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Thought for the Day. Selected by Fred G. Ellis.

We need some one to believe in us—if we do well, we want our work commended, our faith corroborated. The individual who thinks well of you, who keeps his mind on your good qualities, and does not look for flaws, is your friend.

King Wheat is one monarch whose neutrality is beyond question.

The Turkish war correspondents are unhampered either by censors or facts.

Jump right in. Automobile buying is fine. Besides there is little prospect for a bargain day.

Now is a good time for people to keep their tempers as well as their feet in the middle of the national road.

After pure boxing what? Pure wrestling and pure fish stories. No half-way measures will feather angelic wings.

The growing intensity of the struggle in Europe clearly points to the law of self-preservation as the sole rule of action.

Official courtesy requires that the anti-neopolem bill make its entrance into the august senate without a band wagon flourish.

Spain is not uttering a word worth carrying in the war bulletins. Fortunate is the nation which heeds the lessons of experience.

The fewer bills passed by the legislature and the fewer cash bills contracted, the higher will be its place in history and popular esteem.

One cannot help but admire the adjustability of the statesman who is all for Omaha on the lighting bill, and for Dundee when it comes to annexation.

Of course Japan does not covet a slice of the celestial empire. Perish the thought. What it seeks is an opportunity to show its artistic skill in decorating China.

Omaha streets are supplying illustrative evidence in support of the picture geology draws of the appearance of the earth's surface on the recession of the glaciers, at least so far as detritus and moraines are concerned.

Ten states in the middle west have united in a protest against granting railroads permission to advance passenger rates. If the opposition has the staying power of its protest, it is not difficult to see where the railroad proposition heads in.

Another of the pioneers of Nebraska, Martin Dunham, has been called to his long rest. Mr. Dunham's share in laying the foundation and pushing forward the development of Nebraska and Omaha was well done, and he lived to see the realization of at least a portion of the pioneer's dream and ambitions.

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The Notes and the Future.

About the only points that are clear in the replies from Germany and Great Britain to the notes sent from the United States are that neither of the belligerents has any intention of immediately changing its announced policy for dealing with neutral shipping, and that each is willing to correspond further with the United States government on the issues.

Earl Grey, with the traditions of British diplomatic effort to support him, discusses everything but the main question. Great Britain, true to its past, hangs on to its own interpretation of the rights of neutrals, and declines to discuss at present phases of the question that were sufficiently irritating a century ago to cause a war between that nation and the United States.

Germany is scarcely more candid than Great Britain in meeting the issue raised. Reiterating the intention to sink enemy merchantmen, and again setting forth the difficulty of distinguishing between an enemy ship and a neutral, Germany naively suggests a course it is easy to see can not be adopted by the United States or any other neutral nation.

While the replies as given to the public are unsatisfactory in the main, each is accompanied by an invitation for further correspondence and this is certain to be had. The rejoinder of the United States will not be hastily made, nor until the significance of the notes at hand has been thoroughly analyzed.

Not Politics but Economics. Such Omaha elements as customarily align their influence along the track of their individual interests are just now very busy trying to convince the legislature that opposition to Senate File No. 6 is based on purely political grounds.

The truth of the matter is that whatever objection might be raised against the political aspect of the bill is so small when compared with the economic objections that it is really insignificant. Control of the lighting system would hardly enable the present Water board and its boss to exert greater political influence than is already ascribed to them.

Again The Bee urges on the legislators to keep in mind always that Omaha already has the power to enter the business of municipal ownership of a lighting plant whenever the citizens desire. Further legislation on this point is not required.

The Lien Law and the Builders. The lien law of this state has been stretched beyond the bounds of reason and justice for the protection of material men. As the courts have interpreted the law, the building owner is at the mercy of crooked sub-contractors and dealers of whose existence he may not be aware, and is obliged in self-defense to examine all bills for material delivered on his premises.

A Blow from Behind. Indiana, home of Tom Taggart and Vice President Marshall, from whence leaped into history Dan Voorhees and other democratic saints, has just given Mr. Bryan a rap that will be hard for him to forget.

People and Events. Figures bearing the label of the Department of Agriculture show that the average family living cost on farms is \$306 a year, of which \$123 comes directly from the farm.

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Topics of the Hour

Where is the Wheat? Pittsburgh Dispatch. Investigation by the federal authorities is bringing out some facts about the wheat situation that will serve to correct much popular misunderstanding. Last year's crop was the largest in our history, 81,000,000 bushels, which, with 77,000,000 carried over from 1913, gave a total available supply of 158,000,000 bushels.

Some 4,000,000 acres more winter wheat has been planted than in the previous year, and there is no doubt of a great increase in spring wheat, the combined excess being estimated at 100,000,000 bushels, or a total crop of 158,000,000 bushels, double our own consumption without the seed.

Philadelphia Ledger. Who ever can read the reports of business booms and keep the corners of his mouth drawn up in an invariable permanent smile, for example, the summary of orders for railroad material which have been given to American manufacturers since the beginning of the year.

The American railroads have arranged within thirty days to buy about \$30,000,000 worth of cars, rails and locomotives. The Pennsylvania railroad will spend a large part of this amount for 12,000 new cars.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Calls for Street Signs. OMAHA, Feb. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: To change the subject of the European war, about which so many write so fully and so feelingly in spite of our president's advice and request to remain neutral, and to think and act as neutrals, why can't we have our corner crossings named and numbered?

Regulating the Liquor Traffic. DORSEY, Neb., Feb. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: I read in your issue of the 8th, a letter by a woman or gentleman from Plainview, who, fortunately, is ashamed to sign his name to the letter in defense of the liquor traffic in Plainview.

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Editorial Viewpoint

Washington Post. Statistics show that it has required \$50,000 worth of Zeppelins to kill sixty persons, thus adding the high cost of bombarding to the rest of the world's burdens.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Three hundred Americans traveling men are already at work in South America. Our thoughts can't help but dwell on the tremendous output of new funny stories when they get back.

St. Louis Republic. It is a lucky thing for the heirs of those American duck hunters shot by the Canadian police that the Canadian provinces do not stand in relation to British treaties as American states stand to American treaties.

Springfield Republican. Time brings its revenge. A year ago Europe was investigating Bulgarian atrocities. Now Bulgaria is at peace, and the Bulgarian educator, Rev. Dr. Tsenoff, addresses an appeal to America to do something for the shocking state of affairs in Europe.

Houston Post. An Alsatian, who had the good sense to become a citizen of the United States forty-two years ago and settled in Texas, has offered to donate to the government of the United States \$15,000 worth of property as an expression of his gratitude for the property and peace he has enjoyed as a citizen since he came here. That's fine.

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LAUGHING GAS.

Some of his friends had heard Atlas groaning and asked him what was the matter. "I'm wondering," said he, "how much they're going to put on me when they change the map."—Baltimore American.

"After I wash my face I always look in the mirror to see if it's clean," confided little Doris. "Don't you?" "Don't have to. I look at the towel," rejoined Willie.—Browning's Magazine.

"Ponce de Leon didn't want to grow old." "Spent his life searching for the fountain of eternal youth." "Few would care to engage in such a hopeless quest?" "Oh, I don't know. I saw an ad in the paper yesterday reading: 'Youth Wanted.'—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Church—Yes, the soldiers are even fighting in some of the churches in Europe. Gotham—Yes, one would think that might be left to the members of the choir.—Yonkers Statesman.

Teacher—if a batted ball travels 25 1/2 feet in a second, how far will it go in 3 1/2 seconds? Boy—It depends on the outfielders, ma'am.—Puck.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "has such a superior way that they kin make you feel as if you didn't have no right to know nuffin' till they took de trouble to come around an tell it to you."—Washington Star.

THE POWER OF LITTLE THINGS. A little far-off plinkish cloud. A floating o'er a wall of gray. Can make a mountain-range of cares. In the dim distance melt away.

A little star that twinkles bright. And brighter yet as fades the day. Can make my troubles like the hours. Of day-light slip and fade away.

A little bird that sings and sings. Then sings again for very long. Can wakeen joys deep, deep within. And drown the world's discord for me.

A little child in whose clear eyes. God's love reflected shines most clear. Obscures the darker deeds of men. And drives away all doubt and fear. Omaha.—BAYOLLE TRELF.

Large Package, 10c. The Whole Dinner Prepared in 30 Minutes. ONE thing that appeals so strongly to the housewife about a spaghetti dinner is the fact that it is so easily and quickly prepared. Takes 30 minutes to cook, needs little attention, and costs but 10c. Cook with tomatoes and serve with grated cheese. FAUST SPAGHETTI. is a strengthening, satisfying food. You can cut down on meat when you have Faust Spaghetti with much benefit to your health and pocketbook. This easily digested food is made of Durum wheat, is rich in gluten, and can be made up in many savory dishes. Write for free recipe book. MAULL BROS., St. Louis, U. S. A.

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