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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

It is heaven upon earth to have a man's mind move in charity, rest in Providence, and turn upon the poles of truth.

—Bacon.

Keep in mind that early Christmas shopping.

Suppose the progressive party concludes to join hands with the democrats—what then?

The turkey that passed Thanksgiving is not yet out of the woods. Christmas is coming.

Some people are eternally talking war, and they would be the last fellows to go to the front.

Rumor has it that Secretary Bryan is about to quit the cabinet. Don't you believe any such stuff.

It is hoped that ultimately both Carranza and Villa may carry out that suggestion to leave Mexico.

The kaiser should feel gratified that the rumors about him now deal with the cut of his mustache and the color of his hair.

If the democrats are honest in their reform proposition, they should be on the level when it comes to the selection of a speaker of the house of representatives.

If there really had been so many prisoners taken on both sides as is claimed by the opposing forces there would be none of the fourteen million soldiers in the European war left.

Again it is said that Tommy Allen will be appointed United States district attorney, Well, what's the difference?—Tom can fill the position as well as any of the fellows that have held the position for many years past.

Governor Morehead has appointed F. W. Button of Fremont to succeed Judge Hollenback as district judge, who has been elected to the supreme bench. Mr. Button was recently elected county attorney of Dodge county by over 1,000 majority, and he is said to be an able lawyer.

Instead of appointing a commission to summon witnesses and make a formal investigation of a rumor that a wireless outfit had been put on top of the building housing the legation of which he had charge, Brand Whitlock crawled to the roof and discovered that the rumor was false. Mr. Whitlock will never make a bureaucrat.

Commencing last Tuesday, (December 1) many articles of commerce must have a revenue stamp attached in order to comply with Uncle Sam's orders. This is what is commonly known as the war revenue. All bills of lading and freight bills must have a one-cent stamp attached and the person issuing same must attach the stamp. The same rule applies to express matter, and messages sent for transmission on the telegraph line must also be accompanied by the necessary revenue. A failure to comply with the law will be followed by a fine of \$50.00. It is very important that everyone having business with the railroad companies should become acquainted with the regulations of the new special revenue law, in order that they may not be unnecessarily embarrassed or fined.

See that home people are fed and cared for first.

There is no doubt that the alliance against Germany is a "combination in restraint of trade."

For every iron cross distributed to war heroes there are a hundred thousand unseen crucifixions.

Just about the time a man collects the living the world owes him the undertaker enters the front door.

"Onward, Christian Soldier" seems to be the Imperial cry all over Europe, and in some sections of Mexico.

Those who go away for a few years and come back again are the ones who can appreciate the many improvements in Plattsmouth.

Now the government is warning the public against pretended cures of any animal diseases. About the most enterprising and vigilant people in America are the quacks.

Every boy looks forward to the time when he will be twenty-one years old and his own boss. After which he is apt to boss a wife, if she stands for it.

Some of our merchants are decorating their show windows very tastily. That's what catches the eye of the early Christmas buyers, and also reminds the passers-by that the holidays are near at hand.

The old State Journal used to be a power in politics, but it ain't any more. There is a cause for it, and nobody knows what it is better than the Journal people themselves.

Don't get the notion into your head that the women do all the talking, for there are some men in this town who can double discount any woman we ever saw on gossiping and knowing all about other people's business.

Governor Morehead's next step is into the United States senate. Why shouldn't it be? The last election shows that he is one of the most popular men in Nebraska, and that he has been a governor true to the people.

The policy of the belligerents has been to select such portions of the Declaration of London as suited their special purposes. The United States government is right in insisting it is binding as a whole or not binding at all.

Of course it is pretty hard for the state house gang to give up the soft jobs they have been holding down for years, but this should not give them cause for endeavoring to embarrass the democrats who take their places. But they will try to do it just the same. But without success—mark that!

So they come back—from Canada. Some to begin over again, and some to buy back the old farm and pay the penalty the rise in the land imposes, some to the wife's folks and some to father's farm—but back, back to Nebraska. And Nebraska, like the father of the other prodigal, welcomes them. Ah, grand old Nebraska!

The republicans have a great deal to say about the "democratic war tax." Well, they must have something to say about democrats, and it is just as well that as anything. But how about the republican war tax a few years ago? Was it a republican or democratic necessity? Some republican papers are honest enough to be fair, while others wouldn't be fair under any circumstances.

WHY HOWELL WAS DEFEATED.

That R. Beecher Howell, the republican candidate for governor in the late campaign, was defeated by the generous use of two-dollar bills, is a theory given general publicity by the Lincoln Journal on the basis of a nebulous "rumor" reported by the Kearney Hub. The theory has penetrated to the republican weekly papers of the state and a number of them have commented, with appropriate indignation, on the awfulness of conditions when such things are possible.

There is no one to stand sponsor for this story. Not one scintilla of evidence has been advanced to substantiate it. It is nothing but a bare-faced and silly lie, like so much of the anonymous political scandal that the Journal devotes itself to disseminating. It is a foul slander of the Nebraska electorate which, we fancy, would be resented had not Nebraska gotten weary past the point of caring to resent or refute the calumnies which the Lincoln Journal peddles. Those who are silly enough to be deceived by unfounded tales such as appear daily in the Journal's columns may be left to wallow about in the mire of their delusions. They are hopeless, anyhow. They see Nebraska, through the lenses furnished by the Journal, not as the most intelligent state in the union, not as one of the cleanest states in the union, not as a state inhabited by a prosperous, well-informed and thoroughly independent people with whom political two-dollar bills would go a mighty small ways even if they were to fall thick as the leaves of Vallambrosa. They see Nebraska, instead, as a state sodden in corruption, vice, ignorance and crime; a state whose voters are led about by their respective noses by brewers and distillers and saloonkeepers and railroad magnates and corporation cormorants; a state that steps itself in everything that is politically and socially abhorrent, except on those rare occasions when a sweeping republican victory is recorded. There is no use to reason with people who will believe such things of Nebraska as the Journal is continually suggesting. There is no use to present facts to them. They are impervious to reason and indifferent to facts or they would be standing up for Nebraska as Nebraskans, on her record and her merits, deserves to have all her citizens stand up for her. But for the satisfaction of some people let us take a look at the facts.

Mr. Howell was defeated for governor. He was defeated by a majority so large as to surprise both his opponents and his supporters. This much is true—self-evidently true.

What was it that defeated him and defeated him so overwhelmingly?

Was it two-dollar bills peddled about by wicked democrats and wicked plutocrats who, with this pitiful bribe, hired swarms of republicans—republicans, the only good and pure and virtuous citizens of the state—to vote against him? There isn't, we make bold to say, a single intelligent citizen of Nebraska who believes it.

Was it the moss-backed democratic cohorts, who, by plumping their ballots solidly and without a scratch against him, snowed him under? It was not. There are not enough democrats in the state to do it, in the first place—not by a good many thousands. And in the second place—it is idle to ignore a fact that every well-informed Nebraska voter is already aware of—a good many thousand Nebraska democrats, whose minds had been poisoned against Governor Morehead before the campaign began, refused to vote for him and cast their votes for Howell. Governor Morehead knows it, Mr. Howell knows it, and the Lincoln Journal knows it.

Was it, then, the republicans who defeated Mr. Howell?

Kind reader, it was.

And it required no two-dollar bills to buy their votes against him. On the contrary many of them, if necessary, would gladly have paid two dollars for the privilege.

We might as well talk out loud and call things by their right names.

Candidate Howell, though he received thousands of democratic votes,

and although the republican party is the majority party in Nebraska, was defeated by almost 20,000 because thousands upon thousands of republicans could hardly wait for the polls to open and give them the chance to rush to the booths to mark their ballots against Howell.

They did not do it, we repeat, for two dollars. They did not do it because "the brewers" wanted them to. They did not do it because some certain corporation wanted them to. They didn't give a tinker's dam for the brewers and the corporations.

They voted against Howell, and beat him till the welkin rang, because he wasn't their brand of republican. They voted against him because he was denominated a "progressive republican," and had supported Roosevelt, while they themselves were regular republicans and had stood by Taft. They voted not alone to punish him, much as that rejoiced them, but to punish through him the tens of thousands of Nebraska republicans who had revolted in 1912 and helped destroy the greatness and the power of the republican organization.

That is the truth, simple as truth always is. Why not recognize it? Why should anybody be so silly as to stick his head in the sand, as the Lincoln Journal does, and pretend to believe that the absurd and preposterous lie about two-dollar bills furnishes the explanation of republican defeat in Nebraska?—World-Herald.

Do your Christmas shopping with a liberal advertiser.

Japan can boast that it finished its part of the war first.

The hustling merchant always gets the cream of the Christmas trade.

All instruments filed in the county recorder's office now must be stamped.

The new army bill again treats the aeroplane service with comparative indifference.

It is not every 70-year-old bridegroom that can borrow money of his 27-year-old bride.

The State Journal don't seem to be satisfied with anything that Governor Morehead may do. All the better for the governor.

The death of the hangman in Judge Parker's court at Fort Smith, Arkansas, seems to have left the state without an experienced executioner.

Our people are complying with the revenue law as rapidly as they can. Americans always comply with the laws of the land, and are patriotic to the core.

If the first three days of December rule the winter, as the old weather prophets are wont to say, December and January will be fine ones. But we shall see what we shall see.

The New York World turns its batteries on Mr. Bryan. But then this is not the first time the World has been guilty of this trick. And Mr. Bryan got used to this several years ago.

The jingoes sang that they had the ships, the men and the money, too. Secretary Daniels improperly applies the name to those who merely insist that we ought to have the ships and the men for emergencies.

A divorcee announces the cheerful discovery that she can support herself and two children on \$20,000 a year, when not bothered with a husband. But most women have been aware of this for many years.

The suggestion of George B. McClellan, jr., ex-mayor of New York, that the United States may have to fight the victors in the European war, seems preposterous. The general opinion seems to be that the countries engaged in war will have their sufficiency, no matter who wins, for some time to come. Nevertheless, it would be just as well for this country to be ready for any emergency.

WINTER NEEDS.

It would seem unnecessary to call attention to the suffering that these cold winds inflict upon the unfortunate of our city, yet the majority of the people wait to be solicited before they contribute help. Very few people make any investigation or inquiry as to the condition or the needs of the helpless poor, and they know only in a general way that winter entails more or less distress among the extremely poor of the city. This seeming indifference may be attributed to lack of information on the subject, or to the lack of time to investigate and sometimes, but not often, to downright selfishness. But whatever reasons people may have for waiting to be solicited, it cannot be too strongly urged that everyone should give according to his means, when called upon. Plattsmouth has a considerable population that is constantly on the "ragged edge," even in times of greatest prosperity, and when winter closes in upon them the stringent demands of cold weather cannot be met. Cold weather requires more fuel, more food and more clothing, and very frequently the income of a household is not sufficient, even in summer, to more than keep body and soul together. Exposure and lack of food and clothing causes a large amount of sickness during winter, and this adds to the expense, and frequently deprives a family of its income. Sickness very often destroys the earning capacity of the head of the family, and the weaker members of the family are thrown upon the charity of the city. And through misfortunes of various kinds, poverty and want overtake people, and every winter in our city the cry of distress comes up from a multitude of those who are financially down and out, and who are absolutely hopeless and helpless, so far as caring for themselves is concerned. Plattsmouth has always been generous toward her poor, and it will not be presumptuous to predict that the generosity of past years will be equalled, if not surpassed during the coming winter. And the need will be greater the coming winter than for years. Owing to the disturbed conditions due to the war in Europe, there will be greater numbers of men out of employment, and the cost of living will be higher. Nobody in this country can be blamed for these conditions and nobody can change them. While there is marked improvement in many lines of industry, there will not be a complete resumption of work before spring. In the meantime, those in distress must be cared for and Plattsmouth must let none suffer for lack of the real necessities of life. Men who can give employment, even for a day, should let it be known to those whose business it is to look after the needs of the unfortunate. Those who are engaged in the work of charity should find no difficulty in procuring sufficient funds to meet the needs of their work. The good people should give freely and give as generously as they can, and if all will help a little there will be plenty and to spare. In any event, dear reader, don't be grumpy if you are asked to contribute to help lessen the pangs of poverty in your own city. If you are unable to give money, you can at least give a pleasant look and smile to those who ask you to help.

ELMWOOD.
Lender-Echo.

Dwaine, Current of Omaha spent his Thanksgiving vacation here with his sister, Marjorie, at the G. W. Worley home.

Mrs. M. W. Waliz, who has been taking treatment at a Lincoln hospital, is much improved, we are glad to state.

J. E. Hoover shipped two cars of cattle to the Omaha market Monday. They were a good bunch and consisted of sixty-four head.

Will Gerbe and family of Norfolk, Neb., were Thanksgiving visitors at the home of Mrs. Gerbeling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hyllon.

Lyman Hall of Trenton, Neb., is here spending a few days visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, and other relatives.

Max Copwell came in last week from his homestead in Montana in time for Thanksgiving with his mother, and will spend two months with relatives and friends here before returning to the northwest.

Rabbits are suffering these days. They are quite plentiful and local dealers have no trouble in getting all they want with a couple of hours' hunting. The little animals seem to be quite free from the so-called "warts" which have been so much of a menace in recent years.

Sunday as Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Swanson and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Burke, who had been visiting with E. C. Burke and family, were returning to their home at York in an auto they met with an accident close to Seward. It was very dark and they ran into another auto. Mr. Burke was thrown out of the machine and was considerably bruised. No one else was hurt.

William Mueller of Union received the sad intelligence Monday of the death of his brother, Adolph Mueller, who died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Mueller went there last week when informed of his brother's illness, but as he had greatly improved he returned home Saturday, and was greatly shocked when he received the message of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller left Monday evening to attend the funeral.

"The High Cost of Loving."

From Saturday's Daily.

In several of the counties of the state there has arisen questions of whether or not the marriage certificates issued by judges and ministers are to be stamped by the new war tax stamps that are being placed on so many different articles. The decision of the officials of Douglas county is that the parties who have been admiring their wedding certificates which have been issued since the stamp tax went into effect should return them and affix thereon a stamp of 10 cents, which burden is to be taxed onto those who enter into the state of matrimony. It is, however, not necessary to furnish the certificates unless requested to do so by the bride and groom, and many will escape the "high cost of loving" in this manner.

Returns to Pierce County.

From Saturday's Daily.

John N. Beck, one of the Journal's excellent young German farmer friends, from west of the city, was visiting and trading among Plattsmouth business men today, and while here paid the Journal office a brief call. For the past two weeks he has been enjoying a visit from his brother, Henry Beck, of Pierce county, who returned home yesterday. Henry was a resident of this county about fourteen years ago, and of course enjoys an occasional visit back to the old home. He enrolled his name for the Journal for one year and will keep posted as to the happenings in old Cass through its columns in the future.

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To find relief from backache;
To correct distressing urinary ills;
To assist weak kidneys?

Many people in this vicinity know the way.
Have used Doan's Kidney Pills;
Have proved their worth in many tests.

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Mrs. F. S. Brinkman, Eleventh and Pearl streets, Plattsmouth, says:

"For several years I was bothered by my kidneys. My back often pained intensely. Headaches and dizzy spells bothered me and my sight became so badly affected that I couldn't read. Doan's Kidney Pills were so highly recommended that I decided to try them and got a box at Gering & Co.'s Drug Store. In a short time they helped me in every way. I am never without Doan's Kidney Pills on hand."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Brinkman had. Foster-McIlburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

"A MODERN EVE" ENJOYED A RECORD BREAKING ENGAGEMENT IN CHICAGO

From Saturday's Daily.

The Berlin operetta, "A Modern Eve," which enjoyed a record-breaking engagement in Chicago, will be the attraction at the Parmele theater on Wednesday night, December 9.

The management have assembled a cast of prominent principals for this tour, and will offer an elaborate scenic and costume production. "A Modern Eve" has proven to be the greatest musical success Europe has given us, and it already surpasses, in point of popularity, any previous musical comedy presented in years. The music, by Victor Hollander and Jean Gilbert, embraces song hits already established as popular favorites all over the country. The now famous "Good-bye, Everybody" waltz is being whistled and hummed everywhere. Other popular numbers are: "Is the Girl You Married Still the Girl You Love?" "Lonesome Moon," "Rita, My Margarita," "Every Day Is Christmas When You're Married," and "Won't You Smile?"

Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to everyone." For sale by all dealers.

Nichols Holmes, the Weeping Water miller, was in the city today for a few hours looking after some matters of business.