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NOW WE WILL SEE

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

What government is the best? That which teaches us to govern ourselves.—Goethe.

It looks more like war every day.

Corn is looking well, considerably.

A chicken-hearted man always crows in his sleep.

The supply of common sense seldom exceeds the demand.

Worry sends more business men to the undertaker than overwork.

The United States befriended Carranza, and in return they get trouble.

Hold your firecrackers till the Fourth of July, or you may get yourself in trouble.

Woodrow Wilson has been the nation's leader in the most trying three years of its history.

Barbecues, like some ladies' hats, are out of fashion. They might have been in style fifty years ago.

No town or city has yet been discovered that is wholly satisfied with the returns of the census taker.

The next legislature should change the primaries to a later date. It is entirely too long between drinks.

And then the militia may have something to do besides "watchful waiting" before they leave the border.

There is no telephone girl with a sweet enough voice to cheer a busy man by telling him the "line is busy."

The report that Estabrook withdrew from the presidential race is misleading. The race withdrew from him.

Only seven more days of June. The young people will have to hurry up if they desire to get in on the June weddings.

The reason Teddy didn't accept the nomination is because "Billy" Barnes declared the moose convention unconstitutional.

The mechanism of dolls which say "mamma" and "papa" is superior to that of babies who make "da-da" do for both parents.

Some farmers declare the continued cool weather and rains are retarding the growth of corn, but that oats and wheat are doing well.

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An education isn't much help to a man who has no sense.

Women succeed in fooling the men, but they can't fool each other.

Don't depend on luck for anything. If it comes, all right, but don't bank on it.

A man can shave himself in two minutes, but he is foolish if he claims he does the job as well as the barber who takes ten minutes for the same work.

Under the leadership of President Wilson the United States has given evidence of reserve power which has made all European nations, after each new move, await the verdict of America.

Enlisted men in the state militia have no right to resign or refuse to accompany their commands when ordered out. And while it has been done in the regular army in the past, no officer can now resign without permission of the president.

As each night falls and no Villa yet, the pacifist becomes more firm in his conviction that our land force is adequate to meet any emergency. They now believe that some hiring of Carranza enlisted in Villa's band on purpose to assassinate the daring bandit.

Mrs. Helen Callatin Welsh of Philadelphia thinks she ought to have more than \$15,000 a year to dress herself. We think so, too, judging from the scantiness of the gown she had on when her last picture was taken. The poor thing must have suffered awfully last winter.

It is said that Clarence E. Harmon, state food and oil inspector, is using his entire force of assistants to circulate petitions for the submission of a constitutional amendment, which, if it carries, will retain Harmon in office for the next six years. If this report is true, he should be removed from his position without ceremony. A man with such audacity should not hold any public office.

Plattsmouth, it would appear, has no room for the "colored gentleman." At least, as soon as one lands here he gets orders from the police to "move on." And he generally moves. There is not a negro in town, and our people don't seem to want any. We don't believe there is another city in the United States as large as Plattsmouth without a negro resident, and we claim 6,000 population.

The latest victory for improved methods of taxation is in one of the important cities of the world. Sydney, New South Wales, with a population of 700,000, hereafter will raise almost its entire revenue from a tax on land values, exclusive of improvements. There is no personal property tax. The principle of encouraging improvements by exempting them from taxation is making progress all over the world. It is a just principle and it gives excellent results wherever it is tried.

The Keating child labor bill has passed the house, been reported favorably to the senate by the interstate commerce committee, and placed on the democratic program. This progress, however, does not insure its passage. The cotton mill interests of the south are working to delay consideration of the measure. They know that if they can put the matter off for a time the cries of the children are likely to be drowned in the noise of the presidential campaign at home and the echoes of the big guns from across the sea. Every society which has been trying to lessen the evil of child labor should urge the immediate consideration and passage of the Keating bill. It will not do to let this humanitarian reform perish from neglect. Federal action is needed, not only to afford the child protection which tardy communities fail to give, but to keep the industries of states which have good child labor laws from suffering the unfair competition of mills which make profits from the flesh of babies. Pass the Keating bill.

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The United States will have no trouble in getting plenty of soldiers. When young Americans are once aroused they are ready to do battle with all their might and main. They are enlisting much faster in all parts of the country than they can be sworn in.

POLITICS AND BUSINESS

The independent newspaper is the newspaper of today—and tomorrow. The partisan newspaper was the newspaper of a quarter of a century ago. Once upon a time when a political clique wished to extoll the virtues of its candidate it bought a hand-propelled press, a pocketfull of shoe-peg type and founded a newspaper. It generally lasted but a short time. Newspapers are run different nowadays, and the readers have different ideas of newspaper reading than they used to. Men no longer read the newspapers to get their political opinions. They read newspapers to get the news of the world, and they want it told to them fairly, honestly and without partisan bias. They want to form their own political conclusions. In this connection a recent address by J. W. Kayser of the Chickasha, Okla., Star is the most pertinent and sound reasoning we have ever heard. Mr. Kayser says: "The partisan newspaper is no longer the leading paper in the larger cities, where newspaper making has reached its greatest perfection. A quarter of a century ago there was not a great city daily but wore a political label somewhere in its columns. Today there isn't a great daily of the first rank that takes its politics straight. A newspaper is a business enterprise. It must serve democrats, republicans, socialists and bull moosers if it would achieve its great success. There isn't any more excuse, to my mind, for a republican newspaper than there is for a republican dry goods store or a democratic flour mill or a socialist butcher shop. Do not understand that I think the editor of a newspaper should be a denatured political animal. The editor of every newspaper should be a partisan and a member of a political organization, but he has no more right to serve his readers with only one brand of politics than a keeper of a butcher shop has to advertise that he is the only purveyor of socialists' beefsteak in town. The day of the newspaper that waxed fat because it gave undivided allegiance to any particular political party has passed or is rapidly passing. No political party is always right, nor can all its candidates always be the right kind. No newspaper that wears a political collar can ever hope to achieve complete and lasting success. If it grows powerful and rich by the support of a political organization the next turn of the political wheel of fortune is likely to leave it bankrupt, for the American people are notoriously fickle in their political allegiance. The fault of the partisan newspaper is not in the fact that its editorial columns give undivided support to a political party, but in the fact that often its news matter is colored to suit the political label that the paper bears. We are all familiar with the newspaper that the morning after election claims that its candidate has won, when the returns finally disclose the fact that he was snowed under by about 50,000 votes. The newspaper that does such a thing loses more prestige in a day than it can regain in a year. It may gain favor for a day with the political manager who persuaded the editor to run his horse, but it will finally lose caste with him, for the party chairman will soon class this editor as too easy a mark to be worthy of consideration. The editor of an independent newspaper is a free moral agent. He doesn't have to sneeze every time the state chairman has an attack of influenza. The partisan newspaper is supposed to give space to the county or state politics of its party. The editor of the partisan sheet is supposed to put the ticket at the head of the editorial page even though a half dozen of the candidates are three years in arrears on the subscription books. A republican dry goods merchant doesn't give two bolts of calico to the good of the republican party. He gives what cash he feels he can give to the support of the party, and he gets credit for the same. The editor of the partisan newspaper gives his columns, the thing that is his stock in trade, and gets no credit for it. The editor of an independent newspaper can belong to a political party. He can give of his time and

money to the support of that party, but he can exercise his God-given right of scratching the ticket if a candidate doesn't measure up to the right standard. He can be as bitter a partisan personally as he desires, but he can adhere strictly to the safe business rule of not mixing politics with his business."

Refreshing showers come very often.

So many people say they know, when they don't, but will argue just the same.

A girl in your arms is worth two girls in your dreams, but is a lot more expensive.

Perhaps Carranza would be reasonable if the pacifists would remonstrate with him.

A country divided against itself cannot stand. Will the pacifists please take notice?

If a man attends to his own business there are plenty of people who will call him cold-blooded.

The increasing importance of the peanut makes it bad form to refer to it any longer as a "goober."

There may be no such thing as monopolizing trouble, although some make a strong effort in that direction.

Japan and Germany both are now suspected of egging on Carranza. Why slight England, France, Russia and Austria?

Occasionally a man violates his marriage vows, but it may be attested that but blamed few women obey their husbands.

So queer is the stock market that there was a drop in shares of concerns that would immediately profit from a Mexican war.

Someone seems to have scattered insect powder on our Fourth of July celebration. But our "Home Coming" celebration will be a hummer.

Many farmers in Cass county are putting in electric light plants, running wires from their houses to the barns, which is very convenient all around.

Unless you are willing to be a lonely hermit, living in an isolated spot or some other remote place, you can't expect to avoid association with hypocrites.

More than likely the Mormon religion would grow faster if more men were able to support two or three women, which some of them try to do, anyhow.

Now is the proper time for those who insist that differences can always be settled by "reasoning" and by appealing to one's sense of honor, to jump on a bicycle and go down and try it on Carranza.

Various parties are figuring on getting the moose vote, about as follows: Socialists, 10 per cent; prohibitionists, 20 per cent; democrats, 30 per cent, and republicans, 90 per cent, which makes 150 per cent. The rest of the moose, it is presumed, will stay at home.

As has been inferred before, the average woman is a strange person. The other day a certain woman told her husband that she needed this and she needed that, and he finally gave her \$50 to buy it all, but she took the money and put it in the bank and refuses to spend it for anything. On the showdown the average woman is considerably of a tightwad.

The following is going the rounds of the country newspapers and there is considerable room for thought in its phraseology, too: "Taxes are funny. The man who spends a lot of money improving his premises by buildings, etc., finds his taxes doubled. The fellow who lets his property run down until it is an eyesore finds that his taxes grow less. Why not regard the fellow who improves the town instead of penalizing him?"

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STATE TO TRAIN BOYS

New York state has a penchant for doing things once it is aroused. While the whole country has been talking about universal military service, compulsory training, federal volunteers, etc., the empire state has gone ahead and quietly put into force and effect five laws bearing upon military service. New York begins at the bottom by authorizing compulsory physical training for all public and private school pupils more than 8 years old. All boys of the state between the ages of 16 and 19 years, unless regularly employed as a means of livelihood, are compelled to take military training. The course is given after school hours. One bill authorizes the governor to enroll all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 years. He may order a draft at any time to fill the ranks of the National guard or any other detachment of state militia and amend the general military laws. The measure was actively supported by the military and the administrative heads of the New York National guard, the state chamber of commerce and the head of the public schools athletic league of New York city.

Five destroyers will be in readiness to sail within three days from Philadelphia navy yard "for any service," a news dispatch says. Including service as dreadnoughts, presumably.

Patriotism founded this government. We had traitors who tried to destroy this grand and free country, and that spirit still remains in those whose interests are entirely foreign. They are traitors.

Some people, however, yet believe that war can be prevented with Mexico.

And then, my countrymen, there is such a thing as a nation being too proud to watchfully wait any longer.

Some people spell it "gasoline," while others spell it "gasolene," but it's high enough, which ever way you spell it.

It looks bad for the divorce business. Few men can afford to buy "gasoline" and pay alimony at the same time.

The Allies seem to think so highly of the Greeks that they can't bear to see their friends fooling with such dangerous weapons as firearms.

Perhaps the pacifists would like to have the government follow the Chinese example in another respect and built a high wall along the Mexican border.

There was no confusion when the British government set the clock an hour ahead, according to the London Telegraph. Maybe the censorship is still in full force and the British public hasn't found it out yet.

The withdrawal of our troops from Mexico has been demanded by the proud president of Mexico, and the American Union Against Militarism, if anybody knows what that is. The president has answered Carranza's demand in a manner that meets public approval, and the country would now be glad to hear that Amos Pinchot, Oswald Garrison, Villa and Dr. Sidney Gulick had got a note.

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