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### Thought for the Day Selected by M. C. Cronin.

The crash of heraldry, the pomp of power, And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er guve, Await alike the inevitable hour, And paths of glory lead but to the grave.

-Gray.

How about those overdue reductions in water rates and electric lighting rates?

In these days the man behind the snow shovel puts it all over the man behind the hoe.

The principle of home rule for cities is more honored in the breach than in the observance.

Still the spell of uplift oratory is not sufficient excuse for completely ignoring the burdens of the taxpayer.

What the governor definitely proves by pulling out his pardon record is that he is an easy mark for pardon procurers.

If Greater Omaha consolidation had a pilot in the house who could match Brother Quinby in the senate, it would be clear sailing.

With the new and old members of the school board doing team work, Omaha educational interests should line up for the forward

If the profit on county jail feeding at 60 cents a day had remained, turning prisoners loose on savernor's pardons would be much more serious to some one we know.

Should the Nabraska house persist in dictating pin money for the senate it will find itself in the predicament of Davy Creckett's coon. The senate has considerable reserve artillery.

if the woman teacher dismissed without charges or hearing is on that account entitled to relastatement, how about the man teacher similarly dropped from the high school faculty?

After fighting it out for a hundred years to entablish the natural and unaltenable right of expatriation, the literary test would limit it to those who have been permitted to learn to read and write.

Simplifying judicial procedure is a reform or pressing necessity and should be undertaken with courage and intelligent energy by the legislature. Justice should be within the reach of all the people.

Adopting the home rule amendment was to relieve the legislature of the necessity of devoting half its time to tinkering with the charters of Omaha, Lincoln, South Omaha, and the other elties. Some day-,

We are a great self-governing people-in theory. For example, representative government in Omaha consists in asking the state legislature to pass needful laws, in the making of which 116 out of 132 members are only remotely interested.

Assuming that suffrage leaders recognize the signals of opportunity, a goo-goo session or a seronade of cradle songe might go far toward routing the president from his state-line entrenchment. Strategy around the wings often succeeds where direct attacks fail.



The city council meeting sevoted most of its time to discussing terms for extra pay on grading and BRVIDE COntracts.

The local Burns citth is preparing to celebrate the ndredth and sixth birthday of Scotland's bard next Monday with an elaborate entertainment pro-Mr. James Anderson is president of the soclety and Mr. W. J. Knox occretary.

Dr. Summers of the local military medical staff is confined to his room by illness. Chief Eutler of the fire department has cone to Lincoln to attend a meeting of the State Firemen's

William G. McGavock, a Tenormos capitalist, intends to erect a farebouse on the corner of Tenth and Harpey streets at a cost of \$40.000 William A Poxton left on a business trip to New

Mr. John E. Erene has been appointed to a seens for the Union Pacific for Nebruska, Wroning and Idaho divisions with offices at Omeha

#### Taking the Short Cut.

In taking the short cut to reinstatement, we believe the school board has found the best way out in the Stegner case. The action of the hoard, at any rate, confirms the position taken by The Bee in this matter from the outset, namely, that no one employed on the public school teaching staff should be dropped from the list for cause without having charges preferred and an opportunity to answer. It is notorious that this course was not pursued in the case of Miss Stegner, and in the cases of certain other dismissed or demoted teachers, and it is only fair, although it may be a technical procedure, that reinstatement be accorded. So far as Miss Stegner is concerned, we doubt very much whether any one now has any interest in formally filing the charges upon which, it is alleged, her dismissal was predicated-

What the people of Omaha, and the patrons of our school, desire above all things, is efficient and conscientious teaching service, which cannot be had with any degree of certainty either when appointment and promotion goes by favor and pull, or when discipline or dismissal is arbitrary and without recourse.

### The Balance-Sheet Test.

The Chicago Herald applies the balancesheet test to the efficiency of the national administration and its measure of success in carrying out democratic pledges of economy. Taking the latest available figures the condition of the United States treasury on Thursday of the first week in January, as exhibited in the official statement, was as follows: "

Receipts to date last year ... \$364,422,423,00 Receipts to date this year ... \$28,037,997.54 Outgo over income last year., 35,048,142.68 Balance in general fund...... 64,880,574,59 Balance previous day ...... 64,332,648,30

It does not take an expert accountant nor a big business financier to translate these figures. They mean that the treasury receipts for the fiscal year so far elapsed are short over thirty-six million dollars as compared with the year before and the expenditures for the same period are in excess by forty-six million dollars. This is the showing notwithstanding the added war tax revenue on one side and the decreased outlays in constructing the Panama canal, now approaching completion, on the other.

There is no partisanship in this balance sheet-just the feelingless logic of cold figures.

#### Looking Into the Foundations.

The examination by the Industrial commission into the affairs and methods of the Sage. Rockefeller, Baron de Hirsch and other foundations may develop information of interest to the public. The purpose of these established philanthropies is to make investigations, into the various activities of our national life, political, economic and social, to discover our mistakes, and to suggest such methods or changes in method as will be beneficial to all. They have already had a great part in bringing about innovations and improvements in city government, in educational' management and in industrial admin-

These foundations are heavily endowed, so that they may be as free from ulterior influence of the city lights" would have no charm for them. as is humanly possible. They are responsible to no one, and have made their inquiries and reports without regard, so far as is known, to the effect of their findings. That they have already wielded a great influence is certain, and it is equally certain that that influence will grow as the resources behind them increase. What concerns the public more than any other aspect of the question is, Will the power inherent in these great philanthropies always be productive of

The proposed inquiry, if pursued, should bring out the details of the operation of these foundations. Publicity has proven an efficient safeguard in politics and in business, and it eaght to be serviceable here as well.

### The Smile Producuer.

All accounts from the seat of government agree that President Wilson is wearing a broad smile, the first that has illumined his face since the shadow of sadness spread over it when the grim resper took away the first lady of the land last spring.

And why not? Is it not preverbial that new-made "daddles" and "granddaddles" always display the smile that won't come off, particularly when the first born is a boy? Such occasions are naturally calculated to make the "daddy" chesty, and the "granddaddy" too, whether the stork visits the hovel or the executive mansion, the common ordinary dwelling or the princely palace.

The advent of the presidential grandson is the smile producer par excellence, and at the same time the sorrow-extinguisher-a new life and a new light to all within the charmed

A series of three emphatic victories scored by women teachers over the male members of school boards in New York City, Cleveland and Omaha carries an impressive warning to those who will not read the educational signs of the times. This is a land of majority rule. In concational matters women constitute the majority.

Seven presidents have ruled or attempted to rule in Mexico stace Porfirio Diaz took his leave four years ago. Six have retired, the seventh was on the job at last accounts. Whatover else may be said of the Mexicans, their loyalty to the principle of rotation in office commends itself to the outs.

In apite of the whole-souled efforts of Nebrasks and lows in boosting domestic harmony. railroads persist in rough house activities, hoping to gain grounds for divorcing 2-cent farer. If the roads imagine they can strip the family purse and escape alimony they have another

Criticising the decreasing responsibility exercised by parents is hardly fair. What with the city providing allurements in addition to the money-making appply, it is a wise parent who can locate his offspring long enough to exercise responsibility.

### The Political Caldron

JAMES CARUSO DAHLMAN WILL COME back soon from Excelsior Springs in his finest righting form, smeared with war paint, so they tell us at the city hall. Indeed, if all they say be true, the mayor will come not only refreshed from the ennul of official responsibility, girt for the battle.

"You've put him on his mettle," said one of his cronies, "with all this war talk, this "Bill" Ure and 'seven new men' stuff. You are going to see a wild owboy around these parts pretty soon. Jim's going to put on some fancy scenery and don't you forget it You think he's lost strength by the fact that he's served three terms already, and further because he missed his throw at that maverick of Uncle Sam's and has to fall back on this tame city steer. All righto, we'll see. Watch James show the people that it's just as easy to get away with the fourth cup of coffee as the first, second or third,'

Three years ago the cry was for new men in the city hall. Then those making the cry proceeded to name men, who while very good for the most part, were by no means new in politics. On top of all this was piled as bad a job of management as ever superimposed itself on anybody's campaign. Dahlman and his crowd and a lot of others not entirely in sympathy with them, found room for complaints of "puritanical" politics, and the result is still fresh in mind.

This year the gentlemen who thus erred three years ago are guarding against repetition of their mistake. While still bent on "cleaning out the city hall," they perceive the wisdom of going about it in a very different way. In the first place, they want candidates who can win, more than simply "new" candidates, although they would like to hold onto the new" idea. But if you find them resorting to such tried and astute politicians, albeit good public servants, as 'Bill' Ure, Harry Zimman, Frank Bandle, for example, you need not be greatly surprised. So far as we know, these three men have never been thus associated by anyone contemplating the movement here being described. This reference is made rather in a general sense, as simply reflecting thoughts nov revolving in certain minds.

'I see they're getting ready to clean us sut, quoth Tom Flynn, city clerk. "Well, if they do, I want to land somewhere. I see they're after a good manager for this new seven, so I guess here's where get on. Put me down as a candidate for that job. What's the matter with me running the campaign of these gentlemen? They all know Tom Flynn, know that he is on the square and has a tip or two on the way the game is played. And, as this is a nonpartisan affair, why I guess I'll do for any new bunch as well as if they were all democrats. With any decent ticket and me manager, we'd be unbeatable."

And there might be more truth than poetry in what the witty Irishman says, at that. "I note also that my friend, R. Beecher Howelf, is pulling for the clay manager plan of municipal government," added Flynn. "Well, I'm like Bob, I'm for it if I can be city manager. And I'd just as a

have that job as the one of running some one's class campaign. "But, there's this I object to, that is, you're making fun of the way I read off the ordinances and other documents at the council meetings. You say I mumble them like a warlock at his incantations. Why, man, when I went to school I was considered the best reader in my class. My teacher used to say

that I'd be an orator some day if I kept on. Well, maybe I can't read ordinances, but I can read signs, all right. And one of the signs that I read right now is is, that if any refurmer wants to head a ticket for city commission, and wants to land, he'll make an awful mistake if he don't take me up on my proposition to run the game for him."

### Kennedy's Dream Book

Boped in the Western Laborer.

THE science of farming, we believe, offers the heat opportunities in the world today for workingmen's sons. Nebraska is an agricultural state and the sons of city workingmen, once they get the dope in their blood, would make contented, sys-They have heard their fathers and mothers tell of the struggly it is to answer the whistle, the years of dread of lesing their jobs, and the best the best of them get out of it is to give the kids a good educasething they didn't get. They cannot afford to give them a professional education, and they know many of the professional men of Omaha earn less than skilled mechanics. Today the agricultural school education offers the best opportunities for a workingman's son, but the expense of maintaining a boy down there is mere than he can stand. We would like to see the authorities in charge of the agricultural school given the power to establish dormitories on the grounds, to use the products of the state farm to feed the students, cut out the initiation fee, furnish the books free, fill the school with the sons of workand turn loose into the state 500 ambitious siducated boys every year for a generation. It would be worth ten thousand times more to the state and to Omaha than the making of as many lawyers, docor dentists-professions already overcrowded Lat's raise our own farmers instead of importing Let's make it easy for our own boys to get on the farms of Nebraska, and then when Father is a "down and outer" he can toast his shins and smoke his pipe in the boys' home somewhere on the giorious prairies of Nebraska.

The uncoracted effect hasn't reduced the hi cost of living any. You can bust as many cisars hugging an uncorseted girl as you can hugging a girl who is wearing a corset.

Three democratic daily newspapers in New Orleans locked out 200 union printers because the union wished to divide their work with the unemployed created under a democratic administration.

The democratic governor of Nebraska' was asked by a typogrphical union committee to recommend the establishment of a state printing plant to do the printing for the state. He recommended the astablishment of a state printing plant in the peniten-tiary; the inference being that there are enough printers in the penitentiary to do the printing of the

The Nebrazka labor commisioner's office was created by the sepublican party thirty years ago by legislative enactment. The present democratic governor wipes it out of existence by consolidating it with the napector of hotel bedrooms.

A Lincoln man investigated the record and reports that in twenty-six years just two printers have served terms in the Nabraska penitentiary. I wonder how many of the governor's craft have done time down there during the twenty-six years.

With reform in the stock yards should come ; law prohibiting the practice of drowning cattle before driving them on the scales. Six dollars per 100 pounds for Missouri river water is excessive, when it only coats the stock yards company about 10 cents per 1,000 gallons.

## People and Events

These is no joy in Boston. Beans are aviating with wheat and the supply is short. A algarette dropped in a rubbish heap caused a 2008,000 fire near Philadelphia. That's what rubbish heaps are for

Conductor Harry Fluke of the Pennsylvania line on New Year's day received from each commuter on his train out of Altoons, a big red apple, and had a colection of 512 apples at the end of the run. Rejuid how a good idea grows to size and spreads

good will. Pive years ago Merkel Landis started the first Christians savings club in Carlisle Ps. Other cities Isliewed the example and last Christmas there were 1,000,000 members in such clubs.

# The Bee's Lefter Box

Maupin Answers Morrow. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 19-To the Editor of The Bee: "I have not been informed as to what particular appointment Mr. H. W. Morrow is seeking at the hands of Governor Morehead, hence I am unable to figure out just why he should take issue with me as to the matter of establishing a state printing plant at the penitentiary. I oppose trying to establish a state printing plant at the penitentiary for the simple reason that the idea is In the first place, it requires real brains to be a competent printer. and, as a result, printers seldem get into the penitentiary. Second, the term of service at the penitentiary averages so short a time that it is sheer nonsense to figure on teaching any number of convicts the trade, Perhaps Mr. Morrow would be willing to establish a real estate exchange at the penitentiary, allowing the convicts to handle all the real estate and building operations of the state. That would be just as sensible as estab-

all state printing. Mr. Morrow fails to distinguish between furnishing convicts with healthful em-ployment and putting them into active competition with free labor. I believe in giving the convicts semething to do, but am unalterably opposed to allowing their labor to be explofted; also opposed to allowing them to be used to batter down the wage scale of men who are leading honest and upright lives. Certainly I am not so selfish as to confine myself to my own trade. What I hold as to the printers I hold as to the members of any other trade or profession. There are many good people who never think of the self-sacrificing, honest and industrious worker who is hustling to provide bread for his family, bet who manages to shed a lot of tears in behalf of the fellow who proves a "quitter" by endeavoring to get something for nothing.

lishing a shop for the purpose of doing

I believe the state owes more to the honest, lawabiding and industrious worker than it does to the fellow who goes wrong, no matter what his excuse.

I am quite willing to have Governor Morehead make the experiment. It would at least prove one thing-that it simply cannot be done. Then, perhaps, we would be relieved of a lot of foolish suggestions along that line for years to come WILL M. MAUPIN.

#### Navigation and Water Power.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Jan. 19 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Any person living outside of Omaha would naturally suppose that the people of Omaha would stand up for Omaha, but such does not seem to be true. I have already received many voluntary letters from legislature and business men with respect to water power legislation, some from Omaha, all asking for information.

The idea of making electricity for a neating agent by water power seems to be a new one to many people, and it explodes the argument that we may overdo the making of electricity. I have stated many times, after having made the computation, that one horse power for one year, converted to heat is equal to about one ton of hard coal, the transmission being more than 100 miles. This computation is based upon the mechanical equivalent of heat.

Two years ago I with many others stodd upon the Missouri river bridge at Omaha and someone remarked that "This is the longest river in the world." It was the time of the flood period. Many people really believe the Missouri river a great nuisance, because of the uncerchannel and the 200,000,000 cubic yards of mud which it washes into the Mississippi annually. From the engincer's view I began studying the Missouri. The first thing I did was to so to a man who assisted in constructing one of the bridges to find what sort of foundation the piers rested upon. To my surprise he told me that a few feet below the surface those piers rested on solid rock. With a solid foundation for dams to arrest the rapid flow the Missouri might be made a valuable stream for both navigation and water power. The Missouri at Kansas City flows 48,600 cubic feet of water per second. If

so much water why is navigation impossible? If the Missouri had a fall of two inches per mile instead of eighteen inches the depth should be increased from ten feet to more than forty feet. If the proper foundation may be lead, forty or fifty miles apart, the Missouri may be made one of the most valuable properties of the nation. Millions of horsepower turned to current selling as low as \$6 per horsepower for a heating agent to take the place of cont may be developed and in addition the cities of the Missouri and Mississippi would be in direct navi gation with the civilized world.

Has the fact ever appealed to you that the transcentinental railways and the eastern munufacturers and financiers do not want our rivers properly improved, as I have suggested? If they are improved in a proper way manufacturing and the financial centers must move westward. Has the fact ever appealed to you that the writer was the first to show that water power improvements on the Loup, if made by the canal method, would prove an absolute failure, and from that showing filings for franchises

were immediately made for dams?

Why have I favored state ownership and improvement of power sites and an appropriation of \$100,000 and the appointment of an engineer to determine exact cost of 10,000 horse power? If we proceed on the policy of private ownership we can never develop electricity for a heating agent because of the high cost of current. If we proceed on the policy of state ownership and development we will place ourselves in position to force the issue of improving the Misacuri within five years.
WALTER JOHNSON.

### Editorial Snapshots

St. Louis Republic: Mrs. Athert Sidney Burleson, wife of the postmaster general. recommends the use of cotton-seed oil in her recipe for corn pone. The fact that it happens to be labeled "olive oil," we may add, will make no material dif-ference except in the price.

Louisville Courier Journal: When we reach the state of enlightenment at which we shall boast of made-in-America purchases as proudly as an American woman new brage about imported wearing an parel, American segurities will be the coundest value in the world.

Brooklyn Eagle: Chicago librarians have decided to advise against buying daily newspapers, because these are so cheap that every man should buy fer himself. If there is any newspaper publisher on earth who does not approve of this reasoning, he should make himself heard as soon as possible.

### CHEERY CHAFF.

"Do you know I heard from the best of authority that young Jipa is soing to the dogs."

So he is. He's been appointed one of the Judges at a big bench show."—Balti-more American.

Congressman-Want a job, eh? What can you do?
Constituent-Nothing.
Congressman-Sorry, but those bighealaried jobs are all taken long ago.
You must wait for a vacancy.-Washington Post.

Jack-The ring doen't seem to fit very well. Alice. Hadn't I better take it back and have it made smaller?

Alice-No, Jack: an engagement ring is an engagement ring, even if I had to wear it around my neck.-Boston Transcript.

The Employs-I've called for my time. I'm not going to work for you any more. The Sarcastic Bose-Have you been working for us? I thought you were marely drawing pay.—Philadelphia Bulictin.

"What are the qualifications for mein-bership in your international optimist club," asked the philanthropist's friend. "Well, in the first place, you've got to speak English with an American accent."

-Washington Star.

### SOME SNOW.

Oh! Oh! That snow!
That hee-u-tee-tul snow!
That hee-u-tee-tul snow!
That fiver Welsh seniA bilizard?—Taint so.
Just a flustering flurry
From out the northwest.
With a strong wintry wind
A-blowin' its best.

Oh! Oh! That snow! That enveloping snow—
That enveloping snow—
That hampered car service
And made trains move slow—
Plus a high wind that heaped it
Round manalon and hovel
And made Sunday resound
With the sons of the shovel.

Oh! Oh! That snow!
That soft silent snow—
The high wind made all
Of the noise, don't you know—
As it shricked 'round the roofs
And whirled up the satire
As if seeking a villain
In hiding somewhere.

Good ole Brer Welsh.

There is one simply daft
On the way you are handling
Your big weather craft:
And will back up your dictum—
O wise weather wixard—
That aithe 'twas some snow
'Twas by no means a blizzard. -BAYOLL NE TRELE





Stopped

"Just a line in praise of Sloan's Liniment. I have been ill nearly Linment. I have been ill nearly fourteen weeks with rheumatism, have been treated by doctors who did their best. I had not riept for the terrible pain for several nights, when my wife got me a small bottle of the Liniment and three applications gave me relief so that I could sleep."—Jeseph Tamblyn, 615 Cenverse Street, McKempert, Pa.

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is the name we have given the doll for this week. When you see her, you just can't help exclaiming: Oh! What a pretty little lady. So neat and trim. What a fine little housekeeper she must be.

Lady will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age that brings or malis us the largest number of doll's pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee hefore 4 p. m. Saturday, Jan-

Lady's picture 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. See how many pictures of Lady you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 23. -

You can see "Lady" at The Bee Office

# More Skates

for our Busy Bee Boys



American Ciub, Nickel Platod, Tempered Sizes to fit. This picture of one of the Skates will be in The Boe 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 Boo office.

The Skates will be given Free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M. Saturday, Jan. 28,