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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

If the average man were to write his autobiography, he would devote the whole book to his troubles and tell his joys in an appendix.—Selected.

The European war is on, and Germany and France have had the first clash.

Cold and hot winds do not come when advertised, but they eventually come.

The United States will act for all the warring nations in protecting property.

The American tourists in Europe are now anxious to get back to God's country.

Little Holland has commenced to martial its forces, probably to protect The Hague palace of peace.

The interstate commerce commission has granted part of the 5 per cent increase on freight rates asked by the railroads.

The bluff game sometimes works temporarily, but when it is persistently followed, the bluffers become the object of ridicule.

We have never seen a pink tea, and now a United States court has gone and forbidden the use of colors in tea, and we may never.

In the flurry over the fuss in Europe let not good citizens overlook the approaching battle of ballots which draws near at home.

Two weeks from today comes the "lug of war" at the polls. Then we will soon know "who's who" until the great battle November 3.

W. B. Price is very confident of carrying Lancaster county in the primary. If he does he will surely be the next democratic candidate for congress in the First district.

Exports of foodstuffs, meats and oil surpass last year's record by nearly \$1,000,000, according to the figures of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

A school for chauffeurs has been opened in the east. One of the courses probably will be as follows: "How to win the heart and hand of the rich owner's daughter."

This year's wheat crop, estimated at 930,000,000 bushels, surpasses all previous records. This will give nearly six bushels for food for every citizen of the United States, leave enough for seed for next year and allow 330,000,000 bushels for exportation.

The democrats did not make any mistake in selecting L. F. Langhorst of Elmwood for chairman of the county central committee. He is one of the live, active democrats of Cass county, possessing broad views, and one of the live wires that always bustles from start to finish, and will prove, long before election day, that he is "the right man in the right place."

GREAT EUROPEAN WAR.

Ever since the year of the big winds, or thereabouts, the pessimists have pictured the grave danger of an European war; a real Napoleonic conflict which should involve all the powers, burst boundaries, upset the balance of power, spread discord in the European concert and otherwise muss up that justly celebrated continent.

Just now such a clash seems imminent, but the chances are it will be averted. Alliances and ententes would align the powers something like this, in case of general hostilities: Germany, Austria and Italy on one side and Great Britain, France and Russia on the other. The latter trio would have a shady advantage in Balkan support with Serbia and Montenegro sure to break in and Greece and Roumania as probable allies, leaving Bulgaria to the others, in hope of salving certain sore spots caused by recent defeats. The Scandinavian peoples who hate Russia might be drawn as German support, although a peace loving people, and highly intelligent. The Iberian countries (Spain and Portugal) are unimportant, even if uncertain, but altogether it furnishes a scenario for a greater war than the world has ever known. How it might all end, should it start, is uncertain, but it would last as long as ancient wars of large proportions; that is the sole advantage of modern warfare, with all its rapid-fire processes—it can't last as long. But, since this is paper warfare, consider further the possibilities: Great Britain has an alliance with Japan and might draw aid from the Orient; China hates and dreads Russian encroachments on the north, and might talk business with Germany; in India the seeds of sedition have been sown and England's grief at home might be the signal for a second Sepoy uprising, with added horrors of other tribesmen. There you have a world war, all because a three-cornered Balkan backyard refuses to apologize to overbearing Austria.

Carranza is still willing to accept the unconditional surrender of the federal government. A professor of nervous diseases says much of the insanity and crime in men these days is caused by the gowns women are wearing. This seems pretty tough on the women, but not so much so as on the men, who have to pay for the gowns. If candidates cannot keep from quarreling, among themselves, and venting their spleen through newspapers, they should "step down and out" of the race. The idea of two as brilliant men as George Berge and R. S. Metcalfe quarreling over past differences appears perfectly ridiculous in the eyes of the people.

In Nebraska there are 57,302 Germans, 8,009 English, 13,030 Russians, 3,799 Italians, 26,000 Austrians, 639 French and 1,000 Servians, according to census figures. The triple alliance, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy is represented by 87,204 of its people in Nebraska, and the triple entente is represented by only 21,678. A number of these foreign born citizens will probably leave for their native lands in response to the call to arms.

The Havelock Times, which heretofore has been an independent paper, is now expounding the cause of democracy, and will hereafter be among the democratic papers of Nebraska.

Mr. Metcalfe has evidently started something by "pitching into" George Berge the way he has, and which will occasion a bitter reply from Mr. Berge. It looks like "war to the knife" with these two candidates for gubernatorial honors.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan do not seem to agree on the question of woman suffrage. Mr. Bryan will have to exercise his highest persuasive powers in bringing his chief around to his way of thinking on this matter.

Some newspapers are too eager to claim the nomination of their favorite candidate for governor. This won't do at this stage of the game. Better do a little more hustling for your favorite, and wait the results of the primary. It is less than two weeks till the primary, and no one can foretell who will be nominated, yet everyone has a guess coming.

If a candidate expects to be nominated he must get out and see the voters. He may think he is well enough known and that ought to carry him through, but it won't. There are some candidates who will lose in the race for nomination, who are going to lose out simply because they are too diligent in getting around to see the people.

It is none of our business, however, but if the republicans are wise they will drop R. Beecher Howell and Ross Hammond and nominate some good, clean, able young man like Senator Kemp. If we are to have a republican governor he will be more conservative than either of the other two. No bitter patizan of the Aldrich stripe can make an acceptable governor. With Ross Hammond in the executive office everything republican would come first. The same can be said of Howell.

It can readily be seen that Governor Morehead is the available man for re-election, and that the reason why he is the strongest is because the republicans are moving heaven and earth to have him defeated at the primary. It is as plain as the nose on a man's face. The republicans papers and leading republicans of the state are working right along together to accomplish his defeat for re-nomination; they know he cannot be defeated at the general election. The masses of the democratic party are with governor Morehead, and they are the ones that will do the nominating and electing.

Instead of fearing for the safety of your country because of the dangers of the money power, have a fear because of the modern ideas of leniency and liberty which will permit of the public expression of the following sentiment which was made in a meeting in Union Square, New York, last Saturday, and which was attended by five thousand anarchists: "When the time comes that we can no longer stand this tyranny of law and of capital, we will revolt, and the force of our upward movement will be felt throughout the country. The time has already come for the workingman to use dynamite. Dynamite is the great equalizer of all men! Dynamite is all powerful. I advise you to use dynamite when you have the opportunity, and when it is in your power to do so." A thousand policemen stood by, and, under orders, permitted their country to be defamed and maligned without a protest.

OPENING THE CANAL.

It is in accord with the manner in which it was built that the Panama canal is to be opened for business without fuss or feathers, tumult or parade. Building and digging the big ditch was a colossal undertaking, and was a success because it was undertaken on business principles, and engineered by a man from the army, who was raised and tutored to do things without talking about them. After the French had failed miserably, after several of the world's greatest engineers had thrown up the task as a bad job, Col. Goethals tackled it, and with a free hand at organization and control, he put it through even quicker than had been anticipated, and such a modest, unassuming man would probably be best pleased to have it opened as it is to be, without the blaring of trumpets and the booming of big guns. Just putting it in operation on a business basis is a fitting method of inaugurating its service, for the work of making it was a big business.

Of course there is to be an official opening later, when the statesmen will have their opportunity to point with pride, and prat of the great achievement. Many of the politicians who have previously journeyed through it will be present, and there will be a flow of oratory and other refreshments. But that will be a secondary opening, and not the real one, and accords with the fact that politics has been kept in the background, and the statesmen not allowed to interfere with the work. Because France mixed politics with its work, graft developed and failure followed, along with scandal and the death of large hopes, and the shattering of large fortunes. Because, more than the government usually does, the United States kept the canal out of politics, it has succeeded, and there has never been a breath of graft or scandal which struck at the head of the enterprise.

The democrats and republicans alike have each a good bunch of candidates to be voted for at the primary on Tuesday, August 18, and the successful candidates will be those who are fleetest footed, and see the most people. Remember that as you go along.

That there will be no strike on the several western roads, including the Burlington, will be good news to every merchant, business man, farmer and stockman. For all whom it no doubt would have proved a serious matter. No doubt good, sound, business judgment reigned supreme on both sides.

Don't fail to note that Hon. John Mattes, democratic candidate for senator, has announced his candidacy in every paper in Otoe and Cass counties. He displays his liberality in the proper spirit. He is a democrat at all times, and the voters of the two counties can depend on being properly represented in the senate if he is nominated and elected.

We do not believe that any democrat can make a mistake in voting for Earl Cline for state superintendent of schools. He is one of the brightest teachers in Nebraska, and thoroughly qualified for the position to which he aspires. He is now on his third year as superintendent of the Geneva schools.

When Ross Hammond was here he went through the Journal office, and then remarked: "I think more of Plattsmouth than ever when I see such a fine printing plant here." Coming from such an expert in the printing business, and connected with one of the finest printing plants in the state, we accept the remarks as a great compliment.

America first, and the mother countries afterward.

The powers might be handled as lunatics if there was anybody big enough to attend to it.

Mexican war news is now on the back pages, and the chances of peace there are increasing.

Japan probably wishes that it had followed George Washington's advice against entangling alliances.

The law against carrying concealed weapons in Yellowstone park is heartily approved by the highwaymen.

For the time being the eyes of the world center on Great Britain and the part she will take in the European war.

The peace dove is mournfully wondering if she will have a single feather left for holiday decoration purposes.

A government bulletin warns the public against anti-fat cures. There seems to be no specific for fatness or leanness.

Uncle Sam's offer to furnish money to move the western crops will probably be declined with thanks. The men who raised the big crops also hold most of the money.

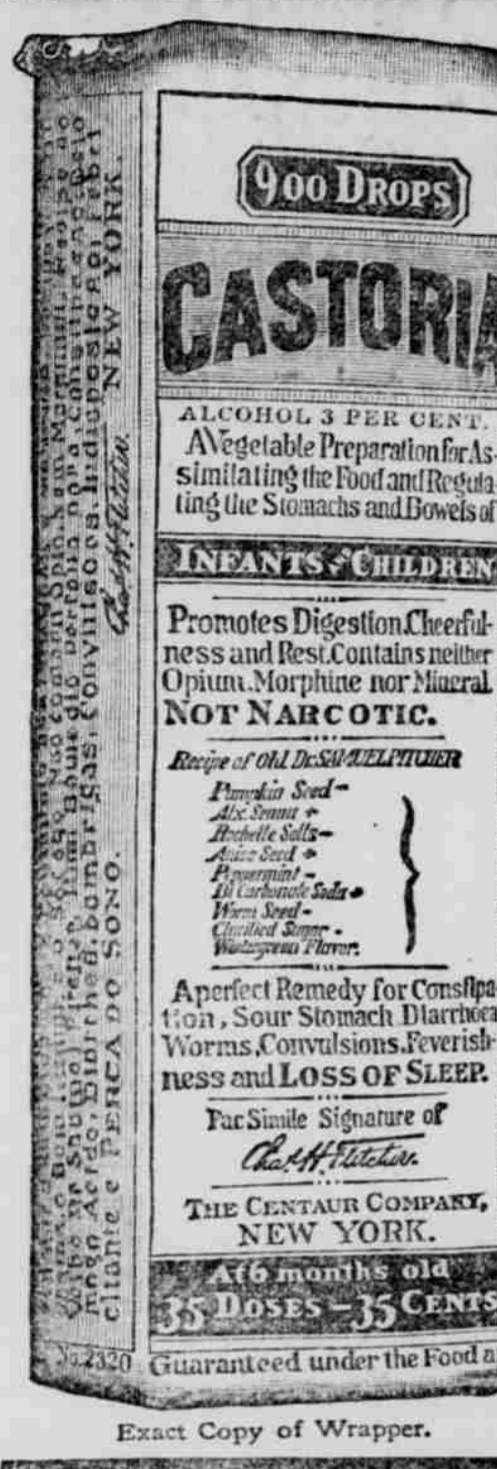
If you will take time to investigate the records of the two democratic candidates for secretary of state you will not be long in making up your mind to vote for Frank P. Shields, a gentleman worthy of your support.

Some of our "eminent" congressmen are putting in their spare time (and some of them have lots of time to spare) writing letters to the voters. This is probably the cheapest way of advertising, when Uncle Sam pays the expense of paper and postage.

As the Columbus convention harmonized the factions fairly well, now if a padlock could be placed on the mouths of the little ring up at Lincoln matters would continue to grow better, and by the time election day rolls round the democracy could march to the polls in one solid phalanx and a complete victory would result. But it will be hard even to keep them quiet even with a padlock on their mouths.

Everyone who enters a primary election does so with the expectation of voting for his favorite in the general election—if he is nominated. Having entered in good faith he is in honor bound to continue in good faith and support the one who is successful, whether he happened to be the individual he favored or not. Individual choice has little weight in the general election. It is the principle. Those representing the principles will no doubt be selected on the 18th. After that it is the duty of every opponent in the primary to go to the polls on Tuesday, November 3, and vote for the successful nominees.

Ross Hammond, editor of the Fremont Tribune, and candidate for the republication nomination for governor, was a Plattsmouth visitor yesterday, and put in several hours interviewing his republican friends, of which they are quite numerous in this vicinity. Mr. Hammond also spent a few moments with the editor of the Journal. While we have met Mr. Hammond on several occasions, we have never been familiar, and his visit caused us to become better acquainted. We are pretty well satisfied of one thing, that if Ross Hammond secures the nomination and is elected the head of state affairs will be in good hands.



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Wheat passed the dollar mark and still soaring.

The hog seems to have followed the cow over the moon.

Governor Morehead will speak at Elmwood next Monday night.

Huerta will doubtless become a familiar figure in European cafes.

An opera will be sung in Esperanto, but it will probably sound the same.

President Wilson has taken an active part in an effort to prevent a strike on western railroads.

Let us forget—What is the Commercial club doing just now? The members should wake up and get a move on themselves.

The anti-prohibition candidate for governor of Texas was elected by 40,000 majority. Don't look like the Texans wanted prohibition very badly, does it?

The Journal in this campaign will not engage in any personalities—that is, we do not expect to abuse or vilify candidates on the republican ticket. We came to the conclusion two years ago that there was nothing made by such campaigning. We expect to support the democratic ticket in a quiet, gentlemanly manner, without slurring the opposition candidates.

They report that 15,000 residents of New York City have a combined annual income of a billion dollars is surprising to people who did not know how many newspaper men there are in New York.

Plattsmouth people should arrange to give the teachers a cordial reception when they come here to the institute which meets August 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. The most of them will be young ladies, remember.

The Smith law for the taxation of mortgages is alleged to be one of the chief causes in the reduction of the assessed valuation of banks in Nebraska and also the chief cause for a reduction in the amount of the assessed valuation of mortgages. The assessed valuation of mortgages in Cass county in 1913 was \$101,817, and this year \$69,775, a reduction of nearly \$40,000, and a decrease of \$7,000,000 in the total valuation of the state.

Every act of President Wilson has strengthened his administration, not only at home, but with other nations. From the very beginning the people everywhere have had the greatest confidence in President Wilson, and his integrity and honesty of purpose in his every move is highly commended, and there can be nothing but praise for this great man who is guiding the destinies of this nation so remarkably well. Long live our noble president!

A Few Farm Machinery Specials

That will be sold at the following prices as long as they last:—
During the month of August

Two Superior Drills, each	\$70 00
One Tiger Drill, at	68 00
One Janesville Gang Plow, at	50 00
One Old Hickory Wagon, at	65 00
One Emerson Standard Mower	46 00
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