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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It is not the events of life, nor its emotions, nor this or that experience, but life itself which is good.—Phillips Brooks

August 31 to September 4.

The dates to bear always in mind.

The biggest time you ever enjoyed.

Make your arrangements to come and bring your friends.

The old pioneers who live in Lincoln are coming to enjoy a good time.

Unlike his new shoes, a man never gets tight by being soaked in water.

Should a man be expected to enlist if he is the sole support of an acting automobile.

New York progressives, in convention, have refused to endorse Hughes for president.

Let a fool get within reach of any machine he knows nothing about, he invariably begins to finger it.

Reports from various sections of the state denote that the present wheat harvest is indeed a record-breaker.

"Be clear, be concise, be human," says a well known writer in a sketch on better writing. And if women are involved, beware!

It is very evident that the progressive party is a long way from capitulating or combining with its worst enemy—the g. o. p.

We once heard a preacher say that a rich man will have a hard time crawling into heaven. But that isn't disturbing our blissful dreams in the least.

Today the democrats of the state are in convention at Hastings and the republicans are in session at Lincoln. Politics will begin to simmer after this week.

When it comes to stimulating the appearance of conferring a great favor, a diplomat hasn't anything on the fellow who is returning a ten dollar bill that he borrowed a year ago.

W. H. Thompson will not go as a delegate from Hall county to the state convention, but he can attend as an alternate. John Sink, of nine-foot bed-sheet fame, beat him for delegate, and Thompson chairman of the state committee.

The president of Mexico has at last gotten busy and seems to have a sufficient force in the north of Mexico to quell border raids. He has shown that he could if he wanted to control the situation but that he did not want to do what he could until compelled to by this country, which leads to the conclusion that this country owes him as an individual nothing.

Food Commissioner Harman has made himself the butt of a lot of criticism by having circulated petitions for an amendment to the constitution making his office elective for a six year term in place of appointive during "good behavior." He surprised everyone by getting enough signers to put the proposition up to the voters. That shows energy, at least, and the only question with us what is really back of his unprecedented action. Is he really serving the people now or is he serving the food adulterers on this point before it comes time to vote.—Blair Pilot.

## "PERHAPS A LOCAL SHOWER"

"Local thunder storms" is a frequent phrase in the summer weather forecasts. Sometimes they come, sometimes they do not. The truth is that no way has been discovered to predict just where summer thunder showers will occur. Under certain conditions they are likely to occur almost anywhere, and they are just as likely not to occur at all.

The reason for the uncertainty is that under the influence of the summer heat the atmosphere becomes more or less unstable. Currents are apt to get started here and there and shoot up or down in the most unaccountable way. Rain comes when there is a strong rising current, for that cools the air and squeezes out the moisture in drops heavy enough to fall to the earth.

The air of the earth's surface is considerably heavier than it is a mile high. This means it is packed together at the surface, and that it is expanded in the upper atmosphere. When you pack air together, as in pumping up a bicycle tire, you find that it gets heated. When it expands it cools off. Air expanding and rising loses one degree of heat for every one hundred and eighty feet that it rises.

Cold air cannot carry so much moisture as warm air. As the air rises the moisture in it begins to condense into clouds. If the rising continues the drops compose the mist may become large enough to fall as rain. Sometimes the air rises so rapidly that it carries the drops up with it so they do not reach the earth, but are broken up and taken into the atmosphere again as water vapor. Occasionally a rising current is checked and the drops it was carrying upward are suddenly dropped in a deluge which we call a cloudburst.

There are times when the atmospheric movements are so strongly marked that the forecaster may feel fairly confident in predicting that they will bring rain. But for long stretches in the summer no strong movements develop, although conditions make it probable that there will be here and there upshoots of air that will cause rain. Then he must take refuge in adding to his prediction of "generally fair and continued warm," the words, "perhaps a local thunder shower."—Kansas City Star.

Congress expects to adjourn August 20. We could hardly blame them if they adjourned a month earlier.

The man who is a success at whatever he undertakes does not deserve as much credit as the man who tries and fails and then tries again.

Bill Orpet may be innocent of murder, but he acted the part of a dirty coward, when he left that poor girl to die alone in the woods. He should have received some punishment for that outrageous act.

The speeding question on the avenues is just at present agitating the minds of many of the autoists. We know nothing about it, but there seems to be considerable complaint in the manner in which some arrests have been made. The many accidents that have occurred in different sections of the country, should be sufficient warning to our local autoists against speeding, especially on such a public thoroughfare as Chicago avenue. Chief of Police Barclay is using his best efforts to check the speed habit, and in doing so he expects to treat all parties alike. In many instances there is no necessity for speeding beyond fifteen miles an hour mark, anyway. The Chief is determined to break up this speeding within the city limits, not for grudge against anyone, but to save the lives of those who engage in it, as well as innocent women and children who are out for an evening's pleasure.

## STATE BANK DEPOSITS.

The ruling passion for muzzing things up that besets the newspaper shop found expression in the publication Sunday morning of the platform of the democratic county convention. In an effort to boast about the increase of wealth under democratic rule the platform stated that in thirteen recent months the increase in deposits alone in Nebraska amounted to \$33,920,000, but when the platform appeared in the paper the braggadocio was sufficiently eliminated.

For there in cold type it appeared, that in thirteen recent months the deposits, not the increase, amounted to \$32,000,000.

Of course the deposits in state banks amount to many times \$32,000,000. It is the increase of \$38,000,000 that democrats are entitled to brag about.

It is one of the annoyances of the newspaper writer that he cannot get things into the paper in the words in which he writes them. Other people who write for the papers often suffer similar annoyance, and they at least are qualified to know what a dire humiliation daily doses of this sort of thing occasions the newspaper writer.

The item in the platform should have read, in the paper, as it reads in the copy:

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Instead of as it appeared in the paper:

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But this error is not an unmitigated evil. It gives the democrats an opportunity to brighten up the picture by correcting it.—Lincoln Star.

It never gets too hot or too cold to melt the society bud.

The less real honor a man has the more sensitive he is about it.

Lack of preparedness never kept us out of a war. Preparedness might.

A number of problems presented themselves with the arrival of the Deutschland, including who got the dyestuffs?

There ought to be some sort of an arrangement whereby the chiggers could be induced to take their vacations the same time we do.

Nebraska democrats are unanimous and enthusiastic for President Wilson.

How hard it is to convince the Mexicans that peace is good for them! They have been crazy so long.

The endurance race which ends November 7, is going to be some race in Nebraska, let us assure you, and the candidates who are the fleetest on foot, and money to pave the way, can win in almost every instance.

## NEUTRAL BOTH WAYS

Representatives of the allies in this country have sought in vain for some way in which to embarrass the German mercantile submarine. Had the American government been as unneutral as some have preferred to contend it was, undoubtedly reasons could have been found for imposing annoyances upon the officers and crew of the Deutschland. It is said the British are not satisfied with our treatment of the submarine. That will excite little concern over here.

The government of the United States has stood up steadily for humane treatment of merchant vessels and those who happen to be aboard them, and the Deutschland was accorded welcome and every courtesy. It was a concern with respect to which this government was neutral, just as neutral as if it had been a British or a French vessel touching at an American port on a lawful mission.

And the American public which has been roundly scolded for its partiality for the allies, and the American press, which is even yet under fire upon the same assumption, applauded that German submarine and its valiant skipper cordially. The admiration of both for the achievement of the craft and its crew was genuine, because its mission was one that could be applauded without reservation.

It does not worry an American to reflect that the cargo which this submarine will carry away from our shores will go to Germany and be of benefit to that people. The United States stands ready to provide the people who have sent the Deutschland every aid and comfort that it is ready to provide the people of every other country. If they have found a way to come after what they may want, the United States and the people and government thereof will be only too glad to supply it. Americans will hope that others like the Deutschland may come often and carry home whatever the German people may most need, and that the goings and comings may be effected without mishap or disaster. For the United States government and people are in fact, as well as in attitude, neutral.

It will concern them little whether the British government likes the situation and the treatment of the submarine or not.—Lincoln Star.

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## SEVENTY PER CENT.

Suppose some high authority should come to the average merchant in Nebraska today and give him absolute authority to advance the price of his merchandise 70 per cent above present prices, and at the same time the same high authority should compel the public to buy things from the merchant at the advanced price, whether they wanted to buy from him or not.

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But what's the use supposing such things? They never happen. But that very thing did happen to the Nebraska railroads last Monday, when the Interstate Commerce commission granted them authority to advance their freight rates 70 per cent above present charges.

And then remember that the Nebraska railroad managements, coupled with all the other railroad managements, are complaining that they cannot afford to pay their trainmen living wages, and cannot afford to grant them better working conditions.

In the face of the repeated successes of the railroad managements in securing just about anything they ask at the hands of the commerce commission, and in the face of their refusal to grant their trainmen the eight-hour day and better working condition—well, is it any wonder that thinking people are becoming to regard the Interstate Commerce commission as a hideous joke, and that thinking people are beginning to discover that the American people will never be able to get a square deal in their dealings with the railroads until the day of government ownership of all railroads. And that day is coming rapidly.—Columbus Telegram.

It is really aggravating to the standpatners who are controlling the campaign of one Charles Hughes for the presidency, that President Wilson pays no more attention to them than he does. The president is too busy to bother with such fellows during these exciting times trying to benefit the people, while Root, Penrose, Barnes & Co., are trying to get in their work for the benefit of the grafters who want to get a hold on the offices again.

## Yes, of course, you are coming.

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Old neighbors you knew years ago will all be here to greet you.

Knowing what you are talking about is rarely considered an essential of conversation.

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

Why was it that Mr. Sprague refused to serve longer as secretary of the state committee? His certainly was the "right man in the right place."

With an out and out prohibitionist at the head of their ticket for governor, the republican state convention failed to declare for it and now many republican prophets say they acted cowardly in this regard, and, too, with Mr. Sutton present.

In addition to the 25 million dollars proposed to be given for the Danish West Indies, the United States is to relinquish to Denmark all its rights in Greenland. Also we might be ready to throw in any claims we may have on the North Pole.

The voters and candidates are becoming more aware of the fact every day, that there is too much space between the primaries and the general election. The primary law should be fixed by its entire abolishment, or many changes made.

The British blacklist restrictions go too far, a Washington dispatch announces that certain insistent representations will result. So England better look out. This is not the loss of these United States yet. We can get along without England about as easy as England can get along without us.

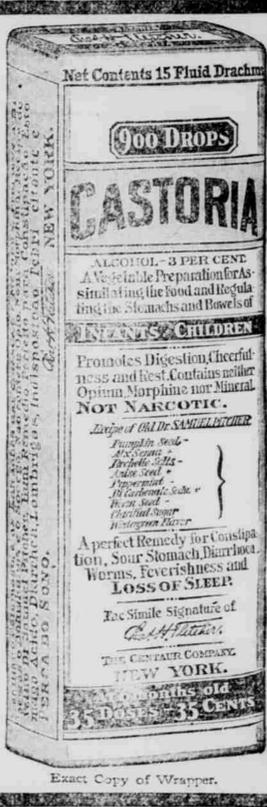
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It is now up to the party with the best and most thorough organization to carry Nebraska next fall. And you must remember the republicans have some thoroughbred organizers, and they have long since been planning. The democrats must get busy.

The selection of L. F. Langhorst, as chairman of the democratic state committee, was hailed with much joy by the democrats of Cass county, and eastern Nebraska, where he is so well known and commended as a worker and organizer. The Journal extends congratulations to Mr. Langhorst.

That was a "bundling" of a speech that M. L. Cory, chairman, delivered before the Hastings convention. There is one of the brightest lights in the democratic party, which goes without saying, that it is not always the ablest democrats that get a shake at the plum tree.

Charley Hubner, editor of the Nebraska City News, was in the city a short time Tuesday, accompanied by Prof. Abbott, of the Blind Institute, enroute for Bellevue. We were agreeably surprised with a visit from Charley, as this is his first visit to Plattsmouth since the Journal family have been here. Mr. Hubner is a genial fellow and we are always glad to meet him.

A New York woman on her wedding day told the husband that by making her his wife he had taken her out of hell and placed her in heaven. She is now asking the court to take her out of "heaven" and award her attorneys' fees and \$20 per month alimony. You can't suit some people—not even in "heaven."

The republican candidate for governor says he is awaiting orders from the temperance league, before announcing his platform. A man of Sutton's calibre, should be able to lead and not follow the dictates of henchmen. The Judge sees this handwriting on the wall: "You'll be damned if you do, and you'll be damned if you don't!"

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