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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Today is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole, we may not understand, but we are here to play it, and now is our time.—David Starr Jordan.

Are we to celebrate the Fourth?

Silence is sometimes the best defense.

Getting out on a technicality isn't such a helva vindication.

Only eight weeks till the Fourth of July, and it comes on Sunday.

Possibly the Mormon church would grow faster if more men could afford it.

Did you ever notice the fidelity of a good dog? An object lesson to some men.

A whistling girl may get on your nerves, but a whiner just completely knocks you out.

In the spring time it always seems that a new set of ten commandments should be adopted.

The people who are starting in to speculate on the stock market will get a lot of experience and may not lose all their money.

A love for beauty, order and neatness may not persuade a man to clean up his yard, but wait until the neighbors begin to criticize.

President Wilson urges the boys to prepare for citizenship. They must see the necessity of this if they ever expect to get a government job.

Having read that Taft and Roosevelt shook hands, the Houston (Texas) Post suspects each of having his right hand treated for frost-bite.

Automobile accidents are becoming more numerous every day. Is it because of inexperienced drivers, or is because they want to run too fast?

There won't be much excitement in running for president on the bull moose ticket next year, which means that it won't be Teddy Roosevelt.

The newspapers are full of dispatches telling about the fighting at Pstzezyski, and yet your wife expects you to read the news aloud to her.

A Kansas paper remarked that not as much red tape is involved in taking out fire insurance as there is in collecting it. That paper has said something.

It is not clear how much the college boys are learning of languages and sciences just now, but anyway the professors are learning a lot about base ball.

Inasmuch as the United States government is not favoring either side in the war, there is a unanimous agreement in Europe that it is not observing neutrality.

What a revolution there will be in the democratic party of Nebraska if Charley Bryan should be elected mayor of Lincoln, and then secure the nomination for governor! But he will never be mayor and his candidacy for governor, therefore, is entirely out of the question.

## BLOCKADE NEUTRAL PORTS.

The London Spectator very frankly admits that the United States, as the leading neutral power in the world, is within its rights in standing staunchly for neutral rights. It is greatly to be wished, however, that it would inform itself as to the blockade established by the federal government during our civil war to which it so often appeals as a precedent. To begin with: the war was not one between independent states, but between a nation and a revolted section thereof. And no European state could, without the gravest infraction of the principles of international law, have given any aid to the south.

At the beginning of the struggle the situation was most embarrassing to the Washington government. For, again under the principles of international law, a nation cannot blockade its own ports. Therefore, those powers which early, and for good cause, recognized the belligerency of the south as a fact, rendered a great service to the federal government. For that action bound them to respect the blockade. But the Spectator says that "the confederates did not happen to be served by neutral ports," and it asks whether "anyone can suppose that Lincoln would have troubled to distinguish trade that came indirectly from trade that came directly?" As it happens the confederates were "served by neutral ports," those of Mexico, for instance.

We did not blockade those ports—at least our supreme court did not sustain such blockade. It held that cargoes might be seized that were bound for Mexican ports, but only on condition that they were bound for a blockaded port of the confederacy. It expressly decided that it was not enough to show that such goods might later find their way across a land frontier, and was not moved by the argument that this might have embarrassed the north and contributed to the prolongation of the war. That decision strikes us as being very much in point. Our supreme court did not follow the goods, or indulge in any presumption as to their destination—as long as they did not go through a blockaded port.

Of course, in such cases the important question is one of fact. If goods had poured into the confederacy through Mexico, the decision of our supreme court might conceivably have been different. Dr. T. J. Lawrence, in his recent book on international law, says:

"While the south had a vast seaboard and numerous ports, its territory touched but one neutral state, and that was poor and undeveloped. Little trade could come across the Mexican border; and when the fleets of the north were able to blockade effectively the entire coast of the confederacy, few supplies could enter the country and few domestic products could go out to be exchanged for munitions of war. This isolation contributed powerfully to the triumph of the union arms. \* \* \* On the other hand, when the country whose ports are blockaded abuts on the territory of well equipped neutral states, it would be able to obtain ample supplies by land, though at an enhanced cost. If every German port in the North sea and the Baltic were closed, the sixty-six lines of railway, which cross her frontiers would pour in all she needed."

But the point we make is that the confederacy was "served by neutral ports," that our government did not blockade them, and that our supreme court held that the government had no right to confiscate cargoes destined to neutral ports on the ground that they might find their way, by land, into enemy territory.—Indianapolis News.

Straw hats are a little backward in coming to the front this season.

A monument is proposed to Truth. Why, it isn't dead, is it?

A little cool nights and mornings. Not healthy, by any means.

Sorrows are happiness that enables one person to make a fool of another.

Why not make the man who is just learning to run his automobile carry a red flag?

Words can do so much to make others happy. Why not spend them by the pocketful?

There is usually a screw loose in the man who prefers to reform somebody else instead of himself.

The apple orchards are full of bloom, and the present indications are that Cass county will have plenty of apples.

A curfew law for the boys that embraces summer nights when the moon is full is nothing less than cruelty. Want to crush out boyish romance?

Constitutions were framed to prevent majorities from tyrannizing over minorities; it apparently has not been generally conceded that "vox populi is vox Dei."

Men eat most of the pies; women know they are not good for the complexion. A St. Louis matron says, "pie-eating being America's besetting vice, it might be a good thing to dispense with it altogether." Truly. But it's the old story of Eve and the apple. Who invented pie? Certainly not man. "The woman tempted me, and I did eat."

When the roads are first dragged after a muddy spell, vehicles should drive, if possible, to one side until the road has had a chance to freeze or partially dry out. The exercise of a very little care on the part of the users of the road will do quite as much as the drag toward securing a smoother road. The law provides a penalty for anyone who willfully ruts or cuts up a dragged road.

Senator Tanner of the South Omaha Democrat feels that he has been misused by his party leaders, and henceforth will be independent in the selection of men for office. John Tanner has espoused the cause of democracy for forty years, and when it came to asking favors from those whom he had supported for years, he is coldly turned down. Hence he renounces the democratic party, at least until its political leaders learn to serve democrats instead of week-kneed fellows who never support the democratic ticket until an office is in sight for them. There are other democrats just like you, John, who will be right along with you next year.

As our tax laws stand now we soak a man who is industrious enough to accumulate a little money. We tax the hay in his barn and the cows in his field and the piano in his house. Whenever he builds a fence he adds to his taxes. Why any worker should have objection to the single tax we cannot see. The only serious objectors are the people who withhold from use land that has a large community value for purpose of speculation. Naturally they object to being taxed on this value, which is not bringing them in anything. They are perfectly willing to realize on this value, however, when they sell property or are asked its price. One can't blame the speculators for objecting to the single tax. It will hurt them. But there are more workers in the land than there are speculators, notwithstanding the fact that nearly every worker is speculating a little on the side. And as soon as the workers "see the cat," they will bring about single tax for the mere reason that they are more numerous than the speculators. The earth should belong to those who make use of it, anyhow.

Rome's rumors of peace may have been based on the theory that Italy isn't going to war. There will be that much peace, at least.

## RURAL CREDIT PROBLEM.

Notwithstanding the tendency of some individuals who have been active in attempts to establish rural credit systems to dogmatize on the subject, it is evidently still a problem filled with difficulties. It is the unanimous conclusion that short-term loans on farm lands are too expensive. In addition to high interest charges and commissions for renewals there is the expense of the frequent bringing of the abstract down to date. There is always hanging over the head of the borrower the fear that financial conditions will be such at the maturity of the mortgage that he cannot get a renewal at reasonable rates. There is apparently general agreement that some form of bonded indebtedness must be devised. It is urged, in illustration, that the public borrows money in this way and that our great industrial development would have been impossible without the sale of bonds.

But here the agreement ends. Some would have the national government or the state lend money to farmers at low interest rates. Others would use banks with capital supplied by state or nation. Some would exempt the capital of such banks from taxation. Others would exempt the bonds from taxation, using the familiar argument that the land is already taxed, an argument which would apply to all mortgaged property as well as to land. Two speakers considered the problem before the Southern Commercial Congress at Muskegoe, Myron T. Herrick, who has specialized on rural credits more than any other prominent American, and George Woodruff of Joliet, Illinois, who has an intimate acquaintance with the workings of the Farm Mortgage bank of that city. Both protested against state or national "subsidies of the farmer." Mr. Herrick criticized exemption from taxation, on the ground of inequality. Taxes must be paid and he argues that farmers who are not borrowing money would join other classes of taxpayers in resisting what would be a gross discrimination. Mr. Woodruff would exempt the debenture bonds from taxation, using the general objection to "double taxation."

The Joliet plan of amortization, by which twenty-year loans are paid out in forty equal semi-annual payments, appears to have been a success. It reduces to the minimum one of the greatest dangers, that of over-valuation of the security, for with each semi-annual payment the security becomes stronger. Congress and the various legislatures have few more urgent problems before them. While immediate action is desirable, the devising of an equitable and workable plan is more important still.

Those "daughter" societies aren't much for peace. No wars, no daughters.

We don't believe that Nietzsche is the cause of the war. Everybody is still arguing over what he means.

Mr. Seidel, who was mayor of Milwaukee, says "socialism is a cure for poverty." We'd like to see a little tried at some experiment station.

There are different opinions as to what constitutes real accomplishment. As an illustration, some towns don't seem to appreciate the man who knows the lodge ritual by heart from cover to cover.

Citizens in general are heartily approving the provisions of the bill which permits the city to levy a tax for the maintenance of public amusements—the more important one of which in this city will be the band concerts—which have heretofore been supported by individual citizens. These concerts have proven very attractive during the summer months and thousands of people enjoy them. Not only does every normal person love music, but these concerts have a restful and refreshing effect upon the tired toiler after the hard day, and they also afford a common "get-together" place where people can meet, visit and forget the hum-drum of business for an hour.

We are getting our share of rain.

Nothing seems to ever happen to the dandelion crop.

Lincoln's twenty-five saloons are closed all this week.

Some girls chew gum as if working on a piece-work proposition.

Decoration day comes on Sunday this year—three weeks from next Sunday.

Failure to advertise is about like setting a bull dog on a customer at your store door.

Terre Haute, Indiana, believes in sending political grafters to jail. The idea is not half bad.

While Jim Dahlman was not high man in the election in Omaha, he will continue as mayor just the same for another term.

Japan, of course, will understand that there is nothing sinister in the fact that those two giant guns have been placed at the Pacific side of the Panama canal.

The government has already 35,000 applications for jobs on the Alaska railroad. The number of ordinary workmen who have applied is probably not enough to fill the jobs of bosses, and the number of bosses seeking work is more than enough to fill the jobs of workmen.

The city administration is now in full force and effect, with Mayor Richey at the helm. Mr. Richey is one of Plattsmouth's progressive business men, and no doubt will have in mind during his term of office the best interests of the people of Plattsmouth. We trust that he, as well as his appointees, will step down and out with as clean a record as Mayor Sattler and his appointees. No one has ever served the city in any capacity that did not quit with a few enemies. And he who tries to do so will be sadly disappointed when he steps down and out.

## WHEN SUNDAY LEAVES TOWN.

Some new information about Billy Sunday in the Sabetha (Kan.) Herald: A letter has been received at Sabetha from a Philadelphia correspondent who is in the inner circle, and who writes knowingly of Billy Sunday's recent campaign in that city of civic righteousness. The Reverend William carried away from Philadelphia in one check \$51,000. Since his departure several thousand more have been collected and forwarded to him. He was showered with gifts that would make the prenuptial entertainments of a Vander Gould look like a shower for a bride from an orphan asylum. A wealthy mill owner of Germantown attended the last few Billy Sunday meetings and came under the spell of the evangelist and spent the last three days in his company, every moment he could secure. He then took the Reverend Bill, and Mrs. Sunday and other members of the Sunday family to Wanamakers and loaded them with jewels. Mrs. Sunday took a \$600 diamond ring and a diamond bracelet. The Reverend William selected a magnificent watch with a chain made of fifty-five-dollar gold pieces melted down. The chain is worn AROUND the neck. He also took a scarf pin which cost the mill owner another hundred dollars, and so on. George Sunday took a \$200 diamond ring to the tune of several more hundred dollars. John Wanamaker himself gave the Reverend Sunday an overcoat lined with sealskin valued at \$1,500. Mrs. Wanamaker presented him with a silk handkerchief on which was embroidered the Passion play, and which is held at \$450, a relic of rare worth. In fact, the Reverend William pulled out of Philadelphia with an entire carload of gifts. This is not an exaggeration—a complete car was required to carry off the presents of the town of Philadelphia, noted for years as the most corrupt municipality in the land. The Pennsylvania railroad employees gave William a \$700 silver service.

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The voters of Omaha will have Sunday base ball. In Tuesday election the vote stood 11,179 for to 1,814 against. Very decisive, indeed.

Sam Patterson, a former Plattsmouth boy, succeeds W. E. Andrews as auditor of the treasury department at Washington, after a service of seventeen years.

Not merely do the women seem to relish house cleaning, but they claim they can see a difference in the appearance of the rooms after the furniture has been put back.

The fact that been thoroughly demonstrated that no man has ever guided the destinies more ably than James C. Dahlman, who has been mayor of Omaha for the past eight years.

While we do not like to side with an Englishman as against an American citizen, we can't help thinking that King George's barley water is a better substitute than Mr. Bryan's grape juice.

We are weary of a picture showing how a French general kisses a lieutenant. That sort of thing would never do with us, and our sympathies go out to the lieutenant who is not allowed to strike his superior officer.

The Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit is still on, and is becoming warmer each day. There is always something in New York to attract the attention of the readers of newspapers. For many years it was the Thaw trial. It has been such an everlasting force that the people don't even talk about it any more. The Barnes-Roosevelt case may prove a good advertisement for Teddy, but maybe he doesn't think it worth the \$50,000 sued for.

It is getting more doubtful each succeeding day as to the annexation of South Omaha to the metropolis. Some substantial citizens are of the opinion that Omaha itself will vote against the proposition on the first of June.

The veterans of the civil war are rapidly passing away, and many have been called hence since last Decoration day. It will not be but a few years until the last ones will have answered the last roll call. There are but few in this community left to pay tribute to their dead comrades who sleep in Oak Hill cemetery, and it behooves all patriotic citizens to turn out on Decoration day and assist the old soldiers in decorating the graves of those who have passed forever from the scenes of this life.

The compact made by the Bryan element and the Aldrich element in 1910, by which Aldrich was elected governor by the aid of the Bryan faction, which booted Jim Dahlman, the democratic nominee, certainly brought forth enough of the voters of the compact to elect Charley Bryan a member of the Lincoln commission. This demonstrates that loyalty to the party makes but little difference with some fellows, when they desire to gore the other fellow's ox. Next year Aldrich will be the republican candidate for governor, and the Bryan faction will be in duty bound to support him, if Brother Charley fails in getting the democratic nomination, which he is sure to do if he becomes a candidate.

### Danger to Children.

Serious illness often results from lingering coughs and colds. The hacking and coughing and disturbed sleep rack a child's body and the poisons weaken the system, so that disease cannot be thrown off. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound has eased coughs, colds and croup for three generations; safe to use and quick to act. There is no better medicine for croup, coughs and colds. Sold everywhere.

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