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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

"Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort, of feeling safe with a friend, having neither to weigh thought nor measure words, but pouring all out, chaff and grain together, knowing that a faithful friend will take and sift, keep that which is good and with a breath of comfort blow the rest away."

Where there is a will there is a lawyer in halting distance.

There are five republican candidates filed for governor and others coming.

If you want to poison your system, nurse a grudge in secret. Results are guaranteed.

It is a heap better to kick yourself occasionally than to let somebody else do it for you.

Speaker Clark proposes to stand by President Wilson, and will aid him in every way possible.

The nearer the prices of war stocks get to the top, the stronger the desire of the lambs to buy.

No one ever saw the motto: "Live and let live" hanging in a butcher shop or in an undertaker's establishment.

There is always an under dog in the fight; but in a cat fight there is no such thing as an under cat. They're a whirlwind.

More lives already lost than in the Crusades, which lasted 200 years, and were as fruitless as the European war so far has proven.

You haven't heard of any English in this country going over to help their mother country out, have you? No, nor you won't.

A born millionaire has not the joy of accumulation. Perhaps not; but he often has the joy of scattering, which his father missed.

No man over 48 years old ever has appendicitis, says some of the doctors in the east. Too bad, for that's when they have the most money.

Witticisms about darned the masculine hosiery will probably hang on as long as the bootjack joke—for decades after the laundries have taken to darned the socks.

After fifteen months' investigation the Geological Survey has found that the land under the Pacific ocean is heavier than the land on the American continent. Now, do we better understand those slides?

Many of our exchanges are already filled with holiday advertising. The merchants of Plattsmouth "should catch on," and be up and doing. Only five weeks till Christmas, remember, and the early advertisers are bound to get the holiday business.

"Well, that means the defeat of the democratic party in Nebraska," a democrat in the state house is reported to have said when he heard what Brother Charley and Brother William had determined to do in regard to prohibition. There are timid and easily frightened men in all parties, but few of them find their way to positions in the state house.—Lincoln Star.

Gradually Old Winter is getting to the front.

Thanksgiving next Thursday and Christmas in sight.

Judge Begley held court for Judge Raper in Auburn this week.

We are not too proud to prepare to fight, and that's a great deal.

Italy should have been prompter in reporting its version of the Ancona case.

Atlanta is reminded that a lynching does not always act as a general deterrent.

Kitchener seems to be headed for Greece in stead of India. India is used to waiting.

Germany may have shot her wad, as Lord Kitchener says, but he has gone to Leninas to see where it lit.

The vegetarians cannot be made to believe that the reduction of the meat supply will hasten the end of the war.

Senator La Follette doubtless feels that money consecrated to his campaign lost any taint it might have had.

Any man can reform his own bad habits and nobody will complain. It is when he is looking for a domain outside his own that he trespasses.

Germany's finances are so strong that they are not worrying about any loans from other countries. That's a fine shape to be in, just the same.

Congress man Dan Stephens advocates reforms in government that would result in efficiency. You are on the right track, Dan, so drive ahead.

Halcyon days still continuing make us think that the squirrels may have laid up huge stores of nuts merely because there were huge quantities of nuts.

Thirty or forty careless people are killed monthly by automobiles in New York, where pedestrians should stay on the sidewalks or climb telegraph poles.

William Daldorf Astor, whose middle name is a tribute to his family's origin in German, is now paying \$1,000,000 a year in war taxes because of his adopted country's war with that nation.

A day or two ago we made mention of the new passenger rate on the Missouri Pacific, and in that editorial we said it would cost 20 cents more to go to Omaha over this line. In this we were mistaken, as the old rate of 2 cents per mile holds good, and no change was made between Plattsmouth and Omaha.

State Treasurer Hall reports that he has one million and a quarter of cash in the state treasury. Mr. Hall would perhaps not have so much to brag about if he would pay the salaries that belong to state employees. It is easy for anyone to make a big blow on other people's money.

There was not very much for either party to brag about in the late elections. National issues were not tightly drawn. They seldom are in off year elections and Washington democrats are easily scared. Most of them are on the payroll and they're afraid of losing their jobs. The democrats out this way are not scared, but greatly encouraged when the figures are analyzed.

PLAYING POLITICS WITH PREPAREDNESS.

There must be enough intelligence in the Union League club to know that no scheme for universal military conscription could possibly be put through congress, and that if such a law were enacted the American people would arise en masse to resist it.

This country has no intention of being Prussianized in the name of national defense.

Such being the case, we must assume that the resolutions adopted by the Union League club were not drafted in good faith, and that the club is trying to play politics with preparedness in order to embarrass the president.

Possibly there are gentlemen in the Union League club who honestly believe that an expenditure of \$600,000,000 for naval construction, an increase of the regular army to 140,000 men and a volunteer army of 600,000 men "is patently insufficient to meet the possibilities of our exposed situation." But the country as a whole does not believe it. On the contrary, there is a very large element of the population which thinks that the administration's plans are excessive, and this element controls a great many votes in congress.

One of two things will happen in Washington in the coming session of congress. Either the administration's program will be adopted or there will be no increase in the army and navy. Which does the Union League club prefer?

The president has asked for everything that he can get. We think that on the whole he has asked for about everything that is necessary to enable the United States to defend itself successfully against any probable foreign attack. He has gone as far as the immediate needs of the United States require and as far as the financial resources of the government at this time permit.

When the Union League club and Mr. Roosevelt denounced this program as insufficient, they are joining forces with Mr. Bryan and all the extreme pacifists. Mr. Bryan is out to beat the president's program in congress. He does not care whether the vote come from the little-navy democrats or militarist republicans. A vote is a vote.

In spite of Mr. Choate's patriotic appeal to his party to support the president on this issue, the evidence of organized republican opposition to the administration's program is cumulative. No sooner is the program announced than Representative Gardner hastens to declare that the United States must have a navy equal to the British navy. Senator Penrose, in San Francisco makes the same argument against the administration's program that Mr. Roosevelt makes in New York, and the Union League club comes out with a substitute program that could not get a dozen votes in both houses of congress. No republican that voted for it would dare return to his constituents even in a Vermont district.

If this sort of opposition is to go on, we have no doubt that the administration can be defeated by the votes of Bryan democrats and reactionary republicans. But where will it leave the country? Playing politics with preparedness may seem a wise policy to the leaders of the republican party, but if they are going to do it, we insist that they shall at least abandon the pretense of patriotism.—New York World.

There are perhaps many democrats who are prohibitionists in Nebraska who will doubtless vote for a prohibition amendment, but they are not in favor of forcing candidates to declare as to whether they are favorable to prohibition or not. Prohibition is an issue to itself, and must be settled in that way, without bringing the matter into politics.

When money talks it generally says, "Spend me," especially at Christmas time.

The first vehicle over the Jefferson Highway seems to have been a steam roller, propelled by wind.

WHY NATIONAL NEGLIGENCE?

One of the specious arguments of the advocates of national unfitness is that the great nations will be exhausted at the end of the present war and therefore unable to attack the United States or the western hemisphere, of which the United States is guardian.

They entirely overlook one great nation, Japan, which is not exhausting herself in any way, but is keeping at the top notch of efficiency.

Leaving Japan out of the discussion, however, is the United States justified in adopting a policy of unreadiness on the ground that the rest of the world will be unable to fight?

If there should be a victor in this war, there will be a vanquished side, composed of strong nations, armed to the teeth, and desperate because of defeat. Probably they will be called upon to pay big indemnities; certainly they will be heavily in debt and pressed for means of raising money without taxing their people to the point of revolt. If these beaten nations should make up their minds to go out and recoup themselves at the expense of the rich and unprotected new world, would the victors care? "Get the indemnity any way you can, but pay us," probably would constitute the victor's policy.

If the war should end in a patched-up peace, without either side winning, the new world would be in even greater danger of wars of aggression and spoliation. Enemies of today are allies of tomorrow, as the Russo-Japanese war made clear. As all the European belligerents are losers by this war, they will all be anxious to recover as quickly and as cheaply as possible. Mutual needs might lead to mutual operations against rich but unready nations like those of this hemisphere. A hint, a little getting together, a whiff of rich spoils to be had for the mere trouble of stirring up a quarrel in this hemisphere, a few quick strokes by armies and navies already organized and equipped—would not such a prospect prove too tempting to nations that have shown their utter disregard of other nations' rights?

Let the laggards and the lovers of unreadiness show where any nation is actuated by Christian teachings; let them point out any nation in Europe that would refuse to join its neighbors in any scheme for the spoliation of this hemisphere; let them show how the United States can guard itself and neighboring republics without armed force; let them give one exhibit of a rich, unprotected peace-at-any-price nation that has ever survived. If the advocates of national negligence can do this, they will give a new light on human nature.—Washington Post.

The man who invented the system of selling clothes on a credit, left a fortune of \$400,000. Any grocery man who would try out the same thing would not last as long as a snowball in the hot place.

Walter A. George says he "is willing to make the race for governor," as though that was anything new. Why, he has just been almost dying for months for a chance to get in the race.

Could time be rolled back twenty-five years for any man, and "could he know as much as he knows now," as he often expresses it, he might be so undecided he could not make a move.

Just now the men whose business it is to repair furnaces and other heating plants are very busy doing last minute work that should have been attended to last summer.

Senator Hitchcock says war is possible and should be considered in preparation for it.

The editor of a newspaper, like a hotel man, does not expect everybody to care for everything served, but endeavors to serve a variety from which each may take his pick and find something to his liking.

Temptation always comes to those who wait.

THE POLITICS OF PROSPERITY.

Mr. Taft's public statement in his Chicago address that "the Wilson administration was not an agency in bringing on this prosperity," was somewhat inept. Why emphasize the fact that prosperity exists? The country is now authoritatively assured by no less a republican authority than Mr. Taft that prosperity has come under a democratic administration, and a fact is the deadliest thing in politics. Facts make and unmake parties, they defeat and elect presidents. Mr. Taft's statement that Mr. Wilson should get no credit for what happens people will interpret as they please.

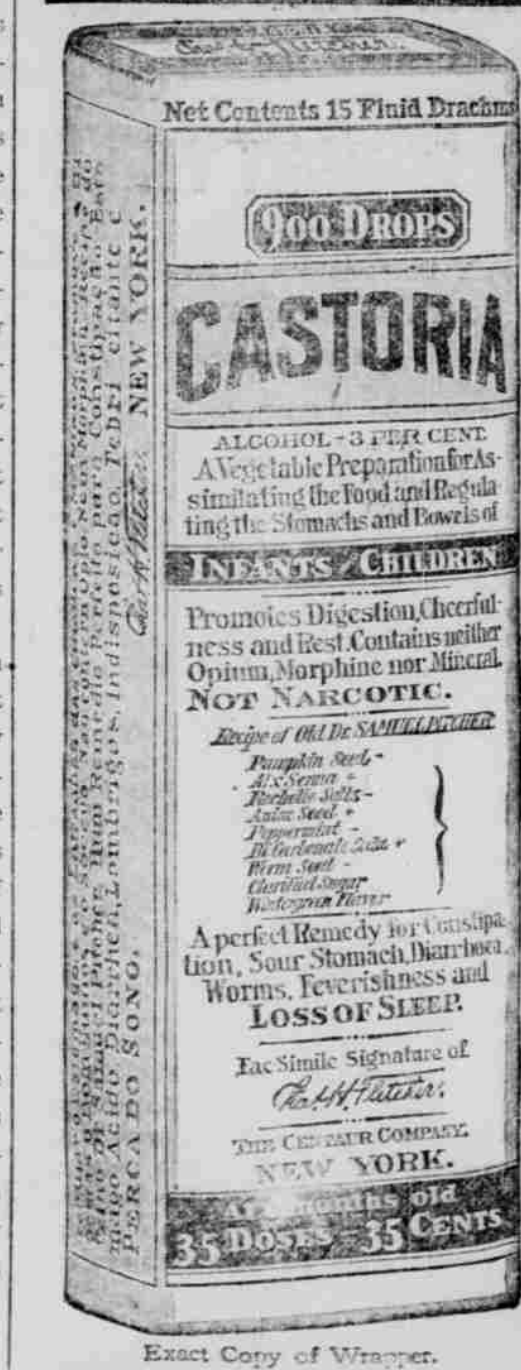
The Railway Age Gazette, an authority on transportation, has just conceded that prosperity is here. Very reluctantly, to be sure, was the admission made, for the Railway Age Gazette has been sure for some years that the government regulation of railroads was ruining the railroad business and driving the companies into receiverships. When one's pet theory of business depression is suddenly knocked in the head by a wave of prosperity in which the railroads cannot help sharing, one's embarrassment is equal to that of politicians in the opposing party. The prosperity may be temporary, to be sure; it is natural to believe that it cannot possibly last under a democratic administration; yet the Boston News Bureau, the financial organ of State street, is found saying: "When one studies the fundamental conditions of the country and is guided by these considerations alone, one is strong in the idea that we are facing a period of prosperity greater than anything that has been seen in the past."

Mr. Taft's admission in Chicago that prosperity is a fact might be supported by endless citations from trade and financial authorities, not to mention statistics too staggering for one to digest. The credit for it? Who would think of asking that question if prosperity had not been made a political asset in this country from a time out of mind? A country that in the long run could not help being prosperous, because of its newness, its enormous undeveloped resources and its rapidly increasing population, has been ridiculously placed by politicians in the class of nations so circumscribed by nature that their prosperity must depend on a single political party's fiscal policy, and their discomfiture is really good to behold when nature bowls them over by bringing prosperity under the government of a party they detest.

Mr. Wilson and the democratic party deserve no credit for the great crops in two successive years, which have been the real basis of our foreign trade in war time and more than all else have started the business boom now sweeping over the country. Yet Mr. Wilson deserves credit for two things, after all. He deserves credit for the new banking and currency system upon which American finance solidly rests; and no one can deny him credit for the maintenance of peace, without which prosperity would vanish. Let us be generous and so much at least let us grant to him.—Springfield Republican.

It is said that seventy-five per cent of college graduates in the United States are failures in business. This statement is being made the subject of a more or less acrimonious discussion in certain parts of the country, and educational men are endeavoring to find a reason for it. The reason is not far to seek: In it lies the substitution of lofty indifference for old-fashioned virtues of honesty, industry and enterprise. The college graduate, feeling his superiority over his less educated, but more energetic neighbor, sits back and waits for the world to come to him—and the world does not do it, by a long shot.

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There will be no Evening Journal printed on Thanksgiving day. Please bear this in mind and govern yourself accordingly.

Distress in the Stomach.

There are many people who have a distress in the stomach after meals. It is due to indigestion and easily remedied by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets after meals. Mrs. Henry Padghan, Victor, N. Y., writes: "For some time I was troubled with headache and distress in my stomach after eating, also with constipation. About six months ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. They regulated the action of my bowels and the headache and other annoyances ceased in a short time." Obtainable everywhere.

W. F. Seybert and wife motored in from their home near Culton Saturday evening to attend to the week-end trading with local merchants. John McNurlin, who is spending a short "vacation" in the country, accompanied them.

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