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Thought for the Day

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.

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

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 hereabouts.

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—6 cents the pound, frames included.

The control of the sea has its responsibilities as well as its advantages, and John Bull seems 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 opening of the Lenten season with special services in the Episcopal and Catholic churches.

The marriage of Mr. W. C. Van der Voort and Miss Mills Dorr was solemnized by Rev. L. W. Terry at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. B. Dorr, 143 E. 10th street.

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

R. B. 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 Masonic hall, the arrangements being in charge of Mr. B. F. Redman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Zetabrook have gone over to Chicago.

Thomas McCullough has been appointed assistant depot ticket agent under John Bell for the Union Pacific.

The day's clearing house transactions amounted to \$25,000.

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.

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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 francs, marks, roubles or pounds.

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.

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.

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.

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Magdon 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 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 disabbling at bottom—especially in business.

The Spaniard in Spain is a child a thousand years old. Dignity, like his cloak, folds him round and fits him well. Transplanted in Cuba his progeny grew up to a thin veneer of enterprise and jollity. The Cuban took on loose colonial ways. In time many grew up to become insouciant. Few of them could tell precisely why.

As I write the tumult of a great demonstration rises on the air and ear. An immense and noisy procession moves up the Prado. Crowds hurrah—very motley crews—mostly negroes and half-breeds. Brass bands blare and kettle drums rattle. Resounding shots are fired from overhanging roofs.

Isolated—unfriendly—melancholy—slow—or by the laxy lagoon or beneath the leafy shade of the flowery patio, a brood of self-indulgent storks, the Cubans rest not save in a languid way the movement of the world without; nor care, nor wish for change.

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Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Danes and Germans. Omaha, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to answer Mr. Herman Holm, of Clarke, 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.

Settling Status of Schleswig. Omaha, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Permit me to correct Mr. Stein-craig a little in regard to his Rev. Soren-son's dispute concerning Schleswig-Holstein. He states that names of all towns in Schleswig or by right South Jylland are German names and the inhabitants are of German descent.

Carl Nielsen. Omaha, Feb. 12.—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."

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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—Yes, he was 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 mind. She (the hated rival)—Oh! So she makes that up, too, does she?—London Opinion.

Her Dad—What can you offer my daughter that equals or exceeds what she has now? Sutor—Well, I rather think the name of Montecromey is an improvement upon that of Skrakas, sir; don't you?—Boston Transcript.

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PAULINE SURETT, Editor, Feb.