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# Thought for the Day

May 25 .....

Naubilus."

Selected by Anna G. McFarland

Build thes more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past! Let each new temple, nobler than the last. Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at last art free, Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting ssa] -Oliver Wendell Holmes in "The Chambered

There should be a chance now for another "battle above the clouds."

Just one week to the special Greater Omaha consolidation election. Stick a pin there.

Auto drivers are again manifesting speeding tendencies. Slow up so you won't have to be sorry afterwards.

Cheer up! All perplexities and problems of the present time will vanish as soon as the commencement orators get in their work.

Yes, but what's delaying that electric light rate reduction? An inoperative ordinance hung up in the court connot stand in the way of a voluntary cut.

#### Not a "Georgia Affair."

Governor-elect Harris of Georgia says if the Leo Frank case is left over for his disposition. he will consider it from a "Georgia" standpoint, as it affects Georgia and Georgians, and without regard to the opinions of outsiders. This is a peculiar attitude, even for a state's-rights democrat, to take in this day of the world. A matter of humanitarian interest is the concern of all the states, no matter in which one it originstes. The Frank case in its wider bearings affects humanity, and its effect does not cease at the state line of Georgia, Plenty of proof has been offered to warrant thousands outside of Georgia as well as inside that state, that a great injustice has been done Leo Frank, and that righting of the wrong, if one has been inflicted, will not alone concern the citizens of a single community or commonwealth. In these days of interdependence and close social communion no state can stand alone, any more than an individual can stand alone, but each must be influenced and governed to some extent by the presence of others. Unless heed be paid to the appeals and protests coming from outside the state. Georgia will be the one to suffer, for the Frank case has ceased to be a "Georgia" affair exclusively.

## Regulating the Jitneys.

All agree that if the jitney is here to stay it must be systematized and regulated. But the regulation must be within the rule of reason, and for the benefit of the public rather than either the jitneys, the taxis or the street railways.

The jitney bus soliciting business on the street should be licensed if only to keep track and identify the autos engaging in the traffic. It might be advisable also to license the drivers to make sure that they are persons of average intelligence and experience in motor driving. The responsibility of the jitney owner should likewise be enforced against culpable accidents by some sort of insurance or bond security. In our judgment the regulation should further include the physical condition of the fitney bus, the soundness of the mechanism, the cleanliness and general presentability. But beyond that we do not believe it necessary to go. In other words, we do not think there is any call to tax the litney bus out of business, nor is there any analogy between the street rallway's exclusive use of a part of the streets for its tracks and the right of the jitneys to drive over the surface the same as other vehicles. There is just as much, or rather just as little, reason for exacting a gross earnings tax from the taxis, the transfer trucks or the delivery wagons, all of which are legitimately traversing the streets for profit.

The fate of the jitney must be determined by its success as a business venture, and not by regulating, it to death. From a business standpoint its success is still to be demonstrated, though it may yet find its proper place as a supplemental transit facility.

### Call of the Harvest Fields.

A little early this year, but none the less welcome, is the call for men to enter the wheat fields of southern Oklahoma. This means the mobilization of an army, which soon will be on the march, and which is to sweep across the west, from south to north, in mighty phalanx. It is an army whose equipment is the self-binder and the threshing machine; whose days will be full of the fierce activity of garnering home the yield of broad and fecund acres, and in whose path plenty will smile. This is the army of the agricultural empire of the west, mobilized in early summer, and active in the field till the glorious harvest moon sheds its golden light ou fields and stacks, and barns and bins stuffed to bulging with the wealth that comes from the soil. Where it marches no homes are blasted, nor villages laid in ruin; no smoke of devastated city marks its trail, nor does the echo of its tramp mingle with the wall of fatherless children or widowed women. It is an army of peace, and its mission is humanity's mission. So the call of the harvest is heard in America this year, more than ever a benison because of the desolation that stalks among our brothers abroad.

### THE BEE: OMAHA, TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1915.

# Is the Toothbrush Obsolete

Bernard Feldman in Oral Mygians." NOT ONLY has the public become accustomed to look upon the brush as necessary, but our teachers and the great army of dentists are recommending its diligent use. This teaching of school children and of adults how to use the brush properly constitutes what I consider 'the menace of the toothbrush;' because it has been proved to me that the brush is defeating the very purposes of our oralhygiene movement and that we are actually infecting the mouth instead of cleaning it by the use of the filthy, germ-ridden thing. Dr. Head called the attention of the profession to the dirty condition of the brush as it is used by the general public. Prof. Miller proved that the brushing action of the bristles upon the surfaces of the teeth had a very injurious mechanical wasting effect near the necks of the teeth. Prof. Hutchinson reported the conclusions which were reached in this matter by research workers, and nis remarks are so emphatic that the matter can not be well ignored. The plain truth is that the brush is a dangerous instrument which is practically impossible to sterilize. It can not be boiled with impunity, and practically all agents, such as tricresol or formalin. render the bristles of the brush or the handle unfit for further use. To quote Prof. Hutchinson: 'Not only the public, but the dentiats themselves, have little conception of the filthy state of the comparatively clean tooth-brush as used in every-day life.

But granting the impossible-i.e., that the brush with its bristles covered with a thin ribbon of toothpaste or powder is sterile-why should we use it when it does not reach the interproximal spaces where it is most important that the bristles should reach? Toothdecay starts in these spaces in the majority of cases. An efficient cleaning is probably never obtained by the brush. What is more probable is that many of the germs that are present on the bristles are deposited in these spaces. The silk floss does reach between the teeth and does clean out the food debris. It seems self-evident that the brush fails to do what it is supposed to do, so why use it when it does not do any good'

"To cite an example which was given to me by a friend a few minutes before I gave an oral-hygiche talk to school children: the big brush that is used by the street tleaners will clean the surfaces of the cobblestones in the gutter, but will glide over the cracks where most of the dirt is settled. This seems to me to be a splendid word-picture; and its worthy object was to illustrate how and why we use the toothbrush to dislodge the food debris 'between the cracks.'

"But why should we follow the example or pattern the cleaning of teeth after the crude method of the cleaning of gutters having cobblesiones? To cite other examples: a stiff brush with a fiberal amount of soap and water, vigorously applied, will clean the smooth surfaces of floors; the cloth of a person's suit can be cleaned by the clothes brush and one's shoes can be polished by a shoe brush. Inert substances can not cry out that this rubbing hurts. Dr. W. D. Miller proved that the same kind of agent, a brush of smaller size but exactly the same in principle, does hurt the soft tissues of the oral cavity. This tearing and rubbing on the gums of the teeth are dons by a brush which is filthy with those very germs that we are so very anxious to rid the mouth Would the surgeon sanction the cleansing of an open wound with an infected brush which was covered with an antiseptic tooth-pasts or powder? Are we oral surgeons, therefore, justified in teaching children and adults to use such an instrument on soft sums and teeth? Experiments were made which proved that the brush contains a quantity of germs comparable with the number of germs found in sewage. Twelve sterile brushes were used in these experiments, applied once on the teeth, rinsed ten times te a tumbler of water, were left to stand for twelve hours, when all the bristles were removed with starile forceps and the organisms counted in the usual way. In eight onses out of the twelve the results were as quoted. One hates to think how filthy the brushes are that are used daily, especially by those people in whose mouths soptic processes are taking place. No one that can look squarely at facts and that has the courage to stand by a proved principle can continue to use the



#### The Art of Thinking.

OMAHA, May M .- To the Editor of The Bee: I never suffer pain, I'm never sick, and I insist that pain is a delusion, and that sickness don't exist; and when I hurt, I may, "Oh, what a pain I haven't got," and when I'm slok, I simply think I'm not, and then I'm not. I never mourn, for grief is not a real

substantial thing, and when I get the blucs I always laugh and dance and sing; all sorrow is an error, and all errors are unreal, and unreal sorrows are the kind that common people feel.

I never sin; there is no sin, 'tis thinking makes it so; you think a thing is wrong, but can you tell me how you know? There is no evil now, for these are scientific times, and murder, theft and treason are imaginary crimes. I'll never fall in business, for I've left all fear behind, and I'm conscious of what's going on in my subconscious mind; I've learned to concentrate my payate faculties until what I want will always come, and what I tope will happen, will.

There is no judgment after death, 'tis

all a grand mistake, and if every one would think so, there would be no hurping lake; and every one who carpestly desires future bliss, will reach that happy world, no matter what they do in this.

"What has enlightened you?" "What has enlightened you?" "Watching the tremendous exertions of my wife in assembling the materials for a tea fight."-Louisville Courier-Journal. In fact there's no such think as death, so why should people dread to pass away, they're still alive, they only think they're dead; 'tis thinking wrong that causes sin and death, disease and grief. and this world would be a heaven if we all held this belief. E. O. M.

#### Uniform Wheel Tax the Solution.

OMAHA, May 2 .- To the Editor of The Bees Mr. Kugel and some of the Commercial club think that the ittneys should pay the same percentage of their probable gross receipts into the city treasury that the street car company pays. was a happy thought. To the disinterested person, it seems equitable and just. But these sympathizers of the corporation do not romind the people in their statements that the street railway company voluntarily pays 3 per cent for the exclusive right to operate street railways within the city and prefers to do this to paying a fixed sum each year for its franchise.

No doubt a number of enterprising members of the Commercial #ub would be willing to pay 3 per cent, and could well afford to pay 10 or 20 per cent, of the gross receipts for the exclusive/right to operate motor buses in Omaha. But there is no monopoly of the jitney business and there should not be any. Most of the jitney cars are owned individually and driven by the owner as a rule. The machine is the man's tools and he should not be taxed any more than the owner of any other automobile, and certainly not any more than the owner of horse-drawn vehicles. The autos do not incur any expense for cleaning the streets or repairing them. The idea of taxing these carr more than any other vehicles is unfair and is proposed clearly in the interests of the sirect railway company.

A uniform wheel tax for all vehicles, whether motor-driven or horse-drawn, is the only fair solution. Regulation of routes, farcs, etc., and the altempt to equire indemnity bonds are as absurd as a similar attempt would be to regulate the prices charged by expressmen or other individual carriers. The jitney is popular. It has come to

#### TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR.

"I don't see," said she, "how a man of 67 can retain any romance." "I have 6,000 copies of my last one ieft," responded he sadly.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Crawford-There doesn't seem to be any open warfare between Henpeck and his wife.

Crabshaw-No, but he admits it re-quires a lot of strategy to get along with her.-Judge.

Mrs. Owens-Mercy, John, there isn't a thing in the house fit to est. Owens-I know It, Kate; that's why I brought him home to dinner. I want him to see how frugally we live. He's my principal creditor.--Hoston Transcript.

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DIAYS MAKE A WORKING WEEK THATS ACCORDING BY HOVLE BUY I WORK SEVEN, SHVER ORD BITTER JUST LIKE MINE GOIVENT GOLL

"Now I understand the extensive preparations a nation has to make for

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The prisoners asked that the warden

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Where girls with oright similars are seen-ing romances, And cool woods would becken to me, Where reaming and bosting and swim-ming and floating Formality put out of curt, And soft is the heart of the summery, "It is granted." said the head of the Jail. "What kind of a club is it to be?" "An outing club." said they.-Philadel-phia Ledger.

sto'. Judge.

Statesman.

of summer resorty girl.

I've tried every jolly and dangerous

folly folly The producal city affords; I've toyed to satisfy with each variety Off the bait served us on swords; And none of it thrills me-with ennul it fills me-And yet Id get all in a whirf Could I ramble apart at some summer

uries was the record of expenditures in

the United States last year. Crimsonbeak-Do you suppose that includes the cost of divorces?-Yonkers

"What was all dem gwines-on at y" residence ylste'd'y evenin', Brudder Mooch? Sounded like a fight uh-twizt a camp meetin' and a estamount!" "Dut? Aw, shucks, sah! Dat was on'y de gen'leman fum de furniture wialsment sto', c'lectin' his casy payments."--

THE SUMMERY GIRL.

Les Shippey, in Judge.

A quist resort of the summery sort Is where I am longing to be, Where girls with bright glances are seak-

With a summery sort of girl.

Oh, dull may things grow at the garden

or show And unspeakably dull at the club! You may note streaks of gray, feel you're

And sigh you're no longer a cub; But just take to the woods, run away from your moods, And you'll soon frisk about like a squirr'i

When a strolling you start at a summer resort With a summery sort of girl,

Yeast-More than \$5,000,000 for lux-

# Real Worth vs. Low Cost

If you asked your butcher for a porterhouse steak and he handed you a cut of the flank and said. "This doesn't cost as much and is just as good," you wouldn't believe him, would you?

Yet the butcher's statement is just as truthful as an assertion that inferior baking powders made of alum or phosphate of lime are as good as Royal, which is made from cream of tartar.

Alum is a mineral aoid salt, declared by many medical authorities unsafe to use in food.

Royal Baking Powder is as pure and wholesome as the grapes in the vineyard, from which cream of tartar is derived.

The only reason for using such substitutes as alum and lime phosphates is because their cost is less to the manufacturer.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.

Every stranger who visits Omaha periodically notices and remarks each time the city's steady improvement. Let the people here, then, boost and stop knocking.

The sole requirement for a place in the new roll of honor is to boost for Greater Omaha early and often and voting promptly on June 1. For the moment civic loyalty calls for no higher proof.

King Victor Emmanuel's war proclamation, issued May 23, fixes May 24 as the commencement date for hostilities. Not much warning for noncombatants to betake themselves out of PRILEY.

War time is a poor time to start labor troubles in European countries. Facilities for sending trouble makers to the front where trouble as brewing all the time are too abundant and attractive to admit of parley.

According to the alumni register, Omaha has mearly 350 out of some 5,000 graduates of the University of Nebraska. That falls considerably short of corresponding to the population ratio, "hut it is a tolerably good showing nonotheless.

Our esteemed Uncle Sam cuts a sorry picture as an exponent of economic efficiency, While saving a lew pennies by shutting off gas from the coffee ranges of the postoffice, the Industrial Relations commission is burning up \$500,-,000-in exploring for useless human gas.

The surprise and gratification expressed by members of the new recreation board on viewing the development of public parks and play-

grounds, emphasize the sentiments of occasional visitors. Parks, playgrounds and bouleyards are among the greatest of the city's anosta.



minary steps were taken at the meeting of the Omaha Fair and Exposition association for a fair to be held in the fall, the chairman, Joseph Garneau, fed as a enimerities to take up the details O. N. Ramsey, Churchill Parker, James McShane, Richard Mitches and Frank Colpetaer.

A city base ball league is being organized with the Greighton college and high school nines, and anpiner team to be captained by Fred Smith-

Mayor Boyd was a badly broken-up man when City Clark Southard laid before him the \$100,000 refunding bonds purchased by the First National bank, and told him he would have to sign his name 6,60

P. C. Backus and family, accompanied by about twenty other Omaha propie, started for the Pacific coast, where they will leoste is and around Los Angeles.

Dra. Grady, Deniss, Lee, Coliman and Galbraith have some to Grand Island to attend a meeting of the State Medical association.

N. N. Vinquest, for many years & leading ice dealer in Omaha, but now residing in Kansas City, is the guest of Mr. Simeral.

F. M. McLonagh, unblisher of the Watchman, has returned from a trip in the east in search of restored nalth, and his friends are sorrowing over his hope

Burian's Downfall.

The report from Rome that Baron Burlan had been forced out of the Austrian cabinet as a result of Italy's declaration of war lacks confirmation, but is very likely founded on fact. He failed in the accomplishment of a very important undertaking and will be asked to pay the penalty for such failure. Berchtold before him had been unable to bring about a condition that would assure Italy's remaining passively at least on the side of the German allies, and it was then entrusted to Burian to secure the preservation of at least a semblance of effect in the now dissolved Triple Alliance. It is admittedly due to German influence at Vienna that the change was made, and it is now alleged that Burlan's unwillingness to be guided by Berlin has resulted in his failure.

The whole course of Austrian diplomacy in the events preceding and so far during the war has been singularly inept. It is a long way back to Metternich, whose galus was potent to check the rising tide of progressivism in government that seemed certain to engulf all the monarchies of Europe a century ago, and who proserved whatever of absolutism has persisted since then, and the modern politicians of the dual empire do not seem to have inherited his gift. The Bourbons of Austria are still of the same mold as of old, and like those of France. "they never learn anything, and they never forget anything."

When Burian entered the cabinet a few months ago it was thought his advent had some significance because of its being a recognition of the Magyar element of the complicated Austrian political scheme. This, apparently, was of little moment. The failure of the negotiations with Italy sets him aside, while his successor will have, for the time, at least, a much easter task in the direction of the external policy of Austria-Hungary.

In less than ton months the great American dollar, shaved to a ranor edge by Europeans last August, now commands a premium of 2 per cent in English money, 5 per cent in French and higher rates in German, Russian and Italian money. For tourists subjected to the shave, the come-back is consoling,

"Our research workers, of which we have far too few, have proved conclusively, to me, at least, that the tooth-brush is undestrable and inefficient. It has been shown that pastes and powders and lotions are beneficial, whenever they do not discolor the footh. Of what good is research work if the rank and file do not benefit by the findings? The conclusion which I have reached is that an able and unbiased board or commission of dentists should solve this problem for the central profession, and give us technique for cleaning the oral cavity that is real oral hygiene. This could then be taken up by the rank and file, and the doctrine spread broadcast. Until such a method is adopted, may I suggest that we go 'back to the old Japaness method of using the clean forefinger to massage and clean the gums and outer surfaces of the teeth? It seems to be nature's own instrument that 'just fits the bill.' Instead of using salt and water as did the Japanese, we can use our modern lotions, to be followed by the recognized efficient silk-flose or strips. Mind you, this is my own idea; but I cite it only to create a discussion among dentists to obtain real oral prophylaxis. But let us start right by abandoning the flithy tooth-brush once for all."

bruah nor advise its use for his clientels.

Twice Told Tales

Fascinated by Model.

The weekly meeting of the Married Ladies' Society for the Better Control and Guidance of Husbands had just been called to order by the president.

"Members will now tell their troubles, one at a time," said the chair. A meek-looking little woman stood up in a fat

corner of the room "My husband," she guavered, "is in love with his

mådel. The buss of gossip suddenly ceased, and all eyes were turned upon the speaker.

"But your husband is not an artist," argued the president. "He runs an iron foundry, doesn't he?" "Yea'm," said the meek woman, "but all the same he loves his model. You see, he's a self-made man. -London Standard.

#### Irreverent Interruption.

A minister at a recent conference here told of an adventure with a parrot in the house of a woman who had invited the minister to visit her family as their guest. The minister, of course, led the usual household prayers, but in their course a parrot in the room became monotonously voluble. The hostess, much mortified, apologized for the bad behavior of her pet, but the minister assured her he had been so absorbed in the devotions that he had not noticed the bird at all. But subsequently he was informed that the perturbation of the lady had been caused not so much by the parrot's talking as by the fact he had been ejaculating all through the prayer, "Hot air! Hot air!"-Baltimore American

#### Safe to Try.

A friend of Nat Goodwin's was staying with the actor at his home in California, in the hope of obtaining relief from chronic dyspepsia. One day he was taking a walk along the beach with his host.

"I have derived relief from drinking a glass of salt water from the tide," said the invalid solemnly. PDo

yeu think I might take a second?" Goodwin reflected deepiy. "Well," he replied, with equal seriousness, "i don't think a second would be missed."-Osteopathic Magazine.

Advertising vs. Praying. The small daughter of a Little Rock family had seen praying each evening at bed time for a baby states

The other morning her mother, reading the paper. exclaimed: "I cos Mrs. Smith has a little daughter," 'How do you know that?" asked the child.

"I read it in the paper." answered the mother. "Read it to me," said the daughter. The mother read: "Born-on March -, to Mr. and

what I am going to do. I am going to quit praying and begin advertising."-National Monthly.

e city cor ioners who would restrict or try to destroy its usefulness, in the interests of greed, the Hiney drivers and the people of Omaha say, "Remember the recall." J. E. SHAFER.

The Socialist Cure-all. OMAHA, May 24.- To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial capped "Opening the Doors of Janus' Temple," is as severe an indictment of our present capitalist system as ever emanated from a socialist publication. The closing paragraph says, 'Herq is one place where our scheme of civilization sadly needs mending." No. Mr. Editor, it does not need mending. The punctures are too large and too numerous. It is beyond human ingenuity to do anything for this wornout scheme of things, where we have the extreme wealth of the few on one hand and the extreme poverty of the many on the other, where men have to engage to do wholesals murder to enable them to eat and live only to die that this wornout scheme of things might live to reproduce a continuation of these same conditions you complain of. But at each evolution of the wheel of progress it becomes more asgravated and instead of pointing out the remedy, the reorganization of society into an industrial democracy by a peaceful and intelligent action at the ballot. you prefer to withhold your knowledge of the solution from the people because it interferes with the employers' scheme of things and their economic interest. This question involves the future of the human race, its happiness and contentment. It even involves its life and it must be settled right or not at all. We have a choice of two ways: First,

ntelligent working class economic and political action; second, the chaos of a bloody revolution which settles nothing permanently. JESSE H. BRILLHART. 2616 Farnam Street.

**Editorial Viewpoint** 

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "Nothing can be settled by force," says Miss Jane Addams. We fear Miss Addams speaks idly. The independence of the United States was settled that way.

Indianapolis News: It is well that the New York aupreme court has upheld the right of a dramatic critic to knock a play, for some of those New York plays undoubledly need the hammer good and bard.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: A speaker at a natural gas men's convention at Cincin nati in the name of "Government by the People" undertook to show that something ought to be done with newspapers which advecate "the people's rights" and thereby "hust business." Is this natural gas or some sort of blended effervescence? Cleveland Plain Dealer: Pennsylvania has a new child labor law, but newsboys, (arm laborers and domestic servants are exempted from its provisions. Newsboys can take care of themselves, for they are independent business men; but one feels a bit sorry for these poor little domestic servants and farm laborers." Springfield Republican: If Gormany

called more for the opinion of neutral countries it might be concerned because in no neutral state thus far has its Lusttania exploit been commended as legitimate wasfare by journals of standing which represent official opinion, or pubic opinion to any degree. South America. has joined North America on this question.



Something is going to happen in Omaha.

So, if you are a Booster for this city, don't fail to read this space for the next few days, and, no matter who or what you are, it will be to your advantage and may mean your first step to prosperity.

Don't forget tomorrow!