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Thought for the Day. Selected by Supt. J. M. Greenwood. The greatest events of an age are its best thoughts.—Bovee.

You, too, Baltimore! The naughtiest on the map.

The Washington note writer is still in good working order.

The weather man is delaying the ice harvest locally, but no complaint is heard on that score.

As a promoter of war scoops the Overseas News Agency has all the allies beaten to a standstill.

The transition from "saving the country" to saving his hide measures the toboggan speed of Pancho Villa.

Compared with Austria's famous note to Serbia, the American note to Austria is a model of diplomatic sweetness.

Nowhere on the western hemisphere will the comforting spirit of the Prince of Peace be more welcome than in Mexico.

Governor Morehead's administration is developing still more reasons why Dr. Hall doesn't want to run for governor.

Another million Britons are to assemble in arms under the king's command. This looks as if peace were just about to light.

Preparedness show marked signs of speeding up in the scare belt. Horseflesh is to become a table delicacy in New York.

"Villa, alive or dead," is Carranza's demand, showing the "first chief" isn't going to take the chances Francisco Madero encountered.

The lions and the lambs of organized base ball laid down together, with the lambs so thoroughly sheltered as to disperse with rain checks.

It's pretty hard, even for so versatile an organ as the senator's own, to run with the kaiser and hunt with the president at the same time.

Both England and Germany have launched another drive into the financial trenches. The slaughter of treasure now aggregates \$60,000,000 a day.

Signs of the times point to the White House as a bower of romance during the coming New Year. The example of the president sets the pace for Washington society.

Half a billion of foreign trade in November, and almost half a billion of gold coming in for the year is commencing to worry some folks, who fear we cannot stand prosperity. It's worth trying, though.

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It may be noted as the days slip along that the Lincoln lawyer who overreached himself in a personal injury damage case fessed up and took the medicine prescribed by the court. No more disagreeable duty falls to the courts, but self-protection requires its performance.

Dr. Thirty Years Ago. This Day in Omaha.

Ralph Modjeska, son of the famous actress and employed in the engineer's office at the Union Pacific headquarters, was married in New York to Miss Felicia Benda.

C. J. Greene filed in county court in behalf of the company, condemnation proceedings for land wanted for the Ashland out of the Burlington road.

Samuel Gladstone died at his residence near Twenty-first and Harney streets. Although lately associated with his brother Max in the grocery business he was best known in dramatic circles.

J. S. Cooley was admitted to practice in the district court. He is spoken of as a young man of exceptional talents. The motion for his admission was made by John M. Thurston.

S. H. Callaway, general manager of the Union Pacific, has returned from a trip to the west.

Second Note to Austria. The second note to Austria, dealing with the Ancona case, is not in the nature of an ultimatum, but firmly renews the demand made in the first. The language is friendly and respectful as befits the communication of one great government to another, but it is nonetheless plain and direct because of this. Dr. Burian's invitation to debate the question is met by the following explicit statement of the attitude of this government:

The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized, and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice, that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them, and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

Dr. Burian may be the more practiced in the finess of diplomatic correspondence, but he is also sufficient of a statesman to recognize the importance of plain dealing with a government that proceeds on straight lines. He will, therefore, understand the full meaning of this sentence from the note just delivered at Vienna:

The government of the United States, therefore, finds no other course open to it but to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite and respectful demands made in its communication of December 4, 1915.

It is not at all likely that a break will follow on this, because the Central powers of Europe are concerned in maintaining friendly relations with the United States. It is, therefore, reasonable to presume that Austria will follow a course similar to that adopted by Germany, and that its share of the submarine warfare hereafter will be carried on more nearly in conformity to the requirements of humanity and the law of nations.

Doings of the Democrats. Recent revelations disclose additional proof of the shortcomings of the Morehead administration of Nebraska's governmental affairs.

How well remembered are "the he-goats of high finance," "the gray wolves of the Senate," "the lean wolves of plutocracy," and "the hills of Yubdam." And close on the heels of these in affectionate memory one recalls the popular "star-eyed goddess of reform," "tariff for revenue only" which became the slogan of the Democratic party nearly three decades ago.

Probably Marse Henry owes his fascinating, forceful personality, as much as anything else, to the fact that all his life he has been fortunate enough to be able to earn his living in the field he loves best—journalism. At eighteen he began his newspaper career in Washington, and when the war broke out, he was always by a paper in Tennessee.

Why Not Heed the Experts? One of the anomalies of our system of administration of public affairs is the curious conception we have, apparently, of the ability to do all things well of whoever happens for the moment to be in office.

Many months ago the war problem for the United States was presented to the War college at Washington for study and suggestions as to its solution. From this college came a succinct and comprehensive report, dealing with all the phases of the problem submitted and offering the solution, which, in the opinion of experts, would fairly meet the requirements.

Why were these questions ever submitted to the experts? Why are men especially trained in the profession of arms if their advice is not to be heeded? Neither Secretary Garrison nor Secretary Daniels has had any extensive experience in military or naval administration or construction, nor is it likely that either would presume to undertake to qualify as an expert.

There is what Watterson stands for today. In his own inimitable way he gives forth a creed which ought never to grow old in newspaperdom: "The newspaper is not a commodity to be sold over the counter like dry goods and groceries. It should be, as it were, a keeper of the public conscience.

Selecting School Sites. One of the perplexing questions before the school board at the present is that of determining the sites for the new school buildings soon to be erected. Ordinarily it would be possible to settle this without a great deal of special consideration.

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Marse Henry's Golden Wedding. In the Boston Transcript.

OVER the wires comes the news that Colonel and Mrs. Watterson celebrated on December 23, the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

At once arises almost a nation-wide exclamation of amazement that the Colonel, who has maintained the incomings of youth as well as successfully, should be old enough to have such a celebration. Granted, that he really "is" so well along in years.

If heat is life, then the Colonel ought to live to the age of hundreds, for he radiates heat wherever he goes—and good dry heat, too. In the Courier-Journal Building, the composing room is on the ground floor just back of the counting room.

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Another time he had in his wagon forms containing a broadside against the Union when the mules, whose political opinions had been tampered with took fright and ran pell-mell into the Union camp.

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David Scott of Stanford, Ky., has the habit all right and some over. Last month he cast his fifty-ninth annual ballot in the same polling district and the same democratic color.

The Bee's Letter Box. "Baby's Right to Live."

PERCIVAL, Ia., Dec. 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice in your issue of December 14 an article from E. M. of O'Neil, Neb., in which he says he is the father of two as healthy specimens of humanity as can be found.

The design of a status is no simple matter. When you again look at the statue, notice that Mr. French stands the six-president on one foot with the other crooked out; a pose which you have seen other people take.

Charity. OMAHA, Dec. 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: For nearly forty years I have done something in the way of helping the needy.

Last winter I found in Omaha about the middle of November a condition which moved my heart very much. Hundreds of men had nothing to eat and no place to sleep.

Now, allow me to say that I did not stutty charity in my office through books written by learned men.

This winter there is no such conditions so far in the city as prevailed last year, but at the present time the need is increasing.

With this municipal central labor employment agency conducted by the city. Otherwise charitable persons and organizations of the city will not work in harmony and with a unified plan.

Editorial Snapshots

Washington Post: In refusing the crown but once Yuan Shi Kai evidently extracted a valuable warning from what happened to the late Julius Caesar.

Baltimore American: Throughout all the storm and stress of war, the peace rumors, sometimes vague, sometimes definite, are persisting. Evidently someone where nature is refusing to hold out.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Among other strange things in the war news is the report of the death in the ranks of the British of Lieutenant Robert Emmet, great-great-grandfather of the Irish martyr.

Excited Lady—Why don't you interfere to stop that dog fight? "All right," replied the small boy, "but you kin calm y'r fears now. My dog is on top at last, mum.—Buffalo Courier.

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daughter, "Marjorie, dear, auntie has a new baby and now mamma is the baby's aunt, papa is the baby's uncle and you are her little cousin."

KABIBBLE KABARET. DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, A MARRIAGE BROKER ASKED ME TO SIGN A CONTRACT TO MARRY THE GIRL WHO HAS \$20,000. BUT HE WON'T SHOW ME A PICTURE OF HER! AFTER \$5,000 THEY DON'T SHOW PICTURES.

TRIMMINGS. 'Tis not so much in the gifts we give as in the dainty wrappings that be about 'em. 'Tis not so much in the things themselves—

VICTORY. A sense of freedom from all annoying after-eating distress can only be experienced when the digestive system is strong and working harmoniously.

HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters. Mrs. Peck—Josephus, what in the world do you mean by chucking to yourself in that manner? Josephus—It says here 192 wives brought divorce cases into court and not a single husband appeared to protest.—Judge.

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