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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Could there have been promulgated with malicious intent anything fraught with more discomfort to an already overburdened generation than Prof. William James' injunction to do each day some unnecessary thing that you don't like to do?—Atlantic Monthly.

The weather is cool enough to call for more coal.

We don't blame a bachelor for being opposed to divorce.

The price of wheat is moving up fast enough to pay for storage. Very few athletic young men regard wood-chopping as suitable training.

One difficulty about this war is that the makers of history are trying to write it as they go.

The Swiss are talking peace, but there is so much noise in Europe that no one can hear them.

Poland, for the time being, seems to be the center of the European war just now. Poor Poland.

According to reports there is soon to be an increase in the passenger rates all over the country except the south.

A French scientist says the kaiser is mad. We would hardly go that far, but he does seem a little sore about something.

There are many ways by which the European war might have been averted, but how to stop it is the practical question now.

Time changes the standards of what poses for modesty; even before the arrival of the slit skirt it was not doubted that most women had legs.

Some cities don't make progress as fast as they ought to because there are eight bosses over every two workmen.

Some men are born great, some have greatness thrust upon them, while others achieve greatness in the editorial chair. Ahem!

The world's pity is due the Mexican schoolboy who has to learn the list of Mexican presidents, which will soon become longer than Homer's catalogue of ships.

Congressman Maguire will practice law in Lincoln after his term in the national legislature expires. And maybe get in shape to run again in two years.

We are probably operating the Panama canal with little aid from Europe, and may be able to celebrate with proper brilliance, even without the participation of Switzerland in the naval parade.

Never before has the Nebraska democracy had an opportunity to boast of such an able and popular leader as Hon. John H. Morehead. Two times he has headed the ticket for governor, both times with success. The last time with such a success that his name has not only become a household word throughout Nebraska, but he is a gentleman who is known nationally. He deserves to go up higher—and undoubtedly will.

"The man of the hour" lasts just about that long in Mexico.

Only a little over five weeks till Christmas. Do your shopping early.

Even the automobiles seem to run easier since the opening of the regional banks.

Some people who fish for office with a "bated" breath, eventually expose their bare hook.

A movement is sweeping over the east to cease the practice of giving Christmas presents. Oh, get out!

Nothing yet discovered beats the old-fashioned brand of home-made charity—about Christmas, especially.

The frosty air is welcomed by the business men who have stocked up with winter goods and holiday knick-knacks.

Woman suffrage was defeated in Missouri at the recent election by 140,206 votes. That's the way to do the business.

The fellow who thinks he knows it all has a waste of time on his hands trying to make the other understand what he needs.

In this country the Grim Reaper is represented as using an old-fashioned scythe, while over in Europe he is using high-gear traction mowers.

Of the 131 new vessels of American registry in October, 100 were made in American yards. Which again emphasizes the fact that the cost of building is not the sole reason for our inadequate merchant marine.

And now honey is recommended as a sure cure for rheumatism, taken in two tablespoonful doses five times a day for ten or twenty days, and between meals, the last dose at bedtime. This is pleasant medicine and worthy of trial.

The editor of the Nebraska City Daily Press wouldn't "be in it" if he couldn't "take a poke" at Governor Morehead occasionally. Well, the governor is able to stand it if the editor is.

Governor Morehead calls for aid for the unfortunate Belgians, at the request of the committee engaged in relief work for that stricken country. It is said that 7,500,000 stand on the brink of starvation.

As a general thing the men do not object so seriously to woman suffrage, but it is the old hens who try to lead the van, and then want big pay for their efforts. That is the reason why they lose out in many states.

Under a protective tariff law the poor man with a big family pays more toward running the government than does the rich man with a small family. But the income tax compels the latter to pay his portion of this tax, and relieves the poor man just that much.

No efforts should be spared by our state officials to keep the foot and mouth disease out of Nebraska that has covered so large an area in and about Chicago. Nebraskans are fattening too many cattle for this disease to get a foothold. It would mean a loss that would be hard to compute if it ever gained a foothold in the state. A state separates us from it, but it can easily be carried in stock cars so that end of the line should also be very carefully watched and all cars should be thoroughly disinfected that came from the infected district.

A word to the unwise is generally wasted.

Always buy of those who advertise. They have the goods and best prices. The merchants who solicit your Christmas trade sell cheaper than those who do not.

The passing of our merchant marine was not entirely due to the civil war. The change from wooden to iron ships and the attempt of the United States to better the condition of American sailors by statutory regulations had much to do with it.

Most of the countries engaged in the war of extermination are classed as Christian nations; and yet the king of the earth came as a messenger of peace, and to this day is acclaimed the "Prince of Peace." The situation as it stands today is out of harmony.

The republicans are funny folks. They claimed that under the democratic tariff idea the country would be flooded with imports of foreign countries made by cheap labor, and our industries would be ruined, are now cursing because the war stopped the exports.

There is no question about Willis E. Reed being the ablest man elected attorney general of Nebraska in many years. Most anyone who had practiced before a justice of the peace's court, and could get the republican nomination could be elected. But Willis E. Reed is a very able lawyer.

England is equipping another million of men for the army, which will bring their army up to two million and one hundred thousand men besides their territorial armies. The way that men are being sent to the front it begins to look as though Europe would soon be one vast military graveyard.

Prices of all food stuffs in Germany are high and official circles report supplies scarce. In Austria, little preparation for the new wheat crop has been made. Prices are advancing rapidly. After December 1, bread must contain 30 per cent of corn or potato flour. Wheat sold recently at 74 s. a quarter, equal to \$2.25 a bushel.

Quite truly the Lincoln Star says that "A house divided against itself cannot stand," and as Regents Coupland and Haller have been willing tools in the hands of university removalists and have divided the board of regents in order that the "house" may continue to stand these two men should resign their positions on the board of regents without being told the second time to do so. Their days of usefulness have passed forever from them and they have been repudiated by the people of the state by an overwhelming vote. Get out, Coupland and Haller. You are no longer wanted.—Kearney Democrat.

It is two years till another election of county and state officials, and then the whole business is to do over again, with the addition of president and vice president. The democrats were very successful, taking the country over, and there is nothing sure how the country is to go at that time. If the democrats had not have gotten too sanguine as to the result of the recent election they could have had at least 49 or 50 more majority in the house, but too much dependence was placed in the personal popularity of President Wilson to carry them through. While President Wilson is one of the greatest and most popular presidents this country has ever boasted of, the candidates should be so much interested in being re-elected as to at least spend three or four weeks in his own behalf. This neglect has not only defeated one or two democratic congressmen, but at least fifty have been thusly defeated. It is hoped that this defeat will not occur soon again, and that two years hence the democrats will regain most of what they have lost this year.

HELP AMERICANS FIRST.

The governor of Kansas is urging the farmers of his state to donate a million bushels of wheat and a quarter of a million bushels of corn to the Belgians who are suffering on account of the invasion of their country by the German army. This would mean a donation valued at more than a million dollars, and this amount of grain would provide bread for a large number of people during the winter months. It would be a most generous act for the farmers of Kansas to do, and it would no doubt be generously appreciated by the Belgian people. And it would also be appreciated by the nations of Europe that are at war, and that are responsible for the deplorable conditions of the Belgians. It would give these nations more money with which to buy more guns, and would give them more time to kill each other and produce still greater suffering. It is so distracting, you know, to have to stop fighting to feed the babies and to see that their mothers are properly protected and provided for. It's men's business to fight and kill, and destroy homes and property, and the women folks and the "kids" must keep out of the way. And if these women and children cry loud enough, possibly the kind-hearted people of America may hear them and do for them what their own kith and kin refuses to do. We wonder how men may be made to fight and kill each other when they know what sorrow and terrible suffering they are entailing upon their own homes and families. It would be a fine thing, too, if the farmers in Kansas, along with the other big-hearted people of this country, might stop the fighting in Belgium as well as provided for those in need. More people are being killed than are being starved to death, and if American people are determined to help out, why not cover the whole situation? It is said that the nations now at war are spending fifty-five million dollars a day in prosecuting the war. Don't it look like they might add an extra million a day to feed and clothe and shelter the wives and mothers of the men who are lying in the trenches and facing death in a thousand ways. Why should the American people be called upon to help bear the expenses of this war, when the nations of Europe are burning up a couple of millions every hour of the day? We are not finding fault with the good people whose sympathy goes out to the victims of the war, and we should not stop a single bushel of grain that may be sent to the Belgians, but we should like to see the poor and needy of our own country share in the wheat crop of Kansas along with the Belgians. We haven't much patience with the charity that will run its legs off to carry food to the foreigner, while millions of our own poor are permitted to rot hog or die, with plenty all about them.

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Be thankful that you are living in free America.

The question is asked whether Americans should give money to the Belgians, Red Cross and other relief funds, when there is so much need of help in our own country this winter, which promises to be bitter in many localities. Our answer is: Yes; but do not neglect local needs. Charity is something which grows by use. Muscles are strengthened the first time, but when you realize that even 25 cents is appreciated and helpful, it is easier to give a half dollar the next time an appeal is made for a genuine case of distress. Plattsmouth is fortunate in not having as large a proportion of poverty afflicted people as most cities. Yet there will be calls for help here. Let us do what we can for people in foreign lands, but remember that "Charity begins at home."

LESS POVERTY.

It is encouraging to learn that, despite the high cost of living and other hardships, the percentage of almshouse pauperism in this land of the free has been steadily reduced since 1880, according to the census figures. Which indicates that, regardless of increasing extravagance, automobiles and tariff changes, one's chances of landing in the poor house are reduced from year to year, and this should convince people that this is a great country. It will also please the women to learn that their chances of landing in that humiliating though comfortable institution are considerably less than that of the men. Doubtless the women will contend that their advantage in this respect is due to their greater economy and business acumen. Which the men will contend is flap-doodle and will offer their life insurance as exhibit "A" in the evidence of rebuttal. Comparatively few women carry insurance enough to permit a widowed husband to live comfortably the balance of his days, but men are more thoughtful in that respect. Besides, a woman is likely to receive more consideration from her kin than a man, which may be the reason she thinks more of them, or the result of holding such thought. However, from any angle the improvement is encouraging. It may be no disgrace to be poor, but it is awfully inconvenient, and there is no denying the humiliation of abject poverty, even if the almshouse is steam-heated and provided with all modern conveniences. It is also encouraging to learn that the figures indicate the American citizen is better able to take care of himself than the immigrant who comes this way, which is contrary to general belief; the general belief being that a person used to European standards cannot fail to accumulate a fortune in this fat land. The figures show an increasing percentage of foreign-born among the paupers; they failed to find this land of milk and honey it was represented to the steamship agents.

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Evidently Indian summer will tarry so long it might get frost-bitten.

The only salve for disappointment is a mixture of ambition and hope well shaken after tasting.

We notice that it frequently takes a heap of money to bring up a boy in the way he should not go.

Chairman Carrick says he intends to keep plugging for the bull moose party in Nebraska. We admire the pluck of Mr. Carrick.

The foot disease is not so bad among men, but mouth disease among many of them is almost incurable with those who talk too much.

The fellow who appreciates Plattsmouth and Plattsmouth's wonderful prosperity and improvements is the one who has been away for several years and comes back.

Neither drouth, war nor politics seems to have effected the Missouri turkey crop, which is represented to be 33 per cent bigger than that of last year. The war in Europe, decreasing exports promises to keep down the price of Thanksgiving turkey.

A fleet of nearly a hundred foreign ships are said to be on the way across the ocean to Baltimore to be loaded with products for the warring nations. These items furnish the only satisfactory kind of war news. Everything else concerning the wholesale slaughter is grewsome and sickening.

SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN DIEGO

Indications point to a very large volume of Winter Tourist travel to Southern California the season of 1914-15 because of the opening of their expositions.

It would be well to think of the advantage of a winter in California and the comfort in seeing these expositions during this season, when we consider the crowds that will tax the resources of the hotels and railroads next summer. Arrange to attend one of the Burlington's Personally Conducted Tourist Sleeping Car Parties to Los Angeles via Denver and Scenic Colorado, planning to include the San Diego Exposition during the winter, returning via San Francisco, after March 1st, 1915.

Ask for our new California folder—"Eight Routes to the Pacific Coast."

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Use a tested kidney remedy. Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills. Used in kidney troubles 50 years. Recommended here and everywhere.

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If you can't prove who started the muss in your own home, you have no right to assume that you know who started the rumpus over in Europe.

There are so many laws that it is fairly safe to be an outlaw if one is careful in his selection of statutes to violate.

It seems the general opinion that the United States will profit by the war, but it is hard to figure in the long run in such wholesale destruction.

Sell your property by an ad in the Journal.