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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

There is a true church wherever one hand meets another helpfully, and that is the only holy or mother church which ever was or ever shall be.— Ruskin.

"Let us have peace," in the fullest sense of the term.

"They're hanging men and women there for wearing out the green."

While it is a trifle late for a junket to Hawaii, the congressmen will still enjoy it.

Being glad because bad matters are not worse, is a beautiful theory that doesn't work out very well.

Although they are not supposed to have as much sense, fewer dogs than people are run over by the cars.

A few more sunny days and the housewife will be out raking the back yard—when the man is too busy to do it.

The present condition of the roads should inspire in the minds of every farmer the necessity of early spring road dragging.

Plattsmouth has a wonderful man. He admits that half of the time he doesn't talk plain when he calls a telephone number.

There is some doubt expressed from time to time as to what the people want, but generally speaking, it is something they can't get.

Not knocking on our educational institutions, but they rarely seem to supply the young thing with an adequate supply of adjectives.

It is a serious loss to us when the Congressional Record quits coming, as the junk man won't pay so much now for the contents of our waste basket.

Charley Bryan wants to be mayor of Lincoln. From the tone of the people of the capital city "Brother Charles" will have to want a good while.

It won't take long after the bills have been sifted through the screen to pass what is left. Then it will be in order for the members "to get up and git" for home.

The reappearance of Metcalf's comet will not make it necessary for the young people to conduct the usual astronomical observation in company with persons of opposite sex.

How is it that the zephyrs of March are always able to wait until there is a good number of people looking on before they proceed to blow a man's hat off into the middle of the muddy streets?

No one seems to know just how the parcel post is working out; at least the congressmen who investigated it couldn't tell, although the express companies might furnish some information.

A correspondent asks what has become of the woman who used to raise geraniums and petunias and other flowering plants for home decoration? Our impression is that about now she is telephoning down to the florist's for a bunch of those long-stemmed cut roses at \$3.00 per dozen.

REGULATION VS. FREEDOM.

Regulation is hardly as safe a course as freedom. Where it has been carried to its fullest measure we are likely to find human life and social development at or near their lowest stage. Just as individual freedom has gained recognition, just as the rights of the majority have found respect and consideration, government has become more humane, society more progressive, individual life more lofty in its possibilities, says the Johnstown Democrat.

Yet a rage for regulation has seized upon the American people. Not only is it proposed to regulate those things which man himself has created and for which he is solely responsible; it is blasphemously proposed to regulate things which God has implanted in human nature and for which He alone is responsible. What God refrained from doing, the saviors of society are ready to undertake, and they are seizing upon instruments designed to protect and safeguard the individual for the purpose of laying restraints upon him which God never thought of imposing.

This regulatory program is at utter variance from the whole spirit of the Christian religion in the name of which it is being prosecuted so persistently. God seems to have been quite content to leave the individual to himself. Every man is free to work out his own salvation. Compulsion is not included in God's plans. Free choice is of the very essence of these plans. The Christian religion would not be Christian were it imposed by authority. Nor would it be so were men forced by law or otherwise to follow its observances and keep its peculiar tenets. God has shown man the way. But He has left man free to follow it or not as man himself may elect.

This makes no appeal to the self-appointed savior of society. He is determined to be his brother's keeper in the minutest detail of daily walk and conversation. For who is simple enough to believe that his regulatory zeal will pause with one conquest? Is he not certain to go on conquering and to conquer until individual liberty, freedom of choice, all that these imply, shall be things of the past, and a tyranny established as remorseless and as arbitrary as any that has ever crushed the human soul under the iron heel of absolutism?

Yes; this paper believes in the people's power. It believes in the referendum. It believes the people's power must be held within proper limits. It believes the referendum ought never to be used to deny or curtail individual freedom. It believes that the rule of the majority must forever hold in respect the equal and indefensible rights of the minority.

Senator Thomas of Colorado estimates that speech making in congress costs \$1,000 an hour, but we must have our garden seed.

Now a physician boasts of the discovery of a "sunrise slumber," to supersede the "twilight sleep." Some other will probably get up a "noonday nap."

A few days ago Billy Sunday, who is working in the vineyard for the gentle Savior, spoke in the following eloquent English to a Philadelphia congregation: "I'm against the rotten, licentious dances that have assassinated the characters of more girls than anything else in the world. I don't care if you do have them in your lodge or your club or your home or your church or your parish house or your social settlement or your mission. It's the devil's principal part to wreck women. I'll rip them to hell and breakfast and back again."

A stitch in time prevents a rip—and confusion.

This has been a helva winter for the ultimate consumer.

Next to war, the worst thing is a frowsily-headed woman.

While this is a free country, no old bachelor should slam the divorce evil.

Don't get discouraged. A lot of people with only two fingers can make a typewriter hum.

There is so much competition in the lying line that it is wonderful how Baron Munchausen's reputation lasts.

Have you joined Teddy's American Legion? It has been incorporated, and mustering in will soon be in order.

It is hardly reasonable for the old man to expect to have real white flour in his bread at the time when the new style skirts have to be bought.

There is a continued dissatisfaction with the way the Fourth of July is observed, but no trouble at all in getting St. Patrick's day adequately celebrated.

Connie Mack says that dancing the tango is an aid to base ball running. It should also strengthen one for spading up the garden, but that is immaterial.

The bill permitting anyone to practice law in probate court has been defeated in the senate. This is the favorite bill of Representative Reuter of Otoe county.

There is already an increase of 1,135,000 acres sown in wheat, but cultivating it may not look as attractive to some men as sitting around town and knocking the business prospects in general.

The members of the legislature will have to remain until the day of adjournment before they receive their last payment. If the legislature stays ten or fifteen days over time they must stay till the last day to get their pay check.

After blaming the excavators for not digging down that mountain that slides into the Panama canal, some men will decide that it would give them a lame back to spade up a morning glory patch for their wives this spring.

HETTY GREEN.

Hetty Green, who is said to be worth \$60,000,000, and is usually pictured as a hard-fisted, thin-lipped old woman without a tinge of generosity or kindness in her nature, has just submitted to an interview on the condition of working girls. It shows that she has a pretty accurate idea of things as they exist in this world of ours, and that she has found time to study economic questions, as well as that of making money. Among other things she said: "A girl has a hard time being decent on six dollars a week. A young girl is the prettiest thing in the world. It makes me sick to see her beauty spoiled by silly dressing and a make-up that screams for notice wherever she goes. Every girl should have pretty clothes—if she can afford them. I've outlived four executors and six doctors who gave me less than a year to live. I turned the trick because I knew what sound sleep, a clear conscience and plenty of good plain food makes for long life. I never had time to eat lobsters or watch ladies in pink tights with Wall street brokers. Sound business methods do not mean crooked methods. I never ask more than 6 per cent for my loans and very often less, but I am mighty careful of every cent. It's all poppycock about a woman's feminism hurting her in business. A woman's head is as good as a man's; any day if she plays the game the way he does and forgets the frills." The above will strike the average person as containing a great deal of common sense.

AN OLD ALLY OF HOWELL.

It is not at all surprising that Secretary Garrison of the war department has seen fit to remind the people of Nebraska that it is "as much the duty of a state to maintain a militia force of proper strength and efficiency as it is to send its representatives to congress." Secretary Garrison would never have sent such a message without the sanction of the administration. The administration would never sanction such a suggestion without good cause for such a course in the recognized needs of the country. It is not a jingo administration. Its every utterance has been for peace, and has been made against strong pressure from those who are not for peace.

There has been no popular demand for a reduction of the cost of the Nebraska state militia. No petitions have come from the people asking that the appropriations for that branch of the government be reduced. No political party has incorporated in its platform a demand for reduction of the strength and efficiency of the national guard of Nebraska. The only utterances on the subject from the national administration have been for a strengthening of the guard in all the states, and such provision for it as shall make its service attractive to young men.

It was simply the initiative of a few men who are moved by prejudice against soldiery and whose political ambitions lead them to overwork an economy sentiment that maneuvered the reduction of the national guard allowance. They did it in bold and open defiance of the plea of the president, of which they were frequently and pointedly reminded, and in a manner that indicated a desire to emphasize their disregard of the president's plea.

It may have been a dull comprehension that prevented them from realizing that the president's desire for a strong citizen soldiery was but a step in his program of peace. There was tremendous pressure being exerted by certain conjecturable elements for a larger standing army and a more general war equipment. It was necessary to meet and overcome that pressure, which naturally excited some credence among the masses. The way in which the president sought to meet and overcome it was by recommending the strengthening of state militia organizations, and that in order to effect such strengthening, the state militia service be made more attractive for young men. It had not been made sufficiently attractive in this state, for with an enrollment of more than 1,600 men the authorities had found it impossible to get half of them out to regular drills. The president undoubtedly had this fact in mind, as it developed in this and other states, when he urged that service be made more attractive.

It was an expression of contempt for the president's plea when the Nebraska house of representatives allowed itself to be led into making service in its militia less attractive instead of more attractive. What this plea from the head of the war department may accomplish it is impossible to conjecture. There ought to be some way in which the house may reconsider its action on the militia appropriation and may comply with the plan proposed by President Wilson, the head of the nation's defensive organization—the peaceful head of it.

It would be a humiliating thing for this state if there should arise a demand for a trained soldiery and Nebraska would find itself unable to respond as readily and as effectively as the other states of the union, and states all around us are appropriating larger sums for maintenance of the home soldiery than are the people of this state.—Lincoln Star.

The trainmen of the Burlington threaten a strike. This seems to be the net result of a long-continued effort on the part of the various brotherhoods to secure adjustment of grievances with the company. It is to be hoped that the difference will be amicably adjusted without any strike.

The best friend a physician has is a poor cook.

If you can't pay as you go you had better not start.

Look well to the start and then keep both eyes on the finish.

The bill to prevent trespassing on rights-of-way has become a law.

You are a wise guy if you can keep expenses down and appearances up.

"It is more blessed to give than receive." We don't know so much about that.

If ignorance was bliss a heap of people would be likely to choke to death.

President Wilson wore a sprig of shamrock Wednesday in honor of St. Patrick.

We are assured that a grain rate increase would not fall on the farmer. Mr. U. Consumer suspected this all along.

While advocating eugenic marriages, we might go a step farther and demand eugenic minds in office-holders.

We are enjoying real March weather right now, intermixed with flurries of snow. You know how it is yourself, when you hunt the sunny side of the barn.

Prospects for building operations in Plattsmouth are good enough to make it certain that the coming season is not going to be the poorest ever, but one of the best ever. Hear us!

"ELECTRICITY."

Under the above heading the St. Louis Post-Dispatch publishes the following editorial:

"It should be as cheap and as commonly used in our cities as water. 'If so used it would do the lighting, heating, cooking and motivating of machinery in all except a few instances.

"Such use of it would rid our cities of smoky chimneys, would cut the cost of living enormously; would reduce by half the labor of housewives; would give us clean air to breathe and more leisure from indoor tasks to get outdoors to breathe it.

"Electricity will be thus cheapened and brought into common use when it is supplied from public generating plants for service, at cost, instead of being supplied, as now, from privately owned generating plants, at eight to ten times its cost, for profit.

"The existing system puts this wonderful labor, time and health saver beyond the reach of a majority of the people, in their homes. For them it is as if the lightning had never been harnessed. They can get its benefits by merely going to the polls, at the proper time, and ordering their public servants to supply it at the lowest possible cost."

That is what the people of Omaha desire to do. But to secure electricity furnished from public plants "at the lowest possible cost," it is necessary for them first to get the permission of the legislature. To get electricity at the lowest cost they must use, to the largest extent possible, the machinery and organization of the water plant they already own. That is what Lincoln did, and cut the cost of electricity in half. It is what the people of Omaha will do if the legislature will let them.

It is objected that, if the legislature does this, it will give the Omaha water board so much "power" that it will arbitrarily "dictate nominations by parties in city, county and state." Why not in the nation also? Why not "power" to "dictate" the terms of peace in Europe? Why not "power" to arbitrate to make the sun stand still and annul the multiplication table?

Isn't it amazing what sort of "arguments" will be advanced, sometimes, to protect a special interest and to frustrate the reasonable aspirations of the people!—World-Herald.

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It is pretty easy to own an automobile these days. All you have to do is to find a bushel of wheat and make the exchange.

When a man swells up and says it is not the amount of money but the principle of the proposition that interests him, he no doubt is lying.

The Sixty-third congress is a matter of history now. But filibustering tactics that were carried out by the republican minority preventing the passage of the ship purchasing bill, form a dark page in that history. The senators who thus blocked a good measure were nothing less than the tools of the private shipping interests that have been robbing the people the past few months.

A man who is elected upon the democratic ticket to the legislature should respect the state platform and support the measures in conformity to the platform that come up in the legislature, or he should have stepped down and out as a man who is not worthy of the position he occupies. That is very plain language, but every true democrat knows it is the truth. There's a principle attached to platforms, and such principles should receive the support of all loyal democrats.

Governor Morehead will no doubt rejoice when this legislature adjourns. There is no question as to the governor's democracy, and he wants to see the pledges of the party adhered to, and has been very insistent in having this done, but he has had some pretty hard "nuts to crack"—men who were elected as democrats, but who will never have another opportunity to sit in either branch of the legislature as members again.

The Kearney Democrat speaks our sentiments exactly in the following: "The man who runs for office these days finds it a great disadvantage to evade and try to be a 'good injun' to each distinct element in every town or city. People have become great thinkers, investigators and reasoners about all such matters. A man can win more firm friends by standing fairly and squarely for what he believes to be the best that is good. There was a time when evasive tactics would win, but not now. People as a rule have become too enlightened and too inquisitive about the standing of candidates to pass them by without question. The man who evades and excuses his position is a loser."

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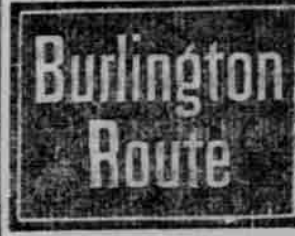
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