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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Men are polished, through act and speech, each by each as pebbles are smoothed on the rolling beach.—Trowbridge.

Stand by the Stars and Stripes.

Don't believe everything you read.

The season is here for swatting the fly.

The "Bone dry" proposition is one of doubt.

Easter Sunday and colored eggs come next.

The clamor for a censorship has about died out.

Wouldn't the food speculators look good on the firing line?

In these troublesome times be guarded in what you say.

The young men are joining the army by the thousands in every state in the union.

"If any man attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot."—John A. Dix.

These strenuous days a man has to go some to get away from what's coming to him, or to escape it.

The most serious objection to a real polite gentleman is that he always wants to sell you something you don't want and don't need.

Mr. Bryan has a poor way of supporting President Wilson's administration. He can't carry water on both shoulders. He has done that long enough.

The nation's ice cream bill last year was \$300,000,000. There is such a big demand for ice cream that the price is naturally going up. A popular slogan in this country is, "Swat the consumer."

When boys of 19 are arrested on a charge of burglary it is a sign that there are plow handles in the country that are neglecting their duty. Plow handles can save many a boy if they will get busy.

The man who leaves his team standing in the middle of the street untied should be made to pay a fine. No matter who they be. There is an ordinance against such carelessness, and it should be enforced.

The sifting committee consigned 115 bills to the waste basket in one batch the other day. Think how much time was spent in preparing those bills. But this is only about one-fourth of the bills that has gone that way, and more are ready to go.

Somebody has figured out that if he received a dollar a minute for 2,000 years he'd be as rich as John D. Rockefeller. The reason John D. is as rich as he is, is because he never wasted any of his time figuring out fool propositions like that.

According to the government's estimate on January first, 1917, the total number of swine in the United States was placed at 67,453,000, valued at \$11.73 a head, or a total valuation of \$791,242,000. Nebraska is credited with nearly one-thirteenth of the entire valuation, being credited with 4,300,000 at \$24 a head, a total of \$60,320,000. Iowa and Illinois are the only states in the union having an excess of swine over Nebraska.

Give us a world at peace.

A good rain would be acceptable.

Champ Clark again elected speaker.

All eyes seem to be on Washington.

Civilized people don't really want war.

Universal training is the proper thing.

Beck beer is on its last tour in Nebraska.

It don't take much to encourage a hopeful person.

After Easter, we may have some warm, spring weather.

In these trying times people should use more caution in what they say.

Artificial roses are never so ornamental as when they bloom on a girl's cheek.

The more alimony a woman gets the greater the attention other men pay her.

Just about the time a man thinks he is deceiving his wife, and getting away with it, he wakes up.

If you have anything good to say to your friends, say it today and don't wait 'till next week to say it.

Now is the time to think about beautifying your own property, and thereby help beautify Plattsmouth.

Push along the good roads movement. The man who owns an automobile should be greatly interested in keeping the roads in good shape.

A couple of fellows up at Fremont were sentenced to the penitentiary the other day for stealing an automobile. That is the quickest way to get rid of automobile thieves.

Deadbeats will get into the legislature as well as any other place. And the biggest deadbeat is he who makes a practice of borrowing money from the unsuspecting members (new members) and never paying it back. A reputation of this character is audacious.

We used to talk about a ring in the state house when the republicans were in control of the state. And there is just as big a ring of democrats in the state house as there ever was under republican rule, if not more prolific. We never had any love for rings, either in state or county.

Every succeeding day since the war in Europe began has wiped out a little of the American prejudice against universal military training. The nearer we are drawn to a war of defense, the more the parent feels that if his boy must go to the front, the more he knows about how to sustain and defend himself the better.

The young men of Plattsmouth are thinking of organizing a company for war. The whole country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico is becoming aroused.

When the real test comes to protect American rights on land and sea, The Signal predicts that all American citizens, regardless of their previous sympathies in the unfortunate European war, will loyally and in an effective and practical way support our government. In the meantime, we also predict that many of those who are now shouting the loudest for war will be among the last to offer their services when actual fighting is in sight.—Platte Center (Neb.) Signal.

MUCK-RAKING CONGRESS.

It is a diversion of small minds to abuse and decry congress, as if it were the scavenger department of a provincial hamlet.

"The truth is," says one of those hypochondriacal slanderers, "that the two house machines have grown to be much alike; each exists for the spoils of office, and their appetites for pork appear to be practically the same."

There is nothing in the record of congress to justify such a wholesale muck-raking of its entire membership. The American congress comprises the finest aggregation of men to be found anywhere in the world.

Sometimes one gets disgusted at exhibitions of partisanship that seem to set at naught the public welfare, but of late there has been less of that than usual. A good many congressmen have within the past two years arisen to admirable heights of magnanimity and patriotism. Only a few have seemed to be vote-hunting in the attitudes they assumed with respect to the stupendously important questions confronting them.

To assert that as a body they are controlled by an appetite for "pork" and the spoils of office is an indefensible libel upon a really splendid body of Americans and upon the citizenry that elects them. It is an exudation of filth from a diseased mind.

Is this bespattering of congress with mud merely asinine, or is there clever design in it? There are great issues in congress. One of them relates to taxation policies. One set of congressmen believes that wealth should bear the greatest burden in meeting the cost of government, and has enacted laws accordingly. Another set believes that any other revenue producer than a so-called protective tariff law is sinful and outrageous. It would undo the laws that have been enacted. Spurring slime over congress as a whole may help the latter set some.—Lincoln Star.

THE SANE PATRIOTISM.

One of the aspects of war which democratic peoples have most reason to dread is its tendency to rob men of their reason and deprive them of all tolerance for opposing opinions. This thing has already happened in some parts of the country under the stress of the present situation. In such places some of the people call others traitors and in response are dubbed grafters and dupes of Wall street. When the Princeton university denies the eminent and venerable David Starr Jordan, himself a college president emeritus, an opportunity to speak on its campus because he holds a certain view of national policy, the mind of the country must be in a serious state. For if a university, under stress of war spirit, loses faith in reason and refuse to hear both sides of a grave question, what is to be expected of plain, unlettered hoi polloi like the rest of us?

Because this frenzied blight has not stricken the middle west, those under its influence have questioned our loyalty. It is well enough that we furnish a demonstration of western loyalty, though the west itself knows that this can safely be taken for granted. But above everything, it is the business of the west to keep its head.

For it must not be forgotten that the present questions are two, not one. The first question is, shall we go to war? The second question is, can we unite in strong support of the government if the answer is war. The confusing of these two questions makes of our present misunderstanding and unpleasantness.

The first of these questions is a political question, on which men have a right and a reason to divide without compromising their citizenship. The question of war is the most vital a nation can face. We should be a strange democracy, indeed, if only the affirmative of that question could be argued and agitated. America has always stood for the freedom of opinion on the issue of war. Americans freely opposed the Mexican war, and in the light of his-

tory many Americans now justify that position though the war was fought with military success. The same was true of the war of 1812, of the civil war and of our Spanish and Philippine wars. In all these cases there were on both sides elements speaking for base or selfish purposes, but these were not the whole of any side. Similarly in the present case, there are business interests selfishly for war and others selfishly against war. There are persons who think more of the interests of Great Britain or of Germany, in taking one side or the other of the war question, than they think of the interests of the United States. But that is not ground enough for calling all peace advocates traitors or all war advocates grafters and militarists.

On the second question there is no room for controversy. The fact that we remain in this country commits us to its support. American history gives us a right to take American loyalty for granted.—Lincoln Journal.

WORTH THINKING OVER.

It was a great victory for the people that was won in the decision of the supreme court on the Adamson law. It not only gave the brotherhoods the increased pay they desired, but it gave the public an assurance that congress has power to hereafter summarily prevent a general railroad strike, declaring that the right to strike is limited by the public interest.

Now come the railroads to suggest that the people ought to pay for the advantage they gained by allowing the railroads to increase rates from 10 to 15 per cent, to compensate them for the increase in the cost of operation due to the eight-hour day.

If the increased cost to the railroads prevents them from enjoying adequate returns on their investments, it is obvious that the people ought to stand for the suggested touch. It has been reported, however, that the railroad profits for the past year reached a billion dollars or more. If that be true, then it is time for the public to begin figuring on the adequacy of such a return to reward the investment involved. If the railroads are already making a fair dividend over and above the additional cost, certainly rates ought not to be increased. Even though it is the contention of these great corporations that they ought to be allowed to build up great surplus funds against the need of extensions and betterments which the near future demand.

It may be a selfish suggestion, but it does seem manifest that if the people, paying excessive rates now, must provide surplus funds for future railroad building, it will be the people who will be making the additional investments, and they ought not to be taxed with rates high enough to pay dividends on such investments.

There is going to be no deafening clamor for the suggested increase of freight rates.—Lincoln Star.

"Plant plenty of potatoes," should be impressed upon everyone who tills the soil. The only way to make them cheaper.

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RETURNS TO M'COOK.

M. L. Ruby, a former resident of this locality and at present living near McCook, was in the city Saturday for a short time visiting with his old friends. Mr. Ruby was called to this city by the illness of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Tom Ruby, who has been taken to the hospital in Omaha for treatment. Mrs. Ruby has not been in the best of health for some time. Cornelius Bengen and wife were at the hospital with Mrs. Ruby Saturday, and Sunday, Mr. Ruby visited there en route back home to McCook.

SUFFERS A SERIOUS FALL.

Charles Hitt, the carpenter, is laid up at his home in the south part of the city suffering from the effects of an accident that befell him Saturday while he was engaged in some work at the Air Dome. Mr. Hitt was so unfortunate as to fall from a ladder on which he was working and in doing so struck one of the wooden seats, inflicting a severe bruise to his side. He was taken home, and has since been suffering quite a little from the effects of the injury, although it is not thought that the injury will result in any permanent disability to Mr. Hitt, although it is quite painful.

M. W. THOMAS IMPROVING.

M. W. Thomas, who has been in very critical condition for the past few days, is reported as being much improved and the prospects seem very good for his complete recovery if the present rate of improvement continues for the next twenty-four hours. This will be most pleasing news to his many friends, who have anxiously awaited word from his bedside.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN BED.

From Avoca comes the news of the death at that place of Cornelius Bogard, 91 years, and one of the pioneer residents of that locality. Mr. Bogard was found dead in bed Wednesday morning at the home of his son, John Bogard, north of Avoca, where he had been making his home for the past few years. He is survived by three sons and three daughters. His death was due to the burden of the years and was peaceful, passing away during the night.

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Cedar Creek

Cedar Creek is booming. Easter cards at Reams'. Philip Stehr has bought some lots from Simon Clark. George Hennings delivered corn at Cedar Creek Monday. Remember the dance at Sayles' hall Saturday, April 7th. For good, fresh Candy, Fruit and Nuts, see S. J. Reames. Mr. and Mrs. Will Keil were among the Plattsmouth visitors Saturday. Farm Loans, Insurance and Real Estate. See J. F. Foreman. Sun Sackenberg shelled corn and delivered it Tuesday. A few houses to rent in town, the first that have been vacant in many years. Miss Gerlie Meisinger and brother, Irven, were in Murdock Friday visiting with friends. Jake Lohnes and family of Manley were visiting Pete Schroeder and family last Sunday. Mrs. John Busche returned home Monday after visiting with Omaha friends for a few days last week. Mrs. Peter Keil and daughter, Mrs. A. E. Seybert, were Cedar Creek visitors last Thursday for a short time. Some farmers have already sowed their oats, while many of the residents have put in or are preparing to plant gardens. Try the raspberry punch at Reams'. It's a drink for summer. Will also have it in gallon jugs. A fine drink for hot weather. We are glad to report that Mrs. Charley Keil is much improved and will leave the Immanuel hospital in Omaha soon for her home near Springfield. We are very sorry to state that John Meisinger, sr., is very ill at this writing, but that his many friends all hope for a speedy recovery from his affliction. Rev. Reinhart and wife of Omaha, our minister, was royally entertained at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, jr., last Saturday and Sunday. Ed Wagner bought a new Chevrolet car last week. Ed knows a bargain when he sees it and he has fully de-

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