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Thought for the Day Selected by Mary B. Goodman To, here hath been dawning another blue day, Think, will thou let it slip useless away?

Coming soon! Ak-Sar-Ben and his hosts. Good bye, Katy! Take care of your receiver!

Another big railway receivership! Evidently the boom in freight rates is not the remedy for all that ails 'em.

For the first time in months the war bulletins from the western front shine with the luster of rival claims and contradictions.

Going to have a court house night at the Tabernacle! Then watch all the conscience money come in to the county treasury.

Speculative activity on Wall street has one useful purpose: it relieves the sporting blood pressure formerly expended on race tracks.

As a starter for the \$150,000 democratic national convention fund, the Lincoln postoffice vacancy, rightly handled, might yield a generous contribution.

The political influence of western civilization blooms again in Japan. Fourteen members of the Japanese legislature have been indicted for bribery in the last election.

The G. A. R. veterans are meeting fifty years after the close of the civil war. The fact that so many of them are still living proves what a hardy lot the boys of '65 were.

Yes, but what is Governor Morehead going to do about following up his charge against Treasurer Hall in the matter of the split in the commission on his official bond?

Our democratic friends who are talking about going after their national convention for Omaha will first have to decide whether they will play with money or with marbles.

Still, by the time that pipe line to Omaha from the Wyoming oil fields is built some mechanism will be devised to make sure against taxation and confiscation like that in Oklahoma.

National economy ducks the high-salaried crowd and swats the postoffice subs, janitors and scrub women. Thus doth the mighty, clothed with brief power, measure their own littleness.

It is quite natural for the inhabitants of the annexed part of Greater Omaha to want representation in the city hall, but it is doubtful if upsetting the commission plan of government is the way to get it.

A former business man of Chicago transplanted in London comes back home with the opinion that the United States should break into the war game. Thanks, if the country had any enthusiasm for war it would not be necessary to cross the ocean to butt in. There is Mexico tossing defies across the Rio Grande.

Miss Rose Schroeder, for a long time in the Western Union office, is dangerously ill with typhoid fever at her home at South Seventeenth street.

Bettie Campbell, the playwright, passed through Omaha on her way to San Francisco.

Mrs. C. M. Niles and Mrs. C. W. Drake and daughter of Cincinnati, who have been visiting the Misses Niles for the last two weeks, returned home.

Helping the Farmer in His Work. Many influences are quietly at work along scientifically established lines for the improvement of methods of production, and in no field of industry is this more manifest than in agriculture. Within a decade farming has been revolutionized, with the result that the output has reached stupendous totals.

Behind the Battle Lines. Dispatches from Europe bring news of tremendous clashes between the armies, with vague suggestions of tremendous losses, but the stupendous spectacle obscures some of the moves that are being made behind the battle line.

Cooling Off at Lincoln. The eruption that raked the Nebraska state house in all its well-braced joints seems to have subsided. Fire Commissioner Ridgell is approaching the official pay counter by degrees.

Receivership for the "Katy." The receivership for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, the fourth of the so-called Gould southwestern system lines to be taken over by the federal courts in bankruptcy proceedings, emphasizes the short-sightedness of the peculiar method of railroad financing criticized by Chairman Hines of the Santa Fe, and referred to in The Bee lately.

Parcel Post and One Cent Postage. Trade Exhibitor has espoused the cause of the One Cent Letter Postage association on the theory that one cent letter postage will reduce the income of the Postoffice department to such an extent that the extension of the parcel post service will be delayed that much.

Twice Told Tales. Certainly Some Voice. Some time ago the guests at a reception were discussing the relative merits of several nonpareils, one of the party turned to a man named Brown.

Not His Money's Worth. When the ball players are down south in their piting arena, letting the youngsters prove their energies instead, one day at Little Rock, where the Detroit team was playing an exhibition, Red Donahue, who in his day was the sharpest-tongued man in baseball, was toasting them over and letting the Little Rock batters hit at will to the great delight of the spectators.

As evidence of fatherly will toward the annexed child, Omaha might come down in telephone rates and meet the South Side about half way. Such a compromise could serve the double purpose of facilitating conversation and relieving the company of the strain of finding a place for all the money.

The Diminishing Family

J. McKean Cattell in The Independent. Professor of Psychology in Columbia University. THE ADJUSTMENT of population to means of subsistence appears at first sight to be so exact that there is likely to be an assumption of a controlling mechanism such as exists in a state of nature.

Of these families 176 were not voluntarily limited, while 56 were so limited, the cause of the voluntary limitation being health in 133 cases, expense in ninety-eight cases and various other reasons in fifty-four cases. Childlessness was involuntary in two-thirds of the cases.

Neither the prevalence of the voluntary limitation of the size of family, nor the fact that the size of family is limited directly or indirectly through infertility or ill-health in more than three-fourths of the cases, can be regarded with satisfaction.

It is in fact, a biological adaptation limiting the fertility of women to an average of about twelve children, then a development of social institutions reducing the average number of children for each woman to about six, and now we have a psychological restriction limiting the number to about three.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Impression on a Stranger. CHAPPELL, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—To the Editor of The Bee: I have heard Sunday twice. The first time was on the evening of the opening in Omaha. The second time was on the next Tuesday night.

Quaint Bits of Life. Such Sparlock, aged 10, and Mrs. Julia McComas, aged 70, of Huntington, W. Va., eloped and were married.

A Reply to Thurston. SOUTH SIDE, Sept. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the letter of John M. Thurston in The Bee I find a statement that Christ did not threaten mankind with hell.

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gallol word-colors. It must be pretty sultry and I'd rather not emigrate. If shying a brickbat at the town cat that holds forth on my back fence every night will keep me out of Hades, it's a cinch that he's a goner.

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SUNNY GEMS. Jeering Critic—If you teach the young idea how to shoot, what do you do about it when the young idea is of the feminine gender?

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FAUST MACARONI. Dr. Hutchison, the famous dietician, says that macaroni is absorbed by the system almost in its entirety. Think what that means. Faust Macaroni, rich in gluten, is practically all utilized in the building up of muscle and tissue.

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