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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

So many Gods, so many creeds; so many ways that wind, and, just the act of being kind, is all this sad world needs. —Wilcox.

See that your furnace is O. K. A very early winter is predicted. Now is the time to fill your coal bin. The pumpkin crop is fine. Yum! Yum! Examine your flues before putting up stoves. The oyster season is ripe. But where are the oysters? Greece, like Maine, seems to enjoy being entertained by both sides. Remember that the fellow who won't keep a promise won't keep a secret.

What law has been created by the democratic congress that has not been in line with progressivism? Why do not people who denature food practice on mushrooms? It would not injure mushrooms very much. Senator Hitchcock begins his campaign next Tuesday by speaking at Fort Calhoun, Blair, Herman and Walthill.

The principal difference between the diaphanous skirt last year and this year is that last year the sun had to be shining brightly. Rule for choosing a ripe watermelon: Thump the melon, and then thump a bald man on the head. If the thumps sound alike, the melon is ripe.

Mr. Hughes has a vision of what the country needs. Visions are made of very flimsy stuff. What the country wants is not visions but explicit lines of policy. In other days, when you heard a man boast about the climate back home, it was a sign he was from California. Now you can't tell. He might be "from Missouri."

John Wunderlich is gaining new supporters every day, and the present indications are that he will be elected sheriff of Cass county this year by a good majority.

Governor Hiram Johnson of California, in an address to the progressives at their national convention, 1916, said: "Remember Barnes, Penrose and Crane in 1912! We left the convention because the bosses were in control. They are still in control."

If you can't boost your own town and community, for the love of common sense and the elimination of yourself as a pest, either move somewhere else or get off the earth. You are no good to yourself and are certainly a nuisance to everybody else in town.

The Seward city council has passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Merriam to appoint a movie censorship committee of five citizens to regulate shows in that city. Seward people must not approve the work of the National Board of Censorship or the National Board of Review, under which many pictures are shown. Perhaps the eyesight of the membership composing the aforesaid boards is deficient.

NO GLOW IN THE WEST FOR CANDIDATE HUGHES

The following reference is made to the effect of the Hughes' campaign in the west, by the Chicago Herald, a republican paper:

Mr. Hughes has made a number of speeches out west, and it is generally admitted there is no glow in the western skies indicative of anybody setting the woods and prairies afire. Of course the sparks may possibly be there, to flare up later into a conflagration. But it is entirely fair to say that at present the aspect of the western skies is entirely normal to the casual observer.

He has been hammering away at the present administration with charges of incompetency and inefficiency. He has insisted that its preparations for defense are belated and inadequate. He has emphasized the idea of an American far-visionsed and efficient. He has laid great stress on his advocacy of a federal woman's suffrage amendment. He has emphasized the importance of the tariff question and insisted the democratic party can not and will not afford American industries proper protection against the dangers from Europe after the war.

It may be that this mass of criticism, these numerous counts in the indictment which he has evidently prepared with lawyer-like precision, and it must be confessed, seems to press with a somewhat lawyer-like dryness, are making an impression. It may be that, with the ground thus prepared by his painstaking and, seen from this distance at least, rather commonplace tour, the task of republican campaigners in the next two months of heated combat will be made appreciably easier.

But the detached and impartial observer is forced to the conclusion that the evidences of the results are at present not particularly plain. The enthusiastic republican, knowing the value of first impressions, may possibly feel a trifle disappointed at the failure of his presidential candidate, at the beginning of the campaign, to sound an epic note to rally followers to the standard. And not without significance, perhaps is the fact that Washington, which at first seemed a little flurried at his speaking campaign, has apparently relapsed into an attitude of, complacent indifference.

The hog market in Omaha recently reached the highest point since 1910, soaring around the \$10.85 mark. The average "porker" must feel like an aeroplane, taking such a lofty position in the world.

When the taxpayers of Cass county vote for Mike Fritsch for treasurer they can depend upon getting an official who is thoroughly competent in every particular. There are but few men in the county as competent for the treasurer's office as Mike Fritsch, the present efficient deputy.

Grand Island did the proper thing when it organized a regular old-time county fair. That is the kind of show that always makes a hit in an agricultural section. Cass county used to years ago, but she is better able now to have a finer county exhibition than ever. Can't we try it next year?

John Wunderlich is the right man for sheriff. Many, who failed to vote for him two years ago, now see where they made a big mistake. He is a man who will strictly attend to the duties of the office, and his books will be kept in such condition that those who have the legal right can easily learn as to their correctness, and just as they should appear.

Congress has adjourned, after nine months hard work.

Candidates, keep an eye on the picnic dates. It is well.

The campaign will open now in great shape in all directions.

It is said a woman shows her age most by her cranky disposition. Well, don't a man do the same?

While there is a great deal to be learned by asking questions, careful watching and listening will bring better results.

Admitting, for the sake of argument, that a public official is a public servant, mighty few of them act that way.

The Omaha Bee optimistically observes: "Hughes has 'em on the run toward the rear." No doubt, and when the votes are counted on November 7 Hughes will be so far "toward the rear" and Wilson will be so far from the same place, that the republican nominee will have abundance of time to cool himself from the run.

Chairman Wilcox's appeal that Mr. Hughes be spared all formal dinners during the campaign would seem to indicate that Mr. Wilcox fears some democrat would slip a button in Mr. Hughes' soup. No use to think of such a thing. The democrats are too anxious for him to keep on abusing President Wilson, and make the president's re-election as near unanimous as possible.

The political parties are very slow in getting things in running order in this campaign. We would advise the democrats to get matters in better shape than they are at present. Dr. Gilmore, chairman of the committee, has started in the right direction in thoroughly organizing the county. He should be assisted by all democrats. Get a move on you, gentlemen, and push matters.

Abraham Lincoln Sutton, the republican candidate for governor, is getting his foot in worse every day. He said the other day at Kearney, that if Keith Neville was elected governor of Nebraska he would not enforce the prohibition law if the amendment carried. When he uttered such a remark he knew he lied. A candidate's chances for election are certainly very slim, when he resorts to such methods against his competitor.

Is this a case of survival of the fittest? A farmer, living south of Little Sioux, Ia., was plowing the other day, and turned up a squirrel wrapped up in the coils of a huge bull snake. The mother was fighting to save its young, but the snake was too strong and was slowly crushing it to death. The farmer refused to interfere, claiming that the snake was the farmer's friend, and a better trap than any gopher catching device ever invented. Query: Was the farmer justified in letting life be taken for the sake of the welfare of his business?

"Chickens come home to roost." The expression is trite the application lies in the opportunity to utilize it. Back in October, 1914, Raymond Robins, who is now supporting the candidacy of Mr. Hughes, indulged in the following remarks, which, more or less must embarrass him in his present political attitude: "The most skillful, the most courageous, the greatest statesmanship of the last two years in this world was the manner in which Wilson averted war between this country and Mexico. The reason that the blood of American men—sons of our bones—is not today reddening the soils of Mexico, to serve the interests of a few corporation magnates and speculators, is due more to the courage and constancy of Woodrow Wilson than to any other factor in American life. I would count myself poor and small, indeed, if I were not able to recognize wisdom, courage, and public service, even if it had been shown by the chief of an opposing party." Was Mr. Robins wiser year before last than now? Is his tribute recallable?

WHO NOMINATED SUTTON?

Subtle, but no less violent, is the effort to prove that Judge Sutton was not nominated by the whisky element. Some care is shown to disclose that Keith Neville got more votes in a certain specified ward in Omaha than Mr. Sutton did.

But who nominated Sutton? Sam McKelvie carried all of the state, outside of Douglas county, by 3,713, receiving in such counties 28,082 votes to 24,369 for Sutton. Had there been no Douglas county as the home of the big liquor element of the state, Mr. McKelvie would have been decisively the republican nominee for governor.

But there was a Douglas county, and it came sturdily to the rescue of Mr. Sutton by giving him a majority over Mr. McKelvie of 6,533. Now, by whom was Judge Sutton nominated? Was it by the part of the state outside of Douglas county? Certainly not. It was by Douglas county, and by Douglas county alone. Does anybody suggest that Douglas county is not "wet"? If so, in heaven's name send for the insane commission and a straight-jacket.

Mr. Sutton was not a candidate against Keith Neville in the primary, and it is impossible to obtain a test of the partiality of the liquor element for him over Mr. Sutton. Keith Neville does not owe his nomination to Douglas county. He was nominated over his democratic opponent by more than 8,000 votes without counting a vote from Douglas county for either of them.

No spacious calculation can wipe out the fact that Mr. Sutton would have been beaten but for the strong support he got in the county that is the home of the "wet" cause, and therefore owes his nomination to the "wets."

Nobody has undertaken to say that Mr. Neville enjoys the hostility of the anti-amendment forces. What the figures prove is that Mr. Sutton is not distasteful to that element at all. He has lived in Douglas county, and held important judicial office meantime, for so long that the liquor element knows that it has nothing to fear from him. Had he been as fierce an anti-liquor judge as he is an anti-liquor candidate, the liquor element would certainly have some reason to fear him. —Lincoln Star.

Some merchants claim that advertising does not pay because they once knew a man who got his wife that way.

If we understand the medical profession correctly, only about 12 per cent of the people living today are normal.

When a girl has a couple limbs that look like old-fashioned piano legs, she doesn't give a rap which way the wind blows.

It is observed, however, that the chestnut blight hasn't struck the humor department of the Congressional Record.

As expected, Mr. Hughes opposes the eight-hour law. Of course, all the railroad employes will support Hughes—in a horn!

The next annual encampment of the G. A. R. will be held in Boston. The Bostonians don't want to feed them altogether on Boston baked beans.

"What would you have done, Mr. Hughes?" is the query that confronts the republican candidate wherever he goes. The query takes many forms, becomes specific as well as general, but is never answered. The hundred per cent candidate is also the hundred per cent dodger.

Why should the election in Maine next Monday indicate the result in the nation at large? It is naturally a republican state, by a good majority, and there can be no significance in the election of one state that is known to be republican at all times and under all circumstances. If it goes democratic it will be a democratic success, but if it goes republican, they simply hold their own and that is all.

While Mr. Hughes is traveling over the country abusing the president of the United States, the president remains at his post of duty doing business for the people of America.

It is said that the dreamy waltz is to succeed the tango. It's about time something "succeeded it." It might be added that life seems to be one continual dreamy waltz for some.

The European countries now at war will have an attractive collection of curios by the time they have declared war on all the nations opposing and filed their declarations away in the archives. Future generations who examine them can truthfully say: "What fools these mortals were."

"Suffrage Party Fights Democrats," announces a head line. So does the republican machine, and look where it is now—in trouble, as usual. But these political parties are not organized for the especial purpose of endorsing the platform of another; for instance, witness the bull moose organization.

Otoe and Cass counties had the credit of having one of the most influential and able members of the last senate, and gained a state-wide reputation on the strength of his legislative ability. That person is Hon. John Mattes. And the taxpayers will make a very grave mistake if they fail to re-elect him.

WILSON'S ADVANTAGE.

It might as well be recognized now as later that the republican leaders have made three important tactical blunders in their opposition to the president. To those blunders much more than to the affirmative record of achievement he sets forth in his speech of acceptance he owes whatever strategic advantage he has in the campaign.

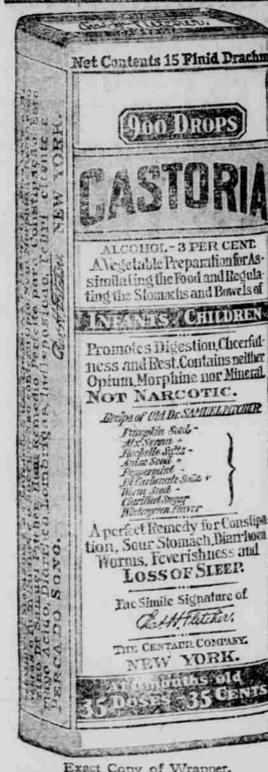
Mr. Roosevelt made the first of these blunders when he insisted that the president should have gone to war over the invasion of Belgium and later over the sinking of the Lusitania. All effective criticism of the President's foreign policy is now met with "he kept us out of war." The American people did not want to go to war, they do not believe now that we should have been justified in going to war, "he kept us out of war" is all we shall hear until the polls close.

Mr. Hughes made the second tactical blunder in that unhappy reference to Huerta in his opening speech. Nobody believes Huerta should have been recognized, everybody feels that the administration was right in refusing to have anything to do with Huerta. There was never a prospect of the least popular response to an attack on the administration because Huerta was turned down. All the blunders of the president's Mexican policy are now going to be covered by the plea that he has held the door open to the oppressed of Mexico to have better government.

The republican leaders in the senate have made the third blunder in their united opposition to the eight-hour day for railroad workers. Of the three capital blunders we anticipate that the third will cost more in votes and in influence in the campaign. The eight-hour day was bound to come, nobody seriously questions the right of congress to order it, it is right as a fundamental proposition. Senator LaFollette was the only man of republican affiliation to do what the plain common sense of the situation dictated.

Mr. Roosevelt enters the campaign bearing over-weight, to use a racing term, so does Mr. Hughes, and so does the republican party, and while the handicap is not so serious that it may not be overcome, it is well to recognize that it is a handicap. Young Dewey could win a 100-yard sprint after he had been set back a yard for anticipating the pistol. But neither he nor his friends underestimated what it meant to make up that lost yard.

Why our republican senators, after making every effort to include in the eight-hour bill some provision against the sort of thing that had forced this



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emergency action, after fixing up a record they could appeal to the country on, did not vote for the eight-hour law must pass the common understanding. Every skilled trade has the eight-hour day. Nobody seriously questions the power of congress to make any reasonable regulation it pleases for interstate commerce. The American people did not want the railroads tied up over an eight-hour day. Practically everybody will approve the eight-hour day law now that it is enacted.

We might just as well recognize that the president enters the campaign under far more favorable conditions than his most sanguine supporters could have hoped for or than the record of his administration entitles him to. This does not mean that he is going to be re-elected necessarily. But it does mean that the republican leaders have a much more serious undertaking ahead of them than many of them have been assuming.—Des Moines Register (rep).

John D. Rockefeller says he values his friends more than he does his millions. But the people are not prepared to believe it.

It is time the democrats were getting on their war-paint and kindling the fires of enthusiasm. Delays are dangerous. Thorough organization brings forth victory.

Criticism of President Wilson's administration in his policy of Mexican affairs didn't get several candidates in the Texas primary election very far in the direction of nominations.

We have added school supplies in our big cut price sale. It will pay you to see them before buying. Crescent Pharmacy.

KARL REESE IS DOING NICELY AT HOSPITAL IN OMAHA

From Friday's Daily. Karl Reese, the youngest son of Mrs. Eva Reese of this city, is quite ill at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where he was taken on Wednesday for treatment. Mr. Reese was here Sunday to visit with his mother and other relatives and at the time he complained of feeling badly, and upon his return to his home in Omaha it was found necessary to perform an operation to give him relief, and on Wednesday afternoon he was removed to the hospital, where the second operation was performed. He is reported as doing as well as possible under the conditions and his relatives are hopeful that the operation will prove of lasting benefit to him in restoring him to health.

VISITING WITH OLD FRIENDS.

From Friday's Daily. James Gilmour and wife of Ulysses, Neb., who have been visiting with their relatives and friends in this section of the country during the Home Coming, were in the city today visiting with their old friends. Mr. Gilmour is a native of Cass county and has a great many friends in this locality who were much pleased to meet him and his estimable wife during their stay. They were greatly impressed with the appearance of the city since their last visit, and the splendid outlook for the crops this season. Mr. Gilmour and wife motored in from their home in Furnas county.

LEAVES FOR MISSOURI.

From Friday's Daily. This afternoon Mark White and mother, Mrs. I. S. White, departed for Bethany, Mo., where they will attend the eightieth birthday anniversary of Lance Alley, an old schoolmate of Mrs. White, and they will spend a few days there.

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