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February 15

Thought for the Day. Selected by Alice M. Fawcett. God's in his heaven—All's right with the world.—Browning.

Diplomacy is talking now. That is diplomacy's specialty.

Secretary Bryan continues to shine diplomatically in the reflected light of Counsellor Lansing.

Mr. Carnegie's peace palace continues at the old stand, but there is not enough business to pay the printing bill of a peace bulletin.

Full valuation of visible property is not as important to taxpayers as an efficient means of placing invisible property on the tax rolls.

Consumers of shrunken bread loaves may draw some satisfaction from the trimming of wheat speculators. No charge to watch the show.

Just as Russia took advantage of war to abolish vodka, France takes courage from like conditions to banish absinthe. Two good deeds spring from the evils of war.

If the national government does not come up to the expectations of everybody, it is not for want of free advice. Bales of safety suggestions pack government wastebaskets.

While the purists are insisting on making all things pure by law, why not include a law for pure tobacco. The field is boundless and would yield a large crop of surprises.

A rural school reform over which the lawmakers dabbled at Lincoln was achieved by a simple ruling of State Superintendent Thomas. Which shows how easy a task becomes when you know how to do it.

The gaiety of this country is visibly increased by the insistent claims of offshoots that they can teach business men how to do business and make money. But they are shrewd enough not to venture in with their own coin.

Because Mrs. Leslie did not distribute her fortune among relatives they have gone into court to prove that she was crazy when she made her will. None of the accusers had the courage to tell it to the madame when she was making the money.

The last word in sartorial necessities put out in Chicago fixes \$1,000 a year as the minimum cost of properly draping a man's form so as to bring out his fine curving lines. Those who cannot go the limit are doomed to hide their bumps in hand-me-downs.

The German Imperial bank is now reported to hold \$548,750,000 in gold, an increase of more than \$200,000,000 since the commencement of the war. The figures far exceed the estimates of the financiers of the allies, and add one more to the many surprises Germany has given its enemies.

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Economy, or Grandstand Play?

We are just now being regaled with much of laudation of Governor Morehead, his numerous virtues and excellent qualifications being extensively extolled, preparatory, an observer might conclude, to some further flight by his excellency across the political fields of Nebraska.

For example, we are just now informed that during his term of office, Governor Morehead has made no charge against the state for the expenses incident to maintenance of the executive mansion in Lincoln, nor for money expended on account of journeys the executive of the state may from time to time be required to take in connection with his official functions.

The question comes up here, is this economy or merely a grandstand play on the part of the governor? The state of Nebraska is well able and quite willing to pay its officials, and certainly does not require that its executive serve at a loss to himself.

Governor Morehead has a perfect right to decline an expense account allowance from the state, and to defray from his own means the entire cost of maintaining himself in office, but he should not criticize, even by innuendo, his predecessors in office because they did not anticipate his democratic devotion to "economy."

Foreign Trade of United States.

Externally the commerce of the United States has suffered quite severely, as a result of the war, but it is far from being dead, as is shown by the bulletin of the Department of Commerce.

The new election system is becoming more understood by the voters. The records now show 34,000 registered voters in Omaha. The clerks get the death records from the city hall and mark off those who die, and the inspectors who canvass their respective districts report back voters who have moved permanently out of the city.

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The Political Caldron

INTEREST in the registration for the forthcoming city commission primary on April 6 and election on May 4 is beginning to manifest itself in the election commissioner's office in the county court house.

Deputy Election Commissioner Henry Ostrom says there are yet quite a few voters who do not understand that one registration suffices for all time, as long as they do not change their residences.

The books of the election commissioner will be open for new registrations or revisions up to ten days before the primary for the primary election, and the same condition will apply to the election in May.

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The Bee's Letter Box

More Schleswig-Holstein History. CLARKE, Neb., Feb. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: In answer to Mr. Borenson, concerning his claim of rightful ownership of Schleswig-Holstein, will say: This country has been populated by Germans as long as there was any history written about these countries, with the exception of North Schleswig, which is partly settled by Danes.

About Consolidation. SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: The question of consolidating the smaller cities surrounding Omaha with that city is one that should receive the support of all the broad-minded citizens of our state.

Lusitania and the Flag. OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to your recent editorial on the Lusitania incident, I wish to ask if your presentation of the same is not misleading, especially where you compare it with the case of the "Emden," a German cruiser which distinguished itself by the construction of a dummy fourth funnel in order to deceive a French and a Russian man-of-war, destroying both.

Efficiency in City Administration. OMAHA, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Mayor Dahlman in a recent speech in Sewardtown, is reported to have dwelt mainly on "efficiency in municipal government." In the Evening Bee I find an item, "Clean your walks or the officer will get you. Sergeant Russell and a squad of ten officers to round up all offenders who have not cleaned their sidewalks of snow and ice."

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GRINS AND GROANS. THE VOLUNTEER.

Hokus—Yes, she's pretty; but she doesn't wear well. Pokus—Rubs off, eh?—Judge.

"Why do you state that women are slower than men?" demanded the suffragette. "It takes most of them forty years to reach the age of 20," replied the grinch.

"What is the matter with your old cat?" She looks disconcerted these days. "Tap hurt her feelings dreadfully. Bring home a mouse trap last week. I told him not to do it: Cats has got their feelings same as anybody else."

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