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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or speaking a true word, or making a friend.— John Ruskin.

A regular gully-washer is what we need right now.

The victory of Senator Hitchcock was complete. Blessed be he!

Wonder if the democrats will be charged with the great trouble in Europe? Hardly possible.

Prospects for peace in Mexico are good. The only thing that is needed now is for the Mexicans to quit fighting.

"Why should not a woman get a man's wages?" demands a suffragist. Our observation and experience is that she does.

Every man's job has a hole in it, except your own. Every man's record has a hole in it, except your own, and occasionally a big rent in it may be found.

The farmers hereabouts wear smiles that indicate they have no desire to change their method of earning a living or of removing to another state to farm.

The calamity howlers find little sympathy in Cass county. People have about as little time or use for him as they have for the campaign liar, although he is much in evidence just now.

As a candidate be very careful what you promise. Often conditions arise that make it impossible for you to fulfill promises made to get votes, and then you occupy an unenviable position. See?

Some of the leading magazines of the east are strongly in favor of congress letting up on the trusts for a while. A great many of these magazines are "syndicated" controlled, and their opinions on the trust question are taken with a grain of salt.

A new attachment for automobiles is out. It is a music box, and when the car is driven less than twenty miles an hour it plays "Home, Sweet Home," and when the car is driven faster than twenty miles an hour it plays "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

W. B. Price, democratic candidate for congress, seems to be making many friends over the district, and many believe he will be nominated. There is no doubt as to his ability, and he has always been a democrat and one that has always labored for the success of the party.

From present indications the republican nomination for congressman in the First district is between Frank Reavis and Matt Gering. It looks that way to an outsider, with four candidates in hustling, however, and but very hustling, however, and but very little grass will be allowed to grow under his feet between this and the date of the primary.

### WHAT CONSTITUTES THRIFT?

The way to save is to save. And begin now. If you wait until your debts are all paid you will never save a dollar. Ben Franklin used to say: "The road to wealth is as easy as the road to market. It all consists in putting aside a certain amount of your income and letting it alone." It will take care of itself. Of course there are different ways. A certain young man gave himself a note for \$1,000 and made it payable in four years. He took a certificate of deposit at the bank for \$20 the first of every month. In less than four years he had his \$1,000, compound interest on his deposits materially hastening the day. His 1,000 was invested in a bond, and he is now at work accumulating his second thousand. The interest on his bond will help a whole lot in doing so. Moreover he has the "saving habit" firmly established, and is putting away \$25 a month from his earnings. A school teacher had \$100 saved and bought a lot for \$750, applying her hundred dollars on the purchase price. The owner of the lot was willing to sell on long time, because his mortgages on the lot was drawing interest. It was a good bargain for the teacher, because she had a goal to reach, and she saved for her lot what otherwise she would have spent on things she didn't need. She deposited in the bank \$15 a month from her salary, and twice a year applied her savings on the mortgage. In about three years she had her lot clear. She is now saving another nestegg and pretty soon expects to build a house on her lot. A housewife struggled for years trying to keep grocery and meat bills in hand. She finally hit upon the plan of having her husband give her a monthly allowance. She then made it her aim to keep well within her allowance, and the result of each month's economies in the bank at interest. This was several years ago, and now she has a tidy sum to her credit. What is more, she has learned the fine art of buying, and has acquired the faculty of making a dollar go much farther than it did before she had a plan, with a bank account an important feature of it.

The war cloud is dark and threatening in Europe. Austria is ready to strike tiny Serbia. There is a fine prospect of several other larger nations becoming involved.

All signs fail in dry weather so long as it doesn't rain. Many of our local weather prophets have fractured their reputations recently in an endeavor to have it rain.

The county campaign has been progressing very nicely so far in both parties, and at this distance it is pretty hard to pick the winners among those who have opposition at the primary. But it is always a safe bet that the fellows with the longest pole will knock the persimmon all right.

In accompanying the Meridian road party across the state from the Kansas line to the South Dakota line, Governor Morehead met with an ovation at every point. And his personal welcome was certainly great and demonstrated to a dead moral certainty the great esteem in which our governor is held by the voters of Nebraska.

When you use it to feather your own nest hard cash comes as soft as down.

One lives and learns, but he rarely learns as much as he lives.

The government is again ready to loan cash for crop moving purposes.

"Comfort First" is the most popular slogan just at the present time.

Never mind, boys, it will be all over with some of you in about three weeks.

Nearly every county democratic convention in Nebraska has endorsed Senator Hitchcock.

It keeps one pretty busy trying to swat the flies now, but remember that every little swat counts.

If Villa is kept out of the coming blowout at Mexico City he may take a notion to blow up the town.

While nothing succeeds like success, it is well enough to study the methods by which success succeeds.

Huerta doubtless will continue to fight while life lasts, there being no danger of exhausting the booze supply.

A Canadian preacher predicts that the time will come when there will be no liars. Fishing, then, must be going out of style.

It is now hoped that Paul Warburg will ask the president to withdraw his name as a member of the federal reserve board. It should be done. He is as bad as Jones for that matter.

Prohibition has been defeated in Texas. James E. Ferguson, the anti-prohibition candidate on the democratic ticket, defeated his prohibition opponent by over 30,000, and the constitutional prohibition amendment is also defeated by a large majority.

If a promoter tries to sell you stock that will double in a year and promises to pay 10 per cent annual dividend, be assured that somebody is trying to make an easy living on your hard-earned cash. Don't be a fool. Lead the stock promoter to the front door, and gently kick him over into the next county.

The democratic county convention at Elmwood commended President Wilson very highly for his "safe and sane" administration of the affairs of the nation. This was right and proper and something that could not very well be helped. Governor Morehead, Senator Hitchcock and our "silent congressman" were left out in the cold.

That President Wilson has won a notable victory in Mexico, no one honestly doubts. The manner in which the Mexican question was settled without the loss of more American blood is solely due to the level-headedness and that master mind of Woodrow Wilson, whose achievements will go down in history as those of one of the greatest men America ever possessed.

### BECOMING PARTERNAL.

Just how far the government will go in its effort to regulate the business and social life of the people is now being discussed generally by publicists, magazines and newspapers. Business men complain that the government is now too prying in its effort to ascertain incomes to tax on the volume of business done. A newspaper must report annually to the government on its receipts and expenses, its property, stockholders, creditors and circulation. These matters a few years ago were considered purely personal and private. It is predicted that the government will not only have juvenile courts, but commissions to see that social justice exists in the homes. A drunken husband or wife will be called to an accounting. Not only crime and drunkenness will be investigated in the home, but extravagances and other excesses will be condemned and the afflicted mate will be able to present his or her case before a legally constituted body. Like the pendulum swinging back and forth, the reformer will probably exceed his proper bounds, and a line of blue laws will be succeeded by a laxity of enforcement that will bring restraints into popularity.

It is strange, but nevertheless a fact, that some people insist upon condemning others for doing the very same thing that they have been guilty of doing themselves.

A glance at the list convinces one that there are certainly some candidates in the field who desire to draw salaries. They are a lot of good fellows, however, and for some offices you will have to think twice before making your "X."

It is now up to the Columbus convention to determine the harmony question. And there should be harmony if success is desired at the November election. We are listening for a harmonious shout from that direction.

The boys have only three more weeks in which to do their hustling for the nominations. Several have no opponents, and of course they are happy in the thought of having no opposition. But there'll come a time about three months hence when opposition means something.

The state of Iowa, through its attorney general, has handed down a decision that "near" beer is an intoxicant, even though it only contains one-half of one per cent alcohol. The decision also hits juices that are sold at soda fountains, some of which contain a small percentage of alcohol. Does this strike grape juice, also?

Hon. Matt Gering has returned home from a trip down in Richardson and Pawnee counties, visiting various points in these counties, and everywhere received great encouragement in his race for congress. He made several speeches during his trip, and at Humboldt received a genuine ovation. He was also cordially greeted at Falls City, the home of his principal opponent, Hon. C. F. Reavis.

Seventy-five thousand persons died from cancer in the United States during the year 1913. About 30,000 of these were deaths from cancer of the stomach and liver, 12,000 from cancer of the uterus and other organs of generation, 7,500 from cancer of the breast and about 25,000 from cancer of other organs and parts. Cancer respects neither race, creed nor social position. It is the common enemy of all mankind, attacking rich and poor alike, and though the scientists have puzzled over it for generations we have no effective weapons with which to fight it.

When you talk about the weather you really begin to feel that it is some hot.

109 in the shade is certainly hot enough for everybody. Don't you think so?

This is certainly a busy season, not only with the farmers, but with candidates, also.

It is estimated that at least 2,000 democrats will attend the convention at Columbus tomorrow.

According to advices at Washington, everything points to a complete restoration of peace in Mexico.

This is undoubtedly to be Nebraska's greatest crop year, and politics should worry you less than usual.

Pirates evidently give little credence to the stories of Huerta's treasure, since he landed in Jamaica without molestation.

Italy is to build a million-dollar embassy at Washington. America should at least provide some tents for its ambassadors.

General Villa has purchased a bath-tub, which should be recorded as about the first worthy example he has set for the Mexican people.

Governor Blease of South Carolina serves one useful purpose. He makes the residents of all other states comparatively proud of their governors.

Lincoln had a three-inch rain the other night. Lincoln is "wet" enough any day in the week, and the rain should have not cut out the country, where it is needed.

We are firmly convinced that 105 and 106 degrees in the shade is not good editorial weather. At least it is not good weather for the best thought transference.

A united democracy at the Columbus convention is what is going to bring about success at the November election. The democrats can carry Nebraska if harmony harmonizes.

It would seem from reports over the state that the people were almost unanimous against university removal. We had the idea all along that as soon as the voters understood the scheme they would be "sat down" on pretty hard.

Yesterday was a big day for the politicians of Nebraska—the democratic state convention met in Columbus and the two factions of the republican party in Lincoln. Local politicians were greatly in evidence at both places.

The knocker is a mighty poor asset to the community, even though he may be a large taxpayer. The man who boasts, day in and day out, who forgets the disagreeable things and talks only of the advantages of his city, is the one who is helping to make the city better and brighter and to add to its attractiveness, even though his bank account be small and his opportunities for helping in a financial way be limited.

The Columbus convention yesterday was one of the largest in the history of the democratic party in the state, and was such an enthusiastic gathering that the democrats who went there with the intention of precipitating the whole affair in a genuine "free-for-all" was sadly disappointed, and slunk off into a corner like a whipped dog. The convention was more like an old-fashioned love feast, and everyone returned home happy in the thought that the democratic party was once more united in the state at large.

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### FIGHTING PLAGUES.

The world has long been afflicted with "plagues." In times long ago it was believed that by divine decree, and that the Almighty punished the wicked of the world by sending pestilences and disease to prey upon them. And believing that a stern and unrelenting Providence was immediately responsible for the ills that flesh was heir to, men accepted their punishment in the firm belief that there was no means of escape. When the so-called plagues visited the world, men prayed for mercy instead of hunting for some of the trouble and trying to find a remedy. Men had not learned to help themselves, nor had they discovered that they might avoid much of the punishment that was attributed to the Almighty. Instead of fighting plagues as they would fight an invading army, they fled from their homes or succumbed in utter despair. These so-called visitations of divine wrath have, in later times been traced to origins that are anything but divine, and origins that are within the easy control of man. Providence has been cleared of much of the cruelty that was attributed to divinity in the darker ages, and men have learned and are learning that plagues, both physical and moral, may be controlled and frequently blotted out by human agencies.

A few days ago a case of the startlingly fatal disease known as the bubonic plague was discovered in the city of New Orleans. This dreadful disease has probably destroyed more human lives in times past than has any other plagues were inflicted upon men of the well known plagues, and in oriental countries it is still claiming its thousands of victims every year. Science has discovered that this plague is communicated to human beings through the medium of rats, and immediately upon the discovery of the disease in the southern city a campaign was started. Not only the city and the authorities for the destruction of rats. Not only the city and the state entered into the war on rats, but the United States has sent a large force of expert rat catchers to help fight the plague. And no fear is entertained that the disease will not be blotted out within a very short time. The rat killer will save the day, just as the mosquito killer has freed tropical countries of yellow fever. Almost as great a menace to human life as are the plague infested rats and mosquitoes, is the common house fly. Indeed the house fly causes more sickness and more deaths every year than does the bubonic plague or the yellow fever. And yet the whole country rises in arms against the rat and the mosquito, and permits the house fly to sup and eat with the family and find lodging in the home. The house fly carries diseases about with it in its travels that are as deadly as are the more dreaded diseases known as plagues. If the people should fight the house fly as they fight those other distributors of death, there would soon be an end to them.

## Nebraska Epworth Assembly

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This annual assembly will be held at Epworth Lake Park, Lincoln, Nebr., from August 5th to 15th, 1914. This is one of the best attended outings held in Nebraska during the year, and is the largest tented assembly camp in the United States. The entertainment each day includes speakers of national reputation and a musical and literary program of the highest standard of excellence.

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