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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

So long as we love, we serve;
so long as we are loved by others,
I would almost say that we are
indispensable, and no man is
useless while he has a friend.
—Robert Lewis Stevenson.

Big automobile parade—all autos
handsomely decorated.

Remember the date—Thursday, August
31, in Plattsmouth.

The first day of the "Home Coming"
festivities. Many pioneers will
be here.

Paint up, brush up, and by all
means cut the weeds before "Home
Coming" week.

Without trench fighting the present
war long ere this would have been
"the late war."

There are so many laborers in the
city at the present time that boarding
places are hard to find.

Generally speaking a preacher gets
the worst of it from the men and
the best of it from the women.

Many people claim to hold conver-
sation with the Lord who are not on
speaking terms with anybody else.

If you like your home town—boost.
If you don't like it—move out, and
make room for more desirable citi-
zens.

Generally speaking, the people are
pretty fair, except where the interests
of a corporation or a woman's good
name is concerned.

"The Russians continue pursuit of
the Turks," reads a headline. Wonder
if they will catch them in time
for Thanksgiving day?

A born millionaire has not the joy
of accumulation. Perhaps not; but
he often has the joy of scatteration,
which his father missed.

The best thing to do is to get rid
of your bad habits because other
people always exaggerate them, and they
are bad enough at the best.

Hon. Jim Mann says the G. O. P.
can't win with a two-spot for presi-
dent. But still it seems there was no
attention paid to Mr. Mann's warning.

President Wilson goes right along
looking after the affairs of govern-
ment, while Hughes is deriding him.
It reminds one of a goat knawing at
the heels of an elephant.

Chairman Wilcox, of the republican
committee, declines to predict how
Maine will go at the September elec-
tion. Times have surely changed
since the republican chairmen used to
claim everything, including Florida.

German losses since the war began
aggregate 3,135,177. The only doubt
about these figures is that they were
compiled in London, and that fact
alone makes the authority of sus-
picious origin. We now patiently
await the report of English casualties
from Berlin. Then, after that infor-
mation is given, by transposing the
totals and dividing by three, approxi-
mately correct estimate figures might
be the result. It is necessary to take
some similar action in order to ac-
count for the "missing," many of
whom will turn up after the peace
terms have been declared. Most Amer-
icans would probably prefer to have
their names classified that way, if
they were engaged in a similar com-
bat.

DEEDS AND WORDS.

Every speech that Mr. Hughes
makes is a new argument for the re-
election of President Wilson.

In Chicago Mr. Hughes declared
that "if anything in this campaign
is real, it is that we are now facing
the question whether we want words
or whether we want deeds." While
Mr. Hughes was giving voice to this
sentiment, the telegraph wires were
carrying the news that through the
leadership of President Wilson the
senate had passed the child labor bill
and that the house conferees would
accept the senate navy bill.

If Mr. Hughes is concerned about
deeds, we refer him to the record of
the Wilson administration, a record
of achievement in progressive legis-
lation for which there is no parallel.

We refer him to the federal reserve
banking law. We refer him to the
rural credits law. We refer him to
the trade commission law. We refer
him to the repeal of the Panama canal
tolls act that had repudiated the sol-
emn obligations of a treaty. We refer
him to the Clayton law, declaring
that labor shall no longer be treated
as a commodity. We refer him to the
income tax. We refer him to the par-
cel-post law. We refer him to a host
of other measures which invoke the
power of government for the pro-
tection of human rights. We refer
him to the great measures of national
defense which congress is carrying
through under Mr. Wilson's leader-
ship. And, not least, we refer him to
the fact that the American people
again have an administration that is
not under the domination of Wall
street and high finance.

Mr. Hughes was governor of New
York longer than Mr. Wilson has been
president of the United States. What
was done under his administration that
compares in point of statesmanship
and public service with even the least
of these achievements under the Wil-
son administration?

Mr. Hughes' sneer about words and
deeds may have been directed at the
foreign policies of President Wilson
rather than at the domestic policies.
Very well. President Wilson's words
have kept the United States out of
war without the surrender of a single
American right. Where would Mr.
Hughes' "deeds" have placed us?
Diplomacy has only two weapons,
words and deeds. Words mean nego-
tiation. Deeds mean war. If Mr.
Hughes' reproach of the president has
any significance except campaign nag-
ging, it is that President Wilson re-
fused to plunge the country into war
before exhausting all the resources of
diplomacy, and that consequently we
are in the miserable and unfortunate
condition of being at peace when
American boys might be dying by the
thousand every day in the trenches.
Is that what Mr. Hughes wants?

Every time Mr. Hughes speaks he
emphasizes the painful fact that he
has no legitimate issue and no con-
structive policies of his own. His
whole campaign is directed not to
building himself up but to tearing the
president down.

Before Mr. Hughes was nominated
The World looked forward to his can-
didacy in the belief that it would mean
an appeal to the reason and the in-
telligence of the American people. In
all kindness toward Mr. Hughes, we
must confess our disappointment.
There is no appeal to public reason or
public intelligence in Mr. Hughes' campaign
addresses. No citizen is
wiser or better informed or more
sanely advised in his public duties be-
cause of anything that Mr. Hughes
has said since his nomination.

The Hughes speeches are only an in-
vocation to blind bigoted partisanship.
They are the commonplace product
of a commonplace republican mind, and
as such they are quite unworthy of
the Charles E. Hughes that New York
used to know.—New York World.

Keynote speeches often unlock
nothing but a great big mouth.

The weather man has been very
good to Nebraska the past few weeks.

It is useless to worry about the
chump, for he always has a good time.

Gasoline has fallen a cent. My,
what a fall that is, my countrymen!

It is discovered after marriage that
many sweet women are only sugar-
coated.

The paper famine has reached such
a stage that only the vulgar rich can
afford paper collars.

Indiscriminating charity may not
have the right to bestow charity, but it
surely does make a very great num-
ber feel good.

To gather material to write a book
was one of Brant Whittock's plans
when he went to Belgium as minister.
Guess he has material for a shelf
full.

A newspaper heading announces,
"Baby Cyclone Hits Polk County, Ia.,"
which would indicate that even the
babies are in a warlike condition this
year.

If this country is ever confronted
by a shortage in chautauqua talent,
which seems quite unlikely, there is a
lot of it going to waste in Europe this
summer.

Since Roosevelt gave the sturdy
German element of our citizenship
such bitter denunciation, and since
Roosevelt has endorsed Hughes, it is
not likely the German Americans will
be over enthusiastic for the republican
candidate.

Candidate Hughes is making a
strenuous plea for the old republican
doctrine of "protection to our infant
industries." The voters will probably
feel patriotic enough to insist at the
polls next November that the country
be given "protection" from the party
bosses of the G. O. P.

Justice Hughes claims in his "cir-
cular" speech that weakness nearly
landed us in war. No one has ob-
served this to be true, but it wouldn't
be surprising that the weakness of
the republican arguments against the
democratic administration would
"land" Woodrow Wilson in the presi-
dential chair for another four years.

The report a few days ago from the
east that the republicans had about
lost all hope of carrying Nebraska is
all bosh. The hope of the G. O. P. is
that the democrats will believe such
reports and not work as hard as they
otherwise would. They expect to carry
Nebraska, and the democrats want to
work harder than ever if they wish to
hold their own. The hope of the G.
O. P. is that they will catch the dem-
ocrats napping and secure Nebraska
while they are sleeping.

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK.

For the first time in human history,
the orderly continuance of the
transportation activities upon which
depend the life, health and prosperity
of one hundred millions of human be-
ings hangs upon the action of a single
man—the president of the United
States.

It does not depend upon his official
action, for he is not clothed with au-
thority to deal with such an emer-
gency. Under the law, his position
as mediator is an impossible one; he
has nothing to stand upon. But this
very weakness is his strength. He is
not helpless; he is clothed with the
moral power of the guardian of the
helpless. His strength is not that of
human statute or decree; it is the
strength which belongs to the one who
fights not for himself, but for the in-
nocent who cannot lift a hand in their
own defense.

President Wilson has no physical
or legal resource which is, in this hour,
of the slightest value; his weapons
are of the spirit. He is well equipped
for such a struggle. He knows how
things that are not may bring to
naught things that are. Our hopes
and our prayers go with him.—St.
Louis Republican.

MR. HUGHES' GREAT MISTAKE.

It would be easy to fill the editorial
columns of the World-Herald with re-
publican expressions of disappoint-
ment and displeasure caused by the
campaign speeches of Mr. Hughes.
The thought that comes to one,
after reading the editorial utterances
of independent and self-respecting
editors, and after hearing republicans
talk in places where men do congre-
gate, is that Mr. Hughes is running
for the presidency twenty years too
late.

Twenty years ago, or such a matter,
his style of campaigning would have
been popular. The great majority of
Americans were then hide-bound par-
tisans. They seldom read the oppo-
sition papers. Few ever went to hear
a speaker on "the other side." They
believed, religiously, that nothing good
could come out of Nazareth. Republi-
cans believed all democrats were
horse thieves or worse, and dem-
ocrats looked on republicans as cruel
molechs who dined off the boiled flesh
of tender babes. Times have changed
since then—but Mr. Hughes, appar-
ently, has not changed with them. He
stands a shining example of purblind
partisanship. In all that President
Wilson has done during his troubled
term of office this censorious judge
can find not one thing of which to
speak an approving word. In the long
list of democratic legislative achieve-
ment he can find nothing which he
finds it desirable to commend. He
can do nothing but scold and find
fault. He does this, not because he
doesn't know better, but because he
thinks it the best way to win votes.

In this the St. Paul Pioneer Press,
one of the most important newspapers
of the great northwest, thinks he is
sadly mistaken. Expressing the hope
that Mr. Hughes will see the error of
his ways before it is too late that
great republican newspaper says:

"What is it that gets votes? The
question has been raised in the minds
of a great many voters by the cam-
paign methods of Mr. Hughes. There
is a sensational interest in hearing an
opponent raked over the coals, espe-
cially when that opponent happens to
be the President of the United States.
And there may be an agreement with
much that is said. At the same time
does the attitude of the persistently
critical candidate win support? It is
human psychology that it may, even
though the candidate be fair and
truthful?

"That we shall soon see. We may
observe it ere long in a change in the
policy of Mr. Hughes. His political
scouts may report that he has not
found the range and that his enemies
are massing for attack. In that case
he will probably take a new line, if,
indeed, he has not already done so
before these words are printed. If
he does not make such a shift of di-
rection we shall learn after the elec-
tion in November whether it pays to
measure out full strength, unmitiga-
ted damnation to the opposition.

"Is there no way, moreover, where-
by a candidate can brand and define
his enemy without turning sentiment
toward that enemy? It seems to us
there is. It seems to us that it is
wholly feasible to be friendly and
sympathetic toward a political op-
ponent who has had tremendous, sud-
den and unprecedented problems to
cope with, and, at the same time, to
condemn his policies and modes of
action. There is usually some re-
deeming feature about the most hard-
ened and intractable of criminals.
There is usually some spark of intel-
ligence in the merest half-wit. If
there are any such redeeming qualities
in the personnel of the present ad-
ministration they have not been openly
acknowledged by any utterance which
Mr. Hughes has made thus far in his
campaign.

"The question is, will the people
who have formed their independent
conclusions as to the sincerity, intel-
ligence and loyalty of the president
to the interests of the masses take
kindly to the untempered castigations
administered by Mr. Hughes? The
task of the candidate is different from
that of an attorney nailing his points
before a court of law. Popular sym-
pathy is not of the same stuff as
judicial determination. Are the psy-
chologists of the Hughes campaign

quite on the job?"

What is it that is causing republi-
can editors to write, and rank-and-
file republicans to talk, in this fash-
ion?

It is not that they have suddenly
become democrats. It is not that they
indorse everything that President Wil-
son and the democratic congress have
done. It is not that they are in any
way hostile to Mr. Hughes.

But it is because their innate sense
of fairness has been outraged by their
own leader. They cannot, in self-re-
spect, go with him in his sweeping
and apparently vindictive attacks on a
president who, as the Pioneer Press
says, "has had tremendous, sudden
and unprecedented problems to cope
with." They do not, as good Ameri-
cans, relish seeing their president
held before the world as deserving no
better treatment than "the most hard-
ened and intractable of criminals."
They do not like to have him depicted
as "the merest half-wit," devoid of
"some spark of intelligence." As the
Pioneer Press frankly proclaims, they
have formed their own conclusions as
to the "sincerity, intelligence and loy-
alty of the president to the interests
of the masses," and for these reasons
they take unkindly to Mr. Hughes'
antiquated campaign methods.

Mr. Hughes is a man of high char-
acter and great ability. He is the
type of man Americans delight to
honor, precisely as President Wilson
is. But he is making a great mistake
—and the best evidence of that mis-
take is the chorus of protest that
comes from his party friends.—World-
Herald.

"Come on boys!"

Be here by Thursday, August 31.

And jump in the bandwagon the
first day.

And enjoy yourself with many pio-
neers that will be here from every
quarter of the globe.

Perhaps republicans get their polit-
ical views from writers of fiction, but
the democrats don't.

The campaign is getting started.
Hughes calls Gompers a "nuisance,"
and Gompers calls Hughes a "pettifog-
ger."

When a bachelor becomes about so
old he should be relegated to the "less
expensive department" in the base-
ment.

Only one woman in ten thousand
can make salt rising bread, and only
one in ten million should be permitted
to do so.

Only twelve more days till the band
begins to play and the beautifully
decorated autos begin to toot their
horns.

The Turks are on the retreat, says
a dispatch. What's all the rush; it's
three and a half months until Thank-
sgiving day.

Keep it before the good citizens of
Plattsmouth—cut the weeds and be in
a hurry about it. You know it is
your duty to do so.

It seems the easiest thing in the
world is getting married. All that is
required is a girl, a man, a preacher,
a license and a little nerve. No after
consideration are necessary with most
young people who don't know how to
get along after marriage.

Some of our citizens are showing the
proper spirit by dressing up their
properties in a most presentable man-
ner. Thousands of strangers will
visit our city in about ten or twelve
days, and it behooves our citizens to
have the city appear at its best. So
get a move on you in the way of "fix-
ing up."

Down in "bleeding and suffering"
Kansas the state is educating its
criminals. Last week thirty-one con-
victs in its penitentiary were given
diplomas after completing courses in
agriculture, steam and electrical en-
gineering, carpentering and black-
smithing, the courses being the same
as given at the state agricultural col-
lege.

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FAREWELL PARTY TO MISS MEHERING FRIDAY AFTERNOON

A number of the young friends of Miss Dorothy Mehering gave her a most delightful surprise on last Friday afternoon when they called at the Mehering home to tender their pleasant treat to their young friend. The affair was in the nature of a very pleasant picnic party and had been arranged by Misses Grace Beeson and Janet Bjeck in honor of their friend who is soon to leave for Lincoln where she will make her home. The time was delightfully spent in playing games and enjoying several musical numbers by members of the party and at a suitable hour the tempting luncheon was thoroughly enjoyed by the members of the party. Those who were present to take part in the occasion were Misses Janet Bajeck, Grace Beeson, Clara Mae Morgan, Virginia Beeson, Genevieve Whelan, Helen Roberts, Allene Bajeck and Catherine Shopp.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to publically express our deepest heartfelt appreciation of the kindness and sympathy shown to us at the time of the death of our loved one and to assure these friends and neighbors that their kindness will be always remembered and especially do we desire to thank Mrs. Grono of Omaha who so kindly assisted us in the hours of grief. We also desire to express our appreciation of the beautiful floral remembrances.

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