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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

No man can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself.—Lowell.

Flags up! Everybody!

We should be for Old Glory.

The wheat crop does not seem the best.

"Bone dry" won't work with the senate.

Kearney has voted for commission form of government.

There won't be so many schooners passing around in Nebraska after the first of May as formerly.

Jesse Wurga, candidate for re-election as city clerk, can be found at his office almost any hour in the day.

We have always believed that a golden wedding deserved a bigger headline than a divorce case.

No doubt about the legislature adjourning sine die the first of next week, or some time during the week.

It's pretty near time for the weather man to turn on the faucet. A little moisture now would do lots of good.

A fine garden that produces lots of vegetables will knock the high cost of living for the family that plants it, into a "cocked hat."

Houston, Tex., spent more money for automobiles than for new buildings during November, says an exchange. Well, most women would rather have a new car than a new house any day.

Colonel Tom Majors gave Senator Norris a fine trimming at the banquet in Lincoln Tuesday night. Tom Majors is just the man that can do it when it comes to defending American principles, when assailed by such men as Norris.

There seems to be no doubt about that grand old Roman, Champ Clark, being re-elected to the speakership of the house. In all history there never was a more popular man presiding over congress. He is loved by republican as well as democratic members alike.

The socialists of Germany are becoming restless and there are rumors of revolt afloat in that country and Austria. But whether there is any truth in the reports is a horse of another color. If there is to be a revolution in Germany, the seeds have been sown for some time.

"And when the story shall have been written the Hapsburgs and the Hohenzollerns will have followed the Romanoffs into obscurity, the shackles of tyranny will have been broken from the limbs of millions, and democracy will have erected the temples of freedom, out of the ruins of the palaces and the prisons of autocracy."—Senator James A. Reed of Missouri.

We heartily agree with the Springfield Republican when it says: "If people are to be expected to rise out of respect for 'The Star Spangled Banner,' the air itself should be treated with respect. In a New York restaurant the other day a patron was justifiably indignant when a chorus of girls in bathing suits spiced up their performance by waving flags and singing Key's song. Let the flag be taken seriously, and not cheapened."

NORRIS' SOPHISTRY.

There is a weakness in the vocal attitude of Senator Norris. He is defending his reputed action in not voting to authorize any man to plunge this country into war. It is either a false or a mistaken promise. There was no proposition to authorize anybody other than the president of the United States to do anything. There was no proposal to allow him "to plunge the nation into war." President Wilson is no more apt than Senator Norris to needlessly get us into war.

The proposition was to authorize the president to arm American merchant ships for their protection against ruthless destruction by submarines. Technically speaking, the country was already in war, because it was being assailed through the destruction of American lives on the high seas. If the vote of Senator Norris had been to prevent submarines from shooting up American ships and destroying American lives it would have been a vote to prevent any man from plunging us into war. But a vote to deny to American ships the armament needed for protection was nothing more nor less than a vote to punish an American ship and all its passengers and crew for going upon the high seas at all.

The senator's course fails to take into account the fact that there are hundreds of thousands of American seamen whose homes, are upon the high seas, and that the recognized and hitherto universally sanctioned laws of nations have for generations guaranteed them the right to pursue their industry peacefully without molestation. A foreign power has as much right to drive the American farmers from their fields because they are raising food as it has to drive American seamen off the seas because they are transporting it.

Senator Norris is welcome to the big audience that heard him. A great deal bigger one cared not for his explanation and his sophistries.—Lincoln Star.

Of course Senator Norris did not seek to put right the fellow who sarcastically inquired how many newspapers would print the senator's speech. He did not tell the fellow that requests had been made for copies of it. He would rather have the fellow believe that Wall street would not let the papers use a speech like that, and doubtless the fellow was allowed enough to believe it. But that was not the only instance of lack of truth and frankness on the part of the senator. His whole speech was based upon a false premise that the president wants to get us into war.—Lincoln Star.

We have all the confidence in the world that congress will do its duty. The senate is composed of the people's representatives, and we believe they are men who have studied well the war problem, and will use good sound judgment.

Once in a while we find a man who refuses to advertise on the grounds that he has more business now than he can handle. He is probably correct. A man who does not advertise is not capable of handling much business.

More birds, it is said, are killed during the closed season in the spring than in the open season in the fall. Many hunters have given up duck hunting altogether, rather than hunt young birds in the fall.

Suppose the house of representatives hold to their acts on the prohibition amendment and the senate stand by its acts, please tell us what is to become of the "bone dry" proposition?

A CHEAP GAME OF POLITICS.

It is plain to be seen that republican politicians and newspapers are playing partisan politics with the prohibition bill pending in the Nebraska legislature.

They have two arrows in their quiver. Their first hope is to fool a democratic legislature into passing a bill so unnecessarily drastic in its provisions, so obnoxious in its battle-ax assaults upon the homes of the people, so offensive in its turning loose a horde of volunteer and irresponsible spies and informers to persecute good and respectable citizens, that the state will rise in wrath, next year, against the party in control of the legislature that enacted it.

Their second hope is to set the house and senate by the ears, to get them involved in irreconcilable differences, to destroy all spirit of reasonable compromise and concession, to the end that the legislature may adjourn with no prohibition law enacted. Then, in that event, the g. o. p. plotters will charge that the democratic party was controlled by "the brewers" and the bootleggers and failed to keep its pledges to the people.

Either way, it is figured, the republican party would stand to win and the democratic party to lose. Either way a republican could be elected to succeed Keith Neville in 1918, and the legislature and statehouse be returned to the control of the republicans who are thirsting for office.

This scheme is being worked so brazenly and so openly that no democratic legislator can be blind to it. It is so sinister in its willingness to subvert the cause of good and honest government to partisan ends that every intelligent citizen should resent it.

In the furtherance of this plot the columns of republican organs are being filled with wild and false stories of the alleged "outrages" and "betrayals" that are being committed in the consideration and perfection of the bill. In the furtherance of this plot the senate galleries were packed, the other day, with a crowd of partisans that insulted with hisses and cat calls so clean and honorable a gentleman and so splendid a citizen as Senator Albert, when he was discussing with his accustomed moderation and sound common sense, the details of prohibition legislation. In the furtherance of this plot every effort is being made to induce every friend of prohibition in Nebraska to believe that prohibition is to be slaughtered unless the house "stands firm" and refuses to consent to any change in the bill as it passed that body.

All of this is cheap and mean and contemptible. It is playing in the very basement of politics. It is high time that democrats in the legislature and out of it, that sensible and high-minded citizens of all parties, took cognizance of the situation.

This legislature, before it adjourns, should pass a law to facilitate and assist the enforcement of the prohibition amendment. It should be an honest, sensible, workable law. It should place in the hands of Governor Neville, and of the law-enforcing authorities in every community, every proper and needed weapon for dealing with bootleggers and other law-breakers. Failure to do this would be a betrayal of public trust not to be tolerated.

But that is not to say that a prohibition bill must be passed exactly as it came from the house, or exactly as amended by the senate. The house bill was passed without discussion or consideration except in committee. In various of its sections it is clearly faulty and objectionable. It needs amending. But that is not saying that every amendment proposed in the senate, or that may be adopted by the senate, is sacrosanct. We have no doubt that various of the senate amendments are desirable, and that others are undesirable. The problem must be worked out, eventually, in friendly consultation and co-operation between the two houses.

If there is that—friendly consultations and co-operation, an honest and broad-minded threshing out of differences—there need be no fear of the result. A good bill will be passed, and

Governor Neville will sign it and do his full share in enforcing it.

But if there is not this spirit, if the legislature falls an easy and weak-minded victim to the cunning partisan plotters who are seeking to fool it into doing the wrong thing, the legislature will be discredited and the democratic party will be made to suffer for it at the polls next year.

Primarily the responsibility is with the democratic party. Therefore every loyal democrat who desires democratic supremacy in Nebraska to continue, should constitute himself a committee of one to urge his member of the legislature to lend himself to no rule or ruin policy.—World-Herald.

IT WAS A FILIBUSTER.

Senator Norris has to have some effrontery to come to Nebraska and tell the people that it was not a filibuster in which he participated.

If it was not a filibuster in which the senator took part, there is no such a thing as a filibuster.

Filibustering in legislative affairs is delaying legislation or action in an assembly by dilatory motions or other artifices. For almost two days an overwhelming majority in the United States senate sought to have an armed neutrality resolution adopted authorizing the president to take certain action during the inevitable vacation of congress for the protection of American ships and lives.

That majority of four or five to one was unable to pass the resolution, simply because the twelve senators which included Senator Norris would not permit a vote to be taken. A very old and equally nonsensical rule of the senate permitted unlimited debate upon any measure. This rule these twelve senators sought to utilize to prevent a vote upon the resolution.

That they did not talk the bill to death was due to the fact that not all of them were given the floor. Senator Norris did his share. He says he talked something like an hour and a half. As is always the case at the close of a session of congress a great quantity of legislation was pressing for action. Several great appropriation bills providing funds for operating expenses of the government were pending. Among them was the army bill.

All day Saturday, all night Saturday night and until noon Sunday the filibuster went on. Frequently at intervals Senator Hitchcock sought to get the twelve to agree that a vote should be permitted before the session expired at noon Sunday by limitation. They would not consent. At 1 a. m. Sunday Senator LaFollette, leader of the filibuster, was going about among the other eleven filibusters, urging them each to talk some, "in order that his own time, when it should come, might not be too long."

That is, he wanted help in talking the legislation to death. We wanted help in filibustering. Had these men consented at any time to agree that a vote should be taken before congress expired they would have been given opportunity to say all that was necessary.

Senator Norris has not tendered his constituents any assurance that one of the purposes of that filibuster was not to prevent the passage of the army appropriation bill, which was in fact one of its inevitable accomplishments.

It requires much assurance upon the part of the senator to deny that there was a filibuster.—Lincoln Star.

The time will come when people will read of kings as they now read of witches, and wonder how nations could have been so foolish. They will read of the selfishness of kings, how, for lust of gain and power, they aroused subjects to fight and kill. Future generations will wonder how the world could have stood for hereditary rulers.

The theory that a gold surplus constitutes a yellow peril strikes the average man as being as panicky as an Eskimo that hades is a very warm place.

When you vote for Jesse Wurga you know you "have the right man in the right place."

Tomorrow is "All Fools' Day!"

Wheat is steadily advancing in price.

Back-to-the-farm movement is in style now.

Lawn mowers will soon be pushing to the front.

It is what you don't know that is liable to get you into trouble.

The present is where we stand and watch the future dissolve in the past.

If you believe in preparedness, don't fail to plant as large a truck patch as possible.

The price of print paper continues to climb. If something isn't done soon, more of the small newspapers will go to the wall.

Occasionally you will find a man so considerate that he will even make a fool of himself to save some woman the trouble of doing it.

John Wanamaker is authority for the statement that no boy ever became a great man if he failed in his youth to learn to save money.

The new government radio station at San Diego will be able to signal at least 12,000 miles. Why not put on 500 miles more and reach the limit at once.

The state senate will work this week on full pay, while the house members will sit and suck their thumbs. When the pay stopped many of the house members lit right out for home. That's what they are there for—simply to draw their pay.

An American newspaper man, George V. Bacon, has been sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison for plotting to set on foot on American soil a conspiracy against a friendly nation. He was arrested in England as a German spy.

From the report of the secretary of the state board of agriculture there is much less grain in the state this year than there was last year. This report, however, does not include grain in the hands of the elevator men, whose houses are full to overflowing.

LET THEM KNOW.

Next Monday the wheels of congress will begin to grind. If you have anything to say to your representative now is the time to say it. Remember, he is working for you, and it is up to you to tell him about what you want him to do. Do not delay, do it today.

If you are in favor of this country rushing into war then it is your duty to notify your representatives in Washington of that fact.

On the other hand, if you are opposed to pushing the United States into war then it is your duty to make that known to your representative.

Congress alone has the right to declare war.

And what congress does is supposed to be done because the vast majority of the people of this country so desire it.

How is your representative to know your sentiments if you fail to tell him?

Congressmen and senators are not mind-readers.

They are desirous of carrying out the wishes and desires of their constituents, but in order to do this they want to feel sure that they have felt the public pulse and read the temperature correctly—and that they know just what the degree of sensible heat is.

So, get busy and write to your congressman and senators that they may know how you stand on the war question.—Hastings Tribune.

A protracted session of congress is freely predicted.

We say, stick to the text of the prohibition amendment.

Germany, it is presumed, is framing up another peace proposition. If there is any possible show to have peace, we are in favor of it.

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Did you get "April fooled?"

If a word to the wise is sufficient, why isn't wise?

One of the best house-keeping systems in the world, is not to mortgage it.

Shall we have peace or war? That's what is bothering us now.

Every state should have a fool inspector. The governor should recommend such a law for Nebraska before the legislature goes to pieces.

That social worker who said disease is dying and poverty is being starved out, is probably correct, but isn't it a lingering death and long-sustained fasting?

The democrats in congress have unanimously re-nominated Champ Clark for Speaker. There is nothing very strange about that. We knew that he would be.

Evidently there are three kinds of liars. The ones who lie for profit; the ones who lie to create scandal and the common, everyday liar, who has become thoroughly practical, and lies because he can't help it.

Farmers are planting more peanuts than ever before. The peanut has become available for a multitude of useful purposes and is no longer dependent for a boom on the county fair grounds, or at the circus.

Red-headed boys are now coming in to their own. Large stores in large cities are now employing only red-headed boys and girls, because they are brighter and more reliable. Red-headed women have always been favorites.

To err is human. To forgive is diplomacy.

Those are certainly funny looking little hats the girls are wearing.

Only twenty-eight days and it's all over; and then, "Oh, how dry I am!"

If you want fair play you should be willing to accord it to your fellow-man.

Public criticism is the most powerful weapon there is when properly used.

Clean up. Don't let your home look like no one lived there. It only takes a little work night and morning to keep your property in ship-shape order.

Plant more corn to make up for the spring wheat that is no good. Corn bread is good, and who is there that can't relish corn cakes? Yum! Yum!

The people in the west are not anxious for war, but it is the moneyed men of the east that are howling for a conflict. They won't have to go to war, but will remain at home and rob the families of those who are patriotic enough to go to their country's defense.

Says the Springfield Republican: "Fool things said are piling up. The pacifist orator in New York who wanted to see certain of our most distinguished citizens shot, is matched by Rev. Dr. Hillis of Brooklyn, who announces that the sight of the kaiser, Tirpitz and Hindenburg hanging by a rope would fill him with happiness. And he is the successor of Henry Ward Beecher! The lunatic fringe is at large."

ANOTHER NEW TOWN

DEAVER, WYOMING

IN THE BIG HORN BASIN

Deaver is the new town for the 20,000 acres of the Government's irrigated lands in the Basin on the Burlington's main line just east of the model irrigated locality about Powell, Wyo. Deaver will be the trading center for over 300 farms and will prosper from the start. It offers business chances that are common to any new and growing town. The first unit of 12,000 acres of Government irrigated free homestead land will probably be offered July 1st.—20 year payment plan, no interest for water rights.

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