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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

It is always good to know, if only in passing, charming human beings. It refreshes one like flowers and woods and clear brooks.—George Elliot.

Plattsmouth first, last and all the time.

Pass the order all along the line: "Clean up!"

The clean dooryard is a thing of beauty, no matter how unpunctious or humble the home.

Only a few days now till the gent who subsists on box scores will be placed on full feed.

The man who does a good deal of bragging on his home town helps some, even if he has real estate for sale.

There may be no monopoly, but there are numerous fellows who seem to think the office belongs to them by inheritance.

Over a month gone by since the inauguration of President Wilson and no signs of a panic. Predictions do not always pan out.

There should be no quitting in the good roads business. Keeping constantly at the work is what fixes the roads in good shape.

The sardine catch in Europe is a failure this year, but as long as the American minnows hold out there will always be plenty of canned sardines.

A lecturer in Chicago declared that "the men lived to be 1,000 years old before the flood!" But that was before breakfast foods and pajamas were invented.

French people are trying to find a substitute for the meaningless "How do you do?" They might choose from any one of a hundred American substitutes, like "Oh, you chicken!"

Winter wheat is beginning to show the rows clear across the fields and is looking fine. The dead patches that showed up so prominently last spring are not to be seen this year and indications now are for a good crop.

The blue sky law passed by the legislature is nothing more than a perfect farce. Had there been such a law in force several years ago it would have been money in the pockets of many Nebraskans who have been "roped in" to buying land that has proved no good for anything.

The Lincoln Herald has now-named ex-Mayor Frank W. Brown of Lincoln for governor of Porto Rico. Frank Brown is one of God's noblemen and there is nothing too good for him in the gift of the present administration. He is a man among men, and well fitted for almost any position.

Now that it isn't such a picnic for some of the suffragettes to be in British prisons, what a wail goes up. The actions of the suffragettes in England is doing much to retard the growth of woman's suffrage in America. A great many of the former leaders in this country are breaking ranks.

Spring fever is preferable to winter grip.

Business prophets report the outlook in general as very bright and promising.

Senator Hitchcock's currency bill was the first introduced in the senate.

Plattsmouth is to have a big show. Yankee Robinson's big three-ring circus and menagerie will be here Monday, May 5.

More spelling books and less sheet music may be listed among the long-felt wants, according to a cranky writer.

The long distance weather forecast is frequently fulfilled. And there are other games in which you may win a bet occasionally.

Everybody has a good word for President Wilson. And why? Because he is doing his duty as he sees it, to the entire country, irrespective of clan, ring or faction.

The ballot alone would not satisfy the English militant suffragettes. Neither would it satisfy the suffragettes in America. They would next demand the unconditional surrender of the ballot box itself.

Nearing the time for farmers to decide among themselves which is best, early or late planting. Some seasons they have no choice in the matter. They all have to put up with late planting. But we hope this season will be an exception.

President Wilson is prepared to fight for the tariff program to the last ditch, and will veto any measure not in accordance with his views. Woodrow Wilson is a gentleman after our own heart, when it come to redeeming platform pledges.

You can't expect the people of your town to buy the goods you carry unless you carry the goods they want to buy. It is up to you to meet their requirements, not for them to buy the goods you choose for them.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

The man who tells you that the court house in this city is not in good condition, and therefore tries to prejudice you against its present location lies, and all you have to do to refute the lie is to go through the structure itself and see how easily some people can utter an untruth.

Americans, even those who are favorably inclined toward woman's suffrage, find it difficult to become all wrought up over the imprisonment of Miss Emerson, an American woman, in jail in London for window smashing and assaulting polemen. If she is an American woman she had no business mixing in English affairs, anyway.

There is a law designating the newspaper with the largest circulation in the county as the paper in which notices for liquor licenses must be published. An attempt was made to change this law so that any paper in the county could legally publish such notices, but the bill was defeated by the present legislature. If such notices are not now published in the paper with the largest circulation they are illegally published.

Hurrah for Plattsmouth!



We Crow for the New Jail.

Oh, How Sick We Feel!



L. J. Mayfield, Louisville Courier

Don't poke fun at your neighbor who owns a cyclone cellar. You may want to borrow a corner in it almost any day.

Some men, who conceive of big projects, but have not the means to carry them out, are sometimes styled "hot air bags." But such men are necessary to the prosperity of a community. Men that have money do not take time to be "dreamers."

One more state will suffice to ratify the constitutional amendment for the election of United States senators by popular vote. Illinois had the last of the senatorial deadlocks and furnished another striking argument for the change.

The National Drainage Congress that will meet in St. Louis this week will be the most important convention of the kind that has yet assembled. Its proceedings will be followed with interest by congress and every one of the forty-eight states.

President Wilson appeared in the halls of congress and delivered his message. He is the first president of the United States who has done this since John Adams in the first few years of the last century. The people will find that there will be many things which President Wilson will do that will prove his faithfulness to the masses of the people.

The fellows who attempt to make a factional fight in the appointments under President Wilson's administration will hardly succeed. The president believes in making concessions to both factions and believes one is made up with as good democrats as the other, and one will be favored as quick as the other when the political plum tree is shaken. All will have a chance.

Local papers are warning the public against a grafter who is going around under the pretense that he is wanting to buy a farm. He ingratiates himself into the confidence of real estate men and farmers and picks out a farm that suits him. He will take it just as soon as an expected draft arrives. Meanwhile he needs a little money and his unsuspecting victims give it to him. Next thing he is gone. So is the money of the victims. Watch this fellow.

The truth of the matter is that Cass county has one of the most magnificent court houses in the state, and strangers remark when they visit it what a magnificent structure it is. The sensible farmers of Cass county know this. Then would it not be a piece of foolishness for the taxpayers to vote upon themselves an indebtedness that would take them twenty years to pay for something they already have? Why, it is simply preposterous to think of such a thing.

"Benefits to the Omaha tornado sufferers" are still in order, if the real sufferers only get the benefit.

In Cedar Falls, Iowa, last fall, many of the dealers stored large stocks of potatoes because they could buy them for 50 cents a bushel. But the crop was large and the price has fallen so that the dealers are now selling their stocks in ten-bushel lots at 25 cents a bushel, and are pocketing their loss with what grace is possible.

The legislature is about to react upon the compensation bill, and if they do, by passing it, they will receive the commendation of two-thirds of the people of Nebraska. The measure is just and by its adoption will prove a redeeming feature, and the people will have good cause to overlook the few great errors the legislature has made.

Many working men gave up their day of rest on Sunday in Omaha to help the unfortunate people whose homes were destroyed in the tornado. It is estimated that at least 1,500 to 2,000 put in their entire time on this day. It is said that bankers, brokers and skilled mechanics rubbed shoulders in restoration work.

Now that the period for which they draw pay has passed the legislators are evidently waking up to the necessity of doing a full day's work every day if they are to get done in time for spring plowing. Most of them would be mighty glad if they could get back some of the time they frittered away in adjournments over trifles earlier in the session.—Lincoln Star.

Tearing another's character to pieces will not help yours, no matter how dirty the other man's may be. Pointing out the weeds in your neighbor's yard will not make those in your own yard more beautiful. The white cottage and brown mansion each hide trouble from the world. People talk and know not whereof they speak. They retail slander to show how foul is the dish most palatable to them. Let us walk straight along. Let us each mind our own business and we will never be out of employment.

President Wilson says: "I do not want to live under a philanthropy. I do not want to be taken care of by the government, either directly, or by any instruments through which the government is acting. I want only to have right and justice prevail, so far as I am concerned. Give me right and justice and I will undertake to take care of myself." That is the kind of talk to emanate from a president of this great republic. And it is just this kind of sentiment that takes with the masses of the American people. Long live President Wilson!

Press dispatches from Washington inform us that this country is falling behind its own needs in the production of wheat, the leading article of diet of a people who live as Americans are expected to. The figures are from the government bureau. During eight months of the fiscal year, ending February, 1913, we exported 12,656 head of cattle and all. Why is not the owner legally imported 220,000 head. And the turned about a period as late as six years ago. This should be an appeal to all farmers of the United States to turn in and lend a hand in producing more meat. A good deal of the welfare of this country, its future, is in the hands of the farmers; when they realize this as they should they will appreciate the importance of heeding the appeal made to them to grow more wheat. It is the way to farm; also it is the way to do something for the country.

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SOUTH SIXTH ST., Plattsmouth, Neb.

The jail is needed, and the people know it.

Yes, it's all over, and Cass county will have a new jail.

"Tariff privilege must be removed," says President Wilson.

This time of year the garden spade is mightier than the sword.

Nehawka is now entitled to a deed for that celebrated cannon.

Let's we forget. Make your Fourth of July arrangements early.

Two hundred and forty-nine majority for the jail is sufficiently decisive.

Cass county will soon have a jail in which it will be safe to keep prisoners.

It pays to have some newspapers to work against a movement when you want it to carry.

Free wool and free lumber is what the common people want. It will serve to help them out wonderfully.

You may fool the taxpayers once in a while, but you can't "pull the wool over their eyes" all the time.

An evangelist, in addressing a congregation in one of the nearby towns, says that nothing but the preaching of hell fire can convert the men who loaf around livery stables. We would like to know of one being converted even by that.

COLONEL BATES AWAKENS.

Colonel Bates in his every-welcome Plattsmouth Journal has this to say about some things that inspire a lot of thinking and a lot of talking:

"We favor a just working-man's compensation law, and pledge the passage of such a measure by the democratic legislature." That's what the democratic platform adopted at Grand Island last summer says. The 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.

Oh, Colonel Bates, you old Missouri democrat—a democrat of the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian school—have you not lived long enough to know that there's a vast gulf between platform pledges and actual practice? Have you not been through the fires of politics often enough to know that political platforms are written to read and not to stand upon?—Nebraska City Daily Press.

With all due respect to Bro. Sweet and his opinion of platform declarations, we must beg leave to differ with him. Platforms are adopted, plank for plank, as the principles of a party, and the candidate who runs for office is certainly pledged to carry out the wishes of his party, as expressed in that platform, or he has no business to accept a nomination after that platform has been adopted. Platforms are promises, and should be held as such by candidates after they are elected, and during our career in politics we have held them as sacred instructions to be carried out.

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