

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

When we cultivate thought of strength for others, we ourselves grow strong. Habitual thoughts of peace bring us tranquility.—C. B. Newcomb.

Yes, sir, just as well keep on boosting for Plattsmouth.

It's the best town of its inches in the wide, wide world, and still a growing.

Women who are in favor of the eight-hour day should avoid getting married.

If the milkman doesn't know, then half the world don't know how the other half live.

Remember that a good citizen will never go back on his own town. Now, you believe that don't you?

This is a free country, inasmuch as one may swat flies without a hunter's license. Moral: Get busy.

Pretty hot again, but what of it? You can find plenty of other things to worry you besides the weather.

Now that the wheat crop is safe, farmers can worry about the corn before doing their Christmas shopping early.

Then don't discourage any movement that is destined to benefit the business interests of the city and the people in general.

There was a time when it was said that "riches takes wings," but at the present time a touring car or two is good enough for them.

The Jap attitude toward the jingoes only goes to show that the world over the hair-trigger fellow is held in about the same regard.

Help boost the Fall Festival as one thing that will advertise Plattsmouth and help retain her prominence on the map as one of the best towns in the great west.

Naval enlistments are growing in the United States. The approaching completion of the Panama canal points to a good deal of foreign travel for the nearly 50,000 men in American fleets.

Are we to have a band concert for sure this week?

Several of the fraternal insurance societies have joined in applying for an injunction against the new insurance law.

Some people, out of anything to occupy their minds, are opposing the location of the band stand on High School Hill.

It is lucky for most Plattsonians that there are many suitable pleasure resorts right here within convenient walking distance.

Roosevelt is still clamoring for a bigger navy. He is bound to keep in the limelight if he has to keep up a continuous fight for it.

It is given out that 3,640,000,000 fish were dumped in the various rivers and creeks by the government during the year, which starts off a new crop of stories in a creditable way.

The worst trick that the alarm clock ever played on us is to break into our dreams as we are about to dive into the old swimmin' hole back in the old home.

A Michigan waiter's hair turned from black to red while having a tooth pulled. He knows now how it feels to have the hair turn gray while waiting for a chop order.

Above all things, keep cool. If you cannot keep cool, then remain as normal as possible. Do not worry, get excited or allow anything to irritate you. Remember summer has just commenced.

If you think advertising doesn't pay, you ought to have stepped into C. E. Wescott's Sons store any hour during the day Saturday from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock at night. Their store was thronged with buyers the entire time.

The threshing machines are busy and their hum is heard from early morn till dewy eve. The returns are satisfactory, as yields are being reported, indicating that 25 bushels falls to the lot of poor ground and poor farming or a mistake in sowing so early that the Hessian fly did injury to the wheat plant, while 40 bushels is rather common to the man who keeps his ground rich in plant food and under a proper state of tillage and sows and harvests at the right moment.

Yes, sir, now is the time to begin boosting for the Fall Festival that Plattsmouth has been talking about for these many weeks.

It has been an excessively busy season for Secretary Bryan and vacations at Washington are at a premium. But the chautauqua assemblies are not to be denied the sweet privilege of hearing Nebraska's peerless orator.

Millions continue to go to jail and on hunger strikes with considerable regularity in England, but the well fed dames in this country are the ones who want to come to the front as leaders in politics through the suffrage question.

How would you like to be a receiver of a railroad and resign the job because the pay was insufficient when you were only getting \$1,500 a month? That was what the Frisco receiver did and he got another position which doubtless paid him what he really thought he was worth.

The nations of the earth should join hands in demanding that Mexico cease their guerrilla war in very short order or suffer the consequences. It cannot be termed warfare, but murderous conduct for power and control of the finances of the county. It is outrageous for the civilized powers to let this dastardly and murderous guerrillism to go on longer.

The salary of every man holding a government position in Washington should be adequate to the living of such officials without resorting to other means to pay expenses. "The laborer is worthy of his hire" in high as well as in lower positions. It is not right for a man to serve in any position when the salary is not sufficient to pay the expenses of living in Washington.

The politicians of Nebraska—that is the grafter part—are out of a job this year. Those who usually have their mit out for soft snaps will have to get their graft from some other source—in the harvest fields, for instance! Don't you believe it. Their lily white hands might get soiled. This will be a hard year for them; no election and no opportunity to pull the legs of aspiring candidates. Pretty hard on the boys.

Dr. Jesse Carr of Sheridan, Illinois, owns a boat on the Fox river. The other day while he was paddling up and down the stream he found a giant mussel shell. He pried it open and was astonished to find inside a great pearl. He named it "The Queen of America," and presented it to his wife. He took it to Chicago to have it appraised, and to his astonishment he was told it was worth \$8,700. The Fox river, as well as the Illinois, has produced many pearls in the past, but nothing to equal Dr. Carr's find.

A Hungarian aristocrat advertises for an American bride with from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000. Somehow this sprig of nobility gives the impression that he would mark down his price 99 per cent, and even then the girl would get worse than nothing for her money.

They are taxing bachelors for the benefit of babies down in Memphis, Tennessee. Well, we can see nothing wrong about this. A bachelor who is too miserly to get married on account of the expense, or too ornary to get along with a wife after he marries her, should be made to let loose of some of his money to help the dear babies who have homes in orphan asylums.

In round numbers the country spends a quarter of a billion dollars every year on its army and navy, the biennial appropriations carrying almost two dollars for military and naval purposes for each dollar devoted to other expenditures. If in round numbers, the country spends \$300,000,000 every year on its army and navy, it is terrifying to contemplate the expenditure of \$6,000,000 (the amount prayed for by a congressman) on good roads—2 cents for good roads and 98 cents for soldiers, forts, sailors and battle-ships. What think ye?

While there are some mighty good people in Lincoln, the capital city is surely inficted with some of the most despicable specimens of humanity that ever went unhung. What they can't get in the way of state graft they are determined that no other town shall have, if they can possibly help it. Now, these chumps would even go so far as to put the state to the expense of an election that would cost more than the appropriation to beat Nebraska City out of the armory that will cost \$20,000. They are after everything in sight as long as they are nothing out of pocket. It is certainly a movement that they will be heartily ashamed of if they even possess a heart as large as a mustard seed.

The following from the Nebraska City Press under the head "Gratitude," hits on more true facts in as brief space as we have read in many days. The article is right to the point, and two-thirds or more of the readers will agree with us when we say that we endorse every word here uttered: It always pleases a newspaper or an individual, to work hard and conscientiously for a man during the stress of a political campaign, listen to his tales of woe and hand out advice and then, after victory has come have him grow arrogant, ungrateful and contemptuous, while the weaknesses which have been covered up in the past with a fair degree of success begin to crop out like the warts on a small boy's hands. However, figuratively speaking, it's a long lane, etc.

Plattsmouth bargain counters are bigger and better than ever this season. Hop to 'em!

The Mendota (Illinois) Brewing company failed to pay the government tax on 1,081 barrels of beer and therefore the public officials dumped the whole lot into the Mendota river. The result was that thousands of fish were killed and the farmers were compelled to drive their live stock away from the river. An awful waste of the raw material in this hot weather.

The Journal is not so bitterly opposed to woman suffrage as might be supposed, but we are opposed to giving them the right to vote when one-half of them in Nebraska don't want it. It is not the farmer's wife or the wife surrounded by a family of nice children, and who takes great pleasure in their home, that wants suffrage. The matter is simply confined to those who think they are better able to look after the affairs of government and to make themselves conspicuous. We want the women to decide the matter among themselves, and if the majority favor it we will say amen. Let's have an election to settle it, where none but women are allowed to vote. That's the only proper manner of settling it.

It may be all right to go west and grow up with the country, as the late H. Greeley suggested; it might also be all right to go east or north or south, either, if one will eventually stop long enough to give the country an opportunity to grow up. But no one but an army officer or a Methodist preacher or someone who is anxious to get away, can make much of a success by making moving a continuous performance. As you have frequently been told, travel is a great educator, but one should eventually graduate, besides taking extended vacations in the meantime. There are certain advantages in staying awhile, besides the mere matter of moss-gathering. To one of the right sort, it is well to linger long enough to get acquainted with others of his kind. Besides, travel is one thing, and moving is something else again.

Numerous petitions were in circulation here Saturday, and among them was one to recall the \$20,000 appropriation by the legislature for an armory at Nebraska City. This move is evidently out of order, and is instigated by people right in Lincoln who "have it in" for Nebraska City for some cause or another. People are too careless in signing petitions without investigating their purports. When a gang of people up at Lincoln are willing to pay girls 2½ cents a name for all they secure on the armory petition you can bet there is something not altogether right in it. Otoe and Cass counties' interests are too closely connected for us to do anything that is intended to harm our sister city.

Taking it from the Louisville Courier Journal, as we do, the feud man is gradually disappearing from the hill country of that grand old state. Those Kentuckians shoot, and the work of extermination was fairly certain, although it took some time.

One good thing Roosevelt said at Newport that redounds to his credit, and that is that the United States have the right to exist and that we and we alone are to decide what immigrants have come to our shores, and whether these immigrants shall become citizens of our own land. This is the principle laid down and practiced by every nation in the world, and the attempt of some foolish people to get up a war scare because we exercise this right is an insult to common sense.

When President Wilson declared there was a numerous and insidious lobby in Washington there were many persons who believed that he had said more than he could prove. There is no one who believes that now. The investigation by the senate committee so far, and it has only scratched the surface, has convinced the most skeptical that the president knew what he was talking about. There has been a lobby for years, and it has corrupted men in high places and spent thousands of dollars in shaping legislation favorable to the interests.

That present Nebraska freight rates on apples are excessive and that people of many sections of the state are denied a sufficient quantity of the fruit because thereof, is the substance of an application for rate reduction made last Monday to the state railway commission by O. A. Corbin of Vesta, a member of the lower house of the late session, who says fruit is now spoiling in southeastern Nebraska orchards which should be on the way to other sections of the state to relieve the burden of the people in their battle against the high cost of living.

It is frequently possible to make a musician mad by intimating that grand opera costs more than it's worth, but anger isn't to be regarded as important evidence in rebuttal; it cannot alter a fact. The fact is that grand opera costs more than it is worth to those who don't like it, which rule applies equally well to other forms of entertainments on down to the movies. And there are worthy citizens who have had a chance to hear grand opera, who felt they had been shortchanged. If one is more concerned with acting than with music, he may dicker for disappointment when he buys his opera seats, and wish later he had invested less money in the drama, and there is no law against preferring Hans Wagner to the other Wagner, whose efforts are a source of inspiration to many.

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

