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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The best conduct a man can adopt is that which gains for him the esteem of others without depriving him of his own.—Talmud.

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If you are in doubt what to do try "watchful waiting."

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So far the war has not developed a Jean Paul Jones yet.

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The Journal extends congratulations to Governor Morehead.

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We might take care of the cotton crop before French war loans.

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The defeated candidates do not seem to be kicking very hard. There is no use in it.

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Dead politicians never know when they are dead. Joe Cannon is running for congress again.

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If Columbus hadn't discovered America we might all be over there fighting for the kaiser.

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Primary election returns are almost as exasperating as the cable reports from a German battlefield.

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Egotism sometimes gets sat down upon pretty hard. A certain state candidate realizes this fact by this time.

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It is lucky, perhaps, that Ross Hammond was not nominated for governor, with the opposition of ex-GoGvernor Aldrich to fight. Aldrich swore vengeance against Ross two years ago.

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The first of September ought to see the candidates moving around pretty lively. The hardest work is yet to come and they will all think so by the time the election rolls around.

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Chairman Epperson of the bull moose wing of the republican party seems to be a target for some of the republican state candidates that were defeated for the nomination. He was an ardent supporter of Howell, to the detriment of Kemp and Hammond. And the end is not yet.

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The death of Charles M. Harvey, after a prolonged illness, removes a well known man in newspaper circles. He was a prolific writer on political and historical topics, and his name was a familiar one in various publications. Of a statistical character he was rated an authority on many subjects.

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The country is afflicted with too much middleman. He is numerous, he is greedy, rapacious and never gets enough. He is a price-fixed, a price-booster, and his paw is in everyone's pocket. He is so greedy he would scratch the moss from a gravestone if he could sell it for breakfast food. Swat him, and swat him hard.

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The smoke of battle has about cleared away, and the excitement over the primary has died down. A few weeks later a greater battle will ensue, and one in which generalship and scouts will perform an important part, but the rank and file will be there with telling effect on the third day of November, when the great battle will be fought.

MOREHEAD'S STRENGTH.

The ocmparatively meagre returns thus far received seem to amply vindicate the judgment of the Star in its contention that Governor Morehead was the strongest candidate the democrats could present for the gubernatorial nomination.

They also indicate that the democrats over the state did join in a call for a renomination of the governor and that the use of his name did not involve his candidacy for a second term, but the candidacy of an overwhelming majority of the democrats of the state.

They indicate that those who scoffed at the suggestion that there was any appreciable demand for the governor's again submitting his services to the party were questioning the good faith of the majority of democrats who called him.

They indicate that the governor had ample reason to conclude that the democratic sentiment was so overwhelmingly for him that he owed it to his party, which had honored him, not to desert it in a crisis that seemed to challenge his fidelity.

There seems to be no possibility that when the complete returns are in Governor Morehead will not have received more votes than both Mr. Berge and Metcalfe together, so that the candidacy of one against the other did not in fact prevent the nomination of either.

Governor Morehead's majority over both bids fair to exceed his majority of two years ago over Mr. Metcalfe alone.

It was after a careful test of popular sentiment, among republicans as well as democrats, that this paper has maintained the utmost confidence that Governor Morehead would be renominated. Since he submitted to the demand of a manifest democratic sentiment, the governor has not made a vigorous or extended campaign, but it is manifest that he did more than was necessary, possibly spurred to it by the fact that those who had forced him into the race expected it of him, and by the tremendous promises of adverse strength to be disclosed by those who contested the nomination with him.

In the face of the showing made by the returns, it is hard to understand the predictions made by his rivals or to account for their expressions of confidence.—Lincoln Star.

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Governor Morehead should be proud of his large vote in Cass county. It demonstrates that the range and file of the democracy of this county have great faith in him as a gentleman and chief executive of the state of Nebraska. It is also demonstrative of the fact that he has pleased the people.

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When the democrats urged Governor Morehead to make the race again they knew what was best for the success of the party, as the vote in the late primary surely attests. There never was any doubt as to the sincerity of this call.

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From present indications Villa is liable to make trouble for Carranza in Mexico. The best thing to do with Villa under the circumstances is to hang him "higher than Haman." He don't want peace at any price.

Franklin Roosevelt is more modest than his Uncle Teddy. He will be satisfied with controlling merely one party in New York.

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Reavis is the republican standard-bearer in this congressional district. But he will have to run better than he did for district judge a few years ago or his name will be Dennis after the November election.

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Howell and Morehead are the opposing candidates for governor. If Howell can pull off a few more stunts like that the other night he may succeed in getting in hailing distance of Governor Morehead at the November election.

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President Wilson has given Mr. Morgan and his associate financiers a gentle hint that his administration does not look kindly on foreign loans at the present time, and in this he will have the support of the people of the entire country.

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We are glad that Will Maupin has made a successful race for railway commissioner, because we believe sincerely that he is a stronger man than Ollis for the position. Will Maupin is strong with laboring men throughout the state, and if he cannot be elected on the democratic ticket we can't elect anyone.

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In all first-class cities the street sweeping and flushing is done after business hours, but here in Plattsmouth it is done at a time that it annoys everybody who has business down town, and especially the ladies who cross an recross the streets going to and from the postoffice. The Journal thinks the authorities should change this work to a more propitious hour.

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The State Journal says "the democrats will be wise to try to make the campaign on Woodrow Wilson rather than their candidate for governor." When the democrats want any advice from the State Journal as to the campaign in Nebraska they will ask for it. Suggestions such as the Journal has been in the habit of giving always does more harm than good, that's the reason they are so free to give democrats advice.

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The war news from Europe seems to be rather quiet for a few days, and both sides seem to be busy feeling the position of the other, and while the outposts may bring on a general engagement, it is just as probable that they will dilly-dally along and do nothing for several more days. Such has been the experience of many a war fought in the past on the very ground now occupied by the belligerants. Let us therefore keep cool and endeavor to do what in us lies to bring about peace and stop this useless effusion of blood and the waste of the world's resources, for no matter who gets the glory the cost falls at the last analysis upon the backs of the toilers.

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The outcry about breaking pledges will cease now, as both candidates for governor are equal on that score, or if anything, the republican candidate is deeper in the mire. Governor Morehead thought, of course, when he said he would not run again, he was honest in saying so, but Mr. Howell made his statement in black and white, and if he had not promised Senator Kemp that he would not run for governor, that gentleman today would be the republican nominee instead of the gentleman who broke his promise to a gentleman who is head and shoulders above Howell in everything that goes to make a governor of ability and one who would reflect credit upon the great state of Nebraska.

BULL RAID IN FOOD PRICES.

In all probability official action taken at Washington yesterday will go far toward immediately checking that unwarranted advance in food prices of which such bitter complaint has been heard during the last few days. The president communicated with Attorney General McReynolds asking what action, if any, can be taken, under existing federal laws, toward the proescution of dealers for advancing prices of the necessaries of life, an advance which, the president rightly concludes, has no justification in the existing condition of things. He also asked the attorney general for suggestions as to what new laws, if any are needed, would, in his opinion, meet the legal difficulties of the case, and urged the beginning of investigations, through the district attorney's offices in all parts of the country, for ascertaining the nature and extent of the impositions being practiced.

The attorney general's reply gave assurance of vigorous measures in the desired direction. His suggestions that in addition to the officials of the department of justice, those working in the department of commerce could widen the field of investigation and facilitate the prompt action which is clearly needed in the case, was promptly acted upon. We think it very likely that the taking of this action will be at once reflected in a drop, if not a tumble, in many food prices. That extortion is being practiced there can be no doubt. There can be even less doubt of the entire flimsiness of the claim that the advance is a necessary effect of which war in Europe is the cause. With exportation greatly obstructed, and supplies not diminished, the effect of the European war on prices should, while the obstructions continue, be in the direction of low and not higher prices. The foreign war is but a pretext, and a very flimsy one, for extortions proving that human greed is not a distinction of class, and that railway managers are not the only men in the business world willing to take all a traffic can be made to bear.

The position of the extortionists being as untenable as it clearly is, we may expect to see them abandoning it at the very outset of vigorous measures tending toward prosecutions and convictions. Nevertheless the investigations should go forward rapidly and thoroughly, particularly if there is at present no federal law under which such oppressions can be reached. The present bull raid in food prices has shown the vital necessity of such a law, and if there is none in existence now the investigation should be pushed for the getting of testimony, with a view to speedily lowering the extortionate prices now being charged.

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The boost in the price of living is an excellent anti-fat remedy.

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Be wary! This war will be used as an excuse for everything from begging to burglary.

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The nations are now vying with each other in couretous treatment of American tourists. There is nothing like having a big neutral country.

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A general boycott might stop the advance of food prices if it was not so inconvenient. But everybody will be willing for everybody else to try it.

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The democrats of Cass county know, or ought to know, what they have got to do to elect their ticket, and they had better not get it into their noodle that a nomination is all that is necessary. No candidate now has a cinch on the election to any office, and any of them is liable to find this out before the November election.

The ultimate consumer seems to be facing the usual fate of innocent bystanders.

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Religion and politics are not expected to mix very well. But in many instances they do.

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The Panama-Pacific exposition authorities show high courage in proceeding with the big show as advertised.

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Governor Morehead very gracefully accepts Mr. Metcalfe's offer of aid in the campaign. This is as it should be.

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Will Maupin, it would seem from the returns, will be the democratic nominee for railway commissioner.

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Usually "decisive" battles do not occur until late in a war. And seldom has it been possible to tell one until after it was over.

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The republicans did not want Governor Morehead renominated. They realize his great strength throughout the state.

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If John E. Lamb of Indiana is sent as ambassador to Mexico it should be made clear that he is not as mild as his name might indicate.

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With one or two exceptions there never was a better state ticket nominated by the democrats. It is a shame to have such fellows creep in and endanger the majority of candidates who are honorable, with clean characters and are worthy. But such is the result of the primary system of making nominations.

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Farmers should write to the U. S. Department of Agriculture and get Farmers' Bulletin No. 543. That warns them of the coming white grub plague, probably because of the swarms of the June bugs, and tells of the ways and means to combat the grub. In 1912 this grub caused millions of dollars of damage to corn, timothy, potatoes, strawberries, etc.

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No matter what you think, voting by mail is a great nuisance, and the law should be repealed. There is too much red tape about it and causes the election board to put in a great deal more time in counting up the vote. Heretofore the vote could be counted in one day, now it takes a day and a half, or more. It is estimated that it will take ten days to count the vote, in consequence of the returns by mail.

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Our foodstuffs are accumulating, bumper crops are reported from every direction. We can't ship it to Europe, we have no ships in which to ship to South America, and yet we are forced to pay higher prices—war prices—for what we eat. The government's right in asking why, and compel the answer. It is not the fault of the small local retailer, nor is it the producer. It is the man between who should be behind the prison bars.

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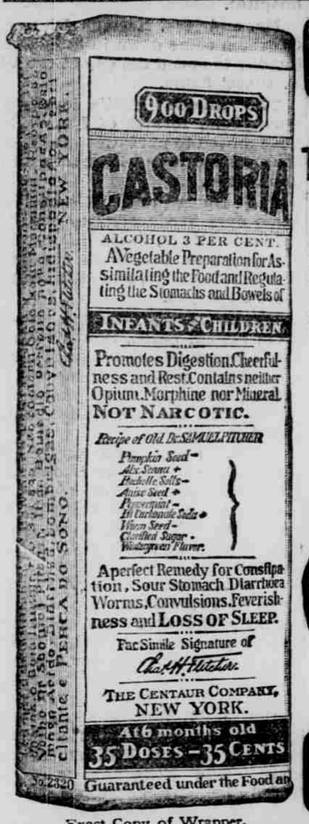
You wouldn't expect a politician to have so much common sense, but William F. McCombs, democratic national chairman, after two weeks of scouting the middle west, has reached the conclusion that the people are more interested in their personal affairs than in politics. In this he is absolutely correct. People are refusing, in greater number than ever before, to be led around by politicians. They have come to know that, as a general rule, they have been tearing their shirts to get soft jobs for friends who forgot them after election. The primary election has doubled the noxious dose, and may be the straw that broke the camel's back.



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One contented man in a community is worth a whole army of calamity howlers.

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Congress is stil in session, but quite still. The European war is making all the noise.

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To avoid trouble we must all give and take. It is a simple truth that Europe, as old as it is, has not learned.

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We are more than satisfied to continue in the peaceful—if less spectacular—occupation of gathering in the crops.

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It will take more than a message of peace to stop the fighting in Europe; in fact, it seems certain that someone is going to get badly licked before it is all over.

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The primary returns have dragged in so slowly that many of those who were on the state ticket don't know whether they were real candidates or not, except Governor Morehead and R. Beecher Howell, both of whom are nominated by a big vote.

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Plenty to eat, but how are we to get it?

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The Journal takes as much delight in honoring Thomas Jefferson as anyone possibly can, but the proposition to make his birthday a national holiday looks like overdoing the thing. There are enough holidays already, and if many more are added they will greatly interfere with the side occupation of making a living.

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" Fly Shy—quarts	50	"	36
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" Liquid Flea Killer—½ gallon	65	"	45
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Scarless Stock Tonic	50	"	36
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