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Thought for the Day.
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"Be most kind, who most enjoys, most loves and most forgives."

Yes, but how long now till those federal patronage plums begin to fall?

King Ak-Sar-Ben may now consider himself an honorary member of the T. P. A's.

Here's more "safety first" advice: Be careful about admitting strangers to your house.

New York millionaires who want to play "cowboy" in Omaha should bring their guardians with them.

Omaha sympathizes with Chicago in its street car strike, and our sympathy is born of sad experience.

If the Atlantic Constitution editor is not careful, Mr. Bryan will have him indicted for a conspiracy of silence.

All Missourians are invited to the wedding of Speaker Clark's daughter. Only the others will have to show cards.

According to our new Italian contemporary, "A sole sedici miglia dall'agognata Trieste." We heartily agree with this.

Remember, Mr. T. P. A., you have each and every one of you taken a solemn oath to be a booster for Omaha from now on and forever after.

With the head mogul of the weather bureau "in our midst," no wonder we are being served with the perfect brand. Stop off in Omaha as long as you like, Prof. Marvin.

Let the courts shut down on the divorce mill during the month of June. We submit that it is against public policy to hold up so many deterrent examples in front of the busiest month in the matrimonial market.

In the face of fallen flour prices, bakers justify the continued shrinkage of the bread loaf by saying the consumer must pay for "ripening" flour bought at higher prices. Oh, what a joke! And they get away with it.

Team work spells economy and efficiency. The promise of co-operation between city and water officials in the interest of better paving repairs points the way for unity of action in other public concerns. Pulling together will plug many leaks.

It is calculated that the lack of summer attractions abroad will keep \$200,000,000 rolling at home this year. While sympathy will continue to flow w/resslessly to the oppressed of the old world, the new world will proceed with the joys of life and keep rust off the coin.

Repetition of reports of women taking up the burdens of labor laid down by men sent to battle-fronts are scarcely necessary to emphasize the domestic tragedies of war. There's is not alone the burden and anxieties of the passing days, but to many the future is full of sorrow and loneliness.

Thirteen Years Ago. This Day in Omaha.

A Board of Education committee is making a report on manual training, recommending, among other things, that manual training be made part of the high school course for boys.

The old Buckingham theater was dedicated to a new purpose, namely, the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which has taken it over. It was first known as the St. Elmo, and to get away from its touchy reputation changed its name to Theater Conclave, and afterwards to the Buckingham.

Mrs. Strickland and her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Harpurs, are back from a visit to friends in Aurora, Neb.

Phil Andrea and Paul Weinagen and wife have gone to Newark, N. J., to attend the national Turn-out. Mrs. Weinagen will spend the summer with friends in Boston.

Charles Gratton and Will Campbell, who have been engaged in survey work between this city and Cheyenne, have returned.

A. M. Swan, the Cheyenne live stock king, is in Omaha and in his interview expressed great confidence in the coming stock market here.

J. E. Marfel has gone on a fishing expedition to Wisconsin.

Confounding Confusion.

When the present world war was commenced it seemed as if it might be accounted for on apparently simple grounds. The situation of the German people was ascribed as the main cause, but the underlying reasons had such ramifications as set students of world politics scurrying into the byways of history to provide justification or explanation for the action of the nations engaged. As the strife has progressed and one after another of the nations has been caught up in the swirl of events, the occasions for belligerency have broadened, till now almost, if not quite, the entire political and economic life of the world must be analyzed and sifted to bring forth the roots of all the antagonisms that are involved.

If the election in Greece should be followed by the appearance of the Hellenes on the scene under arms, and the Rumanians follow, as has been intimated they may, the entire scope of history from the Himalayas to the Atlantic will have been brought under review. It is a waste of time to consider the modern situation of these countries without following back along the direct path of their history, and as events overlap, the confusion into which the interests of the several peoples naturally proceeds is worse confounded by their present-day aspirations. Particularly does this apply to the Balkan countries, where, in modern times at least, has perpetually existed a paradox of politics that is all but beyond comprehension.

With Greece, Rumania and Serbia ranged on the side of the Allies, Bulgaria's possibility of service to the Teutons would seem to be slight, and the end to Ferdinand's dream of empire fixed for the present. All of this means that the main task of the council at which the terms of peace are finally fixed will be light as compared with the side issues that are to be adjusted.

Evolution of the Drummer.

Nothing is more expressively illustrative of the growth and development of business methods in America than the evolution of the drummer of yesterday into the traveling salesman of today. It has not been by sharp divergence that the change has been brought about, but by such natural, easy steps that the gradation at times is almost imperceptible, but the difference is so marked that the two are alike only in the fact that they carry samples and sell goods.

Less than a generation ago M. B. Curtiss won much fame and some money by his presentation of "Sam'l of Posen," then accepted as an almost photographic reproduction of the drummer of his day. One can find that type only in the museums now, where he has a place alongside the bagmen Dickens immortalized. In those days the drummer told stories that would have made Boccaccio blush; he was a convivial roysterer and his expense accounts frequently covered mysteries as deep as the secret of the Sphinx. He made his towns and took his orders under conditions of life that sometimes were atrocious enough to warrant his wildest excesses in bibulous or other indulgence. What he didn't know of unclean beds, of unwholesome food, of cinex lectularis, or mus domestica, of unreliable time tables, and similar annoyances no modern explorer will ever discover.

But with the progress of civilization the traveling salesman has evolved in the natural order of events. He is still a good fellow, but he is first of all a business man, keen, wide-awake, an eager and trained soldier in the battle of commerce, the equal in every respect of the customer he solicits. His self-respect has increased accordingly, and with it has come a corresponding advance in the regard of the world. His share in the business of the world is large and is worthily borne, just because he has been able not only to keep step with progress, but actually to show the way to better business methods.

The Flag and American History.

President Wilson's brief Flag day address was full of substance, with an appeal to the intelligent, directed, reasoning minds of the people, rather than to that quality of patriotism which is easily stirred by the mere sound of eloquence, and as readily subsides when the stimulus is past. One of his utterances is especially impressive, explaining the symbolism of the flag. He said: "For me the flag does not express a mere body of sentiments. It is the embodiment, not of a sentiment, but of a history, and no man can rightly sever under that flag who has not caught some of the meaning of that history."

This thought should be taken home by every citizen, and its full meaning should be made clear to the boys and girls in our public schools. It is idle to talk of teaching citizenship unless the lesson carries with it in substance as well as in form sufficient of knowledge to establish something of understanding of the sequence of events and the logic of their application as shaping the destiny of this nation. What is the benefit of teaching military exercises in any form as an adjunct to citizenship, or for any purpose, unless the pupil knows enough of the history of his country to understand its principles and purposes?

The men who made American history are worthy the acquaintance of every citizen, young or old. Patriotism is a natural sentiment, but reverence for the flag, as a symbol of all the country is and hopes to be, should rest on a deeper and more solid foundation than sentiment.

The new dreadnought Arisons, when completed, will represent an outlay of \$16,000,000. A modern floating fortress, mighty in range and resisting power, yet a submarine costing a hundredth part of the sum could send the Arizona to the bottom without seriously imperiling itself.

Governor Morehead is about to make his appointments of supreme court commissioners. What for? The court term ends within a month and does not resume till September. Why burden the payroll with commissioners who have nothing to do?

The idea of a federal law to back up price fixing is a mighty attractive one for the seller of goods. Where the ultimate consumer comes in also is relieved of uncertainty. The U. C. comes in on the ground floor for the shake-down.

Nebraska Press on Bryan

Columbus Telegram: To those who believed Bryan should have smothered his own peace principles, let us now suggest that those principles had been made the principles of the nation by the fact that during the last two years Bryan had signed arbitration treaties with thirty of the nations of the world. In these treaties the doctrine was proclaimed that one nation should not deliver an ultimatum to the other until after any differences arising between them should have been submitted to arbitration. Let us remember that the entire cabinet had endorsed the principle and that these thirty peace treaties, and they have been approved by the American senate, thus making the principle involved the settled policy of our nation in dealing with other governments. How could Bryan repudiate the very principle of all those treaties without branding himself as devoid of principle as a Talliand or a Mettarnich?

Hebron Register: Regarding the resignation of Secretary Bryan, we believe he has done the right thing and which will be shown later on. Mr. Bryan always had the faculty of seeing things before other people, and it is certain that he can be of more service to the public as a private citizen, free to use his influence to mould public sentiment against war than he could have done to retain his position.

Creighton Liberal: It is a great sacrifice of position that Mr. Bryan is making. Bryan will make \$20,000 a year more money in private life and he will exercise ten times the influence on legislation, as his own hands have been tied for two years.

Fairbury News: It was inevitable. Everyone familiar with Mr. Bryan knew it was morally certain to come. All through his long political career the one dominant trait of his character has been his pugnaciousness, abnormally developed, and his unwillingness under any circumstances to serve in any subordinate capacity. As a "peace" advocate he is about the "scrappiest" proposition that ever found political preferment.

Ord Quis: The resignation was always imminent. Bryan is a player to the grand stand. He also has his lightning rod up for something to strike him. It is no doubt true that he has been watching for months for an opportunity to resign in a manner to make himself a hero. No better opportunity being in sight he seized upon the president's note as the most promising thing. Having resigned, he will now be a candidate for the United States senate, or possibly for the presidency.

Greely Citizen: As to Bryan's course, though it lays him open to the charge of cowardice, it is the best way out. Should it develop, as at present it looks probable, that a firm stand by this government will hasten peace, then, certainly, it will also develop that Bryan's judgment was at fault and his loss to the government not great.

Pender Times: It is to be hoped that the resignation of the secretary of state does not mean a division in the forces of the progressive democracy. It would be a calamity to the party and the country at this time. It is very probable that these two great men will continue to guide the destinies of the democratic party—one at the helm and the other in private life—where the latter has always been so influential and powerful.

Nebraska City Press: Mr. Bryan has not only quit the service of his country at a most critical time, an act which no end of smiling on German-Americans and flirting with the Billy Sunday crowd can overcome, but he has shown himself to be a most inconsistent statesman all around. "Stand by the president," said Mr. Bryan not a great while ago. And he is the first man to sit down.

Seward Tribune: If Bryan could not tolerate the thoughts of war, why did he not tender his resignation when American troops stormed Vera Cruz? The time was not then ripe for Bryan to pull off his four-flush stunt. He stood by the president in Mexico all right. There are no Mexicans in Nebraska to cater to, savvy?

Minden News: Whatever effect Mr. Bryan's resignation may have on our foreign relations or the political situation at home (matters on which it is too early to even guess intelligently), his action in its last analysis, proves what many people suggested when he first entered the cabinet: That Mr. Bryan is temperamentally unable to long co-operate with any leader; his own views must be accorded the dominant place or there is friction and a rupture of working relations.

Norfolk News: Mr. Bryan is temperamentally unfit for a position which requires co-operation with others in the solution of practical problems of statecraft. He is an idealist who, when he has taken a stand, refuses to compromise his ideals, even in the face of necessity. This made it certain that whenever a difference of opinion arose between Mr. Bryan and the president on a question of principle, a break would be bound to come.

Tekamah Journal: What the resignation portends for the success of the administration from a political point of view and the situation in Nebraska, it would be hard to indicate. Of one thing we are confident, and that is that Mr. Bryan has made a serious mistake if he feels that the people of America will not be behind the president in his firm move in reference to Germany and a demand for an observance on the part of that nation of the ordinary rules of international law when it comes to dealing with American property or American lives.

Wayne Herald: The resignation of W. J. Bryan as secretary of state on account of disagreement with the president over the character of the note sent to Germany is likely to create an impression abroad that the chief executive in a crisis is not having the solid support of his countrymen. Whether he agreed with the president or not, we believe he would have stood high in popular estimation if he had stuck to the ship of state until it had been safely anchored in tranquil waters.

Auburn Herald: That Mr. Bryan did not agree with the president with reference to the policy that has been pursued and is being pursued is to the discredit of neither.

Twice Told Tales

Ambition. R BOWEN was having dinner with the Bellis and the 7-year-old son of the family was present. "And what are you going to be when you grow up, young man?" asked Mr. Bowen of the little boy. "Well," replied the boy, thoughtfully, "after I've been a minister to please mother, and a judge to please father, I'm goin' to be a policeman."—New York Times.

Talked Too Much. A moon bugged-up son of Ham shuffled discontentedly into a Louisiana levee camp, after a short leave to go to New Orleans for the returns on the Willard-Johnson fight. "What's the matter, Zack?" asked his boss. "Dag yuh git in a rough-house?"

"It was jes' lik dis," explained Zack finally. "I was wacthin' dem fellahs givin' out dem dere newses, an' en de fuz' pah't ob de fight I recoonse I jes' sakt 'a' ovehaphos nussin'."—Everybody's Magazine.

For Good Cause. A man allowed himself to get very much excited about a letter he had written to the editor of a newspaper. He told a friend that he intended to tick the editor.

"Why?" "Well, the other day I sent him a letter on public affairs, which I signed 'Honester'." "Didn't he print it?" "Sure, he printed it. But what did he do but add 'r' to the signature!"—Manchester Union.



Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

A Sonnet for T. P. A's. OMAHA, June 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: While our T. P. A. guests are still with us, I want to voice the universal expression I hear complimentary to the visitors. I watched the parade and, with those standing about me, noted the fine and intelligent appearance of the men in line, and the same remarks were heard at the Den. I believe all will agree that these commercial travelers step up in appearance and behavior far above the average of the convention delegates we have entertained from time to time in Omaha and that in saying a great deal. It is this sort of a gathering that makes us feel it worth while going after these national conventions.

Let Jitney Answer Chicago's Call. OMAHA, June 15.—To Editor of The Bee: Here is a solution for the Jitney problem confronting Omaha. We do not need them half as badly as do the people in Chicago just now. Let the street railway arrange to have them shipped to Chicago, and everybody make money out of the deal. M. N.

Saving Time and Adding Efficiency. TILDEN, Neb., June 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: The demands of the day are time and efficiency, and especially in newspaper scanning, much time would be saved as well as eyesight, if several additional letter combinations would be used. German typography uses the lz, st, at, ch, sh, ff and ck. True, we have used the ff and ff, but the modern composing machine has not yet adopted them. The oft recurring combinations are ing, ed, el, th and et. The ing can be made by dotting the stem of the n, for the l, and cutting off the lower tail of the n, just below the turn and placing under it, and writing the n, the g, which would leave all three letters clearly discernible, in order and in the space of one. Final ad may be made by placing the stem of the d to the right of the e, or it would be d, with the horizontal bar across the d oval to indicate the e. The combination et, has been used by connecting the dot of the e with the top of the t, but bring them closely together, the t, touching the e, connected with the loop. The subvocal th, as in the them, that, etc. (not as in thin), as in the them, adding the t, horizontal bar to the h, and give the h, stem the t, turn to the right at the base, (this one will save miles of space). When used as a capital, the h, arch and finishing line to be added to the capital T. This would be the only capital combination needed, but very useful. Also, at, would be very serviceable, by bringing the t, close to the x, and continuing the upper end of the x, to continue through the t, stem for the horizontal bar, and let the lower t, right turn unite with the s, left turn, each turning to finish its mission.

Editorial Siftings

New York Post: Base suspicion seems to have invaded the cabinet. Secretary McAdoo offered his Latin-American trusts the choice of what was ostensibly punch and orangeade, but Secretary Bryan drank ice water.

Philadelphia Record: In the London report that the facts disclosed by the American Embassy's investigation of the Nebraska affair "have brought the United States nearer to war with Germany," the wish is too palpably father to the thought. This country is not going to be rushed into war, as Italy was, by appeals to the mob spirit.

Philadelphia Record: With Australia sending 100,000 men to the European war, and Canada preparing to put 150,000 in the field, Great Britain has great cause to be proud of its colonies and duty grateful to them. When the hostilities are over a more closely-knit form of government, in which the colonies will be given a voice in the imperial Parliament, would seem to be the logical consequence of the present condition of affairs.

Chicago Herald: In view of the public and official assertions of Minister Delbruck as to the amplitude of German food supplies, now reiterated by Minister von Jagow, Americans can no longer accept "the starving women and children of Germany" as an excuse for the massacre of neutrals. The injury of the British blockade to Germany is plainly not in making a shortage of foodstuffs, but only in effecting a stoppage of gun-stuffs.

St. Louis Republic: Rumania approaches war against Austria for reasons very similar to those guiding Italy. The cases differ only in degree. There are more Rumanians in Magyar-ruled Hungary than there are Italians in Italy's "lost provinces." Rumania lands north of the Transylvanian Alps are greater in extent than the Adriatic shores that drew Italy into the maelstrom. One needs but to read the speeches of the few Rumanian members of the Austrian Parliament to realize the persecution, the violence, the utter terrorism under which the Rumanians resident in the dual empire have lived for generations.

Springfield Republican: A diplomatic puzzle is offered by the return to Rome of the counsellor of the German embassy. While Germany and Italy are not yet at war, the departure of Prince von Bulow, coupled with certain remarks credited to the Kaiser, had made war seem imminent. What is the significance of this new turn? Some have conjectured that Germany will concentrate its forces against Russia and let Austria defend herself. This theory has for support the remarks made by von Bulow in leaving, to the effect that Austria was to blame. Some have gone so far as to suggest a put-up job by which Italy was to be allowed to help itself to provinces which the Austrian emperor could not surrender without a revolution.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Wife (sentimental)—Ehbert, what would you do if I were to die? Ehbert (ditto)—I should go mad, my dear. Wife—Would you marry again? Ehbert—Well, I don't think I should go as mad as that.—Sydney Bulletin.

"I give my wife half my salary every week to spend on the housekeeping and herself." "And what do you do with the other half of your salary?" "Oh, my wife, borrows that."—Houston Post.

HE TRAVELS AROUND ON OUR EXPENSE, THE ROSENWASSER CONCERN OUR BUSINESS IS, JUST LADIES WEAR! BUT THAT'S NO TROUBLE, WE LEARN!

On the last day of school prizes were distributed at Peter's school. When the little boy returned home the mother was entertaining callers. "Well, Peter," asked one of the callers, "did you get a prize?" "No," replied Peter, "but I got horrible mention."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A REFORMER.

Philander Johnson in Washington Staff Bill Jenkins used to tell an' think fud all he was worth. His purpose bein' to get out an' elevate the earth. He wanted reformation an' he wanted it fur fair. An' he made his fellow-man the object of his special care. If his fellow-man was hungry Bill could show him how the fact was due to some bad habit or some ill-considered act. He was shocked beyond expression at the faults that he could find. But willing to be shocked some more, to uplift human kind.

He drew comparisons 'twixt folks that didn't get along. An' those who like himself seemed rather confident an' strong. He felt a bit superior an' the folks' kind o' grew. That he hadn't no bad habits—leastways only one or two. Yet his schemes for reformation on a strictly wholesome plan. They didn't seem of value to his self-estimated fellow-man. He sometimes gave expression to opinions almost rude. To what he would refer to as 'the world's ingratitude.'

He took the failure to accept his good advice to heart. The folks admitted that his talk was mighty fine an' smart. He didn't understand the ways of honest, kindly care. Great wisdom ain't uncommon, but true sympathy is rare. He stopped an' thought it over an' his public best fast an' warm. As he said, "I wouldn't wonder if it's me that needs reform." This world would surely hit a pace that's generous an' good. If every one reformed hiself an' done the best he could.



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