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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill manners.—
Chesterfield.

About all some people get in this world is an easy start.

What doth it profit to be a speed maniac and get in jail?

Men who start with cold feet seldom succeed in getting there.

A great many family trees bear a wonderful variety of "nuts."

Try and be contented with your lot, especially if it be a good corner lot.

The beautiful fall weather holds on wonderfully and to the satisfaction of everyone.

Adam blamed a woman in the case, and there are a heap of men who faithfully follow Adam's example.

There ought to be but one town for every man, and that should be the town he lives and does business in.

Since there is going to be no bridge whist parties in heaven, what are the society church ladies going to do when they get there?

The young lady who takes great satisfaction in displaying a diamond ring should also remember that a great battle is called an engagement.

The meetings at the Methodist church are growing in interest daily. Rev. Druliner is an incessant worker, and we trust great success will crown his efforts.

The people are for President Wilson for another term, and the people generally have their way, when they know that Woodrow Wilson has filled the bill so admirably.

Some of our building contractors have closed contracts already for new homes to be erected early in the spring. A great deal of the frame work will be gotten out this winter—inside shop work.

Several eastern Nebraska editors have been afflicted with the "sour grapes" malady so long that everything that the administration does that adds to the popularity of President Wilson they get a fresh attack.

If the allies' loan is oversubscribed it might be well to remember that 2,500 are destitute around New Orleans because of the late gulf storms. If the United States has money for war it should have money for peace.

It can very easily be seen from the returns that the voters of the east do not want equal suffrage, and that many of the women do not want it, either. New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania dealt woman suffrage an decidedly hard blow.

A bill to create a permanent tariff commission will be introduced into congress next winter. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States is making a country-wide appeal for more scientific tariff schedules. Eventually, this country probably will have a commission of experts to advise congress in its tariff legislation, but it will take hard work and probably many years before the result can be accomplished.

TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

Local rather than national issues influenced the voting in the ten states in which elections were held this year, and not a great deal of consequence attaches to the results.

The one generalization that might be made is that the voters are becoming addicted to the "No" habit. They voted no on the woman suffrage proposition in New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, and did it resoundingly. They voted no with remarkable fervor on the new constitution prepared for New York state by Elihu Root and his constitutional convention. They voted no on prohibition in Ohio, for the second time in two years—by a reduced majority, it is true, but also it appears in a materially smaller total vote cast. Ohio voters also defeated three other proposed constitutional amendments. In Boston they voted no to a proposal to recall Mayor Curley. In Colorado they defeated a single tax amendment to the constitution.

Along partisan lines the results were as might have been expected. Maryland and Kentucky elect democratic governors, the latter state, however, showing republican gains and democratic losses. Massachusetts elected a republican standpatter, former Congressman McCall, to succeed Governor Walsh, a democrat running for a third term. McCall devoted his campaign largely to an attack on the Wilson administration and succeeded in carrying this ordinarily heavy republican state by a plurality of less than 7,000. The issue was largely complicated, however, by the injection of the church issue into the fight, so that no accurate conclusions can be drawn. In New York City the democrats win, and in Philadelphia the democratic machine pooled its fate with the republican organization to defeat the independents now in control of the city government.

The greatest degree of general interest attached to the woman suffrage voting in three large eastern states, and to the outcome of the prohibition fight led by William J. Bryan in Ohio. The defeat of both was decisive. New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania show, as New Jersey showed, that in spite of the advice of Wilson, Bryan, Roosevelt and other notable leaders there remains much work to be done before the east can be won over to the suffrage cause. Ohio voters, who had defeated prohibition by more than 80,000 in the general election last year, were obliged to vote on it again in this year's by-election. Though Mr. Bryan made a whirlwind campaign for the cause, speaking everywhere to immense and enthusiastic crowds, defeat was again administered. The majority, while reduced, is nevertheless a very substantial one, and the reduction is largely attributed to the smaller total vote due to the fact that there were none but local candidates to be elected.

Whatever partisan significance attaches to the election is to be found in the practical disappearance of the progressive party vote and the signs that the republican party is "getting together" for the fight next year. These signs have their plain lesson for democrats. If Woodrow Wilson is to be re-elected again, with a democratic congress—if the fruits of the victory of 1912 are not to be lost to the party and to the country—democrats must be preparing to present a united front to a formidable foe. Those who would plant needlessly the seeds of schism and dissension should think, and think twice, before laying themselves open to the charge of maliciously endangering the stability of the administration at Washington.—World-Herald.

Less than three weeks till Thanksgiving.

Villa seems determined to die a-trying.

And Christmas only one month later, by Heck.

Knock and you knock alone. Boost and everybody will help you.

It is life, liberty and the pursuit of equity that is guaranteed in this country.

If you feel that the world is against you, cheer up. The world may be right.

Who would be so cruel as to send Huerta, properly crated, to Carranza?

No man who really wants to fight is ever grateful to anyone who keeps him out of it, and elections sometimes tell the tale.

Sympathy of people who have tried to keep a sidewalk clear in a forty-eight-hour snowstorm goes out to General Goethals.

Oil made one set of American millionaires, automobiles another, and the making of the munition millionaires is now going on.

Our November poem is to be dedicated to December. December knows its place and doesn't try to be June or September.

The chairman of the national democratic committee says that soon after the meeting of the committee in Washington December 7, the campaign will open and headquarters be established.

The democrats have cause to be greatly encouraged over the result of the elections last Tuesday. The republicans undoubtedly looked for a tidal wave in their direction, but were sadly disappointed. They held their own and that is all. And they had hard work to even do that. The democrats in the east are remarkably well satisfied and say that it presages the re-election of President Wilson without a doubt.

What do you think of this? The report comes from Washington that Nebraska lags behind every other state in the union, save one, in the improvement of public roads. This is certainly pretty tough on Nebraska, when we thought all along that our grand state was "right up to snuff" on road improvements as well as everything else. But one state shows a smaller per cent in surfaced roads, and that is North Dakota.

Proud parents of twins or triplets need not apply to the White house for a subsidy based on promises to name the babies after the president, his family or his bride-to-be. The story from Mattoon, Ill., that the president has sent checks for \$25 to each of triplets born there and named after him is denied at the White house. Letters announcing the birth of twins and triplets are continually being received at the executive office. They usually receive a congratulatory reply, but up to date the president has not enclosed checks.

According to statements issued by the German government it will be useless for the English and their allies to try to starve the Germans out, as a strong effort has been made in Germany to utilize every foot of ground this year in raising vegetables and grain and that the harvest has been abundant. The plan of making prisoners do the work has enabled the Germans to have the crops fully looked after while the men were in the ranks. If there is any shortage it will be in those supplies which Germany drew from other countries and it's more than probable that they are short of copper and many other articles of which they had provided large stores, but which the long continuance of the war has used immense quantities and which the Germans are experiencing difficulty in supplying.

IS HOSTILE TO WILSON.

It would be unpatriotic to permit the injection into the next state election of any issues, however important, that can be settled outside of the partisan contest that must then ensue. There is to be a great political issue submitted for determination in that election.

That issue will relate to the question whether or not the voters of Nebraska approve the administration of President Wilson. It may be a prepossession in favor of the president that suggests the belief that an overwhelming majority of the people of this state, somewhat in disregard of partisan allegiances, endorse with fervor the splendid services of the president and believe in the good he has accomplished for the republic.

No sinister purpose to blind the people to that issue and turn aside the popular favor for the administration must be permitted to prevail.

It has just been proposed that the political action of the people of this state shall be taken with reference to whether or not those who may represent the rival political parties as their candidates believe one way or another on a question that is purely a state issue and which may be determined best by the voters of the state without taking candidates and partisan supremacy into consideration.

It is more important that President Wilson's administration shall be endorsed in the election now approaching than it was in the election of last year, because it is nearing the time when the president may again be a candidate and that the policy of the government shall be determined by his re-election or his rejection.

There is almost universal recognition of the excellence of service Woodrow Wilson has rendered his country. His admiration has given us more important constructive legislation than any other administration, at least in recent years. His latest effort is one to prevent a triumph of the ruthless war spirit that is finding alarming expression and rallying a large and influential following. By his proposed plan to materially strengthen the navy and slightly increase the army, President Wilson has created a foil for destroying the force of the republican doctrine favoring the making of the American navy and army the greatest and strongest in the world. It is important that popular aid should be extended the president in his effort to head off the carefully planned drive toward acute militarism.

There are thousands of Nebraska voters who believe that the liquor traffic should be destroyed who also believe that the president should be sustained and who want an opportunity to vote to sustain him. It may take time for them to realize that the suggestion that the liquor question shall be injected into party politics in this state will, if adopted, prevent the possibility of their voting for the destruction of the liquor traffic without at the same time voting their disapproval of the administration of Woodrow Wilson.

This is so manifest that it is impossible to believe that the persons making such suggestion did not have in mind when making it the purpose to turn away from the administration a part of the vote that would otherwise be cast to sustain and endorse it.—Lincoln Star.

Those western farmers who are threshing as high as forty-five bushels of wheat to the acre are not scared at the cry of "hard times," and probably "a hard winter."

One thing according to science we should all be thankful for is the fact that the excessive rains of the past summer have reduced our typhoid fever liability to a minimum.

Governor Morehead has honored the editor of the Journal by appointing him a delegate from the state of Nebraska to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington, D. C., December 8, 9 and 10. Now, all in the world that will keep us from attending this meeting is the wherewithal to pay railroad fare and other expenses.

Ross Hammond for United States senator? Get out!

Is Bryan trying to play into the hands of the republicans?

Suspicion is usually aroused a great deal easier than almost anything else.

Europeans are kept so bitterly fighting that they haven't time to think. When that time comes they'll be more dangerous than ever.

Prof. Usher says the nations of Europe will never be the same after the war, and what concerns us is that we fear America won't either.

Some of the "tightest wads" in Christendom are known to be members of the church. But they are not in any sense serving God—they are simply hanging on to the coat tail of St. Peter in the hope that he may by a mighty pull "yank" them out of the fiery furnace.

If there were a law requiring motor car drivers to extend an arm from the side of the car when they are about to turn we suppose lots of them would be arrested for not doing it, which might prove that what is a voluntary practice is sometimes better observed than what is a compulsory rule.

The latest in the progress of the world of science is the sending of telephone messages by wireless across the Atlantic. When the pessimistic individual approaches you and says certain things cannot be done, just tell him nothing is impossible in this day and age.

Under the modern agricultural school methods girls are taught to be judges of good stock and boys judges of good butter. Wonder if they will have the girls milk the cows and the boys churn the cream. Anyway, this is an age for women to vote and do many other things that were formerly classed as the prerogatives of men.

From expressions of various republican newspapers through the state it would seem that Hon. E. M. Pollard will not experience any great deal of trouble in securing the nomination for governor on the republican ticket. One thing about Mr. Pollard is there is no question as to his executive ability. He served several terms in the legislature and in congress and he displayed great ability in both positions.

It is a hard proposition with the republicans in their efforts to try to make the people of this country believe they made any gains in the recent elections. Reports from the east are to the effect that the republican leaders are rather greatly disappointed at the result. They expected a regular "land-slide." But President Wilson's administration is too popular to down with anything like that.

Carranza can make many many promises of what he will do to bring about peace in Mexico, but the question is, why don't he make ready and do it? He has a hard contract before him—and one that he can never carry out as long as Villa and his followers remain in the saddle to guide the bandits who do not want peace and are not going to have peace as long as the cut-throats can rob, murder the people and pillage the country.

The hyphenates of Massachusetts have chosen what seems to be a singularly unfortunate moment for launching a political campaign. The resolve of the Bay State German-Americans to begin an active crusade against the re-election of President Wilson has been made at a moment when feeling for Germany is strongly influenced by the execution of Miss Cavell. It is the part of fatuous blindness to think that the kaiser's cause in this country can be helped by such policy. All that President Wilson needs to make his return to office a certainty is an organized pro-German effort to accomplish his defeat. Thousands who are indifferent or opposed to him will be driven to his support by a propaganda of this kind.

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TO THE SOUTH—Winter Tourist rates to and through the South, Gulf-resorts, Florida, Cuba, etc., are now in effect. They include attractive circuit route tours of the South, which are steadily becoming more popular for winter visitors.

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