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### Thought for the Day

Selected by Annie I. Gillis The longer on this earth we Nve,

And weigh the qualities of men, The more we feel the high stern featured beauty, Of plain devotedness to duty. Steadfast and still, nor paid with mortal praise, But finding amplest recompense For life's ungarlanded expense In work done squarely and unwasted days.

-J. R. Lowell.

"Safety first" is not for the day after an accident, but for every day in the year,

At this distance, it looks as if the late president of Haiti showed very poor judgment.

Another Greater Omaha merger question: Is it going to make phone talk cheaper or dearer?

The Federal Trade commission, in seeking a superior brand of business, will learn something to its advantage by consulting King Ak-Sar-Ben.

Of course, if there is no hole in the Dundee treasury, there is no shortage to make good. But if there "never was no hole, no-how," why

In the matter of expositions, California's experience is again demonstrating the exception to the usual rule, namely, that one would be better than two.

The democratic occupants of the state house at Lincoln have run up a water bill of \$180 for three months. My! What would have happened had Nebraska gone dry?

The demand of London women for more jobs in the nation's munition factories where 50,000 women are already employed, indicates a determined purpose to run the whole works.

No one has yet explained why the school board financiers insist on a \$25,000 tax for their building fund, already amply provided for with the proceeds of a million-dollar bond issue.

With all of these free lectures on household sconomy, the Omaha housewife will have a hard time finding an excuse for not having a model home—that is, if being told how is the only prerequisite.

The Orduna incident cannot be regarded seriously without impeaching German marksmanchip, hitherto unsurpassed. Most likely the subsea commander sought to throw a scare, not shells, into the steamship.

The rivalry between the Lincoln Highway and the O. L. D. route should be a rivalry to make and maintain a better roadway for auto tourists. Any rivalry of the one to knock on the other should be tabooed.

Though it cost Douglas county something over \$21,000 to make its tax assessment, the pro rata is probably lowest of all, for this asseasment serves not only for state and county, but also for city, school district and water district, and if the latter were charged with their share of the expense, the comparison with other counties in the state would doubtless be greatly in our favor.



During the day the heat was almost intolerable thermometers going up as high as 103 degrees, with two cases of sunstroke reported. About 9 o'clock in the evening, however, a real cold wave set in restoring atmospheric comfort.

The latest round over the L. L. Smith stock of dry goods left the property in the custody of United States Marshal Blerbower.

The Omaha Gun club's semi-annual shoot at Athletin park was won by Parmaice, the conditions being eighteen yards single rise, twenty Peoria blackbirds. Others taking part were Hughes, Strassberger, Potter, May and Lane. Louis Hibben now sports proudly the title of

father" because of the appearance of a bouncing haby boy. Mrs. Dr. Carter and her children have returned frem a two months' visit in Ottumwa,

Mrs. C. H. Dewey and Miss Belle Dewey have gone to Idaho to spend a few weeks. County Clerk Leavitt has appointed W. H. Moran

as his deputy. Work has commenced on excavating Howard street to make way for paving with Colorado stndFighting from the Coal Mines.

David Lloyd George has just confirmed another dream of the socialists, by his statements that the war is being carried on in the coal mines. Every activity of the army gets back to coal, says the munition minister, talking to a congress of miners, called for the purpose of stimulating, if possible, activity in the collieries. As long as six years ago, the miners of Great Britain, in their union meetings, proposed that all miners in the world join in refusing to furnish coal for warships, in event of one nation declaring war on another. They had foreseen what Lloyd George now elaborates upon, that without coal a war would be impossible. The socialists, with their propaganda of peace, seized upon the suggestion of the British coal miners, and it was urged that the plan of action be adopted in all countries. When the test came, however, it found the weakness in the "brotherhood of man," and the workers, who had held in their hands the fate of the armies, found themselves in the mines digging coal, that the machinery of war might be run at full blast. Lloyd George, appealing to his Weish brethren, knows how to touch their pride and secure a full output of fuel.

### Closing Another Chapter.

The execution of Charles Becker, former police lieutenant of New York City, will terminate another chapter in the yet unfinished fight to give that city responsible government. The story of the crime for which Becker was convicted reads more like the fanciful creation of a cheap novelist than the sober relation of facts, but its astonishing details were fully established in court. No episode in the annals of the "wild and woolly west" approaches the murder of Herman Rosenthal, which was but one of a series of offenses that culminated in this

The fight that was made in behalf of Recker was one of remarkable pertinacity. Twice he faced a jury, and each time was convicted, and after the second trial he and his counsel exhausted every known means of appeal. Judges sitting in review on the case confirmed the verdict of the jury, and the governor of the state could find no point to justify interposition of his clemency against the decisions of the courts. That such a record has been made is in favor of the justice of the verdicts of guilty, twice pronounced by trial juries.

In this case is found something of proof that ultimately the law will triumph against the offender, no matter how powerful he may be, nor how well entrenched behind defenses of his own making. Sooner or later some strong man will rise up, and, in the name of the people, lead a fight for order and good government and prevail. New York City is not yet free from the forces of disorder, but the reign of the "gun man" has received a severe check in the fate of Becker and his associates.

### An Overlooked Claimant.

The commission that selected Nebraska's most distinguished citizen plainly made an awful mistake. Here's a Fremont man who has worked out the only true explanation of our wet summer, which he unselfishly gives to the public without price or hope of reward. To quote his own language:

I understand that our atmosphere that moves round the circle with the earth is only a mile and a es up from the earth's surface does not move with the movement of the earth. Now those tremendous guns in service in the European war disturb the atmosphere for a distance of twenty or thirty miles upward from the earth. I calculate that it may take some hours for this disturbance to bring a condition that occasions precipitation, and by the time the latter begins the earth has turned around on its axis just enough as to bring us under the point of original disturbance.

Now, we submit that a man possessing such high scientific attainments, and endowed with the brain that enables him to make this wonderful discovery first, has claims far superior to any mere "bugologist." We move that our most-distinguished-citizen electoral college be forthwith reconvened.

### Governorship Term and Salary.

The New York constitutional convention is considering a proposal to lengthen the term of the governor to four years, and to fix his salary at \$20,000. At present the governor of New York is elected for a two-year term, and his salary is \$10,000, being less than that of the governor of Illinois, who is the highest paid rtate executive, and receives a salary of \$12,000 a year. Inquiry discloses that only four other states besides New York, namely, Colorado, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania, pay as much as \$10,000, the others varying down to \$2,500 as in Nebraska, while sixteen states pay \$5,000. Of course, on the basis of the Colorado salary, New York could properly go up much higher than the proposed \$20,000. It is the irony of politics that Nebraska by popular vote last year refused to raise the gubernatorial salary here up to the \$5,000 mark.

As to official terms, there is no question that the tendency is toward longer periods of service. The movement for a four-year governorship rests on the same ground as does the movement for a six-year presidency. Still, we are not likely to have uniformity among the states—at least for many years to come—but we may be certain that whatever changes are made will be toward the feur-year term, which is already the practice of twenty-four states, or just half of the total number.

### A Lame Excuse.

Secretary Redfield points out that no law of the United States prescribes what sort of vessel may be built and operated. Any design or form of vessel that will float is permitted. Admitting this, by what stretch of reason is it permisaible for the United States through its steamboat inspection officers to give a certificate of safety to a ship that is known to be unsafe? The government may not be able to prevent the construction of poorly designed and unseaworthy ships, but it ought to be able to prevent its officers certifying their safety as carriers of pas-

A member of the British cabinet reports that the Allies now occupy 450,000 square miles of Germany's colonial possessions. From the standpoint of quality the vast territory is worth less than the slice of eastern France occupied by the German army. Quality is more to be deaired than quantity.

### Flying Machines and War

Interview with Orville Wright in Collier's GOTHE greatest use of the seroplane to date has

been as a tremendously big factor of modern warfare, But-The greatest use of the aeroplane eventually will e to prevent war.

"Some day there will be neither war nor tumors of war, and the reason may be the flying machines. "It sounds paradoxical. We are building aeroplanes to use in time of war, and will continue to build them for war. We think of war and we think of aeropianes. Later on, perhaps, we shall think of aeropianes in onnection with the wisdom of keeping out of war.

"The aeroplane will prevent war by making it too expensive, too slow, too difficult, too long-drawn-out -in brief, by making the cost prohibitive."

The man who makes these statements about the aeroplane is Orville Wright, one of the brothers who

"Did you ever stop to think," inquires Wright, that there is a very definite reason why the present war in Europe has dragged along for a year with neither side gaining much advantage over the other? The reason, as I figure it out, is aeroplanes. In consequence of the scouting work done by the flying machines, each side knows exactly what the opposing forces are doing.

"There is little chance for any one army to take another by surprise. Napoleon won his wars by massing his troops at unexpected places. The aeroplane has made that impossible. It has equalized information. Each side has such complete knowledge of the other's movements that both sides are obliged to crawl into trenches and fight by means of slow, tedious routine rather than by quick, spectacular

"My impression is that before the present war started the army experts expected it to be a matter of a few weeks or, at most, a few months. Today it looks as though it might run into years before one alde can dictate terms. Now, a nation that may be willing to undertake a war lasting a few months may well hesitate about engaging in one that will occupy years. The daily cost of a great war is, of course, stupendous. When this cost runs on for years, the total is likely to be so great that the side which wine nevertheless loses. War will become prohibitively expensive. And the scouting work in flying machines will be the predominating factor, as it seems to me. in bringing this about, I like to think so, anyhow."

"What, in your opinion, has the present war demonstrated regarding the relative advantages of aeroplanes and Zeppelin airships?" the inventor was

"The aeroplane seems to have been of the more practical use," replied Wright. "In the first place, dirigible airships of the Zeppelin type are so expensive to build, costing somewhere around half a million dollars each, that it is distinctly disadvantageous to the nation operating them to have one destroyed. The financial risk every time your Zeppelin is shot at is too great. But what is more important is the fact that the Zeppelin is so large that it furnishes an excellent target unless it salls considerably higher than is comparatively safe for an aeroplane. And when the Zeppelin is at a safe height it is too far above the ground for your scout to make accurate observations. Similarly, when the Zeppelin is used for dropping bombs, it must be too high for the bomb thrower to show much accuracy."

"Has the war use of the aeroplane been up to the expectations you and your brother formed at the time of its invention?"

Yes, beyond our expectations. About the first thing we thought of after we found that we could fly was the possibilities for scouting purposes, but we had little idea that the year 1915 would see so many aeroplanes in army use.

"Aside from the use of the machine for war purposes the war will give a great boost to aviation kenerally. It has led more men to learn to fly, and with a higher degree of skill than ever before. It has awakened people to aviation possibilities."

"Apart from war, what will be the future of the

"Just like the automobile, it will become more and half or two miles thick. The atmosphere that lies | more fool-proof, easier to handle, and safer. There is no reason why it should not take the place of specia trains where there is urgent need of great speed. Maybe you never paused to think that already the aeroplane is safer than the automobile if you are going at a high rate of speed? If you want to ride sixty miles an hour, as men occasionally do, you are about ten times safer doing it in an aeroplane, granting, of course, that the man at the wheel has learned

"The aeroplane has never really come into its own as a sporting proposition. Of late years the tendency has been to develop a high rate of speed rather than to build machines that may be operated successfully at comparatively low speed. The low-speed machine is necessary before the aeroplane can fill the place it should in the world of sport. You see, a machine adapted to make from seventy to one hundred miles an hour cannot run at all except at a pretty rapid clip, and this means difficulty in getting down. One must have a good, smooth piece of ground to land on and plenty of it. When we get an aeroplane that will fly along at twenty miles an hour, ore can land almost any place-on a roof, if necessary-and then people will begin to take an interest in owning an aeroplane for the enjoyment of flying. As it is now, the man who buys a flying machine for sport, usually takes a trip or two to show his friends that he can do it, and then is reconciled to let the machine remain a good deal of

"The problem of finding a landing place, in case one's motor ceases to work, is one of many interesting angles. If you are just a mile up in the air at the moment of beginning an enforced descent, you have your choice of nearly 200 square miles of territory in which to alight. You can circle about and strike a point immediately below you, or, if you prefer, it is possible to sear down at an angle that will bring you to a point eight miles from there.

Now, when you have 200 square miles to pick from, it looks as if you ought to be able to find a smooth place, doesn't it? But the trouble is you probably are not familiar with the territory, and it is impossible to tell from where you are about the conformation of the ground. The aviator soon learns to distinguish the shades of green that indicate the various growing crops, but when only a few hundred toet in the air he cannot tell whether the ground is hilly or level. When he gets down to a point where he can see just what he is coming to, it is then too late to have much choice in the matter."

"Shall you fly in the future?" "I want to fly now and then for the sport of it as long as I live. But I do not care to do it as a business. would like to be clear out of any actual business

"As it is now, I am a manufacturer of aeroplanes. Many another man can handle such a manufacturing enterprise much more capably than I. What I would like to do is rig up another air funnel and go ahead experimenting once more in the laboratory . There is still lots to be done."

### Little Willie's Excuse

Here is a story that was told at a recent dinner by Miss Sybil Baker, who was chosen queen of Rose Festival at Portland, when reference was made to the wonderful excuses lavented by the rising gen-

western village was glancing over her pupils when her eye suddenly fastened on little Willie Brown. "Willie," said she in a stern voice, "didn't I tell you not to come to school without having had your

One morning the teacher of a public school in a

'Yes, ma'am," was the rather meekful rejoinder the youngster. "Well, then," demanded the teacher, a little more

aeverely, "why did you do it?" "Because I couldn't comb it, Miss Mary," was the startling rejoinder of Willie. "We lent our comb to the Smiths last night and they didn't bring it back," -Philadelphia Telegraph.

# The Bees Leffer Box

That Which is Good."

SHERIDAN, Wyo., July 25.-To Editor of The Bee: Under date of June 27, 1913, I wrote for, and you published in your Letter Box my first protest against your publishing letters from correspondents who would not sign their names, I

It has long been an accepted rule that anonymous writers or those who sign with a nom de plume are not worth notice, for it is generally the case that one who dares not sign his name to his writings does not wish to have the public know who he is—in other words, he insists on posing as a coward.

March 29, 1915, I wrote you that the article in your Letter Box signed "Cured in Five Days" broadly took the attitude of an advertisement and you agreed with me by refusing to orollsh any replies to my letter. July 7, 1915, I wrote "The Palmist and

Bryan's Hand," and July 18, "The Nom de Plumes," intending both for the good of the public. I stand ready to explain and defend my position in both letters, but I shall not resort to ridicule and I shall stick to both truth and reason. Should there be any replies, I hope the Letter Box will see they are decent, respectful, truthful and educational,

Regarding palmistry: I proved there was no truth in the claimed readings of "The Line of Life," by examining the hands of the dead. I will go farther and say no one has a right to claim any line in the paim means anything. What right has anyone to say this line is "The Line of Life," that line "The Line of Fate." the other line "The Line of Heart?" That this part is "The Mount of Venus," that The Mount of Jupiter," another "The Mount of the Sun?" No one has the slightest right to say so, and I defy anyone to prove it. The lines in the palms are in reality wrinkles caused by the folding of the skin. Would my readers not think it ridiculous if I claimed to read the curves in the ear, the lines in the forehead, those about the eyes and on the big toes? And yet, it would be just as reasonable, just as probable, just as truthful as the claims of the palmists. Am I not right?

Now, as to the last two communications of Elsie Robertson: I dislike to enter into a controversy with a woman, but she is so determined to throw down the gauntlet that I feel I have a right to pick it up, and my idea is to again correct mistakes and educate the readers of The Bee. Miss Robertson atempts to ridicule homeopathy, but fails to do so because she does not tell the truth. Her laiming to give a poisoned dog strychia because it was according to the law of similars and because there was strychnine in the rat poison the dog swallowed, was not prescribed according to the laws of homeopathy, but of laopathy the same thing cures the same thing. And I want to say that no sane homeopathic physician would think of giving strychnine for strychnine poisoning. I want to add that I do not believe the lady "tried it on the dog" either, and ask her to prove it. I have not read her 'Epitome of Homeopathy," but I do not believe there is an article in it on strychnia, and I do not believe Miss Robertson gave the dog strychnia pellets. make this offer: If she will show an article on strychnia in her "Epitome of Homeopathy," will show the empty vial of strychnia pellets bearing the label from any reliable homeopathic pharmacy, will show the dead dog and prove by a chemist's analysis of its stomach that it died of strychnine poisoning. I wil chemist's fee and contribute \$5 to "The Bee's Fund for Milk and Ice." Should Miss Robertson fall to prove her dog story, she is to pay the same, as I offer to do. As a committee to decide the question I would like to name the editor of The Bee and my three good friends, Sherman and McConnell and Dr. Connell, your city physician. And I ask The Bee to publish whether Miss Robertson stands

She says I am from "the wilds of Sheridan, Wyo." which is just as correct as her writing in her poem:

And the second day I could hear it grow-The lily bulb in the dark. Sheridan, Wyo., compares very favorably with Omaha, Neb., where I lived twelve years. It is the largest city in population in Wyoming, has splendid national, state, county and city buildings, miles of paved streets, fifteen miles of electric street railways, the best of electrio street lights, a prettier park and a purer and better water supply than Omaha has. Oh, yes, this may be wild, but not nearly so wild as one inhabitant of 2617 North Eighteenth street, Omaha, I sincerely hope to see every one sign

his or her name who writes for The Bee's Letter Box, Then I will have accomplished my purpose

### HORACE P. HOLMES.

A Defi and No Quarter.

OMAHA, July M .- To the Editor of The Bee: A letter received in Friday's mail from Dr. Holmes of Sheridan, Wyo., states that he "dislikes to enter into public controversy with a lady," and graciously offers me the privilege of renewing our former delightful correspondence. Below is a fac-simile copy of my reply. As five letters have filled the doctor's old hat to the brim, he will have to buy a new tile to hold

OMAHA, Neb., July 26.—To Horace P. Hoimes, M. D., Sheridan, Wyo.: I am in receipt of your communication under date of July 22. So you are "sincerely sorry" that I have "again rushed into print." I believe that statement just as I believe in you as a philanthropist, a homanitarian. a "firm believer in and practicer of the Golden Rule" (quotation from one of Dr. Holmes' effusions) and a thorough gentleman. But: The Moving Finger writes, and having

"The Moving Finger writes, and having writ Moves on: Nor all your piety nor wit Can lure it back to cancel half a line. Nor all your tears wash out a word of it." I offered you an armistice after your gift of the illies. I even believed we had signed a treaty of peace. But you preferred a guerilla mode of warfare—you struck a coward's blow in the dark. And now you say you are "so sorry" for me. You threw down the gauntet in your second letter to The Bee, believing I would not dare pick it up publicly. But there is fighting blood in my vains. No deliberate falsehood such as you have published in the columns of this paper shall go unchallenged. Having forgotten the fact of my sex in the first instance, forget it now. Strike—and strike hard. I will fight you with your own weapons, and the battle shall be to the death. I ask no quarter—I will give none. Blow for blow I will pay back, until one of us is finished, and the readers of the Letter Box shall judge between us. "Lay on, Macduff!"

nd - be he who first cries 'Hold! ELSIE ROBERTSON.

Holmes vs. Robertson. Editor's note: The remainder of this personal feud will have to be fought out in some other arena.

### Nebraska Editors

The next meeting of the Loup Valley Editorial association will be held at Ord early in October.

J. J. Haydon, who recently sold the Lyons Sun, has purchased the Humboldt Leader from W. R. S. Austine

Best Brothers, proprietors of the Neligh Leader, have added a multiple magazine linotype to the equipment of their plant

Moses M. Warner, proprietor of the Lyons Mirror, is a grandson of Edward Warner, who was a member of the committee of the Philadelphia selectmen which bought the Liberty Bell from an English firm of bell founders.

### ONLY A DREAM.

'Twas early morning-a June day-what Oh: The notes of songsters-music everywhere; The pine tree's soft mosning-echoes of a dream.

Then the low sweet cadence of the murm ring stream.

Such a deal of tramping-thro' the brush and bogs, Such a deal of casting—'mongst the rocks and logs; Such a lot of shifting-trying out new flies. Then a little cussing—not a trout would

I took to wading-cussing changed to Now a constant rising-as I slowly moved along; The cheerful clicking-of a very active reel, I sang the louder-for I'd filled

Alas: a blizzard-instead of the pine's oft moan, the wind's alternate shrick and Alast

SAID IN FUN.

"I don't see how that little Mrs. Grumpey can seem so well satisfied with her bushend. He never kisses her or shows her any mark like that, of af-

fection."
"Maybe not, but he gives her spending money without her ever having to ask for it."—Baltimore American. "Do you believe that there is really something which can invariably tell when

a man is lying? "Ah, perhaps you have seen one of the instrumenta?"
"Seen one? I married one."—Houston



AS MEYER MINSK SAYS HE WHO FIGHTS AND RUNS AWAY, MAYBE SHAPLY WARTS TO QUIT "WINNER"

Crawford-What do you think would happen if we could see ourselves as others see us? Crabshaw—As far as the women are concerned, they would probably put on more clothes.—Judge.

"Now, Uncle Si," said young Spriggins, showing the old gentleman the sights, "shall we take a ride in a taxi, an omnibus, or a sight-seeing coach?" "Wa-al, Jimmy, said Uncle Si, "ef ye're goin' to the expense of a wagon to show me around I kind o' think I'd like to take a spin in one o' them cabarets I've hearn tell so much about."—Boston Transcript.

Alas: the winds alternate suries and groan;
These sounds discordant—instead of murm'ring stream.
Then the sad awakening from the joys of my dream.

JOSEPH CARR THOMAS.

Alas: the winds alternate suries and dignant." Only for a little while," replied Senator Sorghum. "Since they found how much more they can make in private employment they're honestly grateful."—Washington Star.

## Hot Weather Bad for Women's Nerves

### Season When They Most Need Their Strength to Withstand the Heat

Hot weather has a decidedly weakening effect on most women. They become too languid to exercise, and as a result have appetite only for light, tasty foods, like salads and other cold concoctions, which do not digest readily and increase the natural tendency to constipa-

At this season women should maintain the highest possible standard of health. to counteract the enervating effect of the weather. Good digestion and regularity of the bowels are essential. The

Syrup Pepsin from your druggist and ington St., Monticello, Ill.



have it in the house. Take a dose of or combination of simple laxative herbs and tonight and by morning your constipapepsin, sold in drug stores under the tion, indigestion and sick headache will nome of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is vanish. It is far preferable to catharhighly recommended as a laxative and tics, purgatives and salts, because it does digestant by many physicians, as well not gripe or shock the system but acts as by thousands of women who depend gently, in an easy, natural manner, exupon it as a remedy for many of those pelling the congestion of waste and reills to which women seem more especial- storing normal activity of the organs. A free trial bottle can be obtained by Get a fifty cent bottle of Dr. Caldwell's writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, an Wash-

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