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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow. —Lincoln.

Modern dancing is mostly sitting around and watching someone else do it.

The bread line is the big problem for the east. Here in Nebraska the "pie" line is what bothers some fellows.

Since revenue stamps are now attached to marriage licenses, an old bachelor in this old town says he can't help but regard them as war documents.

An Ohio husband expressed his feelings in a forcible manner by shooting at his wife's portrait. Even at that, he's only one lap ahead of the man who beats his wife.

Maybe the young man does not believe it, but a boss can generally tell whether a man is capable of a bigger job by watching the way he does the smaller things he's hired for.

There may be such a thing as platonic love—but did you ever hear of these affairs in which a cross-eyed girl got mixed up with a sprouting moustache? That's the platonic love.

"Who for mayor?" This is a matter that has been agitating the minds of some citizens of Plattsmouth quite seriously, but not one name has been mentioned that meets the approbation of any considerable number.

Did you ever notice it? The fellow who claims to be a rock-ribbed democrat, and does the least for party success, always gets the soft jobs. That has ever been the trouble with the democratic party—they never reward the faithful.

It may not be so easy for "Old Joe Cannon" to get into congress as he thinks. He is liable to face a contest. A grand jury at his home city, Danville, Illinois, is being contemplated, so it is said, to ascertain the truth of alleged corruptions in the election. "Old Joe" has found his way into congress many times, and it has always been alleged that honesty has not always prevailed.

While Representative Gardner's resolution demanding a special inquiry into the country's preparedness for war, either offensive or defensive, was defeated by the house committee on rules, the facts are apparently being brought out by the house committee on naval affairs. The people take an interest in the revelations. The public is neither pacific nor jingoistic. It is patriotically American and wants to know the exact facts, where not incompatible with the public good. There has been but slight violation of propriety in the inquiry so far. Representative Hobson overstepped the line, perhaps, when he asked his pointed question of Secretary Daniels as to the strained relations between this country and Japan in May, 1913. Mr. Hobson must have been actuated by personal pique more than by patriotic concern when he asked this question. He has been ridiculed so much that it was but human in him to seize an opportunity to demonstrate that he had not been imagining vain things.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The thirty-fourth session of the Nebraska legislature opens auspiciously.

Both houses perfected their organization expeditiously and without friction; also—which is doubly gratifying—without factionalism. The contest over the speakership, which on many a previous occasion has been a source of much turmoil in Nebraska politics, created scarcely a ripple of excitement. Such contention as there was was friendly and good natured throughout, and was based solely on natural differences of opinion as to the comparative availability of the several candidates. There was no factional division, and, what is even more promising of good sense and good work, there was no division along "wet" and "dry" lines. Mr. Jackson, the successful aspirant, is a man of legislative experience, of high standing, and with a reputation for courage, fairness and common sense. His victory carries with it no bitterness and no regret for the losers, since they must realize that the chance for honest service and the distinction it entails is quite as great on the floor of the house as in the speaker's chair.

The legislature meets with partisan as well as factional feeling at a low ebb. And the less there is of both as the session journeys on to its destined end the better it will be for the members and for the state. There are no radical differences along party lines in Nebraska this winter so far as concerns state problems and policies. To inject partisanship would be merely to roll the waters and lessen the legislature's capacity for calm, intelligent, judicious effort to serve Nebraska.

There are a few qualities desirable in legislators that it may not be amiss to mention. First and foremost is fidelity to the pledges on which the candidate was elected. Another is the courage of his convictions. Another is the disposition to do what the member believes to be fair and equitable, regardless of the possible consequences to himself personally. And the sum of all these is just plain, old-fashioned honesty, combined with plain, old-fashioned patriotism. Add to these a reasonable degree of intelligence and a willingness to work hard and unselfishly, and any legislator so endowed can end the session deserving, even if he does not receive, the plaudits of his constituents. He will have, in any event, the approval of his own conscience, which is beyond price.

To the one hundred and thirty-three members of the Nebraska legislature is intrusted a great and heavy responsibility. As they discharge it well or badly the state will profit or suffer, not merely in the immediate present, but for many years to come. They are to act on important matters presented in a time of no ordinary stress and uncertainty. The situation is one to call forth the best that is in them. The World-Herald trusts there is not a member but will remember that he serves himself best who serves his party best, and his party best who best serves his state. —World-Herald.

By the time a man finds out who are really his friends, he is lost.

Say something good about your town. If you can't do this, say nothing.

People who go through life expecting the "Lord to provide" are then disappointed if He doesn't carry out the dishes and wash them.

It is now reported that Teddy Roosevelt has cut out coffee. Then there will be no possibility of his again wanting the third cup.

Once an office-holder, always an office-seeker.

What's the record for high jumps is becoming great.

Prohibitionists are fond of playing the role of Banquo's ghost.

Many a good fiddler has been ruined by becoming a violin player.

Man wants but little here below, but he keeps right on wanting it.

So many people are always willing to give sympathy and nothing else.

Will your New Year resolutions outwear the children's Christmas toys?

Now, what about "Ground Hog day?" It isn't long off now—February 2.

The suffragists threaten to become militant before congress next week. Put 'em out!

While safety may be the first policy of the United Railways, economy seems a close second.

The war may last a long time, but it is not likely to outlive the Dr. Hyde case at Kansas City.

And now they have it that Teddy Roosevelt is to go on the stage. Somehow we had supposed he never was really off of it.

There was a time when Ogden, Utah, would have not dared to boast of having the highest birth record in the United States.

Our search of ancient history fails to reveal where the jokesmith got the notion that a bald head is essential to a keen interest in legs.

The disappearance of the snow may not add materially for the betterment of the wheat crop, but other snows will be very apt to follow.

The governor rightly opposes any extra pay for hangers-on about the legislature. There has been too much extra pay for an hour's work after supper.

Governor Morehead's message is a very able state paper, and his recommendations are right to the point and will result in much good if adhered to by the senate and house.

If Governor Morehead has his way about it the appropriations will be curtailed to about one-half of what they were two years ago. And the legislature should stay right with him.

The Journal agrees with the Grand Island Independent in the following:

"The Jefferson county farmers have taken a high position in refusing to sell horses for the European war. Apparently they go farther than to babble peace in one breath and exhaust the next in a grab for dollars to be made at the expense of human lives and suffering. But can the commercial world be made to take cognizance of the fact that every direct dealer is also a direct participant in the continuance of the war? Or, even if cognizance of the fact is taken, is the commercial conscience of such fiber as to control action? Mr. Clarence Howard, president of the immense steel concern in St. Louis, a former Grand Island young man, has refused a contract of \$1,000,000 in war munitions. Are there enough Clarence Howards in America? How general is the reported sentiment of the Jefferson county farmers? It will not do to underestimate the high, moral grounds the Howards or the Jefferson county farmers have taken, if headway is to be made. But the commercial sense can probably be more effectively appealed to. The destruction by ourselves, by means of such sales, of all these horses and other supplies, will react upon ourselves—we must certainly share in their loss in the future."

"BARBAROUS MEXICO."

You may recall that some years ago a certain magazine, having somewhat exhausted the muckraking possibilities of this land of the free press, sent an able artist in that line to Mexico with the result that the Diaz dynasty came in for an awful panning. The horrors therein set forth ranged from control of the voting machinery by machine guns instead of ward heelers, to plain and fancy slavery in the fever swamps of Guatan and points south. That writing person made a great case against Mexico, and much of it we have been based on facts, for all we know to the contrary, but a knowledge of the course of muckraking warrants the belief that much of it was made to order, exaggerated and distorted to suit the occasion and make the irate readers snort. What is known for a fact is that the Madero revolt followed, to be followed in turn by a revolt of the younger Diaz, and Huerta and Carranza and Villa and others too numerous to mention, until manslaughter has become the favorite pastime of a large proportion of the populace. Business and industry are all shot to pieces, and natural resources are remaining steadfastly in a natural state for lack of foreign capital to develop them. It is also admittedly true that Mexico made its greatest strides in business and development during the regime of Porofrio Diaz, even if he did rule in a rough way. There is some reason to believe that that is the only way that will work in Mexico, and even it doesn't seem to work very well, now that so many rival patriots have sprung up. Which may not make the muckraking magazine responsible for Mexico's continuous performance, but the widespread disturbance followed so closely that there may have been a connection. And certainly agitators of one kind and another, foreign and domestic, have done more toward making Mexico barbarous than did Diaz during his long and prosperous rule. Doubtless a majority of Mexicans would like to swing back to those days, but there doesn't seem to be any way; Mexico has started something it can't stop.

WHY ALONG PARTY LINES?

The Nebraska state senate, by a vote of 19 to 12—more than three to two—has adopted the joint resolution offered by Senator Howell of Douglas county memorializing congress in favor of the Hitchcock bill to stop the trade in war munitions. In adopting this resolution this newspaper is persuaded that the state senate has only done what the people of Nebraska would do—and do by a more overwhelming majority—if they were given an opportunity to vote on the question. The sentiment in favor of the United States following the example set by the neutral European nations, and forbidding the trade in arms and ammunition, is growing rapidly. But this newspaper does not believe that sentiment is growing along party lines. There is no more reason that we can see why a republican should oppose the principle of the Hitchcock bill than a democrat. There is no more reason why a democrat should favor it than why a republican should. Among the prominent Nebraska men favoring the policy incorporated in the Hitchcock bill are Senator Norris and former Senators Millard and Brown, all republicans. Throughout the state republicans are joining with democrats in petitions to congress in its behalf. Why, then, was the division in the state senate practically on party lines? Why did all the republican senators but three vote against the adoption of the Howell resolution, while all the democrats but two—Senators Beal and Robertson—vote for it? The World-Herald cannot answer its own questions. Of one thing, however, it is persuaded; that Senators Lahners, Randall and Spencer, the three republicans who voted in the affirmative, more truly represented their constituents, republicans as well as democrats, than did the ten republicans who voted in the negative. We make bold to say that if the senate of the state of Nebraska realizes how high and how fast the tide of public sentiment is mounting in favor of this country stopping the sale of arms and ammunition, just as the neutral countries of Europe have done, the vote for the Howell resolution would have been all but unanimous.—World-Herald.

In looking over the bunch that has hung around the state house this week, one wonders why so many want to hang around all winter for the small stipend received. It is the soft, easy chair and four hours a day's work that catches the most of them.

As we start out on the new year, why not look on every act of our brothers and friends as coming from pure motives? Others may make mistakes, we all do that. But it is letter to attribute the mistakes to a misconception of the right than charge wilful and malicious violation of the proprieties. Why not try this mode of procedure for a year and see the results?

If the food inspector should happen to visit some of the stores in this town he would find eggs that had been in storage for at least six months and not fit for use. The office of state food inspector is perhaps all right, but the trouble is they do not come around often enough to keep merchants from getting careless in taking in stale articles of food. Each town should be inspected at least once a month, and so should all the hotels.

In direct contrast to the reports from other metropolises of the United States, the business of Omaha shows a gratifying condition for the year just closed. Reflecting as it does the general condition, throughout the states of Nebraska, Iowa and the Dakotas, the clearing through Omaha should be especially pleasing. Figures compiled by the bureau of publicity of manufacturing and jobbing show a gain in these two lines of business of more than one million dollars. Manufacturing shows a heavy increase and the increase comes in those lines which are especially Nebraska's. For instance, the value of packing house products increased more than seven million dollars, due partly to the higher prices prevailing.

The president of France predicts that by the next New Year the war will be at an end. If the rate of killing is kept up during the present year—that reports make it for the past four months, there may not be soldiers enough left to carry on the war.

There were a few fellows taken down a notch or two in the race for speaker of the house of representatives, one in particular who had imposed on his friends for years in the way of borrowing money from all he possibly could and never refunding it. He has done this so long and publicly that the members had caught onto him and turned him down good and plenty.

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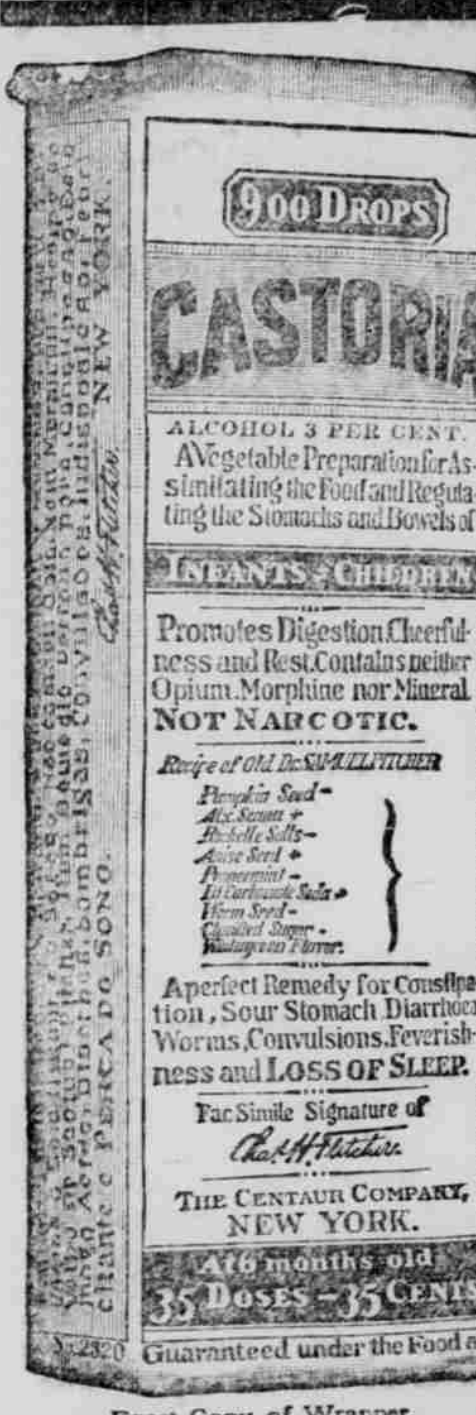
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His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

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C. W. Stoehr and Ed Tschirren came in this morning from their farm homes near this city and were passengers for Omaha, where they expect to visit a large stock sale that is to be held today at the South Omaha market.



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F. J. Hennings and wife drove in Saturday from their farm home near Cedar Creek to attend to the weekend shopping with the merchants for a few hours.

George M. Hild of near Mynard was among those in the city Saturday looking after some trading. Mr. Hild will move to this city in a short time to make his future home.

John Beck came in Saturday afternoon from his farm home some six miles west of this city to look after some matters of business with the merchants for a few hours.

C. E. Metzger came up from his home at Mynard Saturday to enjoy a few hours' visit here with his friends and to look after some matters of business with the merchants.

John M. Meisinger and wife came in this morning from their home near this city and were among the passengers for the metropolis on No. 15, where they will spend the day looking after some matters of business.

Henry Born and Ed Tritsch, two of the leading farmers residing near this city, came in Saturday from their homes and visited here for the day attending to some matters of business with the merchants.

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