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Thought for the Day. A man must serve his time at every trade. Says census; critics are ready made. -Byron.

Plenty of time yet for numerous city campaign boomlets to thaw out. Yes, this is just the appropriate weather to revive the Cook-Pearry controversy.

Anyhow, letting steam out of the annexation boiler eases the pressure on the crownboat. "Made in Omaha" is a guaranty of high class goods, full measures and right prices.

Sure, let the people rule in this consolidation matter—but all the people rather than just a few small groups of them. Still, Omaha ought not to have to go to Lincoln to get any reductions in electric lighting rates to which we may be entitled to.

Railway rate raising is doing more to boost the river navigation game than the efforts of all the waterways promoters put together. With all lights out, the darkness of British cities at night is pronounced beneficial to eyesight.

Formal opening of the Panama canal may be postponed. It is to be noted, however, that the canal is open and doing business without waiting for any formalities. If all the wind power going to waste in and about the legislature could be harnessed, development of our water power resources might be safely deferred for another few decades.

Renewed assurance of an early opening of the federal pie for "deserving democrats" of Nebraska does not lighten the pathos of the words: "Thou art so near and yet so far!" A government which successfully solved the problem, "What is whiskey?" can be depended on to show equal perspicacity when it goes to the bat with the question: "Is playing base ball labor?"

It is worth noting that Uncle Sam's plea for shortening the long hauls on shrinking national revenues stirs no responsive chord in the pork barrel corner. Economy planks are useful only to get in on.

Stricter regulations in granting passports for foreign travel are rendered necessary by the war. The State department has more pressing duties than acting as guardian for "innocent spectators" of a widespread row.

Revelations on the methods of preparing for consumption the North Pole stories of Peary and Cook bring the spotlight to bear on literary secrets usually kept in the dark. Not a few of the magazine heroes of today are strutting around with the plumes of borrowed literary merit.

Thirty Years Ago. This Day in Omaha. L. C. Foster of Chicago, grand organizer and inspector of railroad breakers, is in Omaha on a western tour for the purpose of organizing new branches of the Brotherhood.

Food for Thought for the Street Railway.

Following up the note of warning sounded by The Bee for the rate raising railroads, let us suggest that our street railway management can find food for thought if they will observe current conditions in Omaha and listen to the talk indulged in by the passengers on their cars.

Let the street railway people ask themselves, Why is it that the prospect of jitney bus lines arouses such a welcoming chorus, regardless whether the scheme may be practicable or profitable? Grant that the street railway service in Omaha is in many respects excellent, and the management notably progressive along certain lines.

Concede that the successive demand for extensions into new territory have been cheerfully met, sometimes before fully warranted. Admit that the cars are for the most part now, roomy, fairly clean, up-to-date, well heated in the winter time, if not always properly ventilated.

Agree that the motormen and conductors are well paid, efficient and accommodating within the rules which they are required to observe. But still there is a lurking dissatisfaction which stimulates the hope of relief through another transportation system.

Is this dissatisfaction, and its causes, irremediable, or are there some improvements which could be provided? The common complaints, it is true, go largely to the amount of street railway service at hours of traffic congestion, and the relief, if possible, must come from putting on additional cars or rearranging the hours to conform with changing demands.

Is it necessary to compel people to stand at street corners in below-zero weather and watch from two to four over-loaded cars pass them up without even stopping? Is it necessary to compel passengers when they finally squeeze on, to stand on the steps, or be wedged against an iron railing, or hang from a strap, as the only alternatives to walking?

If this congestion cannot be avoided in the early evening hour, why must it be repeated at the time when people are going home from the theaters and amusement places, when other cities have theater car service. Again, why should not the street railway time table be made to fit in better with the time tables of the railroads, so as to carry incoming travelers from the station to their homes, or to hotels, when they arrive?

We do not believe the people of Omaha as a whole are specially hostile to the street railway company or over-exacting. As a rule they realize the difficulties besetting the company, and appreciate efforts at relief, whether they accomplish all that is desired or not.

Can They Over-Ride the Veto? As was naturally to have been expected, strenuous efforts are well under way to line up enough votes to put the literacy immigration bill across over the president's veto.

Postal Savings and the Schools. A bulletin of the national bureau of education calls attention to the fact that a million and a quarter dollars is on deposit in the school savings banks of this country distributed among 217,000 pupils, who thereby learn lessons of thrift for use in later life.

General O'Brien may not entertain designs on Tipperary, but having entered Mexico City, he appears to be on the way and going some.

The Political Caldron

BY MONDAY next Judge Sutton will again be a private citizen for the first time in a long while, stepping down from the district bench by his own resignation.

Although in announcing his retirement, Judge Sutton also announced that he was going into private practice, and had no intention of getting on to the race track in the coming municipal campaign.

"Well, Judge Sutton is out of it, and there is no more use making calculations on him. If he had any idea of being a candidate for commissioner, he would have said so, and would have said that he was giving up his judgeship so he could not be accused of using his judicial position to boost his political game.

"Viewing the political situation at this early date, I would ask what issue can be brought against the present city administration? I have talked with many business men and they all agree that the city never was in better condition from a governmental standpoint.

"Do you really believe the entire seven commissioners will be re-elected if they all file again?" was asked. "There is nothing written in the books to indicate otherwise," was the reply.

The political dopsters are having a merry time these days talking over the available timber and reminiscing on political battles lost and won. Anybody who has not been mentioned in connection with the city commission election is either in one of the local cemeteries or in jail.

One of the old political wheel-horses wants to know whether there will be a lot of slates at the city commission primaries on April 8. Of the making of slates there seems to be no end and the slates made and slates smashed move in mysterious ways.

In this connection it will be remembered that three years ago the Citizens' Union candidates all pulled through at the primaries and six of the opposition slates were nominated, with A. C. Kennedy the independent and fourteen-time mayor. After the primaries the lineup was slightly changed by Ryder switching from the Citizens' Union slate to the "Square Seven" slate, and Mr. Kennedy being taken up into the vacancy thus made on the Citizens' Union ticket.

A smokoerie is not the only dextr spot in the horizon of Chicago. A brewery has gone into the hands of a receiver. One of the curiosities of vegetation can be seen at Beechwood, where, high up in a big butterwood tree, there is a curious bush which has borne fruit for several years.

The Bee's Letter Box

LET THEM HEED THE WARNING. SHELTON, Neb., Jan. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: This is to appraise to your readers in The Bee headed, "A Note of Warning to Railroads."

ELWOOD, Neb., Jan. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: Are we not neglecting an opportunity to spread the gospel of corn more universally? Not very long ago it was endeavored by the aid of commissions of lecturers and cooks to educate the people of Europe in the use of corn as food.

OXFORD, Neb., Jan. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: One thing stands out plain and clear in the short ballot campaign is that it is not being engineered by the common people. They have not asked for it and if it is ever forced on them it will have to be accomplished through the party circle or some similar fraud.

CLARKS, Neb., Jan. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: The railroad campaign for more money is now on and they are spending their surplus freely in trying to mesmerize the farmers and make us believe that we owe them a living.

W. H. CAMPBELL. Brooklyn Eagle: The Nebraska wins the navy's engineering prize on points. Any deserving democrat who can't draw hope from such an omen is wholly devoid of imagination.

Baltimore American: Ex-President Taft counsels against profanity on the golf course. Unfortunately, not all men are blessed with the unfeeling good humor and sense of proportion of the great ex-president, and are upset by trifles.

Emporia (Kan.) Gazette: It has been suggested that polygamy will be instituted in Europe as a social necessity after the war. Most any man would quit any war to go home to one wife, and probably come home gladly. But if a man knew that he had to go home to three or four wives, he probably would as right as fighting.

People and Events. A smokoerie is not the only dextr spot in the horizon of Chicago. A brewery has gone into the hands of a receiver. One of the curiosities of vegetation can be seen at Beechwood, where, high up in a big butterwood tree, there is a curious bush which has borne fruit for several years.

Editorial Viewpoint. Brooklyn Eagle: The Nebraska wins the navy's engineering prize on points. Any deserving democrat who can't draw hope from such an omen is wholly devoid of imagination.

SUNNY GEMS.

"The Grouch always has a wry look on his face," said the Old Fogey. "Yes," replied the Wise Guy. "I have often noticed his nose."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Barber—Hair pretty thin, sir. Been that way long? Man in Chair—Long? I was born that way. It is true that subsequently I enjoyed a period of luxuriant effluence, but it did not endure.—Boston Transcript.

Hampton—That clear you're smoking is strong enough to kill a mule. Rhodes—Of what I've been smoking these few years?—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"So you want to be somebody, do you?" There's only one way you will ever make a noise in the world. "What is that?" "Join a brass band."—Baltimore American.

Bride—Why did you borrow Jack's stik hat to wear at our wedding when you have a nice one of your own? Groom—I heard that he intended to throw a lot of old shoes.—Boston Transcript.

THE WOMAN'S PART.

M. V. Caruthers, in New York Times. Beadle my ruined cottage, desolate, The children cowering 'round me, mute from fright, With tearful eyes and brooding heart I wait.

Watching through all the long, the weary night, God of the homeless, look from Heaven and see! Out of the deeps, a woman calls on Thee!

Death and destruction walk by day, by night, Men's blood is spilt and sacrificed in vain, While women wait for tidings of the fight Who may not even sepulchre their slain! They say "God's in His Heaven"—but, indeed! 'Twould seem He is asleep—or, maybe, dead!

FAUST SPAGHETTI. MAULL BROS., St. Louis, U. S. A. In Spaghetti There Is Great Strength. ONE of the chief articles of food in Southern Europe is spaghetti. We have it on the authority of Dr. Hutchison, the world-famous dietitian, that the energy value of spaghetti or its allied products, as compared with meat, is in the ratio of 100 to 60.

Welch's Quickserv Cafeteria or Lunches. BOSTON. (The Pure Food Sign). Down Stairs City National Bank Bldg. 115 South 16th Street 1408 Douglas Street 1418 Farnam Street. The same quality of materials, the best, are purchased for these eating places that Mr. Welch uses in his own home.

This week we will give away Ruth. She is over two feet high, has very dark hair, blue eyes that go to sleep and rosy cheeks. She wears a white dress with blue trimmings and a blue hat with white trimmings, all the latest spring styles. We thought it would be spring when she came out, but we saw several ladies out with their spring suits today, so it must be time to wear them. Ruth 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 30. Ruth'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 Ruth you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 30. You can see "Ruth" at The Bee Office.