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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Health is the first of all liberties, and happiness is the energy which is the basis of health.—Amiel's Journal.

The weather seems capable of frazzling about everything but Old King Corn.

This has been hard weather on the ice man—hard for him to make the rounds.

A Plattsmouth man is so contrary he claims cucumbers will cure dyspepsia.

When you are asked, "Is it hot enough for you?" just haul off and knock him down.

Bonds that are taxable but not negotiable are for sale on the matrimonial market only.

There is still plenty of work in Plattsmouth for those who desire to make a living by honest toil.

Those who refused to swat the fly early in the fight are now compelled to swat them whether they want to or not.

An optimist is a gent who hopes to catch fish enough to make his tackle an investment instead of an expense item.

From the senatorial investigation reports it appears that the hunger strike between the two republican parties is still on.

Plattsmouth is to have a new steel water wagon. Then, perhaps, the streets will be sprinkled with more regularity. Good!

At least the suffrage parades give the lady of the house an opportunity to experience the dignity of marching behind a band.

On the theory that no one pays any attention to newspaper advice, we urge you to drink all the ice water you can this hot weather.

The Commoner can be made much stronger as a monthly than it was a weekly, if Mr. Bryan does all the editorial writing. Everyone should know that.

The business men of Plattsmouth, generally speaking, are in favor of some kind of a fall entertainment. You can bet your bottom dollar on that, and win.

While it is no physical deformity, the trade-mark of success is the "hump."

Foot ball must seem soft to the youth who has spent the summer feeding wheat to a rapid-running threshing machine.

France is objecting to Jack Johnson's coming. Anything that sporty France would object to must be awful. The proper place for Johnson is Darkest Africa.

The east fears that the new tariff will be the means of many of their manufacturing establishments coming west. This is where they get the most of their raw material, anyway. Come on, boys!

We note from the metropolitan journals that another "biggest battleship" is about to be built. And after that another. Those who come late can keep their seats; this is a continuous performance.

Kansas has 1,200 churches abandoned on account of lack of interest in church work. The Kansas people are probably too busy raising whiskers and political disturbances to keep their mind on houses of worship.

Mr. Bryan's honesty is well displayed when he says he cannot live in Washington on \$12,000 a year, and no one has the right to criticize him for his manhood in saying so; and also, for his courage in taking up chautauqua work to make up the deficiency in the living expenses of one who is so prominent in the affairs of government as Secretary Bryan.

Cold storage eggs must hereafter be branded with date of storage. Under the new law which goes into effect today the state food commissioner must inspect storage houses at least once in three months and the inspection fee is paid by the owners of the house. The law requires the branding of containers of food products when they are placed in storage and the date of entry and withdrawal from storage. This will prevent the sale of storage goods under the guise of fresh food products. The packages when stored are numbered so that the state inspector can identify them and ascertain who had them in storage. The meat packers of the state have decided not only to comply with that part of the law which requires a report to the state food commissioner every three months, but will report monthly.

The Central City (Neb.) Non-pariel, one of the leading republican papers of the state, has the honesty to speak right out in meeting in giving credit to those who deserve credit, whether democrat or republican. In speaking of President Wilson the Non-pariel says: "No, we're not a democrat. We merely admire the nerve of a president who will defy precedent and come down to every-day ways of doing business, ways of transacting his affairs that any business man drawing the same salary would use. As a business man President Wilson does things in a businesslike way, after the fashion of modern men in positions of responsibility."

A ONE-SIDED QUESTION.

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 make themselves conspicuous. We want the women to decide the matter among themselves, and if the majority favors 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.—Plattsmouth Journal.

In the first part of the above item there is considerable sound sense, but none whatever in the latter part. To refer the whole question to the women is simply to mean its adoption, because those women who are anxious to secure the suffrage would be the first ones at the polls and vote early, and they would see that their friends also voted. Money would be raised in large amounts to secure as many votes as possible. The women who do not want to vote nor take any interest in the question would remain at home, and the result would be that the suffragists would win the election almost unanimously.—Nebraska City News.

We cannot see where the "one-sided question" comes in. It is a well known fact that there is a growing organization among the women in many states that are opposing the suffrage, and if the women were allowed to settle the question among themselves by the ballot you would see, Mr. News man, that the opponents of suffrage would have all the money they needed to carry on a campaign in Nebraska if the ballot could be resorted to to settle the question, and every woman opposed to giving equal suffrage would turn out and vote against it. The News' idea that home women would not vote does not reflect very much credit upon the true and home-loving womanhood of Nebraska.

Haymaking may be limited to sun-bine, but the rule doesn't apply to the rest of the farm work.

Hereafter the world over a caret will be 200 mulligrams. A turnip will continue to be a turnip.

Reports from Kansas are to the effect that Monday the thermometer went up to 112 degrees, with hot winds blowing at the rate of 25 miles an hour. Poor old Kansas! Stand up for Nebraska, the state that has helped Kansas before and will be able to do it again this year.

People ask us every day if we are going to have anything going on here before cold weather. We tell them that that is our understanding. We have been talking about a fall festival, but the Commercial club has made no move in that direction as yet. When they will we know not.

Ex-Governor Shallenberger, in an interview, takes issue with the World-Herald with reference to the democratic tariff program as to beet sugar, and is sorry that the proposed tariff law does not put sugar on the free list at once in order that the "high cost of living" may be reduced somewhat.

The Journal's idea of a fall festival is to arrange for three days—Thursday, Friday and Saturday—and include the exhibition of stock of all kinds and a poultry show. Also, a base ball tournament each day. Have a few well-selected amusements each day. Make it a genuine home-coming event for all former residents of Plattsmouth and Cass county.

The Syracuse Journal is booming present Secretary of State Wait for governor. It seems that most anyone can be boomed for governor in Nebraska. Wait is an Ohio county man, and a very pleasant gentleman, but would it not look better to "wait" until his present term of secretary of state expires before you want to shove him into another office?

W. S. Ridgell, deputy fire commissioner is pleased to inform the public that the lowest fire loss on the Fourth of July in the state of Nebraska was this year. Reports from all over the state show but \$190 damages and no lives lost by fireworks on the recent Fourth. He trusts that before another Fourth every city in the state will pass ordinances prohibiting the sale of fireworks.

According to the special report on the condition of the crops, which has been issued by the department of agriculture, the country will probably harvest fewer bushels of grain this year than it did in 1912. It is too early to be sure of the yield of corn and oats, however, or spring wheat. One cheerful fact is that the grain already harvested—winter wheat—makes a large gain over the yield of last year.

People always expect a banker to be rich, and of course it naturally upsets them to hear of one going broke.

The country has reason to count upon the farms for their usual great contribution to the wealth and prosperity of the nation.

This from John Tanner's South Omaha Democrat: "It is reported that there are eleven bath rooms in the castle 'Met' will occupy as governor of the State of Panama. Well, hasn't 'Met' been struggling with the 'unwashed' crowd for the last seventeen years without even getting a look-in? He can now make up for lost time."

A former Plattsmouth boy, Sam Patterson, now of Arapahoe, stands a good show to succeed W. S. Andrews as auditor of the treasury department at Washington. It is believed by many of the Nebraskans who have recently visited Washington that Sam is surely slated for the position. The Journal will be pleased to learn of his success, as he is a fine gentleman and well qualified for the position.

Insurgent Modern Woodmen are advised in a circular letter being sent out by James V. Beghtol, president of the M. W. A. federation of insurgents, to take no part in a vote on the rate question proposed in order to determine whether or not the majority of the members of the order are in favor of the raise of rates of the Chicago convention. The insurgents declare the vote is not being taken in good faith, but is intended to divide their forces and thus defeat them.

In several Nebraska cities recently the question of securing a change of venue from police court, in cases of arrests by the police departments, has arisen, and it appears to be the law, as stated in one of these outside cases, that for violation of city ordinances changes of venue are not provided for, but that there is no question about this privilege for the defense in the matter of state cases. However, the reports upon which this comment is based do not indicate that the contention has been tested.

If the people, or rather, the voters, have not the power to remove an offensive official under the commission form of government, then the law is an entire failure, as in the case at Nebraska City. The law is intended for the regulation of good government in cities adopting this form of government, and if the recall cannot be enforced by the people directly interested, then why call it a reform measure? Let the people directly interested rule. If Mayor Houston has not done his duty properly, the people of Nebraska City have the power, according to this law, to remove him without the interference of any court.

Fifteen miles an hour is plenty fast enough for speeding an auto on the public highway. If one wants a higher speed let him resort to the race track. The streets and public highways are not the proper places to show off the swiftness of cars. It is not only dangerous to the driver himself, but endangers the life of others who have as good a right to the road as he has.

BLOSSOMS AND BON-BONS.

With the wisdom born of judicial temperament a Chicago jurist, posing as peacemaker, lately advised the man in the case to send his wife a bunch of American Beauty roses and a box of chocolates every week or oftener in the interest of harmony and tranquility. The answer as to whether that is good advice or bad isn't disclosed in the dispatches, for the gent involved scorned the judge's best judgment and was soaked for regular alimony instead. The peacemaker may be blessed, but there are times when he has a large, pear-shaped job. And it might not have been very good advice after all, depending a good deal on the woman.

If some men we know should use such a system, they would be charged with being crazy with the heat, or the victim of a new departure jag. Others would be accused of extravagance, and informed that the children need shoes, or that the crying demand of the household was real gru. Still others, sad to say, might be quizzed in an effort to learn if they hadn't forwarded the frills to the wrong flat. More would be suspected of an effort to square accounts for past shortcomings, which wouldn't be so bad. Yet, in the main, the judge's advice was all right, and to be commended to those wishing to promote marital felicity, and the joy of living.

Of course that isn't to encourage extravagance, nor forgetting that there are many worthy men who can't afford hothouse flowers and hand-made chocolates. But there are a thousand little attentions and kindnesses that cost no money, but are neglected a good deal, which might help some, and there are pleasing treats cheaper than the ones suggested by the able Chicago jurist. Also it is a fact that many men neglect these matters a good deal; many worthy men who are good providers and have no time for a double life or the other frenzied frivolity. It is thoughtlessness, mostly, and while it may have no part in paving the path to Reno or other realms of free and easy divorce, it works against the joy of home life, and causes many a woman to neglect the children in search of society. Only a few men want to be idle husbands, and those are so henpecked they have to, but more of them should be good sports and remember a woman married would need a good deal the same consideration she received in the sweetheart days.

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS

By Gross

