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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

We ought to be guarded against every appearance of envy, as a passion that always implies inferiority wherever it resides.—Pliny.

January thaw is on. Hereafter look out.

Politeness, like charity, should begin at home.

We are all for Plattsmouth—ought to be.

No citizen can be a good citizen and oppose progression.

"Let us have peace" in Plattsmouth, one way or the other.

Some rules work both ways, while others won't work any way.

The fellow who can think of it before the other fellow thinks of it is the one who will win.

R. L. Metcalfe's paper raps two-faced hypocritical democrats about right. Met knows them.

To a married man about the only advantage in a leap year is the fact that he gets a day's house rent for nothing.

The kitchen stew-pot, instead of the political pot for women, seemed to be the verdict of the eastern states on suffrage.

"Let well enough alone," and "don't rock the boat" as good campaign cries were never more appropriate than this year.

Many a man who talks loud and big when he is uptown knows where to head in when he gets home. Instinct does that much for him.

There are men who will fight year in and year out for an ideal, sacrificing his money and friendship, who lack the courage to refuse to tip a flunky.

If you have a dollar on your inside pocket, and you want the worth of it in a genuine democratic love-feast, buy a ticket to the banquet on Thursday night, February 10.

Every democrat in Cass county, who can possibly do so, should make arrangements to attend the banquet in this city on Thursday night, February 10. A regular democratic love-feast.

The democrats are talking awful loud about cleaning house this fall, and when it starts it is hard to tell where it will land in both state and county, and there are many republicans in the same notion.

The question is asked as to what has become of the man who used to say that when he got an automobile he would drive not more than fifteen miles an hour. Well, it is safe to say that by this time a good many of his neighbors are afraid to ride with him, because he wants to go the limit—fifty miles an hour.

It seems to be Charley Bryan's program to get all the prospective state candidates to pledge themselves on the prohibition question, and if he thinks the coast is clear on the question, then he will file for governor. Poor fellow! If he should happen to get the nomination there will be no show for a democratic

acres, you can afford to spend five dollars in buying corn and testing

THE WILSON CANDIDACY.

"It is idle to speak of the Wilson candidacy as if there were news in it. That the democrats have no other candidate for president is a fact universally accepted. The party stands or falls on the record of the present occupant of the White House. Mr. Wilson has not needed even to seek the nomination, much less to fight for it. It is the testimony of all of his political foes that he is stronger than his party, and a party that should refuse to renominate a president stronger than itself as a vote getter would court political destruction.

"The publication at this time of the so-called Palmer letter, doubtless with the president's consent, must be interpreted as Mr. Wilson's way of announcing definitely that he will run again. This letter might almost have been written three years ago in anticipation of a political use for it when the campaign of 1916 should approach.

" * * * But this Palmer letter was primarily written to dispose of the single term plank in the Baltimore platform. That plank is generally conceded today to be unwise in its proposals, for it is surely unwise to place in the constitution a rigid limitation on the people's right to elect a man under any circumstances to the presidency for more than one term. In his campaign for president in 1912 Mr. Wilson had nothing to say on the subject. But before he could be inaugurated he took quiet advantage of the opportunity to kill the movement in congress, the Palmer letter being the vehicle of his unofficial message to his friends in that body. The letter contains an acute discussion of the presidential office, written in the vein of a political philosopher no less than in that of a party leader, which reminds one of Mr. Wilson's college lectures on constitutional government while still in his 'schoolmaster' period; yet this phase of the letter makes it worthy of permanent preservation as part of our political literature. * * *

"The third term issue was not touched upon; if the people established a tradition, or unwritten law, against three terms, it is up to them to safeguard it—as they have in the past.

"The charge of breaking a pledge of the platform upon which he was elected, in case Mr. Wilson runs again for the presidency, may be pressed by some; yet the reading of the Baltimore plank shows clearly that he was pledged to nothing in case the constitutional amendment providing for a single term failed of adoption. Those who would sanctify the plank in question must base their quarrel with Mr. Wilson on the accusation that he smothered in congress, three years ago, the movement to carry the platform declaration into effect. Sensible citizens of all parties, however, realize that the plank was forced into the democratic platform by Mr. Bryan in a characteristic mood of political irresponsibility, and that Mr. Wilson served the whole country by nailing it high up in the museum of political facilities at his very first opportunity."

"Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

"Our friend, J. H. Sweet, the talented editor of the Nebraska City Daily Press, would like to go as delegate to the G. O. P. national convention from the first congressional district. Mr. Sweet is one of the ablest republican editors in the state, and should be honored by being selected as a delegate. There is one thing certain, he will surely carry out to the letter the instructions of the republican voters at the primaries. We sincerely hope Bro. Sweet will be honored.

Every democrat should bear in mind and be on hand Thursday night, February 10, and be on hand bright and early, prepared to take in the whole

day evenings. Examination free. day.

Occasionally one of the European kings pops up and puts the Lord on the head and praises Him as if He were a small boy.

Retail trade has to play the game according to the spirit of the times and the business customs of the period. There was a time when few merchants paid much attention to show window displays. Their windows were small narrow-paned affairs, often no bigger than what you can see in an old dwelling house. A few fly specked and shop-worn goods were kept there month after month. Many merchants rarely washed their windows. A merchant might be able to get along very well in those times without dressing up his windows. When his idea of attractive displays came in, the merchants who put in handsome plate glass and those who took pains with their showing gained a great advantage. It cost money to do it, but their competitors simply had to do the same thing, or create a very unfavorable impression. The merchant's attitude toward advertising is just the same. In the old days a store could do a good business without it. But today a store that doesn't advertise as much out of the spirit of the age as the store with old-fashioned windows and no attempt at display.

Mr. Bashful Bachelor, if you really want to be some woman's meal ticket for life, but lack the nerve to ask her to take the leap into the rough waters of the matrimonial sea with you, cheer up, for the coy maiden of your choice may take advantage of her rights during the year of 1916, which is, as all old maids are probably aware, leap year, and ask you to share her joys and sorrows, particularly the latter. Some wise guy, who wrote for an encyclopedia, describes leap year as "a year which leans over, as it were, one day more than an ordinary year. A year which contains 366 days as distinguished from an ordinary year, which includes only 365 days. Every year, the number of which is divisible by four is a leap year, except when it happens to be any number of hundreds not divisible by four. Thus, 1884 was a leap year but not 1900, this omission of one leap year in every four centuries being necessary to correct the error which arises from the excess of the addition of one day in four years (i. e., six hours) to the year over the true length of the year (i. e., 365 days, 5 hours and 49 minutes.)" So, girls, get busy, for if you don't capture him during the year 1916 you won't get another chance until 1929, and some other girl may have him by then.

A FOOLISH QUESTION.

The fact that voters will have the right to ask a candidate where he stands on the prohibition question does not mean that in the selection of state officers the majority of men will be governed by a man's position on that question. Some extreme "drys" and some extreme "wets" will do it but the great mass of voters will be more sensible.

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A READER'S EDITORIAL.

"I am a republican, born and bred, but I am with Wilson on providing for the national defense," said an Omaha man who had climbed the winding staircase to the editorial sanctum. "And I am with him on his stand for peace, too. The two positions are not inconsistent, as some people foolishly charge. No matter how peace-loving a nation is, it may some day be compelled to fight or surrender everything it holds dear. And it is prepared to put such a fight as to make the maudlin think twice and count the cost before he wades in the chances are he won't wade in. If it isn't ready it invites the attack in the first place, and a licking in the second place.

"But I didn't come up to argue the question. I came to say that, though I'm a republican, and though I'd like to see Hughes our next President, I'm glad to see the World-Herald is with him, too—and then to make a suggestion to you. You may take it for what it's worth. And here it is:

"I find that much of the opposition to providing for our national safety is based on the cost. And I want to give you a little comparison that will show what the cost really amounts to.

"I drive a Ford runabout. Two or three months ago I was paying 10 cents for gasoline. Now I am paying 19 1-2 cents, or very nearly twice as much. The additional cost to me amounts to a little more than \$5 a month. But call it \$5. If every other one of the 60,000 automobile owners in Nebraska were paying no more additional tax to the octopus than I am, the tax on Nebraska would be \$300,000 a month, or \$3,600,000 a year. But it is costing the majority of them more than that it is costing me. Touring cars use more gas than runabouts do. Big cars use more gas than little ones. And I have taken no account of the many stationary engines, tractors and other devices for the use of gasoline. Taking all these into consideration, our oil is costing Nebraska at the rate of \$5,000,000 a year more than it did a little while ago.

"And we pay that tax—a part of it for business, but much of it for pleasure—with never a whimper! There are no mass meetings to denounce it, no campaigns launched against it—we simply pay and go on our way. Nebraska hardly notices the difference, though it amounts to about \$4 per capita of our population.

"And here's my point. The moderate provisions for the national defense favored by President Wilson, army and navy combined, would cost us, additional, about \$150 per capita. It is only about one-third what our additional cost for gasoline amounts to.

"We forget about the gasoline. We know that the production of crude oil was greater in 1915 than in 1914. We know the supply is ample, and that the cost of production has increased very little if at all. We have a distinct notion we are being robbed. But we submit to it, feel naturally. The rust any of us do is a terrible bit.

"But when we are asked to pay only one-third as much money to provide for the peace and safety of our country, the protection of our homes, the upholding of our ideals, the defense of our independence, as we pay in higher price for gas for joy-riding, a lot of us go up in the air and swear by the Almighty we'll never stand for it! And a lot of us—some who own automobiles, too; two or three of them—go out on the stump and write for the newspapers, and raise merry hell about the increased cost of gasoline? Oh, no! About the cost of providing for the peace and safety of this republic, which amounts to one-third as much!

"If we, as a people could be brought to think less of patriotism than we do of joy-riding, what kind of a country would we have in a generation or two? I thought maybe you'd like to write an editorial about it. Good-by."

And here is the editorial, for which we are much obliged.—World-Herald.

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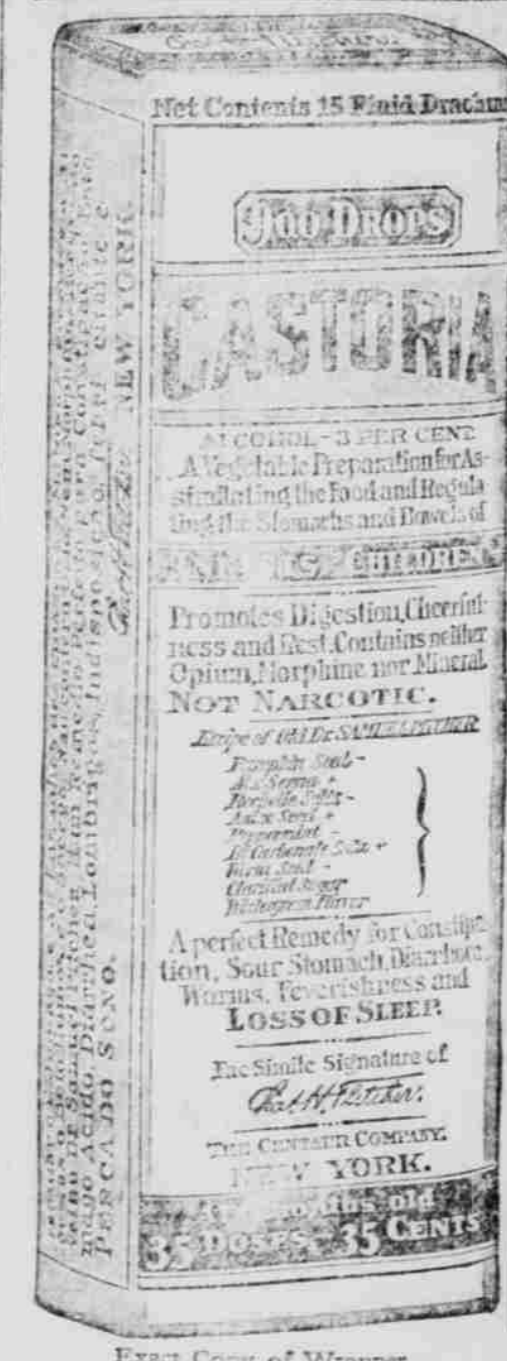
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The coal man is still getting in his work in good shape.

To err is human, but to fail to profit thereby is human also.

The days are getting much longer. "May his tribe increase."

Not an empty store room in town, and has not been for a year.

It is a fine thing to cultivate politeness, but do not practice on the book agent.

Love, like war, is a disease, and some people catch it as often as they are exposed.

There are very few disappointed candidates who have the nerve to conceal their disappointment.

One of the redeeming features of this winter's ball gowns worn by our society class, remarks a young lady friend, is that there does not seem to be any wasted material.

The democratic banquet will be a good place to spend an enjoyable evening and hear some good talks. And a one-dollar William pays the bill. Come, and be highly entertained.

That man Estabrook is leaving no stone unturned in his efforts to capture the Nebraska delegation to the republican convention. But will he succeed? That's the question.

Interstate passenger rates in eight of the middle-western states will be increased on March 1st. The increase will be from one-half to one cent per mile. This will probably be hailed with delight by automobile manufacturers.

For Sale.

50 Single Combed Rhode Island Red Cockerels. \$2.00 each. Phone No. 3513, Plattsmouth Exchange. A. O. Ramage.

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DR. E. R. TARRY - 240 Bee Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Next Wednesday is groundhog day. Then we will know what we shall see.

If you have been following the travels of the Ford peace party, you must be convinced by this time that most of the members are there because Mr. Ford is paying for the trip.

Critics are demanding a great deal when they insist that President Wilson make Mexico as safe to live in as the United States. These fellows certainly have a poor opinion of the condition of things in our own country.

The wonderful success of the first year of the federal reserve banking law is seen in the \$2,000,000,000 gain in banking deposits of the country. Such increase is unparalleled in history. The Wilson administration may well take pride in having effected this financial freedom for a country that was tied hand and foot to Wall street.

The democratic party could be in a better condition than the republicans by the time the election rolls round if they pursue a wise course. But from present indications this they are not going to do. There is one man that can be elected, but Charley Bryan lacks a good deal of being the man, and the democrats will find this out to their sorrow if he is ever nominated. He is not popular only with a few democrats in Lincoln. He was elected mayor of Lincoln only on a compromise with the saloon men of that city, so we are told, and at the same time claiming to be a simon-pure prohibitionist, and now wants to run for governor as a prohibition democrat. No such stinking hypocrisy for us.

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