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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Happiness rarely is absent
It is ye that know not of its
presence. The greatly fel-
city avails us nothing if we
know not that we are happy.
—Maurice Maeterlinck.

If Congressman Sisson of Mis-
sissippi had his way his state
would be willing to help Cali-
fornia out in her fight.

Well! Well! Well! Chicago
churches are advertising in
saloons. May be poor mediums,
but in a mighty rich field.

Chief Rainey is taking a thirty-
day layoff, and while he is thus
engaged Frank Neuman, the new
night man, will serve as chief.

Every newspaper in America
will print this item: The Ohio
Penitentiary News was compelled
to cease publication recently be-
cause there was not a printer in
the institution to get it out.

The most amicable way to set-
tle the Japanese question in Cali-
fornia would be to buy up all the
land the Japs have and refuse to
sell them more. And then, again,
it might be that the Californian
who is hollering the loudest would
sell to the first Jap that came
along, if he could pay the price.

Maybe you smile every time you
see the phrase, "Swat the fly!"
You call the people who are going
after the pestiferous insect
cranks, and you let it go at that.
And all the time the flies are
spreading illth and disease over
your homes, they are killing your
babies, and are infecting you,
yourself, with deadly disease.
Isn't it about time you faced the
real situation? The house fly is
more deadly than any wild animal.
This is not a theory. It is a fact.

Ben Kahn, convicted of burning
his own store at South Ben, In-
diana, has been sentenced to the
penitentiary for twenty-five years.
In his trial evidence was in-
troduced showing the workings of
an alleged "arson trust" in many
of the central and western states.
It also resulted in the confession
of one Ben Fink, that he was the
"toreh" for the "trust." Isn't it
about time to disband all trusts
when it comes to the "arson
trust," who help one another to
destroy property at the right time
to secure the insurance thereon?
The "arson trust" is certainly one
that the people least expected.

From the eagle on our coins we
are taught the important lesson
that "riches have wings."

The man who coined that word
"stick-to-it-iveness" may have
got his hunch from the dandelion.

Austria is getting excited and
California seems chesty. But the
government at Washington still
lives.

The Californians, it would
seem, are determined to control
their own state, and who can
blame them?

The assessor, from actual ex-
perience, has but little faith in
the current stories about the
fabulous wealth of men.

Cass county farmers are not
worrying about seed corn this
season. They saved plenty from
the excellent crops last season.

The Underwood tariff bill is a
democratic measure. The people,
by their votes, declared for it.
Keep the record on straight. When
the people want relief they always
go to the democratic party for it.

A great many shade trees are
being set out this season. Platt-
smouth is known everywhere for
its beautiful shade trees, and we
are proud to see our people keep-
ing up the good work by planting
more.

There is an automobile ordi-
nance stowed away somewhere in
the archives of the city clerk's
office, and the police are threaten-
ing to produce it for the benefit
of some of those fellows who in-
sist on exceeding the speed limit
in this city.

Certainly knocking appears
sometimes to become a habit. The
very oracles that were a year or
more ago shrieking in big letters
for low tariff rates are now
evincing cold feet. Such fellows
won't do to tie to. Let democratic
tariff ideas have a fair trial.

One is reminded of the old
adage: "Uneasy rests the head
that wears the crown!" President
Wilson does not wear any crown,
but as the chief executive of this
great republic his master mind
will always prove equal to any
emergency that may arise. We
got deeper in love with him every
day and his manner of doing busi-
ness suits the people. While he
is open to suggestions, he allows
no man, ring or faction to run
him. He is the president of the
United States, and the people
know it.

When industries rest on the
protection they receive, rather
than their merits, it is time they
be let alone that they may take
on a little enterprise.

The people of Plattsmouth have
hit upon a very satisfactory plan
to get rid of the dandelion pest,
and it is worthy of emulation by
other towns. The property own-
ers are paying 10 cents for each
thousand dandelions dug up by
the school children and some of
the more energetic ones have
earned as high as 50 cents in an
afternoon after school. Judging
from the number of yellow blos-
soms to be seen in some yards
an energetic person could almost
bankrupt the property owner in a
few days.—Nebraska City News.

The business men and manu-
facturers of Waterloo, Iowa, have
asked permission to build a \$50,-
000 building at the Panama-Pa-
cific exposition in San Francisco.
The city offers to pay every dollar
of the cost of construction and
to maintain it during the fair, and
to make it headquarters of the
citizens of Iowa who attend the
exposition. All they ask is to
have all the benefit of the adver-
tising that such an institution
would give them. All of which
shows that Waterloo is an up-to-
date town and is filled with enter-
prising and public-spirited citi-
zens.

Democrats and friends of Hon.
W. D. Oldham of Kearney hope
that he will receive the appoint-
ment for U. S. district attorney.
In the first place, because he is
one of the ablest attorneys in Ne-
braska; second, because he is a
steadfast and loyal democrat, and
third, because he is an honorable
and upright citizen and gentle-
man; and lastly, but not least,
because no appointment would be
so unanimously received by the
democrats of Nebraska as that of
Judge Oldham. And his appoint-
ment to the responsible position
of district attorney would be a
recognition of his valuable ser-
vices to his party in the past. The
Journal trusts he will be ap-
pointed.

"Since the United States senate
has really become a representative
body it is anxious to know what
the people think of the Underwood
tariff bill," says an exchange. But
where is the senate going to get
a better expression than was
found in the verdict at the polls
last November? Did not the peo-
ple demand greater downward re-
vision than was given by the con-
gress with which Mr. Taft had to
deal? Is not President Wilson
endeavoring to fulfill platform
pledges? That is the whole situa-
tion in a nutshell. Platform
pledges with some people do not
amount to much, but with the
president, when he said to the
people in the campaign that he
would stand by these pledges, he
meant just what he said, and he
is "practicing what he preached."
Great and grand is President Wil-
son.

Whether late planting will have
a serious effect on crop yields is
doubted. With increased knowl-
edge concerning the best methods
to be pursued in short seasons,
farmers are in position to mini-
mize ill-effects that once follow-
ed late seeding. They are always
disturbed when they are com-
pelled to delay early work, but
their fears are rarely realized.
Speculators will, of course, make
much of the late season and
magnify it in their market opera-
tions. The general public need
not be alarmed by their pes-
simism, however. It is not
significant of actual conditions.

It is reported that Mrs. Roy
Blunt, whose husband was killed
in the chase after the escaped
convicts, has refused to accept the
\$1,000 tendered her by the state,
through the legislature. She,
however, will accept the \$3,500
given to the child, to be placed in
trust. It is our opinion the legis-
lature has been very generous to
Mrs. Blunt and the child both.
Future legislatures are not likely
to be so generous, and sympathy
is liable to decline in her behalf.
No act can restore her husband,
and we would advise her to take
what is given. Many widows
similarly situated would be glad
to receive such a sum.

There has always been a gang
in Lincoln who are generally in
the business of "trying to make
somebody happy." A "legis-
lative league" has been organized
up there now to fight for the non-
payment of the money appropriat-
ed for an armory at Nebraska
City. They want to refer the mat-
ter to the voters of the state. It
is only suggested in a spirit of
revenge and can be worked both
ways. Why not refer the approp-
riation for the use of the state
fair grounds to the voters? "What
is sauce for the goose is
sauce for the gander." And one
would be just as easily accom-
plished as the other. And the Ne-
braska City people want to get
busy and retaliate.

The boy usually looks at the
garden where dad imprisons him
for an hour or two a day, at the
precise times when the fellows
are playing ball. Dad thought
the youngster might well pull a
few weeds as his contribution to-
ward the cost of the family. This
does not appeal to him. Just as
people feel they have a right to
sunlight, and would not like air
put on metered service, so the boy
feels his trousers and bread and
milk are his by right, and he need
not make any special return. As
modern life goes, he needs the
same personal incentive that the
man gets. Just give your boy a
corner of the back yard and tell
him that what he gets for his
potatoes and his beans is his, and
see how the weeds will fly, and
how he will improve in industry
and application. It may not be
theoretically good training, but
actually it will help him.

Prior to the last November
election our republican exchanges
were full of prosperity items as
represented in the prices for
products of different kinds. Just
as good prices prevail now, but
you never see these same papers
say a word about them. A price
is a price, no matter under whose
administration it is secured.

The Wells-Fargo Express com-
pany are furnishing their agents
along the Missouri Pacific railway
with new and up-to-date express
wagons. It would be a god-send
if they would be liberal enough to
furnish the Plattsmouth agent
with one of these vehicles, so that
packages could be sent direct
from the depot to parties address-
ed. It would greatly increase their
business in this town.

The members of the legislature,
governor and state officials gave
Secretary of State Bryan a most
cordial greeting in California. And
they listened most attentively to
the suggestions he made. And if
they are not heeded as a whole
you may rely upon the fact that
there is no man on earth whose
words would be more seriously
remembered. They know what
Mr. Bryan tells them is not only
best for California, but also best
for the country at large.

One week from next Sunday is
"Mothers' Day"—Sunday, May
11—when it is expected that an
official tribute will be paid to the
motherhood in every pupil in the
land. While it is always in order
on this day to give utterance to
the highest tribute to mother-
hood that a grateful heart can
frame, the remembrance of mother
is held sacred by every son and
daughter who has that one, dear
to every heart, whether living or
dead. The day will be approp-
riately celebrated in every
church in Plattsmouth, and on
that day white carnations will be
worn as an emblem of the purity
of a mother's love, as well as the
love you bear for the one dear to
every heart. Don't forget "Mothers'
Day."

The new Stallion Registration
law is practically a re-enactment
of the law of 1911 excepting that
it names as the registration board
the governor, state treasurer and
commissioner of public lands and
buildings. These are all executive
officers as named in the constitu-
tion and cures the defect in the
old law as found by the supreme
court. The new law provides that
all 1913 inspections made and
certificates issued by the old
board are hereby legalized. In
the office at Lincoln are many
affidavits of inspections made,
from which the certificates can
be issued as soon as the \$3 fee is
forwarded by the owners. A new
lien law was also passed which
should be satisfactory to all stal-
lioners, but if the stallion owner
does not secure and post his stal-
lion certificates as provided by
law it is doubtful if any service
fee can be collected by those not
conforming with the laws of the
state.

However, in order to get results
from the lawnmower you should
dig out those dandelions.

An Illinois farmer was killed by
his new automobile on an im-
proved road the other day while
going fifty miles an hour. Agri-
culture should not allow itself to
become too intensive.

Twenty-five autos or more with
representatives of the Kansas City
Automobile association are ex-
pected to arrive in Plattsmouth on
the afternoon of May 10. Prepare
to give them a cordial greeting.

If foreign protests against the
proposed legislation in the United
States are to be the rule, our
neighbors should make sure that
they have a full supply of ac-
curate information.

Some republican journals im-
agine they are saying something
cute and cutting by styling Mr.
Wilson as the schoolmaster presi-
dent. It seems, however, that the
president rather enjoys the dis-
tinction, and is not in the least
disturbed.

Thomas Jefferson, though fa-
miliar with the big plantations of
Virginia, was 17 years old before
he saw a town containing as
many as twenty buildings. He lit-
tle thought St. Louis, the fourth
city in the Union, situated west
of the Mississippi, would contain
his greatest memorial in 1913.

A republican paper published
by a man named Casebeer, at Blue
Springs, Neb., says: "The British
press continue to prod Bryan." Well,
let them continue to prod; he
is able to stand it all and then
some. If the Brit's don't like
Mr. Bryan on account of what he
said about the Irish and home
rule in Ireland, all they will have
to do is to scratch their mad
place, because they are not wor-
rying him in the least.

There are some things that a
level-headed human being should
never do. Among these is to
kindle a fire with kerosene oil, to
walk on a railroad, to attempt to
get on a moving train, to point a
gun or a revolver at another, to
put his name on another man's
note, to keep his savings in an
old stocking under the bed, to play
a game of chance with a prepos-
sessing stranger, to run for office
when he has a paying position in
private life, or to call a bigger
man than himself a liar.

It is awful nice for the business
men of a town to dwell together
in peace and harmony. While
Nebraska City and Lincoln citi-
zens are enjoying the time of their
lives in cutting and slashing one
another, Plattsmouth looks on
serenely and says: "We tried that
kind of business once, but soon
found out it was not good for the
town, and quit it." For the past
three years we have been united
and happy, and all working for
one another's interests in the
building up of the old town. Now
see how we boom!

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS . . . By Gross

