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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Habits of play are important to health. The mind should be able to turn from serious to light thought, allowing the body and mind to change from tiring and monotonous forms of work to recreation.—selected.

The more the big chaps want, the less the little chaps get.

There was nine votes by mail in the Cass county election returns.

Old maids, my dear girl, are simply embers from which the spark has fled, or words to that effect.

The German-American Alliance of Nebraska declared for neutrality for America at their recent Columbus meeting.

The abolishment of the state normal board is now proposed, and along with it should go the board of control, also.

While the ice man is yet quite popular, the coal man is getting ready for his "inning." Many coal bins have already been filled.

We expect to print both tickets nominated just as soon as it has been determined who has been nominated for the various state offices.

The impression throughout the state seems to be that the long ballot must go, and this is one very important matter that the legislature will have on their hands.

Congress has passed an emergency shipping bill, and under its provision America will in all probability soon own one of the largest merchant marine afloat.

President Wilson announces that more war taxes may not be necessary, and the average citizen finds less difficulty in reaching the conclusion that life may be supportable a little while longer.

The millers give out that the rise in flour is wholly due to "natural conditions." One of the principal reasons of these natural conditions is the biggest wheat crop ever harvested.

It is really consoling to the friends in this country who have friends sojourning in Germany to know they are so well cared for by the Germans. They take special pains to see that Americans generally in that country are well cared for. It is understood that the emperor has given orders to this effect.

Here is a case of vanity personified. One of the democratic candidates for the lower house of the legislature from Omaha has announced himself as a candidate for speaker. The Lincoln Star says: "This is taking time by the forelock and twining one's finger in it." Nominations are not equivalent to an election by any means, even in Omaha. He should wait at least until the returns are all in at the November election.

Italy seems to maintain peace, even if she has to fight for it, which she is good and ready to do.

The condition of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is precarious and his death is simply a question of but a few hours. Too much war is killing the aged ruler by inches.

When one reads of the great number being slaughtered in the European war they feel happy in the thought of living so far away from the scene of carnage and bloodshed. It is simply awful to contemplate.

The German-American Alliance of Nebraska, in session at Columbus this week, resolved against woman suffrage. Omaha was fixed upon as the meeting place a year hence.

Matters in political circles seem rather quiet at the present time. There always is a breathing spell after going through a heated campaign like the recent primary election. All the successful candidates are getting in shape for the big battle in November.

According to some accounts the government is getting into a position to spank some of the price-raisers. If it could spank a dozen or two of them into the penitentiary it might cause the class to resolve in favor of postponing its boggishness till a safer season.

In common with other great men of the world we proclaim our attitude as one of profound concern, but strict individual neutrality. We don't propose to be dragged into the muck. Our classic features and our anointed person must not be marred or scratched. We have spoken.

If the delay in getting the official vote of the state is attributed to the lengthy ballot, for heaven's sake drop her down, and that before another primary election. The long ballot is inconvenient to the voter and also the election board that does the counting.

President Wilson's appeal to the American people to preserve neutrality of conduct and opinion in the present war is one of the finest state papers he has yet put forth. Coming straight from the heart, actuated by lofty patriotism, breathing the very spirit of high-minded fairness, and, above all, dictated by inspired common sense, it represents the best thought of the American people.

The three amendments to the constitution seem to have been endorsed by the voters at the recent primary. This assures straight party votes on the proposition at the November election. The first amendment gives the legislature greater discretion in the matter of raising revenue; the second permits of verdicts by five-sixths of a jury in civil and petty criminal cases, and the third increases the salary of the governor of the state from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a year. There is but one other state in the union where the governor's salary is as low as it is in Nebraska, and that is Vermont. And what is little old Vermont compared with a great big, progressive state like Nebraska?

## NEUTRALITY PROPER.

It is to be hoped that President Wilson's sane and helpful message will soak in where it will do the most good. His contention that the neutrality of this nation depends somewhat on the people as well as the administration merits the attention of all Americans who are worthy of the name.

It is obviously not our quarrel, and those who seek to imbroil us in it, are rather friends to some other nation than their own; to a nation perhaps in which they or their ancestors originated.

Against such land they have fore-sworn allegiance, and they should either support this one, or move. No sane person doubts the wisdom of the president's course in keeping hands off of the German-Japanese controversy, although there are hyphenated societies which have urged him to butt in.

It isn't our interests in the Pacific or the Orient that are at stake. Two nations, both at peace with this, have a quarrel there, and interference on our part but would be construed as favoring one and opposing the other; a view, incidentally, which would be absolutely accurate.

Neutrality now means more to this nation than who shall win in Europe, or such incidental hostilities as may obtain in the Far East or in Africa; neutrality means peace and friendship of the warring nations, which is of inestimable value; in more tangible terms, and more selfish, perhaps it means a chance to get our share of South American commerce, and a chance to develop an international merchant marine to compare in importance with our great coastwise fleet. Just now our deep-sea ships are a negligible quantity, but the sad misfortune of Europe is our opportunity. But more than selfish reasons urge the maintenance of American poise and clear judgment which cannot come from taking sides. Some happy day, when the mad monarchs are brought to their senses, will come need of a strong, fair-minded arbitrator whose services shall benefit both victor and vanquished in adjusting the wreck of war. What land more suited to such a service than this melting pot of many peoples who came from all those suffering lands now desolated by flashing armies? Surely none other is so qualified as this, do we but refrain from taking sides, remain Americans, and aid the president in his wise policy of neutrality.

If you do not believe that honesty is the best policy, just try it.

The husband who has brought a suit for divorce on the ground that another man buttoned up his wife's dress, proceeds on the theory that his willingness to perform such a task was positive proof of his infatuation.

If any Americans are striving to promote friction between Villa and Carranza, as has been intimated by Washington authorities, it should be easy to give their names and let them bear the odium. There is no doubt that there is some truth in the report.

The next legislature will earn their salary if they do nothing more than repeal the law creating the board of control. It is just such useless bodies as these that creates the large appropriations by the legislature. Just as well do away with the state normal board at the same time.

Miss Etta Brooks, state recorder of the Degree of Honor, has been nominated for county superintendent of schools of Gage county on the republican ticket. As this nomination is equivalent to an election, who will succeed Miss Brooks in her present position?

The one incomprehensible thing in life is how a beef baron can keep out of jail.

Possibly Europe is adopting the only method left for disposing of an over-surplus of population.

When the collector of the wages of sin goes after you he always gets what he goes after.

There is always a wide divergence between what a man running for office wants and what he gets.

In the present high-cost era the recent reduction of the price of illuminating oil stands out like a beneficent orillamme.

In the commerce of the seas the United States has been backward, but with the Panama canal and an American merchant marine she ought to be well forward.

The Y. W. C. A. leaders need not hope to switch the public discussion from the war news to Jonah and the whale. Like the poor, Jonah and the whale are with us always.

If anticipation of demand through a European war was sufficient for an increase in the price of foodstuffs, anticipation of federal prosecution should be sufficient to cause a drop.

Some fellow has the audacity to say that the spelling book contains three times as many words as the average person uses. But the average person might have a still smaller vocabulary but for the spelling book.

It looks as though there was something radically needed to be done with the primary ballot. When it takes from a week to ten days to find out who is nominated it would seem as though the final was reached.

Why not have a federal law delegating to the Interstate Commerce Commission the right to fix the prices of all foodstuffs? Or, a special government commission might be created for this purpose. It would be preferable to having that important duty in the hands of a gang of price-boosting thieves, plunderers and highwaymen.

M. G. Kime, democratic candidate for representative, was in the city yesterday interviewing a few of his friends. Mike Kime is one of the best fellows in the world and should be elected, because he is also honest and will give the people excellent service in the legislature. He is a farmer and will represent the common people.

The State Journal intimates as though it would like to see a joint discussion between Howell and Governor Morehead arranged for. This may be a scheme to get out crowds to hear Howell, as Governor Morehead always draws big audiences. If the governor will take our advice he will treat such a proposition with silent contempt, enaming as it does from the State Journal ring. There is nothing gained by either party by such meetings. Such foolish political warfare is a thing of the past.

Had he done no more than send broadcast so excellent and powerful an appeal for peace as was the Pope's last message to his people, the world, regardless of creed, should mourn him as a great and good man gone.

Roosevelt says that peace treaties amount to nothing in the face of provocation. It looks at the present time as though they amounted to nothing without a provocation.

## FOOD PRICES AND WAR.

The speculator is about in the land, seeing how he may add to his dollars out of the needs of the people. But not all the many advances recorded in food products and due to him. Our own people aggravate the trusts by bidding against each other for food. Provision men say that people that ordinarily buy a bag of flour are laying in a barrel, and those who usually take a pound or two of sugar take a large bag. All this puts money in the wholesaler's pocket. Competition among retail tradesmen is sharp. Almost any merchant would rather have the good will of his community than charge his regular customers a higher price for goods he had in stock. But there are times when tradesmen do not stock up in advance of needs as they used to. Most of them are caught short on staple lines like flour and sugar. Wholesalers who are making money by selling off stock goods at advanced prices, should realize they defy public sentiment. Public feeling today enforces the distinction between a fair and an unfair price. A fair price is what will give a seller an equitable return on his money. The man who insists on more in an emergency may gobble a few extra dollars, but loses the chance to acquire valuable friends. Many of the advances in food products are artificial. Few captures of merchant ships are reported. In sending cargoes across the water there are few chances of loss, even under present conditions. The sea is likely soon to be cleared of hostile prowlers. Insurance of marine risks is now absurdly high. One manufacturer reports that he had to pay 40 per cent to get goods transported to Japan, a rate far above any chances of seizure. This matter of war insurance will soon be adjusted. Soon commerce will be resumed, and people who are bidding up prices may regret their speculative fervor.

The chautauqua season is now on in full blast.

Plattsmouth couldn't even have a circus this season.

Every town has a genius whose ingenuity is largely devoted to getting a new job.

The development of the farmer himself must precede the full development of the ground he tills.

This is also the season of the year when most of the ball teams begin winning next year's pennant.

No wonder everybody in Plattsmouth is so happy, living in the best town of its inches in Nebraska.

It may be said for the week-end visitor that she doesn't linger as long as some of the old-fashioned varieties.

Stealing a girl's clothing when she's in swimming isn't much of a crime nowadays. There isn't much to steal.

It seems that the war has progressed far enough to demonstrate that the air craft has been a constructive device.

Briefly speaking, the cause of the European war is hereditary enemies, and the two words just about tell the whole story.

The Panama canal is now open for the world's commerce to pass through and a number have already made the trip.

There is a whole lot of "it is said" and "it is reported" and "it is alleged" in the war news that is sent us from over the water, but very little reliable information.

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One of the surprises of the war was that Switzerland should decide to mobilize when all it had to do was to cut the rope and let the invading army slide off the peak.

Great are the changes that years bring about. While the pioneer baby cut his teeth on a plow handle or a washboard, the modern Nebraska baby finds the steering wheel of his mother's automobile more convenient.

Calmness and judgment go a good way in the making of a successful president. The beauty of it is, Woodrow Wilson possesses these and everything else that goes to make a good president, and even Republicans are now proclaiming that the people of the United States are the most fortunate of any on earth to have such a wise and noble head in the executive chair.

Show us (and we are from Missouri) a better town for the size of Plattsmouth in the great west, and we will show you a hen's tooth. With her fine business houses, up-to-date public buildings, Masonic home, fine hotels, good water system, electric light and gas plant, paved streets, fine churches, fine opera house, and every secret and benevolent

society in the world represented, what more do you want for a city of 6,000 people? Let the knocker answer. He must have something to do.

An immense crowd of farmers, their wives and daughters, was in town Saturday, which is sufficient evidence that the people of Cass county will come to Plattsmouth to trade when the roads are good. Then it behooves those interested to see that the roads approaching the city are kept in good shape, both in good and bad weather.

Reports come from the sea coast cities in the east that hundreds of rich Americans have returned from Europe in the past few days in the steerage, where they were compelled to do without towels, pillow slips or sheets, and eat off a board table. Tough, but, as a matter of fact, that's just the way their ancestors came over.

**Summer Constipation Dangerous.** Constipation in summer time is more dangerous than in the fall, winter or spring. The food you eat is often contaminated and is more likely to ferment in your stomach. Then you are apt to drink much cold water during the hot weather, thus injuring your stomach. Colic, Fever, Poisoning and other ills are natural results. Po-Do-Lax will keep you well, as it increases the Bile, the natural laxative, which rids the bowels of the congested poisonous waste. Po-Do-Lax will make you feel better. Pleasant and effective. Take a dose tonight. 50c at your druggist.

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