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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

The strength of affection is a proof not of the worthiness of the object, but of the largeness of the soul which loves.—F. W. Robertson.

The man who gambles in wheat is a mighty poor bread-winner.

The hot weather still has full sway. But, oh, Lord, how much longer?

People occasionally forget that newspapers are only human agencies.

"Laugh and the appendicitis won't get you," is the latest medical advice.

Consolation, like sympathy, can be found in the dictionary, but it isn't the real stuff.

The man who tries to kick his way to popularity learns something almost every day.

Western congressmen are certainly anxious to get back home to renew old acquaintances.

Chicago has 65,000,000 pounds of butter in cold storage, but is still maintaining its sweatshops.

There will be more Bohemians in town tomorrow than were ever in Plattsmouth at one time in its history.

Governor Sulzer of New York has been impeached by a special session of the legislature. But will it stick?

Instances of bigamy are getting so common that they excite just about as much interest as a notice to cut weeds.

A Massachusetts man has sent President Wilson a rake. Ah, but there were already plenty of rakes in Washington.

Perhaps former Governor Aldrich has found out that the state banking board is in possession of a certain steam roller.

The oranges on the market nowadays are about the worst knock for California ever. They are worse than lemons.

You may have noticed that Senator La Follette, while he talks a good deal, he isn't making as much noise as formerly.

In passing on commercial credits Uncle Sam should remember that blue sky is always an assurance of settled weather.

While all the towns around us have had their innings on the celebration, Plattsmouth will have hers when the weather gets cooler, so people who attend can enjoy the occasion.

California's new alien land law has gone into effect and the Japs have not declared war. They might lend the "greaser" a lot of sympathy, though, should the real thing commence with Mexico.

The secretary of state has issued 13,238 new licenses for automobiles and motorcycles in Nebraska since August 1, 1912. The majority of the applications for licenses coming from the rural districts.

Most of the business houses are decorated.

The days are growing perceptibly shorter.

There are a great many who would like to see Provisional President Huerta run out of provisions.

How would you like to live in Arizona where it is so hot in the summer that it doesn't get thoroughly cooled off all winter.

June bridegrooms are just beginning to learn that it does not pay to subscribe to any sort of periodical that contains new cake or salad receipts.

Notwithstanding his rather strenuous differences with lobbyists, President Wilson hasn't elected anyone to membership in the Ananias club yet. And that's refreshing!

Some of the progressives claim the new party is not a one-man party. But would there have been a progressive party if it had not been for one man?

Noting the way they tear along the country roads, is it any wonder that there are so many horrifying automobile fatalities? Rather the wonder should be that there are not even more.

Welcome, thrice welcome, to our visitors. May they return to their homes when the tournament is over, feeling that Plattsmouth has done the proper thing by them.

Decorations about town in honor of the T. J. Sokol tournament is the proper caper, and the energetic business man displays his enterprise. Plattsmouth shows the right spirit.

A Paris paper prints an interview with Jack Johnson, in which the ink intimates that the hand of every man in the United States was turned against him. There are times when one is proud to be an American.

Ambassador Wilson, who has represented the United States in Mexico, and who since his return home, has been too glib with his tongue, has been justly and severely rebuked by the president for some of his utterances, some of which have been most utterly false, with a tendency to create as much trouble as possible. Kick him out. He has been guilty of an impropriety, one of the gravest offenses against the government.

The foxy president of Mexico, who is in office by virtue of one of the most cold-blooded murders of modern times, does not propose to meet the personal representative of President Wilson, unless he is prepared to recognize the Huerta government. The fact of the business is such a government is not entitled to recognition.

It seems next to impossible to educate automobile drivers the necessary observances in driving their cars. At sharp corners or on steep hills every driver should keep to the right as far as possible to insure safety. And at every questionable place horns should be blown so as to give notice to other motorists and people driving teams. If these suggestions will be observed the danger of accidents will be greatly minimized.

Only twelve more days of August and then fresh oyster will be ripe.

Babylon had a bankruptcy law 2,300 B. C. All of which civilization shows that the wives of that ancient city were swell dressers.

Candidates for governor next year are springing up every day, but the right ones are still in the background. The early bird don't always get the worm in this respect.

Perhaps more than in any other year the crop situation in this state is decidedly varied. There are localities to the people of which reports of drought from other localities seem to be absolutely incredible. There are other localities not so blessed with copious but entirely local rains, in which all of the optimism in the world doesn't restore burnt pastures or revive dry and rattling corn tops. The rain gauge and its total of precipitation tell the story.

The installation of our new press has been a source of considerable anxiety and care. And if the past two issues have not been just as clear in print as they ought to be, please attribute the deficiencies to the fact that it takes considerable time and pains to regulate the impression and other matters about a large press of the dimensions the Journal has just installed. We hope our patrons will bear with us only a few days long, when everything will be in ship-shape and the "Old Reliable" will be there on both feet.

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin hands this out to the critics of Mr. Bryan who are lambasting the secretary of state because he is adding to his income by doing chautauqua work: "The country has confidence in the integrity of Mr. Bryan, and it is not ready to believe that he will cheat the government in his services. To do the best work as secretary of state he ought to have some time for recreation. It is no discredit to him that he finds audiences eager to pay to hear his inspiring oratory. He is a great preacher. Every person who hears him is better for it. He is entitled to spend his vacation as best suits him."

Twenty-one persons were killed in Cook county, Illinois, during July by automobile accidents. This is an increase of 100 per cent over the same number of the year before. This result is attributed to the fact that people simply learn to run an automobile. They do not understand its construction and when it gets out of order they are helpless. Young boys and girls, proud of their ability to handle a motor under ordinary circumstances, rush madly about the streets. If anything happens to their machine they lose their nerve and they invite disaster not only by the reckless speed at which they force their machine, but by their ignorance.

Road building is becoming a science, and instead of having the work done under the competent direction of county or town officials, the states are assuming the responsibility of control, with excellent results. In Massachusetts roadmaking under the supervision of state officials has become an art, and, as a consequence, the old Bay state is creating a system of highway which has few equals anywhere. Incidentally, as a direct result of the construction of good roads, the value of country property in Massachusetts has considerably increased. If good roads will so increase the value of farm property in the old eastern states, what may we not expect in this country? We are all equally interested in good roads. Let's get busy.

It will soon be school time. Have your children ready.

"Sulzer" doesn't seem to be a very popular drink with the Tammany.

The Grand Island Independent suggests a meter for telephones. Not a bad idea!

If some men's egotism was made into hat bands they would encircle the earth.

A Chicago millionaire proposes to come down to work in a flying boat, and he may be in danger of coming down to something else.

Anyway, us men won't deny that those women who want to vote so bad, are old enough to do so.

Poor old Chanticleer is in a bad way. In Chicago they propose to pass an ordinance to prevent roosters from crowing, alleging that people keep so many chickens on the vacant lots that the roosters annoy neighbors by crowing all night. And now comes W. A. Lippingcot, professor of agriculture in the Kansas college, and says that poultry dealers could save a million dollars annually by penning up all the roosters during the summer season. The eggs rot much quicker than eggs unfertilized. If the poultry keepers would scold or sell their roosters this loss would be prevented. There ought to be a law on the statute books to make it a misdemeanor to allow male birds of any description to run loose in any city or town. This might cause some laughter as a "rooster law," but eventually it will have to be passed.

Edward Cummings, Chicago's chief of police, seems to be a man of unusually good common sense. When eight policewomen were forced on him the other day, in response to a popular, and which many believe a foolish, bid, he gave them the following advice: Don't stretch the truth. Don't be too stern; have compassion. Present all cases fairly. Don't talk more than is necessary. Remember that women like to talk, and sometimes exaggerate. It seems the principal duty of women police is to look after spooning couples in the parks, which requires very fine discretion. Usually nothing more is required than the presence of a policeman to confine spooning to a respectful limitation, and a tighty and imaginary policeman might cause all kinds of unnecessary grief and heartaches. The chief said one thing especially worth remembering: Women like to talk and sometimes exaggerate. He should have added the men; a man gossip is just about as bad as a woman gossip.

Sentiment of American people has undergone quite a change since the Spanish-American war. The jingo tendency has gone glimmering, likewise a desire to help the little brown brother. Americans no longer care a rap whether the map of Europe is changed once in a century or once in a hundred years. Its only concern in the Mexican trouble is the protection of the citizens of the United States and their property. If Mexico were offered to the United States as a gift, and the people given the privilege of acceptance or rejection, the verdict would be unanimous. The Philippines are not worth half they stand us. Remember the old maxim: "That which does not cost time, thought and labor is of little use." By the way, there was something amusing in the report of the senate committee on John Lind, advisor of the American embassy in the Mexican muddle. The committee agreed Saturday night to support Lind. As he already is in Mexico what else could the committee have done?

While it is hard to fool all the people all the time, many agents continue to do a lucrative business.

Governor Sulzer may expose Tammany all right, but he isn't likely to furnish the country anything new.

Peace is bound to come to the Balkans now. John D. Rockefeller has just secured a lease of 2,000 acres of oil land in that neck 'n' woods, and soon there won't be money enough left in that country to equip a regiment of cavalry.

Omaha World-Herald, speaking editorially: Nebraska's honorable secretary of state, Addison E. Wait, in an address to picnicers at Avoca, is said to have remarked that this hot weather reminded him that democrats, grasshoppers and hot winds had seemed to go together and that they appeared to be in twenty-year periods. "In 1873," he is quoted, "we had hot winds and grasshoppers; twenty years later, in 1893, we had hot winds and a democratic administration, and now again in twenty years comes another hot time with a democratic administration." And all the fault of the democrats, too, worse luck. But why should Mr. Wait worry? Through it all, rain or shine, wet or dry, hot or cold, his relatives continue to draw salaries from the state, as employees in his office. The Wait family can stand the drought.

Congress has passed an act to protect migratory birds. Its idea is to prevent spring shooting between sunset and sunrise to utilize all the protection now accorded under the state laws and extend the seasons of protection when necessary. This is a good idea. The robins, blackbirds and bluebirds coming up from the south are almost exterminated during their passage by Italians and renters who slaughter them for food. The result of this warfare is to greatly multiply the number of predatory insects and thus do infinite damage to the crops. We ought to absolutely prohibit killing bobolinks, catbirds, humming birds, martins, meadowlarks, orioles, robins, swallows, thrushes, warblers, whippoorwills, woodpeckers and wrens. Every year the damage to crops from the insect enemies increases in amount. It is largely owing to the destruction of man's best friend, the bird. The slaughter of these song birds has no excuse. The idea of giving a boy a gun and sending him out to kill innocent little birds under the idea that it is sport is of all things to be deprecated.

What has become of that tariff scare? It is as certain as can be that there will be downward revision of the tariff within a few weeks and the country hasn't collapsed yet. We were told that the election of a democratic president would send the shivers up and down the back of the business world. Then when it became known that the democrats had a safe majority in the senate they said that pains, panic and paralysis were immediately impending; that soon, if not a little sooner, the whizzing wheels of industry would cease to whirl and that cobwebs would cover the openings of the factory's furnace and smoke; that the laboring man would have to "work for a song and sing it himself." The fact that tariff revision is already as good as made and that it is now definitely known just what the leading features of the new currency system will be, and none of these things have staggered the business of the country can stand square deal legislation. We had supinely submitted to crooked business until many honest men had concluded that business couldn't be successfully conducted on square deal principles. Now isn't that the truth?

THE FLOOD OF ORATORY.

When Mr. Bryan is not occupied with the cares of state he lectures to his fellow citizens. There are a number of people who delight to hear Mr. Bryan roll out his pleasing platitudes. The class of minds that delight in chautauquas are captured by this sort of display, and they are willing to pay Mr. Bryan \$500 for each effort and divide the profits with him, after the expenses are paid. And why not?

George Washington served his country, kept a carefully itemized bill of his expenses and turned it in to congress, receiving a draft on the United States treasury for some \$68,000. Thomas Jefferson in his old age sold his liberty to the government for \$20,000 and not because it was worth that, but because he was in debt and needed the money. Henry Clay's friends passed the hat and paid his debts on several occasions. Daniel Webster was a persistent beggar and the capitalists of Boston used to chip in annually in order to keep "the God-like Daniel" in the United States senate. Benton wrote his "Thirty Years in the United States Senate" in order to pay his debts. John Quincy Adams went back into the lower house after having been president of the United States. John Randolph of Roanoke was appointed minister to Russia, and presented a bill for \$20,000 for his expenses before he ever arrived at his destination, and the bill was paid. Carl Schurz used to lecture, so did Charles Sumner. James Russell Lowell was in great demand as a public speaker. In fact, most of our great men have eked out their meager salaries by literary effort. Those of them who were unable to talk pleasingly, write books and magazine articles, or practiced law, and nobody thought anything about it.

Why, therefore, there should be such a tremendous row over Bryan's effort is one of the mysteries of American politics.

Next to a match that won't light when urgently needed, is a friend that won't stand up for you in an emergency.

The chautauqua season is almost over, and Secretary Bryan is at his post of duty in Washington during his vacation season.

Woodrow Wilson has the wisdom of Jefferson and the force of Jackson and is therefore making the greatest president the country ever possessed.

Probably the next thorough investigation will be after campaign statements, in view of the New York revelations. There might be interesting disclosures from Maine to California.

With the advance of the suffragette movement in England comes the report that the women of that country are taking to cigars and dispensing with cigarettes. Well, that's more like men.

It's only a guess what the price of corn will be this fall. Wise heads are predicting that it will be a dollar a bushel. The drought has cut the corn crop short, even in the corn belt, and what the yield will be is another guess.

There is some talk throughout this district of opposition to Congressman Maguire in the democratic party for a re-nomination. The Journal is not informed as to other sections of the district, but in Cass county there is not the slightest opposition to his re-nomination. Congressman Maguire has been very attentive to his duties at Washington; more so, in fact, than any man that ever represented the First district, and is very popular. We do not believe any man pitted against him for the nomination would stand a ghost of a show. Them's our sentiments, honestly expressed.

The difference between a wife-beater and horse-beater is that the police take an interest in the former at times.

An eastern professor says women do not have mathematical minds. But the dressmakers are all good at figures.

Experts say insects eat a billion dollars' worth of farm products every year, which, possibly, explains the high cost of living.

The New York impeachment affair is liable to cause people to forget all about Mr. Bryan's chautauqua dates if they are not careful.

A friend of the Journal wanted to know the other day if we knew the difference between a reckless "joy-rider" and a "fool and his money." We told him we did not. He said he didn't either.

An occasional glance at the photos of the world's richest and most fashionable society women, as they appear in the columns of our daily newspapers should convince most anyone that wealth and beauty do not very often travel together.

If the United States should undertake to treat citizens of other countries as helplessly as Mexico has been permitted to treat a lot of helpless Americans for the past fifteen years, we would have enough war on our hands inside of twenty-four hours to scatter blood from here to the moon.

In some sections of Nebraska farmers declare that they fear the necessity of killing off the young hog lots as they arrive in the next few weeks or months, unless a cheap food can be supplied from other parts to tide them over. Since only two months care are required to make them marketable, or at best three, the necessity for such action would seem most regrettable. Such necessities will not aid in reducing the cost of living.

The Germans have at last found a use for slot machines. Instead of using them as money-spending, or worse still, as gambling devices, the school authorities of Berlin have converted them into miniature banks, encouragers of saving and thrift. After first banishing gum and chocolate machines from the school grounds, they have now installed in their place savings bank slot machines. Each "penny" dropped into the slot brings out a card of deposit for that amount. When the deposit- or brings ten of these cards to the teacher, he receives a savings bank book. In this the amount of his deposits in the slot machines are entered. The funds then are sent to the banks for deposit at interest. In the first month of their operation in Berlin more than \$250 was taken out of the slot machines.

Remarkable Cure for Dysentery. "I was attacked with dysentery about July 15th, and used the doctor's remedies with no relief, only getting worse all the time. I was unable to do anything and my weight dropped from 145 to 125 pounds. I suffered for about two months when I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I used two bottles of it and it gave me permanent relief," writes B. W. Hill of Snow Hill, N. C. Sold by all dealers.

Money to loan on city real estate on good terms and at moderate rates. Buy or build a home on the easy payment plan. See T. M. Patterson, Secretary Plattsmouth Loan and Building Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gansemer, from near Nehawka; E. H. Obernalte of Wabash and George Hansen, from near Nehawka, were Plattsmouth visitors today, driving up in Mr. Gansemer's car. They were pleasant callers at the Journal-office.