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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The great difference between men, the feeble and the powerful, the great and the insignificant, is energy and invincible determination. A purpose once fixed, and then death or victory.—T. Fowell Buxton.

Even Turkey wants to gobble some more.

War is powerless to delay the opening of the pancake season.

The harvest moon this year seems to have sprung a leak.

The fellow who has nothing to lose is always losing something.

Blessed is the peace maker, for there is little chance for him to run out of work.

Speaking of armies, Cass county has mobilized 150 school teachers, more or less.

Not democrats alone testify to the good work of President Wilson, but men of all parties.

Up-to-date theme seems to be no disposition to blame the war on the democratic administration.

Czar Nichols is making his headquarters with the Russian army, but not in front of it.

Despite the unfavorable weather last week the attendance at the state fair was larger than last year.

If men knew there would be automobiles in heaven, do you suppose they would try any harder to get there?

War is a game at which everybody loses, except the winner, and he feels as if he had been set upon by a suffragette.

Meanwhile the mobilization of small boys for the school rooms in session, is calling forth no wild bursts of enthusiasm.

Fall plowing is being delayed in Europe, as the soil is too damp with blood. Pity the poor farmers and peasants across the waters, and damn the diadems.

According to our latest official count nine nations are at war, and the eight first entrants were of the well known Christian variety. "Peace on earth, Good will to men."

Is it any wonder at the manner in which F. W. Brown has been appointed postmaster at Lincoln, that the democrats are sick and tired of ring rule? It can't be said that Brown is the man the patrons of the office wanted, at least his recommendation didn't show up that way. It was done by a "pull" and a "ring."

France, England and Russia do not think this the time for this country to build up our merchant marine, but it is the opportunity, and when we look back we see what they did to us during the civil war. They took advantage of the opportunity. They forgot the old adage, "They that go down to war, etc." Anyhow let us have the burden rests heavily upon

LOOK YOURSELF IN THE FACE.

The reaper of death sweeping over Europe brings to our minds a thought worthy of more than casual consideration.

Let us look ourselves in the face, and think—think for the benefit of humanity, for the weal of prosperity.

In all parts of the country schools are opening for the fall and winter terms, and much of the future will depend upon the training of the youth today.

Never in our history was there a time when it was more imperative that hasty passions and vindictive temperaments be curbed and eradicated.

Never was there a time when the inculcation of brotherly love and a consideration for others was more urgently required.

The youth of today will be the men of tomorrow, and as we train them now so will they be then.

The burden rests heavily up on us.

We expect the teacher in the school to transform our child into a man of learning and honor and integrity, but do we stop to consider that more depends upon the parent than upon the educator?

The one cannot succeed without the co-operation of the other but the two working earnestly and jointly will accomplish wonderful results.

We should think before speaking.

Harsh words and family jars in the presence of a child gives it its first lesson in unruliness and puts a sharp edge to an awakening temper. It is natural for the infant to copy the example of the parent.

As we expect much from the teacher, let us give equally of our own store of patience and consideration.

Infancy demands kindness, gentleness and sympathy—not the austere aloofness of age, or the coldness of indifference.

A child is susceptible to training, but when it reaches man's estate opportunity has passed it by.

Shall we heed the lessons of a world calamity and face the duty that confronts us?

Shall we look ourselves in the face?

A dollar kept in this town is worth two across the county line.

Buy at home, use it at home and your money stays at home. Think first of home.

If we must have a war tax let's hand it to the automobile scorchers and other poodle dogs.

The value of advertising is felt three ends by the merchants, the consumer and the publisher. Now which is the unknown quantity?

There are, we see by ads, some fancy shapes in men's new fall hats. And it may be added that this rule applies to the women's new fall hats, also.

According to the census in 1910 the United States had 2,501,181 Germans, double that of any other foreign country, while Russia came next and Ireland third. And it is quite probable that more Germans have emigrated to America in the past four years than any other two foreign nations on earth.

Here lately kings have been too busy declaring war to keep their crowns on straight.

Wonder if the European war will give dealers an excuse to raise the price of coal?

Why are some politicians and a hungry horse of the same mind? Always hunting the feed trough.

The war has put out of business 260 Hamburg-American steamers worth \$100,000,000.

The old fashioned advice to "mind your own business" never was more needed than now.

There is no reasonable excuse for the advance in prices, but what are you going to do about it? What can you do about it?

England wants to place an order with the United States for \$54,000,000 worth of hosiery each year. Steady, boys!

When evidences of a wreck are found anywhere along a public highway, it may be assumed that some fool has been driving an automobile along that thoroughfare.

The base ball tournament to be held in Plattsmouth Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 17, 18 and 19, will bring quite a number of visitors to the city, and those who aid the enterprise will not regret their investment.

Don't let the price investigations or the war news detract your keen attention from the current market and don't hesitate to stay with the market in its rise as well as in its fall.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

The Panama canal is going right on, regardless of knoekers in this country, and regardless of the European war, and Uncle Sam is keeping silent, but at the same time is thankful that he has the big ditch in case anything should happen.

By proclamation, President Wilson has set aside Sunday, October 4, as a day of prayer, and calls upon the people of the United States to pray for peace in Europe. The efficacy of prayer may be the proper thing, and shows that at least the heart of President Wilson is in the right place.

The Omaha Trade Exhibit gives the merchants in general the following timely suggestions, which is worthy of adopting: "The time to break loose and do things is this very time. Clean up. Fix up. Make new displays; but above all, give the trade your best attention and act so you can fearlessly put a few sound replies to the question: 'What have I done today to advance this business.'"

Prophets of the future insist that the present war cannot last long because the bonfire is bigger than the wood pile. But this doesn't always prevent war. The Mexicans, destitute of money, supplies and everything considered necessary, have fought and are still ready to fight. Turkey, although its finances are in a wretched condition and it has just emerged from the Balkan trouble, is getting ready to go to the assistance of Germany. All things show that people will fight when they are unable to do anything else. All theories, therefore, that the war must cease soon because there is no money left contradicted to history. The south, bankrupt cut off from the sea and vastly outnumbered, maintained its armies and for four years carried on a contest without aid from any outside force. All of which is not pleasing to those who are figuring on a speedy cessation of hostilities.

IS GOD NEUTRAL?

How can God answer the prayers of Europe? Every ruler whose armies are now marching to battle is appealing to God to give him victory and to bring defeat and disaster to his enemies. The prayer is being made in every camp and on every battlefield, and praying men and women in all of Europe is beseeching God to get into the game of war, either to bring victory to one side or the other, or to intercede in behalf of peace. Millions of prayers are going up, or down, or somewhere, every hour of every day, and if all were immediately answered there would be a lot of surprised and disappointed people. It is fortunate for the world that the Almighty uses his judgment in matters that affect mankind, and that his plans are not for a day or a generation, but reach out through all eternity. It would be a sacrilegious thought and act to attempt to define God's interest in man or the extent to which his special providence directs and controls the affairs of the world, but it seems to us that men are too willing and too apt to throw the blame and the responsibility of the Almighty. Men take it for granted that God will come to the rescue if they get into a tight place, and that he will follow wherever they go—that a prayer at the opportune time will ring up the New Jerusalem and that the hosts of heaven will swoop down and fight their battles. The powers of Europe have been preparing for war for half a century, consulting only their own greed and a notions and leaving God entirely out of their calculations. Now that war has broken out and it is apparent that somebody will get seriously crippled, every mother's son is down upon his marrow-bones begging God to mix in and help him lick the other fellow. If the same efforts had been made by these powers to maintain the peace of Europe that they are now making to destroy life and property, the people of Europe would today be praising God instead of trying to drag him into a murderous war. God did not see fit to prevent the war that is now raging in Europe, and he may not see fit to stop it. Possibly he may remain neutral, as the United States has wisely done, and let the best man win. If the people of Europe are bent upon butchering each other and upon devastating and laying waste their homes and country, possibly God may let them have their fill of it. War has been the chief occupation of man throughout all the past, and God has permitted it, and there is no evidence that his attitude toward man and toward the world has changed. We have no faith in the so-called God of war. We do not believe that God accomplishes his ends by means of war. It is wholly repugnant to our conception of God to believe that he resorts to war or to any form of cruelty to serve and bless the world. Whenever Europe comes to depend upon God instead of upon their big guns and big ships, then there will be an end to their wars.

Some one has figured that 82 per cent of the population of Europe is at war and that the combined army strength is 18,700,000. That will make something for historians to write about and it, perhaps, all came from the disordered training of man.

Let's get up a home coming celebration about the middle of October. Such a celebration would give all former residents of Cass county, and Plattsmouth, in particular, an opportunity to come back and view the surroundings of their old homes and visit with friends and neighbors of former days, and enjoy a genuine old-fashion home-coming time. Can't someone be induced to start the ball rolling in that direction?

The fall pasture is an assured fact.

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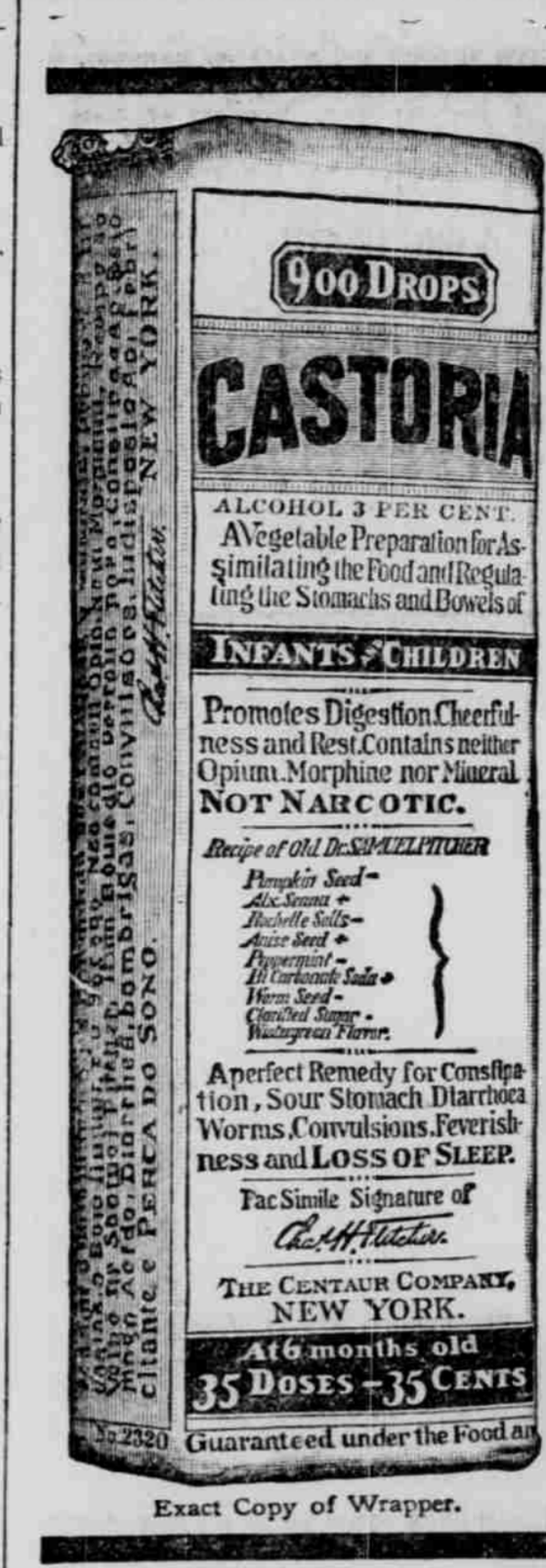
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In the society of today there are three fundamental institutions, the home, the church and the school. The home is first in the social and moral training of the child, the church first in the ethical training. It is left for the school to develop the mental faculties and to enlarge upon the social and moral culture that has been acquired in the home.

Politics are almost at a standstill, and there has been, so far, very little interest taken in the county campaign. Of course the county candidates are quietly working, each one for himself. We do not believe that the interest usually shown in elections in Nebraska is going to materialize in this campaign. Therefore it behooves candidates to keep moving, and not expect their friends to get out and do the work they ought to do themselves.

Governor Morehead gave the printing of the amendments to his newspaper friends, the same as Aldrich did two years ago. Now the fellows who failed to get a bite of the plums are kicking like bay steers. The amount divided among the republican editors of the state was \$50,000 two years ago, and this year Governor Morehead gave to the democratic newspapers \$17,000 for printing the amendments—a little over one-third of what the republican editors received two years ago. Evidently some editors were born kicking and will leave this happy land the same way.



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THE FRUITS OF WAR.

The fight goes on. It is stated that the German's have lost over one hundred and fifty thousand men. The French allies have lost an equal number, so that nearly a half million men have already been killed and the war only about six weeks old. What is most alarming is that it promises to be a world strife. Neither side begins to show any symptoms of exhaustion. Masses of men march up to the mouth of machine guns and are cut down like grass before the mower. When we take into consideration the fact that the number of wounded is always far greater than the number slain outright, it will be seen that more than half a million men have fallen in this fight which is simply to settle which nation is strongest and whether the military power is to dictate the policy of the world in the future. The conflict has no other motive than this. For years Europe has been an armed camp and at last the inevitable has happened. The nation could not always be grinding the edge of the sword. They must use it to see how sharp it really was. The suffering already incurred is awful. Even in Holland, which has kept out of the fight, the tales of women and starving children is pitiful to read. Belgium is devastated. A large part of France is in ruins. The great cathedrals, the admiration of the world, have been leveled to the ground and priceless works of art, the productions of the great masters, have been ruthlessly destroyed. War in its ordinary aspects is cruel and remorseless, but this strife has hardly a parallel except in the career of Tamerlane, who swept over the fairest portions of Asia and amused himself by building a pyramid of skulls consisting of three hundred thousand human heads to mark his triumph. This feat, which has always been recorded with horror, is outdone by the slaughter which has been going on in Europe. All the peace conferences and The Hague tribunals have been sidetracked and the European nations are lying at each other's throat with the ferocity of tigers and a reckless disregard for life that shocks us when we see it exhibited by the lowest order of animals. All the maxims of religion, all the professions of Christianity, all the teachings of philosophy are set at naught and millions are sacrificed and an incalculable torrent of woe inflicted upon the human race simply to settle the question which nation is the stronger.

Americans are so opinionated it is mighty hard for them to remain neutral upon any subject. However, they are taking President Wilson's advice and are doing the best they can.

As soon as the sugar trust found that the federal authorities had the sand to go after it, the price began to slump. Uncle Sam has quite an affectionate way of compelling people to do good when he wants it that way.

In placing the blame for the European conflict, all the warring nations are selecting the other fellow, which is a slight improvement in sentiment from the old days when a nation was proud of its willingness to whip its weight in wildcats.

Is President Wilson looking in courtesy, or was he just babbling? He neglected to invite the suffragettes to call. The president's time is too valuable to foot it away on a lot of gossiping old women, who ought to be attending to family duties at home.

20TH YEAR
AK-SAR-BEN
 FALL FESTIVAL
 Omaha
 SEPT. 30 TO OCT. 10
 1914
WORLD AT HOME SHOWS
 Every afternoon and evening.
 Electrical Parade Evening Oct. 7. Fraternal Parade Afternoon Oct. 8.
HOME COMING WEEK OCT. 5 TO 10
 Attend the Territorial Pioneers Re-Union, Sept. 30 to Oct. 3.
PIONEERS