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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word.—Emerson.

Look out for frost and colder weather.

What do you owe the public? Speak up.

Looks like the Russian bear was about to turn on his pursuers.

The trouble with cheerful givers is that they are nearly always broke.

A man is boss in his own home when the rest of the family are away.

In eight months \$500,000,000 has been spent for destitute Belgians. This ought to help some.

When a man imagines he is a statesman he becomes deaf, and the only cure is to run the band wagon over him.

After knocking because their names were put in the paper, many people rush to buy a copy to see who else is written about.

Only two and a half billions more is asked by the British government at this time. Perhaps the rest will be called for a little later.

Foreign observers of American life seem to be in considerable doubt as to whether the national game is base ball, poker or lynchings.

The new tennis champion is only 20 years old. What a come-down if later in life he should become a mere congressman or college president.

If the United States went in and subdued Mexico at a cost of \$500,000,000, Mexico would no doubt stay subdued for as much as ten days.

There is a growing feeling that a teacher ought not be fired, even if the children don't come home telling what a jolly time they have had at school.

The kings of Europe are fast preparing to show their wise and loving care of their subjects by taxing them about half they are worth to pay war debts.

If the old-fashioned dances come in again this winter, what becomes of the \$17,562,859 spent by the confiding American people in learning the tango?

Monday morning's newspapers indicate that a great many people feel that Sunday is an excellent day on which to get drowned in bathing or smashed up in an automobile accident.

Some people welcome September because it is the time for the re-opening of schools, colleges, literary societies and study clubs, and others as the beginning of the pancake and oyster season.

If Billy Thompson is 62 years of age, and 60 is the limit for the appointment of United States district judge, does Mr. Bryan propose to push him through in defiance of law? It would look that way.

A brother editor asks what has become of the man who used to black his own boots? Well, probably he sits back every morning after getting out of bed to await the coming of a valet to help him put on his clothes.

MOTHER AND SOLDIER.

The mother who risks her life to produce a child does as great a service for the state as the man who kills some other mother's son in defense of it. Thus said a woman physician before the convention for race betterment in session in San Francisco. True. And the world regards too lightly the risk assumed by every mother bringing a child into the world. The heroism of the woman is as great as that of any soldier who braves death for his country's sake, as was remarked by the poet Euripides in Athens more than two thousand years ago. But heroism of the mother and that of the soldier are not antagonistic, and may be reconciled, despite the sentiment heard so widely in this war time, the sentiment expressed in the popular song whose refrain is, "I did not raise my boy to be a soldier." In order to glorify the mother, it is not necessary to despise the soldier. The mother who by her sacrifice helps to perpetuate the state is not opposed to the soldier who by his sacrifice aids the preservation of the state. Perpetuation and preservation of the state are co-ordinate services, mutually supportive of the state. A society that regards women as mere producers of soldiers is matched by a society that regards soldiers as mere destroyers of life.

Neither Spain nor China exhibits the virtues that should characterize the people of a state. The one which exalts the fighting man is not more fatally defective than the other which produces more children than any other in human history, but so much despises war that it cannot defend itself. Motherhood does and should array itself against the militaristic spirit that regards all male life as so much food for cannon. But motherhood, which requires physical protection for itself and for the children, cannot afford to despise, much less to ostracize, the force of arms that preserves women inviolate and renders possible nurture of the child. The children of all mothers die some time. Some succumb to disease, to accident, comparatively few of them to old age. War is not the only of the major terror of mothers of sons. Sons who are cherished in their mothers' arms as babes must leave the shelter, take the chances, make the fight for life, unless they are to be mollycoddles. And true mothers would have their sons develop into men. How would the true mother have her son to die? Die he must, she knows, some time. Would she have him die ignobly or nobly? And as Maccaulay phrases it in the famous lines: How can man die better than facing fearful odds for the ashes of his father and the altars of his gods?—Minneapolis Journal.

Governor Morehead has designated by proclamation Sunday, November 7, as Special Sunday School Day, which no doubt will, or should be generally observed.

"Into each life some rain must fall"—some nice and makes enphoneous reading, but we would be perfectly satisfied if nature would refrain from dumping all of the rain of the universe down upon our devoted heads. Divvy up—we are not hogs.

The editor of the Journal is not a member of the Methodist church, but we feel greatly interested in the return of Rev. F. M. Drulliner to this charge. And why? Because he is one of the finest pulpit orators that ever located here, a gentleman of sincerity and ability and Christian in his every-day walks of life as well as in the pulpit. We have learned to love him for his social qualities, as well as genuineness in religious work.

A \$2 bill is just as necessary as a \$11 bill.

The Mexicans on the border believe in watchful killing.

Oh, Eugenics! how much idiocy is talked in thy name.

Too many aeroplane voyages end by crossing the River Jordan.

When women go to congress will rocking chairs be introduced?

No city can afford to live a miser just because it is cheaper to do that way.

"We're going to raise our boy to be a soldier." Hurrah for the Red, White and Blue!

Considerable frost appeared Tuesday morning, but no serious damage is reported.

Europe always has been a great country to get away from, and now it is more so.

Reckless automobilists will soon begin to use the excuses of the submarine commanders.

The unusual season suggests the importance of every farmer testing his seed wheat before sowing.

A Kansas City man says he embezzled \$15,000 to buy medicine for his wife. The doctor must have purchased radium.

One would think also that the enterprising Mexicans find trouble enough at home without edging over into Texas.

Jack Johnson is now on the stage in London, and is the only colored man in the troupe. There always will be low-down white trash.

NOBODY APPOINTS HIM.

A politician asks the Star whether we elect our United States senator in the next campaign by direct vote, or by preference vote, as has been done for some years past.

Of course the answer is that Nebraska people will not have to dodge the federal constitution by attempting to point out whom the legislature shall elect as senator. They will elect this official by direct vote, and relieve the legislature of responsibility in the matter.

Anyone who will take the compiled statutes of 1913 and look on page 17 will find Article XVII, the most recent amendment to the federal constitution, with a certificate bearing a fac simile signature of W. J. Bryan, as secretary of state, certifying that "the annexed is a true copy of the constitution of the United States, with the amendment thereto, the original of which is on file in this department," and that he had caused the great seal of the department of state to be affixed thereunto, and had subscribed his name, at the City of Washington, the 26th day of August, 1913. That amendment provides:

The senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each senator shall have one vote. The electors of each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any state in the senate, the executive authority of such state shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any state may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

That is the law. The people elect. Nobody appoints senators on any plea that voters do not and cannot know the candidates and that some fellow who happens to hold some office is more competent than the people to choose the right man. The people fought for many years for this privilege of electing senators and of keeping the smart fellows in office from doing their choosing for them.—Lincoln Star.

RADICALS WERE GENEROUS.

While a great many will question the wisdom of incurring the expense necessary to hold a constitutional convention, the self-appointed experts bent on reforming the organic law of the state to suit their views are generous in allowing the people four years in which to consider the matter. They are also generous in so arranging their plan that in the submission of the draft which they hope to prepare the people will be allowed to vote separately upon each proposition such draft may contain.

Most of the names of the self-created committee that met in Lincoln Saturday are recognized as those of men who entertain radical views upon questions of governmental procedure. Undoubtedly all of these will expect to take part in the convention that formulates the proposed new constitution, and if a majority of the proposed convention should be made up of men who believe with them, it will mean the proposal of an abrupt revolution in state government and a resort to much that will be entirely experimental.

However, before these gentlemen can even hold a constitutional convention the people must have voted their sanction for such a proceeding. There will be opposition to this plan, based upon the fact that processes have been provided whereby the people may now easily change their constitution whenever it may be deemed defective without going to the expense and delay of holding a constitutional convention. It is because the people do not vote to change the constitution under the referendum that these ardent radicals desire to hold a convention.

Between this date and the time for the popular vote upon whether or not a convention shall be held we are going to hear much clap-trap from those who advocate the convention and the contemplated reforms. It will be declared and reiterated that the corporations and the brewers are behind the opposition to the movement, and every citizen who dare raise his voice in opposition to the plan of these radical gentlemen will be denounced as an ally or a tool of special interests. Of course all such stuff will be buncombe, but that will not deter those bent on revolutionizing the constitution from so declaring with all the vehemence they can command.

The comforting thought in relation to the proposal is that the constitution cannot be revolutionized unless the people either want it done, or are so indifferent toward the proposition that they decline to take part in the election.—Lincoln Star.

Teddy says his lips are sealed while he is on his Canadian vacation. Why so? What he has to say seems to be exceedingly popular in Canada.

When Dr. Dumar gets to Vienna he will probably receive a curtain lecture for not accepting full personal responsibility for his work as a walking delegate.

It is safe to go out driving with the old family horse on a popular automobile road Sundays, if you keep along well inside the line of bushes along the highway.

There are, according to an estimate of the biological survey, five million hunters in the United States. Several of whom, no doubt, will find something before the season closes.

There is one thing about Plattsmouth. When her citizens undertake to do a thing it is never done by halves, but they do the whole business without squirming in the least.

Commission on Industrial Relations spent \$500,000 of the public money and found out that "low wages caused unrest." Anybody could have reached that conclusion without spending more than a nickel.

Some of the greatest engineers in the country are on the board for encouraging invention; and now we shall see whether invention has to wait for inspiration in mechanics as it does in poetry and romance.

You talk too much if you repeat one-half what you hear.

Nebraska's 200,000,000-bushel corn crop narrowly escaped another frost Tuesday night, but came through safely and still has a good chance on the home stretch against Jack the Nipper, according to the local weather bureau and the railroad reports.

An aeroplane passed over this city late Saturday afternoon, but attracted the attention of but few, notwithstanding the streets were crowded with farmers. Aeroplanes seem to be more in use now than hot-air balloons, and attract less attention.

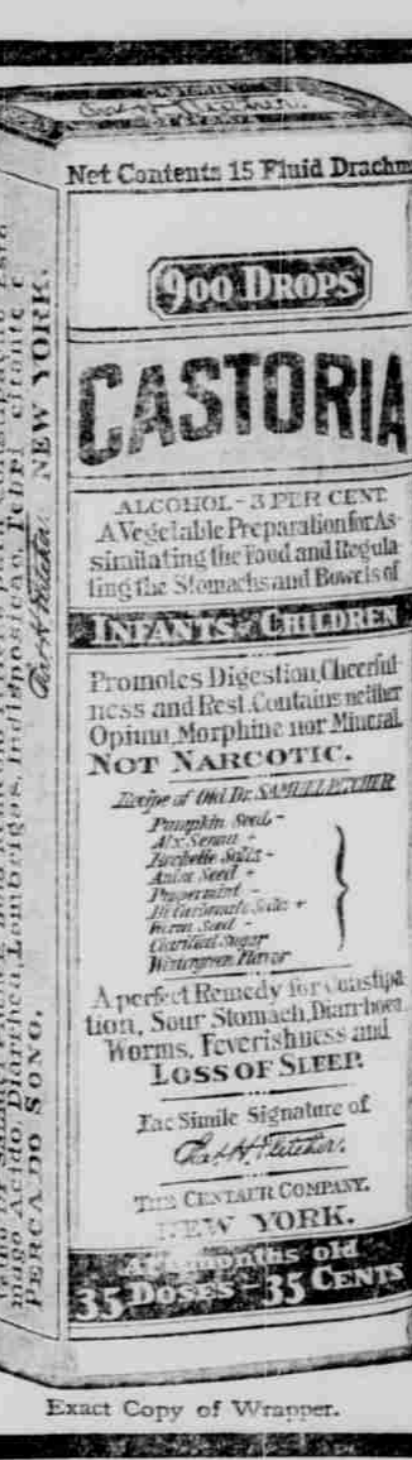
When the democrats next solicit a candidate for congress from the First district, let it be a man who is known as a democrat. We would prefer to support John A. Maguire to some fellows who are talked of. We know Maguire to be a democrat.

Those Austrian officials are finding out that there is a limit to their activities in a friendly country. The abuse of their privileges has brought about their undoing. This country to a man is behind President Wilson in his stand. The president might detail a marine guard to help them pack and see that their belongings are safely landed at the seaboard.

There have been nineteen explosions in powder factories in the past thirteen months. Although there have been considerable intervals between the incidents, the fact that recently two occurred in one day, has given rise to a suspicion that these explosions result from a conspiracy to cripple the output of war supplies, and strict investigation has been started to discover if possible what the truth may be. Many factories for making powder and other war supplies have lately been running at capacity speed, with additional shifts of men, and this may have increased hazards, so that there may be no real ground for suspicion of design to wreck them. Powder factories have always been liable to explosions. Until further facts are developed, if such facts exist, there probably can be no real reason for the conclusion that crippling the production of war munitions is part of a widespread plot.

ONE BENEFIT OF AUTOMOBILES.

One of the results of automobile travel is a general effort for the better marking of highways with guideboards. The same idea applies equally well in towns where there is commonly a lack of proper marking of street corners, which is irritating to visitors and new-comers. In rural sections important road junctions have commonly at some time or other been marked by guideboards. These always used to be simply wood signs, with painted directions. In a few years the paint is washed off, and with the closest scrutiny it may be impossible to decipher the remnants of the information. It is a common experience with the old-fashioned guideboard, to read that a certain town is ten miles away. After you travel ten miles more, you will find another guideboard to the effect that that town is twelve miles away. In the past year or two automobile associations and highway departments have planted many road signs, giving routes and distances, as well as warning motorists against dangerous places. By one of the perquisites of human nature, these signs are often uprooted by vandals within a few weeks after they are erected. Boys use them as targets for stone-throwing, and boys of older growths as marks for more deadly weapons. In towns street signs suffer similarly. Idle boys enjoy the reputation of out-lawry and of good marksmanship acquired by planting a rock. Nothing adds more to the comfort of a traveler than clear markings of the highway. Nothing makes a town seem more convenient and up-to-date than the careful marking of corners with names of streets. The man or the boy who destroys or injures one of these signs is hurting the reputation of his home town for civic spirit.



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Having "dug in" the problem for the European armies is to dig out.

A cloud on a man's name has no silver lining. Remember that, boys.

Diplomatic relations seem to be about as bothersome as the other kind of kin.

Senator Hoke Smith will probably demand that at least half of that billion be spent for cotton.

Lloyd George's book might have been withheld until the financial ambassadors finished their mission.

The campaign of 1916 will not be decided on war issues. Americans have to live just the same, war or no war.

Boys used to be glad they weren't girls, because girls then wore so many clothes. But the girls don't do it now.

As a rule some people contend that they do not want to borrow trouble, and then they go right out and borrow money.

Swatting the fly is purely educational. Next summer's campaign should begin with wholesale poisoning at fly-hatcheries.

Mr. Archibald's professions of lamb-like innocence do not gibe with Count von Bernstorff's statement that he offered to carry official communications for him.

The time which the old-fashioned girl used to spend putting up fruits in the fall seems to be spent now by the modern maiden in putting down ice cream sodas.

If you wouldn't walk across the streets to buy goods at low prices, and would just as soon pay high figures later, don't bother to read the announcements of special inducements by our advertisers.

If that billion the allies are trying to borrow in the United States would be used to put Humpty-Dumpty Belgium back on the wall the effort would meet with greater enthusiasm.

The appointment of a successor to W. H. Munger, United States district judge, is still hanging fire in Washington. Billy Tompson seems to have failed so far in his aspirations for the job. J. W. Woodrough, one of the first supporters of President Wilson in Nebraska, and an eminent lawyer and a gentleman of fine qualities, is the man who should be appointed.

Did you ever notice that talk doesn't hurt a man much? Perfection isn't looked for in man, and when someone tries to injure a man by rating about a few faults he has, the absent one, who is probably attending to his own business, is elevated in the hearer's estimation, while the informant is lowered accordingly. If a man knocks along, doing fairly well, people realize that while he has some faults, he has more virtues, and they are charitable enough to overlook these faults. But it is different with a girl or woman. No matter how good and pure a woman may be, let someone start an infamous lie about her and everyone is willing to pass it along and there is always someone to believe it. That lie can never be lived down. It may burn low, but gossip-lovers are always ready with new fuel. Did you ever think how damnably mean some goody-good people are in this respect?

Social Dance.

The Cosmopolitan club will give a social dance on Saturday evening, September 25th, at Coates' hall, and everyone is invited to be present and enjoy a good dance. Music will be furnished by the Plattsmouth orchestra.

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