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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Do not let your head run upon that which is none of your own, but pick out some of the best of your circumstances and consider how eagerly you would wish for them were they not in your possession.—Marcus Aurelius.

We need a new High school building.

Never put off till tomorrow what you get somebody to do for you today.

An "issue" to the politician is merely a hobby with a vote-getting appendix.

So many people mistake temporary success for permanent and drop the lines.

When a man gets fame started the voluntary press bureau will keep it going.

Every man thinks he is a good judge of human nature; but he doesn't near practice human nature.

Truth seems to have nothing on the Russian army in the matter of rising again when crushed to earth.

An eminent professor says that kissing is a mild form of insanity. That's admitted, but what of it?

One town in Kansas that it hasn't had a funeral in seven months. It is also very lucky, it can say that it hasn't needed a pew.

The people who have children going to school should truly believe in "Safety First." And now is the time to do some thinking.

Will somebody please speak to Henry Ford, who wants to give a million dollars to promote peace? The world was getting along pretty well when Andrew Carnegie bought a stack of similar chips.

Syracuse, Neb., is arranging for a big "Home Coming Day" October 14. This is something that Plattsmouth should do, and what the Journal has been trying to get our people to do for several years past.

The Chicago Tribune declares the Eastland horror to be "the greatest man-made disaster in the history of the country." If the Tribune will now give the man's name, his case will undoubtedly be attended to.

Senator Mattes has just returned from a trip to the Panama exposition. He enjoyed the trip very much and says California has the finest roads in the country. But he has not yet signified his intentions of running again for senator.

Luck must be a woman—because it is so fickle. Luck continues to knock at the door after Opportunity has passed on. Luck is the difference between success and failure. Luck is unjust because the lucky man does not always deserve his luck. Luck is a gambler. Luck is a false friend, because it will desert its most favored ones. Luck is a myth. It may appear to favor individuals, but the armies which fight hardest are most apt to win. Luck is the coquette who leads men to despair. In only one thing is luck faithful—it is always on the side of those who are the steadiest workers.

## MAUPIN DONE IT.

A long time ago a party of newspaper men were discussing the feasibility of establishing a magazine in Omaha. Each one of them had his theory as to how it should be conducted and each one had his notion of what was a first-class magazine feature. But whatever the differences were, they all agreed on one thing and that was that "something different" in the way of a magazine should be built up in the west and the place to build it was Omaha. Since then other newspaper men have discussed the same thing; some have almost launched their ideas in practical form.

One of those newspaper men was Will M. Maupin, and while others have only talked about it, Maupin has "gone and done it." The Midwest Magazine is his product and most of the subject matter is his, from "kiver to kiver." We leave to Norman Hapgood, William Dean Howells and Jeanette Gilder the task of higher literary criticism, but this Nebraska product is a magazine with a punch. It is not fringed around with vague verse of equivocal metaphor and meaning, nor is it painful for the average reader because of literary straining and striving. Its columns are not on the whole of the excellence they will be when Mr. Maupin gets the institution established, but is downright interesting, amusing and educational, which is a combination that ought to make a big thing.

The publisher of the first 10-cent magazine and the man credited with having been the most successful magazine publisher of our day, began in a larger field, much as Mr. Maupin has begun. He even went further and wrote everything in his magazine, signing fictitious names to verse, essay and short story. He had no capital, but after much discouragement, he won the public in his home city, then in neighboring cities and finally his publication was in demand from coast to coast.

If we are not very obtuse, there is a great opportunity for the Midwest Magazine and likewise a fine opportunity for Nebraska in recognition and support of that periodical.—World-Herald.

In a current magazine a prominent doctor discusses the manner in which a cat carries disease. Scat!

On the other hand, the journey of life is not an automobile tour. It is a long walk over an undrugged road.

It is true men can argue themselves into new forms of government, but history shows that old forms go out in blood.

Japan, it seems, is stripping her fortifications of heavy artillery to send to Russia, and maybe now Mr. Hobson will sleep better.

President Wilson has managed to keep this country at peace, and one can't blame him for not trying to end the European war; there is such a thing as even a peacemaker taking too much territory.

Most of the reform work is predicted on the theory that it pays. You know that as well as we do—reform advocates get well paid for their work and twice as much as they could make at anything else.

People who talk so much about keeping some matters out of the newspapers, may have had a "skeleton in their own closet" at one time or another. It is always best for such people to attend strictly to their own business, and they will fare much better.

Old Winter is gradually coming this way.

Silver lining to the clouds when a boy has to go to school is the other boys.

Can't roller skates be rubber-tired? Noise is all that's the matter with them.

Mr. Taft discusses woman suffrage chiefly as it is, not as a principle of abstract right.

An unexpected end of the war would hit American agriculture as much as it would manufacturers.

Money talks. But what guarantee have we that those who want to borrow a billion of America are going to win?

Poverty is said to be a sure cure for dyspepsia; but one meal a day may be for anybody who has the will to apply it.

Carranza has an eccentric taste and an inexplicable perseverance in seeking to be president of such a country as Mexico.

Germany, however, is willing to admit that the struggle is not yet over, although signs are not lacking that she wishes it was.

The best way to do business is to pay for what you get when you get it. The next best way is to render monthly settlements with both debtors and creditors. Thirty days is long enough for a prudent man to be in doubt as to what his account is.

## ONE TERM BUNKUM.

Perhaps some of the declarations of candidates and parties for a single term are made in good faith. Sometimes they are made for vote-catching only. No matter what the motive behind them there is a good deal of buncombe, or bunkum, in them.

There is an intimation frequently heard that the renomination of President Wilson is going to meet with opposition based upon the fact that the democratic national convention at Baltimore incorporated into the party platform a declaration committing the party to work for a constitutional amendment limiting a president to one term.

It is not for a public official to say whether or not he shall serve one term, or two terms, or more. That is something for the people to say. Every citizen is subject to the call of his countrymen to serve them in any way in which they may desire him to serve, in war or peace. The draft was recognized in this country during the civil war. The public has a right to draft a man to serve it in peace as well, and he has no more right to refuse than he has to refuse to serve in war.

A public man may with good faith promise that he will not aspire to a second term. He has no right to say that he will not accept a second term nomination or serve a second term if elected.

The people of Nebraska have shown their disinclination to relieve a public official from further service because he has said he would not be a candidate for a second term. They forced a nomination upon Governor Morehead and re-elected him. They did not think he had the power or the right to say that he would not serve a second term if they wanted him to serve.

President Wilson is carefully avoiding anything that might indicate that he aspires to a second term. When the democrats of his home state proposed to spring him for re-election, he protested against it because of the interpretation that might be put upon such a declaration from them.

Yet it looks now as if there can be no appreciable opposition to President Wilson for the democratic nomination, and it is quite certain that the people will insist that neither the president nor his party has any right to say that they cannot command his further service if they wish it. And they do wish it.—Lincoln Star.

## ENGLAND GETTING SCARED.

David Lloyd George's new book, "Through Terror to Triumph," must have been published for sake of the preface. There is no other obvious reason why the busy minister of munitions should compile and publish his speeches at such a time as this. In the preface there is considerably more terror than triumph. There is bitter disappointment in the covert thrust at the United States in the statement that if Great Britain were not involved in the war, the nation would have insisted on "calling the infantile empire to a stern reckoning" if "British women and children were being destroyed on the high seas by German submarines." But this is somewhat inconsistent with his plaint that Great Britain has so signally failed in its general efforts at "stern reckoning" while engaged in war.

Lloyd George frankly admits "that the might of this military clique (meaning Germany) has exceeded the gloomiest prognostications." He says that the allied nations must put forth the whole of their strength ere it is too late or the central powers will triumph. He then argues that Russia, France and Italy have done all they can do and all they should be expected to do. He does not mention Japan, an oversight the Oriental ally may resent. His lecture is narrowed to Great Britain. It must "take the Russian place while the Russian armies are re-equipping." It "must bear the weight which has hitherto fallen on Russian shoulders." He admits that the central powers "still have an overwhelming superiority in all the material and equipment of war." He reproaches British labor for insisting on peace conditions of employment when the nation should have the services of all its manhood to defend its honor and existence. He quotes with approval the opinion of an expert that whatever is done must be done within the next ninety days.

This warning, coupled with the Zepelin raids on London, may stir the masses of England from their apparent apathy. Lord Northcliffe's papers have fulminated in vain. But now that Lloyd George, one of the first statesmen of Europe, has made such an appeal against "slouching into disaster as if walking along the ordinary paths of peace" the British may give heed. The English aristocracy has been pouring out its blood and treasure like water, but the British masses, from all accounts, have shown an indifference that denotes either a lack of realization of the true situation or a lack of patriotism never before manifested.

Incidentally, this business on the border may interfere with the business of Texas real estate agents, who are enterprising persons.

Conscription at any time in this country might be unpopular, but if every young man were given two years' military training it wouldn't be needed.

For the first time in the history of this country have the barons of finance of the old world come here to negotiate a loan. It is a war loan, of course, and the figures desired are for \$500,000,000. If our own barons of finance would use this to establish a merchant marine in this time of need, when the opportunity is almost overwhelming them, what a blessing it would be for this country, not only for this country but for the world. We believe that if this country will close the coffer lid that the war will soon end.

United States District Attorney Tom Allen was down from Lincoln Thursday looking after some business in district court, and took time to call on the Journal editor for a few moments. Incidentally, Tom was feeling the democratic pulse hereabouts in reference to the renomination of President Wilson. He apparently was well pleased over the outlook here, as there are but very few, if any, who are opposed to the renomination and election of one of the greatest presidents of which this country can or will ever boast.

Mr. Bryan may be known to history as the Great Impracticable, but we will all have to acknowledge that he can make a speech.

Strawberries and dandelions are doing well, but rhubarb pie and gooseberries doesn't seem to be producing much of a second crop.

Why don't these folks who can't make Ohio go dry move to Kansas? Is segregation yet to be the olive branch between wets and dries?

It should be remembered that a newspaper reporter is supposed to know his own business and something about everybody else's business.

Dr. Dumba seems to be thinking a number of things that also begin with a D. They may need him in Austria, but we have no need of him here.

Our "informant" writes that the defeat of the Russian army is due to the enormous grafting by which money intended for munitions is embezzled. If this is true, that's what comes of no public opinion.

Teddy Roosevelt seems to be the only person of prominence in the United States who is not satisfied with the present condition of our foreign affairs. Well, it is fortunate we don't have to consult Ted, anyhow.

Senator Vardeman of Mississippi, who has attended the various chautauquos throughout the middle western states, as a speaker, says there is not a man in America who could defeat our president in 1916. In his rounds Senator Vardeman visited Iowa, and he believes that even Iowa will elect Wilson electors.

Some vandal has marked up the signs along the Lincoln Auto Route leading to Hastings. The sign reads: "Come to Hastings, Adams county, population 12,000." This is rubbed out and "The City of Nuts" placed thereon. Hastings people offer a big reward for the identity of the perpetrators of the dastardly deed. And if caught, will no doubt be severely punished.

## HATS OFF TO NEBRASKA!

From all parts of Nebraska comes the same glad news: "If frost will hold off for another week or ten days, Nebraska will harvest the greatest corn crop in her history. While it is true that the unusual rains during the harvest season seriously damaged the wheat crop, the fact still remains that Nebraska has harvested her bumper wheat crop, and although the quality may be inferior to that of some former seasons, the crop itself will bring more money to the producers than any former wheat crop produced in this state. Alfalfa fields that will not yield four cuttings this season are few and far between, the apple crop is one of the biggest and best in history, the potato crop is unusually good, and from irrigated Nebraska comes the glad tidings that the beet crop this season will outdo any former season's crop. In every city and village within the confines of the state building activities are remarkable, and as a result labor finds ready and remunerative employment.

Isn't it a joy to be living in such a state? And is it not the bounden duty of every citizen in the state to call attention to the state's productivity, activity and prosperity? Is it not time to still the voice of the calamity howler, to silence the pessimist, and give the floor to those who look with confidence upon the future and are willing to testify to their faith by their work in the upbuilding of the state? Morally, socially, industrially, financially—they must all take off their hats to Nebraska. Of all good things she produces the most and the best; of all things bad she has the fewest and least. It is so written in the books, and admitted by all men who have made a study of the facts. Quoting the language of the Grand Mufti of his most gracious majesty, King Ak-Sar-Pen, "To be a Nebraskan is to be a king in one's own right."—World-Herald.

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Some of our republican newspaper friends do love to rip Secretary McAdoo "up the back," solely for the want of somebody else to "rip up," and all because McAdoo is one of the principal members of the present administration. At the same time they

are compelled to acknowledge that he is one of the ablest financiers in the country, and right onto the job of Secretary of the Treasury.

Americans have been assured protection on the high seas, and something should be done to make life safe along the Texas border.

The leaves are falling, according to the calendar, ignoring the temperature.

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