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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Man is not born to solve the problem of the universe, but to find out what he has to do, and to restrain himself within the limits of his own comprehension.—Goethe.

Buckwheat cakes and maple syrup. People are thankful for everything but the high prices.

When things go wrong take it as part of the game.

A proxy is said to work all right in everything except marriage.

It is obvious that the unrest in Mexico is not caused by hard work.

Dress any girl up like a Christmas tree and she is sure of lots of attention.

A pretty girl never needs to look in her mirror. The bald-heads tell her the story.

Some are crowing and others are eating crow, but it will all come out in the wash just the same.

If you are afraid of getting your hands dirty you haven't any business trying to do a man's work.

When a wise man makes a fool of himself we all take a poke at him, but the fool slides by without notice.

The next fight in the way of prohibition should be one to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. They are really more harmful than drink, and weaken the brain of those who use them.

Colonel John G. Maher, who has in the past opposed women suffrage, has now declared himself as an advocate of the ballot for the lovely sex. The colonel is an addition to the cause that will do some good.

We heard an old maid singing the other evening, "Sad and Single, and Leap Year Nearly Gone." Poor thing! She has been in the market a long time, and yet she is better off than most women who have husbands.

An Omaha retiring groceryman says he remembers when eggs were 8 cents a dozen. We can do better than that. We can remember, when a boy in Ohio, of buying eggs for 5 and 6 cents a dozen and plenty of them at that price.

A Chicago produce dealer is authority for the statement that greed, and not a shortage of produce, is responsible for the high prices now prevailing throughout the United States. This is a conclusion which many came to long before the Chicago man spoke. The question is, what is the remedy?

"Who's to blame for Hughes' defeat?" is a matter that is being discussed by some of the eastern papers. The fact of the business is the puzzle is easily solved. In the first place the common people were not for him; and in the second place President Wilson was too popular with the people in all sections of the country.

The great ovation that was accorded President Wilson upon the occasion of his visit to Omaha, was a true index to the spirit of Nebraska and the middle west. His majority of 41,000 in this state was a little better than could have been expected, but it fully demonstrates that the people of Nebraska were for the president from the start to the finish.

POULTRY MEN AND EGGS.

The chicken men, aside from the technical discussion connected with the poultry business, have been considering some fundamental economic problems. One of them said that a high price of eggs, while it might be good for the poultry men for a season or so, would in the end be detrimental to the business, for eggs at the present prices would soon be discarded by a large part of the population. They would use them sparingly or not at all. Another said he could not understand the present situation at all. For some years there had been an effort made to improve the poultry stock and without doubt hens were laying more eggs than they did ten years ago, while larger numbers of them were raised. There should be an abundance of eggs, yet the claim was made that there was a scarcity. He was sure that there had been a great many more eggs produced during the last year than formerly and yet the price was so high that it was prohibitive to a large part of the population. That was a mystery to him.

Another said that there must be a large quantity of eggs in storage for which extortionate prices were asked, and he hoped that the people would not buy an egg until the first of February when the young hens and the old ones, too, would begin laying again. He wanted to see every cold storage company bankrupt and that might teach them some sense. Another said that from all the information that he could get, there were not as many eggs in storage this year as last and that in only one or two cities were there a corner on eggs.

Then a long-whiskered old man, who had taken a good many prizes last year in poultry contests, spoke up. He said: "There are lots of things besides eggs that have gone up in price, things where there has been no shortage in production. There may be corners in eggs in a few places, but the cause of the rise in price of eggs is the enormous amount of money in circulation. Of course the price can be brought down if enough people quit using them."—World-Herald.

Sometimes those who shout the loudest for justice simply do so for revenge.

The high cost of living is no respecter of communities. The same exists in every section of the country.

At the beginning of 1916, according to the department of agriculture, there were 68,047,000 hogs on the farms of this country.

It is an old saying that "Money makes the mare go." But it has been changed to "Money makes the automobile go."

Thanksgiving is over. Now for Christmas; and be sure to do your shopping early and late. But by all means do it with your home merchants.

President Wilson's Mexican policy don't seem to please the Mexicans. Well, we should not get discouraged, because a Mexican has no sense of humor and you can't please him, no-how.

The lady congressman from Montana must be an awful good woman, for if we are to take her pictures in the paper for it, she is not very handsome. Maybe it is better that she isn't pretty. Most men who go to congress love to associate with pretty women, you know.

The Press has long contended that the management of the Nebraska Editorial association should be confined to men who are actively engaged in the business, who either own or manage newspapers. So-called "news bureaus," supply houses and such should not have anything to say about the policy of the association. We are willing that they be granted social privileges, but as for letting them run editorial excursions and editorial activities we are in favor of putting the kibosh on them instantly.—Nebraska City Daily Press.

SOCIALISM.

"After the war, what?" Socialism, for one thing?

Germany, which before the war was the most highly socialized state in the world, and which by this means had attained the highest state of industrial efficiency, is now in the process of organizing the whole empire upon the theory of socialism. This is being done as a war measure—to insure that every ounce of energy and every particle of matter may be utilized to make Germany more efficient in winning the war. It is a tremendous tribute to socialism. And the tribute is made the more impressive because the other great powers are following in Germany's footsteps even though a long ways behind.

All Germans are to be made employes of the state by the new compulsory civil service bill. They are to be as truly subject to the disposition of the government for civil as for military service. The capital of the empire together with the workers will be organized along military lines and operated under state control. Conscription will prevail in the industrial same as in the military field. Labor will be directed, industries will be operated not primarily for the good of the individual but for the best interest of the state.

Quite naturally, even in war time when the life of the empire hangs in the balance, so drastic a measure is arousing opposition. Many of the upper and middle classes who for various reasons have been able to escape military conscription have rebelled against industrial conscription. The "luxury trades," not working for the purposes of the war nor for the nation's immediate wants, such as jewelers, florists, cafe proprietors, moving picture owners, delicatessen stores, expensive tailors, have been active in opposition, fearing the loss of their highly profitable businesses. Even a segment of socialists has fought the measure, on the ground that it is intended to give the government the means to avert inconvenient and costly strikes.

But reports from Germany are to the effect that popular feeling, as a whole, is strongly with the government in support of the bill, and that it will pass the reichstag with a large majority. In France and England and Russia, though not so comprehensive a scale nor in so thorough a way, the same plan is being adopted—the government is directing the activities of the people, on farms, in shops, in mines, everywhere, in order that the people may the more efficiently serve the government and thereby their own imperative interest.

When the war is over will the people be ready to go back to the old system, or will they incline to believe that what was best in war will also be best in peace? Will they use their power in peace to convert the war socialism, administered by a benevolent and enlightened despotism, into a genuine socialism directed by the people for their own good? If they do, will the system work as well in peace as in war? Will it be as efficient under popular control—the rule of the majority?—as under the despotic control of the few ablest minds of Europe?

Many things are coming after the war that we have known before only in theory or by name. Is the socialistic state to be one of them?—World-Herald.

It makes not a bit of difference who you are or what you are, this town has done more for you than you have done for it. You may be rich or you may be poor, or in just moderate circumstances, but in either case your home town has done much for you that you have never recognized nor repaid. This statement is worthy of serious consideration of every citizen who believes in giving as he receives. If you give it the consideration it deserves you will get busy right away and do your full share toward making this a bigger and better and more prosperous town in every way.

"Home first—the world afterward," should be the motto of every citizen—even in buying Christmas presents.

Do it early for your own sake.

Three weeks from today is Christmas.

Wheat seems to be on the downward grade.

And now the question is—will we have a white or black Christmas?

The fellow who foots the bills is about the only one that has a right to kick.

The renewal of Villa's activity in Mexico is causing serious apprehension in Washington.

There is no good reason why you should not continue to feel thankful—until after the holidays, anyway.

Mr. Bryan is going to build a new home at Asherville, N. C., but will retain his legal residence in Nebraska.

"What are you going to give us for a Christmas present?" Will be the salutation from now on for the ensuing three weeks.

In doing your Christmas shopping early don't overlook the fact that the Journal is the best possible guide to Christmas shoppers.

It is not any of our business, but we would like to know what a woman wants with, or what she does with a studded diamond garter?

There will be no "swearing off" the first of January. The boys realize that it will be the real thing about four months after swear-off time.

When a man and woman are in the mood to get married they don't care a snap whether the word "obey" or anything else is said in the ceremony, so it hooks 'em up.

The democrats of Nebraska don't want to get too big for their breeches because they made a clean sweep in the state. They should remember there is another election two years hence, and those who have been elected to positions of honor and trust should attend strictly to their "knitting" and make records that will insure us another victory. Of course there are four who will not run for the third term, because the democrats do not believe in the third term business, and their successors will be new men. The new administration is composed of efficient and good men, and we trust they will conduct the affairs of state so that it will insure another victory for the democrats two years hence.

MR. FARMER!

A half million dollars worth of perfectly good farm machinery is thrown in the scrap pile every year in Nebraska.

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ASKS FOR CITIZENSHIP.

From Wednesday's Daily. Yesterday Carl Anderson, a resident of Weeping Water, filed his application for citizenship papers in the office of Clerk of the District Court James Robertson, as did Deitrich Berner, a resident of Avoca. Mr. Anderson is a native of Denmark and Mr. Berner of Germany and both desire to become full-fledged residents of this free republic.

RETURNS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA.

Adam Kaffenberger and son, August, returned home this afternoon from Hitchcock, S. D., near where they have been visiting for a short time and looking after the land interests of Mr. Kaffenberger. They report the crops in that locality this year as being fine and the corn fully as good as any in the state. Mr. Kaffenberger states that the weather conditions there have been very fine this fall, being similar to that prevailing in this section.

Cough Medicine for Children.

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as representative in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Niday of Union

motored to this city this morning and spent the day visiting friends and attending to some business matters. They were pleasant callers at this office.

Nothing in the printing line has

grown like the Christmas Greeting card, and the Journal's line has grown accordingly, until this year when we have the largest assortment ever shown in the city. We know our old patrons will see them, but we have an assortment large enough for many new ones.

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