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February 18 Thought for the Day

## Selected by Dr. Bactene

What a divine calling is music! Though everything else may appear shallow and repulsive, even the smallest task in music is so absorbing, and carries us away from town. country, earth, and all worldly things, that it is truly a blessed gift of God. - Mondelssohn.

As a cure-all for pessimism the automobile show has 'em all besten.

The state senate may go the speed limit in killing off needless bills without endangering public applause.

The armored car is quite an attraction at the local automobile show, but it is not likely that many of them will be seen on the roads

The Scandinavians also insist that their shipping has some rights which belligerents are bound to observe, a point the fighting nations are not likely to overlook.

The weight of home-made opinion gives Chicago high rank as an art center. The opinion of purchasers also goes by weight-5 cents the pound, frames included.

The control of the sea has its responsibilities as well as its advantages, and John Bull undecided just now as to which phase of the question predominates.

The Ministerial union's project for the conversion of Mayor Jim is commendable and timely. Saints and sinners alike will enjoy a real test of the efficacy of prayer.

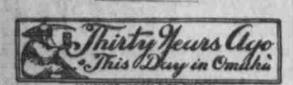
Omaha ought to, and some day doubtless will, own its own lighting plant, but that prospect should not be made the excuse for perpetuating an overcharge for water service.

It seems the statesmen at Lincoln have obtained about the right focus for properly viewing Senate File No. 6. If that bill is thoroughly stripped of its politics, there isn't much left.

The spectacle of the 12-year-old son of the lieutenant governor drawing \$3 a day for service as page and messenger to his august father must be inspiring to the opponents of the child labor and anti-nepotism laws.

President Wilson promises soon to make a statement in regard to the food supply of the United States. This ought to help a good deal, if the hungry who have been thrown out of work since the present administration came into office can only hold out until the document is made public.

"Blue sky" laws have been thrown into judicial hospitals by the lower courts of Michigan, Iowa and West Virginia. The higher courts have not yet spoken. In each case the stumbling block is the clause of the federal constitution guaranteeing freedom of interstate commerce. States may hamper or abridge the rights and privileges of their own citizens, but not those of other states.



This Ash Wednesday is being duly observed as the ning of the Lanten season with special services in

the Episcopal and Catholic churches. The marriage of Mr. W. C. Van der Voort and Miss Mittie Dort was solemnized by Rev. L. W. Terry at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. B. Dort, 1415 Davenport street.

Mr. I. A. Rhodes of the Union Pacific headquarters was united in marriage to Miss Katie Brown, Rev. W. J. Harsha performing the ceremony, and are off for a wedding trip to Chicago.

S. R. Callaway of the Union Pacific has been called to the bedside of a sister in Toronto. The Home Circle club gave its concluding dance of

the season last night at Musonic hall, the arrangements being in charge of Mr. B. F. Redman. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Estabrook have gone over to Thomas McCuffough has been appointed assistant

depot ticket agent under John Bell for the Union The day's clearing house transactions amounted to

A ladies' musical program included numbers by Miss Berger, Miss Jones, Miss Hodemyer, Miss Markel and Miss Brown, and a stringed quartet consisting of Mesers. Pawn, Irvine and Farmer.

Straining Their Credit.

While the expert strategists of the several countries involved in the European war are still manipulating armies and navies across the checkerboard of strife, more important factors are being forced to the front. Public attention is just now more centered on the diplomatic moves than on the military maneuvers. Looming large above both is one factor that will ultimately determine the outcome of the struggle. Financiers are beginning to discuss among themselves the steps that are to be taken to properly protect credits, and provide the actual sinews of war.

Mr. Chamberlain told the Commons in his speech, early in the week, that the present year would cost the allies not less than \$10,000. 000,000. He added with much frankness that the war could not be conducted "on a limited liability basis," and stated plainly that the government of France is in financial difficulties, while the government of Russia has had trouble from the first in securing the necessary accommodations. Mr. Chamberlain's estimate is probably well within the mark, for while the British government asked Parliament for a blank check, it is not at all likely that it would wish to frighten timorous patriots by suggesting too large a sum as the probable expenditure.

London exchange was quoted in New York on Tuesday at the lowest figure on record, while the bankers there who represent the foreign powers are being pressed by American manufacturers to pay in dollars rather than in france, marks, roubles or pounds. The war credits voted to the several governments concerned have been raised much in the nature of forced loans, in spite of the apparently spontaneous pairiotic response to the request for cash. The fact is plain that the end of the present war will be determined, not so much by the number of men one side or the other may be able to put in the field, but by the ability of the belligerents to raise the money they must have to meet the insatiable call of the war god for cash.

Discourage Professional Pugilism.

The action of the house in indefinitely postponing the bill that was intended to legalize professional "boxing" contests in Nebraska will be commended by thinking citizens of the state. Nebraska does not need to add "protected" pugilism to its list of attractions. Prize fighting has been under ban here for many years. and should be kept there. Boxing as a sport or amusement for amateurs is all very well, and nothing will be done to hamper its practice, but the professional boxer is about the most useless of all human beings, and should not have even remote encouragement. The Bee hopes the bill has been put to rest for good.

#### Pressing Home the Point.

The governments of Great Britain and Germany are being very plainly reminded that the countries not directly involved in the European war are determined that the belligerents must show more respect for the undeniable rights of Britain and Germany make this fact very clear. Britain and German make this fact very clear. These notes are couched in language and terms similar to those employed by the United States raise the same points and take the same stand.

This is the only attitude for strict neutrality." It does not show any favor to either side of the controversy, but demands from both sides an equal compliance with the provisions of international law, and the agreements governing conduct of belligerents during the progress of actual warfare.

A neutral nation is justified at all times in insisting upon its right to trade with a nation with whom it is at peace, regardless of the relations of that nation with any other. This right is qualified by certain conventions that have been agreed to, and all trade is subject to the operations of belligerents under those conventions, but no belligerent, no matter what the provocation, has a right to transcend clearly defined rules of modern warfare.

Another Deadlock in Sight.

What's in a principle, when it comes to getting what you want? Just a few days ago the president "set his jaw," and refused to accept or permit any amendment to his shipping bill. then the center of a deadlock in the senate. He falled to drive that measure through by dint of party pressure, and now finds himself in support of a substitute measure, which has apparently less chance of passing than the bill that failed. The fact that it was driven through the house under the party lash, and by application of gag rule, which prevented discussion of its provisions, does not commend it to either element of the senate that opposed the measure for which it is substituted. It seems that President Wilson is doomed to another disappointment, and that if relief is to come to American shipping through national legislation, it must be along lines that will appeal to some other sense than mere partisan devotion.

The decision of the Interstate Commerce commission that a stock yards is not a common carrier will have a very important bearing on the future of the business. While in the case in point the issue was on the right of the Kansas City company to charge railroads for switching service, the application of the principle will doubtless be made much broader, and may serve to simplify relations between a stock yards and the public.

In the days of its youth the Board of Trade building was a monumental enterprise. Long since outclassed by modern buildings, its location saved it from the fate of a back number. It is hoped the owners will see in the fire the finger print of progress, and build on the site a structure worthy of the location and the op-

If proof were needed of Omaha's progressive speed, it is supplied by the crowds which jammed the Automobile show on the opening night and thronged adjacent streets unable to gain admission. That is going some at the

In all the essentials of business revival the country is moving up-grade by steady steps. Omaha and its trade territory are in the forefront of the march with a stride born of confidence in the soil and the goods.

### Self-Rule in Cuba

Henry Watterson in the Courier-Journal.

WRITING from Havana toward the close of the last American occupation I gave it as my opinion, if reduced to the alternative of coming into the Federal Union, or going back to Spain, the Cubans would vote to go back to Spain. Such is the fore of perversity operating on racial

We had liberated them; we had set them up a free Government; and we had put ourselves to many pains and outlays showing them, or trying to maintain and to manage it. But, in the doing of these things, we had offended their amour propre. They resented our superiority, which, truth to say, was at times none too delicately asserted. Many of them came to hate us-none to love us.

I left here with the Army and the Civil Administration the last of March, 1908. Curious to see what the natives might be doing with their Republic and themselves, the present winter has afforded me my

Magoon left Havana province in perfect shipshape. It is tumble-down again. He left it clean. It is a degree dirty. Yet building goes on apace in every direction; there are signs of movement, sluggish indeed, but real, and of improvement taking its time; whilst business, albeit depressed, wears a bravado air as if to say, "See what Cuba can do when left to herself," the single bugbear being the threat of a return of the Americans. That, is all that keeps the Government intact, that makes for order and law, that restrains the factions and holds them within bounds Hell would break loose in Cubs, as in Mexico, except for a nauscating memory and a latent fear.

It is their own, as Woodrow Wilson says, and they have the right to do whatever they please with Nevertheless, I cannot help thinking they would be infinitely better off-at once happier and more prosperous-if we had taken over Cuba along with Porto Rico and the Philippines at the end of the Spanish war. Wandering here and there, up and down southward as far as the Isle of Pines, southeastward to Cienfuegos and Mansanilla-taking in the whole country between Pinar del Rio and Santiago de Cuba-especially the regions about Santa Clara and Camaguey-one catches himself murmuring with

"O, Christ! it is a goodly eight to see What Heaven hath done for this delicious land! And how little man has done to improve the work

The Cuban is something more than insular. He is individual and nothing if not illogical. As ignorant as a cockney, he is equally pig-headed. Very polite on the surface, he is disobliging at bottom-especially in business.

The Spaniard in Spain is a child a thousand years Dignity, like his clock, folds him round and fits him well. Transplanted in Cuba his progney grew up to a thin venser of enterprise and jollity. The Cubans took on loose colonial ways. In time many grew up to become insurrectos. Few of them could tell precisely why. At length the travail and sorrow of sixty years of alternating outbreak and repression brought them independence and the joke we have nicknamed self-government. What will they do with t? How long will it last?

As I write the tumult of a great demonstration rises on the air and ear. An immense and noisy proession moves up the Prado. Crowds hurrahmotley crowds-mostly negroes and half-breeds. Braza bands blare and kettle drums rattle. Resounding shots are fired from overhanging roofs. It is in honor of the pardon and release of General Asbert, that Governor of Havana and Chief of Police who murdered General Riva, a Conservative leader, two years ago. and who, condemned to an imprisonment of fourteen years, has just been liberated by Act of Congress over the veto of President Menocal. Perhaps after the ovation to Thaw in Boston it does not become an American to make faces at Havana. But, Lord, the vogue of murder and the popularity of assassins!

here. Yankee money, having a premium of from three to five cents, is "the coin of the realm." Spanish money, however, at a discount goes. In Cuban currency you pay three cents for a Cuban postage stamp worth two cents; in Uncie Sam's currency, only two cents, its face value. Curiously enough the only thing cheap in Havana is the cab fare, whilst the poor cabbies are the sole victims of the conglomerate system of exchanges. A "peseta," twenty cents, carries two persons wherever they want to go, "within the walls," and cabby must take this in Cuban, or Spanish, money. As if this were not little enough they are moving to cut it one-half! All else is out of sight

Isolated-unfriendly-melancholy-slow-or by the lazy lagoon or beneath the leafy shade of the flowery patio, a brood of self-indulgent stoics, the Cubans reck not save in a languid way the movement of the world without; nor care, nor wish for change. The Yankee is gone, hang him! Madre de Deis, may be never come again! They tell me "Society" is with the Germans. But I have not heard a note of "Die Wacht Am Rhein." The street organs continue to play the "Marselllaise," whilst the dining orchestra trolls "Tipperary" to best the band! If I were asked to make a motto to hang over the gates of Havana I would beneath the customary "Manana" write:

"Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow Creeps in this petty pace from day to day. To the last syllable of recorded time. And all our yesterdays have lighted fools The way to dusty death!"

### Nebraska Editors

Editor George C. Snow of the Chadron Journal has been promised three libel suits of \$10,000 each by ners from the west side of Dawes county. The incident is the outgrowth of the publication of a report made by expert accountants who examined the ooks of the county treasurer. The attorneys for the oners take the position that the report was garbled. Editor Snow is standing par.

Frank O. Edgcombe, editor of the Geneva Signal, last week finished his twenty-first year of service with the publication of which he is now the owner. The Signal was selected by the school of journalism of the University of Oregon as one of the fifty-two est weekly papers in the l'nited States.

Dopt Brothers last week sold the Blaine County Booster to Morgan Standless

Editor Blauveldt of the Arapahoe Mirror announces that the merchants who buy their stationery out-oftown or get it free from wholesale houses cannot have any free space to attack mail order houses,

Editor Wood or the Gering Courier says there are nore newspapermen than lawyers in the present legislature and asks "Why not?"

### People and Events

Cheer up, hayfeverites: The New York Medical Journal notes satisfactory progress with experiments designed to strangle hay fever by innoculation. The virus is the extract of pollen.

Back in New York the bakers, frightened by the wheat market, are hitting the consumer on both ides and in the middle. The size of the loaf is shrunk and the price shoved up to 6 cents. A presumptuous lawyer, who argued a case be

fore the Pennsylvania supreme court without having been admitted to practice in court, has been cited for contempt and is likely to be sent up for life. Assurances come from masculine fashion makers that there will be no padding in men's coats this year. Therefore the fine lines of men's figures, tailor-

nade, will stick out in all their beauty, adorned but The leader of the movement for the repeal of the boxing law of New York is John L. Suilivan. Do you get the name? But he is not the former chamon, oh, no. Just a chautauqua assemblyman built

on the grape juice plan. That there is lots of wild country remaining in the east is shown by the haul of hunters in Pennsylvania during the last hunting season. An official report of the state game warden shows 378 bears killed and more than 1,100 deer. The value of the kill is placed at \$1,000,000, and the cost of the killing \$3,000,000. Net cost of sports, \$2,000,000.



tepics invited. The Bee assum no responsibility for opinions of mdents. All letters subject to conferention by editor.

Danes and Germans. Omaha, Feb. 15 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to answer Mr. Herman Holm, of Clarks, Neb. He says that country was populated by Germans as long as there was any history written about these countries with the exception of north Schleswig, which was partly Danes. Yes, I think they were partly Danes. He says that the Danes tried to force the Germans to learn the Danish language. He is greatly mistaken; the Germans made the Danes learn German under their own flag, and they regret it now. If Denmark would do as the socalled German or rather Prussian government has done since 1884 they would have made Danes out of them, but as it looks now, they wish the iron hand. P. A. P.

Settling Status of Schleswig. Omaha, Feb. 15 .- To the Editor of The Permit me to correct Mr. Steincraus a little in regard to his Rev. Sorensen's dispute concerning Schelawig-Holstein. He states that names of all towns in Schlesswig or by right South Jilland are German names and the inhabitants are of German descent. Where did Germany become originator of any name? Regarding descent he is right as the same race who in ancient days invaded Germany also invaded Denmark, Norway and Sweden. He states Schleswig was originally

German territory. How is it then that Thyra Danetor, queen of Denmark, built Danevikr fortress during her husband Gorm the Old's reign in the years be tween 860 and 336 to protect Denmark from southern invasion.

Waldemar 2d, called the Victor, conquered Holstein and Pommerain and the German emperor in 1217 recognized his authority over the same and a good deal more of what is now northern Germany. Read Enc. Br. volumes 7, page 84 and 55 if you doubt it; also "Germany Under Frederick the Second." You see through that Schleswig is an old Danish state. Mr. Steingraus states Germany could

easily have taken the whole of Denmark; no sane man doubts it. But don't you think England, France, Russia, Sweden and Norway wouldn't have gotten busy? This present war is fifty years old in coming. Bismark did the best thing that ever happened to Denmark in taking Holstein from same (only my own opinion) as through centuries too much bloodshed had been for possession of the province. Bismarck would have been a saint had he kept his word and given Danish speaking people of Schleswig their choice between Germany and Donmark (paragraph 5). I think if all we citizens of foreign birth would quit talking and writing about the war, it would be a good deal better for all. May God give more men like Heirsch and Leibknecht to Germany and less aristocratic military crazed individuals and an early end of the war is my wish.

Plea for Neutrality. Ogalalia, Neb., Feb. 15 .- To the Editor of The Bee: So much has been written regarding our neutrality, in the great

European war, I would recommend to the readers of The Bee that they get a copy and study well, "Washington's Farewell Address." paper treats the subject of American neutrality, in the case of a foregn war, so plainly, so broadly, that he who reads may understand, and I wish that this precious document might be published throughout the length and breadth of the land. It seems like it might have been written but yesterday, so aptly does it apply to the present crisis. It points to the strictest neutrality, and warns of the danger of the slightest deviation therefrom. It has for more than a century been the guilding star, a beacon light to

To our brothers of foreign birth, might, ask why did you leave the fatherland and come to these shores? Was it not that you might find a home and a welcome in a free land under the Stars and Stripes. But more especially was it not that you might escape the great calamity which you felt must come sooner or later. and which has finally befallen the land from whence you came. Let me admonish you in the most solemn manner to ponder well and pause before taking any steps asking this government to swerve in the slightest degree from a line of the strictest neutrality, for any other line of action by this country may be fraught with danger.

this republic.

Let us rather, by our influence, assist the wise captain to safely guide the Ship of State past the rocks and shoals during this critical period of our history. For only in this way will we finally be able to assist the millions of suffering humanity.

In the words of our beloved Lincoln: With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, and to all which may achieve and cherish, peace among ourselves and with all nations." The war was premeditated, and was brought on by the crazy ambition of kings and emperors, who like Alexander and Nepoleon seek to put the whole world under their feet. EDWIN M. SEARLE.

Essay on Prohibition. OMAHA, Feb. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: The prohibition question is becoming more of an all absorbing issue in our present day political life. It is passing the stage of a mere saloon fight and has settled itself on the question of whether prohibition of liquors will elevate the moral and social life of a state and country. Those opposed to the use of intoxicating liquors, to be consistent with their convictions naturally champion the assertions that liquor is a destroyer of the home life and perverter of men's bodies and souls; those opposed to prohibition naturally and just as ardently defend their belief and hoot at the idea of any relation existing between liquor and social conditions.

A fight of this nature often runs to personal tilts and hate, and engenders a malignant feeling verging on the threshhold of the victous and slanderous. Arguments should be met by arguments free from all personalisms and animosities. If bad social conditions are not remedied by prohibition then the matter should be dropped and the true source of contamination hunted out. But if social degradation and the liquor traffic go hand in hand, then it is time for all fair-minded people to clamor for and de-mand a national prohibition law. Honest personal observations is the

only method of answering the question. With a nation part wet and part dry it

is impractical to quote state statistics of comparisons. Our social life is predomi nated by the influence of our home life. so all basis of comparison must be made on the home life of any community. All else is more or jess speculative.

From personal observation it is my opinion that crime is lessened, saving capacity increased, and earning power doubled in communities where there is mind. prohibition, provided the comparison is made on the permanent residents of a state, excluding transients.

Comparison has often been made between Kansas and Nebraska. Who is to prove or disprove that we are not getting permanent good citizens from Kansas or that an exodus of bad Nebraskans, or undestrable "floaters" from other states. may be pouring into Kansas to commit crimes, the responsibility of which the state of Kansas must assume. For example, each year Nebraska must make record of the number of murders committed here. Probably, as has been the case, the vast majority of these crimes were the work of temporary residents, tramps or "floaters." and not of the class who build our homes and make our history. Yet by the deeds of these undestrables Nebraska gains the unsavory record of having more crimes than this or that state.

The good of prohibition must be measured by the increase or decrease of trade to our merchants, bank savings of our citizens, and the moral condition of the drinking man's home.

The great Russian nation is an example of what, regardless of our statistics, nation-wide prohibition will accomplish. The comptroller of the treasury of Russia declares "that owing to prohibition the national savings have increased from \$20,000 for December, 1913, to \$14,550,000 for December, 1914." Can anyone logically argue that such an increase of deposit placed to the credit of the citizens of that realm will not better their moral and social life?

#### THE WEED.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch. They are legislating liquor into alleyways and sheds; You can find it in the coal pile and inside of folding beds.
It is contraband in Kansas, it is gasoline

And the south has got it hiding in the cotton and the cane. But tobacco holds its own, Having very few regrets— Though its purity is doubted. I believe, in cigarettes.

I have quarrelled with tobacco, and have said that we are quits; There are times, beyond disputing, when it obfuscates the wits: But tobacco, I've discovered, has no sub-stitute at all, And it never it never ventures farther than as far as one can call.

It is always very glad To make up again and play; You may think it or dispute it, But tobacco has a way.

Whether war shall leave us wiser one is much disposed to doubt.
But it has at least established what we cannot do without;
There is not a king in Europe who has donned his martial cloak.
But is busy in the trenches keeping something there to smoke.

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### MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

Judge-Do you mean to say madam, that this physical wreck you call your husband gave you a black eye?

The Woman-Oh, he wasn't a wreck until after I got the black eye, Judge-Philadelphia Ledger.

He-When I proposed to Flossie, she asked me for a little time to make up her She (the hated rival)—Oh! So she makes that up, too, does she?—London Opinion. He-I wonder how they came to call a wife's allowance pin money.

She-I guess it's because her husband generally sticks her on it.—Baitimore American.

"Why, Johnny, what's the matter with

"We had a free fight, mother."
"What do you mean?"
"There's twenty-three fightin' nationalities in our school, mother, and only three stayed neutral."—Chicago Post.

Her Dad-What can you offer my laughter that equals or excels what she Suitor-Well, I rather think the name of Montmorency is an improvement ucon that of Skraggs, sir; don't you?-Boston

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