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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

As you grow ready for it somewhere or other you will find what is needful for you—in a book, or a friend, or, best of all, in your own thoughts, the eternal thought of speaking in your thought.—George Maedon-aid.

When it begins at home, charity covers a multitude of sin.

Don't forget the fall festival. It is about time to begin preparations.

If skirts get much tighter every woman will have to have a motor car or an invalid chair.

A Plattsmouth man who recently quit boozing, is telling his friends that he is standing right beside the water wagon, with spurs on his shoes.

A refreshing shower visited this vicinity this morning, which had the effect of cooling off the atmosphere. Small favors, however, are thankfully received, and we hope for larger ones very soon.

It isn't really back to the farm movement unless those going back have return tickets; one must get away before going back, and one escape is generally enough.

Senator Bristow of Kansas did not seem to get very far in his attack on Mr. Bryan, but that isn't the main cause of Senator Bristow's uneasiness; that centers around a place to light.

Law and order is said to have disappeared from nearly every one of the Mexican states. If each would announce what it wants the situation would be at least less than complete chaos.

Some democrats are of the opinion that they are rather slow at Washington in slicing the patronage pie. Don't be uneasy, boys, you'll get what's coming to you between now and the first of January—perhaps.

It is said that Bridgeport, Conn., is the cheapest place in the country to be sick in, and Cairo, Illinois, the cheapest place to die in. But the railroad fare between them amounts to something.

Congress seems to think five weeks is long enough to debate on the new tariff measure, which is one of the few instances in which the people are fairly united in agreement with congress.

The war department gives it out that the Panama canal will be ready for emergency purposes by fall, and the Pacific fleet will probably go to the Atlantic coast next spring.

What is the use of thanking the weather man for a change in the weather, when the moon simply starting on its northern trip is the true cause for the change? Put the thanks where they belong.

Keep agitating the fall festival. It is perhaps opposed by a few who think it will cost them a few dollars. And yet they do not think of the dollars that will be returned them in trade. Look at the matter in the proper light.

The sooner the administration gets rid of Henry Lane Wilson, ambassador to Mexico, the better it will be for all concerned. He has shown himself particularly unqualified for the position, and as a diplomat he is certainly a poor stick.

Guatemala offers five scholarships in its schools to American boys and girls in order to promote the Pan-American spirit. The opportunity is more in line with manifest destiny than a Cecil Rhodes scholarship at Oxford.

If Nebraska can now produce the corn crop prospects indicate, it will beat all the boom editions ever put out as an advertiser. It is producing the stuff that counts.—Blue Springs (Neb.) Sentinel. That's no lie; but a common sense view of the matter.

Happiness is the inalienable right of childhood. Give a child half a chance and it will make a joy of life. God made it care-free. The sorrows of life and death are like a dream to it. "Heaven lies about it" and it sees visions beautiful. Its father is the noblest and wisest of men. Its mother the dearest and tenderest and best in the world. Every pleasant man and woman is its friend, and the world is a fine and wonderful place that it hopes later to explore. It lives the life of the heart and of the imagination and has no troubles except when the tyrannical hand of some adult rudely deprives it of legitimate joy.

For several years the Mexicans have been acting like they had been eating watermelon pickles.

Ex-President Taft has lost forty pounds since leaving the White house. But he will have to lose more than that to convince an anxious world that he is piling away.

The people who do their trading in Plattsmouth expect a fall festival or some kind of a carnival in this city this season, and there is no use to stand back on a few dollars to give it to them. We should not be behind other towns.

Let it be remembered for all time to come that this section of the great state of Nebraska is the garden spot of the world, and that Plattsmouth is one of the best market towns in the west, where the highest prices are paid for products and the merchants sell all classes of goods as cheap as any city in the state.

Attorney General McReynolds will seek to dissolve the Bell Telephone in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho. This means a dissolution of the trust in all the other states if the suit is successful. A more complete trust never existed than the Bell Telephone company. We pray the Lord to hasten the day when a complete dissolution is effected.

South Omaha Drivers' Journal Stockman: No one is very much surprised at the row kicked up in the senate over the extension of the advantages and curtailing of the cost of the parcel post. The senate stood out against the inauguration of the parcel post system for years and although its popularity was proven as soon as it was introduced that august body can still be counted on to hammer it in every way possible. It is not difficult to discover the fine Italian hand of the railroads and express companies in the senate's opposition to the extension of the advantages of the parcel post.

There is no question that Mr. Bryan is a wealthy man, and the biggest part of his money has been accumulated in lecturing on the chautauqua circuits. And because of this fact, and the fact that he is in greater demand than anyone who is employed to lecture, a great fuss is raised over the country, and public men now in Washington, who sometimes lecture (whenever they get a chance) are now criticizing him because he leaves his office in Washington to fill chautauqua engagements. Like every public official, Mr. Bryan is entitled to a vacation, and if he chooses to spend that vacation on the chautauqua circuit, whose business is it? Nobody's but W. J. Bryan. Let the critics be fair in criticizing Mr. Bryan, and cast the moat out of their own eyes before doing so.

While the university fight is on the people may take a notion to remove the institution from Lincoln to Grand Island or some other central point where the citizens would contribute a sufficient amount to buy the ground upon which the same could be located, without expense to the state. Why not?

THE MEXICAN MESS.

When the rest of the world calms down a bit, or even more frequently, Mexico manages to attract more than passing attention by capturing a few Americans, or threatening to blow up the embassy, or holding a street parade with anti-American accompaniment played in loud tones. That is the signal for the war department to sit up and take notice, and make a noise like intervention.

So long as it amounts to no more than noise on this side of the border, the tired taxpayer will be patient and much enduring, and he rejoices that Mr. Bryan drinks grapejuice, and is a man of peace. As a matter of fact, a conquest of Mexico wouldn't be the playful and profitable pastime it was when Cortez hung the Indian sign on the last of the Montezumas, nor even the simple cinch it was when Zach Taylor and Winfield Scott cleaned up the series in that league. Not that America couldn't whip the Mexicans aplenty, but it would take longer and more men than in the brave days of old.

Army men who study such things figure it would be a two years' job, requiring a larger army than is now in service, and there is every reason to believe it wouldn't be worth the money, particularly for those who would have to do the fighting. Therefore it seems certain that the best plan is to pull the big bluff when necessary, while the Mexicans are permitted to fight it out among themselves, something they are disposed to do with great regularity.

At this distance there may be some wonder that Mexicans are displeased with American philanthropists who go south to develop the natural resources of our sister republic, but the fact that they are gives the hunch for a fairly successful guess; it may be they want more than their share of the profits of the development. But, whatever the occasion, the row in Mexico is not our war, and no patriot should be eager to tear his shirt in behalf of permanent government and high purposes south of the Rio Grande unless he has an investment in that country.

Meanwhile, bluffing is well enough, and even protection to citizens in that troubled territory should be supplied, if the needs of the occasion demand it, but there is no reason for rushing riotously in to punish those who show such a sweet disposition to punish each other. War is what General Sherman said it was, in Mexico and elsewhere.

Summer is cool in Colorado because the altitude is almost as high as the price of other commodities out there.

Mulhall is certainly working up some of them around the capital, at least there is considerable squirming among the former senators and congressmen, as well as some of the present members.

Of course it will be easy enough for Uncle Sam to give Mexico a much needed "drubbing," but whipping a Mexican neither improves him nor restores peace. But all will agree that something should be done with the greasers unless they stop murdering Americans.

Edgar Howard of the Columbus Telegram is hankering to make a war record. In case of war with Mexico Howard is ready to head a regiment for the scene of blood and carnage. There are plenty of younger men, Edgar, to do battle when the call "to arms" is made. So keep your seat.

The law emphatically says that no one under 16 years of age shall drive an automobile, yet nearly every day in the week children considerably under this age are permitted to drive cars through the streets and byways. This is one of the laws that the officials should see enforced. It is a dangerous practice to permit children to run any machine that takes the mature judgment of a man at times to manage.

R. R. Schneider of Fremont, once a most powerful man in republican state politics, is dead. He died in his automobile while returning from the doctor's office to his home Saturday morning. The writer was slightly acquainted with Mr. Schneider, and always found him a gentleman and scholar. He was an able man, full of business, and in his demise Fremont loses one of its most foremost citizens. Peace to his ashes.

If the resolution recently adopted by the officers of the Sarpy county democratic committee is a straw showing the direction in which the political wind is blowing, President Wilson is popular with the democrats of Nebraska. The resolution called upon the democratic congressmen and senators from this state to support the administration in its tariff and currency ideas without any amendment offerings or other conditional action. This is as it should be, and the democrats everywhere should instruct their congressmen and senators to stand together in support of the administration. Everything depends upon the solidity of the democratic forces. Otherwise it may be the ruin of the party. A party divided against itself cannot hope to win in future battles. Stand by President Wilson and he will safely steer the old ship to shore.

Some people may delight in going away to spend their vacation, but you notice they are all glad to get back home—and even if their pocketbooks are a little lighter.

The time is not far distant when astronomers will be able to make accurate predictions of the weather at least six months in advance, is a statement made by Prof. Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes' observatory at Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

There are no better towns of the size of Plattsmouth in Nebraska or any other state. We are keeping up with other cities in more ways than one, and no one comes here who has been here before, fails to note the immense improvements made in the city in the past two or three years. Property has advanced greatly in price, new residences are going up and the older ones greatly improved, and the business houses make a handsome appearance. In fact, evidences of new life has preceded everything. Every citizen should take pride in keeping things moving to the end of a still "Greater Plattsmouth."

"Who is responsible for boosting prices, anyway?" asks the Omaha Trade Exhibit, and then goes on to say: "That's what some of these investigators would like to know. The capitalists say it is the laborers and the wage-earners say it is the merchants and the merchants say it is the manufacturers and the manufacturers say it is the producers. Some workmen's union makes a demand for higher wages to meet the increasing cost of living; the railroads or the manufacturers or other employers have to raise prices to meet the increased payroll, the producers have to raise their prices to meet the increase on things they have to buy, and so it goes. Who starts it and where will it end?"

One of the most important legal battles with large corporations undertaken for some time has been begun at Portland, Oregon, with the filing of a suit for the dissolution of the telephone monopoly. For the first time the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust measure are being applied by the prosecution, it being alleged that the Bell interests have an interstate monopoly in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Incidentally a Nebraskan, C. J. Smyth of Omaha, is one of the leading prosecuting attorneys. And aside from this the outcome of the case ought to have important bearing on the Nebraska situation, in which there are districts having serious telephone troubles that are real and not imaginary. The outcome of this case will be watched with considerable interest by those who have grievances against the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company.

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS

By Gross

