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Thought for the Day

Selected by Mrs. F. H. Meyer

Comrades mine and I in their midst, and their memory ever to keep, for the dead I love so well, For the sweetest, wisest soul of all my days and lands—and this for his dear sake, Lilies and stars and birds twisted with the chant of my soul, There in the fragrant pines and the cedars dusk and dim.

Just one more down and Greater Omaha will make good!

The blue and the gray have so faded that the colors have almost run together.

Now for the merger election to register at the ballot box the will of the majority.

The merger highway is clear and straightway to the ballot box. If you can't vote early, vote as early as you can.

On the first of a month the grain pit takes the elevator; at the end, the toboggan. Shaking down approaches an exact science.

First comers for Ak-Sar-Ben get in on the ground floor, and have vintage seats for the season in the upper boxes. Have you joined?

Composing the Mexican situation is promised again. Confidence in the promise awaits definite arrangements for a few anarchist funerals.

Fifty years after the close of the great civil war finds a grateful republic more ready than ever to pay homage to the memory of the soldiers who saved the union.

It does not help Omaha for a yellow journal to placard the city as overrun with thieves and thugs, and to pretend that there is no police protection. Down with the knackers!

Lightning actually invaded the Missouri supreme court room and delivered a series of shocks surpassing the exploits of the native mule immortalized by Chief Justice Lamm.

That injunction on the new electric lighting rate ordinance stands for the present, but it does not prevent the company making the overdue reduction which it said it was willing to make.

Some Electric Light Illumination. So much of the public pabulum on the public service plants comes from spokesmen for the owners or promoters that the ring of independent individuality in a pamphlet just issued by Morris L. Cook, director of public works at Philadelphia, embodying two lectures on public utilities given at various eastern universities during the winter, is really illuminating.

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Memorial Day.

At first, Decoration day was an occasion that came very close to the hearts of the people among whom it originated, for the wounds of the war were still unhealed, and hearts yet ached with the sense of personal bereavement. Now, in its broader application, it has come to be Memorial Day, when a mighty nation ceases from its daily vocation to pay a tribute to the memory of those who have died in the wars of the nation. The ceremony of the day, simple and unaffected, is one full of meaning. Not alone does it recall the achievements of the soldiers gone, but the patriotic impulse here renews its pledge to the nation, to make even the supreme sacrifice for the preservation of the union and its institutions.

Devotion to one's country is not shown on the battlefield alone, for every day in every walk of life opportunity is afforded for the exemplification of fidelity to those ideals that make our country great. The flag is saluted as an emblem of those ideals, but back of that salute is the determination to merit the privileges as well as to receive the rewards of American citizenship, and in this spirit the citizen, no matter what his condition, is as truly setting forward the standard of freedom as though he were baring his breast to the stress of battle under Old Glory.

Memorial Day in its truest sense is the time for a renewal of faith and consecration to the common destiny of a common country.

City Planning Subjects.

The growing interest of Omaha in city planning too frequently emphasizes the hazy notions which most people have as to what city planning embraces. In this connection the program which has been prepared for the National Conference on City Planning, soon to meet in Detroit, affords some illuminating light through the mere enumeration of the topics to be up for consideration and discussion.

Omitting those which suggest only generalities, one session is to be devoted to "The Best Methods of Land Subdivision," with special reference to the dimensions and size of building lots, and their variation for different classes of buildings. Another session is to be given over to "City Planning and Civic Designing" from the standpoint of the architect and builder, and still another session to the legal and administrative problems of municipal control over public and private improvements to make them conform with a comprehensive plan for the community rather than the selfish desire of the individual.

It goes without saying that while these subjects may be treated generally in a national conference, they have their specific application to every growing city. Nor is it imperative that the solution of the problem be the same everywhere, for communities do not want to be mere duplicates of one another even for the sake of uniformity. The main thing is to look at the city's development from all its varying standpoints, and, above all, to look far enough into the future to provide an elastic framework for growth that does not have to be recast and done over every few years.

Intervention in Mexico.

Speculation is again rife in Washington as to what policy the administration will adopt in dealing with the situation in Mexico. The affairs of that unhappy country have reached such a stage that it is apparently imperative that something be done to help its people get on a more solid footing, so far as government is concerned. While the United States can and will give aid to the destitute, and relieve the physical suffering of the Mexican people as fast as possible, what will be done to correct the political abuses may only be guessed at.

Will the president turn about face on his course and adopt a more vigorous policy for dealing with the Mexican situation? He is pledged publicly not to interfere with the Mexicans in their settlement of their own affairs in their own way, but has not the situation across our southern border ceased to be an exclusively Mexican affair? One thing is very certain, the banditti who have brought the country to its present sad state are not to be reached by moral suasion. They have proved themselves to be without capacity for the higher duties of government or the more important of military requirements. As organizers of guerrilla warfare they are superb, and in guilder and rapine without peers, but they know nothing of the humane side of warfare, nor the responsibility that goes with power; therefore, words are wasted on them.

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Making a Virtue of Necessity.

Some of the eastern trade papers, and a few of the secular organs, have sounded the praise of United States Steel because it has taken no contracts for the furnishing of war material. Now comes the Wall Street Journal and lets a little light in on the subject. Adverting to the same topic, the Journal says United States Steel has refused to consider contracts running into hundreds of millions of dollars for the furnishing of war munitions. It goes on, however, to point out that the steel works of Europe are all busy turning out war material, to the exclusion of commercial steel, and that in this the domestic company is finding much employment for its plants. It is not taking any chances on putting up factories that may have to be torn down after the war, but is making a virtue of necessity by providing structural steel of all sorts, in order that European factories may be given over to the making of war material. You may point your own moral to this.

The medical doctors of Nebraska have formally resolute for a new constitution for the state. It is possible Nebraska stands in need of just this thing, but, really, what is it the doctors want that they can't get under the present constitution?

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Views, Reviews and Interviews

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"UNCLE JOE" REDMAN was a "character" in every sense of the word. He was the typical "oldest inhabitant," and at the same time up to the very end the youngest old man I ever knew. He was always good humored and jovial, just bursting with enthusiasm for whatever particular project he happened to have in hand. He never belittled to drop in to tell about something new he had gotten hold of, which was always going to do wonders for Omaha, for he believed in Omaha's future greatness, and was wrapped up in it, heart and soul. His fund of energy seemed inexhaustible, and he could get up a load of steam with less fuel than anybody else in the community. Of course, many of his schemes were of the rainbow-chasing variety, but every now and then he started something that had a real landing place, and no worthy movement that promised well for Omaha failed to enlist "Uncle Joe" as a booster, even though he had nothing else to put in.

While "Uncle Joe" was a "character," who could reel off his experiences of the early days by the yard, and tell just when it was colder or hotter, or wetter than the last record-breaking freezing, or scorching, or flooding, he never hit any very high spots of official eminence, although he served long years ago on the school board, and later in the city council. In the Bee's political files, "Uncle Joe" has been written up on both sides. It is worth noting, however, that the same uprising of the people for a reorganization of the Omaha public schools that placed The Bee on the map also made Joe Redman a member of the school board. As has been more than once explained, the founder of The Bee, in order to oust a so-called local ring, procured the enactment of a law by the legislature in which he was then serving, consolidating the school machinery and inaugurating a Board of Education. In legislative transit, the author of the bill was compelled to accept an amendment for acceptance or rejection by popular vote before the law should become operative. I have just looked up that law, and observe a curious wording of the referendum clause to the effect that the law should be suspended if the "No's" constituted a majority—a relative referendum, so to speak. Regardless of that, however, The Bee waged a successful campaign for acceptance of the law which created a school board made up of two members from each of the six wards, and at the next election which inaugurated the new regime, "Uncle Joe" was chosen to represent the Fifth ward, where he then lived, and continued to live ever after.

"Uncle Joe's" career as a city councilman was coincident with the beginnings of our water works, and he and his associates were the storm center of the famous Holly water works squabble, which was probably the hottest subject matter ever pulled off in this ballfield. I have the original Cluskey letter-book packed away somewhere, but I am not going to dig it up at this time. In that famous combat "Uncle Joe" side up licked good and plenty, but he came up smiling for the next round, as he always did.

I was talking with Frank Redman the other day, summoned here from Salt Lake City because of his father's illness. "We're just waiting," he said, "but we have this great consolation that father is leaving us the very best heritage any man with a large family could leave to his children. We are to have all our old memories and nothing else—no property to divide or quarrel about, nothing which ever to ruffle our feelings or to cause rivalry or to disturb the affection in which we hold one another."

There is more deep philosophy in this casual remark than in many a long-studied one.

Governor Whitman could not but have been pleased with the reception accorded him during his brief stop-off in Omaha when a godly delegation of representative citizens went down to the station through the rain to meet him and greet him. The Empire state governor impressed every one with his cordial and frank manner. He was willing to discuss anything but presidential politics. Whitman may, or may not, be in the lists for the next republican nomination—that will depend largely upon him, and the extent to which he makes good as chief executive of his state. But it must be remembered that at least three New York governors have made the jump from the mansion at Albany to the White House at Washington, and several more have led their party hosts as standard bearers. To become the next republican nominee, that is the greatest state in the union is his achievement.

A governor of New Jersey traveled across the continent less than four years ago to spy out the land and visited between trains in Omaha—so it is not the impossible nor without precedent.

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Decorated day was elaborately observed, business houses and residences being decorated, particularly along the line of march of the parade. Open air services were held at Prospect Hill. John I. Webster delivered the oration of the day.

One feature of the Decoration day parade was thirty-eight states represented by thirty-eight fair maidens.

The board of public works let paving contracts as follows: Farnam from Fifteenth to Sixteenth with Sioux Falls granite on broken stone and sand base to E. J. Brannan at \$2.00 per square yard; for paving Farnam from Eighteenth to Twentieth with asphalt to the Harbour Asphalt company, at \$2.25 per square yard with a five-year guaranty.

Pred Nelson, 515 North Sixteenth street, is anxious for the return of a leather pocketbook, containing two notes and some money, lost between the government corral and Wakefield's lumber yard.

The Otlette company put on the player's own comedy, "The Professor," to the delight of a Boyd audience.

W. P. Gurley went to Blair to deliver the Memorial day oration there.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: A missionary declares that until recently Koreans did not know how to "spoon." The benighted condition of that unfortunate people has been worse than most people supposed. And what would the world do without missionaries?

Brooklyn Eagle: The Episcopal church, through its representatives at the diocesan convention at Garden City, rejects the proposition that women be offered the right to vote on church matters. There was a large majority against it. The authority of St. Paul is not to be set aside.

Houston Post: The Church of England believes that there is a time to fight as well as a time to preach, and that the time to fight is right now. Hence the ordination council of the diocese of London has adopted a resolution that no candidates for admission to the clergy of the church who are of military age and physically fit for duty will be ordained during the war. In other words, the implication is that they can serve the "cause of humanity" to better advantage in the trenches than in the pulpit.

Springfield Republican: Rev. Dr. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the first woman minister ordained in the United States, has just celebrated her ninetieth birthday by finishing a new book. Mrs. Blackwell was one of the speakers at the historic woman's rights convention at Worcester in 1840, and has been prominent as a lecturer on the abolition of slavery, on temperance and on other social reforms. She was graduated at the Calvin theological seminary and is now pastor emerita of All Souls' church, Elizabeth, N. J.

Oh, liberty, what a lot of divorcees hide under thy cloak! Too many of us ride a hobby without an emergency brake. Probably the most important woman's club is the rolling pin. When a so-called vocalist murders a song the sound is not deadened. Even figures that won't lie are sometimes inposed in tall-made gowns.

Anyway, Eve wasn't constantly nagging poor old Adam about other women. A second arrow from Cupid's bow quickly heals the wound made by the first. Only a bachelor knows that it's the easiest thing in the world to manage a wife.

A girl always tells a young man she can cook—and she always tells other girls that she can't.

Some men would have no excuse for living if their wives didn't take in boarders.

If the world owes us a living, why not pull off our coats and proceed to collect it? Young man, beware of the dear girl who lets you do all the talking during courtship. She's playing a waiting game.

We are never too old to learn. A man never realizes how little he knows till his small son gets big enough to ask questions. — Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

The deepest trench of the sea yet discovered is off Mindanao, in the Pacific, 22,085 feet.

Grass or hay placed in a pipe for a few days will cause it to smoke as sweetly as when it was new.

Six or eight months' time and an expense of \$5,000 is involved in repainting the Brooklyn bridge.

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AROUND THE CITIES.

People and Events

Charley Yes of Cleveland, O., said "No" to five strangers who wanted something of his change. There is where Charley's deft failed. The strangers got the money and Charley got a mauling.

Coming back to the charm of "easy money" the New York Board of Education admits having paid \$4,100 rent for a building it has not yet utilized. The landlord has not registered a kick.

After devoting forty years and a fortune to experiments in perpetual motion, a Michigan man died in an insane asylum. He reached the destination officially mapped by the patent office.

Melancholy medical statistics insert a pleasing thrill in the showing that 10 per cent of the doctors who died last year were over 90 years, and the average of all was well over 80. Evidently the doctors are taking their own medicine.

Under the new eugenics law marriages in Wisconsin have fallen off 4,000 in fifteen months. More than that number of couples went out of the state to have the ceremony performed. Laws may check, but cannot defeat the activities of sporty Dan.

The marrying squire of San Raphael, Cal., his honor William Magee, with a knotty record of 3,500 couples to his credit, is invincible and humiliated. His artistic skill has been flouted by his daughter, Florence, 18, who eloped and was married by a rival squire.

Truly the girls are going some. The leader of a gang of young bandits run down in Pennsylvania is a 19-year-old girl. In New Haven, Conn., a bride-to-be sent the bridegroom home with a big mitten because he offended her sensibilities by bringing a jelly to carry her to church for the ceremony. There are others, but two will do for a day.

Forty members of the Rotary club of St. Louis on the witness stand gave varying versions of the spilling of a tray of soup and Martini cocktails on the neck and gown of one of the women guests at a banquet. All agreed that the soup was hot and blistering, and that the male banqueters grew hot because of the mishap to the Martins. Evidently a hot function all around.

Six cabarets an evening with drinks to match the speed was considered essential to the happiness of a New York heiress of 19. Denounced in court as an incorrigible by her mother, she tilted the family table by showing that mamma could absorb a highball without wincing. As between the discretion of years and the speed of youth the court leaned to mother and suggested the value of a swifter as a speed regulator. They kissed and made up.

QUAINT BITS OF LIFE.

The late Mrs. John Cramer of New Hamilton, Pa., who lived to the age of 82, never rode on a steam or electric car or in an automobile.

A Missoula, Mont., woman loaded from a high bridge into a river, only to be carried downstream in a steam or electric car in an automobile.

A California judge has ordered that if H. H. Krause stays at home his wife shall feed him, and if he chooses not to stay at home she shall pay him \$6 a month alimony.

A Mississippi bride sued her husband for divorce rather than ride in the dilapidated, mule-drawn survey which met them at the station after their honeymoon. She obtained \$40 a month alimony.

A barber at Seneca, Ill., "got religion" at a revival there and confessed that he had turned a young man's hair fiery red with some "sea foam" of his own concoction. The youth had to leave town for a year, he said.

The latest claimant to the largest family in Georgia is E. W