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Thought for the Day. Selected by Edward Rosewater. "Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we find it."—Abraham Lincoln.

Let the gavel fall, and strike for the right. The man who gives, but never receives advice, usually needs it most. Europe is terribly in earnest about this war.

It is well to remember, however, that the first bill in the hopper is not necessarily the first law on the statute books.

Who is it that decrees tight money and restricted employment in a country that produces \$10,000,000,000 worth of farm stuff in one year?

Notice the democratic solons at Lincoln. If you want to be boosted in the senator's newspaper boost for the senator's prohibition-of-arms-export bill.

Another place where the modern war machinery seems to be defective is in providing an adequate relief corps for victims caught on a sinking battleship.

Now England proposes to arbitrate the matter of our shipping rights at sea. Well, remembering the case of the Panama toll question, can you blame England?

On the ground of small favors gratefully received, American poets may accept the British writer's compliment that the best war poetry has been written in the United States.

Another twist is to be taken by the city to mark the boundaries of the electric lighting franchise. But what has that to do with getting lower rates for electric light right now?

The supreme court's action in the Leo Frank case by implication enunciates a principle which lower courts should follow, and that is that human rights supersede legal technicalities every time.

Even if the street car company has been taking in fewer nickels, there is still the compensation that walking is a most healthful exercise, and it is too bad more people do not get the habit.

With our newly elected business school board in complete and unimpeded control of the affairs of our public schools, retrenchment and reform will soon be either the real thing or a dissolving view.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha. Compiled from Bee files.

A strike among the men employed in cutting ice for Guy & Fitch today took on a spectacular aspect. About seventy-five men in the gang demanded \$1.50 a day, and picked up stragglers until the number reached 125 men, while they marched along up the river to get other ice cutters to join them.

The Plattsmouth Yveth has organized a dramatic production with J. D. F. Schmitt, president, William Rodeck, secretary, L. Huppeler, treasurer, and W. F. Stocker, stage manager.

The county treasurer and county surveyor have taken up quarters in the new county court house. The offices for County Clerk Leavitt are not quite ready.

Little Bertie Wilkins, the nephew of W. H. Wilkins, is lying seriously ill at his home on North Nineteenth street.

Mr. L. M. Rhoads of the A. D. T. company gave the twenty-seven messengers a New Year's treat in the form of an oyster supper at the restaurant of J. R. Getty.

James E. Croighton, proudly sports a glossy heavier won on an election bet from an unlucky republican.

Contradicts Our Neutrality Professions.

As it passed the senate, the immigration bill, with the literacy test applying to the people of all nations except Belgium, squarely contradicts our national professions of neutrality.

The overwhelming majority by which the bill passed the senate naturally would suggest a sufficient majority in that branch to re-pass the measure over a veto, but that does not necessarily follow.

Spirit of Wholesome Rivalry. The Bee recently referred to base ball, football, golf and other popular outdoor games as the safety valves of our strenuous American life.

Who will say that we are not a bigger, better race for it? To get at a clearer appreciation of the value of these sports and games upon our national life let us imagine their elimination.

Incidentally, 1914, which gave the United States its greatest farm output, achieves new fame for this other record of being the best sport year in our history.

A Peace Treaty Buffer.

Those bellicose jingoes who are afraid of war between the United States and England over the commerce matter seem to forget that one of Mr. Bryan's "breathing-spell" treaties precludes such precipitancy.

But, seriously, no cool-headed American or Englishman, is thinking about war as the result of this dispute. The United States is simply demanding its rights and England has thus far indicated no intention to withhold them.

Prohibition in the Colleges.

The recent convention of the Prohibition Intercollegiate association, which brought together at Topeka large numbers of students from numerous colleges, welled up to a high pitch of enthusiasm for the fight against Demochrum.

Governor West of Oregon has named a woman to fill a vacancy as state senator, who, by the way, if seated, will be the representative from Douglas county, and the first woman to serve in that capacity.

Those London papers criticizing the Wilsonian dictum are respectfully referred to certain identical statements, if not language, once used by Mr. J. Bull in a note to Russia, similarly upholding his commercial rights.

The new book entitled "Amazing Grace" refers to a typical American self-willed girl, not a prodigy in spiritual virtues.

Aimed at Omaha

Norfolk News: The Omaha morning papers are usually able to agree on the weather. On other questions they are not likely to find common ground.

Loup City Northwestern: Billy Sunday, the evangelist, closed his meetings at Des Moines last Sunday with 36,000 persons converted from the error of their ways.

Grand Island Independent: The campaign for a municipal lighting plant in Omaha is on. There is little doubt about the result.

McCook Tribune: Sunday's Bee contained a fine illustration of the champion high school foot ball team of southwest Nebraska—the McCook High, together with irrefutable data setting forth its claim to the title.

Norfolk Press: Jerry Howard, legislator for South Omaha, says he is his own boss and that he's not going to Lincoln wearing any man's collar—but that he will fight for three bills, a minimum wage-law, woman suffrage and the consolidation of Omaha and its suburbs.

Grand Island Independent: It is said that "Doc" Tanner, the South Omaha editor, has moved his residence to Omaha.

Hastings Republican: If Omaha is wise it will get busy and see that there is not only proper water-power legislation, but its citizens will likewise get busy in promoting the completion of one or several of the proposed power-producing plants on nearby rivers.

Kearney Democrat: Emphatic endorsement ought to come from home. Omaha does not appear to be very strongly behind Mr. Hitchcock in his efforts to prohibit shipments of war material to the warring nations.

Present Tribune: An Omaha man, speaking before the Real Estate exchange of that city, said if interurban roads were built it would help bring a real estate boom.

Hastings Republican (dem.): Mayor Jim Dahlman is not of the kind to "lose sight of other good things in sight. He had no sooner become convinced of the hopefulness of an amicable agreement between Senator Hitchcock and Secretary Bryan over who should be who as to the apportionment for internal revenue collector than he made a public announcement he would seek re-election as mayor of Omaha.

Twice Told Tales

He Had to Stay. There is a government official at Washington whose entertainments are rather dull, but who himself possesses a sense of humor.

One evening he was leaning against a wall for a few minutes' refreshment and surveying the throng of guests gathered at his wife's bidding, when a talkative young man stepped up to him.

The Lord Needed Help. A certain preacher, in one of the southern states, was preaching away one Sunday morn., when a fire alarm broke the attentive stillness of the sanctuary.

People and Events. Fearing that Ireland might claim Lord Kitchener as its own, English investigators put out a statement showing his ancestral home to be in Lakenheath, Suffolk county. His ancestral home is to be situated in the "Kingdom of Kerry," Ireland, when the stock flew in.

Precious few people, out of their own experience, fashions a good word for rheumatism. Mrs. Fannie Schmitzer of Chicago is one of the few. Her "Rheumatism" is a twenty-year companion, got unusually busy on Christmas night and kept her awake so well that she discovered a fire on the premises and gave the alarm in time to save the occupants, some twelve in number.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Stone Throwing and Glass Houses. SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Jan. 4.—(To the Editor of The Bee: In reply to the "heavy artillery," recently trained on Scott's Bluff through the Letterbox of The Bee, I beg space to say there is only one kind of the explosives fired that is worthy of mention.

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one was in good humor. Then he began talking to me about some business proposition he had been figuring on, and I found he had taken me for another, and when I informed him of his mistake the temperature went down again.

Editorial Viewpoint. Pittsburgh Dispatch: Mr. Winston Churchill's application of the name "baby-killers" to the naval Germans who raised the English coast is not a complete explanation of the fact that the multitudinous British navy was wholly absent from the brilliant opportunity to turn the raid into a naval defeat.

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SMILING REMARKS.

"You know that strong drink makes a man talkative." "Yes," replied the statesman who had been listening to speeches. "But so does prohibition."—Baltimore American.

First Chauffeur—Who was that fellow you ran over? Second Dito—I guess it must of been the glass water at the water cooler. Look at that tire!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Angry One—For two cents I'd knock your block off! The Calm One—Well, you won't get your working capital from me.—Boston Transcript.

"Business is rejudging itself, but along new lines." "How so?" "A foreign noblewoman has just married an American millionaire."—Puck.

The Sultan—I want to speak with you about the light of the harem. Grand Visitor—The beautiful Fatima? The Sultan—No, the gas bills. They're getting too goldarned high.—Philadelphia Ledger.

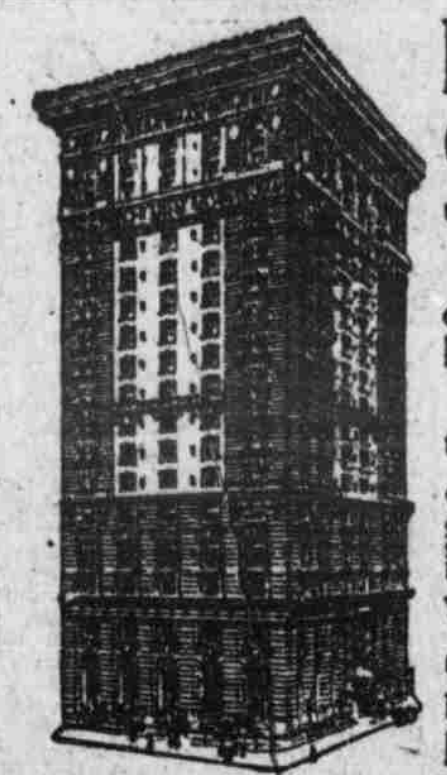
"You can't get wine here, sir. This place is dry." "Well, all I want is something extra dry."—Indianapolis News.

OUR BABY. Baby came just for a visit. Came to brighten to our life, Bringing with her floods of sunshine. To denote our earthly strife, To divert our earthly gaze, To a higher, brighter space.

Thanks, Oh, Lord, for every hour You let rather linger here, Thanks for every tear and sorrow When her end was drawing near, For Thy grace to let her come, As our daughter in our home.

Lord in grace, be with Thy children, Help us through this weary day, Let us feel Thy very presence, When her body is laid away, Let us feel it was Thy will, That our baby life is still.

When our days forever vanish And the night will come no more, Lord, we pray that we may meet her, Happy on the other shore, 'Till then, we shall abide, Loning, waiting, by Thy side, OMAHA, AGNETA JOHNSON.



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FLORENCE

is to be given next and believe me she is a very pretty dolly. She has such sweet winning ways that we would like to have her go to some little girl that didn't get a doll for Xmas.



Put on your thinking caps little Busy Bees, and see if you cannot remember some such little girl, and try to make her happy by collecting a few pictures to help her win Florence.

Florence will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age that brings or mails us the largest number of dolls' pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 9.

Florence pictures will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too.

You Can See Florence at the Bee Office

Sled Number 4 FREE THIS WEEK

The picture of the Sled 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.

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