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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Be thou the rainbow to the storms of life!  
The evening beam that smiles the clouds away  
And hints tomorrow with prophetic ray.  
—Byron.

How about the fall festival? Don't forget it.

If the resignation of Huerta will bring peace in Mexico the United States should insist upon his doing this.

The ice man's days are being numbered now. But how about the coal man?

Cheer up! Ten weeks from now you may be wishing you could have a small decoration of this.

Two Chicago automobilists have been given fourteen years in the penitentiary for murder. Let joy-riders and other brands of speeders reflect upon this.

There is to be three hundred cars distributed along the Missouri Pacific railway this week in Nebraska for the movement of crops. This will help some.

Petitions for county ownership of telephones are being circulated in Lancaster county, and a great many other counties will try the plan if it proves a success in Lancaster.

About seventy-five bull moose met in Omaha Tuesday and decided to go it alone in the election next year. They propose nominating candidates for state, congressional, legislative and county tickets, and oppose fusion with the old republican party.

Senator Hitchcock openly criticizes President Wilson's currency measure and says the bill, if passed, could not be made effective for a year. It is also stated that more opposition will be coming from the lower house. The Journal was in hopes that there would be no "scrap" among the democrats in congress on this measure.

Hoboes are a scarce article on the streets of Plattsmouth after night since Johnny Fitzgerald went on as night watchman. The hoboes who usually pass this way, as soon as they learn that he is on the force again, make themselves very scarce. Johnny earned the reputation as a terror to tramps when he was on the night force several years ago, and if they happen to arrive in town in daytime they sure get up and dust before nightfall.

The railroads are opposing the increase in parcel post packages up to the 109-pound limit and why should they be berated by congressmen when they are simply endeavoring to protect the business properly belonging to them? The editor believes that the government has no business to do that which conflicts with legitimate private enterprise. Newspaper men have been up against one feature of this class of business for a good many years and while it is nice for the other fellow to get something at the expense of the general public, the other fellow raises a howl when he gets up against the real thing.

Henry Lane Wilson should be thankful. Who would care to be in Mexico now, anyway?

A little elbow grease and a scythe can work wonders in several parts of the city so far as looks go.

They are taxing bill-boards in most of the larger cities and also in many of the smaller ones. Well, why not?

One source of news for the newspapers every dull summer is the collisions between Sunday excursion trains.

Fine weather for outings. Take a day off and spend the time in some shady nook with your family.

Don't forget the old settlers' reunion at Union Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16—next week. Of course you want to attend.

The automobile business still keeps up in Nebraska, and Cass county farmers are buying them in this neck 'n woods. This demonstrates to a dead mortal certainly that the yeomanry have faith in future prospects.

A democrat for revenue or a democrat from principle. In which class can you be placed? The first work for the party with a few of revenue, while the other works for the party's success because he believes its principles are right.

That kind word spoken to a friend, that word of encouragement to a business man or that little boost we might make for our city is such a little thing and so easily spoken that it would not hurt any person, but on the other hand it would make the person speaking it feel much better, but alas how often it is neglected until too late.

President Wilson seems to be rather partial to college professors in his appointments as ambassadors and ministers to foreign countries. This shows good fellowship on the part of the president, as he is a college man himself. Well, if they fill the bill in their capacities, as well as President Wilson has filled his there will be no cause for complaint.

"If more wives would shoot their husbands instead of enduring their abuse, it would be good for society," is the way Judge Taffan put it in police court at Alameda, California, the other morning, in talking to the wife of a man who had been arrested for abusing her and threatening her life. If a man cannot live with a woman without abusing her, he should get out.

Good intentions are seldom negotiable for cash. Ask the lazy school boy, who doesn't study and advance with the class. He will tell you that he intends to sometime, but he never does. Ask any improvident man or woman why they don't lay up something for a rainy day. They will tell you that they intend to sometime—but they never do. Ask any slow, unprogressive business man why he doesn't discard his old antiquated ways of business and adopt new, up-to-date, progressive methods of sales and advertising. All such will tell you they intend to next week or next month or next year—but they never do.

Here we are again. How do you feel about that fall festival?

Has Plattsmouth a board of health? And if it has, is it doing its duty?

Suffrage for women probably will add another disagreement in some homes, we all know.

A man who is never in a hurry seems to accomplish about as much as the rest of us who rush around.

Does it ever occur to the writer of circular letters that the waste baskets of this fair land are already overtaxed?

If a man keeps the house from getting away while his family is away on a vacation he believes he is some housekeeper.

Fortunately, the Cass county farmers are in a sufficiently sound financial condition to stand a half crop, even if it comes to that.

It has been so dry this season that many sun-dried citizens are envying Dayton, Ohio, which enjoyed a flood early in the year.

It is claimed in some quarters that a reduction in parcel post charges would cause heavy loss. But low rates have been profitable in Europe for many years.

In your extended observation of governmental affairs, you may have observed that most of the talk about the spoils system comes from the minority party.

They can have chautauquas, celebrations, old settlers' reunions and all manner of pleasant gatherings all around us, but nothing of this kind doing in Plattsmouth. And why?

Nicaragua is attracted toward the United States by a natural process of evolution. A course infinitely better than any other takes the lead, as a matter of course.

There should be no respecter of persons when it comes to riding bicycles on sidewalks, and the more intelligence a man has the greater is his offense, because a man of intelligence ought not to be required to have a law to keep within the limits of the law.

It takes a health and sound-bodied man to become a "Moose." When a couple of fellows attempted to be initiated into the mysteries of the order at Birmingham, Alabama, last week, they could not withstand the electric shock administered and both were killed.

Where do you look for happiness? Every man and woman is looking for something or for somebody that will satisfy the longing of the heart. No life is complete within itself. You are always on the lookout for happiness, but you look sometimes in strange and curious places to find it. In your quest for happiness you are often, very often, disappointed, and you wonder why. Possibly you have looked in the wrong place, possibly you have looked for the wrong thing. Sometimes your disappointment is not deserved, but more often you find just what you ought to have expected. Figs do not grow on thistles. Happiness must be sought where Providence has planted the seed. It grows nowhere else. You look for happiness in riches. You toil and struggle and work and worry to obtain wealth, hoping to find happiness in your hoarded treasures. Your greed grows upon you with the years, and you neglect your finer sensibilities, and forget the duties that you owe your neighbors. Selfishness sears your conscience, and you put a price on every good and noble impulse.

Now is the time to purchase property in Plattsmouth. Advancing every day.

A toy pistol threw the house of lords into a panic the other day. Then why use less dynamite?

New man to Mexico in the person of former Governor Lind of Minnesota.

Plattsmouth is still forging ahead on improvements and continues to be the best town in the state for its size.

The Burlington road is now doing a great business. It is one freight train right after another these days and nights.

Alaska is said to have 65,000,000 acres of land where the grass grows waist high in summer. Make it alfalfa, with coal deposits below and the boom will begin.

This Mexican business is getting ticklish. But there's one consolation: President Wilson is evidently not becoming nervous or excited about it, and isn't a Jingo.

After a rain in California many fish, some 15 inches long, were found scattered over a vineyard. Wizard Burbank may rest assured that any combination of meat and drink will be thankfully received.

Some of the republican papers try to make their readers believe that democratic senators are in a muss over the currency and tariff. But there's nothing in it—only "the wish is father to the thought."

Plattsmouth citizens welcome all newcomers, and those who have come here to make their homes in the past year are well satisfied with their investments and pleased with their locations and the sociability of our people.

Mr. Bryan has canceled quite a number of chautauqua engagements in consequence of business matters at Washington. This does not look very much like the secretary was neglecting his official duties to fill chautauqua engagements.

That preacher who considers a jungle costume of beads and bright smiles more modest than present fashions, should be patient; woman, gentle woman, is edging that way, and may arrive if the hot weather lasts long enough.

Representative bankers of fifty-eight large cities in the agricultural regions of the south, middle west and Pacific coast were invited by Secretary McAdoo to come to Washington to confer with the treasury department regarding the distribution of the \$50,000,000 of government funds about to be deposited in the national banks of these sections to facilitate the marketing and the movement of crops. This amount will be deposited in the banks if the situation demands. This is an unprecedented step, and at the same time a very worthy one.

The Journal would be delighted to see the democratic party united in this state next year. It depends upon the disposition of the patronage belonging to Nebraska by those who have it under their control at Washington. If Senator Hitchcock, Congressman Maguire, Lobeck and Stephens put none but true democrats on guard, in dishing out the patronage in this state, all good and well, but if, on the contrary, they should favor those who are only democrats when there is an office in sight, a state of war may be the result. It will be a hard matter to get the democrats in one solid phalanx if these gentlemen fail in their duty.

Possibly, too, the present situation in Mexico may tend to keep American dollars busy at home.

Postmaster General Burleson has formally announced that lower rates are to govern in the parcel post. Thanks!

President Wilson has accepted the resignation of Ambassador Wilson with considerable relief. Now hear the ex-ambassador blow his head off.

It appears that the administration and congress are not doing things to suit some of the republican papers. Do you see anything strange about that?

You can bet your bottom dollar that Nebraska will have plenty of corn for home consumption, notwithstanding the drought in some sections.

A seat on the New York stock exchange sold recently for \$37,000. If those seats become much cheaper we don't know but that we may be able to buy one ourselves.

Since the sweeping reduction in express rates the parcel post rated will have to come down a notch or two before it can claim the best of the express companies.

Who among us has been figuring, anyhow, on going to the Panama exposition especially to see England's exhibit? Maybe we can worry along without England. Don't you think?

Ex-Governor Shallenberger is about one of the best attractions on the chautauqua circuit, and there seems to be a great demand for him. There are no finer orators in the west.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw comes to the front again. This time she has a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. She owes \$3,864 for gowns and \$2,569 for jewelry and has assets of \$250. That explains it all.

The question of a fall festival is not yet settled, either one way or the other, but if we are to have anything of the kind it is about time that we "go to it!" Never say quit on the proposition because about a half dozen fellows don't want it. They are not the whole cheese just yet, no matter how much they may desire to be so considered.

When the state normal board commences to cut and slash the wages of teachers, it is doing a gross wrong, not only to the teachers, but the state institutions over which they preside. Teachers are the poorest paid class of people in the world, and because the members of the normal board do their work without pay is no excuse for the board to attempt to compel the teachers to do their work for nothing.

Events since Saturday morning show quite conclusively that Mr. Wilson is not a president going about with a chip on his shoulder. He has adopted, so far as his own office at least is concerned, a policy of non-intervention in the affairs of Mexico. The flag isn't chasing the dollar, under this policy. An appropriation to enable endangered Americans to leave that country and come back home is favored, but the administration is not ready to intervene without a better cause than has so far been presented.

The fight against free wool of the sheep-raising states has about died out. The sheep men now say that all they want is for the government land to be opened for grazing, at reasonable rates. That seems fair.

Thomsen, Dentist, Gund Bldg.

It is a political axiom that "you cannot corrupt a whole people." And it might be said, with equal truth, that one-half of a people cannot be corrupted. But it is equally axiomatic in politics that a not inconsiderable percentage in a population are open to corrupting, concerning matters in which neither their interest, their prejudices, or any of the motives or passions ordinarily governing their conduct, are appealed to. Such human weaknesses destroyed most of the ancient democracies of which Aristotle writes.

Men shooting at each other and calling it patriotism is not the worst of it. The worst of it is that when great masses of soldiers get together, diseases break out, and kill more than the implements of war. In the French campaign in Madagascar in 1894, fourteen thousand men were sent to the front. Of this number, twenty-nine were killed in action, and seven thousand died from preventable diseases. Records kept for 200 years show that in every war four men have died from disease to every one killed in battle. In the Spanish-American war, thirteen of our men died from disease to every one killed in action. But in the Japanese-Russian war nearly three of the Japanese were killed in action to every one dying of disease. We refuse the Japanese admission to this country, yet in war they are the most advanced nation known to history.

Sex hygiene is a subject that many public schools propose to tackle as a branch study. In the larger cities, some of which have already adopted it, and others are thinking strongly of doing so. Eminent medical men have spoken so emphatically as to declare that the new subject is more vital to the students and the country than all the other studies put together, and who shall say they do not know what they are talking about? Everyone worth consideration commends efforts to check the social vice in the country. If girls were not ignorant of sex hygiene and its attendant problems, the white slave's work of securing recruits would become twice as difficult and dangerous as the government now attempts, by law, to make it, and if the youth of the country gleaned their knowledge of the process of reproduction in a decent way, instead of, as frequently happens, from vile associates, there is no doubt in reason that the moral tone of every community would be improved.

We presume there never was a newspaper in any locality that gave all the local happenings. It is often that someone comes or goes that the reporters do not see. It happens that the family is missed several times. They get the impression that the editor does not care to mention them. This is a mistake. In most country towns the local work is the hardest work connected with a newspaper. A man may be a good editorial writer, but a flat failure in the local work, and vice versa. Editorial material is obtained by study, by reading newspapers, frequently by using scissors. Personal and local happenings can't be read and clipped from other papers—not by a jugful. It takes physical as well as mental exertion to get our 6 or 8 columns of local news each day in a town the size of Plattsmouth. Most people take a local paper to get the local happenings. Don't be afraid to tell the editor or reporter that you have friends visiting you. There are lots of people who are interested in your friends. You owe it as a duty to them to let your friends know of their doings. Perhaps you think the paper shows partiality, but just see if the paper doesn't treat you right if you give it a chance.

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## "PROFITS" IN OWNING LAND.

Students of economic conditions throughout the country are claiming that the profit in owning land in almost any part of the United States is decreasing yearly, unless the land is being held for speculation purposes only, or is rented to someone else at a cash rental. The reason for this is that the prices of land have rapidly increased, while the production has in no way kept pace with the higher valuation.

This increase in land values and decrease in percentage of profit is working a revolution in the social, as well as the economic life of the rural communities. The young man of a generation ago, who was willing to work and save, could be in a fair way to owning a farm of his own by the time he reached the age when he might wish to "marry and settle down." Today, work and save as he may, he will need more than industry and economy to even give him a start toward purchasing a home before he is well along in the twenties at least.

The city bred editorial writers who rave about the "millionaire farmers" are not students of real conditions in regard to rural wealth. The farmers who are retiring with a comfortable nestegg at the present time are, for the most part, farmers who have been able to purchase and at a low figure a generation back and have become rich on the increased valuation, not on the rich production of their farms.

Wages or profits cannot be measured in abstract terms of dollars and cents. They must be considered in relative terms of what the dollars and cents will buy to arrive at a true conception of their worth to the individual. The farm hand of today may get \$30 a month, and be no better off than his predecessor of twenty years back who was glad to work for \$15. The farmer may raise five bushels more wheat to the acre and get 30 cents more per bushel, and still not be getting nearly so much profit on his land investment as his father before him.

Economists and sociologists all agree that the young man and young woman should be able to marry at a reasonably early age and be assured of the ability to support themselves and a family, if they are willing to work. They also agree that the man who is industrious and frugal up to the time he is unable to work longer ought to be able to have enough accumulated to live in comfort the rest of his natural life. The well regulated nation will give these opportunities. But at the present time such opportunities are sadly lacking in our rural communities, as well as in the cities, and the problem of restoring such conditions is one which needs solving, and at once.

A prominent Iowa republican was in Lincoln the other day and from what he says the people of Iowa are well pleased with President Wilson. Hear him: "We have no politics in Iowa. In all my life I have never seen less interest in party lines than we have in Iowa at present. President Wilson is satisfying the people so well that they don't care to say or do very much except to let him have his own way."

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