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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Small thanks to the man for keeping his hands clean who would not touch the work but with gloves on. —Carlyle.

It takes a crew to sail a ship; it takes co-operation to make a town.

The Daily Journal will not be issued next Monday on account of Labor Day.

Even if not a crank, there is always a turning point in every man's life.

These cool mornings serves as a gentle reminder that winter is headed this way.

Occasionally a criminal lawsuit is continued for lack of evidence to acquit the defendant.

The war maps are another source of information where one may find much that isn't true.

While a word to the wise is sufficient, old Wiscaree will hear more if there are women present.

Villa did not do much censoring when he fought. It would have ruined the motion-picture business.

Boost the schools. Encourage your children to be particular and obedient. They will be taught only that which is right.

General Villa declares now he will oust Carranza from the presidency of Mexico. Nothing doing, old boy; the first page is fully occupied.

The thing for the United States to do is to stay out of the war game until all other nations shall have exhausted their supplies and ammunition, and then to insist upon universal peace.

Our chief strategist informs us that European army officers don't go into action wearing their full regalia of Christmas tree decorations, as when they pose for pictures.

Judge J. E. Douglass and A. G. Cole are both spoken of as successors to County Attorney Calvin H. Taylor, who has resigned, which resignation will take effect September 18.

There are two "theatres of war" in Europe, eastern and western, and both are putting on about the same class of productions, apparently; and these are not comedies, by any means.

A woman of "experience" gave out some expansive philosophy the other day on "how to manage a man." We mention the guess that if such a woman has a man, she will manage him all right.

Notwithstanding the fact that Senator Norris made a four hours speech in the senate against his confirmation, the senate confirmed the appointment of former Attorney General McReynolds to the supreme bench. All the democrats have to do in the senate to have an appointment confirmed by that body, is to have Norris make a speech against it. His influence in the senate is very weak indeed.

FORTUNATE AMERICA.

If the industrial and commercial nations of Europe are determined to commit suicide, the industries and commerce must suffer the consequences. America, while sympathizing to the utmost with the people whose misguided diplomats have plunged them into profitless war, will calmly proceed to reap the natural advantages of her position. The world's trade will not stop because the powers have dropped the ledger for the muster roll. America will prove herself adequate to the task. While Europe is destroying and consuming wealth, we shall be producing. Our farms and factories will care for the needs of Europe, and of the rest of the world that is dependent on Europe. We have no ships to carry such a vast commerce. Very well—we shall get ships. If England chooses to sacrifice her trade primacy in a supreme effort to preserve the mischievous balance of power, we shall take her ocean commerce as she look ours when we were engaged in our civil war. We shall have a new, great merchant marine, created with unexampled speed. A law of congress will admit vessels to American registry on easy terms. Belligerent nations will be obliged to register their ships with us to gain the advantage of a neutral flag. We shall buy liners and freighters by the score. Our shipbuilders will have a rush of orders such as a money subsidy could never have given them. Of the two great ocean gates of the world, we have the one—the been opened to navigation. It is the door between east and west, the "open sesame" to the commerce of Asia. The other, the Suez canal, may be closed while the powers battle for control of the Mediterranean route. We shall soon build up an enormous traffic, surpassing all that we expected of Panama. While the powers are fighting, too, we shall enter the rich commercial fields of South America without the stigma of "dollar diplomacy," and perhaps gain a permanent foothold there. Our vessels will ply every sea, and our flag will be familiar again in every port, as in the days of the "Yankee clipper." And while we are thus appropriating the lion's share of the world's commerce with European bourses closed and markets demoralized, we shall necessarily do the bulk of the world's banking. We need not rejoice in Europe's misfortunes. And we also have much to lose for long years in such a world catastrophe. But there is a certain grim satisfaction to America, which has stood steadfastly for the principle of peace, in the reflection that we shall derive much immediate and some last advantage from the suicidal strife of a continent that has too often treated our pacific efforts with amused contempt.

Gay vacation time is over. Let the children return to school with a healthy coat of tan, a merry laugh and an eager mind.

Dr. W. E. Cook has been elected chairman of the republican county central committee. A good man for the position.

People who have money and are afraid of the banks instead of hiding it in an old house or in the barn should bury it in the cemetery where everybody is honest.

Most of the war correspondents are unable to get to the war, and those who do, don't agree very well.

The cost of the necessities of life is not as high in the war zone as it is on the outskirts, and it is not as high on the outskirts as it is in remote localities. War prices are not so much the result of scarcity as of a scare.

If you want reliable information regarding the European war you will have to go there your self. French reports give it one way, and German reports another way, and there you are. You don't know any more after you have read the metropolitan journals than you did before.

We believe the world is growing better, but the admission does not include the man who will fondle over another man's child and buy it candy and popcorn and then go home and slap his own little child because it asks him for a nickel. Such a thing is not a man, but a brute in disguise.

The home-coming celebration at Pacific Junction this week was a great success. See what Plattsmouth is missing in not having one, and it don't cost any more than a successful 4th of July celebration either. How the pioneers of Cass County, and the former residents would enjoy such an occasion! Only think of it.

Nearly three weeks since the primary and no official vote of the state at large has been published. What's the matter with the election officers at Lincoln, anyway? If it takes this long to get returns from the general election there decided to run by petition at the of the opposing candidates that happen to run very close together.

Several of the defeated candidates on the republican primary ticket in Lancaster county have will be great suspense on the part general election. This may be an honorable way of doing business, but we don't think so. If a candidate is defeated in the primary, he will stay defeated, because the voters will not support such fellows at the general election, but they might be instrumental in defeating their successful opponent at the primary in the general election.

Frank Reaves, republican candidate for congress is not so sure that he can be elected as he was before the primary. He thought that if he could only secure the nomination an election was a sure thing. Not by a long shot, Mr. Reavis. You defeated one or two candidates for the nomination that are one thousand votes stronger than you are in the general election and you will find this out after the returns are all in. You may possibly pull through on account of the disaffection among the democrats, but this may all blow over before the election day rolls around.

We are all shuddering over the news that the Germans have already lost 75,000 killed and wounded at Liege, but this is but a straw out of a full stack compared to what is to follow. In the Napoleon war 5,000,000 men were killed on all sides, to say nothing of the millions that were wounded. United States military experts say that when the main forces of the German, French and English armies clash that as many as 100,000 men will be killed and wounded in a day. At Gettysburg the losses to the union and rebel forces were carefully estimated at 80,000, but the fighting extended over a period of more than three days. It is doubtful whether the European war can be stopped before at least 1,000,000 men have lost their lives.

THE DIVINE RIGHT.

We wonder how much longer the people of Europe will accept the doctrine of "The divine right of kings." It seems to us that the time has arrived when the worm might consistently turn and give better to the iron heel that has ground innumerable generations into the dust. It may be that we are slightly prejudiced against kings, but to our way of thinking the humblest citizen in all of the vast expanse of the old world is more worthy of a commission from on high than is any king who claims the God-given right to rule. He could not think otherwise and retain a decent reverence and respect for God. A king may be a good man and true, and be right worthy of wearing a kingly crown, but he is carrying the joke too far when he claims authority other than he gets from man. God may sometimes have raised up men to rule, but when this was so, their insignia of authority and power was the cross and not the crown. God's ambassadors never paraded the courts of royalty in knee breeches and powdered hair, nor bowed before the altars of wealth and pomp and proud hypocrisy. The only divine right that was ever bestowed upon any king was the right to live, a right that has been bestowed with equal bounty upon every human being who has ever breathed the breath of life. King's have no corner on divine concessions, no private key to paradise. The cotter and the king will stand side by side at the judgment bar of heaven, and the camp-follower may be the witness who will convict the crown. Yet there are people in Europe, lots of them, who pretend to believe in the so-called divine right of kings to rule—who believe that a king has the divine right to lead his trusting subjects like lambs to the butcher's block. We predict that the next war, if there shall be another, will be an uprising against the crowned heads of Europe. We believe that in the future the people will demand the right to rule and to shape their own destiny—to say whether or not they shall go to war. The war of today is not the people's war, and the people have nothing to gain, no matter who wins or who loses. True, the people are loyal to their kings, and fight most valiantly as they command, but the people of Europe have been doing this same thing as far back as goes the memory of man. For untold centuries they have been sweeping back and forth across Europe carrying death and destruction to their fellowmen—doing so at the behest of kings who claimed God's sanction and authority to make the sacrifice. The millions of armed men in Europe today are doing just what other millions have done before—murdering each other to gratify and glorify the kings. Poor business indeed, and butchery that only kings would delight in. If God's hand is really in this game of war, it must eventually prove the fallacy of the doctrine of the divine right of kings and establish the truth that the divine right to rule rests alone with the people.

George W. Berge, who was defeated for governor on the democratic ticket at the recent primaries, has announced that he will support the ticket. The will of the people is his guarding star, he says. "In a government like our" he says, "the will of the people is the supreme law and I accept cheerfully their verdict as expressed at the primary election. My devotion to democratic principles does not depend upon getting an office. As much of my time as I can spare is at the disposal of the committee to help elect Governor Morehead and the entire democratic ticket, and to register an emphatic endorsement of the Wilson and Bryan administration at Washington.

The straw hat harvest has already begun.

A dollar is no carrier pigeon; send it away and it won't come back.

Bury their differences? Not much. But they are burying their citizens.

If port continues its upward flight the only thing left us will be the grunt.

Let the carpenters of Plattsmouth be the only ones in town to use the hammer.

Not a word about bumper crops this week. The bumps are too numerous for compilation.

Just eight weeks from today, then comes the tug of war—the battle of the ballot.

That the war will be fought to a decisive end is the belief now of diplomats at Washington.

"The president is worried," says a Washington dispatch. Of course. So are we. So are all great men.

Congress is now engaged in hunting up truant members and firing absentees, or putting up a bluff to that effect.

We must give to the people who live on the farm the same educational advantages for their children as those of the cities enjoy.

Would not the anti-trust bill be further strengthened by providing capital punishment for offending officials and directors?

A former prime minister of France has been fighting in the ranks as an enlisted man. An American politician would expect to be colonel at least.

An ordinary woman's waist is thirty inches around. An ordinary man's arm is about thirty inches long. Oh, nature, how admirably are thy works.

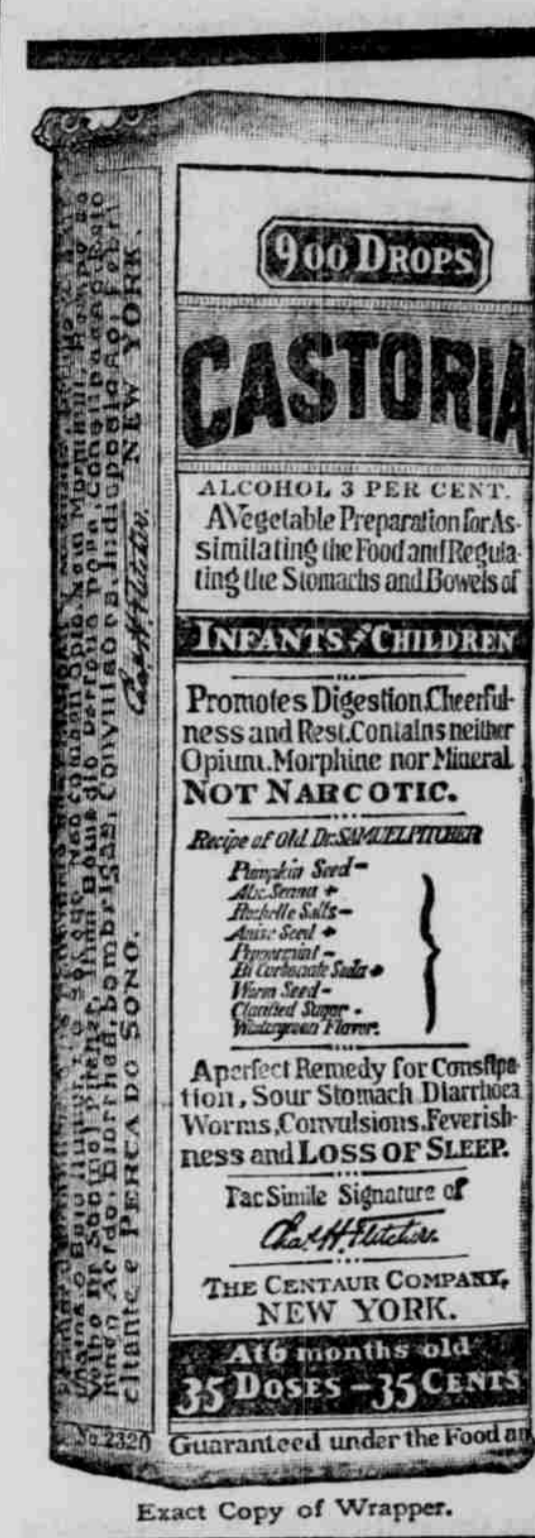
Governor Morehead is the majority candidate of the democratic party for governor by several thousand, with two other very prominent democrats in the race, while R. B. Howell is the minority republican candidate for the same position. Governor Morehead's vote in the state at large is nearly double that of Howell.

How is the reader to judge which army is getting the best of it in the European war. The newspaper dispatches are now giving two kinds of war news, evidently so sympathizers with both sides may be furnished with what they want.

Senator Kemp figures that the egg throwing in Omaha and the arrest of Howell on the eve of the primary election made ten thousand votes for him. Otherwise Mr. Howell would have been defeated. This is the general opinion of

What are the names of the three largest cities in the western hemisphere? About 100 out of every 100 well-posted citizens of the United States promptly answer—New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. And, according to a communication just received by the Pan-American Union, they would guess wrong. This message states that the corrected returns of the recently taken census show that the population of Buenos Ayres has grown to 1,700,000, thus passing Philadelphia and crowding her out of the third place.

The best farmer does not bother about getting ahead of his neighbor. His great business is to get ahead of himself.



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It may be America's fault after all. You know we have been sending our missionaries to Asia instead of Europe.

War correspondents for American journals are barred from the battlefields over in Europe. That will give them more time in which to describe them.

The weather has not been very favorable for the state fair so far this week. Still the claim is made that large crowds have attended each day, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

The Lincoln Star very truthfully remarks in speaking of Congressman Stephens' manner of selecting postmasters: Those indignant democrats who were cocksure of getting Congressman Stephens' scalp because he permitted the people to elect their postmasters in his district must get little comfort from the primary returns, which show that he got practically as large a vote as did both of the republican candidates and his democratic antagonist put together.

They say whisky is going up ten per cent. Oh, then perhaps there will not be so much of it going down.

The county committees of both parties are getting in shape for business, and that business means a great deal of maneuvering from now on till the 3rd of November.

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