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Thought for the Day Selected by Martha Parratt

Take care that the divinity within you has a creditable charge to preside over. - Marcus

Now for a greater pull altogether for Greater Omaha.

No April Fool about that Greater Omaha movement this time.

Good morning, Mr. Assessor! Is it a whole year since you made your last call?

An upwards of 200,000 population Omaha in the next census returns will look mighty good.

As a whole, March may be put down as having been more lamb-like than Hou-like.

It is evident from the number deftly slipped around that primary candidates are proficient in shuffling cards.

Yes, but is our amiable democratic contemporary in favor of reviving the jail-feeding graft just because The Bee is opposing it?

It goes without eaving that if he leaves the in atrict accordance with military regulations.

in that controversy over the price charged for corn at the South Omaha stock yards it looks as if someone were going to have to back down.

Montarey coughed up \$1,000,000 to General Villa. No wonder. In choosing between coughs and coffins the Monterana picked the lesser evil.

Young old Dan Cupie continues secure in the freedom of Nebraska. The jolly pink archer. simply could not resist pluming himself with a bunch of medical scalps.

Governor Morehead merely lent the force of his position to a matter of common observation. namely-that lobbying reformers and uplifterst are working for No. 1 all the time."

It is apparent from recent remarks of British and German statesmen that an agreement co the causes of the war is impossible. Innocent spectators will therefore stand aside and let the fighting proceed.

King Albert of Belgium utters words of soberness and truth in saying that "the heroes are to the trenches." They alone, with labor or life, pay the higher price for the trumpery and times of royalty.

The proposed union of all religious bodies in the sommon cause of municipal salvation would hold out more hope of success did it not threaten to produce the millennium before Rev. Billy Funday marked the trall.

A detailed accounting made by the New York Times shows that the November state election cost \$4,079,171.72. The figures include expenditures reported by candidates and party committees and state and county drafts on puolic treasuries. Popular government, it will be observed; is no small factor in the high cost of



Colonel Mapleson's special train bearing his opera-troope, handed by Adelina Parti, stopped over on the way from California.

A workingmen's convention put up a labor ticket for the city campaign by endpresement of candidates from various tickets, including, for meyor, P. M. Marghy: for police judge, E. M. Stenberg: for treas-

Miss Annie Yest and Miss Carrie Sladen lett for

Mrs. S. H. H. Clark and Mrs. Burnham are back from California, where they have been for several

Gree the name of John Sneed, the Pacific Ex-press company, a require of \$10 is offered for the name of the man who was riding a buy herse last evening about 8 o'clock, and who so fiendishly ran into the imany of Mrs. Sneed and Miss Kate Quips. Collision of the buggy occurred on Thirteenth and the

April Foll's day passed off quietly without great tement, but with the usual number of victims. fairnal revenue collections for March thise. This remain's collections, and Collector Post, exDoes the Lull in Battle Portend PeaceJ

A recess in the combat on the western front of the war in Europa gives occasion for some conjecture as to what may possibly ensue a little later on. Will the fighting break forth with greater fury, or is the present full a prefude to peace? Some reason, not very tangible, but still a little more than the mere child of a wish, exists for thinking that peace is not so very far gway.

Pourparlers have been passing between European nations involved in the war and the few neutrals left; tentative suggestions as to probable terms for settlement have been made, and, while publicity so far has been given only to the lesser phases of the correspondence, it is not unreasonable to think that the exchange of notes has a deeper significance. The combatants are ready for peace, or at least are ready to give serious consideration to negotiations that may

Military operations so far have apparently reached a deadlock. It is no longer a question of preparedness nor training, nor of any of the preliminary factors of strategy or tactics. The conflict has developed a situation that has brought operations almost to a standstill. With the warriors facing each other over the trenches, the statesmen of Europe may open a way to the establishment of peace.

It is idle to speculate at this time on what the basis of settlement may be. Each of the belligerents has announced what must be brought about before hostilities will be abandoned, but in each instance the claims are so comprehensive that it is doubtful if they could be enforced under any circumstances short of the actual crushing of the adversary, which is not likely to occur. But, whatever basis may be finally adopted, it will comprehend a much higher regard for the rights of others on the part of all.

Greater Omaha Problems.

With the advent of the Greater Omaha will come a number of Greater Omaha problems demanding early solution.

Some of the problems will be old ones in larger and more difficult form; while others will be new to us, brought on by the necessary expansion of our municipal activities to cover the wider area.

If these Greater Omaha problems are to be dealt with satisfactorily, it is imperative to apply breadth of view and far-sightedness-in a word, to proceed with a full grasp of the subject rather than with partial or piecemeal plans. It will be, above all, necessary to realize not only Omaha's present magnitude, but also its growing possibilities, and to look to the future, so bright in prospect.

To solve its problems the Greater Omaha must get away from village methods and village notions, and be ready to do business on a big business scale.

Concession.

Although the staunchest and most consistent season and out-of-season democratic organ it. Nebraska, the Lincoln Star makes an unexpected and significant confession. "How long it will take the pendulum to swing back to the repubfican party," says the Star, "it is impossible to cabinst, Secretary Carrison will vacate the post conjecture, but all precedent indicates that it is. inevitable." And again: "It is the consciousness of the inevitable reaction that causes hope to spring eternal in the hearts of the underdogs in politics." Our democratic friends who were the "underdogs" for so many years ought to know by their own experience, for in seeing the pendulum swinging steadily and naturally back again to the republican side, the Star is seeing only what all democrats with unobscured vision see, but is only more frank in its confession.

Keeping Up with the River.

A boundary commission is asked to adjust the line between the states of Iowa and Nebranks, the purpose being to correct certain local anomalies in jurisdiction that have arisen by reason of the shifting of the Missouri river's channel. The state boundary does not automatteally follow the course of the stream, and the vagarious performance of the river has been responsible for many freakish situations, such as exist here, where a portion of Iowa is included in Omaha and a portion of Nebraska lies contignous to Council Bluffs. Local conditions of the river, with work already done to confine the current, indicate the permanency of the present meander, and, therefore, for economy and efficiency in government, it seems advisable the adjustment needed to correct the boundaries be had without too great delay.

Pettiness in Prosecution.

Frequently if has seemed as if the limit had been reached in littleness of occasion for instituting legal action, but Nebraska is just new afforded an example that quits outdoes any of its former experience in the line. A complaint has been lodged with the State Railway commission through which the complainant seeks to prevent a local telephone company from accepting or publishing advertisements in its directory. While the value of a telephone directory. as a medium of publicity is doubtful when newspaper advertising is so much more effective, it may well be questioned if any great public purpose can be served by judicially determining the point. Matters of more vital concern are before the Railroad commission, and its time should not be wasted on such trivial affairs.

Testifying in the unmerging suit in San Francisco, President Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific said: "If the Union Pacific is given the Central Pacific the Union Pacific will exercise the most monumental control of transcontinental traffic in the history of railroading in America." If the Union Pacific, thus equipped, could equal the present controlling power of the Southern Pacific it would have to show more speed than safety warrants.

It is gratifying to Nebraskans to note how well the talent and industry of its native sons are appreciated and rewarded in the east. Colonel Hayward is one of several natives of the state who have won high honors in their respective professions in the metropotts of the country.

The reputation of the Japanese as clever imitators seems to be well founded. In Tokio alone some 1,500 electors have been arrested for giving the Terre Haute treatment to ballot boxes at the recent election.

The Political Caldron

THE suspense over the uncertainty of the post ponement of the city election is growing post tively palatul in certain quarters. The "tired ness man" is not losing much sleep over this matter, but there are many who are counting the hours and otherwise marking time, waiting for a word from

A wise politician said yesterday: "Take it from me, that if the legislature should postpone the city election there will be a nifty legal scrap on, and it be a cinch that the present city comm hold over three more years. The stage is being

set for such a little drama. On the other side, some believe that the fate of the charter amendments hangk upon the passage of an amendment to postpone the Omaha election. Another wiseacre, just up from Lincoln, avers that the election will not be postponed, that the opposition had plenty of time to get the annexation bill through in lime to permit the unnexed territory to participate in election now being prepared for, and so have only themselves to blame.

The city commissioners have had a scare, even to the exfent that they held an executive meeting to dder the advisability of stopping their advertising and publicity work. Campaigning, however, goes merrily on, and the candidates seem to realize more than ever that the best medium of reaching the people through the daily newspapers.

Now that the atmosphere has been cleared to the extent that annexation will not enter into this campaign, there is a facility of railed in certain quarters. For a while some of the prospective candidates did not know which way to cast their lines in the political

All sorts of rumors can rife during the last few weeks. Word was received from South Omaha that thirty-five men in the Magic City had petitions ready, so that when annexation should be accomplished, they ould rush up to the county court house with their filing fees and lists of signatures. It was a tenso situation for a while.

The city hall crowd is playing a watchful, waiting game, ready for news of an anti-state. They have heard that such a state is being formed, but nothing definite has reached the outside.
"Who will be the seven men to be aligned against

the commissioners seeking re-election?" is the question of the hour, and there is considerable speculation whether an anti-clate will be made in the open or secretly. In the meantime the individual candidates are sawing wood and plussing holes because the time is growing short to the primary next week.

"In this country faithful public servants are some times decorated with the double-cross," declared Harry B. Zimman at an improvement club meeting. Zimman, who aspires to be city commissioner, related that in Germany heroes of wars are deco rated with the Iron Cross, in France the honor of the

Legion of Honor is conferred, and in Great Britain the Victoria Cross is a coveted prize. "I am not making you for the double-cross, but would ask that you give me a cross on the official ballot on April 6." was the facetious appeal. The speaker added that he has carried the cross for the people, and at this time is deserving of a cross mark in return, but does not want the double-cross.

Twice Told Tales

Which Boom!

Strickland Gillian tells this one in Judge: At O'Neil, Nets, there was once a hotel that all veiling salesmen avoided except when they couldn't ere was no heating system, the only warmth in the house being supplied by a small stove in the office.

One howing night, when the wind was making about thirty knots per hour and the mercury was twenty below zero, a traveling man shivered beneath the insufficient bedelethes in his drafty room until about 4 a. m. Unable to stand it any longer, though he demanded to have the heal, he hand out a stand of the leave that he leaved out, asked his clothes and ran to the office. There he shudderd into his garments, and then began building up the fire. . The fire-poking roused the landlerd, who came

out and said, "What're you gettin' up this time night fer? You left a call fer six-thirty."
"What did I get up for?" shouted the traveling
man. "I couldn't stay is bed any longer in that room

of mine! I was freezing!"
The landlord defended his hostelry, and the traveling man assailed it, in a regular quarrel. During the disagreement an old doctor of the town,

almost frozen, saw the light in the hotel and came in. The old man's long whiskers were covered with frost and festoened with enormous icicles. As the traveling man turned from his quarrel and

saw the old man's condition and the pendant ice, he exclaimed, "My God, man! Which room did you have."

The Truth.

"Miss Braddon, the English navellat who has just died," said a publisher "made \$500 out of her books, her publisher's share being \$1,500,000.

"Miss Braddon's great success, she once told me, was due to her avoidance in her books of truth. Truth, she said, is the one thing the average novel reader doesn't want. For truth, you see, is unpleasant. "She illustrated her point by a wife who asked her bushend:

George, how do you like the new shade I've had 'Well, my dear.' George began, 'to tell you the

Stop right there, George, his wife interrupted, right where you are. When you begin like that Stop right where you are. When you begin like I don't want to hear roll."-Washington Star.

Pormer President Caft fells this one on himself "There is a lad of my acquaintance in New Haven," said Mr. Tatt, "who used to bite his nails. 'See here,' said his nurse to him one day, 'if you keep biting your naits like that, do you know what will

'No,' said the youngster. 'What?" You'll swell up like a balloon and burst. The boy believed his nurse. He stopped biting

his units at once. About a month after the discontinuance of his habit he encountered me at luncheon He surveyed me with stern disapproval. Then he walked over and said to me accusingly: 'You life your nalis!"

People and Events

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley adds to the gayety of the season by announcing that "women may be kiesed on the cheeks without injurious results." The doctor ts old enough to be classed as an authority on halfhearted joy. An Englishman says that women outnumbered men

in England by 1,600,000 before the war, and this will be creased to 2,000,000 after the war. The peril of the situation is that competition for men will make Brit-ishers so chesty that living with them will be some job. It was purely accidental, so the accounts state that a son of a member of the St. Louis School board happened to hold an option on a piece of real estate which the board wanted, and was persuaded to part with it for the good of the schools at a profit of \$5,000.

The receiver of the Munday-Lerimer chain of banks in Chicago reports that he has enough money on hand to pay creditors 9 per cent, but the money is tied up by interlocking suits of preferred creditors. acts of the banks, originally listed at \$4,759,600, are now valued at \$1,500,000, including the liability of stock-holders. Liabilities remain at the origins risure, \$2,500,000.

Bank in New York City an enthusiastic yourge woman established a temple dedicated "to all the dreamers who hear the cry of the world's soul and ing to bring enduring order out of the present chaos. She relaised her hopes instanter. 'The Industrial Workers of the World head "the cry of the world's soul" and rushed the door of the temple in such numbers that the bread lines were descried and the temple

The Bees Letter Box

opics invited. The Bee negume no responsibility for epinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condemnation by editor.

Wants a Republican Ticket. OMARA, March 31 .- To the Editor The Bea: In the good old days of the party convention, men were nominated for the city council as republicans or of the lawful representatives of the purty to which they belonged. Inferior mer were sometimes nominated, yet it must be conceded that the delegate conventions threw many less worthy men into the discard.

A trial of the direct primary has led every thinking man to see that it was a mistake to hanish the delogate convention. It is easier for partisans to send good men as delegates to a convention than it is to select good men for office when confined to a list of office hunters dorsed.

The minuse of the delegate convention led to the donpartisan idea of naming men for city office, and the idea might have made good if used by nominating conventions; but it gan amuck of the direct primary machine which turns out nonpartisan candidates for office by the score. The faults of this new method are so many that they promise to swamp the nonpartisan idea. Just now we have the edifying spectacle of seventy-three filings for the city council. These men have not been called or endorsed by any no party. No party has written a platform upon which they may be compelled to stand. It is a free-for-all awcepstake, and the winners will owe their success to their vote-getting powers, irrespective fail to make good will pass out of sight, but no party can be held responsible for their failure. Each man is going it siene. The voters do not know how most of them stand on municipal questions and some of the candidates don't know themselves. There is an element of irneibility here that could not exist

under the party nomination plan.
For these and other reasons, wouldn't it he well for representative republicans to get together and pick out seven republicans, if otherwise competent, from the list of filings, endorse them as republicans and assure the voters that the republican party stands sponsor for them. J. B. HAYNES.

Relp that Counts. OMAHA, March 31 .- To the Editor of The Bas: I desire, on behalf of the Na-tional Child Labor committee and the Ne-braska Child Labor committee, to thank you for the publicity which you gave through the columns of The Bee to the campaign here last week. The prominence given to the items helped materially in securing the large daily attendance.

E. D. GEPSON. President Nebraska Child Labor com-

One Factor in the Issue. OMAHA, March 31.-To the Editor of The Bee: Are you not just a little bit unfair in taking to The Bee credit for being the only Omaha paper that assisted in bringing about the successful issue of annexation? I think so. Consider how much assistance the other Omaha papers rendered, either by silence or by their illframed opposition. The attitude assumed by them certainly was a factor in the OLD FOGY.

The Mail Order Problem. LOUP CITY, Neb., March 31.-To the Editor of The Bee: The local merchant and the mall order house are in a des perate wrestle for supremacy in the merchant world. How may the local mer-

chant win? The fundamental principles of manufacturing and buying are in control of the mail order houses. If the local merchants would seek to reduce the first cost of goods and thereby reduce the retail price they will accomplish one important factor in competition. In a state like Nebraska, where power may be made at a low cost, manufacturing should be encourared. We sepend too much on the east for the finished product. Manufac-tured goods should be thoroughly stand-ardized and placed on sale in that way. A suit of clothes: a pair of shoes and all regularly made goods should be graded

The mail order house, from the fact that it buys in large quantities, may buy at least 25 per cent under the retail mer-chant. How may this be overcome? How much trouble would it be for 500 local erchants to form a strong corporation located at Omaha and make a mail order house of their own? That house might no out and buy as cheaply as any other house and successfully compete as a cata-logue house. But in addition that house might take the orders of the local merchants, and thereby get their goods at the lowest possible price. The stock of that central organisation should not pay a dividend of more than 7 or 8 per cent and thereby hold the control of it from the trust and speculator. The merchants of Nebraska might handle this matter so easily that the bane of the catalogue house should forever pass. If the plan is legitimately pushed there are many farmers, who would take stock WALTER JOHNSON.

Signs of Progress

In the last twenty years the per capita consumption of paper in the United States has increased about six fold. More than 8,000,000 young trees and 10,000 pounds of seed were planted on the United

States national forests in 1814. Operated by two men, a machine in-vented by a Chicago hotel atoward will wash and dry more than 18,000 dishes in an hour.

United States consul in Calgary, Canada, says the remarkable development of western Canada has been made largely on borrowed capital.

The governments of Brazil and Peru have combined to maintain a chain of wireless telegraph stations all the way across the continent of South America. It is estimated that during the last 160 years the wealth of the United States has increased 5,500 per cent, while the population has been gaining 1.250 per cent. An Iowa state expert has been conducting automobile institutes in thirty Iowa towns this winter. He demonstrates the best ways to care for and operate machines.

Commissioner Warren Garat of the Town Industrial communion products that industrial accidents in that state will be reduced from 50 to 75 per cent during the next two years to consequence of the new compensation act.

Editorial Snapshots

St. Louis Giolis-Democrat: 'mafety first" percaution the delegates the next peace conference at The Hague should be required to leave their shooting from at home, and to wear muzzles while the conference is in progress.

Indianapolis News: The bureau of public welfare investigation in Chicago shows that women who are physically large and are willing workers are seldom deserted by husbands, thus showing that even mere man appreciates powerful help to the struggle with the h. c. of L

New York World: The only peace patched up by anybody in many months is that which General Hugh L. Scott. chief of staff of the United States army, has arranged with the hostile Plute Indians in Utah. As General Scott is known to be a good soldier, it is going to take him a long time to live this thing down. New York Post: A story comes from England that Lord Desborough recently asked Lord Kitchener what uniform be thought the citizens' organization should wear if the Germans came. Kitchener replied that the thought they had better wear whatever uniform they would best like to be buried in.

Houston Post: Ballot or no ballot, women have one immertal cinch: They will always be the noblest inspiration of men and remain the one cause for which they would willingly die, and when men abandon that position a vote will never help the woman who can't tote a gun.

Baltimore American: It is to be hoped that General French's prediction of a abort war will be fulfilled. The nations of the world, beligerent and neutral, are feeling the terrible strain, and even those most opposed to war are drawn into the trouble and loss involved. The immens ascrifice of human life and the vest amount of suffering of all kinds are getting on the world's nerves, and nothing could be more generally welcome than the prospect of peace, especially of speedy conclusion,

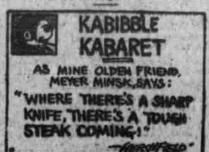
BREEZY TRIFLES.

Paity-Jack has an awful hand greep. When he proposed he squeezed my hand so hard it fairly ached.

Polly-Perhaps he means it for an engagement wring.—Boston Transcript.

"Just wait till 1916;" said the man who has sudden spelle of enthusiasm.
"What'll hoppen then?"
"Well, come to think of it. I suppose we'll have a few brief months of exhilaration and then we'll settle down and wait for 1920."—Washington Btar.

Pirst Juror-Young attorney Bray made mighty fine speech, didn't he? Second Juror-Eh-yah! Wonder which de he was on?-Judge.



O'Brien-Kape alive, Pat. We' Voice from the Debris—Is his Delanoy up there wid ye.

O'Brien—Shure he is.

Voice—Ask him to plaze step off the regins. I've enough on top av me widout him.—Boston Transcript.

Bill-Why does the audience look so and?

Jill-Why, that fellow on the stage is trying to make them laugh. Youkers

"I'll never forget the favor you have done me," said the man who doesn't mind saking for what he wants.
"Don't say that," replied the cold-shooded person. "When a man keeps brooding over an obligation he's almost sure to get resentful instead of appreciative."—Washington Star.

THE STORM.

A sullen sky, in garb of gray.

Through which no hope-lights wander;

The clouds, low pressed

To the carth's damp breast,

Reflect the shadows sombre.

A weary bird, with fluttering wing Against the ledge wind-beaten lies.
Into the west,
On fleedish quant,
The storm-witch revels as she flies.

Caught by the fitful, driving winds.
In ranged caps the trees are torn.
Day dies'—a lest.
With fury pressed.
The rush-grass breaks before the storm

I turn within: profound the gloom.
And Memory's hosts grief-inden rise.
Could Sorrow's test
Bring fond caress.
Love's magic would relight the skies! Omeha. MINEDITH HURST.

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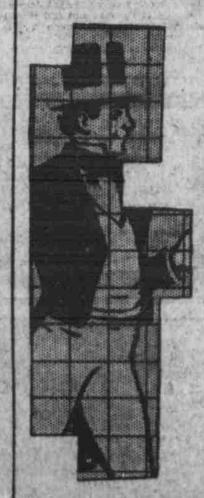
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