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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating, there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. —Ruskin.

The city election next Tuesday.

City politics steaming up some.

Not so warm as usual at this stage of the game.

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

If somebody does your thinking, you can never be dead certain where you are going.

Red is a danger signal, whether it is displayed on a railroad train, on a man's nose, or on a woman's cheek.

Reports say that ex-President Taft has lost forty pounds. Let's see, that's almost a pound for every state he lost in 1912.

Fortunately, Villa is short and easy to spell, which is about the only bit of good luck the headline writers have had since August 1, 1914.

An Ohio couple kept their marriage a profound secret for six years and the strange feature of it is that the woman in the case wasn't a mute.

The editor runs himself into enough trouble without borrowing more by publishing anonymous letters. And, therefore, save your paper.

There is plenty of reason to doubt the rumor that New York millionaires employ women detectives to watch them. If women were watching the Wall Street magnates, they'd be doing a better job of it.

A retail jeweler says wrist watches are not suitable for men because no watch is made that will stand the ever masculine hand. However, that need not interfere. Men who wear wrist watches need never to know what time it is.

The United States government weather experts say the old theory that sunspots control the weather is fallacious. The weather bureau is not wholly lacking in diplomacy, however, for it omitted all reference to rings around the moon.

If there ever was a president of this country who had trying questions to be settled that president is Woodrow Wilson. In the very beginning of his term of office, we had Mexico and the border warfare, and ever since then our representatives have had to use diplomatic skill in order to keep out of trouble with the nations of Europe.

Mr. Bryan, finding no response from the democrats of Nebraska in his opposition to President Wilson, is now endeavoring to "pull the wool over their eyes" by saying in his speeches that he never opposed the president. If withdrawing from the cabinet in a trying hour and going to Washington to oppose the president's policies before congress, and speaking against preparedness, is friendly to him, the Lord help us. But Mr. Bryan always did have a queer way of rewarding his friends. So queer, in fact, that it is about to cast him to the rear for all time to come.

If the democrats of Nebraska are defeated this fall, it can easily be attributed to the Bryan faction. They have caused all the furor by their rule or ruin policies. The masses of the party are loyal to the cause of democracy, and refuse to be driven longer by the Bryans like so many slaves. They have cut loose for all time, and refuse to be dictated to by a gang who are only thoughtful of their own interests. If Charley Bryan was not a candidate for governor, do you suppose W. J. would be laboring as he is? Not on your tinfole. He would be in some other locality, speaking for the dollars that were in it.

### BRYAN AND WILSON.

Mr. Bryan resigned from the president's cabinet because he could not agree with the president with regard to certain policies. In his speech at Beatrice last Saturday he stated it in his own words:

"I felt that on the questions on which we differed I could not deal sympathetically with the views of the president, and that being the case, it was my duty to President Wilson, as well as to myself, to resign and to give him an opportunity to select some one to fill my place in harmony with himself on these points of difference."

The questions upon which the president and Mr. Bryan differed are just as vital now as they were when he left the cabinet. They will be just as acute in the next democratic national convention as they are now.

Mr. Bryan is professing his great friendship and fidelity to the president in his Nebraska speeches. He professes to be "standing by the side of the president" and thinks that is reason why he should be sent as a delegate to the national convention.

Anyone who reads the last two issues of the Commoner must experience some bewilderment at the contrast between its utterances and those of Mr. Bryan on the stump in this state. Both issues are so full of hostility to the president's prime policies that they might well have been issued for the sole purpose of prejudicing the public against Woodrow Wilson and the things for which he stands.

In his Commoner Mr. Bryan, over his own name, inveighs against "The Preparedness Program," describing it as the extremists are urging it, and in no way indicating that the preparedness program of President Wilson is different from that of the extremists.

He discredits the vote of congress on the warning resolution and says: "If the president had asked the opinion of congress on this subject, an overwhelming majority in both houses would have voted 'No.' The president knows this now, and he knows that congress will not resort to war as a means of settling this controversy. If he can reach an amicable settlement of the submarine dispute without war, the country will be happy. It is not fair to assume that he will ask the country to go to war to vindicate the right of an American to make a fool of himself by riding on an armed merchantman."

And yet in an editorial in the February number Mr. Bryan said, referring to a passage of the president's speech at Des Moines in which the latter asked if the people wanted the situation to remain such that all the president could do would be to write messages, Mr. Bryan over his own signature, wrote:

"If this language means anything at all, it means that the preparedness for which he asks is not for the purpose of preventing future wars, but is for use in the present war, if he thinks it necessary. He therefore brings the country face to face with a new proposition: Do you want war? If the people give a favorable response to the president's request for an increase in the army and navy, will he not construe their support as a command from them to proceed to the use of force?"

Is it unfair to assume that the president wants war? If so, why did Mr. Bryan write that? In the same editorial he said:

"But the president's speeches indicate that he is actually considering a state of war in which the United States will be the aggressor; that is, will go to war for the enforcement of international rights."

There is hardly an editorial under Mr. Bryan's signature in the last two issues of his paper which is not leveled at the president and his policies. To destroy the president it is only necessary to defeat his policies.

In the last issue of the Bryan paper is reproduced a cartoon from the St. Louis Times, a pro-German, anti-Wilson paper. Its purpose is to ridicule the president and the party under his leadership. It portrays the body of the democratic donkey, fitted with the mask of an elephant's head, and its forelegs clad in elephantine legs and feet. The elephantine mask is marked "Preparedness Plans", and the elephant's feet and legs "Permanent Tariff Board Plans." Behind the beast stands the president, represented as saying, "Aha! That mask makes him look fine." Indicating that the president is masking his party behind republican policies. If Mr. Bryan be-

### BRYAN'S FAILURE

At the time President Wilson made his western tour in the interest of preparedness, it was announced that Hon. Bryan would follow up as the apostle of the dove. Time passed; a good deal of time for those awaiting a head-on reply to the sentiments of the president. But lately the peace apostle of the Platte has been swinging his silver tongue around the circuit, without any exact regard to the president's itinerary, but speaking here and there to large and enthusiastic audiences. However, the enthusiasm isn't what it used to be when Bryan was on the road, and while the profits of lecturing may still be larger than the emoluments of a cabinet officer, as an influence against preparedness Mr. Bryan is succeeding in much the same manner that Henry Ford ended the European war. With every political party lining up for preparedness in some degree, it is certain that the Bryan doctrine of disarmament is by no means popular in this country which was founded on fighting, and was held together at the time of the greatest strain by a similar process. Of course preparedness isn't going to attain the proportion the jingoists say it should, but there is going to be a marked improvement of the present defense, and that, with the country's advantageous position of isolation, may prove sufficient for all probable needs. Bryan's policy, of course, has been shown up to disadvantage by the Mexican middle, which demonstrated it takes a week to start even a small expeditionary force across the border, and the Columbus massacre was a glowing example of the doctrine of non-resistance and what it amounts to in time of trouble. But it were too much to expect that Bryan will quit talking about it, or quit collecting for his talks. There will always be enough of the sort who support such propaganda to assure his position on Easy Street. From the beginning of his career, he has fattened on failure of one kind and another, and there seems to be no chance of stopping him.

Some people have already made garden.

Everybody seems to have lost all interest in the European war since Uncle Sam has decided to hunt for Villa.

If a 20,000 word communication to England constitutes a "note," how many words would it take to make a real letter?

A lot of people who wouldn't dream of stealing prunes from a grocery store will try to steal advertising from a newspaper.

The people know that an official who has given good satisfaction is entitled to a renomination and re-election. You can draw your inference.

The news of the fortune that one man makes in stocks and grain seems to travel farther than the news of a score of fortunes that are lost.

A prominent aviator says that the flight across the Atlantic will be made as soon as the war is over. In other words, there is not telling when it will be made.

When you read of a couple celebrating their golden wedding, you can bet your wrist watch that a bunch of children have appeared during the fifty years they have scrapped, pouted, loved and stuck it out together.

Uncle Sam says you can't hunt ducks on the Missouri this spring. According to the Louisiana Press-Journal, our uncle may give you a job hunting Mexicans. But most of us would rather pick the game we hunt for.

John Wunderlich made a good race for sheriff two years ago, and should be granted the privilege of making the race this fall. He is making a thorough canvass of the county, and good reports in his favor come in from every section.

When it was time to act in Mexico Wilson acted. Now all the world knows that action is wholly unselfish and has no design against the sovereignty of that country. We do not want a foot of Mexican territory. This has all been made clear and there is no ground for apprehension by the countries of Central and South America. Wilson has put his republican hyper-critics in a hole again. It's the Wilson way and the people like it, therefore the gloom in the camp of republican politicians is thick enough to chop with a hoe. Consequently, democratic hope never was stronger than now and there is a sound basis for our faith.

Every parent knows we ought to have a new school building.

If McKelvie isn't nominated for governor on the republican ticket, we miss our guess.

Germany says she will be good if England will. But will the latter do it?

Only a little over two weeks till the general primary election — Tuesday, April 18.

Let every day be a "clean up" day from now on during the spring and summer.

If there are any road dragging funds not working, now is the time to use them.

Independent telephones are coming back in Nebraska. The people are not going to put up with present high rates.

Villa's antipathy toward the Mormons in Mexico must be founded on the fact that he has only three wives himself.

The country is anxiously awaiting to see whether the news censorship in the Mexican border will stand up under fire.

"Does a doctor take his own medicine?" demands an exchange. "Then why expect an editor to down his own philosophy?"

Nothing would give more confidence to the future of Plattsmouth than to have a modern, up-to-date school building. You know it as well as we do.

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A New York jury has decided that the engagement ring is the legal property of the man who gives it. All, then, he has to do to gain possession of it is to be cad enough to insist on having it.

Railroad officials have warned the public that it will have to stand any increased wages to trainmen. If you can see any new thrill for the public in that announcement you are at liberty to pick it out.

When Governor Morehead steps down and out what will Clarence Harmon do then? He has sucked the public teat a good many years. There are many democrats who would rejoice to see him go, too.

It must be a source of solid comfort to some men after being ordered around by their wives for a lifetime, to know that they are going soon to be installed as High Supreme Potentate of some order or other.

President Wilson has let it be known that he does not favor the sending of federal officers to the St. Louis convention. Can it be that in other states he has let the federal officers be filled, as he has in Nebraska, by men who owe a higher allegiance to one who is fighting his policies? — Lincoln Star.

The community has no bribe that will tempt a wise man. You may raise money enough to tunnel a mountain, but you cannot raise money enough to hire a man who is minding his own business. An efficient and valuable man does what he can, whether the community pays him for it or not. The inefficient offer their inefficiency to the highest bidder, and are forever expecting to be put into office. One would suppose they were rarely disappointed.—Thoreau.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**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 MATTES,  
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 desire to announce my candidacy for 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.

**For Float Representative.**  
I will be a candidate for the office of float representative from the district composed of Cass and Otoe counties, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primary on April 18th. The support of the voters will be appreciated.  
L. G. TODD,  
Union, Nebraska.

**For Float Representative.**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of float representative for Cass and Otoe counties at the primaries on April 18th. Subject to the will of the democratic voters.  
M. G. KIME, Nehawka.

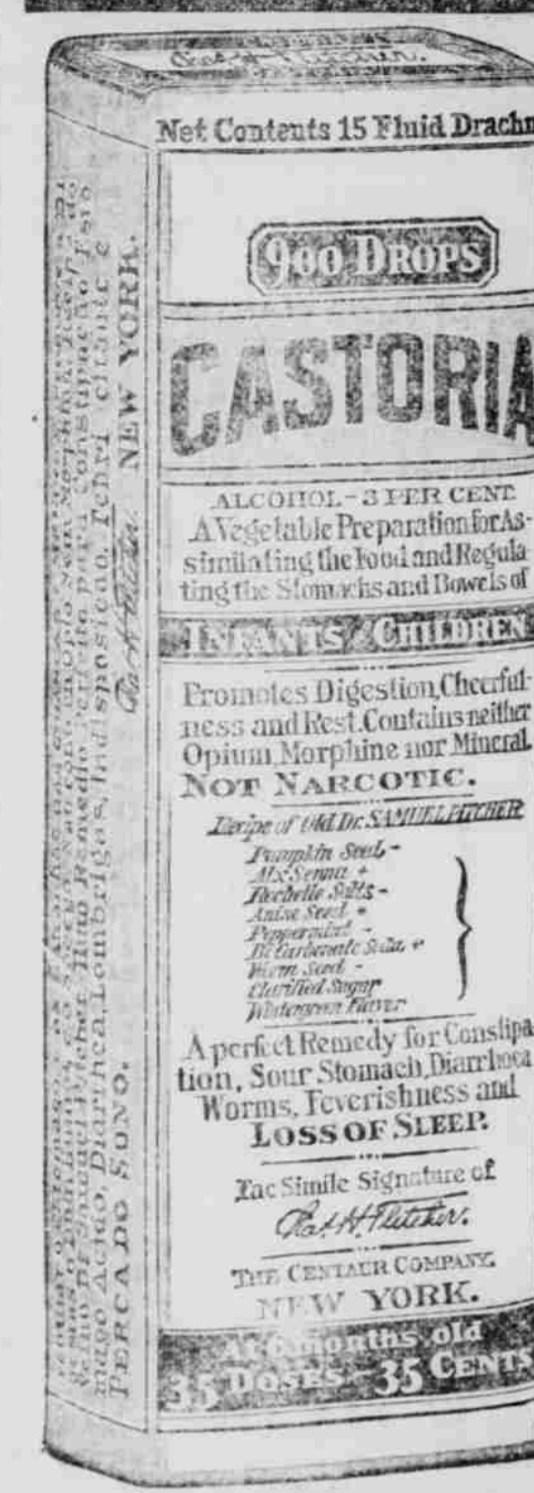
**Float Representative.**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of float representative from the district composed of Cass and Otoe counties, subject to the democratic voters at the primaries on April 18th.  
A. E. PAILING.

**For District Clerk.**  
I hereby announce to the voters that I will be a candidate for the office of clerk of the district court at the April primaries, subject to the wishes of the republican voters.  
JAMES ROBERTSON.

**For Float Representative.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Float Representative, between Otoe and Cass counties, subject to the will of the democrats at the primaries on April 18th.  
C. J. MULLIS.

**For County Assessor.**  
I will be a candidate for the nomination for the office subject to the wishes of the democratic voters at the primary April 18th. The support of my friends will be appreciated.  
P. E. RUFFNER.

**For County Assessor.**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of county assessor on the democratic ticket at the forthcoming primary election on April 18th. Your support will be appreciated.  
AL D. DESPAIN.



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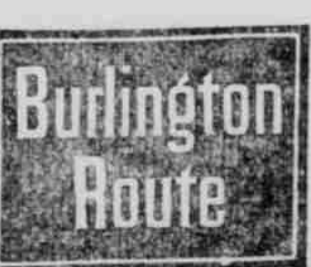
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**STRENGTH MEANS PEACE.**  
The fact that the United States does not want to get into a war, if it can be honorably kept out of, is no argument against preparedness; it is an argument in favor of it. In none of the wars of our history have we been the aggressors. Every war we have had has been forced upon us. At Concord that first shot which was "heard around the world" was not fired by the colonists. In 1846 it needed a horror like the massacre of the Alamo before our government would face the necessity of dealing rigorously with Mexico. In 1861 the majority of the people of the north were still declaring that the south would never in any circumstances resort to arms when the cannon at Fort Sumter cut short their foolish prediction. In 1898 there was no general thought of war with Spain until the blowing up of the Maine. We have ever in the past had war forced upon us, and have ever been unprepared to meet it. We shall most certainly have wars forced upon us in the future. Shall we always be unprepared to meet them? Due to fortunate combinations of circumstances, we have not in the four or five wars

of our history, reaped the full penalty of our unpreparedness. We emerged victorious from the Revolutionary war because Spain and France aided us, and the same was true in 1812. We won the wars of 1848 and 1898 because we were pitted against weak nations. Our terrible lesson, the only lesson the penalties of which were commensurate with our neglect, was the civil war. In 1860 our need, according to the preparedness calculations of today, was for a compact standing army of not less than 100,000 men. Had we had such an army then the civil war would never have been fought. Military experts estimate that an efficient army corps of even 35,000 men would have prevented that war, in which a million men lost their lives. We are not divided into pacifists and jingoists. All Americans desire peace, and differ only as to the best means of securing it, or disagree as to the honor or dishonor with which we may buy that peace.  
An Ohio philanthropist has just left some money to establish a home for aged married women." Most women, however, will prefer to marry for a home.

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