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Thought for the Day. Selected by Mrs. Cora A. Anderson. Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.—Carlyle.

Still a few neutral nations in Europe, but they are having a hard time holding fast.

Somewhat or somewhere the good ship "Piffle" seems to have been either torpedoed or interned.

The long-talked-of workhouse for Omaha is another overdue public enterprise waiting to be put across.

In view of the vocal activity of rear admirals it is evident the navy is not adequately equipped with windshields.

New faces enliven the scenery in the city hall. All the more reason for pressing the pedal, "Stop off in Omaha!"

Let's see if a little more "safety first" at Carter lake will not reduce the number of drownings there this summer.

The "city beautiful" will make a welcome spirit when the authorities enforce sightliness on vacant lots. Svat the weeds.

Judging by the documents filed by attorneys a branch of the Ananias club could do a landoffice business in the Douglas county court house.

Despite the encouragement offered by falling wheat and flour prices the shriveled bread loaf shows no sign of swelling up with dough and joy.

Lincoln is boasting that it has put the jitney out of business without missing it. The inference must be that in that happy burg everyone rides in his own car.

That "Coalition" ministry over in England prompts one to ponder what a combination cabinet of the opposing political parties in this country would bring forth.

"What fools these mortals be!" Two Spanish editors fought a duel to vindicate the honor of their war opinions, while their columns mutely hungered for hot stuff.

Had anyone told 'em two years ago that hold-over republicans would still be enjoying the federal patronage plums in Nebraska, the response would have been the short and ugly word.

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Ak-Sar-Ben Initiations Again.

After his customary hibernation, Ak-Sar-Ben is again active on the job with his regular weekly membership initiation meetings, which will continue until the crowning carnival festivities in October.

The unflagging vitality of AK-Sar-Ben for more than twenty years has been a marvel to all, but the secret of it unquestionably lies in the initiation features providing the "work" of a secret society on such a gigantic and elaborate scale as to make visitors talk about it from one end of the country to the other.

It is this initiation feature that keeps Ak-Sar-Ben ever young and ever new, and that accounts for the never-waning, but constantly growing, popularity of Ak-Sar-Ben.

President Wilson's warning has stirred up much motion among the factional leaders in Mexico, and each is now apparently striving to gain a position of advantage before settlement time comes.

This sudden display of military activity is not all in accord with the spirit of the president's note. He advised that the contending Mexicans adjust their differences by reasonable methods, with a warning that unless they could do so the United States would be forced to take steps to provide a stable government for that country.

Instead of following the friendly suggestion, the "generals" show an inclination to resort to Klilkenny cat methods, and the unhappy condition of the people below the Rio Grande is being made worse, while intervention seems more certain to be required.

The unexpected may happen, and Mexico may be tranquilized without the presence of United States forces, but it doesn't seem likely now.

Renewing Life in Belgium. While the lurid glow of war yet lights the western coast of Belgium, reports coming from behind the firing line indicate that in the eastern part of that country normal conditions are being restored.

The fields around Louvain are green again with the verdure of spring, crops have been planted anew and another harvest is promised.

The life of the country is proceeding very much as before the invasion. Industry is also being resumed, and mining operations are carried on on a large scale.

Engineering, the great technical magazine, gives figures to show that the coal mines of Belgium are being operated almost to capacity. Some difficulty is being experienced because of the interruptions of transportation, but these are fast being overcome.

This is further proof of German genius for organization. The intensely practical Teuton has not allowed the incident of war to disturb business to a greater extent than is absolutely unavoidable.

It may be argued that the output of the Belgian mines, both coal and iron, is being used in the prosecution of the war, but this is not against the fact that the Germans have restored industrial activity in the invaded region within a very short time.

The fields and gardens will again produce food for Belgians, while the mines and mills will give work to those who want it.

Belgium's political status is yet to be determined, but its industrial and agricultural future is already fixed.

The Student and the World. Commencement time, and its output of graduates with their diplomas, is still the object of much good-natured fun, but it is a most encouraging time for the world.

The inclination of the graduates to take themselves and the world seriously is a hopeful sign of success. More than ever before success in life depends on the possession of a trained mind qualified to intelligently direct effort.

System is the ruling element in all lines of commercial or industrial activity, and the graduate of today is grounded in system above all things.

The thinker is the dominating factor of life, in all its ramifications. The advantage of a well-rounded educational training is that its possessor may adjust the practical to the sentimental, and be better enabled to derive from life its highest and best pleasures.

The world welcomes the graduate as an added asset, and will give to each an opportunity in the race for which preparation has been made.

Homely Humor. American humor manifests itself in innumerable ways, not the least original one being a recent competition in Bloomfield, N. J., as to the honor of being "the homeliest man."

Several citizens entered the contest; the leader in the voting declared that he was ready to disfigure himself if it would add him to win the prize.

It will be remembered that President Lincoln told a story to the effect that one of his neighbors was so homely that he decided that it was his duty to shoot any one he met who was homelier than himself.

On seeing the president he informed him of his resolve and said that, as a homelier man, Lincoln must die. "All right," said Mr. Lincoln, looking at his rival, "if I am homelier than you, then shoot!"—The Outlook.

To this, let us contribute the characteristic anecdote which the late G. M. Lambertson used to perpetrate on himself by way of an after-dinner oratory introduction. "Nebraska has three homeliest men," he would say. "Dag Nettleton is one of them and I am the other two."

Unlike their warring neighbors, Roumania and Bulgaria do not gloss over their military motives. With rare simplicity they admit that territorial loot is the goal of their ambition.

While others pretend to "fight the battles of civilization," the Balkan scoundrels coolly announce that they are "out for spoils." This is candor with the bark on.

War orders on the books of the Bethlehem steel plant total close to \$150,000,000. Thirty thousand men are employed in the mills. The figures are impressive, but they are insignificant as an offset to the actual losses this country has already sustained because of the war.

Sunshine and cheer stimulate the bears, rains, floods and calamity draw snorts of joy from the bulls. An unfailing sign of weather the grain pit zoo deserves a place beside the goosebone collection of the weather bureau.

Greater Omaha

Lincoln Journal (Bix): When it came to the test South Omaha voted two to one in favor of annexation. To a man up a tree it looks the sensible thing to do. It means a great deal from an economic standpoint.

Now, since according to the law, Two lovely cities are but one. Success to Greater Omaha. Which is when all is said and done.

A city splendidly endowed, Set on a hill where all can see, Of which Nebraska is as proud As anybody ought to be.

Fremont Tribune: The voting of the people of Omaha and those of its suburbs on the question of annexation was purely a perfunctory performance.

The verdict would be in favor of merging was a foregone conclusion. Omaha has grown to such proportions that its own vote, almost unanimously favorable to the larger project, settled the question before it was formally submitted.

So rapid has been Omaha's growth during recent years that it was growing around the suburbs and they stood in the way of its reaching its predestined proportions.

Thus self interest, growing out of necessity, indicated one path of action for it. That path was taken at the election of Tuesday. As a result Omaha is given a large population and thus will enjoy added prestige in the matter of comparison to other cities.

During the last year, despite the general business apathy of the country, Omaha has made the most substantial growth it ever made in its history.

More sky scrapers have been built and planned than ever before. Mainly Omaha must depend upon Nebraska for its progress and growth in material greatness, though its field and opportunities are much more widely extended than that, and by that taken all Nebraska favorably regards Omaha's splendid strides forward.

Tekamah Herald: The consolidation of Omaha was easily nearly 10,000 majority. Some of the members of the last legislature who fought the measure were in mighty small business. The defeat of the municipal electric lighting bill for Omaha, will some day rise and condemn those who were responsible for the perjury. The rule of big business is in bad repute in Nebraska.

O'Neill Frontier: Nebraska has a city of 155,000 population, Greater Omaha. At the special election Omaha, South Omaha and Dundee were consolidated by a vote of about seven to one.

Omaha and South Omaha gave a majority for consolidation, while aristocratic Dundee voted against it.

Hastings Tribune: If all moves serenely Omaha and South Omaha will be united in holy bonds of wedlock within the next twenty days. That ought to make Kansas City sit up and take notice.

Polk Progress: The great city of Omaha has adopted South Omaha and Dundee which will put Omaha in a class of cities hard to beat for business.

Aurora Sun: The Greater Omaha election held Tuesday resulted in an overwhelming vote favoring annexation. Dundee being the only suburb showing a majority against uniting with the big city.

South Omaha took to the proposition like a baby reaching for the milk bottle. The vote on the question shows a majority for the proposition of about seven to one, thus assuring the "Greater Omaha."

Grand Island Independent: Omaha, South Omaha and Dundee are one. The vote in Omaha was nearly twenty to one for the merger, and that of South Omaha about two to one. The suburb of Dundee voted 20 for and 301 against, but on account of the consolidation feature of the election, it is annexed and absorbed against its will.

Undoubtedly Dundee will go down kicking, but will go down. The movement ought certainly to result in material economies and governmental efficiency. Incidentally South Omaha is no longer the question mark in Grand Island's third city claims. The national census enumeration in connection with this merger election settles any question.

Twice Told Tales

Time Didn't Matter. A prominent lawyer tells this tale of the hills of Kentucky. He had been in Jackson county during the hearing of a big land case, and after the strain of several weeks in the court room decided to take a trip up in the mountains and enjoy the quieting influence of the hills.

He traveled the path and narrow mountain roads till he found himself at the end of several day's journey about forty or fifty miles from the railroad. It was about noon, the lawyer judged, for his watch had run down and he could not be exact. But in the midst of this deep contemplation the lawyer came upon an old darkey sitting upon a boulder alongside the road.

"What time have you?" he asked of the old darkey. "Well, sah, boss, the old Waterberry says she's about ten minutes to 12," was the reply.

"Is that sun time or railroad time?" again questioned the lawyer. "What difference does that make? One am about as far from here as the other."—Louisville Times.

A Pertinent Question. A politician who was seeking the votes of a certain community in Ohio to the end that he might be sent to congress thought it worth while to make mention of his humble origin and early struggles.

"I got my start in life by serving in a grocery at 14 a week, and yet I managed to save," he announced. Whereupon a voice from the audience queried: "Was that before the invention of cash registers?"—New York Times.

People and Events

Captain Diamond of Brooklyn, alleged inventor of the "turkey trot," is 75. Respect for gray hairs is his chief defender.

The huge circular court house which New York plans to start work on this year will involve an outlay of \$25,000,000 for building and site. Comptroller Frederick protest against the project on the ground of economy.

A bunch of students of the University of Illinois pulled off a "bonnie leg party" at which "Tippencary" and yet I managed to save." The combination jarred the musical sensibilities of the neighborhood and the police of Champaign kidnaped the roysterers.

The shindy cost 'em on the grand opera rate of \$1 each. Those who defy the value of the "old spelling school" as a factor in business should study the career of a Chicago man who drew a twelve-year penitentiary sentence through a bad spell. He did a fourishing business in bogus claims against insurance companies, but repeated spells of "sensitive" led to his undoing.

Joyriding autists precipitated two funerals in Philadelphia on Sunday, and the killers escaped without leaving a clue. Chicago's score on the same day was four dead and eighteen injured. The most pathetic tragedy of the double holiday occurred in Chicago Monday. A weeping father, while on the way to a doctor for a certificate for the burial of his child, was run down and killed, and he was buried with his child. The ancient juggernaut has nothing on its modern prototype.

One of many pathetic incidents of the Lusitania disaster concerns members of the Great choir of Brooklyn who were passengers on the doomed ship. Three male members rescued by means of a floating raft sent over the wreckage the stirring notes of "Tippencary," heartening many in the struggle for life. Besides the singers helped several persons to a makeshift raft. When all was done that could be done, over the watery grave rang the requiem, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

The Bee's Letter Box

Wants Public Library Open Longer. OMAHA, June 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: Why is Omaha's public library closed all day on Sundays and at 5 o'clock in the evening week days? Why is not the Omaha public library kept open until 10 o'clock in the evening during the week and at least in the afternoons on Sunday, as is done in Kansas City, Chicago, Denver, New York City and dozens of other places during the winter months? Why do the people of Omaha put up with such outrageous imposition on their rights? Is it the library for the accommodation of a few tramps and strangers who have plenty of time, or was it built by the taxpayers for the benefit of business, professional men, mechanics and all kinds of men and women who are employed during the hours the public library is now kept open? What good is reference room costing thousands of dollars to business and professional men and merchants if it is to be closed at 5 p. m.

How many thousands of people can come to the library much earlier than 7:30 p. m. Shall the thousands of taxpayers who built the library and pay the present superintendent his fat salary, be outrageously discriminated to make the work "load" and more convenient for him and three or four petty employees. The superintendent is very good to himself, where does he get his authority? Let's hear the views of others at once. T. S. J.

Here's a Weather Prophet. NORTH LOUF, Neb., June 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: A great number of people are getting tired of the wet weather. We are not through it yet. The people should prepare for exceptional weather conditions from June 15 to 25. Within that period we may expect heavy rain with intermittent hail storms, throughout the Missouri-Mississippi valleys. These, of course, will be accompanied with heavy wind and tornadoes in various places. It will be noticed in such periods that the sun will be intensely hot, and when cloudy the air will be cool. People who are in the habit of carrying insurance should not forget the warnings, because you will hear of plenty of destruction at that time, and you may feel it. Railway companies may also expect damage and should prepare to protect the public from wrecks by washouts. You may ask why I make these statements—to give you that much for nothing. Keep your eyes open to the weather from June 15 to 30 July and August may be short on rain. We will not have settled weather through June, 1915. WALTER JOHNSON.

Tips On Home Topics. Boston Transcript: The shortage of ammunition in Russia must be making the poor fellows at the front regret all those bombs they used to waste so lavishly on the czar.

Detroit Free Press: Now that Thomas Edison has invented a device to record telephone conversations he could confer a still greater favor on suffering humanity by getting up something that will shorten most of 'em.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The University of California has as its guest the "last cave man," who is said to be the most uncivilized human being in the world. At the same time, he appears to be a very peaceable person, without any desire to kill his fellowmen.

Houston Post: Mr. Bryan told the Washington Board of Trade: "I believe the United States can secure its safety better by making friends who love it than by making other nations fear it; half the money we spend in battleships could better be spent in educating young men of other nations in our schools." There are times when we are almost convinced that Mr. Bryan ought to accept a call to a Presbyterian pastorate.

Philadelphia Record: A protracted period of dullness in trade is very hard on business enterprises whose capital is limited. They can hold out for a while, but not give way under continued pressure, and failures are apt to be numerous even when the general condition of trade is improving. Dun & Co. report that insolvencies have been decreasing since the first of the year, and the figures for May were much lower than those of previous months this year.

New York Post: Jest: about the ice-man would lose their point if ice companies generally gave directions such as one company in western town is candid enough to advertise. "Be courteous. Remember, every iceman is supposed to be a thief until he has proved his honesty." Another human touch is no less promising. This consists in the advice to the iceman that, when he has happened to cut the piece a little short, he should give the customer, "and then bring a toll the customer, and draw her at larger piece next time. Here we have at last the recognition of human relations in business which the social reformers have long been preaching to us.

Editorial Shrapnel. Cleveland Plain Dealer: Perhaps we couldn't show our friendship to any better advantage than by loaning Bolivia the million or two which she wants. It might be well to add that we are not using the editorial "we."

St. Louis Globe Democrat: Flareback is a term that originated in the navy; a proposed order is to take the flare out of sailors' trousers; and it may be necessary to wait for a change of administration to get the traditional flare back. Uh-h, that was some effort, but we put it better.

Baltimore American: In a recent supreme court decision in New York concerning moving pictures charged with being offensive to German-Americans the hyphen received a rebuke, the court holding that the name of American is good enough for all classes of citizens, and all classes agree with him.

Springfield Republican: It is rather unfair to taunt Secretary Bryan with having been ignored by the president in writing the Lusitania note to Germany. The president wrote the note himself for the same reason that Abraham Lincoln wrote the emancipation proclamation, and Mr. Cleveland wrote the Venezuelan message, and President Harrison wrote the note to Chili demanding an apology for the attack on American sailors in Valparaiso, and President Roosevelt wrote a half-dozen papers of importance on a variety of subjects.

LAUGHING GAS.

Young Wife—There is a ray of hope that my husband will throw some light on the state of his pocket. Wise Mother—I wish for your sake it may be an X-ray.—Baltimore American.

"What's on the carpet today, my dear?" asked Mr. Wombat, who is flowery of speech. "More mud that Johnny has tracked in, I s'pose," responded Mrs. Wombat.—Judge.

The granite rocks disorganize To feed the hanging moss they bear; The leaves drink daily life, From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall, The flowers may fade and pass away; They only wait through wintry hours The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread, He bears our best-loved things away; And then he calls them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate; He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers; Transported into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones Make glad these scenes of sin and strife, Sings now an everlasting song Amid the tree of life.

And when he sees a smile too bright, Or heart too pure for taint and vice, He bears it to that world of light, To dwell in paradise.

Born unto that undying life, They leave us but to come again; With joy we welcome them—the same Except in sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe Is life—there are no dead!

THERE IS NO DEATH.

Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton. There is no death! The stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore; And bright in heaven's jeweled crown, They shine forever more.

There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change beneath the summer showers To golden grain, or mellow fruit, Or rainbow-tinted bowers.

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KABIBBLE KABARET. IS AN ORDINARY DAY, IT'S REALLY NOTHING DOING UNLESS IT HELPS AN ACCIDENT WITH A CHANCE FOR MADE SAVING! FRESHFIELD.

Two Different Effects. The quality of food is very largely determined by the ingredients in the baking powder with which it is made. Cream of tartar baking powders, such as Royal, add only healthful qualities to the food. The cream of tartar of Royal Baking Powder as used in food has the same wholesome effect on the digestive system as the cream of tartar in grapes, from which it is derived. In like manner it is in evidence that the unwholesome effects of alum, which is a mineral acid salt, exist in food made with alum baking powder. There is a clause on baking powder labels which names all the ingredients. Read it and let it guide you. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. New York.

They always come back for MOORE.

The Chicago Great Western Has the Direct Route to the Chicago Automobile Speedway. Use the Great Western Limited, breakfast on the train, get off at Maywood station at 8:35 A. M., three-quarters of a mile from the main entrance to Speedway Park—a new course and Fast it in the World. You arrive just in time to get comfortably settled and to witness the "warming up" of the contestants before the main events. Great Western Limited. Lv. Omaha 5:00 P. M. Ar. Maywood (Speedway Park) 8:35 A. M. Ar. Chicago 9:05 A. M. Make your reservations early, so plenty of sleepers may be provided. June 19 Is the Big Day. Your telephone is handy—Call Douglas 260. F. F. BONORDEN, C. P. & T. A., 1522 Farnam Street, Omaha. Phone Douglas 260. Chicago Great Western.