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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

What is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.—Lord Chesterfield.

Blustery March will soon be here.

Someone must steady the ladder for every one who climbs to fame.

It is often difficult to decide between the earmarks of genius and those of the "nut."

Don't be in a big hurry about starting that garden. You may be mistaken in the weather.

Will it come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? Or will it come in like a lion and go out like a—ll?

Is it possible for an aristocratic woman to have a mean disposition? Of course, when things don't come her way.

Isn't allowing your neighbor a quart of liquor a week or a month, just as immoral as allowing him two quarts or ten quarts?

It is about time to begin thinking about the spring election. There are several candidates spoken of for mayor, and also for city clerk.

"There are too many half-timers in our churches," says Dr. Spurgeon. Maybe some of you fellows who read this item are among them.

The honk, honk of the wild goose and the quack, quack of the wild duck will soon be heard, and the sports will be on the river as often as possible.

The "conscientious objections" are beginning to enter their protests on this side of the water, before the universal military training bill strikes them.

The population of Rumania last year was estimated at 7,200,000, but several hundred thousand of these have been killed off since that census was taken.

Edgar Howard is receiving many compliments on account of the very efficient manner in which he presides over the senate. He is making the best record of any lieutenant governor for years.

The United States government has asked newspapers not to publish the sailing times of transatlantic ships, because it gives the U-boats valuable information. But the postoffice department doesn't seem to have heard of the request, and keeps right on publishing them.

From present indications it will be a struggle for Havelock to keep from being annexed to Lincoln. Havelock has maintained its independence from the starting of the town, and now that the town has grown to some extent Lincoln wants to fold the inhabitants of that little city under its protecting wings for the taxes there is in annexation. That's all.

Chairman Laughorst, of the democratic state central committee was in Lincoln the past week attending the Federated Retailers' meetings. William Ritchie, jr., of Bridgeport, also visited Lincoln this week and called at the state house. Mr. Ritchie took a prominent part in the campaign last fall and is mentioned as a possible candidate for attorney-general two years hence, when Willis Reed makes the race for United States senator.—Omaha Nebraskan.

THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM.

"This war," remarked the Des Register, "has degenerated into a frankly announced raid on the bread supply." Nobody any longer expects it to be settled by the armies in the field. "The fight is a fight for food." Germany is almost completely blockaded and its cause is hopeless if the war lasts long enough. And in order to raid the English food supply Germany is desperately inviting the antagonism of the world.

It is not only the belligerents that are suffering, but the neutrals as well. The food supply of the world is being depleted, and in another year America may feel the pinch. Already the Scandinavian states, Holland and Greece, are hard put to it to find enough for their people to eat. "Paderewski says there are no children in Poland—all starved to death. The Jews on the eastern front, who know what they have borne?" The Des Moines paper goes on to say:

"So much farm labor has been destroyed, and so much farm land devastated, and so many workers have been taken out of productive industry, and the destruction of supplies is so enormous, that not even America can produce food enough to go around and the shortage we feel already, measured in extravagant prices, will be more marked a year from now than it is now. Why are potatoes selling for \$5 a bushel in Chicago? Why do army beans sell at the price of coffee? And what does it mean to the noncombatant women and children of our big American cities? What does it mean right here in Des Moines in the heart of the corn belt?"

"If we could once bring ourselves to see that war instead of being a glorious competition between stalwart, red-blooded men is in fact a fiendish pressure on women and children and old men to starve them into demanding submission we should get a much saner line on war. War is today a scientific study in devastation. The question is how most quickly and effectively to destroy a people. Perhaps starving an enemy out is just as cruel as any other form of violence. Perhaps women and children would as lief be killed with bombs as forced to go without food. In any event, let us recognize the situation. For hunger ends more wars than prowess in the field."

The food riots in New York, Pennsylvania, Boston and other great centers of wealth and population tell the story of what the war is doing to the women and children of our own country. And it is not primarily the submarine blockade that is responsible. The blockade keeps the food at home. If the war should continue two or three years longer we probably would be compelled to establish a blockade, or embargo, of our own for that very purpose. It is the enormous demand for food from the warring countries, and our greed to fill that demand because of the fabulous prices offered, that is causing our own people to feel the pangs of hunger. The situation is succinctly stated by the Associated Press Washington dispatches telling what official investigation has disclosed.

"Officials reached the conclusion that the situation primarily is an economic one and that the rise in some of the chief staples was due in large measure to the heavy drain of Europe on the American supply. In this list were placed wheat and other grains, flour, sugar and meats. Thousands of tons of meats of all sorts have been purchased in Chicago by buyers for entente governments, sufficient, it was said, to cause an actual shortage and the resultant price increase in this country." The New York Times, a very con-

servative and entirely unemotional newspaper, reaches the same conclusion in these words:

"These food demonstrations are different. Neither the unemployed nor the unemployable are conspicuous among those clamoring for food. They are not asking for work, nor wages, nor charity, but for food. The complaint is not of inability to earn, but of inability to buy what the accustomed wage ordinarily supplies. No doubt shortage of supply is a contributory cause to the price movement, but the main cause is the urgency of concentrated demand. The ordinary restrictions upon buying are suspended. What we export is taken with disregard of price proportioned to the conditions which suspend all ordinary considerations of profit or loss, or cost of production, or the means of payment. The need abroad is greater than it is here, and the price paid abroad fixes the price paid here."

Only the end of the war, the Times concludes, can be expected to bring any substantial relief.

Surplus wealth is the cornerstone of civilization. By surplus wealth is meant wealth in addition to that necessary for immediate consumption. This surplus becomes the basis for all our arts and sciences, for all our long period processes of development and extension and improvements. Our schools and libraries and hospitals, our theaters and automobiles, our learning and leisure and culture, all rest upon it. And that surplus the food supply is the first and indispensable portion. Without it one crop failure would mean famine. Without it men engaged in writing books, in studying the secrets of nature, in painting pictures, in teaching our children, would be called back to the plow. And without it, in the first instance, there would be no plow, but only the primitive agriculture of our most remote ancestors who had no surplus of any kind and who therefore were obliged to scratch the earth with a pointed stick to prepare the ground for the seeds.

Today the world is shooting its surplus wealth away—annihilating it with all the devilish ingenuity and that monstrous wholesale scale that modern destructive science has made possible. And the destruction is taking place not merely in the countries at war. The four corners of the earth are being sucked into the maelstrom. Our own fertile land has been denuded to such an extent that its surplus food supply is almost exhausted, so that a general crop failure this year might mean famine mowing down millions such as cursed the middle ages. In return for it all we have received some five or six billions of dollars in the form of certificates of stock and of promises to pay, as well as a mountain of gold, none of which can be eaten, or worn, or used for fuel.

It is not only the future civilization that depends upon an early peace. It is the immediately present civilization; not our children's, but our own. Even another twelve months of war holds such possibilities as to baffle imagination and stagger reason.—World-Herald.

Many states now have pure seed laws designed to protect the purchaser of seeds against adulteration, impurities and low vitality. Seeds should be purchased subject to test as to purity. Vitality may readily be determined at home by the use of any simple germinator. Dangerous weed seeds are often introduced through the use of impure seeds.

"When the springtime comes, Gentle Annie," you greet us with smiling countenance. We are ready to greet you with outstretched arms and the perfume of the roses you bring with you—Oh, won't it be nice? So hurry up, Annie, we are awaiting your advent, joyfully.

Nothing very plain and frugal about Lenten fare this year, with codfish at 30 cents a pound.

Some men live for all they can get without work, and they are generally pretty successful.

It's a poor cook that doesn't always have hot water handy.

Woman's instinct can generally discount man's education.

Lots of well written obituary notices no doubt provoke hahas in hahas.

Frank Harrison has gone south. Prohibition has cut him out of a job here.

Love which comes like a summer sigh often goes out like a March blizzard.

Do not be discouraged. If you cannot make a hit you can at least make a kick.

He is a fortunate man who can live comfortably and be happy these days with high cost of living.

The high price of potatoes should cause the thrifty housewife to be careful how they're peeled, as every little helps, you know.

The man who can make both ends meet in these days of high prices for everything the family eats and wears, should feel himself a fortunate being, indeed.

The London papers are to be cut down one-half in size, in order to save news print paper. Maybe that will help to relieve the news print situation some.

In a reply to the charge against German submarines for firing upon life boats the German government states that no submarine has ever fired upon a life boat nor will they ever do so. The question now is, is one to believe the German government or is he to believe the survivors of the ships torpedoed?

Carranza is now posing as a peace mediator for the European nations at war. His suggestion is that neutrals stop shipments to the nations at war. While his suggestion would doubtless end the war it might not end it in a way which would be pleasing to neutrals.

The members of the legislature should be happy in the thought that they are drawing \$10 a day, instead of \$5, which was the per diem up to two years ago. Many of them, even at that, can't come out even at the end of the session. At least the high-rollers can't do it.

The lower house elections committee Tuesday reported favorably for action the bill providing for nominations of state officers below governor by state conventions of the various parties. The measure also provides for selection of state convention delegates by voters of each county.

After a man goes to bed at night to rest his weary body, he gets up in the morning and starts down town with an order to get something to eat. And just in one night he finds that these articles have advanced a cent or two since he ordered them the morning before. But such is life during war times.

There have been many large hogs brought to the Morton-Gregson packing house, but to William C. Davis, the well known farmer of Wyoming precinct, belongs the honor of breaking the record. Today he brought in a hog that weighed 920 pounds, which was docked eighty pounds, and for which he received \$102.00. This is the largest amount ever paid for a single hog in this city and probably is a record breaker for the west.—Nebraska City News. That is certainly a record breaker for southeastern Nebraska in the hog business.

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WHY NOT AN AMENDMENT?

The legislatures of various states are this winter submitting constitutional amendments providing for equal suffrage to a vote of the people.

Why would it not be a wise and proper thing for the Nebraska legislature to do?

The bill with which the legislature is now engaged—extending limited suffrage to women—is objectionable for several reasons.

It reverses the popular mandate against woman suffrage without any warrant to show that the people want it reversed. In doing so it does violence to the spirit and intent of the initiative and referendum section of the constitution and tends to bring it into disrepute.

The limited suffrage the legislature has power to confer is either too much or too little. If women are to be entitled to vote for president they should likewise be entitled to vote for congressmen, and governor, and member of the legislature. If women who live in the cities and towns are to be permitted to vote for municipal officers, then women living in the rural districts should be entitled, together with the town women, to vote for county officers. There should be no arbitrary line drawn discriminating against the women living on a farm and in favor of the women living in the city.

There is no use in going to much trouble and expense to take two bites at a cherry.

THAT REFERENDUM.

The proposed "referendum" on war is about the silliest proposition ever advanced before an intelligent people. Ours is not a pure democracy. It is a representative form of government. If we were required to take a vote on the war proposition we must take a vote upon every step leading to it. The result would be that the men in charge of our diplomacy would be afraid to make a move and every little monarch in the world would be wiping his feet upon us.

War is a terrible thing and should be avoided if possible. But let us not forget that there are some things worse than war. If that were not so Patrick Henry would not have immortalized himself by declaring, "Give me liberty or give me death." Thomas Jefferson would not have written the Declaration of Independence and Abraham Lincoln would have taken to the cellar at the first shot at Fort Sumpter.

In the presence of the threatened war let us be patient—and even patient to a fault. But do not forget that a peace preserved in the presence of repeated and continued impositions would be no peace at all, for it would destroy self-respect among Americans. It would create contempt for their country abroad—and finally we would have no country at all.

"Peace at any price" is not civilization's phrase. For civilization would have perished in the presence of that phrase. It is not the Nazarene's phrase, else He would not have whipped the money changers from the temple. The phrase can only be defended by those who are willing to do away with every police force and with the army and the navy, depending for protection upon a powder bag and a wrist watch.—Omaha Nebraskan.

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Cedar Creek

Mrs. P. H. Roberts visited at the home of Mrs. Peter Schroeder Sunday.

Lloyd Schneider drove to Plattsmouth Sunday for a short visit there with friends.

William Seybert and wife of Plattsmouth visited at Andy Thomsen's home Sunday.

J. F. Wolff and family and Clyde Lyle and family drove over to Greenwood Sunday to spend a few hours with friends there.

Lloyd Schneider motored to Omaha Tuesday, where he visited for a few hours in that city.

Miss Stella Warren came down from Louisville Friday morning to visit with home folks over Sunday.

Peter Schroeder drove to Bellevue Sunday, where he spent a few hours in that place with friends.

Walter Schneider and family motored to Blair Friday to visit over Sunday in that place with relatives and friends.

Mr. Blix, the ice cream man of the Harding Creamery company, was in Cedar Creek Tuesday lining up for the season's trade.

Henry Schneider and family of Plattsmouth motored out Sunday from their home to spend the day visiting at the William Schneider home.

Simon Clark and wife came out Saturday evening to visit over Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Robert Stivers and family, returning home Monday.

The First Security bank wishes to announce to its customers that they have a supply of the new money just issued. Customers can receive same by calling at the bank.

An Honest Letter From an Honest Man.

Enos Halbert, Paoli, Ind., writes: "I contracted a severe cold this fall and coughed continually. Could hardly sleep at nights. I tried several remedies without relief. Got Foley's Honey and Tar and the first bottle relieved me, curing my cough entirely. I can recommend it for all coughs." Get the genuine. Sold everywhere.

DR. BLEICK.

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