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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Be sure you give men the best of your wares though they be poor enough; and the gods will help you to lay by a better store for the future.—Henry D. Thoreau.

In the Weather Bureau: Unsettled, with sudden changes indicated.

California should keep a level head. As a buffer state it will often have an Asiatic question on its hands.

Present indications are that with prudent husbanding that last ton of coal may be made to last until May 1.

When Longstreet wrote, "Dust thou art to dust returneth," he must have had reference to Main street in Plattsmouth.

This is the season when the High school graduates accept considerable hearsay testimony as to what lies beyond the Alps.

The Belgians are mixing a suffrage question with a strike, but they show wisdom by pushing the movement without violence.

Imprisonment for debt is supposed to have been abolished, but it seems it will linger in the state of New York as long as General Sikes survives.

Republican members of the ways and means committee of the house will oppose the new tariff bill. Why, of course. Nothing else could be expected.

These are troubled times for the nine muses. Ragtime has attacked music, zoology the dance, and now the cubists propose to turn art into something else.

Of course it is in order for all the standpat republicans in congress to oppose anything in the direction of tariff reform. They are built that way. But there are a few republicans, both in the house and senate who will help the democrats, but they are not standpaters by a long shot.

The people will have a chance to vote on the proposition of removing the state university to the state farm. The Journal proposed this manner of settling the question when the agitation first began in the legislature. The entire state is interested in the matter, and this paper always believed in letting the people rule.

Readers who would consult their pecuniary interests should not fail to closely examine the advertisements of merchants who advertise bargains in this paper. They mean business in every word they advertise and propose to make business by the bargains they are advertising. Peruse these advertisements carefully and call on these merchants for the bargains they are offering.

We are now ready to believe that Plattsmouth is progressing. The Commercial club of that town has begun making preparation for the celebration of July 4th.—Nebraska City News. You bet. And when our Commercial club takes the smiter in hand we always have a celebration worth coming many miles to see.

Base ball is a great game, but less wonderful than the base ball language.

It is hard for a sweet girl graduate to realize she has a good deal to learn.

It is about settled that fourth class postmasters will have to pass competitive examinations for appointment.

At this season of the year, as he listens to the warbling of the bluebirds, it is hard for some boys to appreciate the value of an education.

Governor Johnson of California tells the president that it is the state's purpose to co-operate with the national government on the Japanese question.

Now, really, wouldn't you rather have the spring fever than the grippe? We've had both, and our voice goes up for spring fever. And so does yours, if you are honest.

A demand is made for an investigation of the base ball trust. Well, it is no better than any other trust and should be dissolved along with the balance of the trusts.

And now it is declared by scientific men that barbed wire causes the spread of germs among live stock. It is urged that where valuable live stock is kept there should be no barbed wire fences.

You can bet your bottom dollar the state university will never be removed, if the people decide the question. They are not so anxious to burden themselves with taxes unnecessarily to gratify a lot of real estate sharks. That's all there is in it.

Beware of traveling peddlers with sample articles they are selling from, and demand an advance before you receive what you have purchased. You are very liable to get "bit." Several people in Plattsmouth have gotten bit on this scheme in the past few months.

Plattsmouth is not the only town where the people get aroused on matters out of the ordinary. Lincoln is just now enjoying a fight made upon the city by a traveling evangelist, and which has aroused the business men to action in defense of the insults thrown out by him.

Hon. W. H. Thompson, chairman of the state democratic committee, has turned down several very honorable and lucrative positions tendered him by the administration. Billy Thompson is one of the most eminent attorneys in Nebraska and is well fitted for any position President Wilson might tender him.

If the Nebraska suffragettes want to hear from the people on the suffrage question, why not submit it to the women voters of the state only? The male voters will willingly acquiesce in what the majority of their sect decide. But the most conspicuous movers in the suffragette ranks will not consent to this, simply because they know that a majority of their sect do not want the right to vote, and wouldn't vote if they had the right.

The powers have not yet decided what they will do with the Algean Islands, but it is clear that no nation without a modern navy will have much to say about it.

The farmers should wear a broad smile these days, with the greatest amount of moisture in the ground that Nebraska has known in a quarter of a century at this season, and the wheat fields looking like the imaginary pictures of the Canadian land advertisers, the average citizen should be an optimist.

Dr. Friedmann of Berlin entertained Secretary of State Bryan and members of the diplomatic corps at his clinic in George Washington hospital the other day. Dr. Friedmann treated fifty patients with his turtle serum. Up to date, the Berlin specialist has made a heroic fight against the "Doc" Cook fate that was predicted for him.

The suffragettes of London are evidently trying to prove the need of their assistance in making laws by violating all the laws there are in England. And they seem to be fairly successful in violating the statutes at present made and provided. Already, too, we have Mrs. O. P. H. Belmont advocating the same tactics for this country.

You may be interested in knowing that the proposed national income tax law exempts the salaries of all officials from the president down to county officials whose salaries are more than \$4,000. In other words, the men who are making the law are seeing to it that their salary incomes are not touched. The politicians, as usual, are getting away with something.

Some newspapers are disposed to treat the recent legislature as a joke. But that won't hurt any of the boys who were there as members. This has been the same with these newspapers for the past five sessions that we know of. Probably they each had an axe to grind, and could find no member of either house or senate who was willing to turn the grindstone for them. It was ever thus.

No man is a patriotic citizen unless he believes in the prosperity of the town in which he lives and is willing to work and give liberally of his means to help make it prosper. Plattsmouth has many citizens who are built right and are always on the move in aiding the town onward and upward, while some sit around and reap the benefit without donating a dollar to aid the good cause. Dear reader, wouldn't you hate to be numbered with the latter bunch?

Postmasters of the presidential class must hereafter work at least eight hours a day and give their undivided time to their office and not to private business. This order was issued by Postmaster General Burleson. He stated postmasters of this class would be held to strict accountability in the matter of time and personal attention that they give to their office. From information received by him, it appears that in some quarters a practice has crept in of securing an appointment as postmaster and then having subordinates do the work. Clerks and carriers are required by law to serve eight hours daily and Burleson says he sees no reason why postmasters should not give at least an equivalent in time and effort. This order is sent to all postmasters of second and third classes to take effect at once. Inspectors will be required to see that postmasters spend at least eight hours in the office and take personal charge of the work or be dismissed.

The Lincoln correspondent of the Omaha Bee couldn't see any good in the late legislature. He referred to the maneuvers as having been "too weak mentally and morally to withstand the influence of the lobby." Since the passage of the bill protecting Omaha's municipal water works system the Bee seems to be unconsolable. And it looks from this distance as if Omaha did make a mistake with reference to its water system—in not purchasing the plant and adopting municipal ownership twenty or thirty years ago!

The Japanese cabinet has reported to the emperor that President Wilson's decision not to interfere with the California land ownership legislation makes it necessary for Japan to submit a test case to the supreme court of the United States to determine the color of their race. So far, all decisions of record, mostly in western courts, have held that the Japanese were not eligible to citizenship because they are not such white persons as are mentioned in naturalization laws. This issue never has been contested in the United States supreme court. The Japs contend they are Malayan and Aryan in lineage and consequently may properly claim to be classed ethnologically as white persons described in the naturalization act. The question naturally arises: Is this an issue to be decided by lineage or optics?

"Keep it out of the paper" is the cry which the local newspaper publisher daily hears. To oblige often costs considerable, though the party who makes the request thinks the granting scarcely worth thinking for. A newspaper is a peculiar thing in the public's eye. The newsgatherer is stormed at because he gets hold of one item and is abused because he does not get another. Young men and older persons, perform acts which become legitimate for publication and then rush to the newspaper office and beg the editor not to notice their escapades. The next day they condemn the same paper for not having published another party doing the same thing they were guilty of, forgetting apparently their late visit to the office of the newspaper.

The mania for probing things is growing. It is a very good thing to use the probe occasionally in all matters in which the people are interested. There is no official, no matter how efficient he may think he is, but will bear a little investigation occasionally, and he has no right to complain so long as he is doing business for the people.

Evidently President Wilson's attitude on the Jap question will be like President Harrison's on the issue raised by Italy on account of the murder of many members of the Mafia by the New Orleans mob twenty-four years ago. It brings up the dual form of our government in a new shape. In certain spheres state authority is supreme in the United States. For a week or two the atmosphere was warlike between our government and Italy, and gave opportunity for some vigorous expressions by Secretary Blaine, showing that he would not be influenced by threats in that exigency. An accommodation was at length arrived at under which we granted indemnity to the heirs of the slain men, but in doing this the secretary plainly said that this was a matter of comity, and disclaimed any legal right by Italy to insist on such a demand. President Wilson will refuse to interfere with the action of the California legislature, but he will endeavor to influence California congressmen to induce their compatriots at Sacramento to make no assault on compacts between the two countries.

Mayor Sattler will appoint a chief of police and night police next Monday night.

A town row affords amusement for outsiders, but it is the most expensive form of entertainment.

It has about reached that stage with Teddy Roosevelt that he gets in print only on the dull news days.

A man can knock and knock and still not make a hit. The fact is, the people have no respect for a knocker.

The orange growers of California and Florida are among those who protest that the new tariff hands them a lemon.

The National Guard, under the command of Adjutant General P. L. Hall, will spend four or five days at the rifle range, near Plattsmouth, about August first.

The will of J. Pierpont Morgan discloses the fact that he didn't plan on taking any of his millions of money or art treasures with him.

One swat now will prove equal to three million swats in July. Remember that, and have your swatter ready for the first fly that makes its appearance.

Anyway, the democrats rejoice to see W. J. Bryan and Champ Clark bury the hatchet. Republican newspapers are the only opponents to this happy event.

Hon. William J. Bryan, secretary of state, is going to California to endeavor to straighten out the Jap question. Well, he can do it if anyone can.

The appropriation of \$20,000 for an armory at Nebraska City is liable to be contested by some dissatisfied people of the state, notwithstanding Governor Morehead has signed the bill. We don't know how they can submit a proposition to a vote of the people after the appropriation has been approved by the governor.

It is up to the voters of Nebraska as to whether the state university shall be removed or not. If the taxpayers look at the matter in a proper light it will never be removed. They are not so anxious to spend money to gratify the desires of a lot of land speculators who have bought up all the available land near the state farm. That's where all the trouble lies.

Henry Wallace, editor of Wallace's Farmer, is one of the best-posted and ablest writers extant, and while he believes in a re-adjustment of the tariff, he believes in re-adjusting them equally among all concerned. He uses an excellent argument in a long article and does not believe in protecting eastern manufacturers to the detriment of the agricultural states. This paper does not believe in "robbing Peter to pay Paul," as some politicians are working to do. The following taken from the Farmer's editorial hits our idea on the tariff question exactly: "The farmer can live under high tariffs or low tariffs. After some trouble and loss, he will adapt himself to either one; but if we have free trade in meats, we have a right to demand free trade in iron and steel and other products. What we need is a fair tariff; and whether it is high or low is a matter of minor consideration, provided it is just and even. President Wilson's administration is starting out well. He has done many things that please the people, although the politicians make wry faces; but the farming interests should give fair and timely notice to congress that they will not stand for any unjust or unfair treatment."

After enjoying a day's steady downpour, and everyone and everything has a booming appearance, let everybody get a move on them and clean up. What say you all? Don't wait for the spirit to move you.

State rights and national obligations are sometimes non-concurrent. The present situation with reference to the state of California and Japan furnish a close question.

The Journal is not responsible for utterances of contributors to its columns, notwithstanding many articles are printed in which we do not coincide in the least. If a writer is a good citizen, and writes upon matters of a local nature and gives his name to refer to, he alone is the one responsible—not the editor or publisher.

The fellows who are now bleating about the wool tariff can't even tell you how much wool we produce, how much we import, how much manufactured woolsens we import, the rates of duty levied on the raw and the finished products. But they can tell all about the direful results that will follow in the wake of free wool. One of the things that will follow if we get free wool is that your woolen clothing, flannels, yarns and other fabrics will cost you very much less. Relatively the price of raw wool will be the same.

The hen can't plow, hoe corn or split wood, but she gets there just the same. She doesn't cost more than a drink of whisky and a plug of tobacco, but she can earn 8 per cent interest on \$25 a year and pay her board besides. The fellow who doesn't think she can make more money than a grocery store loafer doesn't know much about her. Take an old speckled hen that has had no raising at all, one which has been thrown out of a corn crib, kicked off a porch and chased out of the garden by a worthless pup; just take that sort of a hen; she will pay expenses and make 52 per cent a year, and that is more than can be said about a lot of cracker barrel statesmen in this country who will not stoop to do anything short of running the government.

It has come to a pretty pass when a mayor of a city has to send out of his own town to have a paper printed in his own defense. Mayor Huston and Sheriff Fischer of Nebraska City are into it over a matter of charges for feeding prisoners—the mayor accusing the sheriff of paying one price for meals and charging the county another. Jesse Blunt, formerly of Plattsmouth, who runs a restaurant in Nebraska City, and who had the contract for feeding the prisoners, is the one responsible for all the fuss. The sheriff says Blunt made his "holer" because he wasn't half feeding the prisoners and he cancelled the contract. Sheriff Fischer is serving his sixth term, and his official duties has never been in dispute before, and he is after his slanderers with a sharp stick.

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