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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

The liberty which is good is not the liberty of one gained at the expense of others, but the liberty which can be enjoyed by all who dwell together.—L. T. Hobbes.

Will we have a fall festival? Yes, maybe.

Some people, you know, believe in waiting for the spirit to move them.

Getting a run for your money doesn't help much when you lose it.

The political world is filled with too many jackrabbits that pass as elephants, mooses and tigers.

Railroads contend that they should receive increased pay for transporting parcel post packages above a certain weight.

A good gully-washer would be a god-send to the Cass county farmers just now, and also to the people who have gardens in town.

By the time the last drought has passed a farmer can always begin worrying about an early frost. Life is just one continual O of pleasure.

People should be very careful of fire this dry weather. A lighted match carelessly thrown away after lighting a pipe or cigar may cause serious damage.

Ammunition will not be sent to either of the warring factions in Mexico from this country hereafter. Besides, President Wilson is determined that neutrality must be strictly observed.

Every minister and every judge has a new idea about eliminating the divorce evil, but so far none of them has worked it out any better than Ben Franklin's attempt to jug lightning.

The destruction of the Cass county poor house is quite a serious loss to the taxpayers of the county. The building was erected in the neighborhood of forty years ago, and while a very fair building, and would have served its purpose for a number of years, it does not compare in modern improvements to those of counties of one-half the wealth of Cass county.

You can't keep a Nebraska corn crop down.

A prominent official of Brazil says the Panama canal is the greatest individual achievement of the century for the people of North and South America. No doubt, and other parts of the south are not shut out.

Eating less of fuel-producing food will help a good deal during July and August. But the trouble is too few of us know what fuel-producing, or any other kind of food, for that matter, is. The important item of diet is sadly neglected.

New employes for the Burlington shops are coming in on nearly every train. The car shortage demands the repairing of many cars that have been out of commission, and the present force at the shops are compelled to put in over-time.

A man can wear a pair of overalls that are split up to his knee and nobody passes a remark about the incident, but if a woman's skirt is split above her ankles all kinds of remarks are made, and in Omaha they are sometimes arrested.

The farmers of Europe should be the last to demand that peace be restored in Mexico. The little fusses there don't amount to anything beside the Balkan muss, where the casualties in a single fight have been more than the whole war in Mexico has produced.

A special to the World-Herald from Washington, under date of July 23, says: "President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of J. D. Bishop to be postmaster at Peru. This is the last postoffice appointment with which Congress Maguire will be compelled to deal for several months. Other vacancies in the First district were filled several weeks ago."

It has recently been argued that almost any tax finally falls upon the shoulders of the poor. And the argument was made by a capitalist in an unguarded moment. The income tax is perhaps the most difficult to saddle upon the common people. The procedure is evidently reversed. The government takes some of the wealth back after it has been taken away from the producer, and disburses it for the general welfare.

Keep it before the people—the fall festival.

Let us hope the zeal for better highways of travel may never wane.

Good highways are worth the price and the trouble. Don't you think so?

Men who grumble most about business usually are not entitled to very much.

Before betting on your sympathies, remember that sympathies are largely with the under dog.

Plattsmouth is the largest and best town in Cass county, and Cass county is the best county in Nebraska.

To say that the telephone service is better than fishing, is damning with faint praise, all right, or vice versa.

No crop failures in Cass county. This means corn, wheat, oats and alfalfa, and only an occasional fruit failure.

It is said that Americans do not take enough exercise. This ought to be an incentive for lawn mower manufacturers to advertise.

The White house has thirty servants. That's nothing. Many people in the lower walks of life have had that many—one after another.

Europe has considerable interests in Mexico and intimates that the Monroe doctrine is too much of an abstraction in our Mexican diplomacy. Monroe had no thought of introducing perpetual chaos in international affairs.

The veterans of the north and south will hold a joint celebration this year of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga. A good way for these old heroes to bury the hatchet is to shoulder the crutch and show how fields were won.

The Journal is asked every day if we are going to have a fall festival. Now, we do not know whether the Commercial club intends to take the matter up or not. If not, they should say so, so that others can figure on some kind of amusements this season.

The new state normal board proposes to decrease the expenses in running the state normals. Seven teachers have been dropped from the Peru school, two at Chadron, and others to follow. Heretofore there have been forty-two instructors at Peru and twenty-six at Kearney, while the enrollments were practically the same. Managers of state institutions should do a little sifting also. There is entirely too much help in all of them.

Mexicans agree on one subject only and that is an unprovoked and irrational hostility to Americans.

Any person would be foolish to seek a more congenial clime than right here in Plattsmouth at the present time, unless they simply want to get rid of their money.

A Lancaster county man attempted to file his nomination certificate for the office of sheriff on the democratic ticket. The county clerk refused to accept it or the fee and the near-candidate took it up to the district court, where it was decided adversely. In effect the decision holds good the biennial election law, which means no election this year.

Governor Majors of Missouri has issued a proclamation, and sets the dates, for all able-bodied men to turn out and put in two days' work on the roads. He makes no distinction as to color or station in life, and says he will turn out and work on the roads himself. If the request is universally heeded, and it proves a success in making good roads, why not try such a scheme in Nebraska.

Richard L. Metcalfe is certainly a lucky fellow. As governor of Panama he is furnished a magnificent palace in which to live, with plenty of servants, and has the appointment of several hundred subordinate positions under his control. And then the salary of \$14,000 a year is not to be sneezed at. This can hardly come under the saying that "Good fortune comes to he who waits!" But Met has waited patiently and has been rewarded by his friends.

A West Virginian unable to write has been convicted of forgery. He persuaded his sweetheart to do the pen and ink work on a fraudulent order and the jury refused to consider the woman in the case.

Appearance comes first in the store as well as in advertising. You must have an attractive store to invite the customers to come in; you must have attractive salespeople, not necessarily good looking, but those of a good manner and a knowledge of the business; you must have attractive goods that have a good appearance. Without a good appearance the best values and the lowest prices would be passed by unnoticed.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

The Journal wants to see the day, and that day not far in the future, when the postoffice will be restored to the people of South Omaha. It was a mean trick, instigated by some few political tricksters, to say the least. It bears the earmarks of such republicans of the Vic Rosewater order, who are always doing something for spite work. It now devolves upon a democratic postmaster general to restore the office, which should be done in very short order.

Women who are clamoring for the ballot are moving for another hike "on to Washington," and no doubt each pilgrim will be dressed her prettiest.

Tariff guns are roaring now around Washington, and the fusillade is liable to rage for five or six weeks, when hostilities will cease with the adoption of the bill.

Panama will receive perpetually from this country \$250,000 a year for rental of the isthmian zone. Uncle Sam's habit is to pay liberally, even in a case like the Philippines.

Plattsmouth intends to give the people of Cass and surrounding counties in Nebraska and Iowa a fine festival some time this fall, but no dates have yet been decided upon.

A few children of rich men have notably made their inherited wealth a great blessing to themselves and mankind, but they are precious few. Call the roll of the men and women who have achieved the highest fortune or fame in this country, and an overwhelming majority will be found to have come up from the "lower walks" of life and to owe their development of character to struggle and self-denial. It is of these twin blessings in disguise that we gain strength, skill, sympathy, purpose. The child pampered in idleness and luxury knows little of these vital things, and when he meets in contest the uncouth but toughened boy from the farm or the side street, he has poor chance of holding his own. We are accustomed to think of the "advantages" of the children of the rich. But all the history of human life since the world began proves that the real "advantages" are on the other side.

A "Home-Coming Day" would be a special invitation to all former citizens of Plattsmouth to come and visit the old town and see the many changes that have taken place since they have cast their lot elsewhere. They will have an opportunity to view the new postoffice building, the new Woodman block, Soemnichsen's up-to-date store and new building, the new stores, the many new improvements in the residence districts. They will also take pleasure in viewing the many up-to-date fronts and the tasteful manner in which their stocks of goods are arranged, our beautiful paved streets and fine sidewalks. Many of our former citizens who have been away from here for twenty years would hardly recognize the town, with its new Burlington depot, gasoline engine factory, overall factory, Masonic Home, rifle range, and last, but not least, the Journal office, the finest print shop located in any town of the size of Plattsmouth in the west. If we have the fall festival, let us designate one day as "Home-Coming Day."

We hope the Commercial club will soon set the ball to rolling for a fall festival.

The first case of granting a mother's pension was that at Omaha a few days ago, when a mother of six children, deserted by her husband, was the beneficiary under the new law of \$30 per month as an alternative of placing the children in an orphan's asylum.

Pull together, brethren. We are all here for the same purpose. Then live and let live. The best way to build up a town is for each and every man to pull together and not to rend and pull down. All the residents of a town are partners, not opponents. In all likelihood, the more business done by your rival the more you will do.

Criticisms may be all right if done in the proper spirit. Some people criticize President Wilson on account of Mexico, who do not know the condition of affairs. They simply criticize him because he is a democratic president. Taft was criticised the same way. But what cares the president for criticisms as long as he continues to do his duty as he sees it?

Governor Morehead done a good thing when he appointed Hon. Thomas J. Majors a member of the state normal board, for which he has proven himself so well fitted. Senator Majors is a republican, but a good man just the same, and has served in this capacity in former years, and Governor Morehead knows he has always proved faithful to the trust reposed in him.

Our citizens should take pride in their homes. The word "home" next to that of "mother" is the greatest ever uttered by human tongue. What a refuge the home is when darkness gathers. How glad one is to get a glimpse of home when time and space have separated him from it only for a period. There seems to be a rivalry here in an effort to make "our home" look a little neater and thus be the more inviting to the occupants than all others. Such rivalry is certainly pardonable.

Newspaper advertising tends to lower the cost of living, according to the consensus of opinion voiced by speakers at the luncheon given by the Hawkeye Fellowship club in Chicago. If it were not for advertising the public would be bankrupt as the result of soaring prices, it was asserted. The relation of newspaper advertising to the high cost of living was summarized by the speakers as follows: It decreases living expenses. It increases the volume of sale. In increased sales to the consumer, lower prices. Advertisements tell people where to buy cheapest. Bargains would go begging were it not for advertising. Advertisements are cheaper than high-salaried drummers.

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS

By Gross

