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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

So long as we love, we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

"Down with ring rule" is our motto.

Onward, right onward, to Mexico.

The riders are up and ready for the fray.

Ring rule won't work any more in Cass county.

Some men are on both tickets that ought not to be there.

Even the pacifists in congress think that Villa has gone entirely too far.

There are a good many people who would rather keep Lent than keep a secret.

It won't belong till the kids can go swimming, "but don't go near the river."

Filing time will be up next Saturday, and if you want to get "in the shuffle" you had better file now while the filing is good.

Radcliffe college girls are to play base ball, which disposes of the idea that women are not capable of the classical education.

Bread in many places is now sold by weight. Mrs. Newly Wed should be able to make a big profit by selling some of her muffins.

The candidates are entering upon their last lap now. In a few days the limit for entering will expire and then comes the final tug of war.

One way of getting your name in the paper was taken by a Philadelphia citizen, who reported to the gas company that his meter was running too slow.

It is reassuring to learn that Mr. Bryan approves the pursuit expedition into Mexico. For a moment it had been feared that he might withhold his consent.

Tearful parents who fear their boys will never get on the college "varsity team" may be consoled by the chance of getting some consolation prize like the class valedictory.

We have been asked to express indignation at the alleged action of Germany in putting to death the author of a peace poem. We can't; we haven't seen the poem.

We have always entertained the idea that where an official has given satisfaction for the first term, he should be retained for at least one more term. But the voters can decide that matter.

General Carranza has failed to sanction the action of the United States in undertaking the capture of Villa under the order, "Villa, dead or alive." Carranza, it is believed, wishes to strike out the words, "or alive."

Some men cannot take a hint without being knocked down. That is the way with some fellows who want to run for office, when the people don't want them. This kind of a hint comes after the election, when they are compelled to take a back seat by the common consent of the people.

## JUDGE WOODROUGH.

Announcement of the appointment of J. W. Woodrough of Omaha to succeed the late Judge Munger as federal judge for the district of Nebraska will bring intense gratification to Judge Woodrough's hosts of friends in Omaha and throughout the state.

The appointment is a creditable one, and was determined apparently on the basis of personal qualification rather than because of political considerations or influence. While it is known that some of Judge Woodrough's democratic friends, notably Arthur F. Mullen and Herbert S. Daniel, were active in his behalf, there was no organized political effort made for him such as was put forth for William H. Thompson of Grand Island, who had the powerful personal backing of Mr. Bryan. Judge Thomas of Seward, a lawyer highly regarded for his ability and strength of character, it is known was seriously considered for the place by the department of justice, as was also Judge Harry S. Dungan of Hastings, a very popular Nebraska jurist.

Mr. Woodrough is a man of exceptional high standing, both as a lawyer and a citizen. In him the qualities of courage and independence are notably developed. In the pursuit of his profession he has held consistently to exacting high ideals. He is a lover of the law in its true estate as the champion and instrument of justice. Still a young man, he is nevertheless well equipped by education, by constant study and by successful experience for the high position to which he has been named. A progressive and fearless lawyer, there is every reason to believe he will make the same kind of a judge.—World-Herald.

Woodrough was our first and last choice for federal judge.

Generally speaking, if it isn't any fun, there's a law against it.

A squad of trained aviators is to be concentrated for service in Mexico.

"Pancho" Villa won't be quite so pert after the United States troops get ahold of him.

Some people can have their way part of the time, but all the time is a horse of another color.

Plattsmouth has as pretty main street as any town or city in the country, when they are clean.

Universal as we are in military lore, we wish to learn if the first line trench is known as the bald-headed row?

It is said that children are very credulous, but one has difficulty in persuading a boy that sassafras tea will do him lots of good.

The man or woman who does not own a motor car or use a gasoline stove is likely to have no concern about the rise in prices of gasoline.

Plattsmouth should have a representation of democrats at the Otoe county banquet at Nebraska City tomorrow night. Reciprocate, you know.

It is an impressive sight, the way the professional men in South Carolina are rushing to the support of the new prohibitory law. One physician is said to have written 7,781 prescriptions for liquor in three months.

That eastern college professor seems to have stepped in at a bad time with his theory that red-headed persons are the weaklings of the race. General Fred Funston's hair, you know, is not exactly what one would call taffy colored.

## DISGUSTED REPUBLICANS.

Evidences are multiplying that Nebraska republicans, especially those favoring prohibition, are dissatisfied with the gubernatorial timber offered them in the primaries. Following the enforced retirement of Mr. Pollard, at the behest of the Anti-Saloon league, the Aurora Republican, one of the strongest weeklies in the state favoring the prohibitory amendment, indulged in some excessively plain speaking. Among other things it said:

"Speaking for itself solely, and not as the representative of any candidate, the Aurora Republican would like to see a showdown on this Anti-Saloon league business. Carson, Harrison and Co. may control enough votes to change the result in a close election where they are considered and treated as friends, but we seriously question whether they can defeat a candidate for road overseer if compelled to fight in the open. There is excellent reason to believe that the officers of the Anti-Saloon league do not want the state to go dry, for they know that under such a condition their occupation, like that of Othello, would be gone. They are simply serving the devil in the stolen livery of heaven.

"In all that has been said, or may be said, the Republican stands squarely and unwaveringly for the prohibition amendment. Other things being equal it will prefer candidates who are in sympathy with the amendment to those who are opposed. But it would rather help elect a governor who, though conscientiously opposed to the amendment, might be depended upon to enforce it honestly after passage, than a weak-kneed demagogue whose chief interest in prohibition rests upon its usefulness as republican trading stock. We are, in short, tired of seeing the people hoodooed by cheap-john politicians of unlimited lung power on reform issues.

"If Ernest Pollard's experience shall result in the emancipation of the republican party from a little coterie of cranks, four-flushers and professional anti-saloon agitators who have too long been permitted to impose upon its good nature, he will not have suffered in vain."

As to the Anti-Saloon league's preferred republican candidate the Aurora Republican expressed itself in this fashion:

"There are reasons which many republicans consider good and sufficient why Judge Sutton should not be elected governor of Nebraska. Chief of these is a well defined suspicion that he is simply using the prohibition amendment as a stepping-stone to office and that, at heart, he is no more interested in its passage than Pollard, McKelvie or any of the other so-called dry candidates. He is scarcely known outside his own judicial district, he has no record as an active partisan, and the fact that he is sponsored by men of the Harrison type is not calculated to inspire confidence among republicans who remember the Howell fiasco of 1914 which was engineered by Harrison."

This talking out in meeting has plainly struck a responsive chord in the hearts of other republican editors, both dry and liberal.

The Hastings Tribune says: "The Aurora Republican has the situation sized up correctly, and it now behooves the loyal republicans of Nebraska to put their stamp of disapproval upon the course work done by the slippery "Big Four" wire-pullers and political prestidigitators." The Crawford Courier, declaring that Sutton is being foisted upon the republican party by a democrat who is for Charley Bryan for governor, asks: "Are the Bryans trying to run both parties?"

The Scottsbluff Republican declares that Pollard's withdrawal "was not done to secure the election of a republican governor, but rather in the interest of Charley Bryan. Not that Pollard was into the scheme, but that move was engineered by the worst bunch of cut-throat politicians that the state has been dealing with for years." The York Republican, a very influential republican weekly, talks turkey in this fashion:

"Who did this thing to Ernest Pollard and his friends? Nobody but a scheming democrat, who seeks, under the guise of temperance, to control the nominations of both political parties, and who is himself working hand-in-glove with Mayor Dahlman for the nomination and election of a democrat. He has selected, for the republicans to pit against his chosen candidate, Judge Sutton of Omaha. Now, in his selection he has shown the wisdom of the serpent and the nerve of the mosquito. Any man who knows the a. b. c's of politics knows that if nominated Judge Sutton would be buried under an avalanche of votes

in his own town that he would not be able to wiggle from under in a year and a day, and children know that a man who cannot carry his own town has a slim chance of carrying another man's town, or of winning an election. "As has been said in these columns, we do not want a governor to settle the prohibition question for us. We, the people, are going to settle that at the same time we elect a governor for other purposes. Mr. Carson is making a monkey of us all and a farce of the gubernatorial election, by getting us to thinking there is nothing for a governor to do but settle the prohibition question."

And so it is the boys are talking all over the state. Meanwhile an earnest effort is being made, by republicans satisfied with the caliber and attainments of none of their candidates, to get some man of new parts like Ross Hammond of Fremont or Senator Kemp of Fullerton into the field.

Only three more days to file. Hurry up, boys!

A frivolous paragrapher remarks that Mr. Edison's concrete furniture will be difficult to abstract.

Who can remember the old days when the county superintendents in Nebraska were all men? Now they are about all women.

A Des Moines plumber who solicits leap year proposals, says modestly that he makes \$4,000 a year. How long has this thing been of settling plumbers' bills for 50 cents on the dollar?

Governor Morehead's friends are bound to shove him into the race for the nomination of vice president. If the governor wants to do something beneficial to his party, he should consent to again accept the nomination for governor.

Leave it to the Public Mind. The minute the Verdun campaign began to taste flat and the Villa chase showed signs of staleness, the Public Mind leaped into the breach with a twin-growing race between two proud Kansas mothers.

John Wunderlich should be renominated by the democrats of Cass county without a dissenting vote. There is no reason for opposition to Mr. Wunderlich for the nomination for sheriff. He is a most excellent man and possesses every qualification necessary to perform the duties of the office. Besides, John Wunderlich is one of the best citizens in Cass county and should be nominated and elected.

Our friend, Andy P. Moran, of Nebraska City, was in the city a short time yesterday interviewing the republican voters. Andy is a candidate for the republican nomination for senator from Otoe and Cass counties. While Mr. Moran will have a pretty hard proposition, even when nominated, to defeat our own Senator John Mattes, we believe he could not be succeeded by any better man than Andy Moran.

It is just as easy for a governor to get his "foot in it" as anyone else, when he makes misstatements. This is just what Governor Capper of Kansas did when he published to the world that his state was away ahead of all other states in the west in crop reports and resources. He got "called down" pretty hard by the Iowa people, and rightfully, too, because Iowa and Nebraska reports make those of Kansas pale into insignificance in comparison to these two grand states.

Once there was a householder who said, "Although I have goods and chattels won by toil and striving, yet will I not buy a gun to protect them and my self, because (first) a reliable gun would cost \$7.00, and (second) because, while I have never harmed any one, I know that the moment I possess a gun I shall go hog-wild and begin shooting up the town. 'So I will pile up my goods, and should an enemy come he will find me sitting on them waving an olive branch and quoting the beautiful words of the politically-late William J. Brennings."

Let congress "speed up" on preparedness.

Senator Cummins carries Minnesota in the primaries.

Are we to have any hand concerts this summer? If not, why not?

Winter will remain in the lap of spring just as long as Old Sol says so.

Fred Funston is the boy who will tie the can onto the cutthroat Mexican.

If the people are not already tired of the primary election system of nominating candidates, they certainly will be after the one on April 18.

What a great difference in city election campaigns at the present time and eight and ten years ago! And we live just as happily, and perhaps prosper better.

In addition the capacity of a freight car add the amount of stuff a woman can pack in a steamer trunk to the amount of junk a boy can stuff into his night-hand trousers' pocket.

It is threatened that on account of the war shoes will be higher. We hardly understand how women's shoes can be much higher. Most of them are upwards of two feet now.

The ten-dollar price of hogs in the market acts as a good stimulus to the price of pure-bred swine being offered at the numerous public sales throughout the state. In many instances these prices run above one hundred dollars.

D. W. Livingston of Nebraska City is being urged to come out for congress. Dan Livingston is an able man, and if nominated and elected would prove the right man for the place. He is a good speaker and very able lawyer.

"Mexicans who played traitor will feel the unexorable Mexican justice," declares Carranza. If it is the sort of justice Villa has been feeling, any Mexican who can be indiscreet enough to be a traitor deserves all the sympathy in the world.

It costs \$25,000 a year to hire a flat in some New York apartment houses. If any readers have any garments to donate to the worthy poor, this newspaper will forward them to these people who are suffering from a high cost of living.

The spectacle of Mr. Bryan accusing the president of having gone "joyriding with the jingoes," and insisting in the same breath that their relations continue cordial, reminds one of the Biblical character who approached his victim asking, "Art thou in good health, my brother?"

The death of Senator B. F. Shively of Indiana removes one of the most prominent figures in the political history of the country. The writer has known Senator Shively since 1884, and always regarded him as one of the ablest men in the country, and in oratory a peer of the late lamented Daniel W. Voorhies.

In these days of property and plenty everything seems to be advancing in price. Print paper has taken another leap skyward and so has other commodities. Farm machinery has been advanced 10 per cent and lumber has taken on an advance and before another year rolls around farmers will be compelled to pay from \$2 to \$3 per day for help, is the prediction of some of the wise men.

Some of the republican papers want Ross Hammond to run for governor or United States senator. Ross is a little slow about getting in the game, maybe from the fact that he held the best paying office in the state for a number of years. And it isn't healthy to hold office too long. But there are people who think the world owes them a living, and if they are too lazy to work and don't want to run the risk of stealing, they insist on sticking to the office proposition.

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**For State Senator.**  
I will be a candidate for the democratic re-nomination for state senator from the district composed of Cass and Otoe counties, subject to the will of the voters, at the primaries on April 18th.  
JOHN MATTESS,  
Nebraska City.

**For County Sheriff.**  
We are authorized to announce the candidacy of John Wunderlich for re-nomination for the office of sheriff of Cass county, subject to the will of the voters at the primaries on April 18th.

**For State Senator.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for state senator on the republican ticket from Cass and Otoe counties, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election.  
ANDREW P. MORAN.

**For County Sheriff.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Cass county on the democratic ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary April 18th.  
G. H. MANNERS.

**For County Attorney.**  
I wish to announce to the voters of Cass county that I have filed on the democratic ticket for the office of county attorney. I will appreciate your support and if elected will do my best to fill the office faithfully.  
J. A. CAPWELL.

**For State Senator.**  
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the office of state senator at the primaries held on April 18th, subject to the will of the republican voters of the district, composed of Cass and Otoe counties.  
A. F. STURM,  
Nehawka, Nebraska.

**For State Representative.**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of state representative subject to the will of the democratic voters at the general primary on April 18. Your support will be appreciated.  
JOHN MURTEY,  
Alvo, Nebraska.

**For County Treasurer.**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-nomination to the office of county treasurer on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primaries on April 18th. The support of the voters will be appreciated.  
MAJOR A. HALL.

**For County Treasurer.**  
I desire to announce my candidacy for the office of county treasurer on the republican ticket, subject to the wishes of the voters at the primaries April 18th. I will appreciate the votes of my friends.  
ARTHUR L. BAKER.

The ice man is arranging for his inning.

Why, of course, for the poor man, warm weather is the best substitute for coal.

The Commoner office slate for national delegates has been filed in the secretary of state's office.

Honest confession, said to be so good for the soul, frequently is mighty hard on the other fellow.

An old bachelor broadly rules that the girl who doesn't try to conceal her age is too young to enter society.

If you didn't dream of inheriting \$80,000 from an unexpected relative last night, perhaps you will tonight.

The newly appointed federal judge for Nebraska, J. W. Woodrough, organized the first Wilson club in Omaha in 1912.

When a lawsuit begins to give a continuous performance, that is a sign that the lawyers are the only ones who will profit by it.

Lincoln national bank deposits show a gain over one year ago of nearly two and one-half millions. That doesn't look much like hard times, does it?

We try to keep abreast of all the startling disclosures of science. A scientist has just revealed that the Panama canal will never be swallowed up by an earthquake.

We can see no reason for opposing Vice President Tom Marshall for a re-nomination if he wants it. If President Wilson is endorsed unanimously, why not Tom Marshall? Tell us, if you can.

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