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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

He has a treacherous servant who serves only himself.—Proverb.

A mathematician usually is so precise he's a bore.

The light question does not seem to be settled yet.

Another day goes by without the promised blizzard.

A journalist is always a newspaper man in some other town.

Generally speaking, a luxury is something you can't afford.

The days are gradually getting longer, and the farmers have begun to make preparations for their spring work.

The demand for realism in fiction may drive some novelist to murder somebody in order to catch the spirit of a murderer.

Our industries may be terribly upset by the war, but as long as the baseball season will open up shortly the country is safe.

The Rural Credit association ought to be for the farmer and the farm property what a building and loan association is for the city.

The country would manager somehow to rock along with not over half the societies and organizations now in existence if salaries were abolished.

On the other hand, it seems to be a fact that the people have treated the railroads a whole lot better than the financial heads have treated some of the lines.

The lynching of two hog thieves in Arkansas is incomprehensible to persons unfamiliar with the contempt felt in that state for a white man who steals razor-backs.

Back up! Eat when you're hungry, if you have got the money to buy it. The department of agriculture reports that the United States is in no danger of a shortage in food supplies.

Oratory will not be accepted as the test of racial efficiency, since a Chinese student has won the Yale oratorical prize over the son of President Hadley of that institution.

Foreign countries are after the surplus of this country to spend on war activities. The Swiss government is the latest to close a loan for \$15,000,000, to continue their enforcement of neutrality.

Sir Edward Grey wants no advice from any neutral nation with reference to Belgium, excepting it be advice as to how to drive the Germans out. That is clear and emphatic enough for any neutral neutrality.

Now that the Panama exposition is fully opened, there is a widespread feeling among Nebraska office-holders that they should be sent, at public expense, to inspect government methods at the big show. We are in line for a position of this kind. And we have the same plug that we wore in the legislature six years ago, and the state would save the expense of buying a new one, as it has come back in style.

### NIGHT RIDERS AGAIN.

Lately in a Missouri community, worthy negroes were chased from their homes by the threats of night riders. In Kentucky, also, we observe by the Louisville Courier-Journal, night riders are again busy in several sections, and it seems that this land of the free is too free for some in certain spots. Perhaps it is time to forget barbarous Mexico for a while, and cease sympathizing with the Belgians long enough to suggest a modification of mob law in the south. The night rider is essentially a coward, depending not only on the force of might, but upon sneaking methods to dodge the blame. He is a thief or murderer at night, although he may pose as a patriotic citizen in daylight. Mostly his victims are innocent persons, who merely disagree with him, so there is not the slightest defense that prompts some other southern mobs which go forth to avenge a real wrong in a rough way. Yet these riotous riders who object to colored neighbors, or to the manner in which white neighbors marked their crops, or who seek to determine what rops shall be grown and what shall not, being mostly common to the south, are not the only examples of mob law which seek innocent victims. There are night riders in labor unions, and they hurt the cause of labor much more than the greed of capital. There are night riders even in legislatures, who use their law-making power instead of a torch, a whip and a gun, to put down worthy enterprises which doesn't meet their approval. Also, the muckraker, who stoops to distorted truths and fabrications to damage the reputation of men and institutions is a night rider of a kind. But it is encouraging to note that none of these are as common, nor backed by as large a following as a few years ago, the intelligence and justice of people generally having curbed them. And it is up to the south to sit down on its own crude variety. Night riding of one kind and another has been too common there since the days of the Ku Klux Klan.

Plattsmouth will keep pace with any of her neighbors this summer. Mark that!

A head in a metropolitan paper says: "Six Killed While Singing." Which demonstrates there are some things that won't be endured forever.

Fly time is coming on apace. We are reminded of this from the fact that we swatted two right in front of our very eyes upon our desk. We may have a more serious battle with flies this season than we ever did before, and it is just as well to be prepared for the battle. Last season Redlands, California, was the first city in the United States to carry on an organized, systematic campaign against the fly nuisance by the use of large-sized out-door traps. A special trap was designed to stand the hard service on the streets, and in order to make the plan as effective as possible the council provided for the appointment of a special fly catcher. His duty was to superintend the placing of the traps, see that they were emptied at proper intervals and kept in condition to gobble up as many flies as possible. A hundred traps were placed in various places about the city, with special reference to those places where flies would be most apt to congregate. The plan is said to be a great success, and the people of Redlands are not only delighted with their official fly catcher, but are much pleased at the success of the plan. Other cities in the south are now contemplating a similar innovation.

If the last snow is worth a million dollars, let's count the shekles while we dry our feet.

The idea of calling organized baseball a trust, when it fairly ruins itself to encourage competition!

Under any circumstances a giggle is hardly commendable, but over the 'phone it sounds worse than ever.

Having been disappointed in his appointees, Villa still insists on acting as his own provisional president in Mexico.

It begins to look as if this country cannot adopt a course which will give satisfaction to all the European belligerents.

If a man has about eight mouths to feed and sixteen feet to cover he probably has no hobby outside the grindstone.

The man who wants to get into business for himself so he can be his own boss, forgets that he would still be married.

Anyhow, when the geological survey says the world is 100,000,000 years old it puts it up hard to those who have to prove that it isn't.

Hussein Kemal, the new sultan of Egypt, has a larger mustache than the former Khedive. Otherwise the government is not greatly changed.

The legislature has decided to adjourn at the end of sixty days, a sifting committee has been appointed, and the cutting and slashing of bills will begin next Monday.

Twice the present administration has attacked abuses of the congressional franking privilege, each time by an enemy, of course. There is little prospect of a general crusade.

A statistician says the railroads have wasted more than two billions on costly terminals. Now, we would like to see him produce a single city willing to admit that its station is too good!

Geologists say that several species of man have entirely disappeared from the earth. Doubtless these include the nice old man who used to pull off his boots on an evening with the help of a bootjack.

Municipal equal suffrage went down in defeat in the house of representatives by a vote of 40 for and 54 against. The people of Nebraska spoke on this question last fall, and now they speak again through their representatives in the legislature.

Do you know the acreage of winter wheat in the United States is larger this year than ever before. The Chicago Post estimates it at 41,263,000 acres. The acreage in 1914 (harvest record) was 36,100,000; in 1913 it was 31,700,000; in 1912, 26,570,000; in 1911, 29,162,000.

The United States department of agriculture is sending out bulletins advising farmers of this country to cultivate every available acre of ground in their possession this season in anticipation of the demand for all sorts of food occasioned by the war. There seems to be no prospects for over-production of anything, for everything shipped out of this country means that much less for home consumption, and prices on all sorts of produce will almost certainly be high.

The Journal believes in standing up for Plattsmouth and Cass county all of the time, and constantly practices what it preaches, but that does not mean that we must stand up for all the whims of self-appointed or would-be dictators of the public and business welfare of the city and community. Men who see every public interest through the glasses of selfish interest are not the ones to be entrusted with responsibility of bettering the community welfare by any means.

### TO MUZZLE THE PRESS.

Some of the measures that have been offered at this session concerning the business of the newspapers have aroused the publishers and editors of the state to utter a protest, and this protest will undoubtedly be conveyed to the legislators from the various districts by their local newspaper men.

One measure introduced by Mr. Meyersberg of Butler county is unique. It is to prevent a newspaper from "ridiculing, criticizing, insulting or degrading" and person or party, and provides that if any such shall consider himself treated in that manner by the press, he shall be given equal space, in the same portion of the paper and the same sized type, in which to explain or justify himself before the readers of the paper. If the newspaper refuses him the space he may appeal to the judge of the district court and upon a showing secure an order of the court directing the publisher to print his stuff, failing in which the publisher is to be punished the same as if he had committed an actual libel.

This provision of the law applies to all newspapers, magazines and periodicals that circulate in the state, no matter where printed, and every such publication is punishable if it does not appoint the state auditor its agent for receiving service in litigation before it is circulated in Nebraska.

There is a provision of the Nebraska constitution which says: "Every person may freely speak, write or publish on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty; and in all trials for libel, both civil and criminal, the truth, when published with good motives, and for justifiable ends, shall be a sufficient defense."

The law of libel is quite well defined in this state and newspapers are held to rather strict account. Those who step outside of the limitations of the law may be prosecuted civilly and criminally. But that is only for libel, and not for "ridiculing or criticizing" anyone, or even for insulting him. Nor if this law were to be enacted would the truth be sufficient defense, as required by the constitution.

The grotesque feature of this law is that it provides that any political party that is subjected to ridicule or criticism may compel a publisher to allow it to respond, and if a republican newspaper were to "criticize" the democratic party, or ridicule it in any way, in its editorial columns, the party may come in and demand equal space in the editorial columns in which to make response.

Newspaper men refuse to think that the legislature will ever pass such a bill. The outcry against it comes chiefly from the rural press.

Another measure that excites hostility is one to prevent what is termed fraudulent advertising of wearing apparel. It looks like a measure to prevent merchants from selling anything for what it is not. It does not take into account at all the item of good faith on the part of the merchant. Newspaper men think it is in effect a bill to make it dangerous for a merchant to advertise wearing apparel, and none of them feel that they have too much advertising as it is.

Still another bill, ostensibly to prevent the publishing and distribution of anonymous circulars, is so worded that it will prevent anyone from sending an anonymous communication to a newspaper, as the publisher is required to tell who such correspondent is. Many people write for the press and afford the public valuable information upon questions of vital interest who would not be safe in signing their names, for business or social reasons. When a newspaper publishes a communication from an anonymous reader which does actionable harm to anyone it becomes responsible for his utterances. That is why the writers of such communications are always required to send along their names, even when not for publication.

Still another measure seeks to make a judgment for libel against a newspaper, a first lien on the property of the paper, and there are several

others that carry the imputation that the newspaper bunch is a lawless aggregation bent on hurting someone unjustly. It is an imputation that is believed to be unwarranted, and the publishers of the state will unite in seeking to prevent the passage of these bills.—Lincoln Star.

The Greek people have long hungered for a slice of Turkey.

Battles may come and battles may go, but the one around Warsaw rages forever.

Edison's recent experiences indicate that the fire king is growing jealous of the wizard of electricity.

"A 14-inch gun speaks all languages," says the Philadelphia Ledger. Yep; always shooting off its mouth.

That some people take alarm clocks seriously is evidenced by the death of a Chicago man from heart failure when the alarm sounded.

Will the state department treat merely with the individual Venustiano Carranza or will it recognize that he has some official standing?

Prof. Taft can't see any reason why this country should participate in the war, and he could probably get a large majority vote on the proposition.

Robert M. Schmeitzer is the democratic candidate for mayor of Chicago. If there is anything in a name, Germany has won a decided victory.

The chief curiosity about the Thaw trial is as to what new scheme the lawyers cart devise. The principal scheme seems to be to get all of the Thaws' money.

The legislature has done one thing for which they do not deserve any great credit—virtually retarding the growth of the state militia, by not appropriating sufficient funds.

The requirement that candidates for admission to the bar satisfactorily pass examination in international law, would not relieve us of the discussions as to what international law ought to be.

Unless all signs fall the merchants of this city are destined to realize in the next few weeks that hard-bottomed roads would be worth something. The road drag, properly used, will do the business.

Solomon would have admitted he had found something new under the sun in the righteous indignation a contemporary shivers over "puritanical restrictions on the personal liberty" of professional bootleggers.

Get behind and push forward for Plattsmouth. A few have the reputation for getting in front and pushing backward. Such had better get out of the way or they will get run over. Plattsmouth is going to grow this year. Mark that!

To the Journal's editorial desk there comes literature almost daily asking us to aid in the movement to keep up prices. Unfortunately, the infinitesimal assistance this family delight could give would seem to be absolutely useless; and furthermore, we feel some hesitancy as to the necessity for any further assistance! Sit still!

A district judge in Douglas county, which is in the state of Omaha, gave a decision the other day, that a married man is not immune from an action for breach of promise that might be brought against him by any itinerant female that so took a notion. Somehow courts once in a while do things that go a long ways in alienating that respect which they expect that we are in duty bound to pay them.

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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, Wm. Hennrichsen, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and praying that a license may be issued to the said Wm. Hennrichsen for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on the east half (1/2) of lot one (1), in block thirty-four (34), in the Fourth ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Wm. HENNRICHSEN, Applicant.  
March 15, 1915.

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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, Ed. Egenberger, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and praying that a license may be issued to the said Ed. Egenberger for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on the east half (1/2) of lot twelve (12), in block twenty-eight (28), in the First ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. ED. EGENBERGER, Applicant.  
March 15, 1915.

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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, Ed. Donat, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and praying that a license may be issued to the said Ed. Donat for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on the east half (1/2) of lot twelve (12), in block twenty-eight (28), in the First ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. ED. DONAT, Applicant.  
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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, J. E. McDaniel, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and praying that a license may be issued to the said J. E. McDaniel for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on lot six (6), in block thirty-three (33), in the Fourth ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. J. E. McDANIEL, Applicant.  
March 15, 1915.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.**  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, J. L. Russell, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and praying that a license may be issued to the said J. L. Russell for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on lots eleven and twelve (11 and 12), in block twenty-seven (27), in the First ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. J. L. RUSSELL, Applicant.  
March 15, 1915.

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