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January 14 Thought for the Day Selected by C. J. Smyth Howe'er it be, it seems to me 'Tis only noble to be good. Kind hearis are more than coronets And simple faith than Norman blood. - Tennyson

Can President Wilson, by indirection, repeal the ninth commandment of Baltimore? Colonel Bryan has the floor.

It is hardly fair to speak of Arizona as strictly dry, when the cactus state has an occasional spring flood.

It takes more money to run the county than It used to before the legislature tacked on a few costly frills at our expense.

Lieutenant Governor Pearson might put some push behind his opening remarks by declaring a moratorium on hot air.

The next suffrage campaign blacklist of antagonistic congressmen will look like our shoestring ballot if it takes them all in,

Still, the fact that Great Britain has treated the shipping of other countries no more gently than ours, offers us no great consolation.

It is not a question of a full-weight loaf or a short-weight loaf. Any kind of a loaf is welcome in these days of democratic prosperity.

The President's Partisanship.

The dominant note of the comment on the president's Jackson day speech is its show of intense partisanship, and its promise of a distinctly partisan administration during the remainder of his term in the White House. Hitherto the president had been having the benefit of a popular notion that party fetters were resting lightly upon him; that he was more free and independent of partisan considerations than any preceding president; that, in a word, he was broader and better than his party.

His own declarations now disclose him to be characteristically typical of the democratic party-perhaps the higher minded part of it, but nonetheless bounded in his vision by the democratic horizon. He referred to the republican party as not having had a new idea in thirty years, when nearly every law the democrats have put on the statute books with his help, with the notable exception of the Underwood tariff, has merely completed plans set in motion by the republicans. Almost at the very moment the president was making his address at Indianapolis, his secretary of war was submitting to the Philippine committee a brief made up chiefly of extracts, reports and statements by Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft to prove that the administration's proposed Philippine bill conforms strictly to the policy laid down by the republicans,

In another place, the president gave a hint as to his idea of party obligations within the party when he threw a bouquet at the democratic senators from Indiana as two he "does not have to lie awake at nights thinking about." presumably because their subservient partisanship distinguishes them from the few democratic recalcitrants who have been making him more or less trouble. This was probably intended as notice to those who have already gotten off the reservation, as well as to those who may possibly be tempted to stray.

Taken altogether the president's declaration of his partisanship must be viewed as a reflex of his "state of mind:" that he believes, as would go without saying, that the democratic party is far superior of any and all other political parties; that anyone who realizes this and professes to be a democrat is preferable to a republican or a progressive, or a member of any other party, and that among those who profess to be democrats only those who do not make him "lie awake at nights" are the real thing, and all the others are spurious.

Cleaning Up Politics.

The federal raid on the Terre Haute election manipulators, the most extensive of its kind, ought to have an invigorating effect, not alone on Indiana politics, but wherever "machine" control is still potent to direct the current of political life. "Practical" politics has been given a jolt that ought to serve as notice to everybody that the day of the election corruptionist is rapidly passing.

Organization is vitally essential to political success; without it little can be accomplished. Political parties are formed along certain fundamental lines, and with certain definite policies for government, and their operations can only be orderly followed through effective business management. But this does not mean "gang" or 'machine" organization. The overthrow of "bosses" and "gangs" is not hard to accomplish when once the people are awakened to a realization of their own responsibility for conditions. If political corruption ever thrives it is because e apathy of the voters themselves.

The Political Caldron

AYOR "Jim's' alleged intention of going it M alone in his fourth mayoralty race serves. paradoxically, both to buil and bear the local political market at one and the same time.

It bulls it for the crowd that demands a complete overhauting in the city hall and bears, it for some of the mayor's present colleagues on the commission, who had counted on what help his alliance would be to them this time, as before.

Dahlman, however, declares himself fixed in his determination (subject to change) to look out for No 1. He knows better than anyone can tell him that Jim Dahlman does not possess the political strength he did three, six or nine years ago. Much of that strength naturally is sapped by the very fact that he has had three successive terms, nine years in all, as mayor. Usually, it requires a lot of nerve and power to land the third cup of coffee, to may nothing of the fourth

Jim's late attempt to iariat a place on Uncle Sam's payroll is his own admission of weakness. He is in the present city campaign only because he was caught between the upper and neither grindstones of Brothers Bryan's and Hitchcock's feud over patronage, but because he wouldn't rather have the federal job than another which at the city hall fleahpots.

You may bet on this, that while the mayor may be able to round-up his "Dahlman Democracy club" the time as ever, he has jarred certain other support that he will never get back, not in time, at least, for use in the coming election. If you don't believe this, keep your eye on Brother Hitchcock and the interests with which he trades in this community. Nor are they all. "There are othera." Watch for them, too.

James Caruso Dahlman knows all this, whethe many other folks do or not. And he is stacking his chips with these things in view. He is not sitting in blindly at any game these days.

How does Dahlman's plan bull the anti-city hali rowd? It simply means to this element that instead of having a fence-high and hog-tight organization to fight, it will have seven men, each fellow pretty much hoeing his own row. Oh, of course, after Jim pulls away they may fall into separate alliances, as already intimated in this column-for instance, Kugel and Hummel going together, with McGovern, Withneil, Butler and possibly Ityder tying up. But even so. like the old man's seven sons, the compact will in that event be broken and therefore weakened.

That's what the outside element is counting on the element that seeks a completely new set of city officials. And "dinna fash y'sel" about this element not amounting to much It amounts to a whole lot It is quietly gathering strength. It comprises some of the most aggressive and yet conservative business men in the city, while at the same time, the church and other "moral" factors. And, while this element as a whole expresses dissatisfaction with the present administration, it probably would demand a complete change even though impressed-as it must be-that some of the present commissioners have done some commendable things. As one man put it to the writer:

"This agitation for a complete change in the commission is so strong that even though it be admitted that some of the present commissioners had done very well and were fairly good officials, it would still insist on a change. The feeling we have simply in that the city ought to have an entirely new set of men to head its civic affairs."

Now, that is a very fair index to this general temper. And it won't do for any wise, "practicas"" politican to sneer at it, for it is not a matter to be sneered away. Don't make the mistake of thinking that this agitation arises only from a small set of "theorists" or any thing of that sort. You'll find it in the noodles of as practical men as any who occupy official seats in the city hall.

Yet to date, it can be said that no "slates" or "tickets" or even decisive plans of organization have been determined on by what we may refer to as the "antis,"-the people, perhaps. Ask some of the men who engineered the anti fight in the last city campaign and they will tell you that as yet they have not drawn their lines of battles, but are preparing to. It was said at the time of the late school board election that the citizens' ticket was to have an effect on the forthcoming city commission campaign. Its triumph has naturally encouraged the bellef that something similar may be accomplished in April and May. To be sure, some 2,500 women helped out "the slats" materially at the November election, who will not have the privilege of aiding in the spring fight and yet the citizens school board ticket would have fared toler ably well even without the women. Then there is a psychological value to such a victory. Victory begets victory, just as defeat begets defeat. No one will say that the citizens' ticket bunch is not stronger today than it was before or would have been in defeat. And what gives it a lot of tangible strength is the personnel of the men it put across. People are saying all over Omaha today that they would like to see a similar set of business men installed as city commissioners. Most political seers seem to think that Dahlman and possibly the majority of his associate commissioners might succeed in getting past the primaries, in which case the big fight would come at the election. That, of course, is purely speculative; they might all succeed in winning every heat and the whole race, for that matter. It is admitted, though, toat with anything like a well equipped and directed opposition, the latter ought to be, able to come through the primarics. no matter who else won, with sufficient strength to make a mighty interesting fight at the polls. .To do this, it is quite agreed among some that it would be a little hazardous to confine the selections to a too rigid set of men. "Better a half a loaf than no loaf at all," is the advice of such men-not had advice, at that The idealist is always an impossible proposition in politics, while the broad-guaged man of ideals may not be.



An Indignant Protest.

GRAND IBLAND, Neb., Jan. 12 .- To the Editor of The Bee: In yesterday's issue of The Bes there appeared a statement by a Mr. W. E. Martin, "A man placing himself beyond attribution of righteous motive in proposing shutting off the allies' supplies * * * either sinks to the lowest depth of sordidness or is a fool."

As a German-born American citizen who has given almost twenty-five years of increant toll and sincerest endeavor to the cause of public welfare in this great and glorious country, and who isas even his enemies will admit-neither "sordid" nor a "fool." I most emphatically protest against such slanderous insinuations.

In due time this gigantic struggle will come to an end. And I am confident that the cause of righteousness and justice will then prevail; Germany will be victorious, because this war was not of its making-it has been been driven to it by the enmity of France and Russia, aided and abetted by hyprocritical England.

The attitude of England is explained by the decline of its commercial supremacy. Some time ago F. A. McKenzle wrote in the London Daily Mall: "Twenty years ago China's trade was absorbed by England. It was a case of Britain first, and the rest nowhere. This is no longer so. And at about the same time Ferdinand Reaunctiere, editor of the Revue Des Veux Mondes (Paris) said: "England never has hesitated to draw the sword, whenever its business interests were threatened." Those Americans who feel inclined to

antagonize the German side in this most iamentable world tragedy, will do well to read the words of Sir Thomas Barclay in the Independent Review (London): "The foreign offices have, though slowly, awakened to the necessity of treating the existence of Germany as a fact. The intellectual jugglery of trying to think nonexistent, the childish ranting against it of irresponsible writers and politicians * * * only fan into intensity a hostile spirit, which every responsible and sensible German deplores. Those who do this fool work expose themselves to execution by all who wish to see Europe settile down to a few years of peace and stability."

The only rightful attitude of America is that of "strict neutrality." Of a neutrality that is dignified, because it does not seek or usurp the function of an arbiter and controller of the destinles of Europe-and that is also wise, because it prevents the scattering of seeds of internal discord, that otherwise will be sure to ripen

DR. JULIUS LINGENFELDER.

Florence Has Reason for Suspicion. FLORENCE, Neb., Jan. 13.-To the Editor of The Bee: The announcements in the Omaha papers of the vote in Florence regarding annexation was, in the main, true. Over two to one voted a decided "No." Not that the city of Florence is so much opposed to annexation, but would like to know just what we are to receive in return for the surrender of our property and our inherent rights. You can't blame Florence, Mr. Editor, for being suspicious of getting the worst of the deal with Omaha after our very and experience with the water district bill, and it does not inspire much confidence when we read in The Bee that Senator Howell has introduced the bill in the senate to unite the five cities. Florence is very old-fashioned and still believes there is a great deal in a name You will see by looking through the files of The Bee that I favored annexation

now welcome consolidation by act of the legislature. If Alleghany, a city of 200,059 people could be annexed to Pittsburgh by not of the Pennsylvania legislature, why not little old South Omaha that would have everything to gain and nothing to lose except the hold of the office F. A AGNEW. holders' trust.

Editorial Shrapnel

Boston Transcript: The president of the University of Illinois discharged a professor when the latter married his daughter. Secretary McAdoo is congratulating himself that this quaint old custom didn't prevail at Princeton.

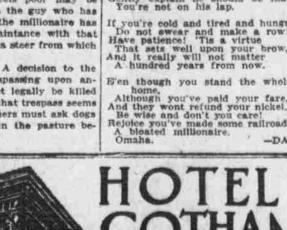
Philadelphia Ledger: There is no cause Thisdeephik Ledger: There is no cause for alarm over the statement that our navy is in cold storage. Any man who has ever partaken of cold storage butter can tell you that it is a process which adda great strength to the product geored. adds great strength to the product stored. Boston Transcript: Secretary Bryan has gone to inspect country home No. 168 at Ashville, N. C. In a crisis this great patriot can always be depended upon to leave affairs of state to some subordinate who understands his busi-

ness.* Houston Post: The man who has a million dollars and feets poor may be more unfortunate than the guy who has \$7 and feels rich, but the millionaire has a more intimate acquaintance with that part of the anatomy of a steer from which the porterhouse is cut.

St. Louis Republic: A decision to the effect that a dog trespansing upon another's property cannot legally be killed in Missouri merely for that trospass seems to show that sheep owners must ask dogs what they are doing in the pasture before they open fire.

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TO THE PUBLIC:





SUNNY GEMS.

Second Cook-Did you expect me to scrape those fish you just disemboweled First Cook-Yes. They are drawn to cale.-Judge.

"How uscless girls are, today. I don't believe you know what needles are for." "How absurd you are, grandma," pro-tested the girl. "Of course I know what needles are for. They're to make the graphophone play."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

"My friend, the real estate agent, thought he had landed a big political agent as a tenant for a desirable property, but, unfortunately, he scared him off." "How?"

"By inadvertently mentioning it had ex-posures all around."-Baltimore American

ADVICE.

Don't let your angry passions rise If there should be no heat. And you feel the icy breezes Blowing strong about your fect. But fight a royal battle, keep Your temper and your seat.

And if during all the journey You are hanging to a strap, And just because you're on his feet A man should want to scrap, Gently explain he should be thankful You're not on his lap.

If you're cold and tired and hungry, Do not swear and make a row! Have patience! 'Tis a virtue That sets well upon your brow, And it really will not matter A hundred years from now.

E'en though you stand the whole way

some railroad man -DAVID.

COTHAM

The journal of our state senate printed day by day makes its appearance on pink paper, but the contents will disclose a few yellow streaks hefore long.

The legislator who inscribes his name on one of those hoary old holdup bills advertises himself either as a knave or as an easy mark for some other knave,

The action of the repudiated governor of South Carolina in emptying state prisons goes to show that lunatic asylums are not getting their righteous share of business.

The attention of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Statesmen is called to the shameless rule which invites Nebraska lawmakers "to lick the stamps they pay for."

That nepotism ovil seems to have made itself odious and odorous also down in Missouri. where it is proposed to stop it by law as it should be stopped everywhere.

In moving for court reform and judicial restriction, Senator Quinby is treading on dangerous ground. Reforms of that character are the special province of bar associations.

The movement launched by societies of women in Washington to unite and nationalize efforts for world peace faces a tremendous task at the present time. The very greatness of the task is all the more reason for concerted action. World peace is not to be achieved in a day, a month, or a year.



John D. Howe, attorney for the M. & O., came down from St. Paul, and was meeting his many

Mins B. M. Hood invites the women to call at her m at the Arcade hotel and examine her work in painting and needle, and also indellible stamping.

Unity church has arranged a course of winter lectures to be given by Rev. J. T. Sunderland of Chi-cago, Prof. C. M. Woodward of Washington university. Rev. John Snyder of St. Louis, Prof. C. D. Mills of Syracuse and Rev. Miss Ida Hutton of Algona, Ia.

The much-talked-of grand charity ball, the crowning social event of the season, took place at Boyd's opera house tonight. The grand entre was made at 9 Clock led by J. E. Boyd and Mrs. Woolworth, Judge and Mrs. Bavage, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Squires, General Hawkins and Mrs. Boyd. The proscentium baxes presented one of the most trilliant features of ion. The Boyd's occupied their usual boy on the right, and the Omaha club the one on the opposite. On the second tier were Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Himehaugh Miss Grace Himebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Jamison, and across from them Mr. and Mrs. Clark Woodman, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Sirang and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stone. The list of those in attendance seems to include the names of everybudy who was anybody in Omaha society, and an estimate placed the profits at not far from \$3,600.

And no agency has been of greater help and usefulness in the achievement of the change that has come about in the last two years than the newspapers of the country. Publicity for political actions is the safeguard for security and honesty of elections.

The Sidetracking of Suffrage.

Once again the doctrine of state's rights has served the democrats in congress. This time it is used to dispose of the bothersome question of votes for women, by relegating the matter to the several states for disposition. In giving this renewed recognition to the inherent right of the several states to regulate the privilege of suffrage, the democrats are but serving their own interests.

The southern states are very much concerned in the control of suffrage. Unless it be left to them to determine who may and who may not vote, it will be found impossible to effectually disfranchise the negro. "Grandfather" and similar laws to prevent the colored men from voting would vanish, and the hold of democracy on a large block of votes in congress might be shaken. It was not discourtesy to the white women that prompted the southern congressmen to line up solidly against the resolution, but a fear of the wedge that might open the polling places below Mason and Dixon's line to voters whose disqualification resides in their color.

Moral Obligation.

A professional base ball player is quoted as having said, in reply to a tempting offer to "jump:" "I am legally and morally bound by my contract." In these days when so much is heard of "tearing up contracts," and the like, this utterance is refreshing.

The moral obligation contained in a contract is its most vital element: without it, the contract is worth but little, for when the moral obligation is ignored the only question left to be determined is, on which side does the greater profit lie? If it will pay better to observe the contract, then it will be fulfilled. It is the moral and not the legal obligation that makes a contract of any kind valid and binding.

Men who have done the world's work-perhaps not those whose names have loomed highest in the list, for history has accorded place to men who were more noted for breaking than keeping their pledges-the moral obligation has had the strictest observance. No higher tribute can be paid a man than the simple expression. "His word is good." It is the basis of business, for business, in the final analysis, rests on credit, and credit must have character to support it, and character recognizes moral responsibility in all undertakings.

The man who does not regard pledge or promise beyond the extent of his personal interest fails so far as achieving the best he may in life is concerned. No real success is built on broken pledges.

The suffrage women now know the worst. and can act accordingly.

Twice Told Tales

His Performance.

Jesse R. Grant, the famous general's son, said in Reno the other day. "Gaff, an old soldier, was so bored once by war

talk that he broke out into a war story on his own account. He worked his story up in the conventional way, and at the climax he said:

'Yes, gentlemen; men fell by the dozen on svery side of me. Bullets pelted down like halistones. The roar of the big guns was desfening. Logs and arms, to say nothing of heads and hodies, were flying through the air in all directions. And then, by jingo, I saw we were cut off!'

'Holy smoke, man, what did you do?' asked a listoner.

"If women voted there would be no more war," minutes.' "-San Francisco Chronicle.

Forewarned.

Senator Borah complained in Washington of an underhand effort which was being made in certain quarters to defeat his recent bill.

"I would like to feel a little more frankness in the said the senator. "I wish the opponents of my bill would be as frank as the miner of Crimson Gulch. "A foolish stranger once said to Three-Finger Sam

of Crimson Gulch: 'Do you think it is polite for a man to sit in

shirtsleeves and play cards all day?" 'Yes, sir,' answered Sam, 'and maybe h'll be for

your own good to remind you that the fewer sleeves a man has on when he plays cards about here, the leas liable he is to fall under suspic

Defining Lasiness.

A lawsult was recently in full swing, and during its progress a witness was cross-examined as to the bits and character of the defendant.

"Has Mr. March a reputation for being abnormally lazy?" asked counsel briskly.

Well, air, it's this way-

"Will you kindly answer the question asked?" struck in the trancible lawyer.

'Well, air, I was going to say it's this way. I don't want to do the gentleman in question any iuustice, and I won't go so far as to say, sir, that he's lasy, exactly; but if it required any voluntary work on his part to digest his food-why, he'd die from lack of nourishment, sir."-Everybody's Magazine.

several years ago and am still of the same mind, but am firm in the belief that both parties be consulted as to how it should be done. Now, Mr. Editor, your Florence correspondent, knowing him as I do, must have been misinformed in regard to the council hustling for votes. I am not sure, but am of the opinion that only two of the council voted. As to the mayor hustling for votes, that goes without saying. I believe that the man who does not vote and take some interest in those affairs should forever keep quiet afterwards, and that would be hard on the mayor.

> F. S. TUCKER. Mayor of Florence.

The Officeholder's Trust.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 18 .- To the Edltor of The Bee: Many people are very unfavorably impressed with the spectacle of the residents of the aristocratic part of Omaha coming down to this workingmen's city and uniting with the office holders trust of South Omaha to perpetuate the present unsatisfactory conditions that are distasteful to a great majority of the residents of South Omaha today

A great many think the people of Dundee, who think they are the bon-tons, the nabobs and aristrocrats of earth are in pretty small business in coming down to South Omaha to fight the best interests of the realdents of this city. The selfstyled high tones want to use us as catspaws. If a fair and square and honest vote was taken in South Omaha today on consolidating with Omaha it would carry by an overwhelming majority for we are ready for it except the officet holders and those who have contracts with the city of South Omaha. The people of Dundee had better make their own fight, for we of South Omaha do not care a continental what is done with Dundee, and they had better keep their bills out of our city.

Some people of South Omaha say it would be unconstitutional for the legia-lature to annex us to Omana. If they are so sure of that, why not let the legislature pass the act, and then knock it out in the courts, for that would effectually kill it for years to come. But they know such laws have been passed. hundreds of time in the United States and held good every time. When Omaha now furnishes up with gas, electric light. water, street cars, telephones and mails. why not dispense with the office holders and complete the consolidation?

If we should be annexed things would improve in a great many ways Why would it not be better for the corporations to use every effort to have shoe manufacturing establishments and tan-neries built to use the \$4,000,000 or, \$5,000,000 worth of hides shipped from this city every year, than to send some of their tools to Lincoln every two years to fight the wishes of the people of this city? Why not have the hides used here rather than to send them to distant points and then send them back to us an faished product

Let the office holders' trust try to get up trainloads of people to go to Lincoln to protest against the Brean bill and see how many they will get. They might, get a carload by taking all the office holders, their relatives and those who have contracts with the city and those who expect to get jobs yet But the great body of South Omaha people would go on any more such expeditions They have their eye teeth cut and would

In March, 1914, I became afflicted with an attack of Bronchitis which forced me to remain in bed for two months. The doctor in attendance chauged the medicine several times, and instead of improvement, I seemed to grow worse. For a while I was despondent, until my wife read a little pamphiet advertising the "Essence Mentho-Laxene." Discouraged with what I had been using without effect. I was willing to try almost anything that sounded like a cure. The Mentho-Laxene was bought, the syrup prewhat I had been using without effect. I was willing to try almost anything that sounded like a cure. The Mentho-Laxene was bought, the syrup pre-pared according to direction, and before half of the quantity was consumed the cough had abated and I was at work four days after, and have never felt any symptoms of the dread disease since. All who are acquainted with Bronchitis will understand how hard it is to subdue the cough, but today I am willing to take an oath, or make an affidavit to the effect, that my case of Bronchitis was as severe as ever affilieted man, and that I was positively cured of it in less than four days, all due to the wonderful curative powers of the "Essence Mentho-Laxene." Since then I have recommended it to all sufferers as I was, or to those who were subject to oolds of any kind. In each case the medicine sustained the reputation I had given It, and all were loud in their praises of this truly valuable pre-scription.

(About Bronchitis.)

All who may be skeptical in its use can write me, and I will cheerfully give them all the information they desire above my personal seignature. Very respectfully, 2447 Lafayette St., Denver, Colo.

August 2, 1914

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