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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.—Duke of Wellington.

March has been very docile, so far.

We all should be happy, but we are not.

Paint helps the appearance of old buildings, but not faces.

All the monkeys are not in the jungles. There are several in this old town.

If you have to loaf, then loaf at your own place and do not annoy other people.

The Nebraska legislature can make no mistake in bringing about a bill that will bring convict labor on the public roads.

If it should be proved that heaven is not a loafing place, we fear that a lot of good people would lose interest in the realms of light.

The prophet who last fall predicted an open winter should take his departure for "Greenland's icy mountains," and be compelled to stay there for a while.

There will soon be a city election, and it behooves the voters of Plattsmouth to cast their optics in this direction. If we have to nominate a citizens' ticket to get rid of nepotism, let's do it. What do you say?

There was no mistake made when Merton L. Corey was selected to fill the responsible position as registrar of the federal land bank at Omaha. Here is a future candidate for governor of Nebraska on the democratic ticket. He is an "all-over man," and a reliable democrat.

Argentina is trying to form an alliance of the Latin-American nations on this side of the Atlantic to help make peace among the warring nations. They will not ask the United States to join in the alliance because of the recent break with Germany. We would like to see some indications from those nations that interference would be acceptable before making any overtures in that direction.

We glory in the spunk of our friend, Richard L. Metcalfe, in more ways than one. He is an American "died in the wool." He speaks his sentiments on all questions, and boldly opposes the once great Commoner, W. J. Bryan, when he knows Bryan is doing things in his own selfish interest. "Be sure you are right, and go head." And Dick Metcalfe is nearly right on all matters pertaining to the salvation of this American republic.

President Wilson has been forced to give up his place as World's peace-maker. The United States will not be a disinterested party when peace terms are arranged. Some months ago the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff predicted that not President Wilson, but King Alfonso, of Spain, would be the leader in bringing peace to the world. But it is likely that Spain will be drawn into the mess. She's going to have a hard time in getting enough to eat. With Alfonso out of it the loud voice for peace would be that of the Pope. It would be an opportunity such as no head of a church has enjoyed in all the history of the world. And this head of the church of Rome surely has been a great sufferer through the war.

Swat the first fly you see, and keep on swatting them.

If hogs keep on going up, they too, will soon jump over the moon.

When the average legislator is in doubt, he introduces a bill to bite a chunk out of a public service corporation.

Pennsylvania wants to legalize Sunday fishing. This keeps no fish and very few fishermen away from church.

It is a very evident fact that a lot of us are not going to cut as much ice in the eyes of posterity as we imagine.

We have often noticed that the advent of the first robin didn't make much difference in the coal bill for five or six weeks.

Senators Stone, La Follette and Norris are unmistakably back numbers, and are serving their last terms in the United States senate.

If the people who inhabit the cities and towns were half as much interested in good roads as the farmers, there would be less trouble on the good roads question.

Part of the high cost of living was reduced the other day, when eggs took a drop of 4 and 5 cents a dozen on the open market. The hen is coming to the rescue and we hope she will keep it up.

As a general thing, a measure which requires a lobby to push it through the legislature hasn't much to recommend it except a desire on the part of its backers to get their hands into the public coffers.

Some lawyers keep pacing to and fro from the court house forty or fifty times a day, more perhaps to make people believe they are doing big business. But the people are getting harder to fool every day.

The legislature seems to be very slow in doing things for the benefit of our own state. Half the insurance companies doing business in Nebraska, pay most of their taxes outside the state, where their principal offices are. This is a matter that should be watched by legislators.

Despite the report given out by English shippers that only one ship out of every hundred leaving her ports was sent to the bottom by German submarines, Premier Lloyd George comes before the English parliament stating that things have not been at so critical a stage since the beginning of the war and that only drastic measures will prevent disaster.

President Wilson is criticised for "allowing Germany to slap him in the face," and then the gentleman from Wisconsin, Mr. La Follette who tried so hard to be president, worked hard to tie the president's hands so he could be slapped some more. Mr. La Follette has lost many friends by his late procedure in congress, and so has gum shoe Bill Stone of Missouri. Stone and La Follette are playing too much politics.

It is doubtful if the "car shortage" bill, which has been ground through the Nebraska legislature, will furnish much relief, as it has been plastered with amendments. The original intent of the bill was to provide for a more equitable distribution of freight cars to shippers throughout Nebraska. But the bill has been so amended that the distribution of cars is to be made on the basis of past demands of each shipper at each station, and not the basis of the station total.

FACING THE ACTUALITIES.

The German government has admitted, in effect, that the fantastic but none the less unfriendly note signed "Zimmerman" is authentic, and has put forth an argument to justify it.

The Japanese government, branding as "ridiculous" the notion that it would ally itself with Germany to attack the United States, nevertheless takes careful occasion to reiterate its displeasure with the anti-Japanese legislation pending in the Idaho legislature. The proposed law, on the insistence of the state department at Washington, and in response to a long and urgent message from Senator Borah, was at one time withdrawn. But it has recently been revived and is being vigorously pushed for passage. "Japan," says the vice foreign minister, "regrets the apparent revival of anti-alien measures in one state. We realize the embarrassment of the central government owing to the system of state rights, but it is our duty to protect the dignity, honor and interests of Japanese subjects."

Senator Poindexter thinks that, if we have war with Germany, it will be "merely nominal." That is hardly a safe conclusion for the American people to rest upon. Germany has shown, and admitted, a disposition to make war cost the United States dearly if it is in Germany's power to do so. Germany, by its ruthless submarine warfare, has shown that there is nothing at which its government will hesitate to make war hideous as well as costly. We know what Germany will do to us, if it can, should war come. We know that Japan's protestations of friendship to us and of loyalty to its allies, must be taken with more than a grain of salt. Japan will ever be loyal and friendly—to Japan. There is no Christian system of ethics to keep Japan from doing to us what Germany did to Belgium, or what Great Britain is doing to Greece, if Japan has the power and self-interest propels. We know, too, that to the south of us are 15,000,000 people hostile to the United States, and what government those people have is not only unfriendly but tricky and foolish both.

Right at this time it does appear that, if war were declared, Germany would have slight power to do us material damage. It would perhaps keep even more of our ships penned in port than are there now or else sink a good many more than it is sinking now. Conceivably it might make trouble at the Panama canal and at some other seaboard points. The worst is could do, under present conditions, it seems could hardly be classed as serious.

But suppose that Germany should succeed with its submarine campaign. It is not entirely beyond conjecture that this might happen. Frank Simonds, returning from London, says in a copyrighted article printed in the New York Tribune, and syndicated to other newspapers:

"The new submarine campaign is everywhere recognized in Great Britain as the most serious challenge the empire has known since Trafalgar, if not since the days of the Spanish Armada itself.

"It would be a mistake for the friends of the allies in America to underestimate the meaning of this German submarine campaign and its possibilities. It would be making a mistake that is not being made in Britain. There it is fully understood that Germany is playing her last card, that she is making her final bid for victory and it is significant of the new grasp on realities that exists in Britain that the danger and the power of this final bid is not in the least underestimated. Today all England is preparing to face—not starvation—but something approaching it.

"British confidence in the ultimate ability of their fleet to deal with the submarine pest is unshaken, but it is not less clear that the British perceive that unless a method is found to dispose of the submarine, and it has not yet been discovered, the empire—the British Isles—are at the very least in for the most difficult hours in their history."

Unless the submarine danger can be met and solved, not only now but for future wars, then Great Britain is

doomed, says Simonds. It is in the realization of this fact that Great Britain is making preparations, "not for another year of war, but for all those years of war that are necessary to win the struggle."

Bearing on these vastly interesting speculations is this statement in the dispatch telling of the efforts to bring China into the war:

"The entente powers on their part are anxious to have China in the war, not only as a reservoir of men, but as the biggest open trade market after the war."

"A reservoir of men" in a war to be continued for years if it is necessary to fight that long to win!

So, too, might the United States become "a reservoir of men," as well as a reservoir of wealth. If involved in the war as a principal it might be forced to this in spite of itself. It would wish to fight a little separate wrist-slapping war of its own, independent of any alliances. But how long it would be able to do so is a problem that only the ominous future can solve. This much seems reasonable to consider at least as a possibility: That once we are at war with Germany we could not afford to let Germany win the war with the entente. Whatever sacrifice were necessary to prevent that, even though it were as great as France has made, we might be obliged to assent to. It is no more within our power to say where the "path of glory" will lead us, once we have set foot upon it, than it was in Germany's power to know when, in the summer of 1914, it blithely and confidently started its unapproachable military machine in the direction of Paris across Belgium.

Facing the grim actualities of the situation it is incomprehensible that American senators should have been willing to deny the president this hearty and patriotic support of congress in coping with it. The one rational hope the United States can entertain of escaping a grisly future lies in the wisdom and firmness and patience of Woodrow Wilson. And for him to be able to act effectively the world must know that he has a united country behind him. Americans who fail to support him now are as insanely culpable as would be passengers on a vessel struggling for life in a wild storm at sea who incited the crew to mutiny against the faithful and experienced captain on the bridge.—World-Herald.

Tax the bachelors.

All babies look alike to bachelors.

Too many people feel at home with the devil.

Worry is the undertaker's advance agent.

Every white lie paves the way for a black one.

Any time you are not making good you are in bad.

The high price of food continues to hold its own—and then some.

The cooing dove of courtship sometimes becomes the screech owl of matrimony.

Pay your election bets. It is safe now that President Wilson has been safely inaugurated for the second time.

A woman may jaw her husband to beat the band, but if anybody says anything about him, she's ready to fight.

Little Girl Had Croup.

Every mother knows and fears croup. Mrs. R. M. Raney, R. F. D. 2, Stanford, Ky., writes: "My little girl had croup every few nights. I began to give her Foley's Honey and Tar and that night she slept well, never coughed any, and the next day her cold was gone." Relieves coughs and colds. Contains no opiates. Sold everywhere.

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Local News

From Tuesday's Daily. William Philpot of Mt. Pleasant precinct was among the good roads boosters in the city today at the court house.

George Rhoden was among those going to Omaha this morning to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business.

Frank H. Stander of near Manley came in this morning from his home to add to the boosters for the good roads movement at the court house.

L. H. Young of near Nehawka motored to this city this morning from his home, to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business.

Johr Opp was among the Center precinct visitors at the court house today looking after the good roads proposition with the commissioners.

George Jenkins of Murray departed this afternoon for Ottawa, Ia., where he will be associated with his brother, John Jenkins, in the conduct of a garage.

W. J. Partridge of near Weeping Water was in the city today for a few hours looking after some road work before the board of commissioners.

C. G. Mayfield of Louisville was among those coming in this morning to meet with the county commissioners at the court house and visit his friends.

G. P. Meisinger of near Cedar Creek was in the city for a few hours today visiting with his relatives and friends and looking after some trading with the merchants.

W. B. Banning of Union was in the city this morning attending the meeting of the board of county commissioners and attending to a few matters at the court house.

Matt McQuinn and wife and Joe Dare of the vicinity of Union, were in the city today looking after some matters at the court house and calling on his friends.

John Snead, wife and little daughter, who were visitors in this city yesterday with their relatives and friends, departed this morning for their home at Sioux City, Ia.

W. A. Becker came in this morning from his home west of the city and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha, where he will spend a few hours looking after some matters of business.

F. H. Stander, Will, Andy and O. Schlichtermeier of near Washburn, motored to this city this morning to attend to some business matters at the court house. Mr. Stander gave this office a pleasant call.

Wm. Rauth and A. Steinkamp of near Washburn motored to this city this morning to attend to some business matters at the court house and visit friends for a short time. Mr. Rauth was a pleasant caller at this office.

Mrs. Katie McHugh and daughters, Miss Mary McHugh of Falls City, Mrs. Maurice O'Rourke and daughter, Miss Margaret, and Miss Mary McCabe of Omaha were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walling over Sunday.

C. Moeckenhaupt and son Valentine of near Washburn motored to this city in their new Stearns-Knight roadster this morning to attend to some business matters at the courthouse and visit friends for a short time. They were accompanied by Roman Meiers.

J. C. Meisinger and wife came in this morning from their farm home west of the city and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha, where they will spend the day with Mrs. G. H. Meisinger at the hospital, where she is recovering from an operation.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Adam Meisinger of near Cedar Creek, was in the city yesterday looking after some trading with the merchants.

George Smith of Rock Bluffs was in the city for a few hours today interviewing the board of county commissioners at the court house.

George Oldham was among those going to Omaha this morning to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business in that city.

Arthur Eastwood, who has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Eastwood, departed this afternoon for his home at Morrill, Neb.

J. C. Rauth and Dan Bourke of Manley were in the city yesterday looking after the good roads movement at the court house. They were pleasant callers at this office.

Frank Valley of Murray was a visitor in Omaha today, completing arrangements for another excursion to Perkins county with land seekers, and will depart tomorrow night for that place.

Frank P. Sheldon and Fred L. Nutzman of Nehawka were among those visiting in the city yesterday after-

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noon and looking after a few matters before the board of county commissioners.

C. L. Norman and Romaine Meier of Louisville were in the city for a short time yesterday looking after a few matters of importance with the board of county commissioners at the court house.

A. W. Dawson and wife were visiting in Omaha today for a few hours with friends. Mr. Dawson is now recovering from his broken arm, but it will be several weeks before he will be able to use it.

Mrs. Emil Baumgart and two little daughters, who have been making an extended visit with Mrs. Baumgart's mother, Mrs. J. V. Egonberger and family in this city, will depart for their home at Crookston, Neb., tomorrow morning.

\$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00 to loan on good real estate security at 5 to 6 per cent interest. Call on or address John M. Leyda, Gund Building, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Wanted—A girl for general housework. Inquire of Mrs. Frank Bestor.

NURSE RELIEVES MUCH SUFFERING

The Patient She Helped Makes Interesting Statement.

Madison, Wis.—Mrs. Oscar Day, of 1606 Monona Ave., Fair Oaks, this town, says: "Before my baby was born, I suffered terribly with womanly troubles and nervousness, and was living in a state of fear all the time. One day, an old friend of mine, who, by the way, is a nurse, and goes around to all cases, brought me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and told me to keep on taking it right along. I did, and felt much better after the first bottle. I kept on taking it, and had a little trouble as anybody could wish for. Feeling very good now."

There never was a better medicine for women than Cardui, and I will recommend it to any one who is in need of it. This nurse uses Cardui with her patients, so it is well known all around here.

I am never without a bottle of Cardui in my home. We urge you to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, for your troubles. It will help you over the hard places, just as it has thousands of other women. Don't delay. Begin taking Cardui today. You won't regret it. NCB5

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For good, fresh Candy, Fruit and Nuts, see S. J. Reames.

Jacob Fritsch shipped cattle Thursday to the South Omaha market.

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

There will be dance at Sayles' hall Saturday night. Be sure to attend. Peter Core was in Plattsmouth Saturday looking after a few matters of business.

Lloyd Schneider spend Saturday in Plattsmouth looking after some business matters.

Harry Meisinger had the misfortune to lose one of his best horses last Saturday night.

C. E. Metzger of Omaha, was in Cedar Creek Sunday for a short time visiting with relatives.

Irven Meisinger was in Plattsmouth Friday evening looking after some business affairs in that city.

Adam Meisinger went to Omaha Tuesday where he was called to look after some business matters.

P. H. Roberts and wife were in Omaha Wednesday for a few hours visiting with friends in that city.

Hans Franke was in Omaha on Wednesday last attending the automobile show in that city for a few hours.

Ed Lohnes motored to Omaha Thursday, where he enjoyed the automobile show in that city for a short time.

John Gauer was among the Cedar Creek visitors in Omaha Wednesday to look after some business matters in that city.

J. F. Wolff and wife and Lloyd Schneider motored to Omaha Thursday to see the automobile show in that city.

William Metzger came in from Cherry county Friday evening to enjoy a few days' visit with the home folks in this locality.

William Schneider and wife and son, Oliver, departed for Wahoo Friday evening, where they visited over Sunday with relatives.

John Busche and son, Clarence, with J. F. Foreman and S. J. Reames drove to Plattsmouth Tuesday evening to attend the I. O. O. F. lodge meeting.