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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Small service is true service while it lasts. Of humbler friends bright creatures scorn not one. The daisy, by the shadow that it casts, protects the lingering dewdrop from the sun.—Wadsworth.

Another snow covers the ground. There is always a delighted smile upon the boy with the sled.

Keep your eye on the sleepy-looking mule. He kicks the hardest.

If a coin is the worst thing you have to contend with, you're in luck.

Frequently a show is not as im-moral as the visitors had hoped it would be.

Time was when girls married for love, but now the most of them marry for alimony.

It is mighty queer that everybody can see a man slipping down hill a long time before he finds it out him self.

The man with a wife used to hither about "overhead" expenses, but that was before women's shoes began to cost as much as their hats.

The most that some people do is to sleep and eat, and we have wondered why somebody didn't invent a folding bed that can also be used as a table.

The destruction of a seven million dollar bridge is but a drop in the bucket in the devastation of the war. Europe seems trying to reduce itself to the condition of one vast junk pile.

Wooden shoes may soon be a reality in this country, and by the time we wear out the second pair there will probably be an uproar in this country about the destruction of the forests.

The Noble peace prize award has again passed over and this in spite of the fact that the tribe of peace was never more numerous or, in all probability, more willing to accept the honor.

The cost of having teeth pulled has been advanced, but it is less painful to have teeth pulled nowadays, because after paying the price for edibles you have become accustomed to the sensation.

Further evidence that Chicago is the most wicked city in the world is shown in the arrest of the chief of police of the Windy City, who stands accused of having received \$25,000 for having protected law-breakers.

The public roads of the United States outside the limits of incorporated towns and cities had, January 1, 1915, a total length of about 2,450,000 miles, of which about 277,000 miles, or 11.3 per cent, are improved with some form of surfacing. The mileage of surfaced roads is increasing at the rate of about 16,000 miles per annum.

The year 1917 promises to be a prosperous year, and the building season promises much for Plattsmouth. Since our people have gotten the building and improvement fever, for several years, there does not seem to be any stopping it. In fact there is no possible necessity of stopping it. Every available modern improved residence is soon gobbled up by the first-class renter. New people are moving to town all the time, and investing in property. Let us get ready to "be up and doing" next season.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

Whether the safety first movement will ever reach the point where there will be legislation to compel persons to safeguard their own lives is an interesting question raised by the recent conference of the National Association of Railway commissioners, the American Automobile association and the American Railway association. The meeting had as its purpose the countrywide adoption of a uniform system of signals and other precautionary measures. It was proposed, for instance, that one standard sign of danger should be installed everywhere at grade crossings, so as to be in plain view of the driver of a vehicle and so that it could be plainly read at night by automobile headlights.

The number of accidents at grade crossings is still large enough to force respectful attention to any remedies proposed, however drastic they may seem. Two propositions were suggested by spokesmen of the railroads, the first provided that within 100 feet of the crossing automobiles should not proceed at a rate of speed greater than ten miles an hour, and, second, that motor cars should be brought to a full stop not less than ten feet from the nearest rail of the crossing. Objection was made to the first suggestion that it was unreasonable and would tend to the maintenance of obnoxious speed traps at such crossings, with resulting inconvenience and injustice to many motorists, in fact, exercising all proper caution. The second was objected to mainly that it was unreasonable to require motorists to stop at all crossings, since in many instances the tracks in their direction are visible for such distances as to make stopping entirely unnecessary.

It was finally agreed that motorists should be required to reduce speed and proceed cautiously at all crossings and that the public service commissions of the several states should have the power to determine at which stops should be made, both full-stop crossings to be designated by appropriate signs, and that failure of a motorist to stop at such to be prima facie evidence that he had not proceeded cautiously in making such crossing. This compromise probably is the most sensible one that could be adopted, but unless it brings the results desired, reducing the grade crossing accidents to a minimum, it might be well to apply even more stringent remedies for the protection of reckless motorists against their own folly.—Washington Post.

We have found out from experience that it is not best to print everything that happens, and with this indelibly stamped upon our mind we are omitting some items every day that would prove more or less sensational. The Journal does not care to injure the feelings of anyone, and we want the news, yet there are several kinds that will be eliminated from our columns in the future.

They do say that Lieutenant Governor Edgar Howard looks like a Romeo, and presides like an old hand at the business. Edgar is a true statesman, and is one of the ablest men that ever presided over the Nebraska senate, and is very popular with the members of that branch of the legislature.

There will be no peace among the fighting nations of Europe for at least another year. That seems a foregone conclusion. Well, if nothing will do them but fight, let 'em go to it until one or the other side, or both get enough.

About the heaviest things some people can carry is their own opinion.

Nebraska fourth in crops.
Let no guilty man escape.
Plattsmouth is still on the up grade.
It don't take much of a person to start trouble.
Girls should remember that handsome is as handsome does.
Nebraska, of course, needs a new capital. Nobody disputes that.
You don't have to watch Plattsmouth grow—you can hear it.
Tom Lawson names men in "leak."
Old Winter seems to have a desire to let us know that he is still on the job.
More people are interested in a square meal than they are in a square deal.
If you have anything to say, out with it. Don't stand around and growl like a dog.
The Nebraska primary law is something that everybody endorses but nobody wants.
You can always tell a man that's even mad at himself as you pass him on the street.
After all is said and done most of the trouble arises merely from misunderstandings.
They are all after the money, but some people will take greater risks to get it than others.
There is trouble "brewing" in this man's town. And the more trouble the better it suits some people.
Poultry shows are now the drawing cards. If they would install a few egg shows they might have winners, also.
The people generally are favorable to the short ballot. Then let the legislature do something in this direction.
If the Dry Federation's prohibitory law becomes effective, there will be several official "breath smellers" to appoint in every community.
Auburn has just opened its new hospital. Every town of any note has a hospital. Why can't we have a hospital, and make it a special improvement for next season. Plattsmouth has long needed a hospital.
The Lincoln Herald says Herb Gooch of the Star, is fixing matters to run for congress next year. He is a good man and possesses all the necessary essentials to make a good race. This paper will support Herb.
The humorous artist who pictures Adam fishing and telling Eve a lie about the size of the one that got away, probably refers to an incident that happened after Adam ate of the forbidden fruit and got acquainted with sin.
Considerable discussion is going on as to suitable names for the United States war vessels. Any suggestions are good so long as we avoid the British practice with such titles as Indefatigable, Irrepressible, and Unterrified.
Seven hundred papers in the United States suspended in the last month owing to the high price of print paper. Paper manufacturers admit the prices they are charging will put 25 per cent of the publications of the country out of business in the next twelve months.
The department of agriculture recently reported that an enormous acreage has been sown to winter wheat. Thus will the high prices eventually commit suicide. The soil of the United States is going to be worked more effectively than ever before and the result will be magnified crops next summer and fall.

A GREAT ISSUE HAS DIED.

How thoroughly the new federal reserve act has chartered the financial situation is disclosed by the fact that the treasury department now plans issuing, without fear of encountering capitalistic prejudice, millions in the once religiously despised greenbacks to substitute United States treasury notes of larger denominations and meet a crying need of the country for small change.

This unblushing announcement from the treasury department is enough to make the old-time greenbacker prick up his ears with an interest decidedly efficacious to experience. It has been but a short time since a proposal to issue a greenback, which has no coin specifically behind it in the treasury, would have been denounced in some quarters as economic treason. The buglers of fiat money would have been thrown into a panic of exasperation. Not a greenback has been issued since 1885. The limit, fixed by the law of 1878, is a little above \$346,000,000.

Had it been proposed a half a dozen years ago to provide currency of smaller denominations, pressure would have been brought to bear to guarantee that, no matter what might be retired, the new issue should not be fiat money. Long usage has reconciled us to the qualities of fiat paper.

Perhaps the fact that the government now maintains a reserve fund of \$150,000,000 for the redemption of the \$356,681,016 outstanding as a relief of total issues of \$382,000,000 for currency uses during and after the war, abates somewhat the old prejudice against greenbacks, which are really government notes payable on demand.

The old-time greenbacker proceeded upon the theory that Uncle Sam's promise to pay stamped upon a piece of paper constituted a superior and unfailing medium of exchange, but the expert economist and financier thought a dollar in gold in the treasury to back Uncle Sam's promise a prime essential.

However, while the government has but \$150,000,000 gold reserve for the redemption of the more than twice that amount of greenbacks, the average citizen never stops to observe whether the currency coming into his hands is greenbacks or banknotes.—Lincoln Star.

Justice isn't only getting what is coming to us, but it is standing ready to yield all the rightful claims of the other fellow. It isn't only what we get, but what we give, as well. It doesn't come by force alone, nor by law, but by an inner sense of fairness that could give nothing less. The application, in love, of the Golden Rule is the highest form of justice.

There are four newspapers in eastern Iowa that were compelled to suspend publication on account of the increased cost of white print paper. And from the present outlook there is liable to be many others, if some relief does not come soon.

Friends, beware of the tattler's tongue. The man or woman who will backbite other people to you will backbite you to other people. Don't forget that. Treat a tattler as you would—keep out of its way.

The charges against the men high up are simply charges until proven guilty. No matter how high up they may be at Washington, they should meet punishment the same as anybody else.

Campaigns for reckless driving are being pushed so hard in many places that it is believed the autoist will be held to thirty miles an hour in crowded streets.

Lawson declares he won't go to jail as the goat. We wouldn't either, as long as we made as many millions out of the "leak" as he did.

It is lucky for most of us that the Great Judge considers us, not for what we are, but for what we mean to be and may be.

Nebraska needs a publicity bureau. That will accomplish much more than the showing of a few moving features

CURTAILING DISEASES.

There can no longer be any doubt that the work of the Public Health Service has curtailed the ravages of certain diseases, not only yellow fever and the bubonic plague, but in many other directions. At one time malaria was endemic over a much greater area of the United States than it is today, and in many sections where it is still endemic its prevalence has greatly diminished. Fifty years ago the disease prevailed farther north than it does now. The endemic area extended to the Great Lakes and into Canada. Ague was in this section the most common of ailments, and quinine the most universal of household remedies. The early literature indicates that the disease was formerly more or less prevalent also in Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Utah, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming.

In all that region a case of malaria is now seldom found and when found, the disease has generally been contracted in some region where it still prevails. Aside from the regions where malaria formerly prevailed and where it does not now exist, it is fast diminishing in many regions of the south, where a persistent fight has been made by the authorities on mosquitoes. It is hoped that in the life time of some now living that it can be completely eradicated. That will not require the destruction of all the mosquitoes. To inoculate one with the malaria, the mosquito must first bite a person who has it, and if no one is affected with the disease those insects cannot disperse it.

Malaria is hardly ever fatal. Out of 7,000 cases reported in the army last year, not one proved fatal, but it greatly reduces the power of the body to resist other diseases and the health authorities say "it is a potent factor in determining the average duration of life in areas where it is endemic." The curtailment of malaria and the eradication of other diseases has its economic side as well as medical. It increases the productive power of the nation.—World-Herald.

THE INJUNCTION CASE.

It seems to us that most people in the city of Kearney will be delighted this morning to read that the supreme court has upheld the constitutionality of the paving law, which has been in operation in cities of the size of Kearney for the past two years.

If there are any who are not glad, it is probably because they have been made to believe the law was wrong in principal, or because they were not willing to make the improvements which have started the best years of Kearney's existence.

Lawyers from all over the state, who have commented on the paving law under which we have been working, have almost to a man been confident of what the supreme court would do when the final adjudication of the case came before that body.

But there was a number of reactionary individuals in the city who were angered by the fact that progress did not have to wait on their decision to advance and that the work was done in spite of them.

Now that the highest court in the state has decided the law is good, would it not be well to let the city go ahead without involving its duly chosen officials in useless lawsuits and needless expense to the taxpayers which retard the city's progress and receives the ridicule of the other live-wire municipalities?—Kearney Times.

The negroes in several of the cities of Nebraska petitioned the authorities of those cities against allowing the performance, "The Birth of a Nation," to be shown in these towns. "The Birth of a Nation" has been seen here twice, and we have heard of no negroes knocking—from the simple fact, perhaps, that there is not a "colored lady or gentleman" in this city. It is "too hot" for them here, apparently.

Judge Landis of the United States district court demonstrated that he had the courage of his conviction when he upheld the 2-cent passenger law.—He is certainly not a prejudiced judge. This decision affects Nebraska as well as other states.

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For your valentines, see S. J. Reames.

Philip Schafer spent Monday in Plattsmouth.

First Security bank pays 5 per cent on time deposits.

Chas. Hennings was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

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Miss Edith Dasher was visiting in LaPlatte Monday.

Remember the dance at Sayles' hall, Saturday evening.

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James Johnson was in the city Tuesday of this week.

J. W. Keil and family were in the county seat last Saturday.

Miss Clara Dasher was shopping in Plattsmouth last Friday.

Miss Mabel Meisinger was visiting in Plattsmouth last Sunday.

Farm Loans, Insurance and Real Estate. See J. F. Foreman.

Miss Merna Wolff visited with friends in Plattsmouth last Saturday.

Pete Core is spending the week at Cullom assisting in the ice harvest.

Mrs. John Thierolf went to LaPlatte Monday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Olive, who has been visiting her brother, Louis Myers, departed for Dallas, Tex., last Monday morning.

Don't forget S. J. Reames when you are in need of paper napkins, paper plates, ice cream dishes and all kinds of crepe paper.

Lloyd Schneider, J. F. Wolff, J. F. Foreman and C. Whitaker drove to Plattsmouth last Monday evening to see the wrestling match.

Wolff & Ault and J. F. Foreman received a car load of the Famous Six Maxwell cars last Friday. They have the agency for this car in this territory.

L. A. Meisinger drove in this morning from his farm home to spend a few hours in the city looking after some trading with the merchants.

Remember the Journal carries the finest line of stationery in town, and can please all in this line of goods.

Shoes! Shoes!

SHOES

Our stock is complete and prices are lower than the market. With hides selling at 18c per pound and shoes advancing every day you will not regret a visit at our store.

We have overshoes, also a complete line of sweater coats and sheep lined coats at right prices.

Get your butcher supplies of us, a car of new salt just arrived—blocks and barrels.

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