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Thought for the Day: Selected by Grace A. Porter Anderson. Good temper is like a sunny day; it sheds its brightness everywhere.—Sidney.

All right, "Billy," here's hoping Syracuse is as good to you.

After the street carnival and the religious carnival comes the foot ball carnival.

Even political farmers will enjoy a brand of weather peculiarly adapted to fall plowing.

England clings hopefully to the thought: "The darkest hour is just before the dawn."

Persistent fighting along the Styr river renders comparatively easy the translation over the Styr.

Still those people who shun mansions here below may prefer the bleachers to the grandstand up above.

After all the hopes and boasts of militant Europe, to the United States falls the happy task of carving turkey.

War bulletin makers are equal to every occasion. The farflung battle line affords ample scope for their versatility.

King Peter reached the Serbian throne through a sprinkling of blood. He seems fated to go down and out in a deluge of gore.

If there are "heavenly manstons" carrying "for rent" signs, Omaha need not be abashed, then, because a few houses down here are "to let."

Twelve nations, big and little, are now involved in the world war. Is it any wonder that Greece and Roumania dislike to be the hoodoo member?

The hesitation of the Greeks and Roumanians has a distinct Missouri flavor. They want to be shown that the entente allies can deliver the goods.

The response to King George's appeal to "My people," for more recruits will determine whether the volunteering system of a democracy will survive the necessities of militarism.

The bankers will now convene in their state assembly to take an inventory of the proceeds of the year's crop. The Nebraska farmer who cannot borrow money these days is an exception to the rule.

Another unforeseen result of our biennial elections is witnessed in the necessity of Mr. Bryan going away from home to do his annual campaigning "stunt" and keep in practice for the big show next year.

Rumors float in from China of trouble brewing in certain provinces opposed to the monarchial idea. These provinces were largely, if not chiefly, responsible for the birth of the republic, and for organized resistance to President Yuan, two years ago. The vigorous suppression of that revolt and the exile of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his associates is too recent to expect that another revolt, if undertaken, will get farther than a graveyard.

Thirteen Years Ago: This Day in Omaha. The often delayed game between the Union Pacific team and the ladies' base ball club finally took place at the Athletic park before 1,500 spectators and was pronounced immense. Aside from it being a decidedly ludicrous event, the game was no account, the girls demonstrated their inability to play ball, and the boys showing their good nature by allowing their fair opponents every possible privilege.

Bishop Worthington conducted missionary Sunday services at Trinity. The subject of Rev. W. E. Copeland's sermon at Unity was "The Value of Fasting."

A New York traveling man who is in Omaha said he had the pleasure of meeting one of the greatest Omaha swindlers, Loyal L. Smith, while riding on the Canadian Pacific from Windsor to Montreal.

Omaha Typographical union was preparing for a grand Thanksgiving eve ball. The committee of arrangements is made up of Messrs. Rankins, Coe, Cummings, Clinton, Dermody, Boyle and Moeljan.

The Young Men's Christian association gospel meeting was conducted by G. A. Kinko, who dispensed on the subject, "Christian Liberty."

Work on the Belt line at the stock yards is being pushed rapidly, and the construction of the bridge commenced.

What of the Presidential Primary?

Three years ago many people were led to believe that the last presidential nominating convention had been held and that all our future presidential standard-bearers would be selected by direct vote. The presidential preference primary was to be substituted for the customary nominating machinery and put an end alike to convention trades and deals and stampedes. The direct-vote nomination of candidates for president became a plank in one of the big party platforms and was publicly favored by the winner of the race, who now occupies the White House. But here we have another presidential year almost upon us and the lines being laid again for the convention preliminaries out of which the presidential tickets will be evolved.

Let no one take this to mean that the presidential primary idea has made no progress nor that the conditions of president-making have remained unchanged. Eighteen states have by law adopted some form of choosing national convention delegates by direct vote of the party membership, with more or less subjection to preferential instructions, and these states have representation constituting much more than the majority required to nominate in a republican convention and almost the two-thirds necessary in the democratic convention. These primaries began as early as next March, Indiana and Minnesota leading off, and continue into June.

Here is where theory and practice diverge, for the ideal of direct nominations would call for a choice between all the candidates by the members of the party all over the country at the same time. Piecemeal primaries, on the other hand, emphasize the importance of those first held for their potential effect to influence those that come after. Obviously, too, it is not probable that all the aspirants will be voted on in all the states. Some of the favorite sons will doubtless confine their efforts to the home constituency, being content to rest their chances on the possibility of a long-drawn contest eventuating to the advantage of the half-concealed dark horse.

The salient point of the situation is that the direct primary, instead of simplifying things, as it might had it been perfected and made nation-wide in scope, has really introduced complicating factors. Except for President Wilson's uncontested claim to renomination, these complications would confront all the political parties alike. So far as determining the make-up of the tickets in advance of the convention, therefore the direct presidential primary in the crude form that we have it, is certain to fall far short of original prospectus.

Civilizing the Censor.

The British House of Commons has set itself a task that makes its other achievements look small in comparison. It is going to try to civilize the censor, at least to the extent that that extremely efficacious official will soften his heart towards the message intended to be used by newspapers shall not be entirely shorn of whatever ornate flourish the writer may use in his effort to conceal a fact from the scrutiny of the censor and yet reveal it to his readers. The incident from which the present move arises has to do with the ellision of some lines from Browning and from Kipling, which the inspector of copy failed to pass. Sir John A. Simon, secretary for home affairs, explains the matter as not being due to the military objection to poetry, but to the failure of the censor to recognize the lines. He adds that a suggestion has been made to the War office that its copy readers cultivate the muse. The possibilities that reside in this are so alluring that they lead even to the hope that officialdom in England may yet develop a sense of humor, and when that happens it will be the end to most of the censor's present day activities.

Pancho Villa's Future.

Friends have invited Pancho Villa to lay down his arms and seek safety in the United States, threatening to desert him if he acts otherwise. A far better course for Villa would be to cease his fighting and make his peace with Carranza. The United States would afford him asylum, but, if he possesses any of the patriotism he professes, he will stay at home and use the influence he has to help in restoring order. This seems too much to expect of him, for his course has been such as to establish him as an adventurer whose sole object is his own advantage. Yet it is not without precedent, nor beyond the range of possibility, that Villa should even now turn his energy into the course of usefulness to his country, and supplement the small service he has already done her by trying to undo some of the harm he has accomplished. Such a life would be far nobler than existence as a fugitive on this side of the border, with the fate of Pasquale Orozco and the example of Huerta before him as warnings of what may come to plotters against the peace of Uncle Sam's neighbors.

In Whom Do We Trust?

When a president undertook to leave a well known inscription off the coinage of the United States, he aroused such opposition as compelled him to abandon his project. The retention of the motto was accepted as signifying the continuation of the traditional national and individual trust in God, as befits a Christian and enlightened people. Circumstances arise, however, that justify some inquiry as to how far that expressed reliance really extends. For example, when the keel of the battleship Connecticut was laid at the Brooklyn Navy yard, before anything else was done, the chaplain offered prayer. Then the workmen proceeded to nail a horseshoe on a post which stands as the prow of the vessel, and finally, the secretary of the navy told of the tremendous power of this ship, which will exceed that of any afloat. In which of the three do we really trust—the God of the Universe, the goddess of fortune, or "reeking tube and iron shad?"

While civilization is being shot to pieces among its monarchial votaries, it is consoling to note that Massachusetts is still carrying the banner of light and uplift to the benighted of Africa. Within six months 1,000,000 gallons of Medford rum has gone from Boston to the west coast. The usual proportion of Bibles doubtless hit the same trail at the same time.

The nature of the vehicles as well as the work cut out for them renders submarine and aeroplane operation the riskiest branches of modern war. Official admission of a high percentage of loss is not surprising.

Our National Wealth

WILLIAM B. BAILEY. A SPECIAL bulletin of the bureau of census is given the total and per capita national wealth of this country from 1890 to 1912. Total (exclusive of exempt real property) Per capita 1912.....\$112,900,000,000.....\$1,324 1904.....100,375,000,000.....1,124 1900.....89,200,000,000.....1,000 1896.....81,500,000,000.....915 1892.....75,000,000,000.....833 1888.....69,000,000,000.....772 1884.....64,000,000,000.....722 1880.....60,000,000,000.....672 1876.....57,000,000,000.....636 1872.....55,000,000,000.....618 1868.....54,000,000,000.....609 1864.....53,000,000,000.....599 1860.....52,000,000,000.....590 1856.....51,000,000,000.....581 1852.....50,000,000,000.....572 1848.....49,000,000,000.....563 1844.....48,000,000,000.....554 1840.....47,000,000,000.....545 1836.....46,000,000,000.....536 1832.....45,000,000,000.....527 1828.....44,000,000,000.....518 1824.....43,000,000,000.....509 1820.....42,000,000,000.....500 1816.....41,000,000,000.....491 1812.....40,000,000,000.....482 1808.....39,000,000,000.....473 1804.....38,000,000,000.....464 1800.....37,000,000,000.....455 1796.....36,000,000,000.....446 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'Twas Ever Thus

New York Times. The grapes in New Jersey are sour in the mouths of some of the champions of the Cause there and elsewhere. The acerbity of the beaten women politicians will be sweetened later. The brokers call women "bad losers," but the wall of the wallpocket in the morning after election is stereotyped. The suffragists have been defeated in the Jerseys, it seems, by the same old league of all the intrigues that always licks "our side." The "corrupt bosses," the "interests," the dear old treasurers, the Run Bros, the ministers, the "Plush," and the Devil against the children of light. Fraud and Corruption were "rampant," as usual. The great anti vote and majority in New Jersey could all be plausibly attributed to the ignorant, the political machine, the saloon keepers. Woman suffrage is right, therefore those who oppose it must be wrong, but there is no good in them. New Jersey is an unprogressive, a backward state. A distinguished Bay State suffragist calls New Jersey, in that urbane and polished English to be expected of the Boston Pale, "a punk state." Can there be so great an error in celestial minds? The decision of New Jersey against woman suffrage is especially significant because it is the decision of a progressive state; a soberly progressive state, not given to the worship of novelty for the mere sake of novelty. Deaf to voices that are always heard with respect, refusing to follow Mr. Wilson and Mr. Garrison, New Jersey rejects a political experiment untried in the east and of at least doubtful service anywhere.

Twice Told Tales

Long Handed. Senator Lodge was talking in Boston about certain investigating committees. "They are like the brook," he said; "they flow on forever. Some of them, in fact, remind me strongly of St. Hoskins." St. Hoskins got a job last spring at shooting muskrats for a certain overseer of the mill owner's dam. "There, in the lovely spring weather, St. sat on the grassy bank, his gun on his knee; and, finding him thus one morning, I said: "What are you doing, St.?" "I'm paid to shoot muskrats, sir," he answered. "That's underhand," the dam. "There goes one now," said I. "Shoot, man! Why don't you shoot?" "St. puffed a tranquil cloud from his pipe, and said: "Do you think I want to lose my job?"—Boston Transcript.

People and Events

None Got by Him. A young Irishman was sent by his backers to a neighboring city to box with an athlete living there. He was getting the worst of it, as his friends soon realized. "Come, brace up, Jim," cautioned one of his friends. "Stop this!" the unfortunate Jim cried. "Do you see any of them gettin' by me?"—Harper's Weekly.

Too Severe. At one time Joe Jefferson was persuaded to accompany a friend to a new production. The piece in itself proved to be inferior, and the comedians were even more so. On their way out, the friend remarked that the comedians seemed nervous. "What they need is life," he concluded. "You're too severe," said the gentle-hearted Jefferson, his grave face concealing internal laughter. "Ten years would be enough."—New York Times.

Easy Explained. When Jenkins came downstairs in the morning and took a seat at the breakfast table, he noticed that wife was wearing a cold expression that chilled like the early frosts of autumn. "Mr. Jenkins," finally remarked the good woman in a metallic voice, "you were talking in your sleep last night, and I noticed that you spoke in rather affectionate terms of one Euphemia." "What?" cried the man, of course, "Euphemia is the old man. Euphemia is my sister." "Euphemia your sister?" exclaimed the mother with large emphasis. "Your sister's name is Jane." "Yes, I know, my dear," answered the esteemed Jenkins, "but we used to call her Euphemia for short."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Support Home Collectors, Too. OMAHA, Oct. 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: The future of any city depends upon the loyalty and support of every citizen to the institutions of that city. All must work and pull together. What is true of commercial life is equally true regarding city co-operation in college life. Every man, woman and child knows that we have such a college as Creighton, but few realize the standing or rating of this school among the other colleges of the country. Headed by the most efficient instructors that money and efforts can produce, it ranks second to none and is recognized among colleges as one of the leading institutions of learning.

Omaha is four times the size of Lincoln. If it gave four times the support to Creighton university as Lincoln gives to Nebraska we would have an educational center, at least, twice as great. Creighton university depends for its future upon the friendship of Omaha. I would plead for support to the foot ball team. In my opinion the Creighton foot ball squad is one of the most promising in the school's history, but they need support to carry them to victory.

Business men, you are continually buying "Support home institutions. Buy Omaha made goods." yet you deny our schools and colleges the very thing by your absence for which you so earnestly plead—support!

When Creighton, our largest university, has a winning team students from the west, north and south will stop off in Omaha instead of going east. Would you argue that an enrollment of from 5,000 to 8,000 students will not benefit Omaha as a city, its merchants, business men and manufacturers? When each of these men go to their homes during vacation or wherever they go after graduation, it will be Omaha of which they speak, and this, from the view of business men who realize what advertising means, will be inestimable.

122 Park Avenue. C. E. WALSH.

Labor, Temperance, Prohibition. OMAHA, Oct. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: I regret to note that Frank J. Lynch in his communication is of the opinion that the Nebraska Federation of Labor used poor judgment when they passed resolutions against prohibition at their recent state convention.

Mr. Lynch wants to make it appear that it would have been better if the convention had remained neutral on that subject, but entirely ignores the fact that most of the delegates who opposed prohibition would have been glad to remain silent on that subject had they not realized that a very strong effort was being made by a few dry delegates to induce the convention to adopt a prohibition resolution. They in all probability



War and Christianity. GLENWOOD, Ia., Oct. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial in The Bee upon the present war situation and the failure of so-called Christianity to prevent that shocking calamity is unfair to Jesus Christ and His actual followers in the assumption that He has ruled the world or any appreciable portion of its inhabitants at any time for many generations in the immediate past. A casual knowledge even of the vital and eternal principles and conditions which Jesus Christ announced as necessary if His will shall govern mankind must settle beyond a question the fact that this generation has never beheld a thorough Christian, in no place on the earth within at least a century past have those doctrines at any time been proclaimed or insisted upon by those who profess to be His followers. Therefore it is entirely and absolutely true to declare that a genuine Christian, should one exist or appear, would frighten to death the greater portion of those who now inhabit the earth, so unusual and strange would such a being appear in the light of our present standards and principles or lack thereof.

The war now raging in Europe comes from the failure to follow Jesus Christ, and on account of men and nations having rejected His words. A Christian, actual and genuine, will never engage in war. There is not even a chance for dispute on this proposition. The angels announced "Peace on earth and good will to men," when the advent of Jesus was proclaimed. He declared as basic in the kingdom to be by Him established, certain principles in the operation of which no man or nation governed by Him can ever under any circumstances engage in war. If they do so engage the proof is thereby settled positively that He is in no manner the ruler. No person even of the most general information as to His kingdom and the truths and principles thereof can question this fact in any manner whatever.

INTERESTED READER. Is the School Board "Narrow"? OMAHA, Oct. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Two short editorials in your paper, one October 16 and the other October 23, have not stated fairly a certain situation with which many of your readers are well acquainted. One justification of the Omaha school board's attitude in refusing Mr. Sunday permission to speak to high school students in the high school building, you state to be that down at Lincoln, when the strange appeared there, it is to be noticed he did not use the university buildings. The cases are not comparable. One of the committee who arranged Mr. Sunday's visit is authority for stating that no attempt was made to use the university buildings, for none was capacious enough. The largest free auditorium in the city, seating over 2,000, was used, and was crowded.

In yet another particular these two short editorials have been misleading. They did not hint that university authorities dismissed for two whole recitation periods, the entire student body that Mr. Sunday might help them in moral and religious uplift. If that was not official approval of Mr. Sunday and his ability to really help the students, then it comes near enough to satisfy anyone who is looking first to the character training of youth. When has the Omaha school board shown during these meetings an equal interest in the high moral uplift of the rising generation?

Omaha must have the good will of the state, else its one greatest asset is weakened. I believe my work throughout the state, and residence in Omaha and the state for twenty-eight years, permit me to say that the narrow attitude of certain interests in this city to high moral and openly religious efforts has been its most pronounced fault in the eyes of people who know our city as respects other cities. Every thrust against such a decidedly moral asset as Mr. Sunday and his work, and therefore dollars, that rightfully belong to her.

RALPH H. HOUSEMAN, Educational Superintendent, Presbyterian Synod.