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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

We should think just as though our thoughts were visible to all about us. Real character is not outward conduct, but quality in thinking.—Henry Wood.

A little wintery again, thank you.

We are all glad winter is about over.

The coal men take on new life, and are busy.

Governor Morehead is again urged for the third term.

It is a mighty hard job to make both ends meet if the financial end is short.

There never was a town or city so small but what it contained a few snipers.

Occasionally a rolling stone bumps into a gold mine, which is better than gathering moss.

La Follette may enter the Nebraska primary race for governor on the republican ticket.

The London interpretation toward the new offensive on Verdun is that it is the Kaiser's latest move toward peace.

While it probably is unimportant, it is a fact that when politics get hot in Oklahoma there is a lull in the bank robberies.

The custom in New York to return a verdict of "guilty, but insane," is to be modernized to read: "Naughty, but nutty."

The contest for happiness is closely drawn between the girl with her first sweetheart and the young mother with her first babe.

It is said a Plattsmouth girl caused her beau to have a relapse after a sick spell by making him stand at the telephone too long.

A Plattsmouth man uses his mouth so much that he is referred to as the "man so windy he makes people sore, or would make a kite soar."

A great leader is a man who can take two women out to dinner and keep the conversation off new spring hats and appendicitis operations.

One trouble with the anti-preparedness theory is that just when economists had finished demonstrating that what was impossible the nations went to fighting.

Things are going from bad to worse and catching the farmer as well as the rest of us. It now takes about three bushels of good alfalfa seed to buy a new tire.

If it wasn't for the custom of giving leave to print in the Congressional Record just think of all the time it would take to hear those speeches on the election of 96 senators and 425 representatives are now sending out.

A Kansas City woman doctor says the only possible objection men can have to the modern short skirt is that some of the hose displayed is in bad taste. As is well known, the average man is such a stickler for good taste that he will have it, even if he has to go without the enlightening influence of short skirts.

HOG-TYING THE BUNCH.

While the Bryan representatives in Nebraska are protesting their fidelity to the president, while trying to defeat his policies, and while indulging in occasional perfidious shots at the chief executive for whose re-election they are vocally clamorous, and are occasionally intimating that nobody can be for Wilson who is anti-Bryan in Nebraska, there is a very simple way in which the sincerity of any democrat's favor for Wilson may be tested.

It is a way that can be maneuvered by the party organization in the state. All that need be done is to "hog-tie" the delegates to the next national convention.

All that a candidate for delegate needs to do toward pledging himself now is to file a statement that he will, if elected, abide by the result of the primary. Everybody will readily recall how far that pledge went at Baltimore. It went just thirteen ballots out of forty-six.

Now let the democratic state convention construe that provision to mean that the instructed delegate is bound to the candidate for whom he may be instructed until the candidate releases him. If that be done by the state convention, it will hold any luke-warm Wilson man in line as long as President Wilson finds it to his advantage to have delegates tied up for him.

It is inside history that just before Bryan swung the Nebraska delegation away from Champ Clark, for whom he was instructed, Woodrow Wilson, from his home in New Jersey, called up his representatives in Baltimore, and asked that the Wilson delegates be released. Thereupon he was advised of the course that Mr. Bryan was about to take and induced to reconsider his relinquishment of his delegations.

Those who are sincere in their allegiance to the president will not object to the sort of resolution of the state convention here suggested. Any who are shamming friendship for the president, for their own ends, will object to that sort of a construction of their obligation.—Lincoln Star.

Paving of the streets will be an improvement in which all the principal towns in Nebraska will indulge in this season, and most of them to a considerable extent. Plattsmouth should not lag in the rear in this improvement.

We regret to learn that Attorney General Willis Reed, who was attacked with the gripe some two weeks ago, and was thought to be improving, is suffering from a relapse, and is quite ill at his apartment at the Lincoln hotel. General Reed has many friends in Plattsmouth, who join the Journal in the hope that he will soon recover. Willis Reed is a gentleman that the people can ill afford to lose at this time.

One of the last things Elbert Hubbard wrote: "Seven wonders of the world are: The man who will work without being watched. A salesman who doesn't think he pays the old man's salary. A salesman who thinks that perhaps the quality of the material may have something to do with his making those large contracts. A stenographer who knows punctuation, and will look in the dictionary when she is uncertain about spelling. A purchasing agent who doesn't think he does you a favor when he asks you to quote. A new superintendent who will wait a week before installing a much better system than his predecessor. A boss who acts as if he wasn't."

No one has filed yet for surveyor.

The blizzard has passed without trouble.

"St. Patrick's Day in the Morning" next.

There will be no coroner to elect any more.

The winter holds on fairly well, thank you.

In a long distance fight the pen has the best of the sword.

There seems to be a great demand for Morehead at this critical moment.

The Commercial club will give a banquet at Coates' hall next Tuesday night. Of course we will all go.

To date there are sixteen candidates for governor, and the returns are not all in yet. The beauty of primary elections.

Billy Sunday has picked up another \$30,000. The democratic administration certainly has not brought on a business stagnation in the Lord's vineyard.

Congress should stand by President Wilson. "Our country, right or wrong," in such a crisis should be the battle cry of every man who claims to be an American citizen.

ARMAMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPS.

It seems probable that the discussion of the question of armed merchant ships will center upon the distinction between offensive and defensive armament upon such ships. If, as Germany asserts, British merchantmen, whiel armed ostensibly for defense, carry guns for the special purpose of attacking submarines, the Kaiser's government is undoubtedly correct in its contention that this is a violation of international law. The United States bases its position specifically upon defensive armament, and it has never held, either during this war or at any time previously, that a merchant ship was privileged to attack. In its circular of September 19, 1914, the state department ruled that "a merchant vessel of belligerent nationality may carry an armament and ammunition for the sole purpose of defense without acquiring the character of a ship of war," and it directs the port officials to examine each ship leaving a harbor of the United States for evidences of armament of an offensive character, defining the defensive limitations with minute detail. If, therefore, the Germans should sink a British merchant ship carrying American passengers and could prove that it was offensively armed, the United States would have no recourse.

But how, it may be asked, can that be proven? The British would certainly deny the allegation of the Germans, and the ship would be at the bottom of the sea. It would be a question of veracity between two sovereign governments, and would no doubt wear itself out in diplomatic correspondence. The German notice that it will consider any armed merchant vessel of the enemy a ship of war from and after March 1, would, it is true, be a strong point against that government, but still the United States would have to have satisfactory evidence of the purely defensive character of the armament of the sunken ship before it could establish a claim. And there being no international agreement as to what constitutes defensive armament endless discussion would no doubt ensue over this definition, even if the number, size and position of the guns could be clearly proven. We have already called attention to the fact that no British or French merchant ships touching at our ports carry any arms, and that the probability of loss of American lives in the sinking of merchant ships by German submarines is, therefore, very remote. The legal difficulties we have here suggested render it yet more improbable that any serious crisis is likely to develop from Germany's notification.

Will the Panama canal prove as much of a white elephant to this country as the Philippine islands? In the first place it won't work. Being dug through the mountains it is subject to slides and cave-ins. Of course these are conditions which may be overcome. The channel may become so wide eventually that a cave-in or slide will not interfere with traffic. The cost of the canal is many millions more than the estimated cost and the government estimators are never known to be stingy in estimating costs. The government of Colombia is to be paid \$25,000,000 for the strip of land now known as the Republic of Panama. Hush money. In addition individual owners of the land have presented a claim amounting to \$16,000,000 to \$17,000,000, which will likely be paid, although Col. Goethals, governor of Panama, says it is outrageous; that the land was worth not more than a million dollars before the Panama canal was dug and the owners should be paid on that basis rather than on the present value of the land. But politicians, whose bank accounts are never effected when the appropriate public money, are liable to override the recommendation of Col. Goethals who really knows what he is talking about.

If there is anything in the adage concerning March the month will go out like a lamb, all right enough.

There is not much show for a short primary ballot this year from the way the number of candidates for both state and county offices are filing.

That drop of seven cents a bushel in the price of wheat one day last week spoiled many an air castle throughout the country among the plungers. It acted about the same as though a 42-centimeter shell had struck them.

It is just too bad that the Mexican revolution is practically over; that the bandit bands are being run down by Carranza soldiers; that business is rapidly resuming normal conditions in that war-torn country, and that the patient Wilson policy is prevailing.

T. R. having the progressive party nomination in his pocket, is swinging the big stick over the republican party and saying, "You've got to take me." Will the republican party surrender and become the side show to the bull moose circus? We shall see what we shall see.

There is no possible show for I. J. Dunn to slip into the senate on the Bryan band-wagon. To make a show they simply had to have someone against Senator Hitchcock, so they put up poor Ig. But tools of the Bryans will not fare as well in the future as they have in the past.

A woman 77 years old charges her son-in-law with tricking her out of her \$8,500 farm, taking advantage of her inability to read writin'. From which it is clear that illiterate mothers with property should never allow their daughters to keep company with smart young fellers who can read and write.

Congressman Reavis, he who wants to do something great, and doesn't know how, has gotten himself into trouble by charges on the floor of the house that the postoffice department is disregarding the convenience of rural mail patrons for the sake of making a record of economy. Assistant Postmaster General Blakesley retracts the charge and says Reavis must retract or take the consequences.

From McKee's Rocks, Pa., comes the sober statement that a white leghorn hen belonging to James Francis of No. 711 Frederick street has laid an egg which appears, in plain relief, these words: "The end of time—1916." If we were sure of that—but granting that there is such an egg, what reason have we for supposing that the hen who laid it knows any more about the purposes of Providence than the other war prophets? Guess we'll just wait and see.

MOST ELABORATE PRE-LENTEN SOCIAL EVENTS OF SEASON

Mrs. J. A. Donelan and Daughter, Miss Margaret, Entertain Sixty-five of Their Friends.

From Saturday's Daily. One of the most elaborate of the pre-Lenten social events was the 1 o'clock luncheon given by Mrs. J. A. Donelan and daughter, Miss Margaret Donelan, at the Hotel Riley today and the event was one of the most delightful in the society circles that has been given this winter. The dining room was transformed for the occasion into a bower of beauty in which the color scheme of pink and green was used in the decorations in the room and on the tables which were laid for sixty-five guests. The center pieces of the tables, large baskets of pink roses added to the general beautiful appearance of the room while the candles in pink and green shades added a touch most pleasing to the scene. Long streamers of smilax and ferns were used in the decorative scheme of the tables most effectively. The luncheon was served in six courses and was most dainty and enjoyable in every way and served under the direct supervision of Mr. J. E. Grippen, manager of the hotel. While the enjoyable luncheon was in progress a delightful musical program was given on the concert victrola which served to add to the general enjoyment of the delightful occasion. The out of town guests present were Mrs. J. C. Thygeson of Nebraska City and Mrs. F. E. White of Omaha.

PROF. CONDRA, ONE OF NEBRASKA'S BIG MEN IN EDUCATIONAL WORK

From Saturday's Daily. The splendid opportunity which awaits the people of Plattsmouth at the Commercial club banquet next Tuesday evening is shown by the following letter received by Chairman Robertson of the banquet committee. In addition to the other speakers, J. W. Gambia, former superintendent of schools of this city, will be on the list: Plattsmouth, March 3, 1916. Mr. W. A. Robertson, Chairman Banquet Committee, City: Dear Sir—Tonight's Journal announces that your committee has secured Dr. George Everett Condra of the University of Nebraska as one of the principal speakers at the Commercial club banquet next Tuesday evening. You are to be congratulated on bringing such a man of note to our city to address its citizens. I doubt if there is a man in the country who is better acquainted with Nebraska's resources and their possibilities than is Dr. Condra. He has a nation-wide reputation as an authority upon questions relating to conservation of our natural resources. He is a forceful and entertaining speaker. Those hearing him next Tuesday will not be disappointed. Yours respectfully, W. G. Brooks.

L. F. LANGHORST WILL BE STRONGLY SUPPORTED

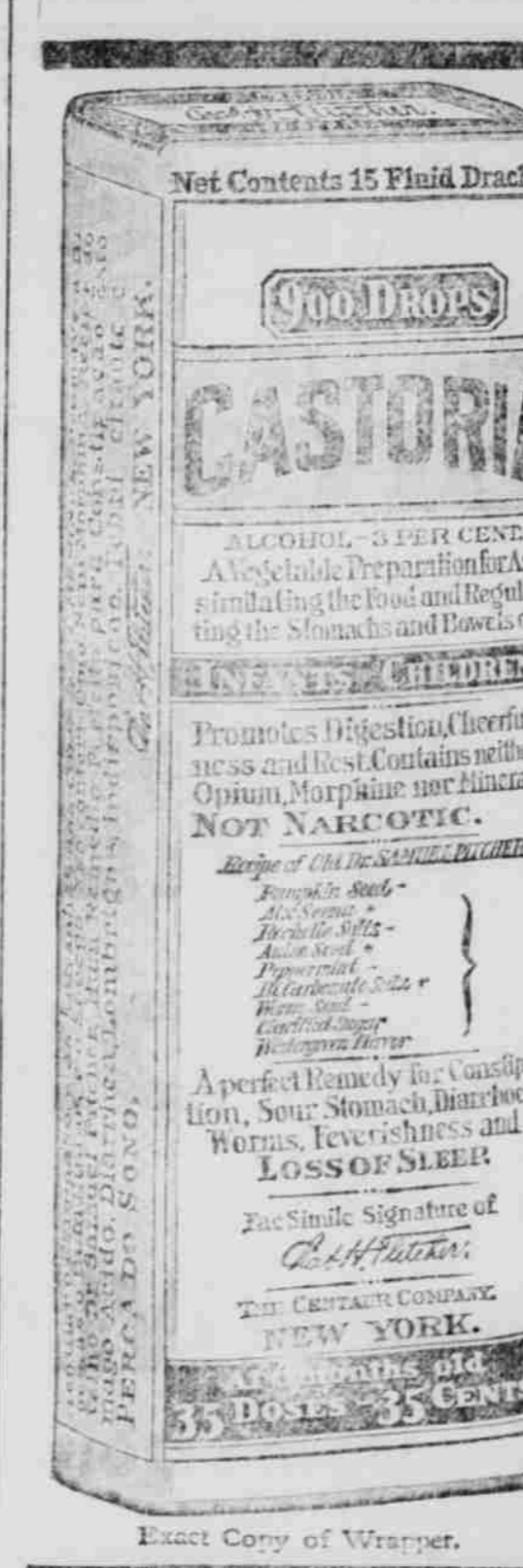
From Saturday's Daily. L. F. Langhorst, the present efficient county chairman for the democrats, is in line for democratic national committee man. Mr. Langhorst has gained a distinction as county chairman by his untiring labors and efficient methods that is not only well known in the First district, but throughout the state. He is the man that the democrats should see gets this important position, for he will use the same methods and business ability that has characterized his success in this county. He is the man for the place, and the people will see that he gets there.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

House for Sale.

I have a good three room house in Plattsmouth, south of Burlington shops, that I will sell cheap. Terms made right. See or write Frank Vallery, Murray, Neb. Tel. 46. Murray.

For Sale.

Single Comb Rhode Island Red eggs. \$1.00 per 15; \$5.00 per 100. Baby chicks, 15c each. A. O. Ramge, Platts. Phone 3513. Adam Meisinger of Cedar Creek was in the city for a few hours today looking after some matters of business with the merchants.



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The firm of Bestor & Swatek, hardware dealers, have moved from their old store on Sixth street into their new location on Main street in the building formerly occupied by the Panger store, and the firm have their stock ready for the patrons of the store. This is an ideal location and with a large and well equipped store they are going after their share of the business. The room has been arranged especially for this firm and everything that could add to the ease of handling the large stock of goods has been arranged. The firm invites all their friends to call in and visit them in the new location.

When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets.

- When you feel dull and stupid after eating.
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- When your liver is torpid.

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160 acres, being the S. E. quarter of Section 9-11-13, located one mile west and one mile north of Murray, known as the T. V. Davis farm. Fine farm and well improved. Location the best. Price for a short time at \$25,000.00. Write or call on John Colbert, Weeping Water.

For Sale.

Six-hole Corn Sheller and 12 H. P. Gasoline Engine. In good shape. Inquire at this office. 2-24-2wks-w

P. A. Horn was among the visitors in the city Saturday, coming in to attend to the week-end shopping for a short time.

ENTERTAINMENT OF CHIQUITA AND COMPANY EXCELLENT

From Saturday's Daily. The performance given last evening at the Grand theater by Chiquita, the human doll, and her excellent company was very pleasing to those who had had the privilege of witnessing the performance. There are a number of excellent artists in the company which is assisting this little lady and their vaudeville offerings are excellent. Eckard and Eckard present a very clever sketch, "The Lady and the Dutchman," while Miss Minnie Alispaw, the talented prima donna gives a number of very pleasing vocal numbers. The show is given in connection with the usual program of moving pictures and is well worth attending. The performance will be given this evening for the last time.

TOLD IN PLATTSMOUTH

A Resident Known to All Our Readers Relates an Experience.

Readers of the Journal have been told again and again of the merits of that reliable, time-proved kidney remedy—Doan's Kidney Pills. The experiences told are not those of unknown persons, living far away. The cases are Plattsmouth cases, told by Plattsmouth people.

Jonathan Hatt, general storekeeper, 414 Main St., Plattsmouth, says: "I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a very good medicine for backache and other kidney troubles. They have proven their value to me. Others of my family have also tried Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at the Crescent Pharmacy. They think just as much of them as I do."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Hatt had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Jacob Bengen of Mynard was attending to some business matters and visiting friends in this city Saturday, and gave this office a pleasant call.

OPENING OF VALUABLE GOVERNMENT IRRIGATED HOMESTEAD LANDS

LOCATION AND CHARACTER OF THESE LANDS: From three to ten miles North of C. B. & Q. R. R., nearest Bayard and Minature, Neb., in the North Platte Valley. They are well adapted for alfalfa, small grain, corn, sugar beets, live stock and dairying. TERMS: Land is free. Permanent Government water right costs \$55 per acre, 20 years' time, payable \$2.75 per acre down, no further payments for five years, no interest charged. HOW TO OBTAIN A FARM: If you are interested in the method of opening these farms between March 19 and 24, or the location of 41 additional Government-irrigated farms now open to entry, write me at once. There is no time to lose, if you would become the owner of one of these very valuable farms. Our publication, "The North Platte Valley," free on request, will give you an excellent idea of this desirable locality. S. B. HOWARD, Immigration Agent, 1004 Farnam Street, Omaha, Neb.