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**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

No education is complete, nor indeed, of great permanent value, that does not teach how to live contentedly and to economize nerve energy.—Mary Roberts Smith.

School over a week from today.

And now what are we to do with the boys?

We hope the rains will cease and give the farmers a chance.

Love is the greatest thing in the world. Character the grandest.

Don't forget to keep the dandelions down. It don't look well to see a yard full of dandelions.

And now we hear how last winter's moths played havoc with our beautiful summer furs!

Nebraska may need a number of things, but the old order changeth, and rain is no longer on the list.

In the good old days in order to be considered honest a man had to have hands like the back of a horned toad.

Decoration day is drawing near—one week from today. All should take a hand in the decoration services.

The man who can master the difficulty of keeping still part of the time can stay in public life a long time.

In the gladsome springtime, by some unknown process, the green grass taste gets into the oleomargarine.

After the rains are over, then's the time to drag the roads. But you know this as well as we do, but will you do it?

No matter what kind of society or organization, it will never prosper when two or three members try to boss the whole business.

This is the time of year when the small boy proves he really has a heart, by "letting on" to the teacher that he is sorry school is out.

Ninety-five per cent of all the business of the country is done on faith. Faith gives a man energy. Faith puts cement in your backbone.

Omaha is now holding the speed record. It has a man who went to the devil in four weeks. And he wasn't running for office, either.

A man might be sincere in the belief that he could handle nitroglycerine as he pleased, but you'd have to sweep him up with a whiskbroom and search for him with a spyglass.

Keeping the lawn closely cut does more to eradicate the dandelion than any other method yet devised. The cut blossom may develop into a seed ball, but the seed do not produce unless permitted to mature upon their stem.

Graduation day is long to be remembered by those who graduate, and to many it is the proudest day of their lives. And the Journal's wish is that every graduate of the Plattsmouth high school will prove useful citizens and competent for any branches of business in this life. And if they possess the will power they will no doubt accomplish their objects.

### THE TWO COLONELS.

America at the present time has two great agitators—Colonel Roosevelt and Colonel Bryan. They are as unlike as men can be, yet they are alike in one respect—they can draw "capacity" houses wherever they go, says the Des Moines Register. Colonel Roosevelt has it within his power to defeat any man whom the republicans may nominate. He is not a candidate himself in an affirmative way, yet he would accept the nomination if the platform suited him. People ought to be glad that there is such a man as Colonel Roosevelt. He has compelled his own party to discard a number of men and to discard the old do-nothing plan in its platform. When the colonel began his work for true Americanism he stood alone as a public man. His magazine articles were not reprinted extensively, except in Europe. Now he is a leader in regard to revived Americanism. The colonel insists that every man who claims to be an American, regardless of the place of his birth, must actually be what he pretends. The American people did not know they were surrounded by so much disloyalty until the colonel stirred up things. If the next republican platform speaks out on present American issues which pertain to loyalty, the responsibility can be placed on the head of Theodore Roosevelt. In Iowa there are probably 3,000 men running for important offices within the republican party, and not a man has opened his head in regard to American citizenship and American loyalty. They are all afraid of losing votes. This same statement could be made in regard to the situation in Illinois. Therefore, Colonel Roosevelt is doing a work which few other republicans are willing to do. Iowa has elected its delegation to the republican national convention, consisting of twenty-six members. Not a man on the delegation has expressed himself in regard to the doctrine of letting a European monarchy butt into our American politics for the purpose of telling us what to do. All of them are silent. Nobody knows who the Iowa member will be of the committee on platform. He may be a non-committal office seeker afraid of his shadow. This is something that ought to have been thrashed out in primary, but it did not appear as an issue. Colonel Bryan took the democratic platform in 1896 and rebuilt it. Then in 1900 he altered the steering gear and made other important changes. He told the rich men of the democratic party where to head in. In 1904 he made other important improvements. He brought the democratic party down to date. For twelve years it was a Bryan party. In 1908 he was still in control. In 1912 he bossed the party and compelled it to nominate Woodrow Wilson, although Champ Clark had a majority of the convention. When Bryan ceased being an agitator and entered Wilson's cabinet he was unhappy. He had been an agitator so long he could not quit. The great anti-slavery agitator, Wendell Phillips, could not suspend his agitation at the conclusion of the civil war, although the subjects available for his use were trifling as compared with his former endeavors. Now, Colonel Bryan being once more an agitator, must deal with lesser problems. He watches the daily newspapers for themes, and when a moment arrives when a big meeting can be held and an agitation can be pulled off, he is there for that purpose. Colonel Bryan has not been brave enough to say a word about American citizenship, nor American loyalty. His agitations for peace have been of such a nature as to make him popular with one of the nations at war. He lays himself open to the charge of at-

tempting to make friends with the opponents of the United States. Of this he may not be guilty. Agitators usually do their work in a hit-and-miss manner. Colonel Bryan, unlike Colonel Roosevelt, is deficient in executive ability. He does not enjoy such work, Colonel Roosevelt can criticize and also construct. The country is none the worse for having these two colonels. We may be thankful, however, that one of them was elected president, and that the other was three times defeated.

All we need now is thirty days of sunshine.

Have you decided what to do with the boy during vacation?

Most any joke is funny if the man for whom you are working tells it.

When a man claims to be as good as anybody the chances are that he isn't.

You have no doubt noticed that the man who begins at the bottom often stays there.

Governor Major stands about as much chance of the nomination for vice president as Governor Morehead, and he doesn't stand any at all.

Are you all talking about "Home Coming" week? Keep agitating it, and by so doing you will get people of the county interested in the biggest event ever held in Cass county. And that's just what it must be.

Remember, Decoration day is one week from tomorrow. And remember, also, that it is your sacred duty to turn out and assist what few old veterans that remain pay tribute to the memory of their comrades who have gone before.

Visitors like to come to Plattsmouth—and why? Because our people always extend them a cordial greeting and make their stay as pleasant as possible. This is why Plattsmouth is noted far and near as one of the most hospitable cities in the west.

Most of the democrats of Nebraska are going to stand by the party. While many of them will vote for the constitutional amendment and at the same time vote their party ticket. Prohibition cannot be forced upon the party as a party measure, and any party that attempts it is going to get badly left.

There is going to be some pretty hard work done to harmonize the democratic party. If the leaders fail to do their duty in this direction, what can they expect of the common herd? With Lon Langhorst as chairman of the state committee and Arthur Mullen national committeeman will make a good pair to draw to.

There is a man up at Lincoln by the name of Corrick who says there is no question about the nomination at Chicago of Roosevelt. But this self-made politician, while making a grand rush to get in on the graft business, will get badly left. He thought Roosevelt would surely be elected four year ago, and he will get as badly left this year as he did then.

Some republican editors seem to think that the democrats would prefer Hughes to Roosevelt as the republican candidate for president. Well, now, right here is one democrat that doesn't! Judge Hughes is an able man and would run like lightning, while the people of the United States have had enough Roosevelt, and he would prove the easiest man to beat.

No man whose democracy is true blue can afford to bolt the democratic ticket. We know it has been done, and to the extent of defeating the ticket. All parties have their differences, but this year we have as good, clean ticket as was ever placed before the people for their suffrages, and no man has any cause to desert his party-friends unless for some personal grievance which has become irreparable, and we don't believe any good democrat should do it then. We know we wouldn't.

### THE HUGHES CAMPAIGN.

The cat is let out of the bag by the Kansas City Star, a strongly progressive republican newspaper, which tells the plain truth about the Hughes campaign.

Hughes is a candidate for the nomination. He has been a candidate for some time. He has been closely in touch with the campaign conducted for him by some of the cleverest practical politicians in the country. His emissaries have been at work in practically every state. There will be a Hughes headquarters at Chicago in charge of Frank Hitchcock; they will be opened ten days or two weeks before the convention meets, and Hughes knows of it. This, summarized, is the story the Star prints from its Washington correspondent, the following paragraphs of which are of special interest:

"Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States supreme court will accept the republican presidential nomination, no matter what the circumstances, whether it comes in a hurrah of the entire convention or after a contest.

"Men who at this moment are attempting to stampede the G. O. P. gathering for Hughes are authority for that positive declaration of his position. It is further confirmed by the very apparent attitude of the justice himself toward the campaign that is being conducted in his behalf.

"Justice Hughes, it is said, not only is willing to accept, but is eager to be named as the republican standard-bearer. In everything save name only he is an active candidate for the nomination. He is as much a candidate as Burton, Fairbanks, Cummins or any of the others, who have had their hats in the presidential ring for months.

"While Justice Hughes has been screening himself behind his position on the supreme court bench from any and all embarrassing interviews, one of the best organized and most skillful campaigns in political history has been going on in his behalf. He has been in touch with and constantly acquainted with the progress of this campaign. . . . In the face of this molelike campaign for Justice Hughes the campaigns of practically every one of the so-called favorite sons have collapsed.

"The positive statement is made that within the last two weeks Justice Hughes has given his word that he will accept the nomination if it is given him. . . . Immediately thereafter there was a gathering of Hughes boosters in New York. It was the sort of a gathering for which Frank Hitchcock, director general of the Hughes campaign, is famous. Held at a secret meeting place, it was three or four days later before anyone outside even had a chance to suspect such a meeting had been held. By that time Hughes' emissaries were at work in practically every state with a convention delegation of any size."

The Star is here merely putting into type a story that every intelligent observer of republican politics had come already to realize was true. The evidences of design are writ across the political heavens in letters to large and glaring they cannot be mistaken. Who the designers were, and are, can only be conjectured. In Nebraska, we know, Victor Rosewater had a finger in the game. In New York, where headquarters are, and the big designers have their habitat, we know only that they are the class of men for whom Frank Hitchcock is usually found working when a big political scheme is to be put across an unsuspecting country. That, perhaps, is all we need to know.

A part of the big plan—with shame be it spoken when a justice of supreme court is to be the beneficiary—is that delegates directly elected by the people, and instructed by them in the primary, shall violate their instructions. In Nebraska, for example, the rank and file of republicans made it plain, by "overwhelming" vote, that they are for Cummins, for whom the delegation is instructed, or for a peace-loving, progressive candidate like him, such as Henry Ford. But plans are already laid, by the Hughes managers, for a switching of the

delegation to Hughes after a perfunctory vote or two has been cast for Cummins.

Old-fashioned people, with a deep regard for the supreme court, solicitous that it should be kept forever free from partisan politics, and that its judges should never be subject to the influence of personal ambition or party welfare, can but view with apprehension the further developments of the situation.—World-Herald.

The Fourth of July comes on Tuesday this year.

Stand by Plattsmouth in the way you ought to and Plattsmouth will stand by you.

Now it seems that Mr. Hughes is all in the ring except his hat, and Mrs. Hughes has that.

Some people can't understand when their services are not needed until they are tapped on the head—the second time.

The writer will be 74 years old a week from next Friday, June 2. Don't forget the date if you desire to remember us.

There were 80,000 weddings in England in 1915, and the war going on. But they don't state the number of divorces—practically about as many.

They can boost all they please for "favorite sons" for vice president but Tom Marshall will be renominated just the same. Mark the prediction!

A woman with good sense and freckles go hand in hand. And a woman who whistles is pretty apt to be able to knock her husband down, if it becomes necessary.

Some newspapers are trying to revive the agitation of a "Fathers' day." Father will be contented with a pay-day now and then to support mother and the children.

The flies come slipping in one at a time. Keep your fly-swatter handy and you may not have so many when summer comes. So far they have not been numerous around here.

It is said that while all of the speculative presidential states are being gone over by the G. O. P. brethren in different states, Teddy maintains a perfect silence—a silence that is thought by many to be ominous. What an endurance trial the Colonel must be passing through and what a reverberating explosion will follow when all the pent-up force finds opportunity for exhaust!

The May number of the National Alfalfa Journal contains quite a story of the development of the alfalfa industry in the state of Nebraska and gives a table showing how this state has climbed into second place in the production of this great money maker. Cass county is shown to occupy a place among the several counties showing the largest acreage and production of this plant and its seed.

There are two fears that need never enter the mind of an American citizen as long as Woodrow Wilson is president. One is that the federal government will go off half-cocked; and the other is that the national administration is being controlled by a coterie of nice gentlemen with exact ideas as to what is best for them. Those fears beset many of us under the administrations of Wilson's two predecessors.

Former Representative Richard Bartholdt is not going to the republican convention at Chicago as a delegate from his old congressional district in St. Louis. He wanted to go very badly. The leaders decided that he should stay at home after he had indicated that he would work for a plank in the platform which was designed to make more difficult the problems which President Wilson is trying to solve with respect to our international affairs. For years Mr. Bartholdt was the idol of the "Old Tenth."

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Of course there are going to be strong planks in the republican platform, but who will stand on them?

Some girls become "engaged," but those having a title or money in their own names are "betrothed."

Vice President Marshall is going to be harder to down than you think for. If there was anything wrong in his private or political career, then it might be different. But there isn't.

Some politicians are awful good to a newspaper man as long as they can use him, but when they have gotten through with him they can go to—or some other hot place. Such men are not fit for any office, and when they step down and out they will stay out. Now, please pin this to the wall, will you?

There has been no egotism, no noise and bluster, no attacks upon honest business men from the White House in the past three years. There has been no junketing or excessive speech-making. President Wilson has handled the world-power which destiny bestowed upon the United States at the present crucial period with faithfulness, discretion and the reserve strength that symbolizes the nation's greatness.

Great Britain complains that a recent consignment of smoking tobacco from America was heavily drugged. Simultaneously, Italy reports that a shipment of meat from Chicago contained metal hooks, slugs and other dangerous adulterations. Very likely the "drugs" England complains of were nothing more dangerous than arsenic, and the meat Italy got probably contained nothing more than some scraps of wire and maybe some cinders—little things we eat every day and think nothing of. The more we hear of European fastidiousness, the more we respect the iron-bound, frequently corrugated American stomach.

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