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Thought for the Day
Selected by Minnie W. (Crane) Riser
All we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good shall exist;
Not its semblance but itself; no beauty nor good nor power
Whose voice has gone forth, but each survives for the melody;
When sternly affirms the conception of an hour!
—Browning: Abt. Vogler.

No city was ever built up by knocking and blackwashing.

But no money damages, large or small, can restore the lost lives.

It would seem that Dr. Dernberg is in danger of wearing his welcome out.

As a rumor-factory Rome lags superfluous in the race with American grain and stock exchanges.

Confidence in the American navy has never been misplaced. Official confirmation of a fact is superfluous.

It is greatly to be feared Colonel Roosevelt would not make a strong bid for a third cup of coffee in Germany just now.

Advertising the Lincoln Highway is all right, but attention must also be given to the highway itself to keep its condition matched up to the advertising.

As a training school for singers Ak-Sar-Ben's Den has 'em all going. No other school affords the advantage of testing vocal timbre with seasoned timber.

A steambot at the port of Omaha excites interest beyond its novelty. It serves to show that while the Missouri is far from the war zone, navigation is imperilled by submarine snags.

"If I had millions to give away I would establish a home for aged and broken-down preachers," declares "Billy" Sunday. Well, then, why not do it? A good start can be made with much less than a million.

The best sign of efficiency about the Young Men's Christian association is the fine increase shown in educational activities. Every encouragement should be given young men earning their living, but still eager to learn.

Disclosure of the amounts pocketed by the secretaries of the State Board of Pharmacy, who absorb all the fees that are paid in, is another indictment of the fee system as a whole. Let public officers be paid what their services are worth in fixed amount, and no grab game.

Eastern newspaper comment on the Lusitania tragedy shows marked regard for the philosophy of the shady frontier deacon, "Don't do as I do, but do as I tell you." With very few exceptions the editors scream in double-leaded columns, and close with the admonition, "Keep cool."

Thirty Years Ago
This Day in Omaha
The old district court room received its parting farewell today from the last of those who have been its official inheritors by moving into the new quarters. The only creatures left in the old building now are those who are run into the city jail, still maintained in the basement.

H. E. Gunner of the Grand Union Tea company has accepted a situation as city salesman of the Omaha Flour company.

The funeral services of Mrs. Minnie Drexel, wife of John Drexel, were conducted at St. Philomena's cathedral. The pallbearers were C. H. Goodrich, R. S. Lacey, Charles Creighton, H. P. Smith, Ed. Crowell and F. B. Love.

The Nebraska druggists in session here entertained the Iowa druggists, who have been holding their association meeting at Council Bluffs.

John E. Wiseman, who has been sick, continues to improve and the doctors now give hope of ultimate recovery.

A. B. Davenport of the Millard is in Chicago attending the annual meeting of the hotel men's association.

J. E. House, the civil engineer, has been setting stakes through a lot of vacant property south of Leavenworth, known as the Marsh estate, which, it is said, will be put on the market as town lots.

On an Even Keel.
Efforts to "rock the boat" so far have not made much of an impression on the craft, for it still is as "steady as a church," as the sailorsmen say. The suggested contents of the note President Wilson will send to Germany, in reference to the Lusitania and other incidents of recent development, will well meet with the critical analysis of sober minds. It makes no recession from the position of the United States, announced many weeks ago, when Germany was notified it would be held to strict accountability for the loss of any American lives or the destruction of American property as a result of its submarine warfare, and this will now be insisted upon.

The excuse put forward by the Germans that a "warning" had been issued in advance of the sailing of the Lusitania is fairly met by the president, who points out that a declaration of intention to commit an unlawful act cannot be held as a justification of such an act. The requirements of international law, of treaty conventions and of established agreements between nations are that non-combatants must be taken in safety from vessels captured and held as prizes before such prizes can be destroyed. This principle the president restates with emphasis.

Criticism of the course of the United States coming from British sources can easily be borne, for it is to Great Britain's interest and advantage to have the United States embroiled with Germany. The calm with which the president is now proceeding is born of the power of the United States, which will support his decision with a firm strength that other nations will respect, no matter how much the critics may rail at it.

Auditorium Management.
It will be only a few weeks before Omaha's Auditorium will pass into the possession and control of the city, and it will devolve upon the city commissioners to see that it is managed in the way most productive of public good. With an interest charge of less than \$7,000, and no taxes entered up against it, there is no good reason why this enterprise should not be run on liberal lines, and at the same time be a profit item on the ledger.

The whole problem lies in devising new uses for the structure. Any investment that lies idle most of the time must entail a loss. The city's dividends must come from continuous use by large groups of the population, and this can be accomplished only by popularizing the public entertainments that are held there and encouraging patronage by admission prices within reach of all whenever an admission price is charged.

Another requirement is a reasonable schedule of rental charges to be adhered to without favoritism or discrimination, and a clear definition of what constitutes a community enterprise for which the use of the building is to be free or at nominal cost. Only if these things are settled in advance, and settled right, will the acquisition of the Auditorium by the city be marked with success from the start.

Our Navy All Right.
The timorous soul, who dwells far inland, and knows of salt water only as he reads about it, may again come from out his retirement and renew his appreciation of life. For we have just been assured, and by those who ought to know, that the American navy is capable of upholding its traditions and of vindicating the honor of the United States in any emergency.

This information comes at a timely moment, and is in cheering contrast to the latest reports we had from experts concerning Uncle Sam's naval establishment. On former occasions we were told of the rickety and unseaworthy condition of the ancient craft that were supposed to bear the Stars and Stripes through the waters of the seven seas. They were rusty and full of holes, and didn't dare fire their guns for fear they would fall to pieces under the shock, and if they did fire their guns they would exhaust the available powder supply. It wouldn't make much difference, anyhow, for they couldn't get close enough to hostile craft to do it any damage. Oh, yes, of course; that was when congress was in session, and the appropriation bill was pending. It does make a difference at what season of the year we talk about our navy.

Man for man, gun for gun, ship for ship, the navy of the United States is as good as any that floats, and in every test to which it has ever been put, has proved itself master of all.

Accumulating Useless Knowledge.
The amount of energy, mental and physical, daily expended in doing things of no particular account has been variously estimated as to volume, but is generally conceded to absorb a considerable portion of human effort. The latest exhibition is by a student in a Pennsylvania agricultural college, who has set himself the task of smoking sixty stogies a day for a specified time. His announced purpose is to determine the burning qualities of the tobacco used in the manufacture of the stogies he consumes. His undertaking seems scarcely possible of human accomplishment, but should he succeed in the stupendous feat, he will have contributed to the growing weight of evidence that the fool killer is no longer able to keep up with his work.

Taste in tobacco varies with the individual, and the devotee of the stogy doesn't worry his head about what it contains or how it burns. He wants something that will smell and smudge, and he usually gets it. Users of tobacco in other forms are profoundly indifferent to the stogy in any of its manifestations, and will not be interested to any degree in experimentation with that device for smokers. If this young man pursues his venture to the ultimate conclusion he will merely have added to the vast amount of useless knowledge that has been developed by freak investigators.

Five lawyers will draft the initiative petition to submit statewide prohibition to the voters of Nebraska next year. The idea must be that if five lawyers can be made to agree on the proper form and wording, the measure may be tight enough to sail the seas of litigation without springing a leak.

The energy shown in boosting men for office will shine with greater luster if hitched to the bandwagon of Greater Omaha. The common well should command a stronger boost than individual welfare.

Aimed at Omaha

Edward Tribune. The Omaha Bee is making a campaign for the mitigation of the death sentence that has been imposed upon Leo Frank by a Georgia court and affirmed by the United States supreme court. Thousands upon thousands of names on a petition have gone forward to the Georgia governor praying clemency for the doomed man. What effect this move will have remains to be seen. Frank stoutly proclaims his innocence and many people are firm in their belief that he is honest in his contentions.

Grand Island Independent: The proposition put before the voters of Omaha to vote \$100,000 in bonds for the purchase, real estate and all, of the Auditorium, carried by a vote of almost three to one. The original promoters were liberal in their proposition and the public unafraid to own and maintain the large municipal show place.

Examiner: Now that the city campaign is over and the quarrel is terminated, let's quit knocking and go to boosting Omaha. That is of more importance anyhow than who is who in the metropolis.

Fremont Tribune. Considering the advantage of the "ins" over the "outs" in Omaha the "ins" keep by a small margin. The good showing of the others was due to the fact that they pressed the claims of republicanism, which brand of politics is very popular again.

Hair Democrat: Omaha is planning on landing the next national republican convention, and why not? It will be worth all its costs and while Omaha will reap the direct benefit the whole state will come in any good for Nebraska. Edgar Howard suggests in the Columbus Telegram that the allied commercial clubs of the state join hands with the Omaha Commercial club in an effort to bring this great convention to this state by not only lending their hand and heart, but their purse as well. We second the motion.

Minneapolis Journal: State Senator Quinby, from Omaha, cannot seem to get over the effects of his experiences in the recent Nebraska legislature. He continues to make an annoying outcry about the way things were run. He says he fought in vain all last winter against nineteen "wooden Indians." He went into the senate innocently supposing that facts, figures and reason would govern the deliberations of that body. He found the winter's program prearranged by a combination of nineteen senators who were not there for their health. Quinby might have the logic and the protest and the consciousness of rectitude, but they had the votes. The nineteen "wooden Indians" were made up of sixteen democrats and three republicans. It was an impregnable wall. The democratic party could not be held responsible, because in the other house the situation was reversed. So the people cannot tell where to place responsibility for the situation and, in the confusion of parties and of houses, the voter does not know exactly what to do. Hence Mr. Quinby calls for the abolition of the senate and the "clearing out of the jungle which the gray wolves and hawks inhabit." Would it not be a simpler procedure to take each man on his record? The records of the legislators are open books. It is well known where they stand. If the people send the "gray wolves" and the political traders to do their business for them, what can they expect? In electing legislators, why not elect men? There are enough of them.

Twice Told Tales

A Good Shot.
In a certain small Ohio town lives a skin-and-bones man named, for convenience and to avoid libel, Bill Skinner. During a large evening downtown someone drew a gun and fired at random into a crowd of merrymakers. The bullet struck Bill Skinner in the thigh.

At once a deputation of citizens started on a run for the nearest and, indeed, the only doctor. It was long after midnight. They beat on the door and yelled, and finally a second-story window was raised and the doctor's head appeared. It looked in the moonlight like the head of a man himself returned from a big time.

Hey! Doel! Come down," called one of the deputation. "Bill Skinner's been shot."
"Howzat? Bill Skinner? Where was he hit?"
"In the leg."

"Well, well," said Doc, closing his window, "some shootin'!"—Everybody's Magazine.

Something Lacking.
Mr. Wilkerson, the architect, had been invited down to the Clarks to display the plans of Clark's new house to some guests.

"Here is the front elevation," explained the architect, as he laid the plans on the library table for the inspection of the visitors, "with the outside window and the circular gallery; this is the east elevation, showing the tower."

After various comments had been made by the guests, little Arthur, aged 7, who was enormously interested in the new house, cried:
"and where are the two mortgages father said he was going to put on?"—New York Times.

An Effective Scarecrow.
An American tourist had been boasting again in the village inn.

"Talking of scarecrows," he said, with a drawl, "why my father once put one up and it frightened the crows so much that not one entered the fields again for a year."

He looked triumphantly around his audience. Surely that had settled the country bumpkins.
But he was to meet his match.
"That's nothing," retorted one farmer. "A neighbor o' mine once put a scarecrow into his potato patch and it terrified the birds so much that one casual of a crow who had stolen some potatoes came next day and put them back."—Pearson's Weekly.

People and Events

A Jersey City woman, testifying in her suit for divorce, confessed that she tried to keep her husband in the straight and narrow path by playing penny ante with him at home. The scheme fell down horribly as a moral persuader and as a money getter.

A panhandler with "Rev." attached to his name is in jail in St. Louis, charged with working charitable people for a bogus organization called the "Christian Messengers." Police assert that indiscriminating giving encourages all kinds of charity frauds in St. Louis.

Chicago boasts of a nonpartisan judiciary. Friends of the jurists do not live up to it. At recent non-partisan conventions the rude passions of nonpartisanish calvinized the proceeding by cries of "lib" and "come outside." Police prevented several flaccid mixups.

The Bee's Letter Box

Uncle Sam's Strength.
OMAHA, May 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Having read many articles in the various papers within the last few days, all of which give the impression that we are not in the least prepared for war, and that if it came this country would be defeated immediately and there would be no more United States of America, I wish to believe the following expression of opinion, and have been wondering why every impression I have gained from what I have read was that we should be careful and not stand up for our rights in this Lusitania catastrophe for fear that our country would be crushed at once.

I believe that we are a hundred times more able to protect ourselves than we are led to believe. We are not in a position where we would have to fight Germany alone, and as a matter of fact there are anywhere from 50,000 to 1,000,000 Americans who could take to the field within a week's notice—i. e., regular troops, state militia, retired and discharged soldiers, some veterans. To size the situation up many strategists state there is a deadlock on both battle fronts. Take this expert opinion, then, please, say 500,000 to 1,000,000 Americans in the field, do you not believe there would be a new German drive, and instead of going forward would it not be a backward drive, and to meet same would not their lines become weakened generally to such an extent that instead of being a deadlock for another terrible winter, would there not be prospects, say at the end of six weeks after the Americans got in the field, that the allies could drive the Teutons back and start a march toward Berlin that would end the war quickly? I cannot figure how our entering the war would stop our supplying munitions to the allies, for with the German ships all tied up in different ports we should have no reason to fear an invasion, and all possible munitions, including submarines as well as ships themselves, would be at the allies' disposal, including many fine transports such as the Prince Eitel, which could be used to replace the Frye, and other German ships interned in our ports could be seized, as the Germans put it, on account of military necessity. The Woodmen of the World have many fine drill teams, fine young fellows, mounting into thousands of men, who could be whipped into a second army for home defense, etc.

I could add much to the above, as doubtless you could if you wanted to figure things out seriously, but cannot see why everybody should gain the opinion that our entering the war would release the German army and navy so it could swoop down on our poor weak defenseless country and annihilate us with one crack of the whip.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Another Voice.
OMAHA, May 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Americans are not indignant at Germany because a British ship was torpedoed off Queenstown. Your correspondent, Dr. Gerhard, knows this unless he is suffering from "kaiseritis," an abnormal development evidently common among a certain class of German-Americans.

I am an American citizen of German descent—and I have great love for the old country—the land of my forefathers. But I am an American first, last and all the time, even though I might not agree with some of my fellow citizens on certain matters pertaining to this war. But I am enough of an American to stand with the Stars and Stripes when a crisis is at hand. Then all differences must be forgotten.

Americans are indignant because deliberate murder was committed by Germany, when hundreds of innocent lives were sacrificed in the destruction of the Lusitania. Any man with a spark of manhood will agree to this and will share the indignation.

Fellow Americans, pay no attention to the outbursts of men like Gerhard. His views are not the views of German-Americans as a whole. Should we be called upon to fight the soldiers or sailors of Germany, we, German-Americans, will be found shoulder to shoulder with our fellow-citizens defending the land of our adoption against the aggressions of Germany or any other foreign power.

OTTO BERG.

Editorial Snapshots

Washington Star: Estimates of the enormous cost of war have not included calculations of the indemnities that may be required for the destruction of American ships.

Boston Transcript: Modern nomenclature is playing havoc with the picturesque quality of war. What a sorry haul Fighting Joe Hooker would have in history charging up Hill No. 7.

Philadelphia Ledger: England paid \$20,000 for the Wilhelmshagen cargo, valued when seized at \$100,000. Bethlehem Steel and du Pont Powder argue in it with the business of exporting cargoes to be captured by the British government.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: One billerent intends to appropriate two-thirds of surplus profits made by firms engaged in the production of war goods. Happy thought. If all nations would appropriate all the profits made from war, war might be abolished.

Brooklyn Eagle: All Iowa will smile over the arrest of former Senator "Lafe" Young as a spy by the Austrians, and chuckle over his determination after getting safe to London to go to Berlin. A real Iowa always chooses the line of greatest resistance.

Baltimore American: British chemists are following German ones in preparing poisonous gases which cause violent and blinding suffering to the victims. And yet we flatter ourselves that at this stage of the world's progress we have introduced humane warfare.

Indianapolis News: It is clear from the persistent utterances of George W. Perkins that he is still busily engaged in making this country a better place for his children to live in, but he seems to forget all about the children of other people who have got to live in it, too.

GRINS AND GROANS.

Bliton—What is the reason for Jimmie's sudden pseudo-pompous, dignified manner?
Tilton—He recently married, and he's trying to live up to his wife's opinion of him.—Judge.

"He's honest, anyway."
"So?"
"Yes," he admits that he would not have been able to go to Europe for his summer vacation even if there had been no war!—Detroit Free Press.

"Did you ever play cards for money?"
"Yes; but I never got it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

KABIBBLE KABARET
STUNTS FOR "EUROPE"
IT'S TIGHTER ON THOSE WHINY ROMA WITH CONYIMMER BULLETS FLYING
THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Church—Do you find any improvement in our home since you were last here?
Gotham—Yes; got rid of your photograph. Haven't you?—Yonkers Statesman.

"Society is so shallow," mused the parlor philosopher.
"It's a good thing it is," retorted the mere man, "or half the people who are wading around in it would get drowned."
—Judge.

"Aw, shucks!"
"How, now?"
"This fellow told me he was going to show me the beauties of the town."
"Well, didn't he?"
"His meat jerks and office buildings. I was prepared to see some feminine loveliness."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Has Crimian Gulch adopted prohibition?"
"No," replied Broncho Rob. "But it's on the way. So's to bring it around grad-

ual, the judge has made a rule that any man who draws a gun on another will have to quit drinking. You'd be surprised to see how nice and orderly the old place is getting to be.—Washington Star.

DO IT NOW.

Give credit to the financier. Who is contented year by year With what is fair, and has no fear Of judge's writ?

That man constructs a grand career. Who in his business is sincere. And, having power to cheat his peer, Holds principles of justice dear.

The roses growing for the bio. Which at the farthest is too near— Let's send them now without a tear To all the upright in the here. Omaha. WILLIS HUDSPETH.

THE HAIR BEAUTY THAT BELONGS TO YOU

So many who have long known that hair beauty was certain to follow upon systematic hair care have been loath to commence what they mistakenly think too much trouble. Proper hair care means only keeping the scalp and hair perfectly clean by use of some preparation made for shampooing, not for general cleansing. You can enjoy the best that is known for about three cents a shampoo by getting a package of Camthros from your druggist. Dissolve a teaspoonful in a cup of hot water and your shampoo is ready. After its use the hair dries rapidly with uniform color. Dandruff, excess oil and dirt are dissolved and entirely disappear. Your hair will be so fluffy that it will look much heavier than it is. Its luster and softness will also delight you, while the stimulated scalp gains the health which insures hair growth.—Advertisement.

They whet your cigar appetite
"Can I smoke freely and smoke moderately at the same time?" asks a young man.
"Yes—by settling down to a 'modulated' Havana like the Tom Moore. It holds just the right proportion of Havana tobaccos to whet a man's appetite without 'staling' it.
'They always come back for Moore'
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Who's Little Tom? He's a fine little edition of Tom Moore
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BUSY BEE BOYS
It's lots of fun to play Daddy-long-legs and walk with stilts. We will give
TEN PAIRS FREE
to the ten boys that bring us the most pictures of the stilts before 4 P. M., Saturday, May 22d.
This picture of the stilts will be in The Bee every day this week.
Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too. See how many pictures you can get and bring them to The Bee Office, Saturday, May 22d.
The stilts will be given Free to the boys or girls that send us the most pictures before 4 P. M., Saturday, May 22d.