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Thought for the Day

Selected by Mrs. Agnes Harrison

The Christian faith is like a grand cathedral with divinely pictured windows. Standing without you see no glory nor can possibly imagine any. Standing within every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendor.—Nathaniel Hawthorne.

It's mighty good free advertising for the "Bible" Sunday meetings, either way.

Those diplomatic note composers must be taking their time in order to avoid writer's cramp.

Evidently not enough mollicoddlies here to warrant the colonel stopping off in his transit this time.

The battleship Nebraska collided with a bark. Another reminder that ours is no longer a treeless state!

With the taxable valuation of all the other property going steadily up, it certainly takes nerve for any Nebraska railroad to ask for assessment reduction.

A stupendous popular uprising to exterminate the mosquito is about overdue in this vicinity. Other cities have successfully rid themselves of the mosquito pest.

The question that is still puzzling a lot of Nebraska democrats is whether in parceling out the federal pie patronage the president cut the two halves of an equal size.

"I have no political aspirations whatever," declares Mr. Bryan. Of course not! And never had any! Merely an unselfish willingness to serve the public whenever the call should be sufficiently urgent.

Presumably the Becker execution closes the path to the "men higher up" of whom so much talk was indulged at the time of the affair. Experience in most of these cases has proved that the "men-higher-up" stories never got beyond the realm of gossip.

The popular demand in Omaha is for greater use of the parks; also for greater use of the public school buildings, the Auditorium, the public library and all the community property belonging to and paid for by the taxpayers for the common benefit.

Our old friend, Edgar Howard, refuses to answer the question what he means when he refers to our democratic United States senator as "S. O. Hitchcock." Surely the "S. O." has nothing to do with South Omaha, and it is not yet S. O. S. You guess!

The state census of Massachusetts shows an appreciable check to the tendency of population from country to cities. In 1910 the proportion of city population was 69.7 per cent of the whole. Now it is 69.3 per cent. The change, though slight, is a gratifying symptom, and serves to explain the gradual reconquency of New England's abandoned farms.

The cutting of two trees said to have been planted at Florence by Brigham Young suggests an inventory of historic trees in and about Omaha, followed by steps to protect those thought worth being preserved. We have a forestry association to which it should be of as much importance to guard the historic trees as to promote the planting and care of new trees.

Thirty Years Ago. The Women's Christian Temperance union had a routine meeting in the Dodge Street Presbyterian church, with an eloquent address by Rev. T. M. Greenwood, who is to lecture here this week under the auspices of the Good Templars.

The Monitors of West Omaha in a closely contested game defeated the Ames Avenue ball club by 21 to 22.

E. P. Evans of The Bee left for Des Moines, his old home.

Mrs. Y. W. Wells of Oshkosh, Wis., and Mrs. Marshall of Knoxville, Ia., are guests of Mrs. W. A. Thompson.

E. C. Himeshaugh and family left for the east to be gone a month.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Reynolds of 2301 Chicago street, are mourning the death of their infant son, Philip K. Chase and Miss Alice Nelson were married at the residence of the bride's father, Twenty-ninth and Douglas streets, going later to Rock Springs, where they will make their home.

The Spirit of "Boost."

Omaha is fast becoming imbued with the essence of a new life, that of the optimist, who sees the bright side all the time. The conservatism that has given the city its solid growth is not in any way being abandoned, but the people are looking ahead to a realization of dreams long cherished and find new reasons every day for boosting the home town.

Another very gratifying fact is that the support of the state is being given to Omaha in a measure never before noted. Civic pride is developing among the people of Nebraska, and its influence on the future of the state and its metropolis can only be a factor for good.

Our Country, and Others.

A magazine writer, decanting on the failure of the Turkish empire, notes the fact that no nation succeeds in effacing the points of difference between itself and a conquered nation. Forcible amalgamation of peoples is not a success.

It has remained for a new people, made up from the old, to put into effect a new idea in the matter of government, that of consent of the governed. In their complaint against the king of England the colonists proclaimed their belief that "whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, that is, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Under this government has been accomplished the end at which all empire builders aimed, the welding together of peoples of all nations, tongues, religions and racial habits into something of complete amalgamation. This is possible, simply because here the man is free, and is a responsible and responsive element in the government itself.

Cost of Assessment in Nebraska.

Figures reported from the several counties indicate that the process of finding out the value of taxable property in the state is a costly one. With nine counties missing from the returns, the total expense of making the last assessment is \$190,715, a goodly sum indeed.

Dancing in the Public Parks.

One move by the newly created recreation board that will very likely meet with public approval is that which will permit dancing in the parks. While only one of the parks is at first to be so used, the practice will certainly extend to the others in good season.

A revolutionary son of war-waxed Ireland led a party of kindred spirits to the foot of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor and there as the morning sun gilded the Jersey hills, with uncovered heads and right hands upraised, swore allegiance to Great Britain and proclaimed the Irish republic.

The gospel of dancing is being expounded in Chicago with eloquent skill by Josephine Harriman. She affirms that dancing is not only harmless, but is good; not only religious, but the source and mainspring of virtue.

It was up to "Brother" Victor Murdock to issue that manifesto if only to make folks realize that he had succeeded to the chairmanship of the progressive party national committee, never held by anyone else except by Joe Dixon.

Movies and the Eyes

YOUR EYES are strong and normal, looking at moving pictures will do them no harm; if they are weak, you had better stay away. This would appear to be the general conclusion of a symposium on the subject, published and printed by The Medical Times (New York, July).

"It seems to me," says Dr. Risley, "that the motion-picture exhibition in its effect upon the eyes can be classified only as an additional irritation and stimulation to the numerous others characteristic of the tense and active neurotic life of the period. It is, as a rule, only the refractive powers of the eye are defective—a condition more common than the normal one-eye-strain, with its accompanying disorders, will probably follow.

That any one with thoroughly sound eyes, not weary before entering the theater, can watch the movies from an hour to an hour and a half without discomfort is the opinion of Dr. J. Herbert Claiborne of New York, another contributor to the symposium.

Some objectionable features of moving pictures from the visual standpoint, are catalogued by Dr. Seth Scott, Bishop of Chicago, who writes: "One very serious objection to the manner in which the pictures are projected upon the screen is the presence, in some of them, of innumerable glimmering, flashing, and dancing bright spots that try the eyes. But these do not characterize the best class of pictures, which shows that they can be eliminated.

Another feature which puts a severe test upon the eyes is the unnatural swiftness with which the films are reeled off, making every action abnormally rapid and jerky, converting the actors' walk into a Chinese dance, and giving all the participants a sort of St. Vitus's dance.

Finally, Dr. Dunbar Roy of Atlanta, Ga., warns moving picture "fans" that most persons "naturally have weak eyes"—that is, eyes which water easily, become red at a moment's notice, and probably have uncorrected errors of refraction. Such persons are not the ones who should visit the movies frequently.

Retinal irritation and retinal fatigue are certainly symptoms produced on a great many people who watch these films. The exercise of the retina might be compared to rapid contraction of the muscles in exercise. Long-continued and rapid contractions will soon lead to fatigue.

Personal and Otherwise

George D. McCraw, Pennsylvania congressman for ten years, died in Philadelphia on Thursday. He was 65 years old.

Mr. Robert L. Berden, premier of Canada, has gone to Paris from London to confer with French financiers.

King Albert of Belgium is expected to make some changes in his cabinet, which met recently for the first time since the siege of Antwerp.

Postmaster General Burleson has issued an order, effective January 1, 1916, prohibiting the use of bicycles as motorcycles in the rural delivery service.

Edward Morrell, aged 69 years, of Clifton, N. J., received a postcard Wednesday which was mailed to him from New Hampton, N. Y., on June 16, 1881.

Henry Herriek, a blind man, roused his neighbors in the tenement in which he lived at Pawtucket, R. I., when he discovered fire. All escaped. Herriek died of burns received in the blaze.



Ignorance Knocks Motorcycles.

OMAHA, AUG. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: We believe that the only cause for people printing or making such statements as appeared in the papers recently concerning "motorcycles leading to the ruin of girls," is ignorance on the part of the people making the assertion.

We take exception to the fact that boys or men who ride motorcycles are more vicious or unmanly than other men. Or that girls who ride motorcycles are more susceptible to immorality. At any rate it is not the fault of the motorcycle if such should be the case, and if there were no motorcycles, the world would be a poorer place to live instead of a better.

Look! You May Have Revolutionary Ancestry.

OMAHA, AUG. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Journey of the Liberty Bell across our continent has stirred up the patriotic feelings of our citizens, more especially those having revolutionary ancestors as noble as his great-grandfather.

We feel this to be a favorable opportunity to offer assistance to those desiring data regarding their ancestors, and the perfecting of their family records. The Omaha Public Library has furnished a separate room which contains many valuable volumes of genealogy, state records, family records and lists of soldiers and sailors who fought in the revolutionary war, compiled by the adjutant general of the colonial states.

The secretary of the Sons of the American Revolution will gladly furnish information and assistance to those compiling their genealogies, especially concerning the earlier military records, and how to consult them.

EDWIN O. HALSTED, Secretary. P. O. Box 498.

Against Social Vengeance.

OMAHA, August 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: Charles Becker, ex-police lieutenant of New York City, has paid the penalty decreed by society for the crime of murder. Now that Becker has atoned by the hands of the collectivity, I ask what satisfaction do we get except that of vengeance? A brute's desire.

Society violates the laws of God and of decency and commits just as great a crime as Becker, when it takes a human life. I feel very deeply this crime committed by society a member of which I am ashamed to confess to. I sympathize very deeply with Mrs. Becker and with Mr. Becker's brothers. I also feel very sorry for Governor Whitman for being accessory to the murder of Becker.

International Formation of Words.

TILDEN, Neb., July 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the international language, Esperanto, there is a perfect dismemberment of ideas into independent words with the roots, affixes as well as the grammatical terminations, so that all these have distinct meanings and are unchangeable words; that any one of them can be looked up in the dictionary and thus naturally in the dictionary.

Every root, suffix, affix, or grammatical ending is unchangeable, and is found just as it is in the sentence, in the dictionary. Hence it is an exact and definite as a code, and the irregular and arbitrary grammatical forms do not obscure the words.

Democratic Political Councilman.

WARNERVILLE, Neb., July 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: Those of us engaged in tilting the soil and in endeavoring to better our financial conditions are opposed to have but little, or at least inaccurate knowledge of the ways of politicians and the means employed by them to secure their personal advancement. It is currently rumored among the farmers that Senator Hitchcock, Governor Morehead and ex-Secretary of State Bryan will be democratic candidates for United States senator from Nebraska in 1916.

Presumably in fulfillment of his ambitions Governor Morehead recently appointed three gentlemen as supreme court

GRINS AND GROANS.

"I asked rich old Billings if he would donate some hundreds to our charitable mission." "What did he say?" "He gave assent." "What did he mean old thing?"—Baltimore American.

"Young Spenderly" has been flying pretty high since his rich uncle died." "Naturally; since he has come into his inheritance."—Boston Transcript.

"Uncle, why did you never marry?" "I never found a girl who would have me." "Uncle, somebody's been fooling you. Our sex isn't that particular."—Detroit Free Press.

"My brother is going away to study culture," said the boastful boy. "Agriculture on a farm, I suppose," remarked the sly girl.—Judge.

"Is there any limit to the stupendous influence and power of money?" cried the impassioned social reformer. "I dunno," piped the little man. "Ask Harry Thaw."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Willie, did you tie that can to the dog's tail?" "Yes, sir," replied the small boy. "I'm trying to do a kind act every day. That dog chases every rabbit he sees. I tied the can to him so that it will make a noise and warn the rabbit."—Washington Star.

Agnes-Marion has become an efficiency expert. She goes about telling women how to live within their incomes. "Clody—Nothing doing here! I'm looking for some one to teach me how to live beyond mine.—Life.

The poisonous vapor had just passed over the British trenches. "The bayonets and at 'em, my lads!" cried the British captain. "Those who use gas must be charged for it, you know."—Boston Transcript.

Judge—What's your charge against the prisoner? Complainant—Burglary. He stole \$5 from me at the station. J.—How for burglary there must be a breaking. C.—Well, your honor, when he took the five he broke me.—Boston Transcript.

"Machinery seems almost endowed with intelligence," replied Farmer Corn-tassel. "Sometimes I catch myself using the same language as our automobile. I just use the mule."—Washington Star.

"I see Mr. Bryan has been offered a professorship in a college at 5,000 plunks per year. The only condition is that he devote a reasonable part of his time to his duties." "Those propositions always have a sting," conceded—Louisville Courier-Journal.

IN NATURE'S WILDERNESS.

Far away from busy cities; Far away from haunts of man; Where all nature's in communion; With some wondrous hidden plan.

Where the lofty mountains tower, With their crests of ice and snow; Looking from their dizzy fastness; To the world so far below; Where the giants of the forest; Stand in majestic pride; With outstretched arms to catch the radiance.

From the heavens arching wide; Where the steady, flowing rivers, Like a shining, silvery thread; Wind with many twists and turnings; In their deep and rocky bed; Where the brooklets, seething, foaming; Rushing, splashing, glad and free; Leap o'er crag and rock and boulder; On their journey to the sea.

Where the filmy, fleecy cloudlets, Shimmering, misty forms of light; Cling with dainty, fairy fingers; To the rugged mountain height; Mystic wreaths of morning splendor; Glorious winding sheets of dew; Curving in fantastic figures.

With the sunlight breaking through; Where the grand and thrilling silence Of all nature is so deep; As to cause a solemn feeling; Full of reverence to creep; O'er the senses and enthral them; In a sweet, magnetic clasp; That binds the heart and mind and soul; In its awe-inspiring grasp.

Come and be a child of nature, Far away from cares and woes; Where harmony and beauty blossom In every tiny thing that grows; And where scarce a human footprint Ever has pressed the virgin sod; In peace and restfulness computing; Alone with nature and with God.

DAVID.

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