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June 17 Thought for the Day

Selected by Florence Knittle. "Think truly, and thy thoughts shall the world's famine feed. Speak truly, and each word of thine shall be a faithful seed. Live truly, and thy life shall be a great and noble deed."

Mount Lassen has subsided, leaving a free field to our Washington eruption.

Our Omaha High school is about to turn out its fortieth annual crop of graduates. Getting to be historic.

Colonel Bryan is proceeding on the theory that he is the inventor and sole owner of "piti- less publicity."

Well, Mr. T. P. A., if you have not been having a good time in Omaha, it is at least partly your own fault.

The one-term plank in the Baltimore platform needs more than bolts to hold its place in political society.

An order for 250 locomotives placed in Philadelphia by Russia gives optimism a welcome boost in a gloomy quarter.

Related contributions to the public treasuries serve to ease the troubled consciences of corporations as well as individuals.

If Colonel Bryan persists in issuing serial stories, it is hard to see how Colonel Waterston can be restrained from declaring war.

The American dollar always looked good to the foreigner. Today it is the most imposing coin jingling in the money boxes of the world.

One darn trouble follows another. Editor Life Young successfully escaped from the war zone, only to confront a gubernatorial boomlet at home.

If a street car strike can be arbitrated in Chicago, why not also elsewhere? And if a strike can be arbitrated, why not other more momentous disputes?

And now the lieutenant governors of the different states have met in national conference. Next will be a national association of governors' private secretaries.

Making the back door of the federal building at Lincoln the front door is not the only place where this bungling democratic administration is turning things topsy turvy.

Fur coats for neckwear and rainbow shoes are summer novelties lending such dazzling variety to the procession that masculine vision is unequal to the scenery. The moving spectacle is a spectacle booster.

A gold medal has been awarded the Standard Oil company for meritorious exploration and preservation of natural resources. Evidently the Federal Industrial Relations commission was not consulted on the award.

Thirtieth Years Ago. This Day in Omaha.

Brownell Hall commencement took place at Boyd's with an interesting program to launch three graduates, Miss Lella Shears, Daisy Hines and Hattie Drew. Miss Armstrong, who has charge of the musical department, assisted in the program, and a line of praise is due L. P. Funkhouser for the neat manner in which he carried up and presented the flowers.

The first exhibition of the Douglas Horticultural society opened up at the Capitol rink. The officers of the society are A. Donoghue, president; John Evans, vice president; W. H. Adams, secretary; John Simmons, treasurer, and E. H. Krilling and John Bell, executive committee.

Miss Quasia Saffelder has recovered from her illness and is again at her place in Hooper's art store.

The policemen all donned the regulation summer hat it is of pastboard, with white linen covering. Jerome Peuzal has had some of the pictures taken of "Keo," the fireman's pet dog, in which "Keo" appears to best advantage.

Mrs. J. J. Dickey gave a pleasant 5 o'clock tea party yesterday to a number of friends, among them Mrs. Colonel Henry, Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Ringwalt, Mrs. Mac, Mrs. Branstetter.

W. H. Motter, the grocer, has gone to Denver on business.

Dr. Irving J. Mannatt, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, is in Omaha.

South Omaha's Attitude.

Up to the time of the consolidation vote no one could seriously complain of the opposition, no matter how mistaken, manifested by South Omaha officials who may have convinced themselves that they were representing the wishes of the people who had put them in office. But when the returns of the election disclosed an overwhelming majority of South Omaha voters recorded for the merger, the last legitimate excuse was removed for further antagonism by the office-holding brigade. From that moment their continued obstruction became not an effort to carry out the wishes of their constituents, or to protect the interests of their city, but merely a selfish scheme to hold themselves on the payroll or to deliver the goods to favored contractors.

With the pretense that the people of South Omaha do not want to be annexed smashed to smithereens, is it not high time to call off the fight against completion of the merger? If the South Omaha payrollers think they can by their indefensible actions force Omaha to buy them off by giving them other lucrative city jobs, it seems to us they are going about it the wrong way.

Nebraska Press on Bryan.

Perusal of the Nebraska press comment on the Bryan resignation, which we have reproduced in condensation, discloses that the opinion of his home state as so voiced corresponds entirely with that of other sections of the country. With possibly three or four exceptions, even his hitherto most loyal and devoted champions deplore his action and fail to see the justification for it. Those with a disposition to favor Bryan try hard to find a way to do so without taking a stand against the president. The best the Bryan papers seek for him is to impress the public that he is aiming for the same object as the president, only in another way. On the opposite end, the criticism runs from mild rebuke to most scathing arraignment of the former secretary of state for abandoning his chief in the crucial hour. It is an interesting situation out of which are sure to grow still more interesting developments.

Economy or Safety in Ocean Service.

Official inquiry into the circumstances connected with the sinking of the Lusitania brought from the captain of that ship the admission that sailors of today are no longer so competent as were the old-timers. It was further established that, although the crew of the Lusitania was supposed to be under perfect discipline, it "lacked practice," and could not do its work efficiently in emergency.

This testimony supports the charge, frequently made since the loss of the Titanic, that the custom has been for shipowners too often to sacrifice safety to economy. Experience has proven that the cheaper men are usually unequal to the important work suddenly thrust upon them in time of disaster, and that machinery cannot always be depended upon. The seaman's bill, which goes into effect next month, provides that ships under the American flag must be manned by crews who are competent, the purpose being to secure as far as possible safety at sea; at least to provide for the human factor in the equation. This plan was rejected by the British in the conference at London a year and a half ago, and whether it will work successfully on American boats exposed to competition of foreign boats not subject to such requirements remains to be seen.

The time will come, however, when the traveling public will not be content to enjoy the luxury of the floating palaces, unless assured the vessel is in the hands of officers and men who know their business.

Iowa Democrats Lining Up Again.

Des Moines was the scene on Tuesday of an interesting spectacle, when the assembled democrats pledged anew their faith and fealty, and broke ground for the 1916 proceedings. One of the real joys of life is to see the Iowa democrats lining up for a national campaign. The pomp and circumstance of the process is most impressive, and an outsider might be fooled into thinking it meant something. Those who are familiar with Hawkeye history sometimes admire the faith, while they smile at the judgment, of these devoted democrats.

In many generations only one has arisen to lead them into more than local light. When "Uncle Ned" Boies assumed the mantle of "Shep" Leffler, of blessed memory, the untried thought they had found their Moses. Bryan smote down the Boies boom with his cross of gold and impaled it on a crown of thorns, and the party returned to its wanderings in the wilderness. Now, it has turned its back on Bryan, and is again happy in its leaderless condition. Its faith is pledged to Woodrow Wilson, and Cato Sells has a place at Washington. Judge Wade and Committeeman Marsh are following along a trail blazed by Judge Claggett, Ben Hall, John P. Irish, L. G. Kinne and "Jersey" Richardson, but the fire of the fathers doesn't flash from the footsteps of the present generation.

American Trade and Foreign Exchange.

The announcement from New York that London and Paris exchange had fallen to a record low point is gratifying in the sense that it is an indication of a very large favorable trade balance with the United States. This condition very naturally grows out of the war, and is not unexpected. The seller nations of Europe have become buyers, and so long as they are required to sustain this position, that long we will have the advantage, and unless some unforeseen turn marks the course of business, the dollar will take precedence over the pound sterling or the franc. On the other hand, it may be noted that in South America, where the British bankers are in control and business must be done through London, a different state of affairs prevails. In Chili, for example, the "dollar exchange" is at a rate that really hampers business between that country and the United States, and this because the business must be done through London, because of existing banking arrangements. It has been fairly well established that the rate of exchange does not depend on the gold supply, nor altogether on trade conditions, but is in a great measure controllable by and responsive to banking facilities.

Nebraska Press on Bryan.

Papillon Times: Bryan's resignation does not banish him from power. He has been killed too many times in the past and, phoenixlike, has again risen to greater power. So, also, he may again shine resplendent and in triumph over his enemies.

Oakland Independent: No less startling than the resignation was the statement that, although he and the president parted with mutual regret according to their letters, Mr. Bryan is going to do all in his power to convert the people to his views on world peace, and these views clash violently with those of the president. That seems to foreshadow a wide split in the democratic party. Mr. Bryan has evidently started a big movement.

Beatrice Express: Bryan will undoubtedly attempt to make the paramount issue of the 1916 campaign and will try to force the democratic party to take its stand for peace at any price.

Blue Springs Sentinel: The long expected rupture in the cabinet has at last taken place and W. J. Bryan resigns as secretary of state. The resignation was promptly accepted by the president and the note goes forward to the Kaiser tomorrow as drafted by the president and Bryan retires to private life, that is to scrap Hitchcock for the senate.

Silver Creek Sand: It may turn out to be best, however, as Bryan has been a source of trouble and a misnomer in the office. However it may affect the personal political fortunes of the retiring secretary, it was unfortunate that he should have chosen this particular time to resign. Again, the country will be better off without his intermeddling with foreign affairs. President Wilson made a mistake when he made him secretary of state. The writer has had two fighting roosters in his pen lately, and had to give one of them away to avoid trouble. Bryan, with his dictatorial ways, and Wilson, with his schoolmaster-automatic ways, could not exist in the same school yard any more than the roosters in our backyard or two bulls in a pasture.

Kearney Times: It is an action that all who think will approve. The only differences that exist between Mr. Bryan, President Wilson and the members of the cabinet can be summed up as differences of method. They all have the same big end in view—the preservation of the peace and dignity of the United States.

Central City Republican: The great Nebraskan was a good soldier and bears an honorable discharge. He will return home and resume his old place in the councils and affections of the people. The benefit of his great powers will be welcome even by those who are not of his political faith.

Falls City Journal: Bryan resigned at the very beginning of the chautauque season and the gate receipts at many a tented park will be swelled to see the new wrinkles in his forehead caused by the study necessary to produce those famous peace treaties, on paper, and that remarkable treaty with Columbia.

Beatrice Express: Now that Mr. Bryan is out of the cabinet, the anti-Bryanites in Nebraska who have been gnawing at the pie counter with hungry eyes, feel that the time of victory is at hand and that they will soon be enjoying themselves in pastures green. But there's a man a slip betwixt the cup and the lip, and the influence of the ex-secretary of state with the president is yet to be reckoned with.

Hastings Tribune: And Bryan is right. The people of the United States do not want war—and they are not going to have it if there is any way possible to prevent it.

Kearney Hub: Whether he or the president is nearest right may be a matter of opinion, but his action is consistent and courageous, and we believe justified, for a break in President Wilson's cabinet is not nearly so serious a thing as forcing a war or flirting with the chances for one.

Blair Enterprise: The country will survive without Mr. Bryan's official air just the same, and that gentleman has a reputation of taking good care of himself in any situation, so there is nothing apparent to worry about.

Wilber Tribune: Mr. Bryan has resigned as secretary of state. He will not be missed. He has been a figurehead in that position.

Howells Journal: Viewed from any standpoint Mr. Bryan's action is to be regretted. There are able men to fill the position, but the effect of his resignation upon the people of the world at large is hard to estimate, and is calculated to give a wrong impression of the sentiment of the American people as a whole.

Scott's Bluff Republican: There are but few who will believe that Mr. Bryan's sole object in severing his connections with the administration was on account of the new note to Germany, as he sets forth in his letter, as there are too many who have suspected that his relations with the president have not been the most pleasant for some time past, and also because his policy since the war broke out across the water has been decidedly anti-German. It remains to be seen yet just where he will light, but if he should throw his hat in the ring for the United States senate there would be one of the "dangdest" parrot and dog fights ever pulled off anywhere.

Friend Telegraph: The resignation of Mr. Bryan indicates some stirring times inside the democratic party within the next twelve months, either that he will contest the senatorship from Nebraska, against Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock or that he will become a candidate for the presidency of the United States as against the re-election of Woodrow Wilson.

Ord Journal: The Journal will venture the guess that of all the men of Nebraska none will continue to be a stronger supporter of President Wilson than will the Commoner, and that in the possible event of war with a foreign power no voice will be heard calling louder for the protection of our national institutions and the defense of our national honor.

Bloomfield Journal: The fact that the chautauque season opens now is merely a coincident, of course.

Tekamah Herald: W. J. Bryan has laid himself open to censure by his resignation at this time to embarrass President Wilson in this crisis of the nation. It is a case of the hired man trying to run the boss.

Franklin Progress: Mr. Bryan is one of the few really great men of the world, and while there are democrats who will gloat over the break between the president and his principal adviser, democracy will deplore it.

People and Events

Municipal dancing is about to be added to the joys of living in St. Louis.

In the opinion of the Minnesota supreme court a man who steals a mule is not a horse thief. Do you get that?

Congressman Mann of Chicago, republican floor leader in the house of representatives, announces his readiness to carry the presidential banner for his party next summer. A group of Chicago boosters promise to boost for Mann.

An investigation into the books of a political "Honest Tom," comptroller at Nashville, Tenn., developed the interesting fact that the books walked out of the city vault and disappeared. The main investigation now awaits a solution of the mysterious disappearance.

Students of an Indiana normal school, learning that two of their number had achieved a secret marriage, inflated them into the mysteries of domestic bliss by giving them a parade around town in a butcher's wagon, the couple baking inside a calf crate. A really case with really trimmings.

The Bee's Letter Box

The Right Spirit. OMAHA, June 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: Permit me to pay my tribute of respect to the trustees of Dundee. I note with pleasure that they are not willing longer to prolong the fight against Greater Omaha, but announce their intention of joining in making Omaha a larger and better city.

These compliments, owing to the splendid vote for consolidation in South Omaha (or Southside Omaha), may be paid to her citizenship but I regret to note that they will not apply to the attitude of the present officials.

Spanish in the Schools. SPENCER, Neb., June 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Polygot's plea for Spanish in the high school should develop into a regular campaign. Clubs for reading Spanish newspapers—Spanish-American—(excuse the hyphen) might be organized in every neighborhood, rural and urban.

As to Worth While Conventions. OMAHA, June 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice in The Bee this morning a letter from "A Commercial Club Member," very complimentary about the Travelers' Protective association convention as being worth while going after.

The national encampment would bring to our city at least 30,000 visitors and they would leave at a very conservative estimate, \$1,000,000 here, but the committee of the Grand Army could not persuade the club to take it up.

Stop Smoking on Car Platforms. SOUTH OMAHA, June 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: A short time ago I read in your paper an article touching on the practice of smoking on the back platform of street cars. I gave the matter very little consideration at the time, thinking perhaps it was written more to gain notoriety than it was an issue of reform, but from my own personal experience now I will take it for granted that the writer was sincere and had a just cause for complaint, and would be justified in carrying the cause still farther.

Regulating the Jitneys. OMAHA, June 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: Why all this agitation by the city commissioners on the question of regulating the jitneys? Why not pass an ordinance entitled jitneys are forbidden by city ordinance to operate within the city of Omaha and let it go at that.

Neither should a jitney be allowed to carry more than the seating capacity of the car. It is to laugh. Is there any such regulations for the street cars? How many times have we seen people crammed and packed inside and outside the cars. Hanging on the sides and bumpers anywhere to get to their destination and they pay their nickel just the same. For the street car company it is all right, but for a poor man making a meager living with a Ford it would be a crime to crowd on an extra fare.

If the commissioners insist on a long winded ordinance which will have but one effect—put the jitneys out of commission—I would suggest that they incorporate a provision having a minimum and maximum speed limits. Of course, they run at a rate of a mile a minute and privately driven cars and taxicabs would not be guilty of such a thing.

I am afraid the jitneys are doomed in Omaha just the same as they were

SUNNY GEMS.

"How's the war arguments around here?" "Pretty warm," said the grocer. "In fact, one fellow has fixed himself a trench out of some soap boxes and codfish barrels."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Hobson—My wife never wastes anything. Hobson—No? Hobson—No. If it's edible, it goes into the hash; and if it isn't, it will do to trim a hat.—Judge.

She (at the concert)—What do you think of that last singer? He—Well, I know's courageous, anyway. The submariners didn't keep her away from the high C's.—Boston Transcript.

"I hear Binks and his wife had a disagreement." "Yes. The new minister called while Binks was trying to take up the carpet."—Baltimore American.

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KABIBBLE KABARET

His business is to walk around and always be polite and always take the customer's side, although the clerk is right!

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WHY NOT Yellowstone Park?

This will be a popular season for Yellowstone and for tours through the Rockies that take you one way into the Park via Gardiner, or via Cody, the scenic entrance, the other way via Yellowstone Gate-way, Salt Lake, Glenwood Springs, the Royal Gorge, Colorado Springs, Manitou and Denver. Along the Burlington's northwest line to the Park are the Black Hills and the Big Horn Mountains, with their resorts and ranches. The Cody way into the Park is through the Big Horn Basin and over the government road, via Sylvan Pass, one of the world's magnificent views point.

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