belong to the Commercial club to be progressive, but it would have more effect in the line of progressiveness if he was a member of that great booster organization. He could work more effectively surrounded by a corps of enthusiastic workers, whose aims are in the same direction—to make Plattsmouth a still better town than it is. Yes, my friend, we know you are progressive, and all that, but don't you think it would be better for you to jump right into the band wagon and assist in furnishing the music, "See Plattsmouth Succeed?"

March is perhaps endeavoring to make up for the shortage in February.

The special session of congress bids fair to be a heavy one, as long as it lasts, and it may last all summer.

Keeping everlastingly at it is what makes a good town. That is just what the Plattsmouth Commercial club is doing, and evidences of their good work can be viewed in every section of the city.

Even the English nobility is feeling the need for cultivating its idle estates for the production of foodstuffs. One lord has just decided to put 1,000 acres that has lain useless for generations, under the plow.

The Paris auto bandits have been guillotined. New York and Chicago have not yet decided what they will do with theirs. The minor preliminary matter of apprehending them is first to be disposed of.

As the outcome of all the agitation girls will get better pay, and they should have it, as many legislatures are taking the matter up, and when each state takes the matter in charge, there is bound to be something doing in this line.

Among the court procedure reforms proposed in New York state is a provision that a court in the trial of a cause, "shall have full power to disregard any mistake, irregularity or defect which does not affect the substantial rights of a party." As a pioneer in remedial legislation New York sets many examples worthy of emulation by other states.

It seems a sure thing that the mothers' pension law will pass the present legislature. The bill provides that where parents or either father or mother is unable to care for children properly a certain amount shall be paid monthly by the commissioners of the county in which they live for the support of the children. The amount fixed in the law not more than \$10 per month for each child. Such a law is now in force in several states.

Building operations in Plattsmouth have been continuous for several years. In all seasons, in all months of the year, houses are under course of construction, either public or residence. A drive over the city at any time will reveal to the observer improvements here and there in all parts of the town, which will tell the story better than the Journal can tell it—a story of real growth—of real development—of permanent progress.

Indiana is not the only state that is trying to interfere with the press. The senate of Arkansas has passed a bill providing that the newspapers of the state shall give the same display to complaints made on articles as the articles themselves, and shall publish all such complaints when asked. And that stories of divorces and crimes must be published on inside pages and under small heads. Violations of the law are to be punished by fines and imprisonment. This coming from the state of Arkansas is funny indeed. The general impression is that publicity is a cure for rascality, but the Arkansas solons are evidently afraid of the truth.

Line up with the army of Plattsmouth boosters. It's your duty, if you have property or are in business here.

Credulity is a common fault, but no fakir can convince us he is selling diamonds for four bits apiece for advertising purposes.

Japan will borrow \$150,000,000 for internal improvement. No other proof is needed that Japan is a nation with new-fangled ideas.

Among the many important-looking bills filed among the 1,300 introduced in the legislature, many of them are proving to be worth less than the paper they were written on.

We admire the man who comes out in the open and fights, but we have great contempt for the slimy serpent in human form that tries to smear your face with honey and at the same time stick a dagger in your back.

There is to be another suffrage parade in Washington soon. If the American suffragists keep on they may become as notorious as their sisters in England.

Weeping Water is to have two city tickets to be voted on at their city election. Our friend, Fred Gorder, is to have opposition for mayor in the person of W. M. Philpot.

And now the complaint is made that the new nickels first issued by the department are too large for existing slot machine. Too bad that Uncle Sam didn't think about this before he had these nickels coined.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts has signed a bill passed by the legislature, which provides a fine of \$100 for women who do not cover the point of their hats pins so that the public will be protected from injury. Nothing wrong about such a law.

President Wilson praises the press as "the country's best friend." This is another notable change in Washington since March 1. Mr. Wilson's predecessor regarded the press—except for a few standpat organs—as the nation's most alarming menace.

President Wilson seems to have a hard time securing an ambassador to Great Britain. Richard Olney, 78 years old, and Dr. Eliot, 79, have both declined the honor. Not but what they are equal to the task, but they think some person of mature years ought to handle that great and responsible position. There are several good men who are able to fill the bill, and among them is David R. Francis of Missouri.

"Eggs, Jeers and Mobs Stop English Suffrage Talks," says a headline. In the meantime the suffragettes are burning smaller buildings, cutting telephone and telegraph wires, and defacing property by posting cards inscribed, "No peace until votes for women." The English government, however, is evading signs of seeking a shorter cut to peace than according the ballot to malicious agitators and destroyers of property.

The ideal merchant of the future will be the merchant who intelligently combines his advertising policy and his store policy—who believes not only in getting business through carrying out to the limit his printed claims—who realizes that the customer is the whole foundation of his business and that upon the way the customer of today is reared depend the number and the confidence of the customers of tomorrow.—Jerome P. Fleishman.

The Journal wishes it could guarantee its readers that this would be the last snow of the season. But we are afraid to even attempt it. Easter is over, but the old woman feels still inclined to keep on picking her geese.

You can bet your bottom dollar that Plattsmouth is the best town in Nebraska of its size, and is improving gradually every year—improvements that amount to something—monuments of the industry and thrift of a city that is wide-awake and up and doing all the time. One of the largest and liveliest Commercial clubs in Nebraska is what talks for the old town.

That a change is to be made in the matter of appointing fourth-class postmasters is made manifest in the statement of Postmaster General Burleson. He holds that Taft's order was political, and therefore not in harmony with the intent of the civil service law. He is preparing a plan to be adopted in the matter of naming postmasters, and when that is promulgated applicants will know how to proceed.

Never forget you are a part of the town, and that your own department helps to make up the strangers' estimate of the place. Sell all you can and buy all you can at home. Every dollar that is sent or carried away from home makes the town so much poorer. If you have the means invest in something that will give somebody employment. Do not kick at a proposed improvement simply because it is not at your door.

The jail proposition is a live issue, and will remain so until Cass county has a decent and safe place in which to keep its prisoners. The building of a new jail will save transferring prisoners to Omaha or Lincoln for safe keeping until brought back here for trial, and then, perhaps, sent back to one of these cities to remain until another term of court. For all of which the taxpayers of Cass county will have to pay the expense.

The taxpayers of Cass county should bear in mind that the jail matter is not to be one of bonding the county, but a plain tax levy. The whole business is paid in one year, and there is the end of it. Those fellows in the west part of the county who are trying to mislead the farmers by stating that it will be a "bonded indebtedness" should at least have the manhood to state facts as they are.

While in the governor's office a few weeks ago, and in viewing the portraits of past governors that

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hung on the wall, we noticed the absence of Governor Sheldon's portrait among them, and wondered why. The Lincoln Star comes to our relief and furnishes the reason that it has not long since been one of the collection of the former governors of Nebraska, as follows: A portrait of former Governor George L. Sheldon, who is now living in Mississippi, may soon be added to the collection in the state executive office, making the gallery complete from the time that Nebraska became a state in 1867.

Martin W. Dimery of Omaha, who served as private secretary to Sheldon, is on the track of a suitable picture and thinks he can get it for the governor's office. When Governor Sheldon retired in 1909 he had a portrait made with the intention of leaving it in the office, but it did not prove to be a good likeness and was not hung up on the walls for that reason. Mr. Sheldon's subsequent departure from the state has put him out of touch with Nebraska affairs, and it has been difficult to get a picture of him.

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