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Thought for the Day

Selected by Supt. W. H. Small Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used till they are seasoned. -Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Happy New Year to all!

Doubly happy leap year to those in need!

Health, prosperity and contentment to all who seek them.

Ungracious though it appears, necessity obliges the old year to pass its grippe to the new.

The waterwagon must observe traffic reguletions just as an ordinary vehicle. Don't hog the road.

Under the head of unfinished business the fag end of the New Haven trial gives a hand to the New Year.

As the record now stands, 1915 overshadows recorded history as the banner year of premeditated slaughter.

In casting up accounts of the year, the profit side of the European ledger is the only white spot in the record.

Last year's catch of cod was sufficiently abundant to omit the Nebraska primary catch from the reckoning.

It has been definitely decided who is not to have the postoffice when Judge Wharton steps out, but that isn't the question.

The policy of pitiless publicity had no terrors for the old gray mule which balked and blocked the road of the presidential bridal party.

The shadowy regions popularly supposed to convert good intentions into paving blocks, doubtless plans extensive public improvement with the New Year resolution crop. It never

Leap year's privilege holds good in free states as well as in those dominated by mere man. As a sentimental right it is a back number. Front attacks are never as efficient as the strategy worked on side lines.

The straight and narrow road remains unchanged from the first day of the year to the end of the cycle. They who seek readily find it and those with the will find traveling enjoyable and the scenery exhaling comfort and peace

The sheep of the west are answering the question that used to be asked by democratic free traders. A crop of almost three hundred million pounds of wool is one result of the republican policy of protection that induced flock masters to persist in building up the industry.



At the midnight hour the new year was ushered in by the booming of cannon and explosion of firecrackers but the noise soon died away. Very few calls were made and the custom of New Year's calling seems to have been pretty generally abandoned, though busi-

ness was pretty largely suspended. Thomas W. Reens held forth at the opera house

The Omaha delegation to the Missouri convention at Kansas City to discuss the Big Muddy have returned home. It consisted of Colonel C. S. Chase, Chris Hartman, H. G. Clarke, Fred Drexell, J. H. Congdon, W. J. Broatch and John H. Brok.

Fiollowing appointments are announced by the Minion Pacific, effective with the beginning of the year: S. T. Smith to be general superintendent; C. N. Pratt, assistant general storekeeper; J. F. Spafford. storekeeper, Nebraska division; C. H. McKibben, chier inspector supply department.

Mins Nellie Burns left to resume her studies at Cincinnati. She was accompanied by Miss Dresser of Imfayette, Ind., who has been spending the holidays

John Worthington and his sister, Miss Worthington, of Oswego, N. Y., are here to make their home with their brother, Bishop Worthington. George Stover and Miss Millie Windhelm of this

city were married in Council Bluffs yesterday and were tendered a reception at the home of the bride's mother, 415 South Tenth, in the evening.

The Christian Henr has been incorporated by Rev. W. J. Haralla and Rov. T. C. Hall of this city and Her, Mr. Boyd of Denver, to be published simultanestr is Omalia and Denver.

Omaha's Record for the Year.

Omaha has just closed one of the most satisfactory years in its history, and now looks forward to greater activity, more energetic effort, and more worthy accomplishment. Satisfaction with what has been done rests on substantial basis. Twelve months ago it was asserted that unusual opportunities lay within reach of Omaha, and that tremendous progress might be expected. The achievement has justified the prophecy. Not all has been done that might have been hoped for, but enough of advance in every line is presented by The Bee in its annual review this morning to warrant our citizens in congratulating themselves they did so much.

In every line of commerce and industry increases have been made during the year, and new records are set. In building it has been the busiest year in the city's history. Manufacturers and jobbers have found their facilities taxed to take care of the new business that has come to them, and the banks show a total of transactions that overtops any year of the past and tells with eloquent completeness the story of Omaha's splendid place among the cities of the country, so far as material prosperity is concerned.

Omaha has also made progress in other ways. New schools and new churches have been built, that the intellectual and spiritual needs of the community might be the better served. One unique experience of the year was a revival of religion that must stand out always as an incldent that commands attention.

With a magnificent record of achievement to review, the people of Omaha look ahead to another season of endeavor, that the advance may be nowhere checked. Inviting prospects are many, the means for production are at hand, and the energy to carry the purpose to action is manifest by all. Another year should see Omaha again as far ahead in all a city should be proud of as did the year just ended.

Pleading for the Poles.

Today is designated by the president as a special occasion on which relief is to be donated for stricken Poland. The pitiable condition of the innocent inhabitants of this distressed country, caught between the upper and nether millstones of the war in which they have had no voice, has been frequently presented, and need not be further exhibited now. The Poles are in a plight of destitution that transcends even that in which the Belgians were found a year ago. That same generous spirit of human concern which moved Americans to provide relief by thousands of shiploads for Belgium will certainly reawaken to bring Poland the succor required. No organized movement in this section has as yet been provided to undertake this work, but the American Red Cross society will be responsible and work with the American Polish committee organized in New York. Dr. P. L. Hall, at Lincoln, is treasurer of the Nebraska Red Cross association, but any bank or newspaper in the state will receive and forward donations.

Austria's Changed Attitude.

The tone of Austria's second note on the An cona incident, as disclosed by unofficial dispatches, is much milder and more conciliatory than was noted in the first reply. It leads to the supposition that Austria is sincerely concerned in maintaining friendly relations with the United States. This supposition is well supported by the military situation. Even with the distinct advantage now held in the field by the Germanic allies, they do not apparently seek to further embroil themselves. Sentiments avowed by Austria are of such character as fairly meet the requirements of the United States, and the virtual disavowal of the action of the submarine commander is perhaps sufficient for all demands, while it still preserves the pride of the haughtiest of European governments. It was not the intention of the United States to humiliate Austria. Our government merely sought to maintain its position on the question of submarine warfare. That this warfare can be carried on in conformity with the requirements of humanity and to laws of nations has been demonstrated. If Austria will show by action that it is sincere in its professions, the incident will have a happy

Engagement for Monday.

Property-owners and taxpayers are especially interested in the program of the city council beginning with the session on Monday. That day has been set apart by the council for taking up for consideration the city budget. Estimates submitted by heads of the several departments. of the city's administration exceed by several hundred thousands of dollars the maximum possible revenue of the city for the year. This means that the most vigorous pruning must be resorted to in order to bring the expenditure within the limit of the income. A number of unnecessary items have been included in the estimates, and these can easily be removed, but will not suffice to produce the required reduction. Other cuts must be made and with due regard for proper economy, which may easily be effected without crippling the proper service of any department. It is quite possible that the presence of interested citizens at the council chamber while the budget is being discussed will be of material assistance to the councilmen in reaching conclusions.

Complaint is heard in Eoston that at least en citizens to one job have advised the republican governor-elect of their readiness to assist in restoring to Massachusetts for the first time in five years, the splendors of good government. A sorry showing of democratic mismanagement spors Bay State republicans to an attitude of patriotic fervor which regulds sacrifice as incidental to the rendering of competent service to

Much history, some good, most of it bad, was written through the old year. Momentous events crowd the closed ledger and lap over into the For the wellbeing of mankind it is to be loped that peace soon will staunch the wounds of war and save nations from the peril of bleeding to death.

Seven states formally crank up the waterwagon today, but the residents are not obliged to ride. As the saloon disappears, the cellar and the bootlegger rise to their opportunities.

1915-A Retrospect

From the Outlook, Maw York, " Never has the world been so united as in this year

of war, 1915. As metals fuse under great heat, so have the people of the earth fused under the heat of war. Even those portions of the globe that are remote from the common interchange of civilized life have found themselves welded with the rest. Singhalese and Canadian, Russian peasant and Italian nobleman, Roumanian and American, have shared with the Englishman, the Frenchman, the Bulgarian, the German, a common ex-

This is always what happens in the face of a great calamity. The fire that devastates the city makes both the millionaire and the tramp refugees, and consumes, for the time being at least, the barriers that ordinarily separate them. In the face of a common peril strangers can in an instant become comrades. What has happened often to a village or a city or even a larger community has now happened to nearly

The fortunate ones are not those who have escaped this experience. Rather are they to be pitled, for they are the exiles. To have sat tranquil and centent unmoved by what has stirred the rest of manking, is to have been visited with a great misfortune. Some who have thus sat peaceful in these days are like Peter by the brazier, choosing to warm himself rather than share with his Master the giorious sacrifice; but others are merely victims of circumstance, not to be blamed but rather to be commiserated with because they have not shared in the common lot. Rather are to be envied those who have been free to enter into this experience and serve. None are so happy as those who have been doing their part near the flames,

Under this common experience the histories of many nations have flowed together to make for at least this year one world history. Heretofore there has been the history of France, of Germany, of England, each touching others at the edges. In other years the great events of one nation might have been unknown to the history of many another. Now, however, the greatest, the most outstanding event in every nation has been the one world war.

Thus out of division there has risen union. The very wrath of man has brought forth a world sympathy. A while ago the American might ignore the man of France and his problems, leave out of account the Englishman's doings, forget the plans and ideas of the German. In this year 1915 no American unless he was illiterate or stranded in some remote corner, could help wondering what the Germans were planning and thinking of, what the English were doing or falling to do, how the French were meeting the problems of their land, and the fortunes of peoples concerning whom he once knew little or nothing-the Belgians. the Servians, the Poles-have become his concern, to be read about and followed from day to day as are the fortunes of his neighbors in the same village or on the adjoining street. But more than this, in the year 1915 the world has come to value as never before its common possession which war has threatened-the public law of nations. As a military episode the sinking of the Lusitania was negligible; but as an experience of historic significance it can never be forgotten. This crime shocked mankind into seeing for the first time its own dependence on law. This crime gave to the world a taste of the horrors of anarchy. Until this year 1915 international law was for the most part the concern of the diplomatist, the interest of specialist; now it has become the possession of the plain people.

It is not war, of course, that has really made one family of all the nations of the earth. They were of one family from the beginning. It is not war that has even enabled the nations to know one another, for the railways, the steamships, and the telegraph and telephone have furnished the intercommunication out of which understanding grows. What this year of war has done has been to awaken by its cannon the world's dormant sense of union, its desire for mutual understanding

And slowly out of this sense of union, out of this desire for understanding, there has grown in every civilized people a sense of its obligation to the rest We cannot speak for others as well as we can for ourselves. Americans, we are sure, will confess that during this year 1915 they have learned much about themselves. They have learned that, whereas they thought they were bold, they are really somewhat timid and unwilling to endure suffering and thankful to pay a high price for peace. They have learned that, whereas they thought they were soldierlike, they were really ignorant of the science and art of self-defense, which includes the defense of their national obligations. They have learned that, despite their doctrine of a hundred years that the function of the United States is to police the hemisphere and even at times the world, they are really ready to let the police work of the world be done by other nations. They have thus learned much about their own weaknesses, but at the same time they have discovered that they were not as indifferent to European affairs as they thought they were; that, in spite of their protestation against becoming involved in entangling alliances, they have been by the very nature of things somewhat entangled in the concerns of Europe.

Twice Told Tales

Between Drinks

Henry Foster of Clay county had been arrested for allowing his horse and wagon to block the public thoroughfare for the better part of five hours. "Did you leave your team for five hours, Mr. Fester?" asked the judge.

'Might have been that long, jedge," was the reply 'Where were you?" "In a saloon on Decatur street, yer honor, taking a

"Do you mean to tell me that it took you five hours to consume one drink?"

"Well, suh, no, not ex-actly; I wus interrupted three er fo' times."-Case and Comment.

Girl Broke the Ice.

A pretty young woman in blue climbed aboard of a Madison avenue car yesterday. She took a seat and crossed her legs. Blue silk ankles, about twenty inches of each, were revealed. Across the siste sat women of prim, mid-Victorian aspect. They cast prim glances at the blue stockings, and two mid-Victorian sniffs chilled the air. Simultaneously the men lost interest in their morning papers. The possessor of the blue silks blushed. She started at the prim couple. Not a word was spoken. The girl broke the ice. "Honest," she said, with a Harlem accent, "why douchs mind your own business? M Y O B-mindjurown business, see? This is a free country, ain't it? And I guess I can do what I please."-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

People and Events

Another huge hotel to contain 2,000 rooms and twenty-six floors, is projected in New York City, at a cost of \$10,000,000. It will cover a block of ground somewhere between the Grand Central and Pennsyt-

The United States produces double the amount of scap of any other nation, and sold abroad, in peace times, three times the quantity of the nearest competitor. If we do not succeed in lathering or cleansing the world, the fault is not in the goods.

The record of the McCool Missourian, who, at M years, married his fourth wife, will attain the lonely goneness of an ancient Christmas tree, when the La Crosse girlie gets seasoned. At 15 years, Ruth Nimecka took her first husband, divorced him and remarried within a year. She peppered No. 2 with a shotgun, divorced him, served a jail sentence, and married No. 3 on being released. Wisconsin is a progressive state and Ruth is esteemed a shining or more, and thirty-six of 5.000 tons or

The Bees Letter Box

Methods Not Fair to Germans.

OMAHA, Dec. 29 .- To the Editor of The Bee: A writer in one of the daily papers wants to know who made the law that ompels the Board of Education to introduce a language into the lower schools when a petition for it is signed by parents of fifty children attending a school Let's hear from the legislators who added this law to our many other stat-Who lobbied the thing? Just who was It that wanted it so bad? We would receive some very interesting information, I am sure, if these questions were

correctly answered. I believe we would find that the people who are back of this legislation are the very ones who are trying to hold the Germans in bondage for their own selfish ends in politics, while they endeavor to make the uninformed American believe that they control the German vote. This however, they have not yet proven to be

The average German possesses enough intelligence to cast his own vote. He does not approve of the efforts that are made to foist the German language upon children of German parentage in this country before they have thoroughly learned the American language. Such afforts are unamerican. In their reresults, they are detrimental to the perfect amalgamation of nationalities which must take place before a new and distinctive American race can be formed Intelligent German-born Americans see and condemn the dishonest methods which are employed to force their fellowcountrymen to further the selfish ends of certain individuals.

W. F. STOECKER.

Advocate of Peace. OMAHA, Dec. 3L-To the Editor of The Bee: I am of the opinion that this prepardness will bring on war, and we don't want it in our country. -MAUDE KELLEY.

THE CRY OF PEACE. There breaks the peace of a perfect day.
And all the wealth of a nation lay
At the foot of a cruel and merciless war,
When victory's won, the applause to soar.
O'ver all the world, Oh! such a fool,
To wreck a human life, to rule,
To reign supreme, and thus cut down, To reign supreme, and thus cut of Your fellow men, for fame renown

A nation's love is sweet to feel, But bitterness through wees con A nations love is sweet to ree!, But bitterness through woes congeal, As loved ones, struggling gasp for breath, In trenches, bloody traps of death. And Oh! God's common people, we, To flirt with death and misery, To force a war with greedy lust. And fall at last on common dust.

For there a nation once so proud, In all its beauty, is but a shroud, At the close of war, the brilliant light, It fades, we view the awful sight. The unprotected, shattered home, The sad and helpless stand alone. And to this home the wretched cling, And wait the message, "Peace" to ring

A helping hand to lend across the sea, But holst our flag o'er us the free, And long may America's grand old name. Be free from wars cold bloody fame. Prepare ve not the way for men. To be shot down, and thus we can In time, our noble race increase. And crown our country. "Prince of Peace." Country, "Prince of MAUDE KELLY.

Problem of Defense NORTH LOUP, Neb., Dec. 29 .- To the Editor of The Bee: While we are talking about preparedness, why not suppose that an army of invasion of several million men attack us? If that army be divided, one part of it would sure invade from the Gulf of Mexico. If the army could overrun the country of the Mississippi most of the resources of the nation would be in their possession. That would cut off the iron mines of Minne-Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas, with the great wheat and corn fields of the central states. Such an invasion would starve the east within six months. If all the great factories are located in the east they would fall into the hands of the enemy as soon as the Mississippi valley were captured.

The more large guns and the more large factories in the east the greater the temptation to invade from Texas. The great factories and the natural resources should be located together. If ever an invasion is attempted, which would really require preparedness, the Mississippi valley is the part of the country, which if held by an enemy would bring terms of peace as that enemy should require. If the old confederacy might have had the present resources of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nobraska the confederacy would have stood. The nation that keeps a large part of their coal, oil and minerals in the ground for future use, as needed, rather than being too anxious to kill the markets with them, in the nation that will have the best chance to stay. Exportation and wasting of the natural resources is one grand mistake.

WALTER JOHNSON.

Editorial Siftings

Cleveland Plain Dealer: American pork is selling at 60 cents a pound in Berlin. and it looks as if it were going at least that high in Washington.

Chicago Herald: On the return voyage of the Ford ship a bugier will probably wake the passengers with the familiar tune: "I can't get 'em out, I can't get 'em out, I can't get 'em out o' the trenches!

A Sloux City jury, which wrestled with the question of damages caused by a flood in a nearby cabbage patch, reached the conclusion that the flood was "an act of God," for which neither the city ner the weather man was responsible.

The Taxpayers' league of Wichita has taken steps toward the removal of the city school superintendent on charges of overloading the schools with teachers. The force has been increased by ninety members in the last five years, while the school attendance increased only Wichita's school census shows 18,000 pupils and 290 teachers.

Springfield Republican: More than a \$100,000,000 usually spent spent in European travel was divided among the railroads, hotels and their supporting enterprises in the opinion of traffic men of the railroads," quoted by Secretary Lane in his annual report. Besides helping the country financially. this discovery of America has doubtless done something to obliverate the obtrusive hyphen.

Philadelphia Record: The merchant marine is doing very well without any governmental assistance. Since July 1 the merchant marine has increased by ist vessels of nearly 54,000 tons, and the aggregate tonnage is new almost 8,500,000. Of the ships building, or under contract July 1, or ordered since, thirteen are of 10,000 tons or more, twenty of 7,000 tons

Tips on Home Topics

Detroit Free Press: Secretary Lane says the schools of this country have made no progress in the last thirty years.

consumer is paying high prices for pork. it looks as if somebody were making quite a bunch of money that was not honestly ing. aditor-Ah! A wave of patriotism, I

Louisville Courier-Journal: The old-tashioned "husking bee" has about played out as entertainment. But the girls in more of your copy!—Passing Show. musical comedy shuck off enough during the evening to make that form of entertainment primarily a husking bee.

Washington Post: If Lady Pontiac Johana, Georgia's champion milker, could only collaborate with Lady Eglantine, Pennsylavnia's champion layer, what a grand sweet round of eggnog life

Baltimore American: A high school principal in New Jersey has been discharged because he mispronounced words.

Used bad grammar and taught in hot weather in his shirt sleeves. Modern education is getting entirely too particular when it cashiers a high school principal for such trifling offenses against learning.

And strive to succor those who fall. Let each give thanks that not today. To us the clarion hugles call—That not today to us 'tis said:

Bow down the knee, or pay the cost Till all ye loved are maimed or dead.

Till all ye loved are maimed or dead. charged because he mispronounced words. for such trifling offenses against learning and etiquet.

Philadelphia Press: It has been discovered that some of the native chiefs that the administration has been recognizing By and turning into "executives" in the Philippines have a record of some hundreds of killings to their credit as head hunters. Well, the same policy of recognition for murderers in Mexico is claimed as a victory for humanity and diplomacy; so it's presumed the Philippine policy is a model of "upliftness."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The submission of estimates by the various departments of the federal government encourages no hope of "return to that simplicity and economy which befits a democratic government," which the Baltimore platform pledged. Every department wants more money than was appropriated for 1916, although, after the deficiency appropriations made necessary by the failure of the last congress to pass fifteen of the great supply bills are voted. the expenditures for the years 1915 and 1916 will exceed any in the history of the government, being \$177,000,000 more than those of the last republican congress, whose "profligate waste of money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation' was denounced by the Baltimore platform and by every democrat of low or high degree throughout the United States in the campaign of 1912.

GRINS AND GROANS.

Sunday School Teacher-Children, do you know the house that is open to all, to the poor the rich, the sad, the happy to man and woman, to young and to old do you know the house I mean?

Small Boy-Yes, miss-the station house.

-Boston Transcript.

Editor—Sorry, young man, that you are a failure in this business, but we can't treat you as we can an article here. Aspirant (haughtily)—How is that, sir Editor-Put a head on you.-Baltim

"Had you any apprehensions about your daughter's wedding" asked the pessimistic friend.
"Not exactly," replied the happy parent, "though at one point I did have a miss-giving about the affair."—Baltimore American.

Recruiting Officer-We can't pass you Two fingers are off your right hand and you couldn't pull a trigger. Applicant-Oh, that'll be all right, sir.

I'd just as lief be an officer and carry a sword.—Boston Transcript.

Belle-Don't you think he has a lovable disposition?

Beulah—Surely, He's been in love with at least a dozen women.—Yonkers States-

-How does it happen Harvard? I thought your father was a

I look at the athletes they've been turn-ing out.

Indianapolis News: When the producer is getting low prices for hogs and the to go to H.—Yale Record.

British Foreman Compositor-Three ore of my men have enlisted this morn-

THE DAWN OF THE NEW DAY.

Edward Neville Vose. The old year dies 'mid gloom and woeThe saddest year since Christ was born.
And those who battle in the snow
All anxious-eyed look for the morn—
The morn when wars shall be no more.
The morn when Might shall cease to

reign.
When hushed shall be the cannons' roar
And Peace shall rule the earth again.

As we from far survey the fray

Should that grim summons to us come
God grant we'd all play heroes' parts,
And bravely fight for land and home
While red blood flows in loyal hearts.
But now a duty nobler far
Has come to us in this great day—
We are the nations' guiding star,
They look to us to lead the way.

They look to us to lead the way To liberty for all the world. The dawning of that better day

When war's torn banners shall be furled—
The day when men of every race
Their light divine shall clearly see
To rule themselves by their own grace,
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