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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

To live better today than I lived yesterday—that is my "wagon to a star!.. To live better means that I must work harder, think more, study more, laugh more, recreate more, and pray more. And what I must do, you, too, must do, because we are both men. We are both partics of a Divine Energy—George Washington.

To keep a boy on the farm, buy him an automobile.

The riders are up—now go to it and take your choice.

The allies should also pass some resolution against the submarine, U-29.

The professional kicker kicks at everything in sight, and dents nothing but himself.

Mr. Root treats his presidential boom as harshly as if it were socialistic nostrum.

If a man talks too much he is a gossip. If he talks too little he is a clam. Poor man!

Some surprises are going to occur at the city election Tuesday, April 6. Mary that, please!

All roads lead to Plattsmouth, but they are in a horrible condition, and slow in getting here.

Two weeks from tomorrow is Easter Sunday. Hasten the day, if it will improve the weather.

The war is said to cost \$375,000,000 a week. Whoever gets the money is not saying much about it.

If the price of diamonds is to discourage proposals, the girls should organize ante-ring societies.

This community is very liberal in its views on city affairs, but it is not ready to "have it rubbed in!"

The commander of the Prinz Eitel is aware that some fellows with gas-pipes are waiting for him around the corner.

It is a good deal easier to talk reform than it is to actually work for reform. It takes moral courage to knowingly disturb one's business.

An officer is never worried about a fight a man he has arrested or fined will make on him politically, unless the offender belongs to an organization.

Some people never know when they have had enough. Those are the fellows that sometimes "have to be shown," as they do down in Missouri when called upon.

The bottomless condition of our avenues this spring is going to do a great deal in the advocacy of macadamizing those thoroughfare. Something should be done with them, that's a sure thing.

The legislature will soon vacate the state house, and there will be no tears shed. It has been supposed to be a democratic body, but was it? Elected as democrats, it has been a dismal failure. And the sooner it adjourns, the better it will be for the party in the future. But most people may forgive, but can they forget?

NOT PLAYING POLITICS.

Is it possible that former Lieutenant Governor McKelvie is no longer in good favor with the oracles of his party? If that is not the case, why is it that when a proposal is made to wipe the smut from his legislative record as presiding officer of the senate, that body is assailed for "playing politics?"

In the heat of debate a senator, possibly through over-zeal, intimated, that in a former session Lieutenant Governor McKelvie had favored a corporation by appointing a certain committee for conference on the Dodge gas bill. There was a plain imputation that the lieutenant governor had been subjected to improper influence in the making of his selections, and while there was no charge of corruption or graft, what was said would inevitably lead to such a conclusion.

Mr. McKelvie has been out of politics for some time. He was not in position to respond to the senator's reflection upon his official conduct, even though it was a very serious reflection upon the conduct of one who is sensitive as to his political integrity and his political reputation.

Any citizen who would not resent that sort of a statement in so dignified and important an official body as the state senate would either evince a willingness to be deemed guilty as charged or would entertain no adequate conception of the value of a good reputation. Mr. McKelvie is not that kind of a citizen. He takes some pride in his reputation, personal and political, and therefore took some steps to refute the imputation of Senator Dodge. Out of those steps came the proposal for an investigation. It was right that such an investigation should be had and that if Mr. McKelvie had been wronged by the objectionable utterance upon its floor, the senate should set him right and do him justice.

One is not playing politics who seeks to preserve his reputation from assault. No official body is playing politics that seeks to remove unwarranted stains from the records of former members or of citizens who have been assailed.

Men in the heat of debate often get too zealous in the arraignment of others. Charges that involve honor and integrity are too frequently made in the legislative debate. A half a dozen instances have been noted at the current session where members seemed to entertain no conception of the value of a reputation and in which charges have been made that not only could not be proven, but which were manifestly unfair or false.

It would be wrong to deny to members the privilege of making assaults in promoting legislation, but when one has been made certainly the party assailed may not wish justice to be denied a hearing, an investigation if need be, and a vindication if possible. Granting these processes for the establishment of justice can hardly with reason be termed playing politics.—Lincoln Star.

There will be only one Friday on the 13th this year, and that will come in August. Superstitious persons will, however, continue to keep their fingers crossed on other Fridays.

Ex-President Taft said in an address recently in New York that in 1910 this nation was on the eve of a revolution. The fact is the republican masters had so administered this government that the courts were toppling, judges were believed to be universally corrupt, corporate power had been permitted to subordinate the individual to the point that he had become a subject.

City election Tuesday, April 6—don't forget the date.

Any man who goes about town these days with a \$100 bill in his pocket is open to suspicion.

The invention of fire-proof shingles has been announced, but so far as has been discovered no insurance companies have gone out of business.

Nevada has regained the easy divorce, and business in Reno will soon be booming again, there being always considerable business in that line.

The military openings suggest that progress has been accomplished toward a safe and sane Easter, but some casualties are expected when the bills are presented to the old man.

A blow! The firecracker situation is serious. Firecrackers are seven per cent higher now than last year, subject to delivery from China. And the Fourth of July not so very far off.

Indications point to a wheat crop of over 900,000,000 bushels this year, against 891,000,000 bushels harvested last year. This, if realized, will make the third consecutive record-breaking crop.

Senator John Mattes is frequently spoken of as the next democratic candidate for governor. He possesses a whole lot of friends among the members of both the house and senate and officials around the state house.

When the time arrives for the next award of hero medals it is to be hoped that the Carnegie commission will not overlook the fact that the Indiana legislature, in a recent session, killed 101 fool measures in fifteen minutes.

Speaker Champ Clark suggests that this is an especially appropriate time to institute public work by the federal, state and municipal governments would seem to be much more sensible, and productive of much better results than a "buy it now" campaign directed principally at the consumer, whose individual load is sufficiently heavy enough as it is.

A Kansas editor arises to remark that in a recent sermon in Philadelphia Billy Sunday spoke the truth for once in his life, when he called the business man a coward. The business man is a coward when he stands for men like Billy Sunday. He is a coward when he submits to politicians and allows them to run his country. He is a coward when he submits to a lot of intellectual cripples to whom the gain of personal selfish glory means more than the business health of their commonwealth.

MEXICO'S PRESIDENTS.

One of the features in present conditions in Mexico, says the Lincoln Trade Review, is the constant change in the city of Mexico of the power in control. For a period, the Villa faction held the city; then the Carranza faction held it and now Carranza is evacuating the place and the Zapatas are promising, not even in the distance, what the ultimate end of the factional revolution in Mexico will be. That country is going through a wearing-out process and it is probable this will continue until citizens of that country recognize the hopelessness of life and property protection under existing conditions and make an appeal to this country to police that nation so that a stable government can be formed. This nation can afford to do that if the best that the republic to the south of us possesses in the way of its people, shall ask this country for police support and the request shall come strongly and from the different factions; then with reasonable safety could we enter Mexico and enter it only with the established purpose of restoring peace and that only. Notwithstanding the long years of revolution and trouble, the sentiment of this country is not so great today for armed conquests as it was three or four years ago. We still want to help Mexico if we can, but we do not want to possess it.

INJUSTICE IN POLITICS.

In the Bridgeport Herald, C. D. Casper refers to C. M. Gruenther as "a lager-beer Teuton," whatever that may mean. We do not understand it, but we can plainly see that it is not meant as a compliment to Mr. Gruenther. Mr. Casper says that Mr. Gruenther was to have been selected as internal revenue collector "to please the brewers' trust." We know that our old friend Casper does not mean to do anyone a wrong, but it is plain that he has no correct idea of C. M. Gruenther and his inclinations. The truth is that Mr. Gruenther is honored and respected by all the men, women and children of his home town. There he has ever been the leader in the fight against vice. He is in fact the father of the Albert law, and he gave his service to help that bill through the legislature. It is the injustice that characterizes so much of the political discussion in Nebraska that we protest against, and the injustice has been notable in attacks upon Mr. Gruenther. He is no longer a candidate for office and good men like C. D. Casper should not do him injustice.—R. L. Metcalfe in the Omaha Nebraskan.

It is not Mr. Casper's fault, perhaps, that he does Mr. Gruenther an injustice. Mr. Casper has been a lifelong and devoted follower of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan's distinguished brother, who represents him so actively in Nebraska, as truthful, unselfish and patriotic workers for the common welfare, who are too big and broad to misrepresent an opponent mere because he is an opponent. It is from them, and from their close lieutenants who draw their inspiration from them, that Mr. Casper has gained his preposterously mistaken idea of the kind of man Chris Gruenther is.

Nebraska has no better citizen than Chris Gruenther. Incorruptibly honest, clean-minded, a man of broad and generous sympathies, a democratic democrat to his finger tips, he is loved and respected by all who know him. He has been guilty of two faults. One is that he is a democrat. The other is that he does his own thinking. Neither of these would be a fault in themselves. Mr. Bryan is not intolerant of democrats. He is not intolerant of men who think for themselves—provided they are not democrats. But when a democrat thinks for himself, and his thinking leads him in another direction than that Mr. Bryan indicates, he has committed the unforgivable offense. That offense was committed by Mr. Gruenther, and in consequence there are many people in Nebraska, not personally acquainted with him, who have been taught to believe, and who, in their simple-minded, trustful and unsuspecting way do implicitly believe, that Mr. Gruenther represents, in his person and in his politics, all that is base and vile.

There are other democrats in Nebraska, quite a number of them, who are unfortunate enough to be in the same boat with Mr. Gruenther. But circumstances conspired to make Mr. Gruenther prominent in the lists and he has accordingly been made an especial target.

If Mr. Casper, like other good men who have joined in the chorus of wicked detraction of Chris Gruenther, could know him as his acquaintances know him, he would be manly enough to beg his pardon. It will be a sad day for the democratic party when the decree becomes official that there is no place in it for men of the Gruenther type.—World-Herald.

Somehow it is not always easy to display the same admiration for your wife's new hat after you learn the price.

A genuine optimist is a man who believes that in the course of time the Culibra cut will stop sliding and stay cut.

Business in Jerusalem and Jaffa is dead, largely because of the shop supplies domineered by the Turkish army. Tin cans are in especial demand, as they are used to transport water to the troops in the desert. Most of the English, French and Russian buildings have been seized, and the beautiful French church of St. Ann has been turned into a mosque.

Who will be elected mayor? Don't all speak at once.

Everybody can have cornbread and mush and milk. And it's healthy.

The groundhog doesn't hold good this year by any means. He's an old fraud.

The Turks have been in Europe only 462 years. Doesn't it seem longer than that to you?

There may be found plenty of freaks in the Nebraska legislature, and they will be ready for engagements by the time the circus season opens.

The latest is that Russia has its czar, Germany its kaiser, Turkey its sultan, England its king and Plattsmouth its mayor—but who will it be?

The loan shark bill, telephone condemnation of right-of-way, state banks to become members of federal serve banks, water power districts and a new corrupt practice act were passed in the legislature without difficulty.

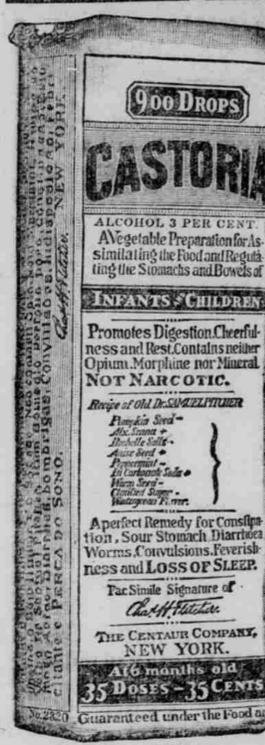
Germany, Russia, England and France all declare they will fight to the end, and no bluffing. It has long been the custom of nations engaged in war to keep right on fighting till they quit. So let 'em go to it till quitting time arrives.

John Redmond has promised Ireland solidarity for the perpetuity of Great Britain. General Villa talks the same way about Mexico when a third party is mentioned. It is the old, old story of the family getting together when others interfere.

Banishment of table wines by government edict has brought to the fore in Russia a beverage which seldom has been used outside the peasant's cottage. It is "kvass." Though it closely resembles lager beer in color, it is more like American root beer in taste, and is also non-intoxicating. Another incidental curiosity about Russian fare, is the fact that the American griddle cakes makes its appearance in Russia for one week only in the whole year. That week is the one preceding Lent. The griddle cake is disguised as a special luxury under the name of "blini." It is eaten plentifully at any or all meals during the week. It is served with a garnish of caviar, thick, sour cream and melted butter.

Will Maupin has removed his "Mid-West Magazine" to Omaha, where it will be published in the future. Will Maupin may have his faults (but where's the man who hasn't the same?) but there is not a man in the state who has done more to build up the state, and bring resources and everything pertaining to Nebraska's welfare directly to the front. We believe he has made a good move, as Omaha is three times as large as Lincoln and the metropolis knows "what a good thing is" and are ready to encourage all such that will boost the city. The last issue of the "Mid-West" was the best issued yet and if Will receives the proper encouragement he will prove a great boomer for Omaha, as well as Nebraska.

Five proposed constitutional amendments are now on the general file of the senate, in addition to the submission of the question whether or not the state shall vote on the question of a constitutional convention. A motion was adopted by the senate last week that none of the bills submitting a constitutional amendment should receive consideration until the one having to do with the proposed convention was first disposed of. Mr. Nrumbach's committee reported the convention plan for consideration the middle of the week and before many days the vote will have been taken that will decide the matter for this session. It is known that a majority of the senate favors the convention idea, but whether the necessary two-thirds can be secured is a question. It does not now appear that it could be had.



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What has become of the old-fashioned judge who used to try Dr. B. Clark Hyde of Kansas?

Uncle Sam's neutrality is kept in such a pickle all the time he should have no trouble in preserving it.

Nevertheless there are parts of Europe where the American free lunch counter would make a decided hit.

Two weeks from today and then comes the tug of war for city officials. So far no particular interest has been manifested.

"This year's styles," says Judge, are certainly tough on the blind. Granted. But some of them should make the deaf hear.

Base ball fans throughout the country have adopted a watchful waiting policy, but intervention is expected soon after the umpire begins to call balls and strikes.

Country-cured hams have sold on the streets for 12 1/2 cents a pound, and nice ones at that. Packing house hams for 20 cents. There should not be that much difference in price. Most people prefer the country-cured.

Governor Spry of Utah has vetoed the bill for prohibition sent to him by the legislature, and as the legislature has adjourned, his veto stands. Inasmuch as the ratio in favor of the measure was 21 to 2 in the senate and 40 to 5 in the house, it looks very much as though Governor Spry was a courageous man.

Few persons realize the amount of supplies being purchased in the United States by the different nations at war. The largest single order for sugar ever given was placed in the United States last week by the English government. It consisted of more than 2,000,000 bags of 100 pounds each. A remarkable fact connected with the war and one which is hard to explain is that the consumption of sugar in the United Kingdom has increased since the war. Much sugar is used as a luxury and the usual effect of war is the curtailment of luxuries.

According to British estimates, Germany cannot be starved by a blockade, but her military operations can be impeded by depriving her of copper and other materials used in making mines, weapons, explosives and ammunition. Germany has seven cows to every one in the United Kingdom and has twenty million hogs, or one for every three inhabitants. Germany's stock of wheat and rye is also adequate if the harvests are up to the average this year. The British government has little faith in starvation as a means of winning, in spite of all the fuss about the blockade.

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