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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The law of worthy life is fundamentally the law of strife. It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage that we move on to better things.—Roosevelt.

Christmas nearing.
Only twelve more days.

Use Red Cross stamps on packages.

Bad colds are prevalent.

It looks like a White Christmas.

Hunters will now keep on the go until the holidays.

The man who is not occasionally criticised is generally a dead one.

Santa Claus will now be holding the center of the stage until after the holidays.

Do your Christmas shopping at home, where the money you spend will do you the most good.

The short ballot proposition will be up to the legislature to decide. Of course, it might prove a popular move.

The man who puts everything in his wife's name, isn't worrying his wife in the least. She knows she has got him and the money both solid.

If you want to do a charitable act, give someone a Christmas present who is not able to buy one, but who has sense enough to appreciate the gift.

The idea of going to Omaha to buy your Christmas presents is all moonshine when you think you are getting better bargains than you can get from home merchants. You can't do it.

Remember the poor during your Christmas joy. There are a number of poor families in the city who will go without Christmas presents unless some who are able remember them.

Invitations by the geological survey have disclosed the fact that the surface of the United States is being worn away at the rate of about one inch in every seven hundred and sixty years. That's a new one to worry about.

W. H. Smith, state auditor, wants all state officers appointed by the governor. Smith has been holding office now for nearly twelve years, and has been re-elected auditor, he don't care how his successor comes in. He will not be a candidate for a third term, knowing full well that the democratic party does not believe in a third term.

To see the kids gazing in the store windows at the Christmas boxes, and their smiling faces, reminds even us old fellows of the Christmases of long ago, and makes us wish we were a boy again. Those were happy days, never to be forgotten. So we delight in seeing the children of today having a good time in the joyful Christmas time.

Omaha retail grocers have collected 7,000 signers to a petition to congress for an embargo on exports of food-stuffs, and it is predicted that they will get from 25,000 to 35,000 more signers by December 15, but when it was proposed that a consumers' boycott be established on expensive foods, or that a market house be opened, these same grocers said "nix on it." Who would think that so many Omaha people would fall for that sort of stuff? Evidently they are born faster than one in a minute.—Lincoln Star.

"Convince a woman against her will, she's of the same opinion still." Most married men know how that is.

Boosting a town doesn't consist entirely in emitting hot air. It implies putting in some money and doing things.

A quiet voice of approval and a gentle pat on the back has a wonderful effect to make a horse serviceable. And it has the same effect on man.

Propping up the walls of the state capitol building with telegraph poles is an old method of influencing public opinion. It is doing the same in this instance, and will cause many to visit Lincoln during the session of the legislature to see how the old hall looks "all braced up."

The Plattsmouth Journal is highly elated because one lonely traveling man recently praised the appearance of that burg. Nebraska City is so used to praise heaped upon it by strangers that it is no longer considered a good news item. And Plattsmouth is kidding herself. Any town that will, by injunction, prevent the erection of a modern school building is not progressive.—Nebraska City Press. We hate to be kidded, and still we cannot deny the allegation of a paper where they are putting up a ward school for the same amount as our high school building is to cost.

Owing to the price of steel farm machinery is to be sharply advanced the coming season. Self binders will cost \$15 more, mowers \$5 to \$7 more, gang plows \$15, barbed wire has gone up from \$3.50 to \$5 a hundred pounds. No wonder the farmers are opposed to a food embargo to lower the price of food products. If a food embargo, then a steel embargo to keep down the cost of farm machinery. If an embargo is to be laid on one thing then on practically everything to even things up, and no one is in favor of that. So the chances are very much against and embargoes being laid. The government may have to take hold of the selling and distribution of necessities of life, fuel, as well as food and clothing; if the speculators get too greedy for unreasonable profits, just as the European countries have done.

A WISE STENOGRAPHER.

A girl stenographer in Norristown, Pa., decided that she was worth more than \$12 a week. When she found she couldn't get a raise, she calmly quit. She quit not only her job, but the whole stenography business. She had a notion that there was more money in washing. And she wasn't afraid of soapuds and hadn't any silly regard for class distinctions. She believed that a prosperous laundress was better than an impecunious stenographer. So she began looking for washings to do.

However, she conducted the quest with brains. And having got clothes to wash, she washed them with brains. As a result, she says she is making \$68 a week, and isn't working very hard, either.

She does only fancy work—fluffy, expensive garments, for wealthy people. She gets the work, and she gets abnormally good pay for it, because she doesn't use anything that bleaches or eats the fabrics, and doesn't wear them out by hard rubbing. She's planning now to build a little laundry and take care of several times as much work.

There's a valuable tip in this story for old-fashioned laundresses. Also for commercial laundries. Also for stenographers and members of other overprized and underpaid occupations.—Crookston (Minn.) Times.

SENATOR SHAFROTH'S BILL.

Senator Shafroth's bill abolishes the electoral college, but not the electoral vote. It therefore preserves the proportional principle in the power of the states in choosing a president. Under this bill the majority or plurality vote of the state would determine for what candidate the electoral vote would be cast, and no state giving an unusual majority, in size, for a candidate would by that fact itself have any more weight in determining the general result than now.

We may expect that, before any change is made in our present method of election, bills will be introduced showing an approach to the subject from several points of view. The suggestion that we keep the electoral college but choose its members by congressional districts, just, of course, as we do our representatives in the house, has often met with much approbation. This would more thoroughly, and some might say, more rationally distribute the elective power, for the electoral vote is apportioned to congressional representation, and by this method an incoming president would always be likely to have a majority or plurality of his own party in the house. Since two electors would be chosen at large, to correspond with the senators, there would not be quite the chance that there is now, that the president would find a hostile majority in the senate.

But it is not probable that the electoral college will be abolished until the power that it has of independent and unpledged action, when necessary, is otherwise placed. Should a president elect or a vice president-elect die before the date for formal voting by the electors, then it would be their duty to fill the office as if no nomination had been made. The occasion for such action has never arisen, but it might arise, and even as it is now there appears to be a strange gap—strange because it has existed so long—in the plan for the succession of one president by another. Suppose that after the electors in all the states have met in their respective states and voted, and the vote has been transmitted or borne sealed and certified to the president of the senate, and the houses in joint session have canvassed the vote and a certain candidate has been declared elected president—suppose that between that time and the 4th of March following the president-elect dies, what then do we do for a president? Inauguration day comes and there is nobody to inaugurate. A president can not hold over, for the presidential term expires by positive limitation. An out-going vice president may succeed to the presidency but, according to the constitution, only when the house of representatives, when the duty has constitutionally fallen upon it, has failed to elect a president. There seems to be no provision of constitution or law to meet such a contingency, but it is possible that, if the situation presented itself, present provision might be judicially construed in such a way as to save the country any serious embarrassment.—World-Herald.

Down in Kansas a court is trying to find out if a Kansas mule is really worth one thousand dollars. Now, if that were a Missouri mule there would be no question about it.

The indications are good for the ice man, and the coal man, also.

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 Bluff 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 3/4-inch work harness, in good repair.
- One set of carriage harness.
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- One extra double wagon box.
- One 6-foot Deering Ideal binder, with trucks.
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- 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 Johnstons mower.
- One John Deere hay loader.
- One New Century two-row cultivator.
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- 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.

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WILL H. SHOOP, Owner.
W. R. Young, Auctioneer.
C. G. Fricke, Clerk.

SAULSBURY IS CHOSEN TO SUCCEED SENATOR CLARK

Washington, Dec. 13.—Senator Willard Saulsbury of Delaware was the unanimous choice of the democratic senate caucus tonight for president pro tempore to succeed the late Senator Clark of Arkansas. He will be elected by the senate probably tomorrow.

Senator Saulsbury was elected to the senate in January, 1913. He has been for many years active in democratic national and state politics and is the Delaware member of the democratic national committee.

In the last campaign he was chairman of the special committee in charge of the senatorial campaign, with headquarters in Chicago.

PURCHASES A NEW FARM.

Chris Parkening, one of the leading farmers in this section of the county has purchased a new farm for himself, having bought the Seybert place near Cullom consisting of 308 acres of fine farming land and is considered one of the best farms in that section of the county. Mr. Parkening has been one of the progressive farmers of the county and will make a splendid success of the new farm.

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ABOLISHING STATE OFFICERS.

Auditor Smith's proposition to abolish the office of state printer and add it to his office and also do likewise with the state land commissioner has the merit of being good, sound business sense. If it is intended as back-fire against the short ballot proposition, it will be effective, for if the movement to abolish executive offices at the state house once gets under way it won't stop at one or two offices. It is quite likely that the people would vote to abolish offices if the result is to lessen expense, and they would cheerfully join the short ballot, advances on the theory. Even though the issue four years hence was to abolish only the land commissioner, there will be no stopping the reform once its good results are made manifest. If the people would stop and think it over, they would not be long in doubt about the sound wisdom of the short ballot proposition. The main good would not come from lessening their own task of selecting competent men, but from better government. No one would champion a proposition to elect the president's cabinet. Well, the attorney general of the state corresponds to the attorney general of the nation, the state treasury to the treasury department, the land commissioner to the interior department, and so on.—Lincoln News.

SEVERAL ARTICLES FOR SALE.

The ladies of St. Mary's Guild have a few choice gifts in needlework for the Christmas season left over from the Christmas shop that will make the most pleasing presents. These may be secured at the Journal office. Call early to secure the choice of them.

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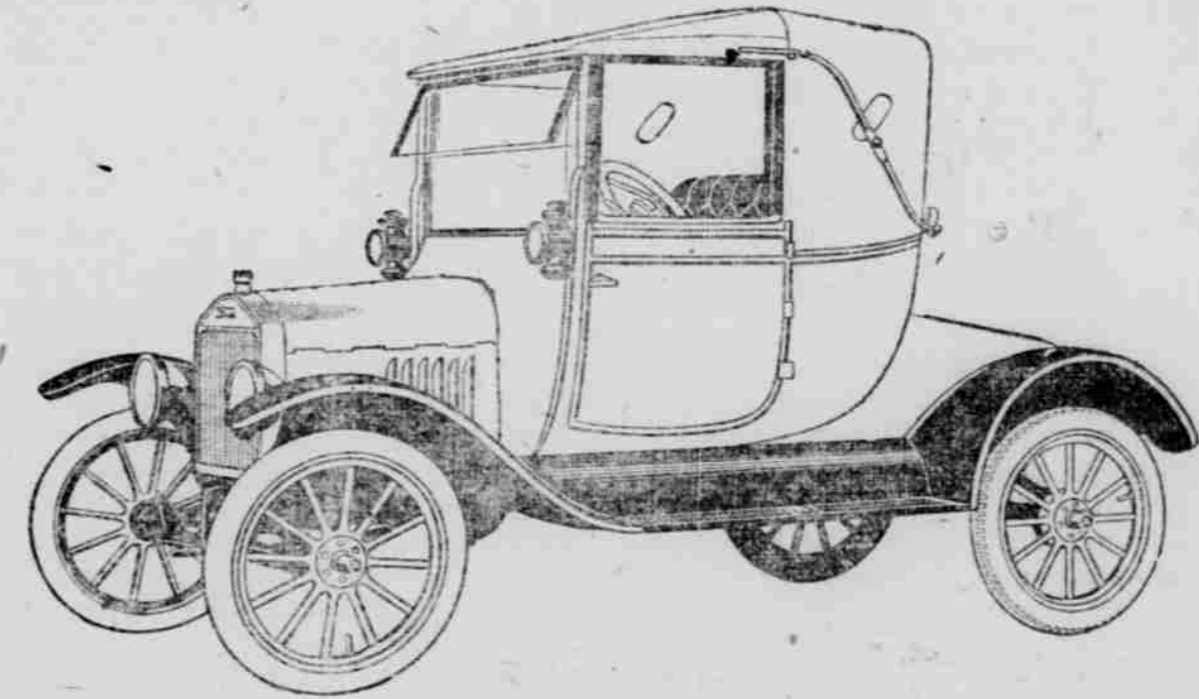
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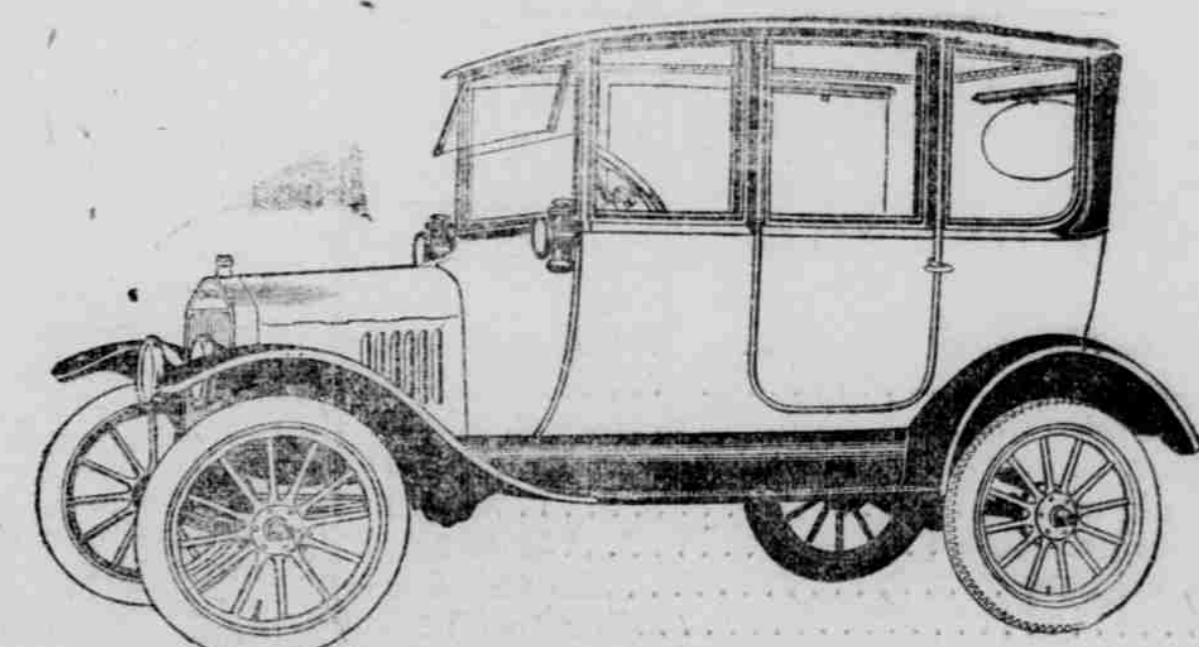
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