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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

To every man there come noble thoughts which pass across his heart like great white birds.—Maeterlinck.

A little cooler the last few nights.

Time will cure snoring, but its got to be daytime.

A fat woman never has any luck in pinning away.

Lincoln people seem to be tired of the commission form of government.

It is not the size of the paper that counts, but that which is in it is what the people want.

Some people are helpless as long as they can get help. You have noticed that, haven't you?

Men in the trenches are not permitted to relax their efforts in order to listen to peace negotiations.

The strangest part of it is that none of the advocates of peace at any price want to move over into China.

This is the glorious land of liberty, in which we merely pay our money to the trusts instead of giving our loyalty to a sovereign.

A man never feels quite so conspicuous as he does on a cold morning walking down the street with a girl wearing white shoes.

There is said to be a famine in wedding rings in England. An even more serious outlook, there is reported to be a famine in bridegrooms.

Talk about the high cost of living, how about the political pie at Lincoln. Plenty of wall flowers hanging around to grab a piece when the opportunity is offered.

The people who complain most bitterly about the scarcity of eggs may be the same ones who find fault with their neighbors for keeping hens in their back yard.

Two years ago 1,600 bills were introduced in the Missouri house of representatives, and 800 in the senate. They must have put in the entire winter introducing bills.

The Journal extends its congratulations to its friend, Gene Mayfield, upon his success in securing the appointment to the position of member of the board of control. He succeeds Judge Kennedy, and will prove a good man for the place.

The most flagrant exhibition of the genuine "yellow streak" is displayed by the fellow who forgets the fellow who put him in a nice fat office. The only difference between such a fellow and a skunk is that the skunk has a white streak down its back.

The bank reports of Plattsmouth show up in fine shape. The three banks in this town are institutions to be proud of. The building and loan associations and also the local insurance companies are in prosperous condition, and all seem pretty well satisfied with the business of 1916.

Possibly the marriage ritual may be revised, in the future, to include this pledge from the bride: "Do you promise to keep the living expenses of your home down to forty cents per day per capita?" And the blushing one, trained down to the minute in household economy, will respond with a confident "Yes."

### THE FAIR AND OPEN MIND.

If you want to find out what kind of person a public man is it is a pretty safe rule to inquire among his neighbors. The president pro tem of the Nebraska senate, John Mattes of Nebraska City, has been held up to the state recently as one unfit for the place. This is what the editor of the Nebraska City Press—a republican and prohibitionist—has to say of him: "Criticism of Senator Mattes as president pro tem of the senate is easy to make, but not to substantiate. We who know him in his home town, whether we agree with him on all topics or not, realize that his character is good, his record as a business man unassailable and his characteristics as a gentleman equalled by very few others. He is open and aboveboard in his fighting and his stand on a question is not covered up by a lot of useless language and oratorical gestures. He doesn't bury his thoughts with a dictionary. That he has always fought in the open is one reason he has so many friends. The present writer doesn't agree with him at all upon the subject of liquor regulation, but that has never served as a damper to the friendship which has existed between the few men for several years, and this trifling disagreement as to the best method to curb an evil does not deter the editor of the Press from 'hawling out' the half-baked fanatics who see in John Mattes a personification of His Satanic Majesty, hoofs, horns and caudal appendage. They are looking through glasses with jaundiced eyes and their livers need fixing."

This is a refreshing exhibition of the fair and open mind. If it were the rule in politics rather than the exception, our public life and political campaigns would be different from what they are, and people would be able to vote much more intelligently.

Of all the deadly foes of good government the partisanship that is narrow and jaundiced and speaks nothing but evil of an opponent is by long odds the worst.—World-Herald.

No city in the state of Nebraska is more proud of its public schools than Plattsmouth. And the only thing that prevents its progress onward and upward is a durable and up-to-date high school building, that will reflect credit upon the various departments and demonstrate to the outside world that the people of our city desire to keep up with the procession in educational lines.

Many farmers are awaiting the opening of the farm loan banks, when there is plenty of money in the local banks that could be borrowed as advantageously as the money of the government. We never was in favor of the government going into the banking business so extensively.

Will Maupin, of the York Democrat, says he is in favor of government ownership of the paper mills. Here, too, "Billy!"

Such big sums are being paid into the conscience fund these days that a poor man will begin to feel that he cannot afford a conscience.

It is said that a single drop of nicotine will kill a rabbit in three and a half minutes—but who wants to kill a rabbit?

Great care is necessary in preparing diplomatic notes. "Excuse haste and a bad pen" will not cover deficiencies.

Some chaps are so easy that the only person they ever turn down for a loan are members of their own family.

### A BUSTED BOGIE.

Perhaps we may hear a great deal about the solid south in the next national election. It is a morsel from which many seem to find it impossible to get away. But in the next election it cannot truthfully be said that so far as the popular vote is concerned, it was the solid south that enabled the democrats to elect a president in 1916. Of course it can be said again, just as it has often been said before, with more or less truth, as it was said on suspicion in the last campaign, and as it has been said since election without a shadow of truth.

There are few states in the north that have been as sturdily republican as have the southern states been democratic. There are two states contemplated in the term "solid south," Missouri and Kentucky, that are not solid by any means.

Eliminating these two states from the solid south, and eliminating from the rest of the states those that are unreasonably and habitually republican, one finds that in the states that are subject to change in party allegiance 22,000 more votes were cast for President Wilson than were cast in the same states against him.

The solid south may be interpreted to mean the following states, which gave Wilson the majorities indicated: Alabama, 69,000; Arkansas, 72,000; Florida, 42,000; Georgia, 115,000; Louisiana, 73,000; Mississippi, 76,000; North Carolina, 47,000; Oklahoma, 51,000; South Carolina, 60,000; Tennessee, 37,000; Texas, 221,000; Virginia, 53,000. The total majority they gave Wilson was 916,000.

On the other hand the states that are always republican gave majorities against him as follows: Iowa, 59,000; Maine, 5,000; Massachusetts, 21,000; Michigan, 52,000; Pennsylvania, 182,000; Rhode Island, 4,000; Vermont, 18,000; Wisconsin, 28,000; a total of 369,000.

It will be seen that the so-called solid south gave Wilson 547,000 more votes than the solidly republican states of the north gave against him. But Mr. Wilson was elected by a popular vote of 569,000, receiving in the doubtful states 22,000 more votes than his competitor.—Lincoln Star.

Is the ice harvest over? Maybe.

After all, it's generally as we see it.

"Blessed are the peacemakers" when they make peace.

If you have a forgiving spirit you will enjoy perennial sunshine.

The man who pays as he goes usually has something to go on.

"American flag torn to pieces by Villa men." Another typical Mexican victory.

Although beauty is only skin deep, it pays handsomely when transferred to a movie film.

The man who is willing to forgive his enemies, might go one better by not making any.

With some people eye glasses serve principally as an anchorage for one end of a heavy black ribbon.

Setting the clock ahead and saving daylight seems to be about the limit of sane people's idea of economy.

Our notion of nothing to worry about is what the world will do for news when the big war is over.

There are certain phases of the Zeppelin situation from which no comfort can be drawn by looking up.

If the Farmers' Union of Nebraska goes into politics, as is most likely, there will be something doing in future elections.

We don't understand why some people want to get chesty. Why, in a hundred years from now you won't have any chest.

Thaw has thawed out again by trying to kill himself. It would have been a blessing to his family if he had succeeded.

### A human alarm clock—the baby.

If you can say statistics you are sober.

We have noticed since childhood that the admired "busy bee" loafs all winter. So do some others.

Both the in-coming and out-going governors recommending the short ballot, which ought to help some.

It is understood what is meant by new foes with an old face when the coal man drives up in the ice wagon.

There are also those who feel certain that the town needs everything that our citizens are able to get for it.

The undertaker is a good citizen and ordinarily a cheerful person, but he just can't be expected to brighten up a sick room.

After listening to a man who proposed a way to end the war, we made up our mind that he didn't know whether Buda Pest was a breakfast food, a patent medicine of a substitute for gasoline.

It is claimed that there have been only eight cases of typhoid fever in the United States army the past year. It therefore appears that it was only a matter of vaccination to eliminate the dreaded disease altogether.

The state capitol building was erected during the sod-house period. Now give us a state house in keeping with Nebraska of today, one of the most prosperous states in the Union, and the sod house has given way for commodious residences.

Senator Howell got in on several good committees, and the chairmanship of one, notwithstanding his bad break in the first few days of the senate. Ed is a pretty nice fellow, and only needed "fixing," that was all.

Any bill introduced in the house or senate by a member from Douglas county, no matter how worthy it might be, will never meet with approval of the old State Journal. That just shows how pernicious and blinded by prejudice the Journal has become toward the metropolis of Nebraska.

Hon. John Mattes is not only chairman of the committee on banks and currency in the senate, but he is also a member of the committees on legislation, municipal affairs, miscellaneous subjects, and live stock and grazing, and last, but not least, a member of the committee on committees.

We do not expect anything else but that Gene Mayfield will be confirmed by the senate. It is due Governor Neville and justice to Mr. Mayfield. He is a native Nebraskan, a gentleman and a scholar, and well fitted for the position as member of the board of control.

From present indications, when spring opens there will be plenty doing in this old town, from that time until snow flies again. We all believe in Plattsmouth and her institutions, and where a community is harmonious and stands up for its improvement and for the welfare of its business institutions, educational and otherwise, you can't down it.

Gene Mayfield will be confirmed by the senate tomorrow, from present indications. There seems to be some little opposition to the retirement of Judge Kennedy on the board of control, but it looks "to a man up a tree" as if the governor should have a right to appoint whom he pleases, and it is the duty of the senate to confirm his appointments.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

By making friends at home you will never want for friends.

When it comes to work don't be afraid you are going to hurt yourself.

Many a girl who looks like a peach is a genuine lemon.

### CHEAPTR PAPER—PERHAPS.

The greed of the paper manufacturers is likely to prove a blessing in disguise. The high price of paper has started the chemists to work and after several failures it is reported that a process has been devised that will convert old newspapers into new material really superior to the paper before it is used. It is claimed that old paper can be converted into new at a cost of \$5 a ton. The process was invented by Prof. Thomas Jasperson of Neenah, Wis. The experiments on a commercial scale were made at the Combined Locks Paper Co., near Kakuana, Wis. The result brought out a paper a little whiter than the original. Three tons of the old newspapers were thus cleaned and turned back into paper.

All of the big paper manufacturers have rejected the new process and the excuse they give is that at the close of the war, prices on everything will drop and it would be foolish for them to start on any new process. The paper manufacturers are not interested at present in seeing any new, cheap process take the field, and are making so much that they are indifferent about such a process.

It is probable that men in other lines of business will take the matter up. It is said that mills will be erected in the larger cities where the raw material can be easily obtained with the market close at hand, and that the inventor is at present in New York conferring with capitalists concerning the building of a mill there.—World Herald.

### SHOULD CONFIRM MAYFIELD.

Governor Neville is to be congratulated for having found and recognized so capable a man as E. O. Mayfield for membership in the state board of control.

Gene Mayfield has spent the greater part of his life in Nebraska. His acquaintance is about as nearly universal among Nebraskans as that of any man. The character and quality of the men of mark in all portions of the state who have asked his appointment is evidence that he stands high in the esteem of the best men in the state. There is not a blotch upon his life's record. He has held positions of high trust and great business responsibility and has acquitted himself well.

It does not seem possible that the senators with whom confirmation of his appointment rests can be impressed with the cheap political piffle being urged against his endorsement by the senate. Without reflecting at all upon the retiring member of the board, to succeed whom Mr. Mayfield is appointed, it is a subterfuge to insist that Mr. Kennedy is the only republican in the state capable of holding this position. Those who believe in the American principle of rotation in office will not take kindly to any effort to perpetuate anyone in the office-holding class.

It is amusing to encounter the subtle suggestion that displacement of Mr. Kennedy by Mr. Mayfield upon the former's retirement will be an exercise of objectionable politics in his composition. Lay aside, not a partisan, but a bi-partisan board. One member must be a republican. Mr. Mayfield has the endorsement of the greater number of the most active and eminent republicans of the state. It is customary for an appointing authority to accept the recommendations of the leading men of the party from which an appointee must come.

Nebraskans have become somewhat used to the doctrine advocated in some quarters, "If you appoint anyone we do not want, it is politics." The senators should not hesitate, and probably will not hesitate, to promptly and quite unanimously confirm Mr. Mayfield's selection. To do otherwise would be politics of the most reprehensible quality.—Lincoln Star.

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### Local News

Ernest Horn returned to Omaha this morning after an over Sunday visit with his relatives and friends.

Will Rice was among those going to Omaha this morning where he will spend the day in that city consulting a specialist.

John R. Melsinger was among the business visitors in Omaha today going to that city on the early Burlington train this morning.

Henry Hinz came in this afternoon from his farm home to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business with the merchants.

Mrs. C. L. Creamer and daughter, Miss Rose Mae, were among those going to Omaha this morning to visit in that city with friends for a few hours.

Fred L. Hild of Mynard drove to this city this morning to attend to some business matters and visit with friends for a short time. He was a pleasant caller at this office.

William Popenstock, state president of the Sons of Hermon will arrive in the city this afternoon to take part in the special meeting of that order which will be held this evening at the hall of the local lodge.

Morris Stander, who has been at the hospital in Omaha recovering from an operation for appendicitis was able to return home this afternoon. He was accompanied by his father, George Stander.

Glenn Perry and wife drove in this morning from their home near Murray and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha to spend a few hours in that city looking after some matters of business.

Paul Heil returned to Omaha this morning where he will resume his studies in that city in business college after an over Sunday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heil at their home in Eight Mile Grove.

Stanton Wilders of Lyons, Neb., who was an over Sunday visitor at the C. E. Babbitt home, departed this morning for his home. Mr. Wilders has been in attendance at the Farmers' Union convention at Omaha.

Will Adams was a passenger this morning for Omaha where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Dick Pitman, at the hospital and if possible bring her back home as she is recovering nicely from her recent operation.

John Kaffenberger drove in from his farm home west of this city Saturday afternoon for a short visit with friends. While here he took time to call at this office and have his subscription to the Daily Journal extended for another year.

### SHOWING SOME IMPROVEMENT.

From Saturday's Daily. Miss Caroline Leiner is reported as showing some improvement at the home of her aunt in Lincoln, where she has been since her unfortunate experience in the wreck at Gibson on December 23. The young lady has suffered a great deal since the wreck and for several days her condition was very serious and caused a great deal of apprehension to her family and the attending physicians.

### Milk in Winter.

Why do your cows give less milk in winter than they do in summer? Just because nature does not supply them with grasses and green food. But we have come to the assistance of Dame Nature with B. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy which contains the very ingredients that the green feed supplies in season, only, of course, in a more highly concentrated form. We guarantee that this remedy will make your cows give more milk, and better milk with the same feed.

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