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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

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I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar calls play. And wild and sweet their words repeat, of "Peace on earth, good will to men."—Longfellow.

Farmers are coming to town.

There are as many loafers as ever.

This is to be a hard winter.

Frequently stolen sweets are hard to digest.

A real good time can't be measured by what it costs.

Mexico, which has been intolerable for eighty years, is no better today.

It is now a tight race between wheat and potatoes as to which will reach the \$2 mark first.

An eastern man has invented a nail-less horseshoe, thus reducing the menace to automobile tires a trifle.

The Parisians are reported as already having engaged windows from which to witness the celebration of victory.

During the strenuous times of prosperity a man who has a strawberry appetite and a prune income is in pretty hard luck.

Hand over bets, boys. Mr. Hughes has at last extended congratulations to President Wilson upon his re-election. But better late than never.

The British "tank," out of "juice" in an enemy's country, was merely in the same predicament all other "tanks" are in under the same circumstances.

A Plattsmouth saloon keeper is going to quit selling wet goods and start selling dry goods. You can't keep a man of that disposition down.—Hastings Tribune.

According to a health expert, a man can live for 250 years on bananas. A safe statement to make, because nobody would try to live that long on nothing but bananas.

In order to make limburger inviting after the beer disappears, an eminent doctor has discovered that the limburger odor can be extracted by soaking the stuff in buttermilk over night.

Jack London, the noted author, died very suddenly at his home near Santa Rosa, Cal., Wednesday evening of uremic poisoning. We will read no more of Jack London's interesting stories. Peace to his ashes.

It's a wonder to us that the farmers do not get wise to the cornstalk disease. Every day someone reports the loss of cattle by turning them in the cornfield. It is not only this year, but cattle are lost every year from this disease. At the price cattle are now selling it looks to a man up a tree as though they would stop turning their stock in the cornfields.

One great mistake of the national republican committee was to imagine they could formulate public opinion by full-page advertisements in the metropolitan dailies. Every practical man knows that the metropolitan dailies have very little influence in formulating public opinion. The most effective in this way are the smaller country dailies and the weekly press.—National Tribune.

WHEAT SHORTAGE AND MIDDLEMEN.

The 1917 wheat prospects are causing alarm the world over. The area of winter wheat sown is slightly larger than last year, but the spring wheat prospect is gloomy on account of scarcity of good seed. The same story comes from Canada and Russia, where on account of the cold climate only spring wheat can be raised. It is agreed that the war will probably continue through the next wheat harvest and that there will be short crops both in Russia and Rumania. The stories of disaster to the Argentine wheat crop are not fully credited at Washington or in New York, but there is no doubt that there has been a great shortage there with a very gloomy outlook for next year's crop on account of the long continued droughts. The reports from Argentine are that the crop of wheat there amounted to only 36,000,000 bushels, whereas an average crop would have been three times as much.

The investigation into food prices that the government is to make will take into consideration a new phase of the middlemen's profits. It is said that a bushel of potatoes should be handled at the same cost regardless of price, except a small additional amount for the use of increased capital. That is not the way it is done at present. If the middleman makes 10 per cent on a bushel of potatoes when they are \$1 a bushel, he now charges 20 per cent when they are \$2, and there is no additional cost except the interest on the extra dollar. That same practice is followed in dealing in all manner of goods and adds immensely to the cost of living. With a wheat shortage such as is feared, there is no possibility for lower prices and the cheaper handling of goods is the only palliative.—World-Herald.

Soon the wheels will begin to go round. Congress meets Monday, December 4.

Kissing a lady on the cheek is all right, if you don't get more powder than you want.

Before you forget it—do your Christmas shopping early and get the pick of the offerings.

During these happy, prosperous times some men wake up famous, while a heap more wake up dead broke.

When a man heralds the loss of his valuable dog in print and finds nine curs camping on his doorstep next morning, he wonders whether it really pays to advertise.

Other cities and towns are preparing for a municipal Christmas tree, and why not Plattsmouth? Last Christmas a number of towns had them and they proved of great interest to the children as well as to the parents, and in every instance proved a success.

There is the bitterest recrimination going on in California as to the responsibility for the loss of that great state to the democrats. Such regular republicans as General Harrison Grey Otis openly charge Governor Johnson with selling out the republican party for Johnson's benefit. Johnson retorts by saying that the old guard in California drove the progressives into supporting Wilson. They managed it so that no progressive could get near Hughes at his visit. Hughes made no mention of Johnson's candidacy in any of his speeches, and did not meet Johnson at all during his tour of California. This was taken as a direct affront to Johnson and to the progressive leaders, and was resented as such.

STRENGTHENING THE PRESIDENT.

A cable dispatch from Rome to the New York Herald bears upon the claim so often advanced during the campaign that under President Wilson the United States had lost standing throughout the world. Thomas Nelson Page, our ambassador to Italy, is not only in position to know the feeling of the government to which he is accredited, but he has been able to learn much at first hand regarding the view that is held of us by the governments of other warring countries. During his visit to this country not long before election Mr. Page said that the notion that the leading men of Europe did not respect the government of this country was "the sheerest invention of the imagination." It is evident that what he has since learned has only reinforced that opinion, for Ambassador Page now says in an interview with the World correspondent at Rome:

"America never stood higher in the opinion of foreign governments than at this moment. I have heard it said that President Wilson's policy is to be regarded hereafter as the last expression in international law; that the second Lusitania note deserves to be written in letters of gold; that so far from weakening American policy the president's attitude has caused steadily the United States to become more powerful. Men who think without passion or prejudice recognize the soundness of President Wilson's foreign policy."

After the heat and discussion that attend upon a national election have passed away, it is likely to be said that the greatest national value of the verdict which the people have just rendered lies in the message carried to other nations that the American people are standing behind their chief magistrate in matters that concern not only the present, but even more the future of the world. In so far as Mr. Page correctly understands and interprets the feeling of European governments, it must be recognized that ground which has been gained with world keeping. However citizens may have disagreed regarding candidates, there is occasion for satisfaction that the people of this country have declared themselves clearly on matters which affect our international relationships. The effort to influence the election verdict in behalf of any interests outside of our own utterly failed, and it is clear from the comments in foreign newspapers that this is accepted as strengthening the hands of the president. That is seen to be the thing of most consequence.—Springfield Republican.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Nebraska Press association in Lincoln last Saturday, they adopted a reorganized scheme, which, in the future will provide for a paid secretary and increase the dues to active members to an amount to be set by the executive board. The membership fee will be \$1.00, and the honorary memberships, \$5.00, to which will be added \$2 for social functions. Active members must be editors, proprietors or business managers of papers. An honorary membership goes to reporters and others connected with papers, and others who seek preferment for office.—Plattsmouth Journal.

While we are not disposed to quarrel with the members of the organization it seems that some are disposed to make entire change in the management of the association. The original intention of the Nebraska Editorial association was for the editors to meet, have a social time, get acquainted and talk "shop." Now it intends to have a meeting once a year, and place the dues so high that the younger and weaker paper will be frozen out. It would be better to stick to the social side, because in counties where there is strong competition the "gentleman's agreement" will not amount to much.—Nebraska City News.

Why not try a municipal Christmas tree?

VENTILATING RAILROADS.

There was begun the other day in Washington an investigation of the railroad business of this country that promises much to those who profess but slight comprehension of the subtleties of railroad management and railroad manipulation, but who are compelled to feel in their everyday lives the burdens that railroads impose upon the consuming world.

A joint commission of congress, created at the request of the president, will conduct the most comprehensive ventilation of the railroad business ever undertaken. It will hear upon every phase of railroading, rates, capitalization, profits, all details of operation, watering of stocks, wages and strikes and even government ownership.

Calamity howling has become so fashionable among those who profit from railroad ownership that the people could not help but hold them under suspicion. Lack of expert knowledge among the masses has enabled the managers to get away with their plaints and excite some credence with them, although the public has maintained a sullen conviction that it has been getting the worst of it.

Assuming that the members of the commission will act in good faith, and will zealously safeguard the public interests, the people may repose some confidence in the thought that this sweeping investigation may result in better service and more equitable rates. If it does not its work must in the end be regarded as a waste of talent and energy.

The president has disclosed evidences of a deep comprehension of railroad problems as they involve the public. He has shown no disposition to be unfair with the great corporations, but evidenced his determination to restrain avaricious exactions from the people. He will hardly do anything, or permit anything to be done by this commission, that will shake the confidence the masses repose in him.—Lincoln Star.

It is always the losing side that has the most to say about election frauds.

A self-made man acts as though he believed all the good material had been used up.

The price of paper is rising so high that it will soon be too valuable to print money on.

Let's quit this "dry" and "wet" distinction. We are all "dry." Please pass the grape juice!

Just when you think you are doing somebody a kind act something turns up to put a different view on it.

Gus Hyers will remove to eastern Colorado as soon as his term of office expires as sheriff of Lancaster county, and engage in the real estate and loan business.

Some Nebraska editors are chronic pleasure seekers. Maybe that's the reason they don't get out any better papers than they do. We believe in business before pleasure.

A careful check has been made of all precincts throughout California and there is no possibility of Wilson losing that state. If you have not paid your election bets prepare to do so now.

This paper advocated a chautauqua several years ago, and kept on doing so for some time after, and we are glad to see the Commercial club take up the matter even at this late date. But better late than never, however.

Saur kraut has even advanced 100 per cent. Kraut was once a wholesome food that everybody could masticate, but we suppose now we will have to use it sparingly as with other high-priced food.

No one man, or any two or three men are responsible for the great victory won by the democrats of Nebraska, but to the noble and faithful democrats of the state and the popularity of President Wilson, is where the credit is due. Give credit to whom credit is due, and stop all this bosh about boosting some one or two men who "want to go up higher."

LABOR AND BIG BUSINESS.

It would be well for the world of big business to acknowledge that all the brains, statesmanship and patriotism are not confined within its membership and then act accordingly. There was a large meeting held in New York the other day to consider plans "to reduce the friction between labor and capital to a point where the prostration of industry will not be caused or threatened." Now that is a very important thing to consider but there was not a representative of labor there. The principal persons present were Henry Clews, Frederick D. Underwood, George Foster Peabody, George W. Perkins, Jacob H. Schiff, Henry P. Davidson, Frank A. Vanderlip, William R. Wilcox, Charles M. Schwab, Frank W. Woolworth, Felix M. Warburg, Isaac Seligman and Philip T. Dodge.

There is just as much brains and just as much statesmanship among the producers of this land as there is among the traders and bankers. When it is constantly declared that the business men must get together, as it was declared at this meeting, and settle this dispute between capital and labor, with no consultation with those representing the other side of the question, it may be said in advance that the effort will be a failure.

The Federation of Labor declares that "The rapid increase in prices of all necessities of life has brought suffering into the homes of millions of wage earners. Every day this suffering becomes more acute." On the other hand there are millions of profits being laid away by the traders, transportation interests and bankers. It will require the brains of both sides of this contest to find a remedy. The two sides are being lined up in larger force than ever before. A few men of big business, who act as if they thought the western line of the United States was somewhere in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh, may imagine that they can furnish a plan of settlement, but they are very much mistaken. The state that decided the presidential election against them lies on the Pacific coast and there are thirty-seven other states between it and Wall street that were of the same opinion.—World-Herald.

The man who is prominent with suggestions generally does the least work.

Food Commissioner Harman is now mad at everybody but himself and Morehead, and will not be an applicant for re-appointment. Good!

If there is anything left after meeting the grocer and the butcher and settling the coal bill, it is excellent advice to do your shopping early.

Usually at this season of the year there are plenty of rabbits on the market, but from some cause or other they are sure scarce upon the market.

Sarpy county elected a lady county superintendent at the late election. When the Journal proposed Miss Foster for this position in Cass county some eight years ago, the idea was hoisted at. Now there are quite a number of lady superintendents in Nebraska, from the start made in this county through the Journal.

This county seat moving business is not so easy as it is cracked up to be. A few weeks ago Norfolk tried to get the county seat away from Madison, and failed, and then comes the failure of an effort to move the county seat of Polk county from Osceola to Stromsburg, which was defeated by a large vote of the taxpayers.

Try Plattsmouth before you go to Omaha to buy Christmas goods. Your own merchants always accommodate you when you need accommodations, so return these favors by spending your cash with the home merchants instead of the Omaha merchants, who have no interests in Plattsmouth except to get your money. No credit goes with them, and you know it. Then spend your money with those merchants who accommodate you the year round, when you haven't got the money.

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Mrs. Harry Kuhney, Eighth and Pearl Sts., Plattsmouth, says: "I couldn't say anything but good in praise of Doan's Kidney Pills for I know from personal experience that they are all that is claimed of them. I use Doan's Kidney Pills whenever my back aches and my kidneys are not acting as they should and they never fail to give quick relief. We use Doan's Kidney Pills in our home whenever necessary for kidney trouble and they always give good satisfaction." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Kuhney had. Foster-Milburn Co., Prop., Buffalo, N. Y.

A. B. Fornoff of near Cullom was in the city today looking after some business matters and enjoying a visit with his friends.

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W. A. ROBERTSON, Lawyer.
East of Riley Hotel, Coates' Block, Second Floor

A want ad will bring what you want.

TRANSPORTATION AT THE BASE OF DEFENSE

Washington, Nov. 25.—Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the railway executives, Saturday pointed to lessons learned from rigid regulation of railroads by European belligerents as proof that "transportation lies at the base" of an efficient system of national defense.

Thom made the declaration before the joint congressional committee investigating public utilities. His chief plea was for greater centralization of regulation of railroads. He reiterated his declaration that much of the power held by state commissions should be given to a centralized federal body.

Thom suggested the following "chief features," which the railroads believe should be incorporated into any system of regulation adopted by the government. The entire power and duty of regulation should be in the hands of the national government, except as to matters essentially local and incidental.

As one of the means of accomplishing this, a system of federal incorporation should be adopted into which should be brought all railroad corporations engaged in interstate or foreign commerce.

Regulation of the interstate commission and creation of a new federal railroad commission and regional commission subordinated to it.

Interstate commerce commission should be given power to prescribe minimum rates.

The power of the commission to suspend rates should be confined to sixty days from the time the tariff is filed instead of ten months as at present.

The federal government should have exclusive governmental power to supervise issuance of securities by interstate carriers.

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If you have before you the problem of the future, either for yourself or for your sons, let me help you.
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