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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A beautiful girl is one who is pretty and does not know it.—Selected.

Wheat is like the ague; it flares up every other day.

President Wilson has issued his proclamation of neutrality.

A little bare-faced fib often grows up to a big ball-headed lie.

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

If flirtation is a co-educational institution this old town ought to be full of diplomats.

Many a man knows what he would do in the other fellow's place, but never reaches the place.

Kind words are sometimes lost if she puts them in a letter and gives the letter to husband to mail.

Great Britain has finally declared war against Germany. Evidently the Fatherland will have something doing.

While the czar will take command of his army, quite likely, there isn't much likelihood that he will get in range of the kaiser's artillery.

More trouble in Mexico. Villa has virtually declared his independence from the Carranza government. This means more fighting, of course.

You have in all probability noticed that the fellow who does the hardest boasting generally boasts for himself, and wants everybody else to do the same.

Not many sheep are raised around here, but the price of wool has actually increased from 18 to 22 cents a pound since the democratic tariff bill went into effect putting wool on the free list.

It is reported that George Berge and his friends are preparing a scathing article in reply to the recent article by R. L. Metcalfe in reference to Berge. It is dangerous for those living in glass houses to throw stones. Berge evidently has something up his sleeve that will cut to the quick.

The merchant who advertises is the one who has faith in his goods. If a merchant advertises a certain article, you may be sure that he will stand back of that article, for his business reputation is at stake. Hence it follows that a merchant would not advertise poor goods, for to do so would jeopardize his standing.

You are acquainted with the fellow who is constantly knocking aren't you. But did you ever see him or hear of him doing anything to better the conditions he criticizes? We haven't. The chronic knocker—and every community has its share of them—is a detriment to a neighborhood and the city, particularly when his criticism is directed toward more discouraging than to hear a person speak disparagingly of the city in which he lives.

Now that Great Britain has turned the lions loose among the dogs of war, some roaring may be expected.

No one unless a subject of either of the nations now at war, and who has declared his intention to become an American citizen, can leave this country for the purpose of enlisting in the army of the warring countries.

The only way the demand of the girl members of the Bathing Suit-makers' Union for higher wages can be complied with is by increasing prices. The amount of cloth in a suit has already been reduced to the minimum.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president, is so seriously ill that her life is despaired of. Every American citizen extends sympathy to our noble president, with the sincere hope that she may yet recover. P. S.—Since the foregoing, Mrs. Wilson passed away last evening at 5 o'clock.

We have conversed with numerous traveling men in the past two weeks, and the most of them travel the state over, and they seem to be of one opinion—that Governor Morehead will be nominated by a large plurality. Some of these men have taken great pains to inquire as to the standing of the democratic candidates, as well as the republican candidates. They say that in the central and western part of the state Senator Kemp of Fullerton will sweep the platter.

"I was never before proud of a democratic administration, but to-day I am proud of the administration at Washington," said a prominent Omaha banker Monday. He was commenting on the steps being taken by President Wilson, Secretary McAdoo and a democratic congress to do whatever is necessary to safeguard American finances; to insure that will carry our goods, under our own flag, to foreign markets where the demand will be immense; to furnish an abundance of currency to all sections of the country, and to make certain that American business and a boundless American prosperity will not be endangered by the cataclysm threatening to engulf Europe—World-Herald.

While complaining of hard times last year and demanding that everything be reformed the American people participated in the following extravaganzas: We spent \$8,400,000 for cigarettes; drank 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey, not counting the oceans of beer and other alcoholic beverages; chewed \$25,000,000 worth of gum; ate \$90,000,000 worth of candy, and drank enough "coke" to build several Chicago skyscrapers.

Dr. William Osler recently made the statement that 90 per cent of the people have tuberculosis in some form, and Dr. John B. Murphy, the celebrated surgeon of Chicago, says Dr. Osler forgot to add the more important fact that 98 per cent of the 90 per cent recover. Dr. Murphy's idea of a cancer cure is to stop it before it begins. So many things which tend to cancer, he says, announce themselves months and months before the cancer appears that prevention is comparatively easy.

### THEY SOWED, WE REAP.

In the face of an impending world conflict the United States is today in a better position than any of the great powers of the world. Whence comes it that, with the world trembling with the threat of war, this country feels secure? Inquires the Chicago Herald. Why is not the United States one of the reluctant nations that may be drawn into conflict that it would give almost anything to avoid? It comes from the wise policy inaugurated at the beginning of this government. It comes from constant adherence to the spirit and the letter of the weighty counsel of George Washington that we should have no "entangling alliances" with other nations. Germany wants no war, but her alliance with Austria drags her into it. France wants no war, but the alliance with Russia may embroil her. England wants no war, but the "entente cordiale" may bring her into conflict. The outstanding fact of the European situation today is that four great nations that do not want war may be dragged into it by their alliances. The outstanding fact of the American situation today is that we don't want war and there is no probability of our having it. How different it would be if we had an offensive and defensive alliance with England! What possibility of being forced into a war with which we had no sympathy, a war begun on grounds wholly disproportionate to the tremendous consequences that may ensue! At times, in our pride of progress, the wisdom of the fathers seems weak. We think of it as largely unsuited to the exigencies of a newer time, as the product of men with a necessarily narrower outlook than ours. Then a situation like the present one rises, a situation whose bigness is only matched by the bigness of the men who anticipated and provided against just such a contingency over a hundred years ago. We realize that a great principle has been handed down to us that is worth millions in men and billions in money. Seldom, if ever, has the modern statesman ascended the lofty peak of patriotic vision which George Washington ascended when he gave America its wisest watchword—"No entangling alliances."

The Journal office was invaded Wednesday afternoon by three democratic candidates, consisting of our own candidate for state senator, Hon. John Mattes, Will M. Maupin, candidate for railroad commissioner, of Lincoln, and Hon. J. W. McKissick, of Beatrice, candidate for commissioner of public lands and buildings. They are all genial fellows and the proper thing can be said that they are all well qualified for the positions to which they aspire, and opposed to university removal.

Doc Tennal, who ever he is, says a local newspaper is half a public utility and that some day editors may be selected by the people. Hardly half, Ralph. A newspaper is no more a public utility than is a grocery store or a meat market. A public utility enjoys some special favor from the public at large. A railroad has the right of eminent domain, and can cut through your farm or town lot if it wants to. Street railways, water, telephone and telegraph companies use the streets and therefore are deeply indebted to the people for the franchise enjoyed. A newspaper, on the contrary, serves the public. It boosts the town in which it is printed by locking the closet and keeping the good foot forward. If people were to select their editors we wouldn't have a job, and therefore rail at the suggestion.

The state railway commission has reduced all class freight rates.

If reason always ruled, predictions about the European difficulty would be safer.

There are 32,913 automobiles assessed in Nebraska this year, compared with 29,513 in 1913.

With the plunging of Great Britain into the war the map of Europe grows blacker and blacker.

The German-Russian club of Lincoln, numbering several hundred, has endorsed the candidacy of Matt Gering for congress.

Every republican candidate for congress is claiming the nomination. Every one of them will be sadly disappointed but one. And that one? We say Matt Gering.

General Miles told a New York audience last Sunday, "Americans are fortunate to be in this country, walled in by two great oceans, in a land filled with prosperity and peace."

In voting at the primary for justice of the supreme court don't forget G. J. Hunt, a gentleman eminently well fitted for the position. He is considered one of the ablest lawyers in Nebraska.

Frederick A. Delano of Chicago has been appointed and has accepted a place on the federal reserve board. Mr. Delano is best known in the west as former general superintendent of the Burlington railroad.

Candidates should not get too confident of the result of the primary. Remember there is many a slip in these primary elections, and you must keep going to keep your fences in good shape. This advice is free, but from one that knows.

George Berge denies the allegations made by R. L. Metcalfe in his recent effusion. Mr. Berge says he supported Metcalfe in every election he ran for office. For truth and veracity George Berge's reputation has never been questioned.

Governor Morehead is very busy now campaigning throughout the state, and is making bushels of friends in every section. The best evidence of the standing of candidates for governor is decidedly in favor of the governor everywhere.

Discussion of the responsibility for war on this side of the water are futile, for it is something that nobody knows very much about. Journalists who undertake to fix the blame on the scant evidence at hand are taking chances of doing great wrong and offending a great many readers.—Lincoln Star.

Here is a little matter of interest for young people of marriageable age: One smile makes a flirtation, a flirtation makes two acquainted, two acquainted makes one kiss, one kiss makes several more, several more an engagement, an engagement makes two fools, two fools make a marriage, a marriage makes two mothers-in-law, and two mothers-in-law make a red hot time.

Chris Granther will be appointed revenue collector, but will Jim Dahlman be appointed postmaster at Omaha? He couldn't deliver the goods when he promised to deliver the Douglas county delegation over to Kemble for secretary of the state committee, as he promised Midget Allen he would do. The Douglas county delegates were for Senator Hitchcock, and of course for Sprague of York, who was elected committee secretary at the late Columbus convention.

### METCALFE VS. BERGE.

Personalities have thus far been avoided by the republicans in their discussion of gubernatorial candidates, or at least of their own gubernatorial candidates. Democrats have not been so fortunate in that respect, and there is some cause for apprehension that conditions in the democratic ranks will get worse instead of better, in spite of the fact that the democratic state convention in its platform declared with unmistakable emphasis that all three of the democratic candidates are good men and that members of the party are to be congratulated for the opportunity they enjoy of voting for any one of the three.

Some rare bitter things have been said by one of the democratic candidates and his friends about the other two, and a response by Mr. Metcalfe has aroused the ire of some of Mr. Berge's lieutenants, to the end that a response is promised. It will be forthcoming shortly, so that mention of it is permissible here.

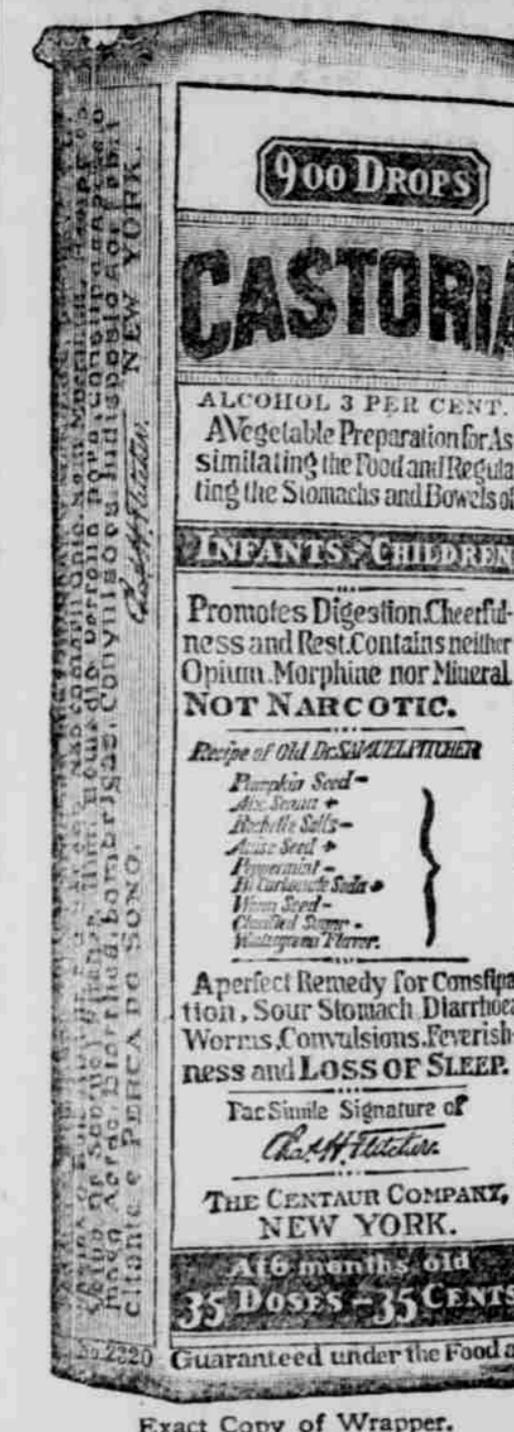
Just now attention is being turned to the former bull moose and evidences are being sought of the wooing of "Mel" by the bull moosers during the progress of the last national campaign. It is common knowledge that along about the first of August two years ago Mr. Metcalfe was visited in Lincoln by an agent of some of the national leaders of the bull moose party and urged to take the editorship of a magazine that was to be established as an organ of the Roosevelt party, and his friends understood that he had accepted the offer and was about to quit the Commoner and go into the bull moose journalistic service. For some reason the negotiations failed, and instead Mr. Metcalfe later went to Washington and copied out one of the best jobs the new democratic administration had to bestow.

It is also a matter of common knowledge that while the third party convention was in session in Chicago, after it had determined that the Roosevelt republicans would cut loose from the republican party and nominate a ticket of their own, a committee of prominent Roosevelt men went from this city to Chicago to secure the nomination of Mr. Metcalfe as vice-president on the ticket with Mr. Roosevelt.

The imminence of Mr. Metcalfe's turning bull moose is well known among his friends in Lincoln and possibly among his enemies as well. In fact, at one time it was given out in Lincoln while the third party convention was in session in Chicago, that Richard L. Metcalfe was to be its vice-presidential nominee. Why the project to secure his nomination failed has never been recounted, but J. L. McBrien, then the accredited Roosevelt representative in this state, but now connected with the national educational bureau, could probably tell why, as he was the head of the Nebraska movement to secure Mr. Metcalfe's nomination.

Some of the democrats are now hunting evidence of the imminence of Mr. Metcalfe's accession to the bull moose party, but evidences that are any more tangible than rumor are hard to secure. And even if there were evidence, it would probably accomplish little, because whatever lack of fidelity Metcalfe may then have shown to the democratic party has been cured and atoned for since, as the national administration has put the seal of its approval upon his brand of democracy in no uncertain way.—Lincoln Star.

There are 918,483 horses on Nebraska farms, according to figures just compiled by the board of agriculture. Last year there were 917,743 listed.



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### IN PLATTSMOUTH FORTY YEARS AGO

Items of Interest to Our Readers Gleaned from the Newspaper Files of Many Years Ago.

Rev. J. M. Adair will deliver two sermons at Mt. Pleasant next Sunday morning and evening, in the M. E. church there.

Mrs. Hays, daughter of Postmaster Marshall, left for Boston last week to complete a musical education. May she most fully and successfully succeed.

Henry Newham of "Wisconsin," an old acquaintance of the Herald's, has been visiting us lately and takes a Herald home.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of some very fine butter from Mrs. Ben Drost. We know she never learned to make that at old Brownell.

Mr. Forest of eastern Iowa, piloted by his brother-in-law, Mr. Joe Gilmore, made a short call upon the Herald. Very sorry we were not to receive him.

Our honest, efficient and good-looking postmaster, Captain Marshall and wife, are east on a visit to pa and ma in Iowa. Things seem lonesome "round the P. O." without them, and the "cuckoo" sings no more.

Miss Lelia Simpson is at Council Bluffs, and has a fine class in music. We most sincerely hope Miss Lelia will have a grand success in the profession she has chosen for herself, and in which she has already gained so much credit.

The body of an unknown man was found floating down the river Tuesday by some of the machine shop boys. They brought his body to shore and the coroner's jury set on it. There was no means of identifying it so it was buried at the county's expense.

A man by the name of Wm. Williams was drowned in the Missouri on Friday. He was coming down on a raft from the upper country with a man named Potter, and when opposite the mouth of the Platte was drowned. The raft belonged to McGuire & Curtis.

Tuesday we visited Mr. Wayman's new foundry, which he has about completed and ready for work. Everything looks in perfect order and we have no doubt that he will make his new investment pay handsomely. In fact, he has lots of work now engaged. In connection with this Wayman has quite an extensive machine shop, where they make boilers, steam pipes, smokestacks, engines and almost anything you want that any other establishment of like kind turns out.

Mr. Maxwell, an Iowa man, took a large surveying party from this place Monday. Fred Dorrington was of the party, also Johnny Marshall, Frank Skinner, two of the Sprague boys, Joe Fairfield and some others. They go to survey and subdivide the Otoe and other Indian reservations.

Outrage at Eight Mile Grove. A few evenings ago as Prof. Hawkins, a blind lecturer, was examining a lady's head two young roughs came in and with much bluster took down a picture frame or something and hit Mr. Hawkins on the head with it, and then with considerable noise left the house.

E. C. Schmidt, a German, residing in Mt. Pleasant, committed an assault and battery on the person of J. Kamm, after using a pitchfork for awhile he was seized with the desire to terminate the melee with the aid of a shotgun, but the beloved Schmidt was not steady enough in nerve to shoot as straight as members of our shooting club, and Kamm was spared to his family.

We are desired to announce that the smallpox has entirely disappeared from Louisville, and there is no possible danger in going there to trade. Dr. Waterman is well and attending to his patients. Noyes is kicking around as usual and "kalkulates" to make \$50,000 on wheat this fall. All the rest of the good people of Louisville are on their taps and waiting for the results of harvest to develop themselves.

### Infection and Insect Bites Dangerous.

Mosquitoes, flies and other insects, which breed quickly in garbage pails, ponds of stagnant water, barns, musty places, etc., are carriers of disease. Every time they bite you they inject poison into your system from which some dread disease may result. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment. It is antiseptic and a few drops will neutralize the infection caused by insect bites or rusty nails. Sloan's Liniment disinfects Cuts, Bruises and sores You cannot afford to be without it in your home. Money back if not satisfied. Only 25c at your druggist.

Editor L. J. Mayfield of the *Louisville Courier* came down this morning on No. 4 to look after some matters at the court house.

### How's This?

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