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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Expression is a joy, but it is usually paid for with the gold that was formerly won by silence.—Emilart.

We need quiet for a few weeks. The farmers are now pretty busy. We could use a little warm weather right now.

Work is never well done if it can be done better. Few men under 35 ever sigh and wish they were boys again.

The Easter hat doesn't look so pretty now as it did last Sunday. And this year we will have to get along with "Seeing America Again."

Well, it didn't rain Sunday, so we are not to have rain for seven Sundays.

No steps will be taken to appoint a curator for John D., even if his ice plant is a failure.

It doesn't seem to be much over 60 years since we got a sound spanking for swatting flies.

Notwithstanding the scarcity of dyestuffs, one sees a red nose here and there, occasionally.

It begins to look as though the war would continue until Europe ran entirely out of "die" stuff.

The bankers are greatly of the opinion that the national banking act has been a great benefit to the public.

Easter being over, we may confidently look for better and more pleasant weather, for a while, at least.

Advocates of compulsory universal military service are not pointing to the popularity of conscription in England.

Do you suppose there is any danger that the Mexican rumpus will cause a return of the tanga, disguised as the "fantange"?

Inasmuch as not one letter of recommendation in a hundred ever is taken seriously, why so much insistence for "references"?

The Census Bureau rules are very interesting in themselves. They are more broadly comprehensive than the rules governing the life insurance companies.

If a woman is interested in having her husband tell her the truth, she may partially succeed by never asking "Where have you been?" and "Whom have you been with?"

It may be possible that Charley Bryan will accept a nomination for governor on the populist ticket. But we hardly think so, but it's hard to tell what some men will do when they are mad.

The republicans of Danville and Vermilion county, Illinois, the home of Joe Cannon, are asking him to run again for congress. It appears that this is only one way to keep Danville on the map.

John Wunderlich made a great race for the renomination for sheriff, and returns fully demonstrate that he was very popular with the democrats all over the county and that his vote at the general election would be greatly increased. John is a fine fellow, and the people of the county know that he will make a splendid official.

Sutton got in by a very small margin over McKelvie. The younger man made a magnificent fight for the republican nomination and demonstrated the fact that he was a great campaigner, while Sutton appealed to the churches principally to save him. McKelvie is the most popular man of the two and could possibly pull through at the general election, but Sutton never.

the members of the council, the police

WHAT WOULD A WAR WITH GERMANY MEAN?

There is prospect of a severance of diplomatic relations with Germany over the submarine issue. Severance of diplomatic relations would ordinarily mean war, but not always. In this case there is little doubt that severance would mean a state of war, as the conditions which have brought about the present state of affairs would become much worse. With no diplomatic relations between this country and Germany there would be no means of carrying on any negotiations. Neither country would feel like making the first break toward reconciliation. War with Germany would not mean that we would have to raise an army at the present time to fight Germany. The United States would probably confine her efforts to cutting off all aid of any kind that may be reaching Germany through this country. All German agents who have been working in this country would become persona non grata and would have to go home. Those who would stay would probably devote their efforts to damaging property in this country, such as munitions plants and shipping. The United States would undoubtedly seize all German and Austrian ships interned in the United States, and these ships might be used for carrying supplies to the enemies of Germany and Austria. The United States would find that a war with Mexico would be the next step. German agents in this country who might be driven out, would undoubtedly go to Mexico and as a matter of helping their own country, urge on war between the Mexicans and the United States as a means of diverting some of the supplies that are going to Europe. The United States navy might be used to some extent in patrolling European waters to protect United States shipping. The United States would begin losing ships and cargoes and there would be no ground for protest. There is every reason to believe that for the present, at least, Germany would concede many of the demands of the United States to avert a break. Germany would not wish to have the United States in the list of those who would be discriminating against German goods after the war is over. It is generally conceded that when actual hostilities have ended the Teutonic powers will be hunting markets for their goods, and there is no doubt that in the countries which have been at war with Germany, there will be much opposition to the use of goods made by the enemy.

War with Germany would be a national misfortune. The United States has taken a position that it will be hard to back down from, as the course of the United States has been based on its interpretation of international law and is in the name of humanity. The next few days will see a showdown, and we will know whether there is to be a breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany. In the meantime, it is up to the people of the United States to sit steady and not rock the boat.

Some people can't understand why they are not wanted for office. A Yale professor says a boy is worth \$90 and an adult \$4,000. The one seems ridiculously low and the other is, in many instances, excessively high.

About the only convincing explanation of a trench taken single-handed is that the intrepid hero carried a gun that wasn't loaded.

We fear that we will never be a great statesman. The first book we ever read was not "The Pilgrim's Progress." Our first venture into classic literature was somebody or other's "Life of Wild Bill Hickok" who, by the way, was quite a pilgrim himself.

The three-cornered race is what let John Maguire in. The two defeated candidates ran well, however, and it is probable they both of them would not have been in the race had they known in time that Maguire was coming out.

Easter, as we recall from our boyhood days in Sunday school, wasn't nearly so popular an occasion as Christmas was. On Easter, we were expected to give an extra large contribution in the heathens' collection box, and we got nothing for it except maybe a pale green or red egg.

Don't take them off yet. The same old police force remains. What's the matter with Judge Douglas, anyway? Will it not be pleasant when the world goes back to international chess competitions?

Along with the other faded out articles the strawberry looks considerably lighter this year. But how unfair to all the deserving favorite sons it would be to run Roosevelt for president.

History making just now is an occupation which has all hands employed and working overtime. Every new excitement opens the public purse, but war excitement tears the cover off and takes a mortgage to cover the deficiency.

The United States supreme court says honest advertising must be made and liability will accompany any exaggeration. This will pave the way to scores of prosecutions of mail order houses.

Bill Moran of Nebraska City "ran like a scared wolf" for district delegate, running over 300 ahead of the high mark. H. E. Gooch is elected along with Moran, but only defeated Eager by 20 majority.

A German multi-millionaire has committed suicide, fearing prosecution for violation of a grain law. What a crude legal system Germany must have when millionaires are driven to suicide through fear of the law!

We'll bet that Art Mullen is the happiest man in Nebraska. And he deserves to be happy because of his election as democratic national committeeman. And the democrats ought also to be happy because he is one of the most capable organizers in the United States.

A German army officer now in Chicago says American made shrapnel seldom explodes in battle, and when the allies use it the Germans take a day off. If the German officer is trying to show that our munition factories don't use explosives he will fail. Several of them already have exploded.

As time goes on it can be taken for granted that but little credence can be put in the reports that come up from Mexican activities by the troops from this country. Villa, who was reported as being wounded and then dead, seems to be alive and not hurt, and capable of doing as much devilment as ever.

ON WHAT ISSUE? We desire to ask a wistful question. What is the issue on which the republican party proposes to go before the people of the country in November? The confusion about the candidate is pardonable. We understand how that is and are not disposed to be censorious. We can wait; we beg our G. O. P. friends not to stop to consider us; let them take their own time. But it seems to us that it really is time to look up the matter of the issue.

Will the republicans make the tariff the issue? No one is interested in that—there is not time between now and November to get the tremendously important matters now occupying the political mind out of it and insert the tariff in their place. They cannot take up the question of national finance. The democracy has acted with respect to a matter about which, for fifty years the republicans had only talked; and republican bankers and financiers everywhere praise the result.

They cannot go before the people on the issue of preparedness. For the democrats inherited the army and navy that a half century of republican rule had fitted the country out with and the ideals of military efficiency that a half century of pork-barrel republican statesmanship had shaped. And the democrats are now acting constructively, just as they did on the money question. There will be no core to the preparedness apple by November.

Will Mexico be made the issue? We hardly think so. For the democrats would insist on inquiring what was done with the constructive opportunities which were ours in Mexican affairs during the four years preceding March 4, 1913. They would insist on "reading into the record" the story of dollar diplomacy, when Philander C. Knox was secretary of state and Henry Lane Wilson, friend of Richard Achilles Ballinger, was ambassador and dean of the diplomatic corps in the City of Mexico.

We end as we began. On what issue do our friends, the republicans, propose to go before the country in November?—St. Louis Republic.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE TICKETS.

If the apportionment of nominations to the various portions of the state counts for anything, the democrats enjoy a decided tactical advantage as a result of the primaries, for they have selected their candidates from all portions of the state, while the republican ticket will be made up almost exclusively of men from Lincoln and Omaha.

On their state ticket the democrats have selected for governor Keith Neville of North Platte, for lieutenant-governor Edgar Howard of Columbus, for treasurer George Hall of Franklin, for secretary of state Charles W. Pool of Tecumseh, for state auditor W. H. Smith of Seward, for attorney general Willis Reed of Madison, for land commissioner G. L. Shumway of Scottsbluffs, for railway commissioner Victor Wilson of Stromsburg, and for superintendent of public instruction W. H. Clemmons of Fremont.

These are the officials who will conduct the affairs of state, and the democrats have not only gone into the rural sections to get them, but have apportioned them to all sections of the state, so that every part will have an official voice in the adjustment of the affairs of the state.

The republicans have made up their slate quite exclusively of men from Omaha and Lincoln. How they could have been so partial it is difficult to conceive. It certainly could not have been in the mind of the individual voter that it would be unsafe to entrust state affairs to provincial representatives or that all the statesmen live in either the metropolis or the capital. But here is the result: For governor, A. L. Setton of Omaha, for lieutenant governor H. P. Shumway of Wakefield, for secretary of state Addison Wait of Lincoln, for state auditor Walter L. Minor of Lincoln, for state treasurer W. H. Reynolds of Chadron, for attorney general Robert W. Devoc of Lincoln, for land commissioner Fred Beckmann of Lincoln, for railway commissioner Henry T. Clarke of Omaha or Lincoln, for superintendent of public instruction Dr. Thomas of Kennebunk.

It is only in the nomination for university regents that the democrats ask anything for Lincoln, their choice being Dr. P. L. Hall. With him they have selected H. D. Landis of Seward. The republicans seem to have chosen for regents S. C. Bassett of Gibbon and George N. Seymour of Elgin.

In the selection of other representatives the democrats gave the senatorial nomination and that for national committeeman to Omaha. Not one of the delegates at large to the national convention comes from that city, but Lincoln claims one in the person of W. B. Price, the other three going to Grand Island, Kearney and Seward.

On the republican side the senatorial nomination, the national committee and two of the four delegates at large are from Omaha. Scant recognition seems to have been given by the republicans to the fact that there is something to Nebraska besides Omaha and Lincoln. Four members of the Bryan slate have been chosen by the democrats, W. H. Thompson and J. J. Thomas for delegates at large, G. L. Shumway for land commissioner and Edgar Howard for lieutenant governor.

There appears to be about as many "dry" democrats on the democratic ticket as there are "dry" republicans on the republican ticket, and if those slated by Mr. Bryan can be rated as "dry" the proportion is even greater.—Lincoln Star.

Spain is getting aroused over the submarine warfare. Now, maybe Germany will listen to reason.

To the numerous moralizings based upon the career of Lady Eglantine, a champion egg layer may be added one to the effect that the cackling is a mere incident.

Don't stop cleaning up the city until we make a respectable appearance, anyway. Some people go so far as to say we have the dirtiest town in Nebraska. This seems to us a slander on Plattsmouth. Let us get to work and refute this slander by showing them the way the "clean up" work is done.

The Literary Digest says that in the year of 1880, the gold production of the country was 36 million dollars; in 1914 it was 94 1/2 million dollars. Inasmuch as the world's total output of gold is now approximately 360 million dollars, the output of this country in 1914 would therefore represent 20 per cent of the total. Our output, moreover, is exceeded by the output of only one other country—South America, which produces nearly half the world's total, that is, 212 million dollars. Outside of Russia every country in Europe is dependent absolutely on the rest of the world for its gold supply. In this country twenty states reported outputs of gold in the year 1914, the largest being California, Colorado, Alaska, Nevada and South Dakota.

There are indications that'er long the unspeakable Turk may acquire sufficient locquacity to cry "Enough!"

"The Fatherland," a German paper printed in New York, speaking of the recent primary held in this state, says: "In Nebraska an aggressive fight is being waged by the prohibitionists and the jingo element to defeat Senator Hitchcock for re-election. Hitchcock has incurred the enmity of many who resent his proposal to put an embargo on arms. They want to put a friend of Great Britain in the senate, and the opposition is formidable, but not so formidable that the great number of republicans who stand with Senator Hitchcock on the same platform as himself with regard to an embargo and prohibition will not be able to overcome this opposition to one of the most intellectual and truly patriotic Americans in the upper chamber of congress."

We have in our possession the first paper printed in Plattsmouth, entitled "The Platte Valley Herald" and dated October 18, 1860. Alfred Thomson was the editor and publisher. It is a fine appearing country paper for that early date, as it was published several years before Nebraska became a state and seems to be well patronized. Several wholesale houses were here, which supplied outfits to those going to California. Among those establishments were Tootle & Hanna, who went from here to St. Joseph, Missouri and became millionaires in the wholesale dry goods business. We want to thank our old friend, Hon. E. A. Kirkpatrick of Nebraska, for this memento of the past, and assure him that he will occasionally hear more from that old paper as time goes on.

INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS.

Nebraska democrats showed a sort of intelligent independence in last week's primaries to make all members of the party proud. They were not controlled by leaders nor were their votes decided by slates. They picked the candidates they believed to be the best men for the place, regardless of leaders and regardless of any slates.

Take, for example, the important office of railroad commissioner. Mr. Bryan had slated for this position Andrew Clute of Hastings. Mr. Clute got barely enough votes to lift him out of the "also-ran" class. Mr. Ridge of the state house organization and who had the support of slates put out in many counties in opposition to the Bryan slate, received a good many more votes than Clute, it is true, but not nearly enough to nominate him. The nomination went to Victor Wilson of Stromsburg, a radical prohibitionist who unsparingly criticised and denounced Bryan in the progress of the campaign and who had long both criticised and opposed Senator Hitchcock. The intelligent democratic voter didn't give a darn where Wilson stood on prohibition or what he thought of Bryan or Hitchcock. He chose Wilson because of his plain-spoken independence and his qualifications for the position.

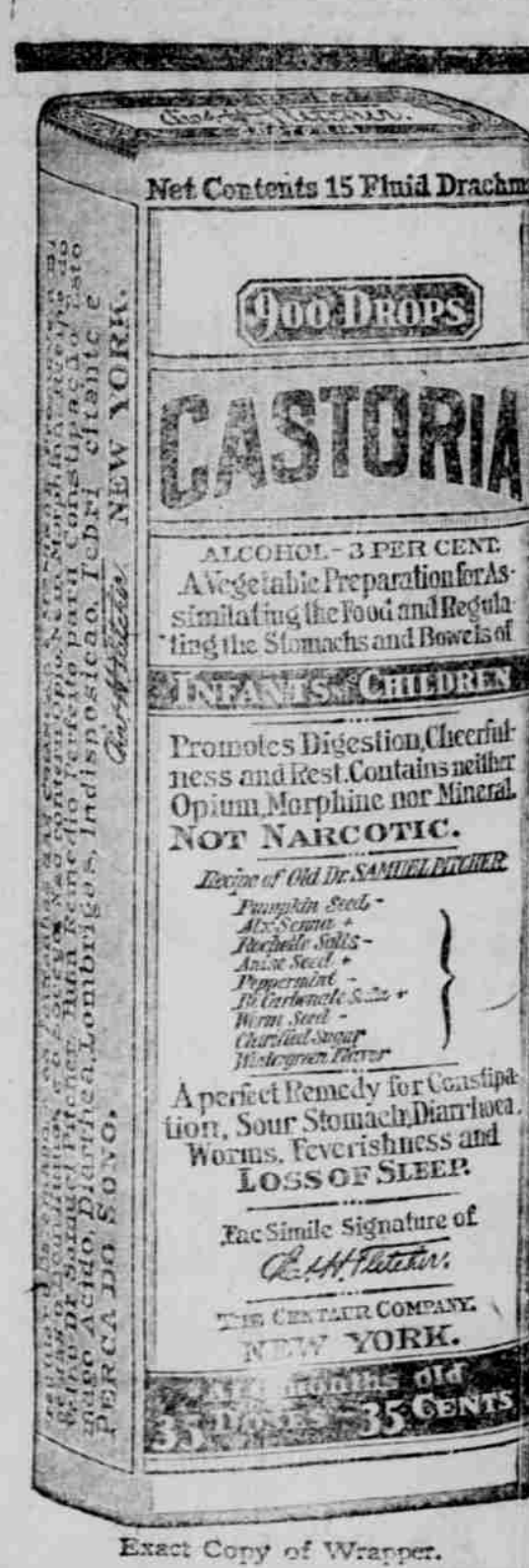
So again, in the case of Louis Piatti of Omaha, candidate for delegate at large to the St. Louis convention. Mr. Piatti, first of all, was nominated on the Bryan slate. He was then nominated on the anti-Bryan slate. "There's one man has a cinch," said the politicians. "He's on both slates, both crowds are for him, and he'll get all the votes. The fight is for the other three places." It worked out quite otherwise. Instead of being high man, "with no opposition," Piatti, if elected at all, is elected as low man of the successful four. Many democrats opposed to Bryan failed to vote for Piatti, and voted instead for "Billy" Thompson or Judge Thomas, who were out-and-out Bryan candidates. And many thick and thin Bryan democrats refused to vote for Piatti though Bryan asked them to do so, and voted instead for Price or Oldham, whom Bryan had asked them to oppose.

Other instances might be analyzed, but these are enough for the purpose. The democratic party is a party it is a pleasure to affiliate with because it is both intelligent and independent. They wear no collars but their own. They bow to no bosses. They are the best kind of American citizens.—World-Herald.

INFORMATION FOR WOMEN

Housework is trying on health and strength. Women are inclined to kidney and bladder trouble as men. Aching back, stiff, sore joints and muscles, blurred vision, puffiness under eyes, should be given prompt attention. Foley Kidney Pills restore healthy action to irritated kidneys and bladder. For sale everywhere.

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From Tuesday's Daily: Yesterday morning Miss Anna Steppat was operated on at the Methodist hospital in Omaha as the result of an injury to the back of her head. The operation seems to have been most successful at last reports and the patient resting as easy as possible under the circumstances. Frank Steppat of this city, was present at the operation upon his sister and remained at her side until she had recovered from the anaesthetic and everything seemed to point to the most favorable conditions for the patient. The friends of Miss Steppat in this city and vicinity will trust that she will continue to improve. She has been employed as a nurse at the Methodist hospital for the last few years.

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On Saturday evening at the Puls & Gansmer hall in Murray will be held a "stunt night" by the young people of that section and will be followed by a pie supper, when the toothsome dainties will be auctioned off to those desiring them. Remember the date, Saturday evening, and attend. Every one cordially invited. 3rd 1twky

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