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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained—James A. Garfield.

Little cool Sunday night, but no frost.

Teddy is vindicated by a 6-cent verdict. It was not the money he was after.

Attending to one's own business has just paid a big dividend in Plattsmouth.

The world is growing better because only a few small boys carry nigger shooters.

After the tariff bill has passed the senate President Wilson can give more time to applicants for office.

The initiative and referendum is to have a real tryout at the election in 1914. The voters are willing.

The beautiful dandelion is still blooming on many lawns in this city. Some people like 'em and some don't.

Colorado has to do most of her bragging on the climate in summer and can never hope to catch up with California.

Our notion of a successful teacher is one who can make history and geography as interesting as Nick Carter.

The flies are becoming quite numerous, and if they bother you to a great extent it will be because you have not used your swatter properly.

A clerk in Chicago who issued one million marriage licenses is dead. Now it's a question with the pessimist where a man who has caused so much trouble will go?

The State Anti-Saloon League is preparing to inaugurate a hot campaign. This is only an attempt to do something which they can never accomplish. There is one thing certain—the state management can manage to spend all the money that comes into their hands whether they do any good for "the cause" or not.

Well, "is it hot enough for you?" is now in order.

The next day we celebrate—the Fourth of July. Get busy, boys.

The straw hat need not be a bit bashful in coming to the front now.

Old Sol can do the business when he gets his hand in. And we guess he has.

The republican bosses are laying a great many plans—but none of them will ever hatch.

Canada doesn't care, apparently, if it drives the prize ring game clean out of the country.

All those million-dollar rains means that Nebraska is a richer state than usual this year.

This sort of weather brings the swimming season and the treacherous old Missouri to the fore.

Jack Johnson's principal diversion in Chicago seems to be getting in and getting out of jail.

Now is the time to begin keeping the weeds down before they get as tall as some trees. Then you'll have to use the axe.

Colonel Roosevelt does not deny that he keeps a moderate supply of liquor in his cellar. But this is for callers, of course.

Of course there are pessimists, but it must be conceded that Nebraska never looked more prosperous on the first day of June.

The prosperity of a town depends chiefly upon the confidence the people have in it. No town can prosper whose citizens are untrue to it.

Vice President Marshall has shocked social Washington by declaring that he intends to live within his income. He shows good common sense in this decision.

We'll bet the fellows who filled pulpits in Omaha Sunday will not be called on to do so again, at least in the same church. The idea of an editor trying to "fill a pulpit!" is awful to contemplate. Doing that away from home which his own people would not think of calling on him to do at home. But some newspaper men are in the habit of doing a number of things away from home that they would not be caught doing in their own town.

Well, if the flies eat you up, don't blame us. For we give you plenty of notice in time "to swat them!"

A safe and sane Fourth in locomotion and combustion will help make it satisfactory in other respects.

Congressman Lobeck of Omaha has been selected as the member of the democratic congressional committee from Nebraska.

The man who makes a practice of knocking don't amount to very much in any community. In fact, good people have no respect for a knocker.

In the treaty just signed in southeastern Europe sea power spoke the decisive word, and it will settle the eventual fate of Constantinople.

It will soon be Governor Richard L. Mitchell if all signs don't fail, at a salary of \$14,000 per year and perquisites, in the Panama canal zone. Accept congratulations, Met.

Look out for locusts. They are coming in large quantities in some sections. One man who owns an orchard near Nebraska City says the apple trees are filled with the pests.

President Wilson has signified his intention of giving the patronage tree a good shaking soon. No doubt many are in waiting to get their share of the fruit.

President Wilson has indicated that one cannot throw a brick in Washington without hitting a lobbyist. No wonder confetti would be more popular. But a change of diet wouldn't hurt.

In ten years the value of Illinois farm lands has increased 71 per cent. Nebraska has kept up with the procession for the excellent reason that its merits for agriculture are unsurpassed.

Americans in Paris placed a wreath on the tomb of Lafayette on Memorial day. It is enough of encomium to say that he was among those who stood highest in the esteem of George Washington.

Japan has announced its acceptance in principle of Secretary Bryan's proposed plan of universal peace. If Mr. Bryan has his way about it there will never be a war between Japan and the United States.

The Fremont Tribune keeps "pounding away" for more hitch-racks in that city. The scarcity of hitch-racks don't do a city any good. It is virtually a notice to the farmers who do not possess an automobile that you don't care for their trade. Build more hitch-racks—there can't possibly be too many.

Who will give us some information on the peach crop? Don't all speak at once, please.

President Wilson is not rushing the postmaster appointments. Like everything else he does, he wants to be sure that the right kind of people are appointed to these responsible positions.

The direct election of United States senators is now, by proclamation, the law of the land. To accomplish it required eighty-seven years of trying. But this mode of electing senators is here to stay. "Let the people rule!"

There is a proposition on foot to hold a mass meeting at Lincoln of all who are opposed to the raise of telephone rates in Nebraska. The people will then show the railway commission that they have some rights which this body is bound to respect.

All the world is agreed that President Wilson is a man of power and one of the best intentions. He has already shown himself capable of handling intricate problems of state without asking Wall street or the protection leeches for their consent.

The term "grass widow" has no standing in court—at least not in Judge Norton's court at St. Louis, the judge having ruled that a divorced woman is not a widow of any kind. Then what are we going to call her? Let the High school graduates please solve the problem.

Fine pastures were never more luxuriant than those with which Nebraska is blessed at this time. This is a land flowing with milk and butter, and by that token the price of the best creamery-made ought to come down to where the average man can afford to eat it at least twice a week.

Postmaster General Burleson finds out after a thorough investigation, that the postal service of the country was not self-supporting by a long shot, notwithstanding ex-Postmaster General Hitchcock had always given out the impression that it was more than self-supporting.

Congressman Maguire will retain his place on the committee on agriculture. There being such a large majority of democrats in the house that democrats obtaining a place on a majority committee, can have no other assignment. This, therefore, will be Mr. Maguire's only committee.

Plattsmouth and vicinity should possess some live wires on road improvements, like they have in and around Nehawka. They are not afraid to expend a few dollars down 'n that neighborhood to keep the roads in good condition. There is no use talking, "money makes the mare go" in road making, as well as everything else.

The hunt for lobbyists around the capital at Washington has been commenced, and it is earnestly hoped that every one will be taken by the seat of their pants and boosted out of the windows of the senate. President Wilson has started the ball to rolling and he will never let up until every one of these hireling get what's coming to them.

What is the use of crying hard times when there is nothing of the kind in sight? Some say there is a scarcity of money, but that is not the case anywhere in the west. People don't generally buy automobiles when there is a scarcity of the wherewith to buy such articles. There has been more cars sold so far this season than there were up to this time last season, and farmers mostly have done the buying. That does not look like hard times, does it?

A panic would be just the thing for those eastern fellows who fail to have matters come their way of thinking. But they are afraid to start anything of that kind. The wrong man is at the head of the government for them to start anything funny. They haven't got J. Pierpont Morgan to aid them and they don't care to run any risk of getting themselves in the penitentiary. That's right where they will land if they go to cutting up any monkey-shines around President Wilson.

The National Association of Manufacturers, at Detroit, passed a resolution condemning organized labor for having failed "to clear itself of the stains of violence and lawlessness." It made no reference to Lawrenceburg, however. Any repetition of the latter case will pretty nearly make it six of one and half a dozen of the other. In the meantime the federal government will have to be relied upon to get hot upon the trail of dynamite exploders and planters, regardless of whether they are enlisted with the one or the other side.

To the child the home is the birthright and everything that can be done through love, education, care, discipline and trust to make and keep that birthright pure and intact for the child should be cheerfully performed. Home also is the place where the wife and mother should be supreme. It is there, above all other places, her gifts, ambitions and strength should find loving expression. The home is her kingdom and throne. For the husband and father home is the haven of rest and contentment to which he turns when the labors of the day are done. When he enters the door he should leave outside uncertainties, perplexities and business cares that in the home atmosphere he may recruit his strength, get comfort and so find his courage revived that he may take up tomorrow's duties with new heart and resolve.

James Cannon, in the Saturday Evening Post, says that the cost of high living is owing to the fact that the farmers are more engaged in buying land for speculative purposes than in raising crops. He says: "New England has 4,000,000 acres less of improved farm land today than she had in 1860; the middle Atlantic states 4,000,000 acres less of improved farm land than in 1880, and the south Atlantic states 3,000,000 acres less of all farm lands than in 1860. This means that the farmers of the country are in the west and that there has been an increase of 500,000,000 of acres of farms in that new empire. It means that two-thirds of all the crop values are in the west; that 80 per cent of all the cereals is raised in the west; that 77 per cent of all the cattle, 80 per cent of the horses, 77 per cent of the hogs, 86 per cent of the sheep, 66 per cent of the dairy products, and 72 per cent of the eggs are produced in the west. This may explain to some people in the east why food products are higher now to them than a few years ago. They have to buy from the west, and the west is not only feeding them but an increased industrial population at home, as well as selling abroad when prices are sufficient to invite export. In addition to these factors the west has 56 per cent of all the mineral products of the country. It has practically all of the gold and silver, 86 per cent of the petroleum and natural gas, and 40 per cent of all the manufactured products. The west has the raw material and is fast developing its manufacturing industries, so as to turn out its own products ready for the consumer."

We can see no reason why an applicant for office under the present administration should "fly off the handle" because he has failed in getting what he wanted. Democrats can't all be favored in the passing around of soft jobs. Of course there are some applicants more worthy than others, but this does not matter sometimes where the other fellow has "the pull" on his side. But the democrat who is a democrat from principle, no matter how badly he may be disappointed, is not going to "cut off his nose to spite his face" by cursing his party and threatening to leave it. There are a good many men who deserve to be recognized by the friends whom he supported for positions, but there are so many such friends to choose from that it will be a hard matter for the powers higher up who have the say-so to judge who should be favored. If there were enough offices to supply every applicant matters could be easily adjudicated all round. But there are always three to one more applicants than there are positions to fill.

### Lost.

Between Plattsmouth and Jake Hill's, on Louisville road, one 32x3 1/2-inch auto tire. Finder please return to G. P. Eastwood.

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

