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December 14

Thought for the Day

Selected by Supt. Frank B. Cooper

He who would be wise must daily earn his wisdom. —*David Starr Jordan.*

However, the crown came back and found Yuan Shi but willing.

Four-tenths of a cent a mile isn't much of a railroad uplift, but every mile counts in a pinch.

Fifteen more days to January 1. Do your primary filing now and avoid the last day rush.

Publicity at home is an educational force, but is not a perceptible factor in boosting the census.

The voice of Oconto speaks for preparedness in no uncertain terms. The spotlight can't lose a live town.

A casual reading of the criticisms on the messages shows how hopeless is the task of a president striving to please everybody.

From present appearances there is no danger of the Balkans suffering in its reputation as a maker and unmaker of military heroes.

It is barely possible that the bargain counter rush to British recruiting offices springs from a rivalry to carry that message of peace to Berlin.

Freedom will have no warrant for a shriek when Yuan Shi Kai dons the hand-picked crown of China. Whether as president or emperor, Yuan is the whole works.

Dutch taxes are about to jump from $16 to $21 per head, and United States taxes from $9 to $12 per head. Holland is welcome to the championship in this class of neutral athletics.

The British expedition to Mesopotamia doubtless accepted at face value the opinion of tourists that Bagdad, silhouetted in the distant horizon, is a more entrancing picture than a near view.

Under the new Georgia dry law each individual is allowed six gallons of booze a year. The average annual consumption in the United States is one gallon and a half. From which it appears the Georgia thirst is some thirst.

Hail, Josephus! He is the progressive of progressives. No pent up naval staff contracts his reach for a scoop on the advisory board. In going out for big warships and more of them the pen-wielder leaves the sabre-rattlers tied to the post.

Austria is following the example of other warring nations in filling with women the ranks of industry denuded of men. No outcome of the war is as certain than that the vast labor burden now imposed on women will remain on their shoulders for years to come.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

GATHERED FROM THE FILES

Mr. and Mrs. L. Robinson, 2317 Dodge street, celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage with a large company of friends, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. Mendelssohn, Mr. and Mrs. Sloman, Mr. and Mrs. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Mandelberg, Mr. and Mrs. George Heyn, Mr. and Mrs. Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Cahn, Miss Minnie Rothschild, Miss Anne Rothschild, Miss Cora Bendit of Detroit, Mr. J. Friedman of Detroit, Mr. E. Bloom and Mr. Morris Robinson.

The Bohemian Turners' society of Omaha have filed articles of incorporation through their secretary, Mr. H. Y. Miskovsky. The trustees are Frank Dworak, Frank Bartos and Joseph Dinsbier.

Mrs. Jennie Blair, mother of Mrs. E. L. Stone, died at her daughter's residence.

John N. Westberg of the firm of Wilg & Westberg has severed his connection with that concern and will engage in other business.

Mrs. John V. Furay has been visiting at the residence of John Creighton, 1318 Cass street.

T. W. Blackburn returned from the coast, whither he went in charge of a Union Pacific excursion party three weeks ago.

Officer Dick Burdish has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Iowa, and is again on his beat.

Dr. O. S. Wood and family have moved to a residence at 2401 Davenport street.

The Omaha National bank has renewed its charter, the certificate from the Treasury department extending the life of the bank to December 14, 1935.

America, Austria and the Ancona.

The text of the note dispatched by Secretary Lansing to Vienna, setting forth the position of the United States as to the Ancona incident, is of that virile quality which will meet the unqualified endorsement of true Americans. The situation is more than serious. It is grave, and fraught with possibilities that must be fully appreciated and understood in their ultimate terms. It grows out of the responsibility of the government to its citizens. One of the chief weaknesses of the present administration at Washington has been its laxity, if not indifference, in the matter of providing protection for American citizens wherever they may be, regardless of the standing of the offender against the rights of Americans. It is encouraging to note that this policy is being abandoned for the assertion of a more vigorous concern for the safety of Americans.

Austria cannot be unaware of the attitude assumed by the United States in its exchange of notes with Germany over the sinking of passenger boats by submarines. For this reason the sinking of the Ancona under the circumstances established is all the more offensive. A demand that the Austrian government immediately disavow the action of its submarine commander is thoroughly justified. Less than that would be submission to the practice which we have so sternly reprehended.

The definite language employed by Secretary Lansing should be ample notice to European governments that the United States will not undertake to distinguish between them when dealing with matters that are inhuman in their nature, or that transcend the law of nations.

More Democratic Parsimony.

Word comes from Lincoln that the democrats at the state house are paring the cheese a little bit closer than ever before. This time the peculiar example of the party's parsimony practiced for political purposes, is to refuse to advance the pay of state employes for five days by withholding checks for the monthly pay roll until after Christmas.

The Bee never has excused extravagance in the management of public affairs, but it has always held that the state could well afford to set a proper example as an employer. Public service could not in any way be injured, nor would the public interests in any way be jeopardized, through issuing checks to the state employes before Christmas in order that they may have a little money for holiday uses. However, democrats are sternly guarding the cash box just now, after raiding it in order to maintain a political machine by the pay roll.

Secretary Daniels' Program.

Following the lead of the president and the secretary of war, the secretary of navy now comes forward with the outlines of his program for extending the strength of the naval arm of our national defense. Mr. Daniels has merely given in a more detailed manner the statements made by the president. His plan contemplates a continuing program of construction, extending over a five-year period, and involving an expenditure of approximately $100,000,000 a year. On the completion of this program the United States would have a navy second only to that of Great Britain, equipped in the most modern fashion, and capable of meeting the most serious phases of the defense problem that confronts this country.

That the program rests on the experience of this and other countries in the matter of building and maintaining a navy as determined by the experts, is a strong point in its favor. It is certain to meet with early assistance in congress, because the house committee to which it will be referred is dominated by the "big navy man." The rough water before it will be encountered after it comes from the committee, for there is in congress an element of considerable strength opposed to the general plan for increasing the military strength of this country. How potent this influence may be remains to be developed, but it is certain that soon after the holiday recess both sides will be required to disclose their power to some degree.

Wage for the Convict's Family.

One suggestion in the report of Attorney General Gregory may not receive from congress the attention that is due it on merit. This is solely because the present session will be largely occupied by things that bulk larger in the public eye, and weigh heavier on the political scales, than does the question of convict labor. The attorney general, calling attention to the situation that prevails at the federal prisons, points out that some provision must be made for the employment of the prisoners. Tentatively, he suggests that furniture making be taken up, to the end that prison factories may provide for the government's needs in this line. The making of binding twine, bagging, and similar articles will be continued for the time at least. Chief of his recommendations is that a wage be paid the convict, over and above his cost for keeping, and that the surplus be sent to his dependents.

The wisdom of this course is so plain that it ought to need no supporting argument. One of the most potent influences in reformatory work is to convince the individual that something of responsibility rests upon him. Next to this is to show him that he is capable of producing something through honest effort. And finally, the lessons of thrift that show the futility of attempting short cuts to prosperity or affluence. These lessons are best taught through the medium of useful toil, and when compensated at a rate that serves to awaken ambition, will do more to bring about the change essential to true character reformation than any other agency.

Attorney General Gregory's recommendation for a wage for convicts ought to be put into practice at the federal prisons with little delay.

Three-fourths of the 2,000 bills turned into congress on the opening day consist of pension bills, pension increases and private claims. Uncle Sam's reputation as an "easy mark" blooms perennially at home.

Running for Office

York News-Times: For fear that Henry Ford has not already enough trouble, some Omaha republicans are preparing a petition to place his name on the republican ballot for president. Another penalty for trying to do something.

Trenton Republican Leader: It is said that W. J. Bryan now refuses to respond when addressed as colonel. He is so opposed to anything military that he detests the title. Let's call him deacon.

Beatrice Express: The humorist of the Omaha World-Herald, referring to the signers of the petition filed to put President Wilson's name on the Nebraska primary ballot, says: "Those men whose names appear on the list are leaders of the loyal fighting democracy of Nebraska." Really, it is to laugh.

Hastings Tribune: The filing of Wilson's name with the secretary of state at Lincoln, as a democratic candidate for the presidency, shows clearly that all the political notoriety seekers are not in one party.

Blair Pilot: Edgar Howard says in his Columbus Telegram that "the Omaha brewery combination must take its hand off the throat of the democratic party in Nebraska or self respecting democrats will revolt and crash the very life out of the corporation combination." They must to satisfy Howard, but the judge hasn't been satisfied with the action of Nebraska democrats, when they elected Gilbert M. Hitchcock senator, for instance. Many demos have been heartily sick of that job and may dump Gilbert M. along with the brewers and corporations next year, who knows?

Kearney Democrat: What queer mixtures develop in politics. When Bryan was Wilson's right-bower, Senator Hitchcock carried his pockets full of jibbers and harpooned Wilson at every jump on the turnpike. As soon as Bryan left the cabinet and it appeared to be no getting away from an open fight between Bryan and Wilson, Hitchcock turned the political flapjack and landed in Wilson's arms, butter side up.

Rushville Standard: J. D. Scott has written Senator Hitchcock a letter stating that he would not accept the office of receiver of the land office at O'Neill. Mr. Scott stated in his letter reasons why he would not accept the office, which will probably give Senator Hitchcock a hunch as to how democrats feel over the petty jealousy which exists between the senator and W. J. Bryan. Mr. Scott will continue his present occupation as court reporter for Judge Westover which is very gratifying to all of the people in this judicial district as well as to the judge, who always contended that by Mr. Scott's appointment to the receivership he would be the greatest looser.

Beaver City Times-Tribune: Samuel Roy McKelvie, alleged candidate for the republican nomination for governor, had his picture on the front page of the State Journal's magazine section Sunday. Free? Not yet! Samuel Roy can pay for city advertising. The country yokels do it free. But in the Times-Tribune, not yet!

Beatrice Express: P. L. Hall, democratic national committeeman from Nebraska, and a life long friend of William Jennings Bryan, is authority for the statement that the ex-secretary of state will be on hand at the democratic national convention in St. Louis with "fifty-seven varieties" of trouble. There are many democratic leaders in the state who assert that the ex-commoner will not be a delegate to the convention.

Crawford Courier: Frank C. Hamer of Omaha is out "agin or yit" for the republican nomination for state treasurer. Frank is certainly a persistent cuss, as this is at least the third time he has come out for that plum. The first time Walter George got his goat in nomination and the next time getting the nomination, democratic George Hall defeated him. Wonder if he is trying to beat Bryan's record?

Kearney Hub: The Hub quite agrees with the Aurora Republican that Nebraska republicans have no call to tie themselves up with a "favorite son" presidential movement. This may mean Norris, or Burkett or Estbrook.

Hall and the Court

Tekamah Herald: State Treasurer Hall got a call down by the supreme court last week, which will make him realize that he is not the only pebble on the beach. The court took the view that the legislature knew what is was doing when it passed the law creating those departments and provided that they should be maintained from the fees collected. It looks as though the state treasurer wanted to hold all the money possible in the banks of the Hall family. The voters will probably remember him at the next election and give him what he has invited.

Columbus Telegram: The Nebraska supreme court has commanded the state treasurer to spit in the fact of the state constitution. But the decision is not surprising. If the high court had stoop by the state treasurer and the constitution, then some of its own members might have been compelled to carry back to the treasury salary money which they could not have received except through their own court's process of making the constitution a plaything for politicians.

Kearney Times: The decision of the supreme court against George Hall, state treasurer and in favor of W. F. Ridgell, fire commissioner, will be received with glad acclaim by almost everyone, for in spite of the fact that one heard commendation for the militant treasurer once in a while, the general impression held in the state was that Mr. Hall was wrong in his attitude. But let us add a word in behalf of Mr. Hall and his stand. Even though the court proved the gentleman was wrong and departments of the state's big mill were forced to practically cease operations for a while, Brother George succeeded in establishing a set rule (though not his own) for the future conduct of treasurers (this is more of the "cloud with a silver lining," and "its an ill wind, etc.," stuff).

Twice Told Tales

Twisting a Message.

One of the methods of communicating from one officer to another in the trenches of the present great war is to give the message to one of the privates and tell him to "pass the word along" the line until it reaches its destination, viz., the officer at the other end. The following story will show how a serious message can be distorted on its journey from mouth to mouth.

Lieutenant A, in charge of one end of the British line, told the private in front to "pass the word along" to Lieutenant B: "We are going to advance; can you send us reinforcements?"

When Lieutenant B received the message it was like this: "We are going to a dance; can you lend us three and fourpence?"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

On Strategy.

A well known army officer said at a dinner in Washington, apropos of strategy:

"The strategist must be very quick of decision and very prompt to execute what he decides. There must be nothing of Jiggers about the successful strategist.

"A friend, you know, called on Jiggers and found the man bending over a shirt with a rapt, dreamy, perplexed look.

"'What's up?' the friend asked.

"'Well,' said Jiggers, 'I'm in a quandary. This shirt here is too dirty to wear and not dirty enough to go to the laundry, and I can't make up my mind what to do about it.'"—Washington Star.

The Bee's Letter Box

Closing the Question.

OMAHA, Dec. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: Of recent dates I have noticed the interchange of communications in the public pulse columns relative to the dispute as to whether the city should engage union musicians in preference or rather to the exclusion of the nonunionist.

I believe Mr. Finn has consumed considerable space in attempting to show the merit of his side of the controversy, not only on this occasion, but on a former instance when an attempt was made to unionize the postoffice band.

Mr. Finn appears to be somewhat peeved, and no doubt uncomfortable, about the action of the Ancient Order of United Workmen band in making the street demonstration against the action of the city commissioners. The writer is not a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen band or lodge, but, along with a great many others, certainly is in sympathy with their action. The city had no legal right whatever to bind themselves to employ only union musicians, and even if they had the legal right it was a rank injustice. The union musicians are not one bit better than the nonunionist. Why are they any more entitled to the distribution of the taxpayers' money than anyone else? If they will but pause a moment to consider and inquire they will find out that they have brought upon themselves a great deal of ridicule and condemnation from the public.

The trouble with a great many unions is they want to carry a chip on their shoulder all the time. They deny a nonunionist the right to follow up his trade without taking the dictation of a walking delegate. What they cannot accomplish by merit they attempt by intimidation. They refuse to work alongside a nonunionist, and more than once have they laid down their tools for that reason alone. Taking organized labor as a whole they do not bear a very high repute among the general public. There has been too much underhanded work. The searchlight of investigation has revealed considerable questionable tactics.

The Ancient Order of United Workman band was perfectly right in the stand they took and they have a whole lot of sympathy from the general public. The least Mr. Finn has to say upon this subject the more he will be thought of. The union musician does not depend upon his musical talent alone for a livelihood any more than the other musicians, who candidly admit the fact, although Mr. Finn tried to make us believe otherwise in the postoffice band controversy. Respectfully, J. R. CROW.

(This will close the argument on the union music question, as both sides have had their say, and ample space to present their views.—Ed.).

"Baby's Right to Live."

O'NEILL, Neb., Dec. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: I note in your issue of December 7 an article entitled "An Infant's Right to Live" and signed by P. J.—A Father.

I also am a father of two children and they are as healthy specimens of humanity as can be found. I disagree, however, with P. J., as I see no earthly use in allowing a hopeless cripple or an imbecile to live, as they are a burden to humanity and to themselves. P. J. refers to the cases of Helen Keller and Gordon. Helen Keller is not a cripple nor an imbecile, but is in full control of her muscles and intellect and therefore cannot be used as a criterion. But in the case of Gordon, he was not born a cripple, as I have been advised, and, while I do not know the gentleman, it is my firm conviction that if he had his life to live over again since he had his unfortunate accident he would prefer a thousand times to be dead. He is a man of remarkable characteristics, and, in his condition, while he abhors sympathy for himself, he has done a great deal for others who have found misfortune.

What we need in this day and age are men and women and not cripples. We want a robust humanity. Would we think of mating cattle that are not sound or raise them if they were physically imperfect? No. Then why should we be lax about our future generations?

This woman in Chicago did perfectly right and I admire her for her good sound judgment. If we had more like her and a few less hair-brained people who are ever ready to criticize the actions of those of stronger mentality the world would be a better and safer place to live in. E. M. W.

Tips on Home Topics

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The Nebraskans will kindly return the colonel's hat.

Boston Transcript: A young man's idea of preparedness is to buy the diamond ring without stopping to think how he is going to furnish the flat.

Baltimore American: The autobiographies in the new congressional directory show a great increase in the national modesty as they are not so eulogistic as formerly.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: A District of Columbia supreme court judge has decided that a "move up" order on a street car cannot be enforced. Lots of conductors found that out long ago.

Springfield Republican: In Nebraska prohibitionists complain that the "rummies" are trying to make capital out of the present unpopularity of Mr. Bryan. This is a sad report from the Platte.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "It will be a dark day for cartoonists if ever Mr. Bryan retires from private life," says the Birmingham Age-Herald. Nonsense. It will be a dark day for Mr. Bryan if the cartoonists ever decide to retire him.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Just how much more is the administration's preparedness policy going to cost us in the coming fiscal year? About $1.50 a head. Last year the army and navy cost about $2.10 per capita. This year, with the new program, it will run up to $3.63. This will be more than one-third of the total cost of running the government, which is put at $9 a head.

Washington Star: Whatever may be the doubts as to the efficiency of Mr. Ford's peace ship, nobody can fail to approve the sentiment which prompted the enterprise. There is melancholy reason to suspect that the situation in Europe has reached a point where sentiment has ceased, except as a strictly local matter.

Indianapolis News: Vigorous opposition is expected to meet any attempt to put in force the tax suggestions made by the president in his address to congress. But that is not surprising, and is certainly no reason why the suggestions should not be seriously considered. No tax was ever proposed that did not meet with more or less vigorous opposition from the people who would have to pay it.

Editorial Snapshots

Kansas City Times: Perhaps Mr. Ford plans to disrupt the armies by offering all the men jobs in his factory.

Washington Post: This present prosperity is prosperity for the people of the entire republic, and it will go further and remain longer than any period of prosperity the country has hitherto enjoyed.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Nebraska reports the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for the primaries. But, strangely enough, no one in his home state has come forward to press the candidacy of the ex-peerless leader.

Chicago Herald: The publication of the fact that the five allies have all signed a pact for no separate peace was probably not inspired by the fear that the Ford expedition might win one of the weak-kneed ones over.

New York World: The British defeat in the Bagdad expedition is ascribed to the treachery of the Arabs who at the critical moment turned against them, after the manner of Arab tradition and history. The hand of the Arab, like that of their forefather Ishmael, is against every one according as time, place and opportunity serve.

London Statist: The belligerent nations are not only using their normal savings of about £1,500,000,000 a year for war purposes, but are withdrawing capital from the rest of the world, or borrowing money from the neutral nations, at the rate of about £700,000,000 a year. Hence the total loss of wealth to the whole world, in comparison with the accumulation that would take place but for the war, is in the neighborhood of £2,200,000,000 a year.

LINES TO A LAUGH.

"I approve of the military training for boys because it teaches them to obey promptly without asking questions."

"Ah, they'll get that training anyhow. Won't most of them marry?"—Baltimore American.

Officer (to man arrested as a spy)—You say you don't know anything about the war?

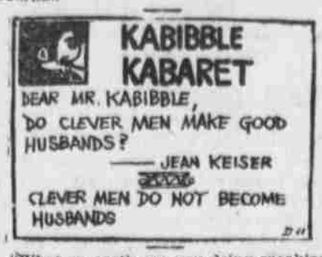
Suspect—Honest, I couldn't know less about it if I were a war expert.—Life.

"Why is that squaw putting on so many airs?"

"That squaw is some punkins. Regent of the Daughters of the Aborigines."—Detroit Free Press.

"You ought to propose to my sister," simpered the young lady. "She is a splendid cook, while I have nothing to recommend me save what you are pleased to call my good looks."

"I want to marry you," maintained the young man. "Still I realize that a good cook is a great boon. Maybe your sister would come and cook for us," he continued hopefully.—Louisville Courier-Journal.



"What on earth are you doing sneaking around in the room that way, Maria, when you know I can't bear to be disturbed?"

"I was looking for an egg to make the cake icing with."

"Well, beat it!"—Baltimore American.

Merchant—What we want is a man to put the blame on when a customer complains—one who is able to take a calling down without giving any talk back.

Applicant—I'm your man, sir. I've been married ten years.—Boston Transcript.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

Pittsburgh Dispatch.

When Adam sought for leaves to pay a debt he had to settle
Before he found the fig leaf soft he grabbed a little nettle.
'Twas tough on Adam, you'll admit, his grief he couldn't stifle.
His fingers were so badly stung I think he cussed a trifle.
And Adam's still alive today whene'er we sup with sorrow,
For yesterday was like today, and, doubtless, like tomorrow.

Whene'er a grub becomes a fly it says while it is ranging;
"'Tis quite uncanny, mother, dear, the way the world is changing."
And every leaf a rose unfolds to zephyr's light caresses,
Is filled with wonder as it notes how fast the world progresses.
Still from the dead we take on life; from age our youth we borrow;
And yesterday was like today, and, doubtless, like tomorrow.

At seventeen minutes after six this morning, to the minute,
A gnat was born; it scented life; was anxious to begin it.
"The good old days! The good old days!" 'tis singing now, dot rot it!
The leaf born doesn't love a desk, so cheerfully I swat it.
I would that of the good old days wise gnats and men would shout less,
For yesterday was like today—and like tomorrow, doubtless.

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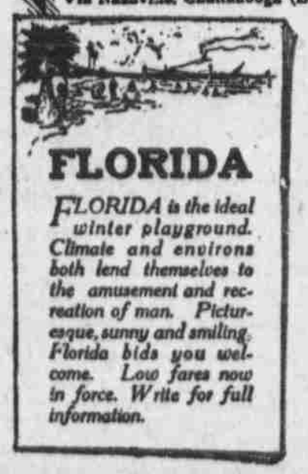

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