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[ January 5 ====

Thought for the Day Selected by Edward Rosewater

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith le us dare to do our duty as we find it." - Abraham Lin oln.

Let the gavel fall, and strike for the right.

The man who gives, but never receives advice, usually needs it most.

Europe is terribly in earnest about this war," says Dr. David Starr Jordan. Who isn't?

"Come on in, boys; the water's fine," is the cry of the early bird candidates preening themselves for the city campaign.

It is well to remember, however, that the first bill in the hopper is not necessarily the first law on the statute books.

Who is it that decrees tight money and restricted employment in a country that produces \$10,000,000,000 worth of farm stuff in one

Notice the democratic solons at Lincoln. If you want to be boosted in the senutor's newspaper boost for the senator's prohibition-ofarms-export bill.

Another place where the modern war machinery seems to be defective is in providing anfequate relief corps for victims caught on a sinking battleship.

Now England proposes to arbitrate the matter of our shipping rights at sea. Well, remembering the case of the Panama toll question. can you blame England?

On the ground of small favors gratefully received, American posts may accept the British writer's compilment that the best war poetry has been written in the United States.

Another twist is to be taken by the city to mark the boundaries of the electric lighting franchise. But what has that to do with getting lower rates for electric light right now?

The supreme court's action in the Leo Frank case by implication enunciates a principle which lower courts should follow, and that is that human rights supersede legal technicalities every

Even if the street car company has been taking in fewer nickels, there is still the compensation that walking is a most healthful oxercise, and it is too bad more people do not get the habit.

With our newly elected business School board in complete and unimpeded control of the affairs of our public schools, retrenchment and reform will soon be either the real thing or a dissolving view.



A strike among the men employed in cutting ice Guy & Fitch today took on a spectacular aspect. About seventy-five men in the gang demended \$1.50 a day, and sicked up stragglers until the number reached the men, while they marched along up the river to get other ice cutters to Juin them.

The Plattdeutscher Verein has organized a dramatic section with J. D. F. Schnell, president; Wil-Bam Rodeck, secretary; L. Hueppler, treasurer, and W. F. Stoecker, stage manager,

The county treasurer and county surveyor have taken up quarters in the new county court house. The offices for County Clerk Leavitt are not quite

Little Bertie Wilkins, the nephew of W. H. Wilkins, is lying seriously ili at his home on North Minetoenth street.

Mr. L. M. Rheem of the A. D. T. company gave the twenty-seven messengers a New Year's treat in the form of an oyster supper at the restaurant of J.

James E. Creighton, proudly sports a glossy heaver won on an election list from an unitoky republican.

The sponsors for the charity ball have invited the following women to act, as a reception committee; Mesdames J. N. H. Patrick; Herman Kountse, J. W. Paddock, J. P. Hawkim, James E. Boyd, J. M. Woolworth, S. H. H. Clark, Guy C. Barton, A. J. Poppiston, J. H. Millard, T. B. Cumings and M. Doolittie.

Contributions to the Child's hospital during Derember are acknowledged, one hig item being a doof \$300 from Mrs. Mary Anne Ogden of New Contradicts Our Neutrality Professions.

As it passed the senate, the lumigration bill, with the literacy test applying to the people of all nations except Belgium, squarely contradicts our national professions of neutrality. An exception in behalf of one combatant is as clearcut discrimination as it would be for our government to come out openly and express sympathy on one side or the other. If we are to maintain our neutral attitude, as we should. then congress will have to austain the president's veto, which the bill in its present form is sure to invite. So far as that is concerned, the president has declared his intention of vetoing the bill because of the literacy test, not to speak of exceptions. Adding the exemption proviso as to Belgium would seem to be simply heaping on another objection.

The overwhelming majority by which the bill passed the senate naturally would suggest a sufficient majority in that branch to repass the measure over a veto, but that does not necessarily follow. Senators often vote for a bill in the first place and then vote to sustain a veto. It will be interesting to see whether it will be done in this instance. Should the veto be overridden, then it would mean a widening of the breach between the president and some of his party's leaders in congress, particularly in the senate. It is worthy of note, however, that three of the most conspicuous anti-Wilson democratic senators-Reed, O'Gorman and Martine -are with the president in the present controversy.

#### Spirit of Wholesome Rivalry.

The Bee recently referred to base ball, foot ball, golf and other popular outdoor games as the safety valves of our strenuous American life. Since then it appears that 25,000,000 Americans' last 'year derived personal advantages from these safety valves; that is, according to reliable figures, 25,000,000, or onefourth of our population, attended and participated in some or several of these popular pastimes.

Who will say that we are not a bigger, better race for it? To get at a clearer appreciation of the value of these sports and games upon our national life let us imagine their elimination. What would we do for the impulse they offer to the spirit of wholesome rivalry, not to speak of their positive rest and exhilaration on mind and body? The good sportsman is usually a pretty good sort of fellow wherever you place him. He generally makes a good loser and no one is worth much in this life, whatever character of competition he has to deal with-and all must deal with some sortunless he knows how to lose. For life is not ordered entirely on the "flowery-bed-of-ease"

Incidentally, 1914, which gave the United States its greatest farm output, achieves new fame for this other record of being the best, sport year in our history.

#### A Peace Treaty Buffer.

Those belilcose jingoes who are afraid of war between the United States and England over the commerce matter seem to forget that one of Mr. Bryan's "breathing spell" treaties precludes such precipitancy. The demands which the United States has made upon Great Britain for fair treatment of American commerce will be respected; they will bring an amicable adjustment, but if they did not, the two countries only lew weeks ago bound themselves by treaty not to go to war. In any circumstance until the issue has been thought over for a year. If these treaties are what they are cracked up to be, then we are estopped from any form of belligerency for a good twelve months, in which time a way around the difficulty certainly will be found.

But, seriously, no cool-headed American nor Englishman, is thinking about war as the result of this dispute. The United States is himply demanding its rights and England has thus far indicated no intention to withhold them. Furthermore, we are able to support and demonstrate our position to England by its own precedents, established during the Boer war and later the Russo-Japanese war, when England warned Russia against unfair interference with British commerce in terms almost identical with those contained in the present American note.

Prohibition in the Colleges. The recent convention of the Prohibition Intercollegiate association, which brought together at Topeka large numbers of students from numerous colleges, welled up to a high pitch of enthusiasm for the fight against Demon Rum, furnishes a striking exhibit of the quality of headwork being done by some of the dry forces over the country. Even the liquor interests, themselves, must have been impressed by it, The advantage of rooting any such propaganda in the soil of college life, where young men and women, too, are naturally inclined toward ethical and idealistic views, is not debatable. The prohibitionists displayed rare tact and strategy when they launched this college campaign, which took on a strong impulse at the time Mr. Bryan got most of the students of the Michigan university to take the abstinence pledge with him. And Mr. Bryan continues among the persuasive speakers who drop in on these students' conventions, keeping close to the young men and women who are to make and mould public sentiment in a few years to come. This is only one of numerous ways in which the present-day dry crusader is "putting it all over" his comrade of a few years ago, who relied chiefly on railing on the evils of the liquor traffic and asserting a demand for prohibitory laws on theory that temperance can be legislated into men from the outside

Governor West of Oregon has named a woman to fill a vacancy as state senator, who, by the way, if seated, will be the representative from Douglas county, and the first woman to serve in that capacity. Any significance for Nebraska in that coincidence of county name?

Those London papers criticising the Wilsonian diction are respectfully referred to certain identical statements, if not language, once used by Mr. J. Bull in a note to Russia, almilarly upholding his commercial rights,

The new book entitled "Amazing Grace" refers to a typical American self-willed girl, not a prodigy in spiritual virtue.

### Aimed at Omaha

Norfolk News: The Omaha morning papers are usually able to agree on the weather. On other questions they are not likely to find common ground. When, therefore, they are both agreed that the office of ceroner is a useless one and ought to be abolished in the interests of economy, the matter is worthy of careful study. The coroner was originally an officer of the crown and his duties have varied greatly in modern times. It is urged that inquests into suspicious deaths might as well be made immediately by the prosecuting authorities, thus saving the fees of the coroner and the expense of his jury. Several states have already abolished the office.

Loup City Northwestern: Billy Sunday, the evangelist, closed his meetings at Des Moines last Sunday with 16,000 persons converted from the error of their Sunday still continues to be the greatest religious dragnet among the evangelists over. Pecare busy wondering what will happen when he tries his hand on Omaha, the greatest of unconverted cities of the west.

Grand 18tand Independent: The campaign for a inicipal lighting plant in Omaha is on. There is little doubt about the result. The voters are finding out how such cities as Lincoln, Hastings and Grand Island have secured lower rates for electric lighting than Omaha, with all of the latter's advantage in consumption and necessarily cheaper production. And they are quite apt to adopt the same sys-

McCook Tribune; Sunday's Bee contained a fine illustration of the champion high school foot ball team of southwest Nebraska-the McCook High, gether with irrefutable data setting forth its claim to the title.

Norfolk Press: Jerry Howard, legislator for South Omaha, says he is his own boas and that he's not going to Lincoln wearing any man's collar-but that he will fight for three bills, a minimum wasewoman suffrage and the consolidation of Omaha and its suburbs. Here's success to you, Jerry, we need men of your type down there.

Grand Island Independent: It is said that "Doe" Tanner, the South Omaha editor, has moved his residence to Omaha. The annexation of the rest of the packing suburb ought to be easy.

Hastings Republican: If Omaha is wise it will get busy and see that there is not only proper water power legislation, but its citizens will likewise get busy in promoting the completion of one or several of the proposed power producing plants on nearby rivers, to supply electric power for that metropolis as well as for other towns and cities in that portion of the state. Here is an opportunity for Omaha to Los Angelize northeastern Nebraska in the way of becoming a great interurban centel.

Kearney Democrat: Emphatic endorsement ought to come from home. Omaha does not appear to be very strongly behind Mr. Hitchcock in his efforts to prohibit shipments of war material to the warring Last week the Omaha smelting works shipped 1,000 tons of lead to the European allies from which to make bullets. Mr. Hitchcock should get Omaha into line and stop such monkey business or his opponents will be pointing with pride to his home

Frement Tribune: An Omaha man, speaking before the Real Estate exchange of that city, said if interurban roads were built it would help bring a real estate boom. But the foreign war and the growing use of automobiles make interurban roads more and improbable for Nebraska. The \$60,000,000 the people of Nebraska have invested in autos has bought something that is a good substitute for interurbans.

Hastings Republican (dem.): Mayor Jim Dahlman is not of the kind to lose sight of other good things in sight. He had no sooner become convinced of the hopeleasness of an amicable agreement between Sens. ter Hitchcock and Secretary Bryan over who should be who as to the appointment for internal revenue collector than he made a public announcement he would seek re-election as mayor of Omaha. It is little amazing to democrats out over the state why Hitchcook is not willing to permit the appointment to go to Jim, but it is evident that he is not.

#### Twice Told Tales

He Had to Stay.

There is a government official at Washington whose entertainments are rather dull, but who himself possesses a sense of humor. One evening he was leaning against a wall for a

few minutes' refreshment and surveying the throng of guests gathered at his wife's bidding, when a talkative young man stepped up to him. 'Pretty slow, eh?" volunteered the lively youth.

I wonder if the parties these people give are never any livlier than this." Never," said the unrecognized host promptly.

Then I shall go away," said the youth. "Lucky dog," said the host, with a grin. "I'm obliged to stay."

There must have been something in his tone that enlightened the youth, for the latter flushed and began to stammer his apologies. But his host held out his hand in most friendly fashion to his indiscreet guest. 'You can go with a clear conscience," said be,

pleasantly, "for you've given me the only amusement I've had this evening."-New York Times.

#### The Lord Needed Help.

A certain preacher, in one of the southern states, was preaching away one Sunday night, when a fire alarm broke the attentive stillness of the sanctuary. "Sit still!" he cried to his disturbed congregation. 'If there is a fire the Lord will take care of His own and not let anything happen that shouldn't." Just then two children, who had stapped outside.

"Oh, it's the parsonage!" It's the parsonage!" Without a word of farewell that preacher made wild bound from tile pulpit and struck out for his burning residence.

"They is times, it seems," said a lean member of the congregation, "when th' Lord needs he'p."-Nntional Monthly.

# People and Events

Fearing that Ireland might claim Lord Kitchener as its own, English investigators put out a statement showing his uncestral home to be in Lekenheath, Suffolk county. His parents just happened to be stationed in the "Kingdom of Kerry," Ireland, when the

Precious few people, out of their own experience, fashions a good word for rheumatism. Mrs. Pannis Schnitzer of Chicago is one of the few. Her 'Thoumatiz," a twenty-year companion, got unusually busy on Christman night and kept her awake no well that she discovered a fire on the premises and gave. the alarm is time to save the occupants, some twelve

The most welcome Christmas box that rolled into the Indiana state house since Tons Marshall was sid was a fee of \$300,000 for filling the consolidation papers of the New York Central and Lake Shore railroads, last week. At the time the state carh box was empty and a deficit shadowed the joy of the chair warmers. The railroad Santa Claus transformed gloom into

radiant optimism. It's a hundred-to-one shot that there will be a large number of swell loads taken on in New York and Chicago in honor of the new year. Reservations in Chicago hotels and cafes already number 17,065, with seating room for 28,665 persons. In New York the lid goes off for all night, and 177 special licenses have been issued for places which will cater to the overflow from regular boozeries.

# The Bees Lefter Box

Stone Throwing and Glass Houses. SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Jan. 4.—(To the Editor of The Bee: In reply to the heavy artillers," recently trained on Scott's Edul' through the Letterbox of The Boe, I beg space to say there is only one brand of the explosives fired that Is worthy of mention. Germany searched the world in vain for an ally in her causeless struggle. She tried to force Italy to join her in her unrighteous slaughter, but failed. Finally she induced the most barbarous and degraded nation on earth to espouse her cause and now the "bloody Turk" has proclaimed a religious war to incite the superstitious Turks to murder. What Ireny then to criticise the allies for making an al-Hance with Japan, the most progressive people of the orient. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. The moral sentiment of the civilized world is against Germany, because she was the

denerves. True American citizans should not uphold the kalser and the war party in their dispicable methods of driving the flower of the German nation into the slaughter pen like cattle. J. F. WEEBRIGHT.

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tually suffer the Astribution she justly

Socialist View of Commission Plan. OMAHA, Jan. 4 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The article by E. H. capped mission Plan a Failure?" vindicat far as he condemns the commission of city government, the position to by the socialist in opposing the comsion form when this question was up for consideration of the voters. We claimed raade no difference whether they were called councilmen or commissioners, the results would be the same.

This is meant as no reflection on the character of any of our commissioners. but to call your attention to the fact that capitalism is breaking down and these experiments in government forms do not fill the bill. Our present commissioners are simply victims of the system. the same as any other public official is. no matter what position he fills nor what they call him.

The commission plan was established primarily for the purpose of shutting the young giant, accialism, off the ballet, out it has failed in everything that was claimed for it, and its successor, the city manager plan, will receive the same fate. Make your municipal officers your servants instead of your masters by putting over their heads an operative recall,

by having an operative initiative and referendum law, and then elect socialists to the jobs, and then you will see something different. JESSE T. BRILLHART. 2616 Farnam Street.

and make those servants do your bidding

Western Manners in Little Careless, OMAHA, Jan. 4.- To the Editor of The Bee: I made quite a hit with some eastern people by remarking that western people are just a little careless in their manners. One lady in the party quite agreed with me, and said that she did not want to say it for fear of offending me and "Zeb" (my son); but, really since I had admitted it, and as we were good friends, she thought that most of the young folks are just a little lacking

At the party that "Zeh" and I attended the other night, for instance, one of your finest young men ran across the floor, and skated up to me, and asked me to dance like this: "Would you like to dance this time with me?'el would have made some exonse, but "Zeb" saved the day by nodding to me that it was all right. found him to be a delightful dancer and very interesting, also that he was a cashler in a bank. When our dance was finished, he did not thank me for it, but said. "Gee, kid, but you're some dancer. We must have another soon. Goodbye for thirty minutes." His thirty minutes were three times thirty, for he did not set back until next to the last dance. He wanted to know if I did the "bear" or "turkey trot." I told his "No, I never liked those rough dances." "Gee," he said. "I think they are the timest ever, but some of the old fogies won't stand for it, so he had to cut it out." . Exiquet has always been one of

"Zeh." hobbies. I used to think he was a crank about good manners, but when we travel in the eastern states, I see that he is only one of us westerners who is living twenty-five years ahead of the times. I have not the least notion of finding fault with our western people, for there's none better than we are when it comes to the real test, but we lack polish-back east they call it bad breeding-but it isn't that for we me thoroughbreds, and for that reason we should be just as careful with our manners as we are with our dress. Some one is always watching us, and is going to form some kind of an opinion. I meet men every day who do not thank you if you open a door for them, or hand them the drinking cup, or any little favor. If they do, it's a mere pretense at thanksjust kind of a grunt. They will reach across the table in front of you, and not say "Excuse me," and they are people who know better, but have just become careless and don't care, and I even hear them make light of nome polished gentle

men. It seems that we get a grouch at times, and all get it at the same time. I got on the train the other day feeling at peace with the world, a good feeling for all fellowmen. The train was well filled, and in view of the fact that some of the passengers were occupying two and three sents, I let on that I might take one of them. I got one of those zero looks, and right away felt that I did not want to sit by such a man. Then there's another kind of a man that I have not a good feeling for: the other doy a refined looking man crowded a woman and two small children to one side and passed ahead of them; he thei bumped into me and almost knocked the breath out of me, and never said "Excusa me" or let on that he had done a thing. I noticed that he made the zero mun give up one of his seats, and heard them quarreling about it. I went into the next car. There were two women, and an o'd man, and a young fellow had seen in several towns in which' i had stopped. He was reclining in his chair with his feet in the opposite seat, spoke to him as I prepared to sit across he aisle, and said. "You seem to be taking it eary."

"Yes," he replied, "and-1 don't want to be disturbed, either." I was mad: there warnt any one then I had a good feeling for. I felt that I would just like to tell some one what I thought of them. I was so mad that I would not hand the conductor my ticket. but made him take it out of my but I tried to give him one of those mean looks. but he said, "You're getting to be quite

a steady customer on this line,"

"Yes," I said, feeling that maybe some

sition he had been figuring on, and found he had taken me for another, and when I informed him of his mistake the

temperature went down again. If we have something to see, er, as the maying used to be, "an axe to grind, we can be polite enough, and that shows it in just carelessness. So, let us all get the folly, happy spirit and be more polite. We may have to pretend sometimes, but, even if we do. It's better for UN AD S. Z. LANDOM.

## Editorial Viewpoint

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Mr. Winston hillers" to the naval Germans who raided the English coast is not a complete explanation of the fact that the multitudinous British navy was wholly absent from the brilliant opportunity to Churchiff's application of the name "babyturn the raid into a naval defeat.

brunt of war. The man who fight may die in the trenches or lose a leg and get a pension, but the woman left at home must make her way as best she can without the aid of male support, be she mother, wife or sister,

Brooklyn Eagle. The sworn reports of campaign expenditures of candidates for United States senstor at the last election indicate that if all the senators were elected at once such expenditures would amount to \$1.384.090. And the plain, everyday, taxpaying citizen may very well doubt whether the senate is worth it.

Springfield Republican: If the president and the senate should make war on each other because of nominations to office, the president should not neglect that im portant element of preparedness consist the of good nominations on which to rest his case before the country. Thaddeus Stevens, fifty years ago, could cynically ask, "Which is our damned 'rascal?" this isn't fifty years ago.

# SMILING REMARKS.

You know that strong drink makes a : man talkative.

"Yes," replied the stateman who had been listening to speeches. But so does prohibition."—Balrimore American.

First Chauffeur-Who was that feller you ran over?
Second Ditto-t guesa it must o' been
th' glass eater at the vodyville theater.
Look at that tire'-Cleveland Plain th' gin Look Denjer

The Angry One-For two cents I'd Your block off! Cahn One-Well, you won't get working capital from me.-Boaton

"Business is readjusting itself, but

along new lines,
"How so?"
"A foreign pobleweman has just married an American millionaire."—Puck.

turn the raid into a naval defeat.

Philadelphia Record: The pasta are right. It is the women who bear the dry."—Indianapolis News.

#### OUR BABY.

Baby came just for a visit,
Came to brighten up our life,
Bringing with her Hoods of sunshine,
To denote our earthly strife,
To diver; our earthly game.
To a higher, orighter space.

Thanks. Oh. Lord, for every bour You let Eather ilinger here.
Thanks for every tear and sorrow When her end was drawing near. For Thy grace to let her come.
As our daughter in our home.

Lord in grace, be with Thy children.
Help us through this weary day.
Let us feel Thy very presence
When her body is laid away.
Let us foel, it was Thy will
That our baby life so still.

When our days forever vanish Lord, we may that we may meet her Happy on the other shore. Until then, we shall ablde. Longing, waiting, by Thy side. Omaha. AGNETA JOHNSON.



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# **FLORENCE**

is to be given next and believe me she is a very pretty dolly. She has such sweet winning ways that we would like to have her go to some little girl that didn't get a doll for Xmas. She would make that little girl so happy.

Put on your thinking caps little Busy Bees, and see if you cannot remember some such little girl, and try to make her happy by collecting a few pictures to help. her win Florence.

Florence will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age that brings or mails us the largest number of dolls' pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m. Saturday. January 9.

Florence pictures will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out

and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too. See how many pictures of Florence you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m., Saturday, January 9.

You Can See Florence at the Bee Office



Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures you can get and bring them

to The Bee office. The sled will be given Free to the boy that sends us the most pietures before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 9.

