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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It is heaven upon earth to have a man's mind more in charity, rest in Providence, and turn upon the poles of truth.—Bacon.

Everybody is talking about it.

What is it they are talking about?

The great "Home Coming" in Plattsmouth.

Everything will soon be in readiness for the reception of 20,000 people at the "Home Coming" festivities.

Some people's morals are as loose as the wrappers some women wear about the house in the "good old summer time!"

Despite the heat, Cupid's batting average is keeping up to the standard. Two home runs are already to his credit this month.

The factory explosion which shook New York was heard in five states, not including five or six states in the Entente, which also felt the shock.

It is all right for boys to be boys, and girls to be girls when they are in that estate, if they will only be men and women when they grow up.

Well, Mr. Hughes has accepted the republican nomination and also equal suffrage. The next thing he will accept will be defeat at the polls next November.

There was one motor car to every forty persons in the United States last year, indicating there are still a lot of pedestrians to be killed off before the ratio is even.

Money is the only thing that is expected to carry Hughes through, but the people in this day and age can't be bought as they could years past as so many cattle and hogs.

A flock of gypsies is now touring Kansas in five automobiles. Hereafter the Kansas hobo who cannot have a Ford to travel in will refuse to enter the confines of that state.

There is some of the best material on the democratic ticket this year that the democratic party has had in a long time, and it should receive the support of every man who believes in competency in public office.

Pigs are reported to have been milking the cows dry every night in one section in the west part of the state. The little suckers left several families without milk, cream or butter, until the fact was discovered.

Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco progressive who was instrumental in fighting the grafters in the Golden state a few years ago, has come out in a statement declaring that he will hereafter ally himself with the democratic party.

The National Hay Fever association will open August 21 in Bethlehem, N. H. There are 200,000 sneezers and sneezeresses and these sneezers and sneezeresses sneeze about seventy-three sneezes a day for an average of forty-one sneezes a year.

Is A. L. Sutton, the republican candidate for governor, in favor of discontinuing the railway commission of Nebraska and place the control of the business of that office in the power of the United States commission? Speak up, Mr. Sutton, it is a question you will have to answer before the voters go to the polls.

HUGHES ON FOREIGN POLICY

Mr. Hughes is only human, after all. He is no superman. Exceptional as is his ability as a lawyer and special pleader he cannot do the impossible with words. If, as the candidate and leader of the party seeking to oust the Wilson administration from power he had a strong and just cause, grounded either on the weakness of the administration or the merits and policies of its opponents, then Charles Evans Hughes could be depended upon to put up a convincing plea for that cause.

But Mr. Hughes has a weak cause. It is a cause, weak in the first place, because the Wilson administration has made such a record as it merits and receives the support of the people it has served so well. And it is a cause weak, in the second place, because of the record of the republican party, and because of the lack of unity that exists among its leaders and members as to principles and policies. This leaves Mr. Hughes with nothing much he can safely talk about except to criticize and attack his opponents. It is distressing to see so talented a man, and so able a lawyer, reduced to the tactics of the traditional pettifogger with a flimsy case, who slurs over his own cause lightly and rapidly devotes himself to noise and fury and sweat in lambasting the other fellow.

Outside the actual record of performance which the Wilson administration has made, there is nothing in which democratic and independent voters, responsible for that administration being in power, can take greater pride and comfort than in Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance. Hughes is unquestionably, we think, the ablest and cleverest leader of the opposition. His talents as a prosecutor fall little short of genius. When he has spoken to the extent of a full newspaper page, after weeks of the most careful research and investigation devoted to the hunt for flaws and weak spots in the democratic record, the last word and the strongest word in criticism has been uttered. And the more that long and thoughtfully prepared speech is studied, the more it will stand as a tribute to the administration that was so clean and faithful, so strong and successful, that the most telling attack that could possibly be made upon it resolved itself into an utterance so weak and unconvincing.

As was expected, Mr. Hughes devotes much of his attack on Wilson to a criticism of the Mexican policy. He indulges himself, here, in one of the specific criticisms on which he thinks it safe to venture. Huerta should have been recognized!

The plain and admitted facts are the sufficient answer to that criticism. Huerta was a general in the Mexican army under the established government presided over by Madero. Treacherously and brutally he conspired in a plot that resulted in the assassination of his president, in the imprisonment of many members of the legislature, a great many of whom were likewise murdered, and in Huerta setting himself up as a military dictator in defiance of the constitutional provisions as to the formation of a new government. The Huerta government had no standing in law and none in morals. It was a fiendish, red-handed, ruthless usurpation. It was the same as if General Wood, for example, should cause President Wilson to be murdered and the congress to be terrorized with many of its members likewise murdered, and should then use the army to back him in declaring himself president, framping over the constitution and through streams of blood and defying the rights of freemen to seize unholy power. Suppose he should then extend a red-dripping hand to the governments of the world asking

that he be hailed as brother, and as the true and worthy representative and spokesman of the people of the United States. Would Mr. Hughes, would his party, rejoice in the recognition of such a president, on his being perpetrated in power through the friendship and assistance of foreign governments, on the loss of our liberties, and on the loss to the world of the rule, laid down by our forefathers, that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed?

We rather fancy not. And we have a notion that, outside the great financial interests that were hand in glove with Huerta, and that expected to share with him the loot of Mexico, Mr. Hughes can put in the corner of his eye all the sympathy and support he gains from liberty-loving Americans in his plea for Huerta and Huertism.

President Wilson refused to recognize a government resting on murder and a ravished condition. He left the Mexican people free to continue their fight for liberty. If they have not the capacity to attain it that is no fault of his. He has striven, in the main successfully, to protect American rights in Mexico and on the border and yet avoid war. He may not have been so "firm" as Mr. Hughes, or Mr. Roosevelt would have been—not so "firm," for example, as Austria with Serbia. The difference is that the Hughes-Roosevelt-Austrian policy is the kind of policy that has precipitated the bloodiest war in history, with no wrongs righted and no settlement yet in sight, while the Wilson policy has preserved the peace and has now brought to the verge of settlement the serious differences that have existed between Mexico and the United States. The national guardsmen, for whom Mr. Hughes is so sorry, are on the border, it is true. But they are not engaged in war with 15,000,000 people. Their mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts are not scanning the daily papers to find their names in long columns of the killed and wounded. We think that, on the whole, Americans will prefer the policy of Woodrow Wilson to the policy of Francis Joseph, greatly though the latter appeals to Mr. Hughes and to his friend, Colonel Roosevelt.

So as to our dangerous differences with the great powers across the Atlantic, differences growing out of a war so mighty and so desperate that it is the direst calamity that has ever befallen humanity. Mr. Hughes criticizes the president for not having been firm enough to stop, before it had begun, the German submarine policy that caused the tragedy of the Lusitania. It would have been easy for Mr. Wilson to have precipitated this country into war with Germany, as Mr. Hughes' backer, Colonel Roosevelt, wished and expected him to do. But Wilson avoided war. He wrote notes instead. And by the means of those despised notes, though with no army to back him and without an adequate navy, he succeeded in inducing the proudest and most powerful military nation on earth to abandon the effective use of a weapon on which it greatly relied for victory. In the name of humanity and neutral rights he was able to persuade Germany, fighting desperately for self-preservation, to tie its own hands and surrender the great advantage which the submarine afforded. He did it without bluff or bluster, without any appeal to force, by a wise admixture of reason, patience, firmness, and confidence in the better nature of the German people. Not in all history has diplomacy gained a greater victory. No incident of modern times has more clearly attested the needlessness of war. But we might have had war instead—"war to the bridle." We might have been "firm" in an appeal to force, or the threat of force, just as Austria-Hungary was "firm" with Serbia, just as Russia was "firm" in backing up Serbia, just as Germany was "firm" in warning the Russians not to be, just as France and Britain were "firm" in backing up their mighty ally of the steeps. The result of all their firmness has been death, desolation, ruin. The result of that other kind of firmness which Wilson has displayed is peace with honor,

peace with prosperity, happiness instead of misery, progress and safety instead of retrogression and disaster.

No monarch, no ruler, no president, in all history of civilization, has ever served his people better than Woodrow Wilson served the people of the United States in keeping them out of war with Mexico and out of war with Europe.

No ruler of ancient or modern times has ever served more faithfully as the champion of Christianity and humanity than Woodrow Wilson served as, through days of darkness and despair, of temptation and peril, of provocation and calumny, he kept the lamp of civilization steadily burning in these great United States.

The people know it. The world knows it. And the record has been made in the broad light of day. All men understand exactly what it is and how it has been made. Against it the torrents of Mr. Hughes' criticism, and of Colonel Roosevelt's abuse, will dash themselves in vain. For it is the people, who, beyond the power of mere words to express are the beneficiaries of that policy, who are to say whether it is to be commended and continued or condemned and discarded, even as it was discarded in Europe in the fateful last days of July, 1914.—World Herald.

The price of wheat is gradually advancing.

Villa has been defeated again, but not mortally.

We would rather be comfortable than be president.

The best way to get something for nothing is to work for it.

One of the principal events on the program, sure to attract

Keynote speeches often unlock nothing but a great big mouth.

No picnic proposition ever fell through for the lack of a chaperon.

Good corn weather does not make a good summer resort, that's certain.

People who expect to begin saving something next year are always poor.

Anyway, there is this about the climate. It is always breaking all records.

The man who brings his check home to his wife will not buy many "wild oats."

Some people haven't enough will power to stop when they've said enough.

There is no question but what automobiles keep down the surplus population.

Good roads are labor-makers and business producers. Drag the roads—and keep on dragging them.

The republicans are not taking any more 2 to 1 bets in New York. Of course, they have the money, but they don't feel like throwing it away.

There's nothing in a name; a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet. A new bank has just been started in Omaha, and the name of the cashier is Swindler.

There are more than twenty million of men fighting in different parts of the world, and several million have been killed and wounded, but for the life of us we can't remember just now what they are fighting about. Can you?

The democrats haven't got any better show of carrying Nebraska this fall than the republicans. Their success depends altogether, on organization. And the party who effects the best organization is the one that will win out. This thing of depending upon your personal popularity or past record goes for nothing. You promised if elected to do your duty—have you done any more? Think twice before you answer. Remember your opponent is just as good a man as you are and maybe a better organizer. If he is he will get your goat. No candidate can slip around on his good looks, because that won't get him anything, either.

Local News

From Friday's Daily: William Wohlfarth came in this morning from his farm home to spend a few hours here visiting with his friends.

Miss Garney Cory departed yesterday for Pender, Neb., where she will visit for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Ed Brantner.

J. M. Palmer, one of the prominent residents of Nehawka was numbered among the boosters in the city last evening advertising the picnic.

W. F. Moore of near Murray was in the city today for a few hours looking after some trading with the merchants and visiting with friends.

A. E. Holmberg of Wausa, Neb., who has been here visiting with his relatives and friends for a few days, departed this morning for his home.

Miss Marie Bookmeyer departed this afternoon for Iowa City, Ia., where she will visit there with her sister, Mrs. Lillian Freeman in that city.

Miss Alma Speck returned home this afternoon from Columbus, Neb., where she has been in attendance at the bedside of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Speck, who is in a very critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wakefield and two sons and Mr. Wakefield's mother of Chicago, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Monte Straight at Paradise park, motored to Kansas City this morning where they will visit for a few days.

Editor W. H. Brown of the Union Ledger accompanied by Mr. Todd of Dunbar was in the city for a few hours yesterday afternoon visiting with friends. Mr. Todd is also a newspaper man and is associated with his father in the Dunbar Review.

Perry Sampson of Portland, Ore., is in the city enjoying a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ed Beins and family. Mr. Sampson is a former Plattsmouth young man and will enjoy a visit here with old friends, and if possible he will remain here for the "Home Coming."

Blair Porter returned last evening from an automobile trip to Creighton, Neb., where he visited at the home of his brother, Wade Porter and family. The trip made by Mr. Porter and family was most enjoyable and they reported the conditions in the north part of the state as being excellent.

Henry Horn and wife were in the city today for a few hours looking after a few matters of business with the merchants.

Don C. Rhoden drove up from Murray yesterday afternoon and spent a few hours here looking after some business matters.

William H. Mark, one of the prominent residents of Union was in the city yesterday afternoon for a short visit with friends.

Louis Reinacke, wife and little daughter of near Murray motored up this afternoon to look after some trading for a few hours.

Prof. Frank Jean of Peru and wife came in last evening to enjoy a few days visit here with their relatives and friends in this locality.

Mark White came up this morning from his home near Rock Bluffs and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha to spend the day.

George Rhoden came in this afternoon from his farm home southwest of the city and will spend a few hours here looking after some trading.

John Kraeger came in this morning from his farm home to attend to a few matters of business with the merchants and calling on his friends.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray was in the city yesterday afternoon for a few hours looking after a few matters of business and visiting with his county seat friends.

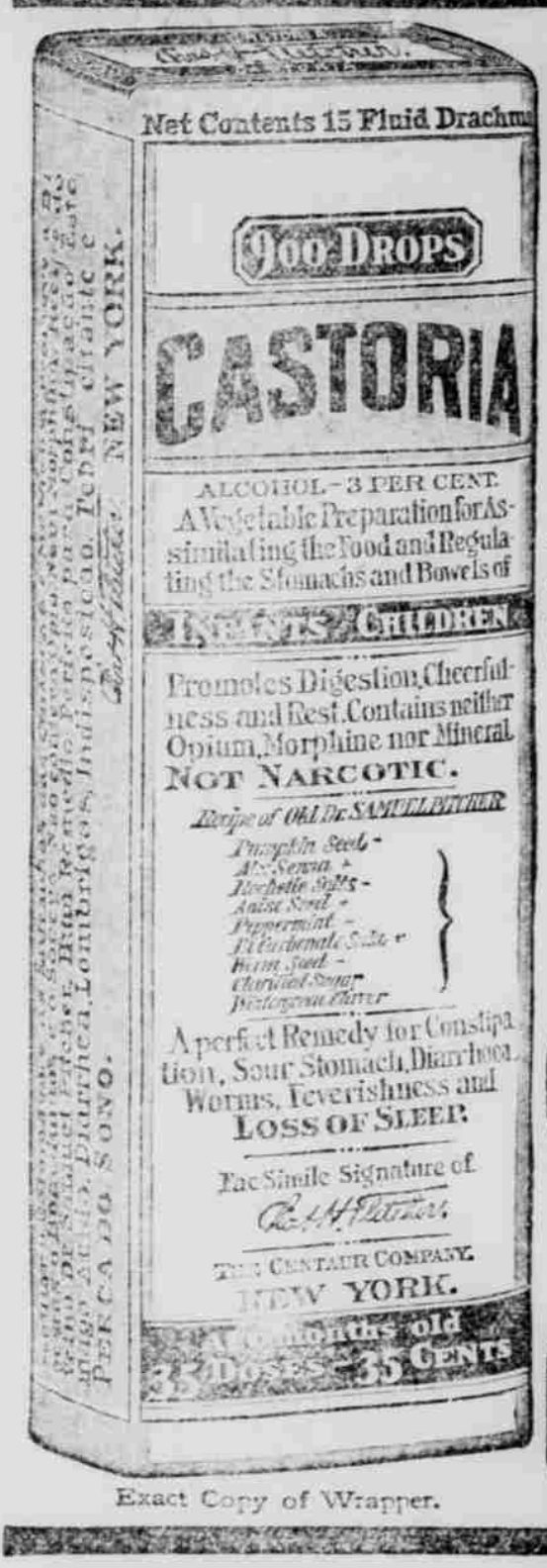
Henry Engelke and wife from the vicinity of Murray were among those going to Omaha this morning where they will visit for the day with friends in that city.

W. H. Seybert came in this morning from his home near Cullom to spend a few hours with his friends in this city as well as looking after the trading with the merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sporer of the vicinity of Murray drove to this city this morning and spent the day visiting friends and attending to some business matters. Mr. Sporer was a pleasant caller at this office.

Henry Engelke and wife of near Murray departed this afternoon for a few weeks visit to Cheyenne, Wyo., and Pierce and Denver, Colo., with their relatives and friends. They were accompanied as far as Omaha by Will Kraeger.

P. W. Kraeger of the vicinity of Murray motored to this city this morning. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Engelke, who departed for Pierce, Colo., and other Colorado points where they will visit relatives and friends for a few weeks.



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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Hon. W. B. Banning, of Union was in the city yesterday for a short time visiting with friends in the county seat and while in the city was a caller at the Journal office. Mr. Banning is very busy right now with his business interests and finds little time to get out.

John Kraeger of the vicinity of Myard drove to this city this morning to attend to some important business matters and visit friends for a short time. While here Mr. Kraeger took time to call at this office and have his subscription to the Daily Journal extended for another year.

GOVERNOR TALKS WITH STATE GUARD COLONELS

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 7.—The Nebraska troops on the border are getting along nicely and everything is as nearly satisfactory as could be expected, according to a telephone message received by Governor Morehead this afternoon.

The governor was called up over the phone by Colonel Eberly and Paul of the two Nebraska regiments and for a few minutes carried on a conversation with the two regimental commanders. The talk was not as satisfactory as wished, owing to some fault down in Texas, and the message had to be repeated by the operator in Dallas.

After assuring the governor that everything was going finely, the executive sent greetings back to the boys from the home folks.

Word comes from Les Gregory who is running the B. L. Philpot threshing outfit in Chase county that they are "eating up" field after field of fine wheat that is yielding from 25 to 30 bushels. They have an outfit that is first class and is very much in demand among the farmers of the section. Go and see for yourself with Rogeneran.—Weeping Water Republican.

TREVIN READY FOR BIG DRIVE AFTER VILLA

Troops Proceeding North and South Toward the Main Outlaw Band.

Chihuahua City, Mex., Aug. 6.—Government troops and Villa forces both lost heavily in a sharp skirmish in the hills a few miles north of Mapiqui, Durango, today, according to reports to General Jacinto Trevino. Lieutenant Colonel Compean and a dozen privates were killed, while the bandit casualties were estimated at eighteen.

The outlaws were driven far into the hills, where they were scattered in the canyons.

General Trevino announced that he has completed the co-ordination of his troops for the drive upon the main bandit band under Villa and that troops are advancing north from Durango City to co-operate with those under General Matias Ramos, going south from Rosario, Parral, Jimenez and Escobal. He said also that his dispatches indicated that the country east of San Antonio has been cleared of outlaws, who have been forced into the territory in the path of the advancing de facto troops.

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