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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

The optimist, by his superior wisdom and insight, is making his own heaven, and in the degree that he makes his own heaven, is he helping to make one for all the world beside?—R. W. Trine.

Go to the polls next Tuesday, April 8, and vote for the jail levy.

Now is the time to clean up the trash that has collected during the winter months.

Greenwood increased its majority for license by about double that of two years ago.

"Drag the Roads," seems to be the order of the day. And this work should not be neglected.

From a democratic standpoint, the result of the municipal elections over the country are entirely satisfactory.

It must be difficult for a citizen of Mexico to tell, when he gets up in the morning, whether he is a patriot or a traitor.

A good many people feel that Mr. Bryan is too big for his job, but others feel that he is on his way to something bigger and are satisfied.

McKissick's house bill abolishing capital punishment didn't meet with a very warm reception in the senate, where it was killed Tuesday by a vote of 24 to 41.

The Journal has no use for fakers, and we believe they should be "called down" right here in our own midst, as well as abroad, especially when they are so plain that a 10-year-old school boy will notice them.

Somewhat after the style of some cyclones, which hit churches and skip saloons, the Indiana floods, though raging all around, never touched the great American Monte Carlo at French Lick Springs.

Sunday base ball was voted on Tuesday and carried in most of the towns and cities in Nebraska. Another evidence of the people ruling in their localities.

Jerry Howard, it seems, secured the democratic nomination for Mayor of South Omaha Tuesday. The writer served in the legislature with Jerry, and believes he is abundantly able to fill the bill.

"We favor a just workingman's compensation law, and pledge the passage of such a measure by a democratic legislature." That's what the democratic platform, adopted at Grand Island last summer, says. Then why did the democrats in the present legislature refuse to support the compensation bill? In doing so they virtually repudiated one important obligation in that platform.

Former Postmaster General Hitchcock said before retiring from office that the mail frauds in the United States in two years reached the enormous total of \$100,000,000. Yet when it was proposed to enact a blue sky law in Nebraska nobody found much to work upon except in an attempt to diminish the salable value of land.

The man with the rake is in evidence now.

Another reason a good many don't practice what they preach is that preaching is the easiest talk.

As long as the women who can't trim their own hats can trim their husbands the world will wag along all right.

If the girl who intends to be a 1913 bride would drill around and look at some of the 1911 models, maybe she would not be so enthusiastic.

Rake the yard and clean up generally right now. Don't wait, because if you do you will be too busy swatting the fly to do the work after a while.

The special session of congress meets next Monday. Then look out for tariff talk, pro and con. Democratic promises are still in the minds of the people. Stick to the text, gentlemen.

Remember you can cast your vote next Tuesday at any hour between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. Some people have the impression that the polls open after dinner. But such is not the case.

Turkey, Bulgaria and other parties to the Balkan struggle are reported to be short of money, food and clothing. When diplomacy fails Providence always finds a way to terminate a war.

The Keystone state has ratified the amendment for the direct election of senators by the people. Senator Penrose has felt for a long time that republics are ungrateful.

If you are sorry for the stricken people, do something for them, if you feel able to do so. Otherwise your long distance sympathy and noble thoughts won't do a great deal of good.

A new system of spelling allows each individual a wider range of choice. Something of this kind has existed a long time, but somehow has not been considered a desirable accomplishment.

It is often related that the American people talk too much. The profits of the American Telephone and Telegraph company (\$37,000,000) last year would indicate the truthfulness of the assertion.

Scarcely a week passes but some editor takes a shot at the fellows in his town who sit around on dry goods boxes and tell how the city ought to be run. And yet the same editors, or many of them, are now giving Secretary of State Bryan the benefit of their large experience in foreign diplomacy.

"Yes, sir," said a prominent farmer from Liberty precinct to the writer Tuesday, "I am going to vote for a new jail, and be done with it. I voted against the proposition a few months ago because it was a question of bonds. The present proposition is for a straight levy and the amount demanded to erect a jail is not extravagant, and I am getting tired of voting against something that I know we should have had years ago, and I know of many farmers in my neighborhood who think and will vote as I do." That is but the expression of hundreds of substantial and candid farmers of Cass county.

The fury of a tornado is equalled only by its uncertainty. It breaks suddenly without any pre-condition symptoms. The weather bureau failed entirely to divine the approach of the tornadoes which swept portions of the country a few days ago.

The Journal was in error in stating that our friend, Jerry Howard, had been nominated for mayor of South Omaha by the democrats. The present mayor, Thomas Hoctor, had three majority over Jerry, according to the official vote. Pretty close shave.

The Omaha World-Herald deserves great credit for its good work in securing money for the tornado sufferers. The amount received by the World-Herald up to Wednesday evening reached over \$31,000. That paper is always to the fore-front in raising money for the needy.

They are now engaged around the state house in Lincoln in picking from the members of the legislature men who would make suitable candidates for governor a year from next fall. Some members are named for governor on both sides who are scarcely able to hold down their present positions with credit. It takes a man of ability to be governor of Nebraska, and when the proper time arrives to select candidates they will not be chosen from either branch of the present legislature. Put that in your pipe and smoke it!

Careful buyers will find that the merchant who advertises is the man who gives you the best value for your money. He has the goods that will stand comparison and the test of publicity. It's the man who sits back and waits for trade to come to him, instead of his going after it, that usually sells you inferior quality for your money. The man who isn't keen enough to realize the advantages of publicity is hardly keen enough to buy his goods to advantage, hence is naturally at a disadvantage when it comes to giving you the best for your money.

It frequently happens that a stranger coming into a community and putting on the airs of a gentleman, is taken up at once and lionized, though nothing whatever is known of his antecedents and the sequel often proves that it is best not to take up with strangers too readily. The old friends whom we have known all our lives and whose characters are firm and established as the everlasting hills, are too apt to become commonplace to us, but we know they will do to tie to, and it is not best to give them up for those whom we do not know. The man or woman who builds up a character and maintains it for years in the same community deserves some consideration, and the friendship of such people is to be preferred at all times to the showy attention of strangers.

It is a question where all this agitation for better divorce laws will eventually lead to. The present theory of the law is that collusion between husband and wife should vitiate a bill for divorce, and this attitude is sought to be strengthened by reformers by a provision that the state shall be represented in every divorce action, so as to guard against the entering of a decree procured by such collusion. Another school of reformers are opposed to all this. They demand that the question of collusion shall not be inquired into, giving as the reason that the "mismatched righteous" should be entitled to separation as freely as the "mismatched unrighteous," and that a premium should not be put on sin by making it the pre-requisite for divorce. It is manifest, however, that if collusion is to be eliminated from the consideration in di-

voice proceedings, a decidedly backward step is taken so far as minimizing the divorce evil is concerned. Collusion offers a favorable and ready means for the purposes of habitual divorce seekers and its unrestricted permissibility would prove to be their greatest boon.

Next Tuesday, April 8, is the date upon which the voters of Cass county are called upon to decide whether or not we are to have a safe place in which to incarcerate the prisoners of the county. It is a plain question. The levy for \$12,000 will be made, if the proposition carries, and the entire amount paid at one time. For some time Cass county has been paying Lancaster and Douglas counties for keeping prisoners because the old bastille, which is almost ready to fall down, is not a safe place to keep them. In one year Cass county paid to Lancaster county over \$1,000 for keeping prisoners, and we have no estimate as to what has been paid Douglas county, but we can guarantee that it will average up to this sum if not more. The genuine taxpayers of Cass county can readily see that a new jail will prove a great saving to them in the long run. Then why not go to the polls next Tuesday, April 8, and cast your votes for the building of a new jail.

A few weeks since William R. Nelson, editor and owner of the Kansas City Star, was sent to jail for contempt of court by Circuit Judge Jacob A. Guthrie. Nelson appealed the case to the supreme court and summoned the judge to testify before the state commission. Guthrie testified that he had written his decision finding Mr. Nelson guilty in advance of the hearing at which the editor appeared before him. He wrote the decision the night before, but he said he would have changed it if evidence presented to him should influence him to do so. And this is the sort of fellow who, by the laws of the land, is both judge and jury in all cases wherein he feels that his personal dignity has been affected, and it is held that a recall which would rebuke such an old fool would strike at the very foundation of the law. It is another one of those idiotic ideas that lawyers and courts endeavor to impress upon the people.

Of course the west side newspapers will fire parting shots at Plattsmouth and the jail proposition this week. But they will not give any plausible cause for so doing only one of selfishness. The fact is they make all manner of misstatements and expect sensible taxpayers to believe them. But in this day and age of the intelligence of the average farmer, they no longer permit the "wool to be pulled over their eyes" on any matters of interest, at least one of so vital importance as the building of a county jail, which is destined to save them a great deal of money in the future. We need the jail. The proposition is a plain one, and no one with average intelligence need vote misunderstandingly. We appeal to every voter interested to investigate the matter thoroughly and he will soon find that the intention of the enemies of the new jail building is to make more serious trouble for the taxpayers of Cass county. That's all.

During political campaigns you can't get certain men on the firing line to do battle for the party unless they are candidates or have some particular friend on the ticket, but just as soon as the victory is won they rush in and try to get everything in sight, and have no regard to the veterans who have always been loyal to the democratic nominees, while they were sulking in their tents, or bolting the nominee, because he was not their choice in the primaries.

You can't run away from a slanderer or cyclone. That's certain.

The dreamer starts things, while the financier finishes them and draws the reward.

The only thing needed to overcome the disasters of last week is an earthquake and a volcanic eruption.

Where is the man in Plattsmouth who would not be a booster for another factory, if he had a chance?

The story of Noah was never more impressive to the people of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois than it is right now.

A book is out entitled "How to Master the Spoken Word." Sometimes the best way to keep a firm grip is not to speak it.

Even if Omaha does not get much bigger this year, it stands to reason that building contractors will have a busy season.

The road drag and automobile go hand-in-hand. The drag is the pioneer that blazes out the pathway for the auto to follow.

Time flies, and it has flew so far that it is no longer good form to refer to Secretary of State Bryan as the "Boy Orator of the Platte."

You cannot deprive people of their rights in this free country. They will assert their right every time the opportunity is afforded.

A lecturer says American farmers have not mastered their business. Nevertheless, a billion-dollar crop is pretty good for beginners.

His admirers concede that W. J. Bryan lends considerable dignity and importance to the job of secretary of state, as he will to any other task he tackles.

The difference between the boosters for the new jail and the enemies thereof, is that the boosters are honest in their endeavors, and the enemies are selfish in their opposition.

The state senate went on record in favor of doing away with all elections in the fall of 1913, passing it over to the fall of 1914. If such a bill passes it will please several fellows that we know of.

If you have made up your mind to live in Plattsmouth then stand up for it in everything that is calculated to help it. One way to help the town is by going to the polls next Tuesday and voting for the new jail.

Nine out of every ten citizens of Nebraska will approve the action of the lower house in killing the bill appropriating \$150,000 for a state exhibit at San Francisco. This is one of the redeeming features of the present legislature.

The Plattsmouth Journal says the present legislature is the worst ever. Probably because Col. Bates was not elected as a member.—Nebraska City News. No, no; not that, exactly. But probably because Hubner, the would-be wise old "presumptive" of the News, is not there to advise the boys.

Some men try awfully hard to carry water on both shoulders. But if you will watch them carefully you will find the elbow of their pants wet from the water that sloshed over in the waggling to do the balancing act. We've got the water carriers in this town all right. They are so absorbed in trying to do the balancing act that they forget that people are watching them. It pays all the time to be a man—just a plain, honest man without subterfuge or evasion.

COLD STORAGE EGGS THE BEST

Experts Condemn Method of Farmers.

FRESH KILLED CHICKEN BAD

Committee at St. Louis is Told That Dressed Poultry is Best After Nine Months in Cold Storage—Fowl Should Be Starved Twenty-four Hours Before Being Killed.

Is the freshness of an egg a question of psychology?

Is a chicken better food when it has been kept a year or two after being killed and dressed than when it is freshly killed?

Both these questions were answered absolutely in the affirmative by experts testifying recently before the joint committee of the council and the house of delegates that is investigating the cost of living at St. Louis.

Royall H. Switzer, St. Louis food expert, put under oath, as were all witnesses, told that the question of the freshness of an egg was largely a matter of psychology and that the greatest expert living could not tell the difference between an egg in cold storage nine months and one of the kind commonly denominated fresh which reach the retail market almost directly from the farmer.

Fresh Chicken Dangerous.

Miss N. E. Pennington, chief of the food research laboratory of the United States department of agriculture at Philadelphia, testified that a chicken which had been killed the day before was dangerous to eat. She said she would absolutely refuse to eat a freshly killed bird. The ideal chicken, she said, was one that had been held in storage nine months or a year. When one had been kept two years in storage, she said, it began to lose its flavor.

Miss Pennington was on the witness stand nearly two hours. She had stopped in St. Louis to address a convention of shippers and was persuaded to appear before the cost of living investigators.

"One of the chief elements in the high cost of living problem," began Miss Pennington, "is the frightful amount of waste. The money value of eggs in the United States each year is \$500,000,000. Of this 10 per cent, or \$50,000,000, is dead loss because of waste in marketing the eggs. Somewhere between the hen and the consumer \$50,000,000 worth of eggs have gone to nothing.

"The poultry products of the country amount each year to \$250,000,000, and again there is a 10 per cent loss, or one amounting to \$25,000,000."

Not enough cold storage. "So," interrupted Delegate Scully, "we save 90 per cent in spite of cold storage?"

"In spite of it? Why, my dear sir, we haven't nearly enough of it. The waste commences, and by far the greater part of it develops on the farm," retorted Miss Pennington.

"The farmer doesn't gather his eggs quickly enough. He lets them prosper in the incubator of the summer sun. Then they go to the storekeeper, where they are held for a time in a warm room. Afterward a great quantity of our eggs is shipped in nonrefrigerated box cars that are excellent incubators. In the course of three or four weeks this alleged 'fresh egg' reaches the city market.

"It is the good cold storage eggs and poultry that Missouri and adjoining states send out to east and west coasts. The poor fresh product you keep at home. And maybe one reason there is so much complaint here is because you get so little of the cold storage food."

"To get a fresh egg or a good chicken out of cold storage it must have been a fresh egg or a good chicken when it went into storage."

How to Kill Chickens.

"To begin with, there are few who kill their chickens in the right way. Here is the proper way to commence. Starve the chicken for twenty-four hours, so that the intestines will have collapsed and it will be easy to get the blood out. Don't cut off the chicken's head, but stun it, and sever the jugular vein.

"If you cut off the chicken's head you cut other arteries and veins besides the jugular one, and the chicken cannot bleed properly. Pick the feathers dry. Keep the chicken in a temperature of 32 degrees for ten days and ship it to market in a refrigerated car."

"How long," asked Dr. Randall, "can a chicken be kept in cold storage and be good?"

"Well, nine months or a year is a good period," answered Miss Pennington. "But I should say that a chicken two years old in storage would begin to lose flavor."

Women Are More Manlike.

W. A. Haselden, one of the few humorists in the ranks of the British caricaturists, believes the suffrage movement is evolving a new type of femininity much disliked by mere man. He says: "Women are becoming more manlike in figure, face and brain every day. The pretty, tender face will soon be the face of the past, but as it gets scarier and scarier men will admire and value it more than ever."