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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Reading is indeed to the mind as food is to the body—the material of which its fiber is made. It is surprising to note the difference in the quality of mental thought which even one-half hour's good reading day will make.—Lillian Whiting.

The International Harvester trust has decided to move its twine factory from Auburn, N. Y., to Germany. The World-Herald printed a very appropriate cartoon concerning the removal, labeling it, "Patriotism of Protected Interests."

Vice President Marshall has a proposition that is worrying us some. It is that those having over a hundred thousand dollars will have to forfeit all above that sum to the state. But what is he going to do with us editors when we turn in "thirty"? Will the difference be paid to us? This is one feature of his plan we would like explained before he receives our endorsement.

The Plattsmouth Commercial club has done the proper eaper in deciding to have a Fourth of July celebration this year. This is a guarantee that the people of Cass county and surrounding counties will be furnished plenty of amusement on the great natal day, and that it will be of the proper character. So everybody should remember that Plattsmouth will celebrate this year.

W. J. Bryan and Champ Clark are two of the biggest and braviest men in the United States, and the democrats all over the country will rejoice that they have settled their troubles engendered at the Baltimore convention, and are now good friends. The situation as it existed since the national convention has been very embarrassing to both Secretary Bryan and Speaker Clark.

The Lincoln business men have become indignant at the manner in which an itinerant evangelist is deriding the capital city. A preacher has no more right than anyone else to heap abuse upon a town or city or prefer charges that he is unable to substantiate. And now the business men of that city have called upon the Rev. Scoville to prove what he has said or be branded as a base falsifier.

Winning out in the field of intelligence and economy will create more "big business" than the organization of trusts and shutting out competition. The latter is just what the high protective tariff does.

All the honest people in the world are not dead by any means. Mrs. George Robinson of Brooklyn lost a necklace worth \$10,000. They hired an automobile to go from Brooklyn to Manhattan to attend a theater. After the performance the lady missed the necklace. Her husband called up the automobile company and asked to have the automobile searched, but it was not in the car. They offered a reward of \$250 for its return. That evening a roughly dressed man came to the house and handed the necklace over to a daughter and walked away without even asking for the reward. Who he was and how he came by the necklace is a mystery.

When the people of a city "all pull together" for the betterment of business conditions and the building up of new homes, improving the streets and erecting new store rooms, etc., they wear a smile on their faces until some disorganizer throws a bomb of discontent among them and gets them all worked up over some radical procedure of his own. No man has the right to institute such a state of affairs, even though he be an old established citizen and property owner, much less a man who is here only temporarily and does not own a foot of real estate in the town. Such disturbers of the serenity of a community should not be countenanced by our business men or citizen who has the true welfare of Plattsmouth at heart.

The young Horace Greeley of the Weeping Water Republican is still whining, but what about we cannot tell, and doubt very much if he is able to do so. Gray hair is honorable. It generally comes with old age, as it has with us. Leakage of the brain sometimes causes youth to become gray-headed. But we trust the young man of the Republican will not become thus affected. We would advise his friends to keep a careful watch over him until he becomes more pacified over his great disappointment, and maybe he will fully recover. It would be awful for one possessed of such ability to die young. Brace up, young man, and cease looking at the dark side. It is naughty to become personal, and whenever you think of doing so remember, "Tis dogs' delight to bark and bite for 'tis their nature to."

If small business must go into open competition with the world and stand or fall upon its own merits, why not the big interests? Who will say that President Wilson is not right upon the tariff?

At a time when more is being conceded to women and young people than ever before, divorce among the married and suicide among the young increases. Therein lies a problem for psychologists and sociologists.

Down with the special classes that are pampered and fed at the expense of the working masses. A democratic tariff will put these classes on an equal footing with other people if allowed to operate for awhile.

Mrs. Charles Smith of Danby, N. Y., has just given birth to five children, all of whom are alive and doing well. Mrs. Smith is too late. Mr. Roosevelt is not president now.

It is said that President Wilson's ambition is to get next to the people. He has succeeded admirably already in getting next to members of congress—the people's representative.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that the Nebraska law which limits the time of shipment of live stock in carload lots is valid, and confirms the decision of the state supreme court. The shippers of the state have won a decided victory in this decision.

"Winter wheat best ever" is the report from the Agricultural Department at Washington. That's what comes from having a democrat at the head of that department. He simply ordered a good crop and it is on hand. Of course there isn't much sense in such an argument, but we saw so many similar arguments heretofore under prosperity heads that we have contracted the habit.

President Wilson extended an invitation to Senator La Follette to visit him at the White house, and he accepted the invitation. This was Senator La Follette's first visit to the White house after years of aloofness from the executive home. The acceptance of the invitation may have no special significance, yet to all who look forward to party re-alignments by genuinely democratic tests it is very comforting.

More than 150,000,000 parcel post packages were mailed during the first three months the system was in operation, according to computations announced last Saturday by postal experts and based upon reports from the fifty largest postoffices. Approximately 55 per cent more business was handled in March than in January. Chicago leads all other cities, 6,895,744 parcels being handled in two months. New York handled 5,973,075 and Boston 1,657,036 packages.

With 350,000 men on a strike Belgium appears to be ripe for the initiative and referendum.

Now that the Chinese have their liberty, it is presumed that they can give more time to relaxation and amusement, and that the national queue, which has been in disfavor for several years, will be entirely superseded by the billiard ball.

President Wilson is willing that California enact laws such as the majority of its legislature believes necessary to relieve its citizens, but he is unalterably opposed to any attempt to inflict a race issue in this matter. We'll bank on the president's judgment.

Who will argue that it makes any difference as to the day when an American citizen expresses his preference at the ballot box, so long as he is not denied that privilege? Hampton (Mass.) although a little late, has had her election, and democrats are very well satisfied with the returns.

Plattsmouth is right in the swim for amusements this season. Now, listen: Yankee Robinson's big three-ring circus Monday, May 5; Decoration day May 30; big Fourth of July celebration; big tournament of the T. J. Sokol turners, and then the great fall festival and stock show, besides base ball tournament and several other minor gatherings. This is plenty, however, for one season.

Make garden, clean up, trim up, look up and smile. For we are enjoying a No. 1 brand of April weather that suits us all. Farmers are sowing oats, and they are plugging them so fast probably half of them are upside down, but they have planted them pretty thick in a hill, and of course they expect enough of them to come up to make 60 to 80 bushels to the acre, as most of the time they do in Cass county. The ground is ready and much of it has been plowed for corn, and if farmers and the hired men get any rest for awhile they will have to get it on Sundays, and some of them may have to put in a Sunday or two in order to get their corn in as early as possible.

Even the newspaper reporters need regulating—in Illinois. Lieutenant Governor O'Hara of that state suggests that they be licensed, and that no reporters be permitted to be employed unless they have first served an apprenticeship of several years, and then shall have passed an examination as to their ability, veracity and qualifications by a state board. The age is really becoming so that one might as well count that day lost whose low, descending sun, finds not some freak "reform" by other freaks outdone. What we need next is a state board for the regulating, licensing and taxing of clerks, stenographers, domestics and washerwomen.

J. C. Elliott, editor of the West Point (Neb.) Republican, and standpat republican candidate for congress in the Third district last fall, has evidently changed his mind on the tariff question since that time, if one is to judge from the following from a recent issue of his paper, and has become greatly in love with President Wilson's policy in dealing with that question, now before congress: "The Republican does not yield one bit of its admiration for a protective tariff in saying that President Wilson is about right in this tariff matter. This tariff wall was built up to favor and encourage American manufacturers. The trouble is they have gone into cahoots and are playing hob behind the wall, controlling almost everything and everybody, and, worse than that, they have absolutely destroyed competition. It's about time to remove this tariff breechelout and pin, discharge the wet-nurse, and drive many of these skulking piratical, price-fixing, bloated monopolists out in the open and make them face free and unrestricted competition. The president adds: 'It would be unwise to move toward this end headlong, or with strokes that cut at the very roots.' True enough, but the people have been complacent for many, many years, content to have these big institutions built up, hoping that in time they in return would be shown due consideration. Did anybody ever get it? Well, hardly! The people voted in the last election to apply the knife; now let it go deep! If it be necessary to kick over the entire tariff wall to get a square deal, let it be done, and may the tail go with the hide. That would hurt and be awkward for a while, but it would smoke them out and a readjustment would then follow."

The new official Catholic directory shows that only Italy, Austria and Germany exceed the United States in the number of adherents to the Roman church. The number of Roman Catholics under the protection of the Stars and Stripes is 23,329,000, while in Italy itself there are only 30,500,000. Spain has 19,563,000 and the British empire 12,968,000. The number of Roman Catholics in Austria and that in Germany slightly exceed that in the United States. A steady increase in the number of Roman Catholics in the Philippines and Porto Rico is held to be largely responsible for the gains made in the United States, although the increase in the continental states and territories is normal. New York leads the states, with 2,790,629. Pennsylvania is second with 1,633,353; Illinois third, with 1,460,987; Massachusetts fourth, with 1,383,435; Ohio fifth, with 743,065; Louisiana sixth, with 584,000, and Michigan seventh, with 568,505. When the official Catholic directory appears it will be the first to name Pius X, the present pope, as the two hundred and fifty-ninth in line of succession from St. Peter. Formerly it has been

reckoned that Pius X is the two hundred and sixty-fourth, but within the last year it has been decided that some of the earlier occupants of the vatican were counted twice, and five members were eliminated. The growth of the Catholic church is in distinct contrast to the gains in other religious denominations and stands out still more strongly against the losses in many Protestant churches. It was this marvelous gain, undoubtedly, which prompted the present pontiff to create 200 additional cardinals in the United States.

When the devil finished shearing the hog, he is said to have remarked that there had been a lot of squeak for so little wool. There is a lot of noise in the world that does not men much. The publicans of old were wont to stand upon the street corners and utter loud prayers and thank the Lord that they were not as other men. They prayed so men could hear. They wanted their neighbors to think well of them. But we are told that they were hypocrites and sinners, and were praying only to fool the people. Their prayers came from the lips and from a wicked heart. They sounded good, but they were without wings or faith and righteousness that carry prayers to heaven. They may have fooled the simple-minded people from whom they collected tribute, but not a single breath did they ever fool the Lord. They were judged and measured by their works, and not by the words they uttered. Men still try to work this same confidence game upon the people. These ancient publicans have their counterparts today. We have men who pray long and loud and who make professions of faith and holiness, only for the purpose of concealing their hoofs and horns. They are of the same brand of hypocrites and sinners that prayed upon the street corners and that desecrated the temples of Jerusalem in olden times. These modern publicans are up to the same tricks and games that brought their old-time predecessors into disgrace and disrepute, and the long reach of time between these two generations has made no change in the methods nor in the men. The publicans of today think also that they can fool the Lord. But they can't.

Senator Norris is still after the coffee trust. He started in for this trust's scalp in the lower house of congress, and proposes to run it to earth. Let him keep it up.

Judge Estelle received a judgment against the Omaha Daily News, and some preacher who libeled him during the campaign last fall, for \$25,000. This is quite a sum to have to pay for defamation, and should be a warning to the News to go slow on such business in the future.

The legislature has now adjourned for sure.

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS

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