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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

He that has character need have no fear of his condition. Character will draw condition after it.—H. W. Beacher.

Do it now. You know what. Christmas comes but once a year.

Remember the poor children on Christmas.

About the heaviest load a man can carry is his own opinions.

The best potatoes are selling in North and South Dakota at 85c a bushel, and here they are worth \$1.60 a bushel, almost double.

A fine school building appeals to visitors more than anything else. Don't you know it?

One of his employees says he worked for John D. Rockefeller for ten years and never saw him.

Bakeries and groceries are dealing in luxuries almost exclusively now, such as bread, potatoes, canned goods and so on.

People have begun to move in the direction of purchasing their presents. That's right—do your Christmas shopping early.

We have come to the conclusion that Nebraska needs a new constitution. The old one has certainly outlived its usefulness.

Only twenty-three more days and leap year will have vanished. Girls, you will have to hurry up if you want to take advantage of the opportunity offered you.

Several towns are arranging to have "Municipal Christmas Trees." What's the matter with Plattsmouth getting in the push? Let someone take the lead in the matter.

Some boys who quit the high school before graduating, think they know more than the boys who graduate from the state university, and in many instances they get along a great deal better.

Butter that is made in the old-fashioned stone churn has got 30 cents of good hard butter in every pound of it all right enough. And oh, how delicious! That's the kind of butter our dear old mother used to make.

A great war leaves three pronounced classes: An army of mourners, an army of cripples and an army of thieves. And it might be added, an army of office-seekers who run for office on their war record.

There is a movement on foot to organize a state press association in Nebraska composed strictly of bona fide newspaper men of the state—meaning those personally engaged in the newspaper business. Then it will be an association in the true meaning. We are in favor of it, and will do as much as any other "real" newspaper in the state to bring about such an organization.

A traveling salesman for an eastern firm who has been coming twice a year for the past twenty years, said that Plattsmouth was one of the most enterprising cities within the territory in which he traveled and he was sorry to see that some of the citizens were creating trouble with the board of education in their efforts to erect a high school building that would be a credit to the city. A fine school house speaks louder than words for the enterprise of the community.

Let's be up with other towns in this enterprise.

Help a noble cause by buying Red Cross stamps.

If this nation wants peace, it must be prepared for peace.

Stay at home and do your Christmas shopping this time and see if you don't feel better by so doing.

It is no use for a girl with a big foot to wear the French heels if she doesn't believe in long skirts.

Christmas comes but once a year, and let us all try to be of good cheer, even if we can't afford turkey.

Don't buy a Christmas turkey unless you can get it at a reasonable price. Make up your mind you can get along with a chicken, duck or a goose.

If there is a "Tom, the Peeper," in this town, the police should get onto him right away and deal with him as he deserves to be dealt with. No room here for such low down whelps.

The farmers say they are making the packers rich, and the packers say they are making the farmers rich. Now, which is it? We say the consumers are making them both rich.

Judge Hughes bet his place on the United States supreme bench that he could win, and lost, and now he has gone back to his old law firm in New York City. It was only a miscalculation—that's all.

The Journal is advocating a community Christmas tree and a chalet for Plattsmouth. Ashland had both last year in season and found each one helpful and beneficial to the city.—Ashland Gazette.

Many of the newspapers in the state are clamoring for a new state house. Keep it up, boys, until we get a capitol building in keeping with the great state of Nebraska. We have the reputation of having the poorest capitol building in the United States.

The Nebraska woman suffrage association announces that \$10,000 will be needed to carry on the work of education and organization in Nebraska during 1917. Let the husbands of the suffragists put up the money. Cass county's proportion will be less than \$200.00. Out with your pocket books boys, and "pony up."

North Platte, the home of Governor-elect Keith Neville, recently voted \$200,000 bonds for the erection of a new high school building in that city. This is over three times as much as has been voted for the new building in Plattsmouth, and yet North Platte is a much smaller city than our own. Does this mean that North Platte is composed of a more intelligent and up-to-date citizenship than Plattsmouth? We would hate to think so.

The death of George Boldt, manager of the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York, removes the greatest figure in the country in the hotel game. He was once a waiter. When he died he was worth millions. The keynote of his success was industry. He insisted too that a hotel was, for the time being, the home of the man or woman staying there. He demanded courtesy on the part of his employees and made the most of his opportunities to make his hotel a harmonious, homelike place. A series of articles have appeared lately in a nationally circulated magazine, detailing the story of Boldt's life. Reading them inspires one to better things. Few waiters become managers and millionaires. Are you a quarter-horse?

NOISY MR. PINCHOT.

Gifford Pinchot is out with another resounding alarm to discourage proposed congressional legislation to encourage water power development. He is quite certain that the legislation toward which congress has seemed favorable is monstrous. His old plaint against the Shields' bill is renewed. The Shields' bill relates to the method of establishing water power development upon navigable streams, and is therefore of little direct interest to Nebraskans.

Occasionally one has occasion to wonder if there is not too many Gifford Pinchots in the world. What the American people stand in need of is development of the water power available to them. Alarmists like Pinchot may do much to prevent it. In fact they have been doing much toward that end in recent years.

It is stated that not more than 10 per cent of the possible 60,000,000 horse-power of our available water power has been developed, while in other countries the proportion utilized has been much greater. We are so jealous lest something of value shall be taken away from the people that we seldom stop to think that it might be better for the people if someone would manage to get hold of development franchises and provide for them what they seem in no mood to provide for themselves.

It might very easily be better for the people to pay excessive tribute to somebody for water power development than to go without it.

Anyhow, the public is getting a little tired of Gifford Pinchot. He made his bet in the recent election and lost. He sought to utilize his prestige as a conservationist to defeat President Wilson and restore to power at Washington the old regime that gave us Ballinger. Having failed in that endeavor he may go away back and sit down.—Lincoln Star.

What do you say about it, any way?

Municipal Christmas tree.

Do your little stunt and keep in the game.

He's no doubt a wise man who knows what to forget.

It will pay to watch the woman who loves to gossip about her neighbors.

If you are stuck on your job the chances are you'll find your job stuck on you.

Popularity is a short lane for some and a long lane for others, but it has an end for all.

Government officials by their latest estimate place the population of the United States at 103,002,000.

If you don't have respect for your home folks, the chances are you will not be very much respected any place.

Our merchants are displaying their Christmas goods, and some of the show windows are being dressed up in fine shape.

Experience has taught us that philosophy will not give you credit at the grocery or get you any votes at a church fair.

The rise in the price of leaf tobacco is threatening to boost the prices of cigars. But why should smokers worry, cabbage is still selling at about the same old price.

It looks funny to see people doing business in Plattsmouth go to Omaha to do their Christmas shopping, and yet they do it every day. Such have no right to grumblings about other people going to Omaha to buy goods.

Talk about your "white slaves." Did you ever notice the poor mother who takes care of ten children, cooks for four men, does the family washing, and sits up half the night mending the children's clothes so they can go to school the next morning after she has gotten up at five o'clock to get breakfast, wash their faces, comb their hair and kiss them all a sweet goodbye? And there is no law to protect her from carrying in the coal.

THE ISSUE AND THE MAN.

The democrats of Nebraska assembled in state convention at Hastings on July 25, unanimously adopted this resolution:

"The republican party in its national platform has declared in favor of giving to the federal government exclusive control of the transportation of the country. We are unalterably opposed to this attempt to destroy state control which in Nebraska and many other states has been of service to the people. Both forms of control are necessary, one for through business and far-reaching questions, and one for local business and local questions. We pledge to the people of this state that our candidates for United States senator and for members of congress will oppose this effort to destroy state control, which is guaranteed by our state constitution, and thus leave the people without relief on local complaints."

This resolution, drafted originally by Senator Hitchcock and presented to the resolutions committee by Arthur F. Mullen and Harry B. Fleharty, the Douglas county member, met with the cordial approval of the committee as well as of the convention. It was most ably and eloquently expounded by Chairman Merton L. Corey in his splendid "keynote speech." Mr. Corey later, in campaigning for the state for the democratic ticket, placed much emphasis on this plank of the platform, as did other speakers and newspapers, including Keith Neville and the World-Herald.

Mr. Bryan, in his campaign in Nebraska, made no mention of this plank of his party's platform. This omission was probably due to his hostility toward Senator Hitchcock and Mr. Neville. It is none the less gratifying now that the election is over, to find Mr. Bryan at Washington making speeches in support of the platform plank adopted at Hastings last July and which the people of Nebraska a month ago ratified by a large majority. Mr. Bryan's help, and the help of all others who support the position of the Nebraska democrats as against the position of the republican national convention, will probably be needed in the campaign for federal incorporation and exclusive federal control of railroads is to be frustrated. That campaign will meet with encouragement and support in democratic the same as republican quarters, and it behooves all those opposed to it to be up and doing.

Those who are familiar with the facts are aware that Mr. Corey was one of the first to denounce the exclusive federal control plank of the republican platform. He was one of the most earnest and active in securing a plank to denounce it at Hastings. Throughout the campaign that followed he devoted more attention to that issue than any other speaker in Nebraska. Unquestionably many votes were won for the democratic ticket by reason of Mr. Corey's speeches on this subject.

It is largely because of Mr. Corey's position on this important issue that his friends have united to present his name for appointment to the enlarged interstate commerce commission. Mr. Corey, as a member of that important body, would be a tower of strength to those who believe, with the people of Nebraska, that there should be both state and national control of railroads and that both should be fair and efficient. He is a clean, able and aggressive young man. If appointed he would be a credit to his party and his state and prove a true servant of the people.—World-Herald.

I want to live in a world where 100 warships, costing \$200,000,000, will not be proudly paraded before a city too poor to feed its hungry school children; to live in a world where the opinions of long-dead grandfathers inscribed in constitutions will be of less consequence than the mangled arms and limbs and the destitute women and children of our factory workers; where breaker-boys will not be permitted in coal mines; where it will be criminal to place little children in canneries, chemical vats, glass mills, or phosphorus factories.—Frederic C. Howe.

A FINE EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATIVE THRIFT.

In view of the marked increase in price of all kinds of paper the department of commerce again calls attention to the importance of saving old rags, old papers of every kind, and all other available paper-making material. It has published a pamphlet upon request of all who wish it.

An interesting and valuable experiment has been worked out in the city of Washington, which is commended to the attention of the newspaper press and the school authorities all over the country. With the efficient co-operation of a prominent Washington newspaper the school children in the city have saved since the fall term began over 150 tons of old newspapers, for which a sum in excess of \$2,000 has been realized, which will be devoted to the children's playgrounds. It is at once interesting and instructive to reflect upon the saving that would have been made had the children of other cities generally throughout the country been equally inspired and efficient.

It is not too late. If the fine example that has been set by the co-operation of the press and the public schools shall spread throughout the land, the saving will amount not to thousands alone in value but to millions. The movement in Washington is not concluded. It is still progressing with vigor. Its success should commend to the press of the country, who can show their appreciation both of a public need and of the fine example set by one of their own profession by co-operating in the same good work. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, Secretary of the Dept. of Commerce.

Don't try to make the small boys and girls believe there is no such a personage as Santa Claus. We can remember when we used to sleep in the trundle bed and on the night before Christmas watch the fire place and blazing fire to see Santa Claus come down the chimney and fill our stockings. And we imagined we could see Old Santa as plain as day come down the chimney. Those were the happiest days of our life, and so let the boys and girls of today enjoy the belief that there is no myth about "Dear Old Santa!"

PUBLIC SALE

As I am leaving this part of the country, I will sell at public auction on the Philip Bachelor farm, four and one-half miles south of Plattsmouth, on the Rock Bluffs road, commencing at 1 o'clock sharp, on Wednesday, December 20th, the following articles:

- One black mare, 7 years old, weight, 1,250.
- One bay mare, 11 years old, weight 1,000.
- One bay gelding, 10 years old, weight 1,250.
- One Red Polled heifer calf, 9 months old.
- Two Duroc-Jersey brood sows and four shoats.
- One set 1 1/2-inch work harness, in good repair.
- One set of carriage harness.
- One 3/4-inch new Moline grain wagon.
- One extra double wagon box.
- One 6-foot Deering Ideal binder, with trucks.
- One Osborn side delivery rake.
- One John Deere disc.
- One David Bradley riding cultivator.
- One Peru 16-inch sulky plow.
- One 14-inch walking plow.
- One set 1 1/2-inch work harness, in good repair.
- One set single buggy harness.
- One truck wagon and hay rack.
- One spring wagon.
- One buggy.
- One 5-foot Johnston mower.
- One John Deere hay loader.
- One New Century two-row cultivator.
- Two New Departure cultivators.
- One J. I. Case variable drop lister.

Some household goods and various other articles too numerous to mention. The following articles belonging to other parties will be offered: One good milk cow, 7 years old, fresh next month; one calf, weight 500 pounds; one good saddle. Terms—All sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand. Over \$10, a credit of nine months will be given, purchaser giving not with approved security at 8 per cent. All property to be settled for before removal from premises. WILL H. SHOOP, Owner. W. R. Young, Auctioneer. C. C. Fricke, Clerk.

Xmas Candies!

FROM 10c A POUND UP!

You will find our box line complete in all sizes and colors from 25c up. Come in and look over our line. No matter how small or how large your purchase will be appreciated. Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours for Service,
- GUY W. MORGAN, -
—Successor to John Schiappacese—

Local News

Abe Grindle came over this afternoon from his home near Tabor, Ia., to spend a short time with relatives. J. H. Meisinger of near Cedar Creek was in the city today for a few hours looking after some matters of business with the merchants.

Will Murdock of Wyoming was in the city today, en route from his home to Omaha, where he was called on some business matters.

Ben Wiles and wife motored in Saturday from their farm home to spend a few hours in the city visiting with friends and looking after some trading.

C. C. Derr of Wessington Springs, S. D., who has been here visiting at the home of his uncle, Will Howland and family, for a few days, departed this morning for his home.

Mrs. E. P. Lutz and Mrs. L. D. Hiatt returned yesterday morning from Peoria, Ill., where they have been in attendance at the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Bruce Miller.

County Commissioner J. A. Pitz will depart this afternoon for Alliance where he will attend the meeting in that city of the county clerks and commissioners of the state.

Hon. E. M. Pollard, of Nehawka, was in the city Saturday afternoon for a few hours looking after some matters in the county court and meeting with his many friends in the city.

Mrs. Robert Ward departed this afternoon for Lincoln, where she will attend the Senior Recognition day tomorrow at Cotner university, and in which her son, Everett Ward, will take a prominent part as a member of the senior class.

Mrs. Martha Stevenson of Peoria, Ill., who has been enjoying a visit at the home of her nephew, Will Murdock at Wyoming, departed this morning on No. 6 for Fairfield, Ia., for a short visit before returning home.

Julius Reimke of South Bend motored to this city Saturday afternoon to attend to some business matters. While here he called at this office and ordered the Plattsmouth Journal in order that he might be kept posted on happenings throughout the county.

E. H. Spangler, one of the enterprising farmers south of the city, was here Saturday for a few hours looking after some trading and while here was a very pleasant caller at The Journal office, transferring his subscription from the weekly to the daily, and will hereafter receive a call from The Journal each day.

Good for Constipation.

Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent for constipation. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

RETURNS FROM LINCOLN.

From Saturday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Vallery returned this morning from Lincoln and Havelock where they have been spending a few days with their relatives and friends and report that Mrs. Mike Warga, sr., is now showing some signs of improvement which if continued will allow her to recover from her serious illness. While at the St. Elizabeth's hospital Mr. Vallery enjoyed a visit with Joseph Droege who is there recovering from an operation and report him as doing nicely and he is now able to be up and around and feeling greatly improved in every way.

PURCHASES NEW REO CAR.

From Friday's Daily. Nick Frederick, one of the enterprising young farmers of the vicinity of Murray, has just purchased a fine new Reo automobile of the latest model from Thede Amick, the local agent of this excellent car, and will in the future be able to travel in ease and comfort over the Cass county hills in his new car. The Reo is very popular with automobilists and Mr. Amick has already disposed of a number of machines to the residents of the county.

SURE SOME KINDLY ACT.

From Friday's Daily. Fred Wagner, the restaurateur, has just handed the high cost of living a hard jolt, as will be seen from his ad appearing in this issue and which will be hailed with delight by the public as it places the service at the neat and modern cafe of Mr. Wagner's at twenty-five cents and no more. This will be appreciated by the citizens and the traveling public as the one instance where the cost of living has been reduced instead of advanced.

GOOD PRICES FOR CHICKENS.

One day last week Sam Gilmour drove up from his farm home, bringing with him thirty-six of the famous Brown Bramah chickens that his mother, Mrs. William Gilmour, had raised on the farm. These hens brought \$46.55, or more than \$1 each, and certainly were very fine chickens. They were not the pick of the flock, either, as they were largely the poorest that Mrs. Gilmour had and were sold in order to rid the flock of them. The stock of Bramahs raised at the Gilmour farm is of the best and has been secured from a prize-winning stock for the past fifty years. When it comes to fine poultry the Gilmour farm cannot be beat.

Buy your stationery at the Journal office, where the line is the best and largest in Cass county.

THE TOURIST SLEEPER WAY TO CALIFORNIA

The BURLINGTON'S personally conducted tourist sleeper parties to California are one of the best patronized features of its passenger service. You should arrange to join these parties and go in this comfortable way. BURLINGTON Denver train No. 3 along the Omaha-Oxford line carries these sleepers for California; they all go via the Rio Grande through scenic Colorado by daylight, and direct to Southern California via the Salt Lake Route, or to San Francisco via the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific roads. Connections with these tourist sleepers are made daily in Denver from Southern Nebraska main line train No. 17, and every Wednesday on the St. Joseph-Denver main-line No. 17 there is a personally conducted through sleeper to Los Angeles, via the Southern Pacific and San Francisco. Ask for "California Excursions" and let me assist you to join these parties at the first available place en route.



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