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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

- Keep your record clean and if you are occasionally stupid the world will forgive you.

All join hands for another big boom in 1916.

Jump into the band wagon and all take a ride.

One advantage in being rich is you don't have to wear diamonds.

Another suggestion for the New Year: Do the best you can and don't worry.

No one can complain of the winter so far, but it is the ensuing winter months that we dread most.

Begin the new year right and nine time out of ten, with the proper application, it will end that way.

They are shipping booze into Tennessee in coffins. A great scheme. But the man who buys a coffin full of booze and drinks it is ready for the coffin as soon as empty.

There will be an awakening in this old town if some fellows don't watch out. Our citizens are disposed to be liberal, but they are not going to stand everything. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.

The primaries for the state and counties will be held the third Tuesday in April, at which time a choice for president can also be voted for, unless there is something that occurs to interfere with the last proposition, and that isn't quite likely now.

Only a little over three months till the primary election and candidates are slow in coming to the front. We hear of two candidates for county judge, and the present efficient county clerk will be a candidate for reelection.

The stork disappears and we look into the cradle and behold a male child. After running the gauntlet of measles, mumps and chicken pox he enters school. At the age of 10 he is a red-headed, freckled-faced boy and a terror of the neighborhood. At 12 he is an apprentice in a printing office. At 18 he has acquired two cases of long primer and an army press and is the editor of a newspaper. At 20 he is married. At 30 he is baldheaded, stoop shouldered and the father of a large family. At 35 he is a corpse in a cheap pine coffin and his 500 delinquent subscribers file past his bier and are heard to say, "He was a good fellow, but he couldn't save his money."

There are no better men than Dr. Hall in the state of Nebraska, or any other state, for that matter, and every reliable democrat would delight in voting for him for any position he might want. Dr. Hall does not aspire to the governorship, and he is wise in declining to run, to be stabbed in the back by those whom he has virtually made by giving them financial aid when they did not have it to help themselves. But ingrates are plentiful these days, and they come from those whom common democrats have elected to positions of honor and trust, and who have wielded the knife good and plenty when one of their ever faithful democrats whom they disliked, popped up for office. They would rather support a weak-kneed democrat than one always a democrat.

### WHY KANSAS IS TOUTED.

Partly because the prohibition propagandists everywhere have held Kansas up as their star performer, and partly because Kansas has gone systematically into the advertising game, the Sunflower state continues to shine in the columns of the eastern press by comparison with Nebraska, though Nebraska is in every way the superior state.

Will Maupin, one of the best equipped Nebraska boosters, calls attention to a paragraph appearing recently in Collier's Weekly, as follows:

"There is a statute in Kansas which provides that damage may be collected from the seller of intoxicating liquors when the buyer gets drunk and makes trouble. Has your state any such law? And is it more chance that Kansas has been called the most progressive state in the union?"

To which Mr. Maupin, in the columns of his paper, the York Democrat, replies that "Nebraska has such a law, and a much more stringent one than the Kansas law. And the Nebraska law was on the statute books years before Kansas thought of enacting a similar one." Yet Kansas, the belated arrival, gets all the glory, while Nebraska, which in this as in numerous other ways has been the pioneer of real progress and reform, is accorded not even the scant honor of favorable mention.

For example, as Mr. Maupin reminds us, Nebraska began regulating her railroads before Kansas did, Nebraska adopted the Australian ballot ahead of Kansas. Nebraska began regulating the conditions surrounding wage earners before Kansas did, Nebraska's law regulating the employment of women antedates that of Kansas by several years. And warming up to his subject the indignant editor of the York Democrat goes on to say:

"Once more, speaking of progress, Nebraska excels Kansas in annual per capita production of farm wealth, in farm value per acre, in average value per farm; has a lower percentage of illiteracy than Kansas; a lower percentage of juvenile offenders and delinquents, a lower percentage of prisoners in jails and penitentiaries, and a lower percentage of divorces. And once more, Nebraska has a larger permanent school fund than Kansas, spends more per capita for education than Kansas, and has more students per one thousand of population in colleges and universities than Kansas. "Nor is this all. Nebraska has more per capita deposited in state, national and savings banks than Kansas. Indeed, with two-thirds the population of Kansas, Nebraska has more money deposited in banks than Kansas has. Collier's has more than once reiterated the statement that the per capita wealth of Nebraska is greater than that of Kansas and the farm mortgage indebtedness of Nebraska is less per farm, per acre and per capita than that of Kansas."

These are the facts. Yet daily through the years Kansas is touted for all those things that go to make a great and happy state, in all of which Nebraska excels, and Nebraska is little mentioned. It is a situation annoying to Nebraska people, although it in no wise affects their well-being nor retards their steady progress.

One aspect of this curious situation will bear dwelling on a bit, for it goes far to explain it. It is not the prohibitionists alone who are forever extolling Kansas. Kansas has been given over to other freaks and fads and follies—to about all of them, indeed, that it heard of and could appropriate. In consequence every faddist whose fad has met a cordial reception in Kansas has been holding Kansas up to the admiration of the world. Every promoter of a half-baked idea that was rejected by Nebraska but hugged to the Kansas heart has turned up his nose at Nebraska, pointed exultingly to Kansas and exclaimed, "Look how prosperous and enlightened and orderly Kansas is! It was my ism—or my doxy—that did it!" Truth is that Kansas has gone forward in spite of the isms and doxies rather than because of them; that Nebraska has been forging slowly but surely ahead of Kansas for the reason that it has wisely rejected the crankisms that Kansas has experimented with; that Nebraska has advanced by the rational process of taking up at once with sound and salutary reform while rejecting all that was dubious till its worth was proved, while Kansas, adopting every idea in sight labelled

"reform," whether sound or silly, has advanced in spite of the load because of the great natural advantages which, in common with Nebraska, it enjoys.

The time is approaching when the explanation of the fame of Nebraska will be brought right home to Nebraska people. Nebraska is to be asked to adopt the Kansas prohibition policy. Every advocate of prohibition will be walking the highways and byways of this state exclaiming how much more fortunate and blessed than Nebraska Kansas is, because Nebraska has what Abe Martin calls stationary saloons while those in Kansas are of the perambulatory type. And lots of Nebraska people, no doubt, will be deceived. They will dream of Kansas as the fabled Utopia, the land of bliss and promise, and Nebraska, to them, will seem drab colored and sordid—all for its lack of prohibition! If any one comes to these deceived mortals and tells them it is all a mistake—that Nebraska, in every essential respect, enjoys a distinct advantage over Kansas—the aforesaid deprived mortals will likely think that the truth-teller is a wicked person in the pay of the brewers and distillers.—World-Herald.

The New Year opens in good shape.

Omaha's 1915 building operations will exceed \$5,000,000, highest record.

Chicagoans have started a movement for a uniform postage stamp for all nations.

When money talks, stop and ask it "why" the man who is his own boss enjoys but few pay days.

Honesty is not an acquired virtue, but often enough of a policy, as Franklin's unethical maxim puts it.

It is the time of year when all somnolists should take the precaution of wearing heavy flannel night-gowns.

The navy rejects men with small feet, but no minimum-sized hat-band has been prescribed for head officials, as yet.

Don't make a mountain out of a molehill; make a molehill out of a mountain, or let George do it—at Panama.

The democrats are somewhat slow in their movements in both state and county. This gives the impression that the party lacks enthusiasm.

Albany Journal points a moral or moralizes on a point, viz: "London has a 'League for Marrying Broken Heroes,' which may be new in London, but the same organization has been doing an extensive business among American heiresses for years back."

The death of General Granville M. Dodge removes the last of the great generals of the civil war. The veterans are answering the last roll call very rapidly, and soon there will not be one of us left to relate the story. Those who led the brave boys have all passed over the Great Beyond with the death of General Dodge.

More miles of railroad property were placed in receivers' hands during 1915 than ever in the history of the country for one year, according to compilations of railroad statistics just published by the Railway Age Gazette. The figures also show that only 933 miles of new railroad were built last year, the least number of miles built in any one year for the last fifty years.

Al Ringling, the eldest of the Ringling Brothers, the great circus people, died at his home in Baraboo, Wisconsin, last Saturday night. The writer was personally acquainted with all the boys, but more so with the deceased, and in 1888 came very near going in the advance brigade as press man. There never were a more gentlemanly set of fellows in the show business, and that characteristic to a great extent is what brought to them the great success they so richly deserved. Peace to his ashes!

### THE LAST OF AN ARMY.

A short time ago a banquet was given in Washington to veterans of the Mexican war belonging to the Aztec club. Only two of the charter members were present, and they are the only survivors. Both are over 92 years of age. They are Col. George J. Potterfield of Charlottesville, Va., and Brig. Gen. Horatio G. Gibson, who is the oldest living graduate of West Point. The two were respectively elected president and vice president of the club, which is limited to men who served as officers in Mexico and their descendants. In all, only seven American officers of the Mexican war are now living, and hardly enough of the enlisted men are left to form one regiment. In the conflict, now sixty-eight years in the past, the forces of the regular army were 42,500 strong, and those of the volunteers a little larger. Texas was first, Louisiana second, Missouri third, and Illinois fourth in the number of volunteers furnished. The casualties seem strangely small, compared with those of the war now in progress. In killed and mortally wounded the American loss was 1,557, and in wounded 3,268. The average daily casualty list in Europe is much larger than that of the Americans in the entire Mexican war. It happened that Illinois lost more volunteers from bullets in Mexico than any other state, and its total was ninety-eight.

The Mexican war ended thirteen years before the civil war began. As only 1 per cent of our soldiers in the Mexican campaigns are now living it follows that thirteen years hence only 1 per cent of the soldiers of the civil war will survive. They are passing away now at the rate of 40,000 a year. The number now on the pension roll is about 380,000. In November 2,585 passed to their reward. Such are the ravages of time among the veterans, only a few hundred of whom will remain by the year 1928. Last year pension expenditures decreased \$9,000,000. But there is a higher and truer standpoint from which to treat this subject than that of money. The soldiers who responded when the nation was in danger performed a service of incalculable value. Our country heads the list in peaceful prosperity and the elements of substantial wealth. As an example of the world it seems destined to stand first. If its patriotic manhood is of the same fiber as that of the veterans of whom so many have been mustered out by the flight of time, all will be well.

It is now prophesied that the war will end in the spring. Why not end it now, so the boys can be ready for their spring plowing. There would be some sense in that.

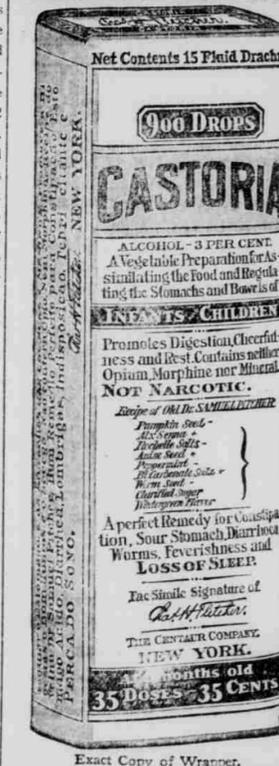
### THE SICK MAN, THOMAS RHODES, MUCH BETTER

The sick man, Thomas Rhodes, who has been cared for at the county jail for the last few days is apparently getting better and has quieted down considerably since being taken there to be cared for. Those acquainted with the young man stated that he has had these spells before, but none quite as bad as that which he was taken with here the last week. A number of those acquainted with Mr. Rhodes have called on him since the news of his unfortunate condition was circulated through the country he is doing so well and trust that his and they are well pleased to learn that improvement may continue. The attending physician has been able to eliminate all chances of pneumonia in the case.

### DOWN ON HIS BACK.

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### THE PRINCE WITNESSES SALONIKI ATTACK BOMBS DROPPED WITH CARE

Describes Raid on the City by the German Aviators and Allies Reply.

Athens, Jan. 5.—(Via Paris)—Prince Andrew of Greece, brother of King Constantine, in an interview today with the correspondent of the Associated Press described the aerial bombardment of the allied camp at Zeitenlik, on the outskirts of Saloniki on December 30.

"The bombardment and the reply of the fleets anchored in the roads of Saloniki," said the prince, "was one of the most extraordinary sights I have ever seen. I was riding back from the morning's work with my regiment at about 10:30 when I was started by a deafening explosion some 200 yards away. A great cloud of black smoke arose followed shortly by three more explosions at regular intervals. The former rocket like sound of a shell passing through the air, evidently fired by one of the warships in the harbor.

"Naturally my first thought was that for some reason the fleet was bombarding Saloniki. Therefore I rode straight to the nearest British post which happened to be a hospital not far from the Greek camp.

"Why are you bombarding the city?" I asked the officers.

"Then for the first time I looked up and saw three machine fully 3,000 feet high flying in line from the northeast and turning just over the harbor toward the northwest in which direction they finally disappeared.

"The bombs dropped with the greatest precision, one after another, killing and wounding a number of the allies."

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