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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 gave, Await alike the inevitable hour.

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 movement.

If the profit on county jail feeding at 50 cents a day had remained, turning prisoners loose on governor's pardons would be much more serious to some one we know.

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

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

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

Stipulating judicial procedure is a reform of 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 cities. 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 152 members are only remotely interested.

Assuming that suffrage leaders recognize the signs of opportunity, a 500-500 session or a serenade of cradle songs might go far toward routing the president from his state-line entrenchment. Strategy around the wings often succeeds where direct attacks fail.

Thirty Years Ago. This Day in Omaha. The city council meeting devoted most of its time to discussing terms for extra tax on grading and paving contracts.

The local Burns club is preparing to celebrate the one hundredth and sixth birthday of Scotland's bard next Monday with an elaborate entertainment program. Mr. James Anderson is president of the society and Mr. W. J. Keene secretary.

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

William G. McJannet, a Tennessee capitalist, intends to erect a warehouse on the corner of Tenth and Harney streets at a cost of \$45,000. William A. Paxton left on a business trip to New York.

Mr. John B. Brown has been appointed legislative agent for the Union Pacific for Nebraska, Wyoming and Idaho divisions with office at Omaha.

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 board, 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.

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 balance-sheet 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:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Receipts to date last year, \$364,422,423.00. Receipts to date this year, \$28,057,977.54. Decrease, \$336,364,445.46.

Looking Into the Foundations. The examination by the industrial commission into the affairs and methods of the Sags, Rockefeller, Baron de Hirsch and other foundations may develop information of interest to the public.

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 ought to be serviceable here as well.

The Smiles Producer. 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 grim reaper took away the first lady of the land last spring.

And why not? Is it not proverbial that new-made "daddies" and "granddaddies" 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 circle.

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 educational matters women constitute the majority.

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

In spite of the whole-souled efforts of Nebraska and Iowa in boosting domestic harmony, railroads persist in rough house activities, hoping to gain grounds for divorcing 9-cent fares. If the roads imagine they can strip the family purse and escape alimony they have another guess coming.

Criticizing the decreasing responsibility exercised by parents is hardly fair. What with the city providing allowances in addition to the money-making supply, 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 fighting 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 ennui of official responsibility, but with a new motto.

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 had a job of management as ever superintended itself on anybody's campaign.

"I see they're getting ready to clean us out," quoth Tom Flynn, city clerk. "Well, if they do, I'll go to some place. I see they're after a good manager for this new sewer, so I guess here's where I get on. Put me down as a candidate for that job."

"I note also that my friend, R. Beecher Howell, is pulling for the city 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 soon have that job as the one of running some one's else 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 sorcerer at his incantations. Why, man, when I want 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, that if any reformer wants to head a ticket for city commission, and wants to lead, 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

THE science of farming, we believe, offers the best opportunities in the world today for workingmen's sons. Nebraska is an agricultural state and the sons of city workmen, once they get the dope in their blood, would make contented, systematic, industrious, successful farmers.

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

Three democratic daily newspapers in New Orleans looked out 30 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 typographical union committee to recommend the establishment of a state printing plant to do the printing for the state. He recommended the establishment of a state printing plant in the penitentiary; the inference being that there are enough printers in the penitentiary to do the printing of the state.

The Nebraska labor commissioner's office was created by the republican party thirty years ago by legislative enactment. The present democratic governor wipes it out of existence by consolidating it with the inspector of hotel bedrooms.

A Lincoln man investigated the record and reports that in twenty-six years just two printers have served terms in the Nebraska 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 a law prohibiting the practice of drowning cattle before driving them to the scales. Six dollars per 100 pounds for Missouri river water is excessive, when it only costs the stock yards company about 19 cents per 100 gallons.

Conductor Harry Fluke of the Pennsylvania line on New Year's day received from each commuter on his train out of Altoona, a big red apple, and had a collection of 615 apples at the end of the run.

Behind how a good idea grows in size and spreads good will. Five years ago Merle Landis started the first Christmas savings club in Carlisle Pa. Other cities followed the example and last Christmas there were 1,500,000 members in such clubs.

People and Events

There is no joy in Boston. Beans are availing with wheat and the supply is short.

A cigarette dropped in a rubbish heap caused a \$200,000 fire near Philadelphia. That's what rubbish heaps are for.

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The Bee's Letter 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.

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, but who manages to shed a lot of tears in behalf of the fellow who proves a "quitter" by endeavoring to get something for nothing. I believe the state owes more to the honest, law-abiding and industrious worker than it does to the fellow who goes wrong, no matter what his excuse.

Navigation and Water Power. NORTH LOUP, Neb., Jan. 15.—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 legislators and business men with respect to water power legislation, some from Omaha, all asking for information.

Two years ago I with many others stood 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 uncertainty of the channel and the 30,000,000 cubic yards of mud which it washes into the Mississippi annually. From the engineer's view I began studying the Missouri. The first thing I did was to go 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 45,000 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 had, 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 in take of the place of coal may be developed and in addition the cities of the Missouri and Mississippi would be in direct navigation with the civilized world.

Has the fact ever appealed to you that the transcontinental railroads and the eastern manufacturers 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 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 \$10,000 and the appointment of an engineer to determine the exact cost of 50,000 horsepower? 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 form the basis of improving the Missouri within five years.

WALTER JOHNSON.

Editorial Snapshots

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CHEERY CHAFF.

"Do you know I heard from the best of authority that your wife is going to the dogs." "So he is. He's been appointed one of the judges at a big bench show."—Baltimore American.

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

Jack—The ring doesn'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 Employer—I've called for my time. I'm not going to work for you any more. The Sarcasmic Boss—Have you been working for us? I thought you were merely drawing pay.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"What are the qualifications for membership in your international optician 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.

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The VANDERBILT Hotel. Thirty Fourth Street East at Park Avenue. NEW YORK CITY. An Ideal Hotel with an Ideal Situation. WALTON H. MARSHALL, Manager.

Rheumatism Lumbago Sciatica Stopped. Just a line in praise of Sloan's Liniment. I have been ill nearly fourteen weeks with rheumatism, have been treated by doctors who did their best. I had not slept 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. —Joseph Tamblin, 615 Converse Street, McKeanport, Pa.

Lady 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 mails us the largest number of doll's pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 25. 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. Barney & Berry American Club, Nickel Plated, Tempered Welded Steel Blades. Sizes 5 to 11. This picture of one of the Skates 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. The Skates will be given free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M. Saturday, Jan. 23.