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Thought for the Day. Selected by Margaret Hamilton. Fear things a man must learn to do, If he would make his calling true, To think without confusion clearly, To love his fellow men sincerely, To act with honest motives purely, To trust in God and heaven securely.

Boost Omaha as a stopover point for trans-continental tourists.

Congress is gone. Business may cautiously emerge from the cyclone cellar.

With congress disposed of, it devolves on Mr. Business to sit up and take notice.

The country once more is saved, now that Arthur Mullen's halo is again on straight.

Fortunately, modest and self-effacement are no part of the qualifications required by law for city commissioner candidates.

Let there be any secrecy about it, The Bee editor's referendum vote was: "No, unless bill is first amended to insure divorce from politics."

The difference between municipal ownership and water board ownership does not need a \$6 meter put over home owners at \$10 to register the distinction.

From now on to the legislature's adjournment, watchdogs of the state treasury are hooked for overtime work and sleepless vigilance on the lid.

A close reading of the railroad argument for revenues netting 7 per cent in lean times fails to reveal a hint of a refund of the excess income of fat years.

It is evident from Speaker Clark's eulogy of congress that the good and the beautiful attain angulo proportions by frequent applications of the schoolmaster's switch.

Will the difference between the active membership of the Commercial club and the total referendum vote cast on the light bill represent the number who are afraid to take a stand either way?

Congress, the country is informed, worked those days, did more work and passed more laws than any of its predecessors. It also drove a larger wedge between the income and outgo of the national treasury.

There is no apparent connection between the organization of a Grandmothers' club in Massachusetts and the projected Lieutenant Governors' club in midwest states. Merely the coincidence of one following the other.

Norfolk is the latest municipal victim of regulation by way of Lincoln. A salary boost which the aldermen dared not attempt at home is being put across in the legislature. Cities which neglect to exercise their constitutional privilege of home rule are themselves to blame for the disagreeable dose.

Thirty Years Ago. This Day in Omaha. A large and appreciative audience witnessed a presentation of Howell's comedy, "The Elevator," in the Congregational church parlor. The characters in the cast were taken by Miss Alice Martin, Mr. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Taylor, Fred Hainaworth, Miss Esau Allen, Miss Jennie House, C. O. Howard and Wing B. Allen. During the evening musical numbers were contributed by the Misses Gerlie and Edith James and Miss Marshall, and Miss Gertrude Clarke gave a recitation.

J. O. Phillips, assistant general freight agent of the Santa Fe, formerly of the Burlington headquarters in this city, is in Omaha on a visit.

R. A. Spencer, editor of the Council Bluffs Herald, paid The Bee a pleasant visit.

The office of Dr. Galbraith, Union Pacific surgeon, has been removed to the corner of Thirteenth and Howard.

Miss Mattie Hull of Boston is to give a demonstration of spiritualism Sunday at Metropolitan hall.

E. L. Crutwell, who has been visiting his trio of honored sons in this city, is returning to St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. H. M. Vall of Des Moines is visiting her sister on California street.

Germany's Reply to the United States.

The latest note from Berlin to Washington, in reply to our suggestions for exemptions from blockade penalties of certain cargoes, is couched in most friendly language. However, the expressions of satisfaction from the Kaiser's government are based on Germany's proposals that the exemptions from seizure under blockade be extended to include quite a number of commodities beyond the list contemplated by the United States.

This naturally puts something of a damper on any enthusiasm that might have been felt over what was first reported to be Germany's ready acquiescence in the suggestions from Washington. If the terms of the German note are fully agreed to by the United States, it will have the effect of rendering nugatory the allied blockade, except on war materials destined for unneutral ports. Such proposals will surely be refused by the allies.

Whatever may be the immediate result of the present diplomatic exchange, it is having the effect foreshadowed by The Bee at the beginning: It is a step in the way of bringing the discussion of the war issues nearer to the meat of the whole matter, and consequently helps to move the end of the war up closer. The exchange of notes will continue, and as the views of the parties are expressed, the basis for the ultimate negotiation may appear.

Poor Man's Justice.

The thorough reform and reorganization of our justice courts—where poor man's justice is dispensed—seems now assured by enactment of a law reducing the number of justices from six to two, and providing for appointive instead of elective constables. This important measure, which has long been advocated by The Bee and, by the way, is fathered by the entire Douglas delegation, ought to put the petty litigation in Omaha upon an entirely new and higher standard basis. It is no reflection on the present justices of the peace to say that in the past these courts have been only as good as a bad system has made them, and that is putting it mildly. Concentrating the litigation in two justice courts only ought to give them a standing they do not now possess and an incentive to more careful and less competitive methods, and appointive constables should make these officers responsible to their superiors. Incidentally, the new justice court system will eliminate the names of candidates for ten places at primaries and elections, and to that extent constitute one step toward the short ballot.

"City Beautiful" Plea too Thin.

Among other pretexts to support pleas for higher rates, the railroads are using the progress in public taste as a cloak for their extravagance. It is soberly set up that the erection and maintenance of costly terminals has been to meet a popular demand, flowing from a developed aestheticism, and that these contributions to the "city beautiful" should be paid for by the patrons of the road. One of the illustrations cited, that of the new passenger station at Kansas City, which is put into the bill as costing \$50,000,000, is about as fine an example of unthrift as could well have been presented.

The making of proper provisions for the expeditious handling of traffic and the comfortable accommodation of patrons does not call for lavish outlays on mere magnificence. Fifty millions of dollars would build a double track railway between Omaha and Chicago, with bridges across the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and all the station houses in between, and the expenditure of that sum of money on a single passenger station, in a city of no greater importance than Kansas City, certainly should not be charged to the public.

If the railroads want to build with an eye to traffic to be developed in time to come, well and good; it is, perhaps, wise to do so, but the future should be permitted to take care of the charges, and not heap it all on the present generation.

Service of the Snow.

Looking to the immediate future, Omaha and Nebraska can well abide in patience any inconvenience caused by the deep snow fall of early March. This means the restoration of water in exhausted reservoirs, the saturation of the thirsty earth at the beginning of another season of growth, and is a promise that nature will again heap her bounty on the farmer. The seed time will soon be at hand, and it will find the ground in perfect condition. Winter wheat will drink of this plentiful snow fall, and with the favorable winter that has passed, and the increased acreage, Nebraska should harvest in July the biggest yield of wheat in its history. For all other crops, the early prospect is most encouraging. Spring snows mean prosperity for Nebraska, and are therefore welcome, even though the deep drifts make travel difficult for a time.

Campaign Expense Limits.

If the present campaign expense limits fixed by the corrupt practices act cannot be enforced, how will raising the deadline a trifle make the corrupt practices act any more enforceable? The existing law could, of course, be enforced if the prosecuting officers really wanted to enforce it. But now, honest, isn't it a dead letter just like the no treat law, because no one takes it seriously? It is not the amount of money candidates may spend, but the manner and purpose of the expenditure that needs legal control. For legitimate expenditure there should be no limit, but questionable use of money by or for voters should be prohibited altogether. The corrupt practices act that fix deadlines on total expenditures are to the advantage of incumbent officeholders—who are campaigning all the year around at public expense.

Merely as a footnote to the obituary of the literary test, it should be mentioned that the New York anarchist, Abarno, was a diligent student of red literature. He studied socialism from cover to cover. It was not warm enough for his explosive ideas, so he took up anarchism and thus arrived at his proper destination. A literacy test would not have detained Abarno at Ellis Island for half an hour.

Commercial club records and Commercial club mailing lists ought to be accessible to all alike under reasonable rules and regulations. In this respect the Commercial club as a semi-public organization should play no favorites.

Aimed at Omaha

Shelton Clipper: The Omaha postoffice "shake-up" came with as much surprise to some of the employees as if the building had been struck with a German bomb. It is possible that the administration has made a mistake in cutting the salaries of a few of these men, but their plan of "weeding out" in order to curtail expenses is not in keeping with the "watchful waiting" policy adopted by officials at Washington.

Auburn Herald: We once knew of a man being sent to the penitentiary for stealing a hive of bees. Out at Hastings recently a man was fined \$5 for stealing a single Bee. It was a copy of The Omaha Bee and it'll go to show that a man who covets his neighbor's Bee is likely to get stung.

Albion Argus: It is said that the Omaha Ministerial union, composed of men who have pledged their lives and best efforts to carry the gospel of the blessed Jesus to all mankind, will suspend operations long enough this spring to elect one to office to take Jim Dahilan's place. The ministers had better help Billy Sunday to convert the mayor instead of vacating their ministerial calling to defeat him for office. If they don't look out he will get the job they are neglecting, when they go into dirty Omaha politics.

O'Neill Frontier: The "bloodhounds" kept up the chase until they got all concerned in the murder of the Omaha detective. There is some query if the search would have been so assiduous had the victim of the assassins been a common bloke.

Kearney Hub: The Omaha Bee remarks, in connection with an announced shaking up in the Omaha postoffice, that changes must be made in the manner of administering laws that govern civil service employees before Uncle Sam will be listed among the preferred employers. And that is true. In fact, too true!

Plattsmouth Journal: When a man from Omaha gets in the legislature he forgets that there is any other place or section in Nebraska outside of the metropolis. But he finds out before he has gone very far that there are some other places and sections just as important as Omaha, and there are just as smart representatives come from the interior and western part of the state. That's the reason Omaha is looked upon with suspicion and never gets what is coming to her. See!

York News: The Omaha Commercial club is not objecting to Billy Sunday's contemplated visit to the metropolis next fall. Billy's "show" will attract scores of buyers.

Valley Enterprise: At last Omaha has a million dollar hotel which was thrown open to the public this morning. The new Fontenelle is truly a magnificent hotel, of which Omaha and Nebraska should feel proud. That city has long been in need of such a hostelry, and with the most of the leading business men of Omaha as stockholders in the great enterprise its success is assured.

Columbus Telegram: In an Omaha paper I read a statement to the effect that the Episcopal church would have nothing to do with the Billy Sunday program in that city, and that Episcopalians generally regarded Billy Sunday as a fraud. That statement is not true. Last Sunday evening Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams, bishop of Nebraska, addressing a Columbus congregation in Grace church, refuted that generally accepted belief. He admitted that the methods of the Episcopal church and the methods of Billy Sunday were not at all in common, but he further said that the mission of the church was to pray for the success of every effort put forth by any person to win men to acceptance of the Christian faith. He said he could not, as a man or a minister of the gospel, applaud the means employed by Billy Sunday to turn the feet of men away from the highway and into the byway, but he distinctly proclaimed that his church rejoiced in the conversion of sinners, no matter whether the conversion was the result of Sunday sensationalism, or of the orderly efforts of the church. I am glad that my bishop made that statement. I do not want people to believe that the Episcopal church is a narrow body, always in the attitude of drawing back its skirts in fear that something common is going to tarnish them. The church has its mission and pursues it, employing its own methods, but never falling up-Christlike the methods of any honest preachers of the gospel of the Christ.

Twice Told Tales

Youth's Love Tap. "The future of militarism is doomed," said Richard Butler Gleason, in an address on peace in New York. Mr. Gleason, though American by birth, is descended from a Belgian family.

"The militarist, the war exponent, is today in the invidious position of the old millionaire who married the beautiful chess girl.

"This old millionaire and his beautiful bride, after their quiet wedding, had a quiet wedding breakfast, a deus, Astrakhan caviar, eggs pompadour, a truffled chicken, fresh California peas, champagne—so the quiet breakfast ran.

"My dear," said the old millionaire, as the fruit course, a superb Florida melon, came on—tell me, my dear—and he laid his withered hand on her young face—"do you love me for what I am or for what I was?"

"The beautiful girl smiled down from the window into the admiring eyes of a young clubman who was passing; then she bent her clear, considering gaze on the gray ruin opposite and replied: "I love you, George, for what you will be."

The Dancing Business Man. "The business man of the past loved to wear goggles. He thought they made him look more capable and honest. He thought they drew trade. But the gay, dancing business man of today, with his tango matinee and maxie teas, can't bear the thought of goggles, for he wants, up to the age of 50, to look like a college boy."

The speaker was Jerome S. McWade, a retired millionaire, man of Duluth. With a bitter laugh, Mr. McWade went on:

"I heard a gay, young dancing business man of fifty-seven summers get a good call in court the other day. He was reading a document—without goggles, of course—and he stumbled and stuttered and kept holding the document further and further from his poor eyes.

The judge got mad at last and roared at him: "For goodness' sake, Mr. Smith, get one of two things—get a pair of tongs or a pair of spectacles!"

Duluth Tribune.

Not Very Steady. A farm hand had worked in the field from dawn till darkness, doing the chores by lantern light. "I'm going to quit," he said to the farmer at the end of the month. "You promised me a steady job."

"Well, haven't you got one?" was the astonished reply.

"No," said the man, "there are three or four hours every night that I don't have a thing to do, and fool my time away sleeping."

National Monthly.

The Bee's Letter Box

Novel Idea for Union Station.

OMAHA, March 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: This is surely a fine building (The Fontenelle) and yet a few years ago we would have thought it a fool's utterance to have mentioned such a thing as the erection of this structure in Omaha.

A few days ago we heard a man make the remark that as Omaha and Council Bluffs both wanted a new Union station he believed it would be a good plan to build such a structure over the Missouri river. This would connect the two cities and the one structure would do for both. As the several trains must of necessity cross the river, the bridges would do for the structure, and the building could be erected on this foundation. The trains could pass and re-pass to and from one state to the other, and as ground would be necessary to erect the buildings on, what that would cost for some other location, other than the river, could be put in the bridges which would make the support for the depot. It surely would be a novel plan to erect such a station reaching from bank to bank, but as I think of it, after having heard him express himself, I surely think it quite feasible. It would settle the location of a station for all time and at the same time connect the two cities.

I am a stranger in your city, but as I just happened to hear this party talking the above plan to a gentleman, it struck me as novel and at the same time feasible. I was surprised to see so fine a hotel as the Fontenelle in Omaha, and I would not be surprised now if on some future visit I should see a Union station built as above mentioned, originating as I have stated.

With your wholesale district on the Omaha side and a fine park on the Bluffs side of the river, it would be novel and break the monotony of the situation. N. Y. Of Syracuse, N. Y.

Would Pay Ousted.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: As so bill for the consolidation of South Omaha with Omaha can ever be passed that will not throw some men out of office, I for one, am in favor of paying the present elected city officials the salaries that would be paid to them to the end of their terms of office, in case the Howell bill passes the house, as seems probable at this time. If such a law would be constitutional, I think it more than right to pay the men who spent their time and money to secure their offices. Some say they went into it with eyes open to the fact that the sentiment of the people of South Omaha has been growing with leaps and bounds in favor of the consolidation of the two cities and that they ought to have known what to expect, as soldiers who are sent to the front lines on a field of battle.

It has been rumored that city officials say they will not fight the Howell bill any longer if their salaries are taken care of. If the report is true I think some plan should be found to make them good for the terms to which they have been elected.

No one man can be blamed for the annexation sentiment for it has spread like a prairie fire driven by high gales and the general run of people will not be satisfied until the consolidation takes place. When two or three men can get 500 names to a petition in favor of the consolidation on a stormy day like last Saturday, it is thought that with work for one week at least, 2,000 names of actual residents of the city could be secured.

But in annexing we should be careful that no more injustice is done than can be helped and I hope some way will be found to legally adjust the salaries of city officials whom will be thrown out of office. No law is ever passed that does not have the appearance of force whether it is done by vote of the people or by legislative bodies. F. A. AGNEW.

Let the Names Be Printed.

OMAHA, March 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: I frequently notice publication in your paper of communications whose contributors do not sign their names, using only their initials, or some similar form of disguise, especially on subjects relating to prohibition. It would seem to me that your readers are entitled to know by whom such contributions are sent. People who have not the courage of their convictions sufficiently to come out openly and sign their names ought not to contribute at all, and I believe that if I were a publisher I would not accept for publication any communications not signed by the full name of the contributor. Publishing letters signed only with initials is not "fair," and besides leaves the editor subject to the suspicion that he himself might be hiding behind such initials in matters where for some reason he does not wish to speak editorially. FRED A. SEDLACEK, M. D.

From a Bernsteinian Blocker.

OMAHA, March 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: Since the time is now ripe to consider candidates best fitted to represent the people of Omaha under our present form of commission government it behooves us to consider well the various men now in line for nomination and ascertain their fitness.

In view of this I feel it my duty as a citizen to call attention to the fact that we are so fortunate as to have an opportunity to nominate Nathan Bernstein, for a number of years teacher at our Omaha High school, as commissioner. Mr. Bernstein is a man who has both a theoretical and practical knowledge of municipal affairs. He is a man who has grown up with Omaha, and knows its needs backwards and forwards. He is thoroughly familiar with the political situation of our city as it stands today, and while wholly unprejudiced and broad minded, does not make the mistake that seems so common just now, of mistaking liberty for license. J. S. ZEPPEL.

Editorial Snapshots

Springfield Republican: The president of our biggest American powder company, having sold his interest for \$30,000,000, may be said to have retired with all the profits if not the honors, of war.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Tipperary has 500 inhabitants. Isn't it funny that the fellow whose heart is right there hasn't been discovered and photographed, ere this, with a cross showing the spot where the heart was last seen?

Baltimore American: Austria to increase its war revenues will raise taxes, increase postage rates and even tax matches. If this is to be a long war the nations of Europe must have considerable stamina to hold out when these means are taken so early in the game.

St. Louis Republic: When Lloyd George said the United States is not as well prepared for war as England was when the European war began, he probably did not know that Colonel Roosevelt is planning to raise nine regiments of rough riders at the first sign of trouble.

Springfield Republican: The Krupp family and firm have subscribed \$7,500,000 to the new German war loan. That is, they have lent the money for big guns and are to receive it back with both profit and interest added. The strain on patriotism is hardly perceptible under the circumstances.

SAID IN FUN.

"My little son began writing poetry when he was very young," said the proud mother. "Well, why didn't you punish him then for it?" was the neighbor's only reply.—Yonkers Statesman.

"How's the telephone service in your town?" "Worse and worse. The private wires are increasing so fast that I'm in almost total ignorance of the private affairs of my immediate neighbors."—Life.

"Bobby, can you tell me what a smile is?" "Yes, sir. A smile is the moving picture of a laugh."—Boston Transcript.

MARCH.

Grif Alexander in Pittsburgh Dispatch. Nervous Time can't spare a moment. He is flying fast. Never having learned what "slow" meant February's past.

Some dear days with us were chumming; Some were coy and arch— Bless my heart! Just see who's coming Forward! March!

March! Right well we know the madam! When in proper form She was mischief of old Adam, Shifts from cold to warm Sometimes shrew and sometimes grubber; Limp or stiff as starch!— When the flowers peep would you dub her Forward! March!

Somewhere in the hazy distance Days of spring await, We can hear them with insistence Knocking at the gate. Ah, right merrily we'll greet them! For their joys we march! Let us hasten forth to meet them! Forward! March!

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This is the best novel that Rex Beach has written. It takes you down to the Texas border and gives you a decided thrill. No "milk and water" heroes in this vigorous story—but big men and real—and Alaire Austin—titian-haired daughter of the great out-doors is the—

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Busy Bee Bicycle Contest

closes at 4 P. M. Saturday, March 6th. Some little boy or girl will soon be happy riding this bicycle. Are you the lucky one?

This picture of the bicycle will be in The Bee every day. The bicycle will be given Free to the boy or girl that send us the most pictures before 4 p. m., Saturday, March 6th.

Subscribers can help the children in the contest by asking for picture certificates when they pay their subscription. We give a certificate good for 100 pictures for every dollar paid.

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