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December 23 Thought for the Day Selected by Supt. J. M. Greenwood The greatest events of an age are its best thoughts - Bovee.

too, Baltimore! The naughtiest on You. 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 ceived. of diplomatic sweetness.

Nowbere 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

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 to 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 finesse 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 but respectful demands made in its communication of December 6, 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. The scandal at the state house, occasioned by the governor's efforts to force the state treasurer to disregard the constitution and the law, has somewhat subsided, but is yet far from settled. Other matters now coming up add their weight of proof of democratic incompetence. The dismissal of Superintendent Vanderslice from the hospital at Kearney is now followed by disclosures of neglect, if nothing worse, at the Hastings asylum. Investigations by the Board of Control are not yet completed, and further revelations of the reckless incompetence of the party in power may be expected. It is even possible that the board may get around in time to look into the affairs of Food Commissioner Harman. The commissioner finds ample time, it appears, in connection with his official duties, to publish a newspaper, in which he advertises extensively articles of food. This rare combina-

tion of official and private activity certainly deserves more attention than it has as yet re-

Why Not Heed the Experts i

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. The present prominent presentation of this queer trait of the American

THE BEE: OMAHA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915.

Marse Henry's Golden Wedding

R. Merian Allen In the Boston Transcript.

OVER the wires comes the news that Colonel and Mrs. Watterson celebrated on December 20, thu fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Added to which announcement is the word from the "Golden" bridegroom that the young couple lost themselves in 'the Sunny South.'

At once arises almost a nation-wide exclamation of amazement that the Colonel, who has maintained the incognito of youth so long and so successfully, should be old enough to have such a celebration. Granted, that he really "is" so "well along in years." the fact stands indisputable that he is always "in his prime." How is it that one man remains juvenescent while another shows so soon the passing years, is not always discornible. Who can think of Carlyle save as an old man, or of (say) Leigh Hunt save as a young one? The "Sage of Chelses" was aged long before he had reached the halfway to his eightysixth milestons, while Hunt kept young all his seventy-five years.

Marse Henry, at the end of his seventy-five years still "thinks young." even as he still so readily writes in sonorous and beautiful English, editorials either vitriolic or reflecting a poetic nature, for temperamentally he is elasticity personified. He knows how to enjoy a glass of good rye or ripe burgundy, he knows how to play poker (and then some) and few better love a joke. Only the other day, when told the French and English fleets had falled to force the Dardenelles, he said, in his quaint way. I could have foretold that; a pair of kings can never beat a straight."

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, where Henry has his desk, and a swinging door connects the two. One of his foibles is always to hand his copy to the foreman and another is never to have this architectural arrangement of doubtful utility disturbed, so. regularly every week, he dashes hurriedly against the door just as the foreman does the same thing from the other side. There are mutual recriminations and objurgations, and Watterson goes back to his deak charged with that electricity-reminiscent of Andrew Jackson and John Randolp of Roanoke-which has produced at various times, gems which everybody has chuckled over.

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 Yubsdam." And close on the heels of these in affetionate 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, and a certain attack on New York society women a few years back when he called them "a flock of unclean birds," a tirade which schoed from New York across to London and Paris.

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 bestjournalism. At eighteen he began his newspaper career in Washington, and when the war broke out, was employed by a paper in Tennessee. Impulsive, as he always has been, he rushed into the Confederate Army, although his father was an intense Union man and he himself hated slavery. Army life, however, did not appeal to young Watterson, and after a year's service he resigned to return to his first love, and so started "The Rebel," one of the most nearly unique newspapers in the history of the craft. It was a peripatetic institution, having a covered army wagon for editorial sanctum, press and composing room, this "office" moving about with the Confederate forces as the Federal armies came within range.

One time, it is said, the youthful soldier-editor had made up forms containing, as chief news, a claim of a sreat Federal defeat and a vehement two-column editorial breathing defiance to the Union and eternal fidelity to the Confederacy. Unhappily the enemy approached so quickly that there was no time to load them on the wagon and the Federals captured Being short of ammunition, the artillery men loading the type into cannon fired at the retreating editorial establishment-the first and only instance on record where the characteristic Watterson brand of philippics has ever been loaded and fired by any gunner save by himself.



"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'Nell, Neb., in which he says he is the father of two as healthy specimens of humanity as can be found. I am glad to be able to say the same thing. But when our boy was born, owing to existing circumstances, the two doctors and others present said it could not live an hour; but we did not sit still and do nothing just because it was not in a perfect condition-and we had a good chance to let its little life flicker out. No. 114 life was saved, and now it is as healthy and robust as any boy. So I speak from experience.

He says he can see no earthly use of letting cripples or imbeciles live, as they are burdens to themselves and to humanity; or, in other words, says black is black because it is black, and advances no other reason. Now, no one can tell when an infant is born a cripple but that it may outgrow it to some extent. If not completely, or at any rate born to perform the functions of the afflicted number in other ways. As an example: Helen Keller can tell what one says, though she can neither see nor hear, by placing the tips of her fingers on the speaker's lips while he speaks.

So I can see no reason for letting an infant die without making any attempt to save it, simply because it is crippled and as for letting it die because it is of unsound mind. I do not think that anyone can tail whether an infant's mind is normal or not at birth

I still maintain that it is wrong to let an infant die without making any attempt to save its life simply because some one thinks it is of unsound mind or is crippled. P. J.

Pose of Lincoln.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Dec. 18 -To the Editor of The Bee: Most people who habe looked over the monument of Abraham Lincoln, located at Lincoln. Neb., admire that work. The first time that the present writer saw the monument, there was a single feature in the design of it that did not meet my views of Abraham Lincoln.

The design of a statue is no simple natter. When you again look at the statue, notice that Mr. French stands the ex-president on one foot with the other crooked out; a pose which you have seen other people take. Most people frequently stand on one foot, but not in the pose which Mr. French gives Lincoln. The idea of the pose is meditation. But have always noticed that people occupying that particular pose are not people of keen anticipation. Anticipation is a positive attribute of intelligence. Suppose you carefully review all the photographs of Lincoln; will you find one having the pose represented in the statue? I think not.

The disposition of people may be classified, and with each class of dispositions certain poses may be noticed. Abraham Lincoln was not such a man as many people suppose. He was quick to move and quick to see a point. The pose Mr. French gives him would indicate that he was led by men rather than a leader of men. The pose indicates indecision and next to being puzzled. W. JOHNSON.

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.

winter I found in Omaha

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. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: It is getting

to that a presidential candidacy in Nebraska brings no distinction. Nebraska has had a low estimate of presidential nominations since 1996. Indianapolis News: The enormous amount of important business that is con-

fronting congress just now is not, however, interfering in the least with the introduction of private pension bills. Baltimore American: Throughout all

the storm and stress of war, the peace rumors, sometimes vague, sometimes definite, are persisting. Evidently somewhere nature is refusing to hold out. Cleveland Plain Dealer: Movie censor-

ships are irksome, but they have at least reduced the number of heroes of modern drama who take a nip from the decanter on the sideboard whenever they enter the room

Pittsburch 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-grandnephew of the Irish martyr, coupled with the fact that his father. Major Robert Emmet, has been fighting with the British in the Dardanelles

New York Commercial: Merchandise of almost every class is in more insistent demand than was ever before known in the United States. Retailers did not order in time, wholesalers did not stock up and manufacturers did not buy the necessary raw material. Now they must go without or pay fancy prices especially go without or pay fancy prices especially pleasant. for the Christmas trade. One large manu- Omaha. facturer in New York City refused to buy raw material that had advanced 25 per cent three months ago. Last week he

bought all he could get at an advance of 75 per cent. His customers refused to order last summer because they thought they could not sell if they marked up prices. Now they do not ask the price: they want the goods at any price.

LINES TO A SMILE.

"Santa Claus won't bring you a Christ-mas tree, if you aren't careful," said the reproving mother. "All right," replied the small boy, resolutely: "then you and father can't have any Christmas eve party."--Wash-ington Star.

Excited Lady-Why don't you interfere to stop that dog fight? Bystander-I was just a goin' to, mum; but you kin calm y'r fears now. My dog is on top at last, mum.-Buffalo dog is Courier

"Dad, this newspaper says that Con-gressman Flubdub is an ornament to the party." "Well?"

"What do they mean by that?" "Guess that's a polite way of saying he is of little use."-Lousivile Courier-Journal.

Mrs. Peck-Josephus, what in the world do you mean by chuckling 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. A lady who had just received an inter-esting bit of news said to her little

daughter. "Marjorie, dear, auntie has a new baby, and now mamma is the baby's aunt, papa is the baby's uncle and you her little cousin." Ner little cousin." Well, " said Marjorie, wonderingly, Well, " said Marjorie, wonderingly, aunit. "wasn't that arranged quick?"-Bost

KABIBBLE 0.00 KABARET DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, A MARRIAGE BROKER ASHOFME TO SIGN A CONTRACT TO MARRY. THE BITRL HAS \$ 20,000. BUT HE WONT SHOW ME AFTER \$5,000 THEY DONT SHOW 0.11 PICTURES

Jaffrey-How do you suppose that deat Jairrey-How do you apploe that dear old man remembered exactly how much be paid for his gold tooth which he bought forty years ago? Agnes-Why, I spose he carried it in his head.-Harvard Lampoon.

TRIMMINGS.

Tis not so much in the gifts we give As the dainty wrappings that be about Tis not so much in the things them-

For of course-in a pinch-folks could do without 'em. It's the gay little seals and ribbons and tags; The tissue, and tinsel-cord that bind 'em, The tasken again the spirit of love In us and the hearts of the friends who find 'em.

Tis not so much in the gift you receive-The pin case, the tis, the hose or the "hanky," That wakes in your heart the jubilant

That resounds in the sweet-scented note of "Thank ye;" But the gay little tags and the tissue and

508.15. Ere you e'en begin to guess at the prosent. That awake in your breast that Christ-massy feel And makes this old world seem so

BAYOLL NE TRELE.

VICTORY

A sense of freedom from all annoying after-eating distress can only be experienced when the digestive system is strong and working harmoniously. Such a condition can be promoted by careful diet and the assistance of





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 domand, showing the "first chief" isn't going to take the chances Francisco Madero encountered.

The lions and the lambs of organized base hall laid down together, with the lambs so thorcughly sheltered as to dispense 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.

It was just coincidence, of course, that Superintendent Baxter's resignation reached the state house at the same time the report of the Board of Control's inquiry at the Hastings asylum reached the public.

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



Modjesks, son of the famous actress and played in the engineer's office at the Union Pas ific uarters, was married in New York to Miss Fel-

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

Samuel Gladstone died at his residence near Twentyand Harney streets. Although lately associnted 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 ex-ceptional talents. The motion for his admission was made by John M. Thurston.

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a R. Callaway, general manager of the Union prestly has returned from a trip to the west.

people is given us in the plans for increasing national defense, now being laid before congress and the public.

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. Similarly the naval board made recommendations for the extension of the navy. Secretary Garrison sets aside the recommendations of the War college and substitutes his own plan. With like regard for the opinion of experienced experts, Secretary Daniels makes his own recommendations as a substitute for those offered by the naval board.

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. Yet each has set up his own judgment as superior to that of men whose lives have been devoted to the pursuit, in practice as well as in theory, of defensive warfare. If we are to have an increase in our army and navy, it should be along the lines planned by those who know best what

Selecting School Sites.

is needed.

One of the perplexing questions before the school board at the present is that of determining on 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. In a city growing as rapidly as Omaha, however, factors enter the problem that must be given due weight, and that change the proposition to one of uncommon importance. It is not for the present that these schools are being erected. Their location must be with special regard to future requirements, for the proximity of a school will have much influence in fixing the desirability of the locality as a place for homes. This cannot be avoided, nor can the school board evade the desire of residents already located to have a new school established in their vicinity.

A reasonable solution for the problem would he to make a complete survey of the city, and from the data thus obtained fix some notion of the present and possible future requirements of each locality. With this as a basis, the matter of finally determining upon the sites would be greatly facilitated. Special claims for any locality cannot be overlooked, but should not be given undue prominence in settling the question finally. Omaha needs the new buildings, and needs them in the right place.

It is feared that Henry Ford will not be allowed to "tell it to the Danes." Copenhagen's experience with Doc Cook renders the peace missionaries objects of suspicion.

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.

It's an interesting coincidence that, serving on the Southern side, as he did, one of his admirers should later have seen fit to compare him with one of the greatest of Northern generals, saying: "On the whole, he might be called the Phil Sheridan of journalism, as romantic a master of his craft as Sheridan was of his." Though, after all, one forgets that Watterson ever was in the Confederate army when his devotion to the reconstructed Union and the memory of Lincoln are remembered.

He alone survives of that great group of Knights of the Quilt growing out of those old times, embracing such giant names as Hornes Greeley, Charles A/ Dana, Henry J. Raymond the elder James Gordon Bennett, Murat Halsted and Manton Marble, men who not only made American journalism, but who created it representative of constitutional government and clean political methods.

This 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.

'We have heard a deal of late years about personal and impersonal journalism. In the press of America we must needs have an abundance of personal journalism; it is an appendage to our condition as well as an offering to our character.

"There is impersonal journalism in England because the English press is conducted by scholarly dumnies.

"The paper that cannot live except on favor and charity ought to dis.

"People do not advertise with us because they love us. They insert an advertisement in a newspaper as they hang a sign in the street.

"The axiom of newspaper success is news. The cub in the city department who does not con-

sider a dog fight a thing of beauty and a joy forever may not be in danger of the Judgment, but he is in constant danger of discharge. In no other way can he get his perspective adjusted. From the conflicts of canines to the guarrels of kings, from hell to breakfast and back again, through a system of regular geometric progression, he arrives at the hang of it, beginning at 'scoppy' to end as managing editor." Now, congratulations, Marse Henry. May you be with those who love you-and they are legion-for

many another anniversary and may you remain as young as you are today.

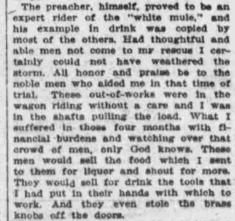
People and Events

David Scott of Stanford, Ky., has the habit all right and some over. Last month he cast his fiftyninth annual ballot in the same polling district and the same domocratic color. In Dave's view of things scratching a democratic ticket is high treason.

James McKeever of McGuffey, O., although totally blind, drives his own automobile when somebody olse is with him giving directions. He has taken his auto apart and put it togother again without as-

The secretarry of state of Kansas, anxious to start state-wide conversation for winter amusement, publicly reasts public and bygone reformers who have given dogs social privileges and liberties which are denied for more valuable animals. Metaphorically, the secretary kicks the whole canine family, a proceeding which is bound to start something.

the middle of November a condition which moved my heart very much. Hundreds of men had nothing to est and no place to sleep. A minister came to me and asked me to undertake to alleviate. this suffering. He told me that if I would do so, he would enter on the work and take charge of the same, and that he had previously done such work and was an expert at it. I undertook to do as he suggested. I remained in that work some four months and expended about \$3,000. I provided shelter and food a large number of men-hundreds. I for got them work through the city and outside the city. I bought several hundred cords of wood and had it out up and sold. But I will never forget my experience. During that time there were a few good men and deserving men in this large company, but most of them were men who were brought to their present wants by evil habits, such as liquor and drugs.



Now, allow me to say that I did not study charity in my office through books written by learned men. I got right down with the product, itself, at close range, and I learned considerable. I have come to some conclusions regarding this matter. One is, that if we ever permanently help our people, we must help them by giving work.

should not assemble the out-of-We works in large numbers together. Man is bad enough alone, but he is worse in a pworz

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. There are quits a number of families whose bread-winners are out of work. What we need more than anything else is a 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, which is important. With this municipal central labor emplopment agency we will be greatly alded, and we will find that a number of heads of familles that now say they want work, will not work when it is offered to them, but in this way we will find out who they are, and then other steps can be taken.

And, again, people who give money to those who ask it on the street, or who come to their offices, are making a great mistake, and they will pauperize the individual to whom these sums are given. We have been too soft and ignorant about these matters.

I cannot praise too highly the plan for a municipal workhouse. We must come to the practice of two things: Orderly and systematic examination of the cases of need, and secondly, the application of the labor test. Sincerely yours, CHARLES W. SAVIDGE.

Name and the other

