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"READY FOR THE BATTLE"

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The zeal of friends it is that razes me, and not the hate of enemies.—Schiller.

We haven't had much drouth, so far.

Why are there no pacifist parades? The walking is good.

Shortly after the usual spring opening pride gets a hard fall.

Of course, it's a little early, but keep on booming "Home Coming" week.

The "Safety First" slogan does not seem to have any effect upon the June weddings.

Only two more weeks and then comes the fireworks—Fourth of July, you know.

Hard luck is giving storage room to a neighbor's piano just when the tax assessor calls.

It remains for some scientist to demonstrate that the war has upset the world's weather bureau.

It's a flapdoodle when a man says it isn't the money but the principle of the thing he contends for.

It is not that we are all so averse to criticism, but that we are so particular about who does the criticising.

There may be a scarcity of dye, but the world seems to be flooded with a lot of highly colored talk right now.

Germany and England each wish they could believe the other was getting short of food, but each is afraid the other isn't.

It looks more like war than ever with Mexico, and a call for the mobilization of the militia in the various states has been made by President Wilson.

The Carranza government has forbidden General Pershing to move south, east or west. This government will not order him to move north. Make your bets.

The best way to digest a political platform is to read it when it is drafted. There's not much use in trying to figure it out after a party has gone into power.

You can usually tell approximately the age of a boy by what he orders at the soda fountain. If he's 21 he'll take strawberry; if he's between 21 and 25 he'll take lemon; if he's over 25, he won't be there. But it's different with the girls. They'll take any kind they can get, without any reference to age.

When Billy Hayward failed in conducting his own congressional campaign in Nebraska, that is sufficient evidence that he was not the proper man to run a national campaign. The only trouble with Billy is that he aspires too high for the ability he possesses. He makes a good supe in some instances.

Colonel Roosevelt is widely believed to have delayed his endorsement of the republican nomination in order to learn how far in the direction of "preparedness" Justice Hughes was prepared to go. However that may be, it is certain that he now stands for a great navy, a large standing army, universal compulsory military service, and that he regards militarism of this sort as the one supreme need of the hour.

Mr. Bryan, addressing the St. Louis convention, said frankly that he had differed with President Wilson on some of the issues precipitated by the great war. But, he added, "Whatever differences of opinion may exist, or may have existed as to particular measures or particular acts, we are here to begin the fight of 1916 a united party in every state of the union, ready for the battle."

The note of harmony thus happily sounded by the three-time leader of his party will swell into a country-wide chorus. It is a united front the democracy will present in defense of the splendid record of its president and congress, and of the progressive principles and constructive policies which, for more than three years, it has been busy putting into effect.

Mr. Bryan is not the only democrat who has differed with the president. Many have differed with him, some on this measure or method, others on that. The democratic party is composed of men who do their own thinking, whose consciences are in their own keeping. It is impossible that all should agree, on all things, with any leader, however wise, however patriotic and unselfish, and however trusted and respected. So also it is impossible that all democrats should be in accord as to every line and word of the magnificent platform their party has just given to the country. There are planks, or portions of planks, we may be sure, that do not meet with the views of Mr. Bryan himself. But the platform as a whole will meet with the hearty support of every true democrat, just as does the superb record that has been made by a democratic president and congress.

Senator James, in his speech as permanent chairman, had this to say of Woodrow Wilson: "In the bloodiest crucible of all history he has kept the stainless banner of the republic flying above 100,000,000 people in peace and honor. During these years of great trial, of difficulties, of complications crowded upon each other like waves of an angry sea, with enemies powerful from without and critics and traducers from within, with abuse cruel as it was cowardly, he emerges as majestic and powerful as a mountain after a storm, loved by all who believe in justice, and feared by those who temporize with wrong. He elevates himself to that lofty but lonely eminence occupied by George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson, the three worst abused but best beloved Americans the republic ever grew."

Here the eloquent Kentuckian voiced the sentiment that is in the hearts of millions of democrats and in the hearts of multitudes of other citizens, we rejoice to say, who are not democrats. Woodrow Wilson is such a president as deserves a united party behind him. Though some have scolded because he was too bold and others he was too mild; though some have thought him too radical and others too conservative; though he has been and is still assailed by extremists among the partisans of both the great European alliances now at war, Woodrow Wilson, with high courage, rare wisdom and unflinching faith, has pursued his course as an American president, inspired always by the loftiest American ideals and true as the needle to the pole to the interests of the American people.

No less deserving than the president of the united support of all democrats is the congress that has worked with him to make the party a true servant of the people. How well it has succeeded is attested by the evidence that on every hand surrounds us. The country is revelling in prosperity. The grip of Wall street has been shaken from the throat of American banking and fi-

nance, American commerce and enterprise. Business has been placed upon a secure foundation. Abundant credit on fair terms has been assured for agriculture. The agents of special privilege have been driven from the corridors of the national legislative halls. The confidence of the people in the integrity of their own government has been marked. Almost without intermission, for more than three years, a democratic congress has been laboring to undo the wrongs that were fastened upon the country under republican misrule and to establish a government worthy the democratic slogan, "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none."

It is a record to be proud of. It is a service to be grateful for. Democratic servants, who have kept the faith, deserve the approbation of the people whose representatives they have been not only in name but in fact. They merit, first of all, to be backed, in Mr. Bryan's phrase, by "a united party in every state of the union, ready for the battle."—World-Herald.

And still it rains—when it feels like it.

A homestead may be a fact, but a lot of claims aren't.

Frequently a person has a train of thought that misses connection.

There is one good feature about the celebration at Verdun: No one has turned the keys of the city over to anybody.

Keith Neville, democratic candidate for governor, is letting no grass grow under his feet, and is becoming more popular every day with the common people.

"I am out of politics," was Teddy's declaration when Hughes was nominated. Had he received the republican nomination he never would have made any such declaration, you can bet on that.

It is a witty and a keen saying that "pleasant memories must be arranged for in advance." The way to have a happy road to look back over is to make it happy as one travels along, by doing kindly and loving things, and by recognizing all the possible opportunities for cheer and courage.

FLAG DAY THOUGHTS

Many patriotic people of recent years have been thinking about how the flag, as the national symbol, can be made the object of warmer affections, and as a result of this feeling June 14 for nineteen years has been celebrated as Flag day. One reason why the love for the flag is a sentiment that needs active cultivation is that national spirit is crossed and dimmed by state spirit. Our country includes a vast range of territory, the most diverse elements of population whose economic interests are different. These divergent elements have been held together by granting a large degree of local self control. By allowing the people of each locality to settle home concerns, a great deal of friction is avoided. But the result of this wise policy is to obscure the power and influence of the federal government. There are many people whose hearts or emotions are seldom touched by a symbol expressing a power so remote from daily life. Yet the flag and the power back of it stand for popular government, the exclusion from our politics of those monarchial ideas that have brought the old world to grief. It means peaceful development of our resources, education for all, equal opportunity so far as human nature permits, a freedom from arbitrary interference by government. The government comes closer into every day existence than it used to. Its experts show us how to till our soils, it's money develops water courses and brings out resources, and it protects us from menacing foreign aggression. Flag day is an occasion when the schools and other agencies should emphasize the real meaning of our America, and urge all to emulate the noble qualities of those who created this symbol 139 years ago.

Take your troubles as they come, but take them in water.

A loafer's favorite pastime is watching other men work.

The pacifists seem to expect the game laws to protect our army.

There seems to be no let up in automobile accidents throughout the state.

Politics will soon warm up. We hope so, if it will have any effect on the damp, chilly weather.

If you put much faith in political platforms, you should carefully avoid book agents and bunco men.

They do say that there are communities in Cass county that need rain. But we are from Missouri.

If you enjoyed the January strawberries, surely you will get equal pleasure out of the June watermelons.

The formula for success is absurdly simple: Merely be the right man at the right place at the right time with the right goods.

According to pacifists there can be no possible danger of fighting in Mexico. All disputes, you know, can be settled by arbitration.

Do you remember the old-fashioned loafer who wasted, in making a watch chain out of a peach stone, enough time to have built a bridge?

The first time a man is nominated for vice president it may not be his fault, but when he is nominated the second time he has no one to blame but himself.

Statesmen find it hard to be satisfactory. Teddy is criticised for talking, Hughes is scolded because he wouldn't open his head, and the president gets it from all sides because he don't do as everyone wants him to.

Colonel Roosevelt is still confined to his home at Oyster Bay, and it is reported that he is unable to talk. That is an awful predicament for Teddy, when he is eager always to talk, whether it amounts to much or not.

United States agents are to investigate the high cost of print paper. A report is to be made before October, at which time it is customary for contracts for news print paper to be made. There is something wrong somewhere.

The state should assume control of all the bridges of the state and keep them up by direct taxation from the people. Those who use the toll bridges will find out that it will be cheaper for them in the long run, and give general satisfaction to all concerned.

The state should have a board of automobile examiners, composed of experienced autoists, and no one should be allowed to engineer an auto until they have passed a thorough examination by said board and pronounced thoroughly competent to manage a machine. In pursuing such a course many accidents would be prevented and many lives saved.

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.

Secretary Daniels has surrendered to the suffragists. It is pretty hard to overcome the pleas of a delegation of pretty young ladies, but no trouble at all to get rid of a lot of women who are neither good-looking or have the efficiency of presentation. Send out young ladies who are good-looking as well as fluent talkers and they might "catch" this old man himself for the future freedom of the young and charming ladies. But no appeals from old maids and old women, who ought to stay at home, goes with us.

DEMOCRATS OF ONE MIND

In the convention at St. Louis President Wilson, and all who adhere to him and approve of his official course, are given a splendid guarantee of a united, harmonious and zealous party for the promotion of his re-election.

There was such a unanimity of desire manifested to do and say only that which is best for the country, and therefore best for the party, that there was not enough discord to add any piquancy to the proceedings. In that respect the St. Louis convention was unique. It would have been a more stirring event had there developed serious differences of opinion and earnest rivalries for the honors which it was its province to bestow.

There was but one man in that entire vast gathering not zealously bent on renominating the president, and his single voice when the vote was taken served to challenge attention to the perfect accord that prevailed.

Neither was there serious differences as to the vice presidency. What might have occurred with reference to that office if the republicans had not gone to Indiana for a vice presidential candidate, it is difficult to conjecture. But it was evident that the republicans had chosen to make Indiana again a battle-ground, and the democrats were quite unanimously in a mood to accept the challenge.

Hence it was that no vice presidential candidacy was seriously promoted except that of Roger Sullivan of Chicago, and that only for a time. It finally yielded to the consciousness that all the strategy was with Mr. Marshall. Every effort of the Chicago candidate to effect a combination against the Hoosier favorite happily and naturally failed, and all rival candidates had withdrawn before the session began at which the test should come.

Those who had anticipated any note of dissatisfaction from Mr. Bryan, if any there had been, were mistaken, for when he responded to the call for an address from him he uttered not a word reflecting in any way upon the policies of the administration with which he had been believed to be somewhat out of accord.

"My friends, I have differed with our president on some of the methods employed in this war, but I am one of those who desire sincerely that this nation shall not become a participant in the dreadful conflict," were the only words in which Mr. Bryan referred to former differences between himself and the president. There was no outcry against preparedness, and no request for a holding up of hands with regard to warning Americans off certain ships.

On the contrary, he had only commendation for the president and congress, and in many ways expressed the sincerity of his hope for renewed democratic dominance in the nation.

He was given generous applause, for nobody appreciated the tone of his address any more than did those who have not followed him in his differences with the president and congress. And when he declared that to him every democratic convention was a love feast, he won an encore from every delegate present.

Meantime the convention slogan was "Peace, Preparedness and Prosperity." California had a monster banner of blue and gold, upon one side of which was inscribed in letters of gold the fidelity of the democrats of that state to Wilson, and upon the other in even larger letters of gold the three talismanic words given above. This slogan was encountered everywhere, and in some instances the word "Patriotism" was added.

There was a ripple of dissent concerning the plank prepared, as it is claimed it was, by the president himself in which there was expressed condemnation of all "alliances and combinations of individuals conspiring" for the purpose of "embarrassing or weakening our government, or of improperly influencing or coercing our representatives in dealing or negotiating with any foreign power."

It was in an all-night session of the committee on platform that oppo-

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sition to this plank developed, and only the assurance that it was the president's wish carried it through.

Yet it was timely. This is an issue in the campaign. It cannot be ignored, because it should not be. The president did not make it an issue. That was first done by those who only are entitled to take offense at it. They were aided by developments arising in the recent Chicago conventions. It would have been accepted as an evidence of a cowardice to which their leader is a stranger if the democrats had not squarely met that issue. In doing it the plank was so constructed that only those who have offended can consistently protest. It applies to no nationality or race, but rather to individuals.

Democrats from every part of the nation felicitated their party upon the auspicious conditions prevailing. There was confidence, not unmixed with pride, beaming out of every face. The government had preserved the national peace under trying conditions. The abundant prosperity everywhere apparent was evidence that the Lord is not partisan. Nobody had uttered a bitter word in all that vast gathering. Nobody sulked in his tent. Nobody imposed any conditions or proffered any contingent fidelity. Nobody had any program that had not been fulfilled.

And there was entertained an abiding confidence that the people are not only satisfied with, but mighty appreciative of existing conditions, and are too intelligent to seek a change. It will not be difficult to find republicans who were long ago enamored of the doctrine "Let well enough alone."—Lincoln Star.

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"How long should a girl of 18 wear her skirts?" asks one of our exchanges. Why, all day, of course.

Will Wehrlein of near Murray drove up this morning from his home to spend a few hours looking after business matters with the merchants.

Print Latham of Havelock, a brother of Mrs. William McCauley of this city, is here enjoying a visit with his sister and family and his old friends.

Miss Catherine Atwood of Lincoln, who has been here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. C. H. Parmele, and other relatives and friends, returned this morning to her home in Lincoln.

Mrs. William Laird returned home last evening from Alliance, where she has been in attendance at the state chapter of the P. E. O. society, representing Plattsmouth chapter as a delegate.

B. G. Wurl, secretary of the local lodge of the Eagles, departed this morning for Lincoln, where he will attend the meeting there for the state acre, that is being held in the capital city.

Gus Westman of Duluth, Minn., who has been in attendance at the Swedish festival in Omaha for the past few days, came down to this city yesterday morning and spent the day with his uncle, E. P. Holmberg, and other relatives.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, will lead to chronic constipation. Doan's Regulents operate easily. 25c a box at all stores.

Chicago's preparedness parade cost \$750,000, which would have equipped a regiment in pretty good shape, but could a regiment be raised out of the 200,000 men who marched for preparedness? We doubt it, and army men of the recruiting service realize they have a large, rectangular job before them, if they succeed in increasing the regular army from 100,000 to 211,000. The trouble with Americans is that they want more soldiers, but it is the other fellow they expect to do the enlisting.

AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE
Thirty-horsepower Maxwell automobile for sale right if taken at once. May be seen at the Puls garage in Murray. George M. Hild. 6-13-16d