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## OUR COUNTRY.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Virtue is in a manner contagious; more especially the bright virtue known as patriotism, or love of country.  
—Dickens.

While truth is mighty, it is often suppressed.

Military fashions for women this spring. Then what?

Love is blind but it can always locate the almighty dollar.

Bad colds are prevalent in this city, and some cases of pneumonia.

Signs of an "America for Americans" movement are in evidence everywhere.

Occasionally Mother Nature writes a letter of credit upon a man's face, but not often.

In a lawsuit if you feel that you are liable to lose, it may be a good idea to settle the matter by arbitration.

As a man grows older he realizes that mince pie is more likely to keep him awake of nights than a busy conscience is.

Righteous indignation may be all right on rare occasions, but don't make it a habit, or you will go the "sour way."

Ostrich eggs are now being served as food in Chicago, and it is hoped they are nearer fresh than some of the hen fruit one usually gets in that lakeside metropolis.

The Iowa legislature has a bill before it to make 20 per cent of a man's salary subject to attachment and execution, a measure that is fathered by the Retail Merchants' association.

In Kansas girls under 16 and boys under 18 are prohibited from marrying, even with the consent of parents or guardians. A bill has just been introduced in the legislature at Topeka reducing the age to 17 and 15. Why not raise them to 18 and 21?

There are now before the legislature appropriation bills amounting to eleven millions of dollars to bear the expenses of the state government for the next two years. Enormous, to say the least. But then the people pay the bills, and not the legislature.

Talking about property qualifications for voters, would it not be a good idea to start in the property qualification for members of the legislature in order to be eligible as a member of the house or senate of Nebraska, in order to be eligible to either?

People hereabouts are beginning to appreciate the fact that the sun is having greater power, and that it rises earlier in the morning and sets later in the evening. It will soon be spring, but perhaps the surest indication that spring is here is the coming of the new Easter bonnet.

Up to date Americans have sent the Belgians 110,000 tons of food, and while this was being done there were perhaps double this number in America right at the point of starvation. America should stand for Americans first, especially when it comes to the starving in our own country.

Perhaps no finer patriotic utterance was ever made than that of Stephen Decatur, when he said: "Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong." This is a time when such a sentiment should be type high in the minds of every American citizen, whether he got into the ranks by birth or adoption. National affairs may be regulated well enough by partisan politics, but in international affairs it is most important that the government represent the nation, and as long as it keeps us out of trouble, it is entitled to considerable credit. If it, or the Big Talker, should precipitate us into hostilities, those who would not stand with the government, would be few and of small consequence, and in no sense entitled to the name of American. It is the way of war to unite a nation, without much regard to the wisdom or justice of the conflict. German socialists forget their party principles to serve the fatherland, when it came to a show-down. Factional feeling passed in France, where politics is taken seriously and bitterly, when the war began. Irish Nationalists and Ulster men forgot their near-war to serve a British sovereign, when the empire was threatened. The spirit of revolution passed from Russia when an alien enemy was at the gates. Always, or nearly always, it is that way in war, but a little of the same spirit would help in time of peace; indeed, it would help in maintaining peace, than which a government can have no more important function. This should be borne in mind by American sympathizers of either side in the great war. Our foreign office is manned by humans to whom error is quite possible, but trying to get them to aid one side or the other won't help much. The fact that our policy of neutrality hasn't entirely satisfied either side in Europe is probably its best recommendation. That is proof enough that it is American, as all Americans should be.

The chiropractors will get in all right whether they desire recognition by the legislature or not. Pretty soon the hypnotists will ask for admission to gull the people, then the spiritualists and the Lord only knows what else. Give them all a chance for their "white alley."

Public ownership is not necessary where private capital serves humanity well. But since the shipping trust cannot put American ships on the seas without a subsidy or without government aid President Wilson's shipping bill measure ought not to be such a frightful thing to look upon!

The Grand Island Free Press has ceased to be a daily paper, and henceforth will be issued as a weekly. Grand Island is an up-to-date city of 12,000 to 14,000, and it would seem that one good daily is all that is demanded, and the Independent is able to fill the bill, as it is one of the best in the state.

Reconsideration of a vote whereby a bill is rejected after third reading ought under all rules of procedure to require more than a bare majority and if an insurance trust should be created upon any such slender foundation as a majority vote for reconsideration it seems apt to find hard sledding in the courts. But those who are fighting for a state maneuvered insurance trust do not seem to be very particular as to how they get it.—Lincoln Star.

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The capitals of Mexico are about as elusive as the Irishman's flea.

Speaking of "back-to-the-farm" movement, \$1.50 wheat will help some.

There are times when the fool-killer ought to be indicted for criminal negligence.

Measles, measles, and measles. They even make their acquaintance with the Journal.

If you are willing to start an argument, there are always others ready to keep it going.

Comparatively few people believe in the peerless prophet, the groundhog, but there are so many other fool things they do believe.

The killing of 27,000 men in Europe does not draw any great crowd around the bulletin boards, but wait until they put 27 men out in the first league ball games of the season.

It is said the Jews are spending large sums to save Leo Frank from the death penalty. And if Frank is innocent the Jews are entitled to considerable credit for pulling together.

Owing to the high cost of running automobiles and staying at high-priced hotels our wealthy people have not so far been able to contribute heavily to save the Belgians from starving.

There is a price on the head of every pretty girl who can bake good biscuits. Most any girl can look pretty under the parlor chandelier or in the soft moonlight, but ah, how few will do to look at next morning at 6:30 and still fewer can set before the men at breakfast a plate of appetizing hot biscuits, and for the one who can, the boys are searching the world of girls.

PRICES STILL RISING. Bradstreet's report that the rise in prices "represents an advance of 5.6 per cent over that of January 1, which upturn was made notwithstanding lower prices for live stock most meats, butter, eggs and milk, mention being made of only the more important commodities—those in which the public is most interested. It is well to note that English prices advanced 7 per cent during the month of January, the rise across the Atlantic being more extensive than that displayed here. However, our present index number is 9 per cent above that recorded on February 1, 1914."

Six groups of commodities advanced within a month's time, while a like number declined, and one (fruits) remained stationary. Bread stuffs, textiles, metals, coal and coke, oils and chemicals and drugs ascended, while live stock, provisions, hides and leather, naval stores, building materials and the miscellaneous group fell. It will be seen that the farmer is not getting all the benefit of the rise in prices, as has generally been taken for granted. While some of his products have advanced several other have fallen in price. Those who are getting the worst of it all around are the city people. While live stock and provisions have gone down, they see no diminution in their meat and grocery bills and there is a threat that the bread bill will be increased.

The bankers are all right. They have more money than they know what to do with. It is reported that Chicago banks received \$50,000,000 from country bankers in one week. Exchange on London has fallen to 4.75, which is at the point that indicates gold importations. In October, 1907, exchange fell to 4.82 and immediately afterwards \$100,000,000 of gold was imported. The dominant factor is the continued and enormous purchasing of American commodities by the old-world nations, the renewed surprisingly large shipments of cotton constituting an important element therein. The present indications are that all is well with the United States of America.

FARMER AND SPECULATOR. Some western newspapers are demanding the immediate passage of the shipping bill on the ground that there is not enough of our wheat and flour moving to Europe and that the price is not high enough.

At the same time mass meetings are being held in the great centers of population clamoring to our government to relieve hungry Americans; pointing out that we are shipping more foodstuffs abroad than ever before in our history; declaring that a famine is threatened, and asserting that the high price of flour is working unendurable hardships.

And, among the uninformed and unthinking, the American farmer is being either abused or envied for the "rich harvest" he is reaping out of existing high prices due to the unprecedented European demand and the unexpended shipments of foodstuffs abroad.

The truth as, intelligent men know and fair-minded men will admit, is that the farmer is getting little or none of the benefit. It is the grain gamblers, the speculators, the great buyers of grain, who are skimming the cream off this situation. And it is the entire American people that are paying the heavy price.

The World-Herald calls to the attention of those of its readers who desire to consider important issues rationally and with a knowledge of the facts a letter from a farmer printed in the New York World. The letter follows:

"To the Editor of the World: A recent cartoon, not one of yours, in which 'Wheat-Grower' is represented slightly in the lead of 'Steel Industry' in a 'business revival race,' is well calculated to rile and disgust every real wheat-grower in the United States. In the cartoon, emblazoned on a bulletin board along the race course, are the words: 'Wheat—New High Level for Seventeen Years at \$1.66.' This would make it appear that the grower of wheat is rolling in wealth because of the unprecedented rise in wheat within the last two months.

"Nothing is further from the truth. As a farmer in the full meaning of the word, I have not only raised and sold wheat, as well as other farm products, but I have taken the trouble for many years to investigate the matter from the farmer's point of view in all parts of America. Such cartoons serve only to mislead people who dwell in cities.

"This wheat crop was disposed of by the farmers of the United States at an average of 75 cents before the end of September, 1914. A few stragglers in the far west held back a month or two, hoping for better prices, thus retarding the 'action' anticipated by the food speculators. Only when the last bushel was garnered were they willing to begin the game of the wheat pit.

"Let me add that the food speculator is the most deadly enemy the farmer has except drought and flood. We deplore the existence of food speculators more than the consumer does. When this deadly enemy to agricultural progress disappears, the various farm co-operating organizations all over the United States will die for lack of an enemy to fight.

Green Clay. "Richmond, Ky., February 11." Here is the simple truth. It is worth thinking about. It is worthy the attention, incidentally, of the Nebraska legislature. That body has shown some interest in the shipping question. One branch of it has memorialized congress to build or buy ships in the interest of greater exportations and higher prices, when we are already breaking the record. But comparatively little interest has been shown in the fulfillment of the democratic and populist platform pledges for a public warehouse system that would enable the Nebraska farmer to gain his fair share of the advantages accruing from high prices.

That wheat has soared to the skies does the Nebraska farmer mighty little good when he sold his harvest at low prices, because he had very limited facilities, physical and financial, for holding it. Nor can he feel that he is being served with the highest degree of intelligence by his representatives who are more interested

in still higher prices for the benefit of speculators than in affording a means whereby, when the next crop is harvested, the farmer will be enabled to realize some of the good of high prices for himself.—World-Herald.

As the snow goes away the universal sentiment prevails that the wheat crop never looked more healthy in Cass county.

With the loss of probably a half million dollars from ice-laden wires, the Nebraska Telephone company is convinced that there are other forms of declarations besides war.

The railroads have many men on the lookout both day and night watching the breaking up of the ice on the Platte river and tributary streams, in which many bridges are endangered.

If some of our very rich men really knew what a terrific struggle was going to be staged after their death for the possession of their dollars they would probably spend more of it right now in building substantial monuments to stand as a credit to their earthly efforts for the good of the youth of the city.

It is the duty of members of the legislature to listen to suggestions of Governor Morehead on the needs of the state. He is supposed to know better than the members of either body. He has made it a study for two years, and he wants his administration to be a most appreciable one to the people of Nebraska.

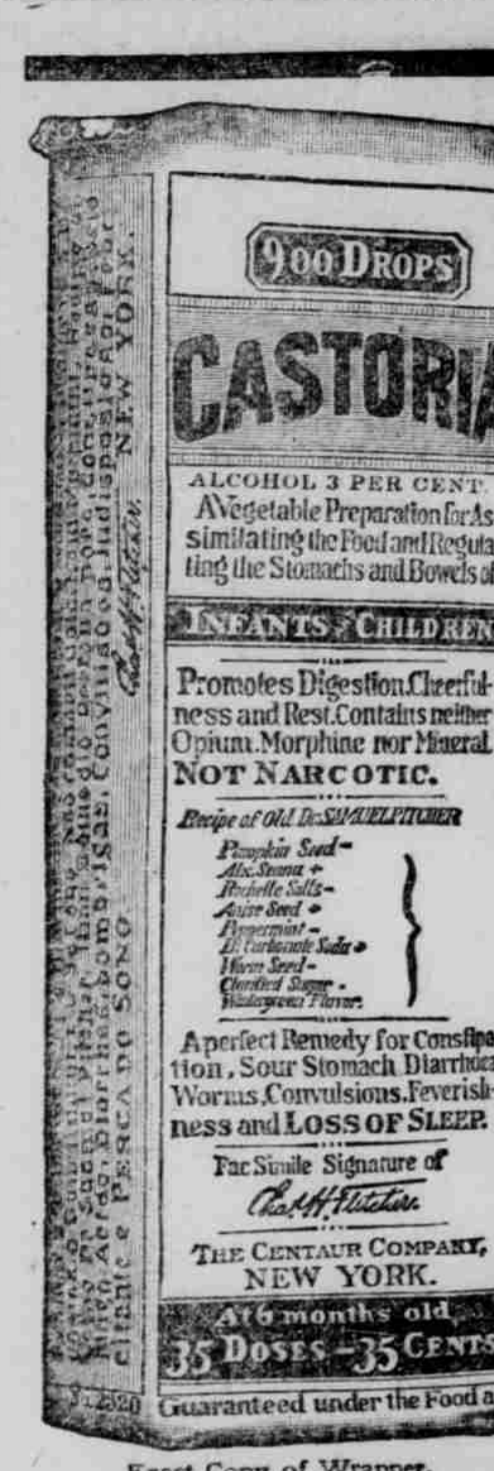
Elmwood possesses a live booster club and it is going to work with a vim. It has secured a live auctioneer and proposes to have public sales every Saturday afternoon, where people can bring in surplus stock or other articles and have them sold free of charge to the owners. This is going some for Elmwood. But shows she is a live wire.

A federal law will go into effect March 1 which will place restrictions on the sale of opium, morphine and cocaine. The law is intended to prohibit the promiscuous sale of these drugs; \$150,000 has been appropriated to help enforce this law. The law makes provisions for certain medicines. Each purchaser of these drugs must make written order, to be kept on file by the seller for two years. Physicians and dentists must keep a record of the amount of the drugs administered and to whom administered. The maximum penalty is \$2,000 or five years' imprisonment or both.

The Otoe county commissioners at their recent session refused to entertain any of the bids for constructing bridges, and laid the whole matter over until the March term. The matter of contracting with construction companies for bridge work is a matter in which the taxpayers are directly interested, and county commissioners should proceed carefully on such a proposition. There is big money in this work, or construction companies would not be so eager to get the contract. Commissioners doing business for the taxpayers should watch out for the interests of the people, because there are many farmers in Cass county now who believe there is "a negro in the woodpile" at times on this bridge contracting. While we believe strictly in the honesty of Cass county's commissioners, yet it is necessary to keep their eyes open in the future to this matter.

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Mrs. Bowers Quite Sick.

Mrs. Lawrence Bowers, residing in the south part of the city, has been quite sick for the past few days. Her condition at the present time is quite serious, and the members of the family residing at a distance have been called to her bedside.

Woodmen Circle, Notice!

The Woodmen Circle will hold their regular meeting at their lodge rooms tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. 2-22-2td

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## Box Social February 27th.

A box social will be held at the Cullom school, school district No. 30, about eight miles northwest of this city, Saturday evening, February 27. A program will be rendered. All ladies are requested to bring boxes. Everybody invited. Pauline Palecek, Teacher. 2-22-1td-2tw

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