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Thought for the Day

Selected by Helen Thompson

Evil springs up, and flowers, and bears no seed, And finds the green earth with its stift decay. Leaving it richer for the growth of truth But good, once put in action or in thought, Like a strong oak, doth from its boughs shed

The ripe germs of a forest.

-Lowel

A united city makes for a united front on all questions vitally affecting the common wel-

References to the spring campaign must be more specific to distinguish between municipal politics and European war.

Omaha's roster of big building projects for 1915 silvers the clouds of waning winter with the sunshine of optimism.

White is a very becoming spring shade for the corn belt, but the corn belt looks its loveliest in green and yellow, the unrivaled colors of General Prosperity.

The experience of gullible people with bogus dukes establishes a wireless bond of sympathy between them and the American helresses who were similarly taken in.

While the business section is entitled to first aid treatment, the outlying residence districts would also welcome an official snow shovel raid on adjacent snow banks.

Congressman Lobeck's energy in attacking the report of the postoffice efficiency board may be the means of smoking out the animal in the woodpile. The game is worth the chase.

While President Wilson is "tied by the legs" in Washington, Secretary Daniels proposes to go the whole route to San Francisco on a warship. You can't keep a real salted warrior off the quarterdeck.

Some critics, unmindful of the respect due the dead, cast a shadow of doubt on the claim that the Sixty-third congress earned its salaries and mileage. What's the good? Members cashed their checks as they cashed in.

Railroad companies made no mistake when they pushed Festus J. Wade to the forefront of their rate boosting departments. What he does not know about the revenue needs of railroads it would be useless to seek in the archives of a Gould road.

It is admitted that physicians sometimes beat the lawyers to damage costs, but they have to hurry. It follows that they are entitled to a first lien on the verdict. In giving that principle the force of law, the legislature makes for justice.

Divisions of the warring governments which have to do with purchasing fighting necessities appear to be shocked at the discovery of exorbitant commissions being exacted by American agents and some inferior goods smuggled into the deliveries. The genuineness of the shock may be conceded. It is always annoying to home grown patriots to find some of the perquisites of war going beyond their reach.



The report of Mrs. R. C. Moore, secretary of the Women's Christian association, shows 350 destitute families assisted during the first two months of the it shows also that the association received \$1.004 from the charity ball fund, all of which has all ready been expended

Mrs. Alma E. Keith, Omaha's popular milliner. has gone east to purchase new goods. The remains of Mrs. Prank Murphy, mother of

sur townsman, Mr. Frank Murphy, are to be buried in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Dodge street people are forming a whist club enposed so far of Mr. and Mrs. Bright, Mr. and J. J. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock. They met last week at J. J. Dickey's. Miss Atkinson, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs.

Andrew Borden, has left for her home in Denver. The Union Pacific has put a new time card into effect, most of the trains being moved up earlier. Mrs. E. M. Hooper announces that she can be

found at the northwest corner of Twantieth and Cass streets, where she holds forth as a clairvoyant

The three-story brick adjoining the steam laundry of Wilking & Evans, is rapidly nearing completion.

The Administration and Its Task. Taking the soundings at the mid-ocean point of the voyage, that ancient and experienced political mariner, Colonel Henry Watterson, charts

the rest of the course of the ship as follows: To at least two things from now onward the administration must address itself; the reduction of public expenditures, and the adjustment of the coun-

ry to the changes wrought by the European war. For this work, the colonel adds, the presicient will need all his firmness, all his sagacity, and all his common sense, and will need to avoid the temptation to experiment, producing factionism, as already seen in "the ship-purchase fool-

We are Inclined to accept Colonel Watterson's contribution as a cartographer, for practically everything ahead of us calling for governmental action can be brought under these two heads, or by a small stretch under the last one of them, for the readjustment of the country to new conditions may be made to include the reduction of public expenditures to make them fit curtailed revenues. For the first time in a long time domestic problems have been almost wholly subordinated to or swallowed up in foreign problems. What looked like adequate or final solution of crying social ills or industrial abuses have suddenly been found to be merely surface scratching because new symptoms have supplanted the old ones with the world-wrenching war.

But the democrats have never shown the constructive statesmanship, indispensible to the solution of the problems confronting us. If the democratic administration does not measure up to the task correctly outlined by Colonel Watterson, the country will at its first opportunity summon some one else to do it.

January Record of Foreign Trade.

While the January record of exports and imports show a trade balance for the month in favor of the United States, the figures have some significance that may escape attention unless closely analyzed. On the surface, it would seem to indicate an enormous growth, but underneath it shows an unhealthy condition. While the sales from the United States to Europe have enormously increased, the trade with the South American countries, from which so much has been expected, is less than it was a year ago. This must mean either that the South Americans are buying less, or that our hastily organized campaign to capture that business has not produced the results hoped for.

An immense outpouring of foodstuffs and other army supplies has brought the total volume of exports well up to the normal figure. The United Kingdom has been the most liberal purchaser, exports to the English ports having increased more than \$39,600,000, or well over 50 per cent above January of last year. Others of the allies have bought liberally from us, but the greatest falling off in imports has been from England and France. It is worthy of note that our receipts in January of goods from Germany was less than 25 per cent under the figures of a year ago, but our shipments to Germany had fallen more than 80 per cent.

Trade currents of the world are still greatly disturbed by the unnatural circumstances. The balance in favor of the United States is a natural outcome of the abnormal requirements of Europe for war materials, and so rests on a very unstable foundation.

Russia's Age-Long Dream.

From the springboard of necessity Great Britain has executed a somersault in a national policy that has been the rule of action for over century.

Ever since Britannia achieved supremacy on the seas British opposition to Russian ambitions have been consistent and persistent. One of the great ambitions of the Romanoff dynasty has been, and is today, a warm-water port which would afford a year round outlet for the huge resources of the empire and unchallenged freedom in the commerce of the world. This has been the unrealized dream of Russian monarchs from Alexander I down to Czar Nicholas. To this end Russia has bent its energies, and for which she has fought two fruitless wars. Every time the dream approached realization effective obstacles were placed on the bear's path, directly or indirectly, by Great Britain.

Thirty-seven years ago this month, with its victorious army at the back door of Constantinople, Russia wrung from Turkey the treaty of San Stefano, which not only guaranteed free navigation from the Black sea to the Mediterranean, but stripped the Ottoman empire of more territory than the Balkan states won in the recent war. Great Britain objected to the terms of the treaty and sent a fleet of warships into the sea of Marmora to defend Constantinople for the Turks and to impress upon Russia the advisability of disgorging. Austria sided with the British. Russia was impressed. The outcome was the congress of Berlin which robbed Russia of the fruits of victory.

With the gates of the Dardanelles closed, Russia turned to the far east and sought an outlet to the sea through Manchuria and Port Arthur. Japan blocked that movement in the war of 1904-5, and Great Britain furnished most of the financial blocks with which the trick was

A few years ago the Russian dream miraged the Persian gulf as a haven of relief. At once the machinery of peaceful conquest were set in motion and their revolutions soon brought British intriguers to the field, resulting in the civision of Persia into two spheres of influence, Great Britain holding the southern half and Russia the tideless northern end.

Now the animosities and rivalries of a century are buried in the trenches of war. British and Russian armies are fighting in a common cause. The three allies must stand together to win. If one retires the others are lost. In such a crisis Great Britain could do no less than sanction Russia's age-long ambition for free navigation to and from the Black sea, and the guns of the allied fleet are giving practical force to an understanding which links Russia to whatever the fates have in store for the Triple

Dakota lawmakers have adjourned and gone to their several homes for an indefinite rest. The people, too, seem relieved and disposed to look on the bright side of life. Thus the enforced idleness of servants brings joy to the masters, which is not a flattering certificate of character for the servants

Sympathetic View of The German Kaiser

Dignified Bearing Shows Exaltation.

According to Ludwig Ganghofer, the well known Bavarian author who was invited to spend a day at great headquarters in France, Emperor William, enthusiastic, exalted by the proved unity of his people confident of victory despite the stress and strain the past months. In describing his visit in the Munchner Neueste Nachrichten, Herr Ganghofer gives an intimate human picture of the monarch on

the field of war: In a garden surrounded by walls stood the quiet well guarded house in which Emperor William made his headquarters. When I entered I found no evi dence of an elaborate household. It was quiet and simple. The few guests who had been invited to the evening meal were gathered in a small reception room Pinally the kalser entered, clad in the field gray uni form of a general. His step, as always, was elastic Under the stress of the storms of these past months the emperor had gained much and lost nothing. deed, it was apparent he has been exalted. We realized that from his dignified bearing, his quiet smile, his

Kaiser Lives Simply and Frugally. Well, Ganghofer, your Bavarians are splendid They have done fine work! And we are pushing forward everywhere, thank God!" He recalled our last meeting in the spring. The kalser gazed carnestly into my eyes and said slowly and seriously. 'Who could have guessed then what has happened now! And that we would see each other in France! Under such circumstances!"

'We went to table. The dining room was a com fortable room, decorated in hunting style. There were ten guests, high officers and members of the court servants were few in number, the meal was short. On a small slip not bigger than a visiting card was written:

ROYAL EVENING MEAL "Cold Meat. "Potatoes in the Jacket. "Froit.

Attend Stereoptican Lecture.

We had French country wine and water, and we had bread-but war bread. After the meal an house was spent in serious conversation, occasionally brightened by laughter, in a pleasant winter garden. The mpany was presently increased by a quiet, well bred guest-a small black dachshund with intelligent eyes, the kaiser's favorite dog, who is at present somewhat of an invalid with a bandaged paw. As often as he wished the dog may make himself comfortable on his master's lap, or, to be more exact, make his royal master uncomfortable

Toward Il o'clock a military lecture was an nounced for the kalser and a number of higher officers. A novelty of military technic was to be presented the stereopticon pictures, with an explana-

tory lecture by one of the officers. Through the dark, snowless winter night the guests walked over to a nearby house. Here was a darkened room containing about forty chairs; back them a propecting machine with electric wires: front a large sheet fastened to the wall. A long series of pictures appeared one by one on the sheet The first were completely incomprehensible to me Only after awhile the spoken word taught me to understand, and I began to realize with great suspense that this was a new, important matter, helpful in warfare. Repeatedly the kaiser interjected pointed questions, and these the lecturer answered. ture lasted until after midnight.

"After the last picture the light flared up. The kaiser stepped quickly over to the young officer who had given the lecture and shook hands with him. 'I thank you! That is a splendid thing!' said

'Do you think that the French can imitate this?" "The young officer in the weather beaten field gray uniform smiled:

'Not so soon, your majesty; we have just dis-

Katser's Reminiscences on Battlefield.

'We! That means we Germans. I carried the word with me with great joy during the starlit night And also an invitation which gave me great pleasure -to ride by automobile the next day with the kaiser to visit the crown prince. I attended a sacred service at headquarters as well as a review of the guard. How the kalser's eyes lighted at the review. 'Ganghofer, did you see that? he cried with joy. 'How splendidly the men march! Fine fellows!

"Afterward followed a ride with the kaiser in his auto. Only two men accompanied him. Two chauffeurs with carbines and cartridge belts sat in front Otherwise he had no guard. The staiser wishes it that way. When we rode over a temporary bridge he said: 'That is not dangerous. What German sappers build holds!' Suddenly the kaiser spoke of the great enthusiasm and wonderful unity of the German people. 'It is my greatest happiness that I may experience this!' And then he said musingly, 'And if it had not been like that'- He drew a deep breath and looked back to the ruin of Donchery. "We were on the battlefield of Sedan

'Over there,' said the kaiser, 'stood my father 'Here Napoleon met Bismarck!'

"There is Bellevue palace! Here my grand father's conversation with Napoleon took place! "We continued through the flood lands of th Meuse, on a high dike. In the distance a village appeared against the dark Woevre forest. Above a wall rose the walls of a pretty little castle-our destination.

Emperor Covets Crown Prince's Cook.

"In the court of the castle the crown prince with six members of his staff welcomed the emperor. The slender figure of the victor of Longwy seemed to have grown even taller. His healthy young face was tanned, and his merry eyes shone with joy. 'We have advanced a good piece! Twelve hundred Frenchmer captured!' he announced to his father with joy. "They

'At breakfast the emperor said to the crown prince: 'You have better meals than 1: 1 shall consider whether I will not requisition your cook!" Scarcely had the fruit been served when it was

announced. 'They are coming!' We rose and went out. A moving operator man was busily turning the crank of a machine. 'Photograph that-not always me!' the kaiser called to the photographer. "Slowly and painfully most of the prisoners drev

near, and upon many of their faces was stamfed the lifeless, dull expression of months of suffering. Among the 1,000 men not a hundred were sturdy and well built. Some of them took off their caps, and the kaiser thanked them. Seriously and silently our field grays stood there.

The crown prince invited us to ride in his automobile in order to show his father an accessible point with a view toward the Argonnes. From afar could heard a hollow rumbling, so soft it was hardly audible in the rushing of the wind blowing over the On the descent I was allowed to support the kaiser, and we went down slowly, as on a chamols hunt. Then I stopped myself. The kaiser held me with a firm hand and said:

Soldiers and citizens must help one another

Twice Told Tales

Work Hatred.

"The failure works in order to play. The success plays in order to work. The speaker was Louis J. Horowitz of New York.

builder of the Woolworth, Equitable and numberiess other noted skyscrapers. "Yes," he continued, "the successful man loves his

work, and only plays, or exercises, to put himself in the best shape for it. But the failure-well, the failure is like the tramp. A tramp was told that he could have a hot meal

if he'd wheel snow in a wheelbarrow for some atreet cleaners. The framp consented to this and set to work. But

e of the street cleaners said to him. You're a queer wheelbarrow juggier 'How so, friend? In what way?' asked the tramp. "Why, said the street cleaner, 'you ought to push

wheelbarrow, not pull it." 'Yes, I know,' said the tramp, 'but I can't stand the sight of the darn thing. "-New York Giobe



Sees On eRay of Hope.

OMAHA, March 6 .- To the Editor of The Bee: All patriotic Americans hope and pray that the European war may soon be ended and that our nation may not be orawn into the conflict through the violation of neutrality nor the reckless disregard of our rights under international law and custom.

It appears that the main cause of the ear was the struggle for commercial supremacy When such a motive is not pased upon fair competition and merit, it is selfish and sure to result in trouble. The fair and just rule of "live and let five" is not the guiding principle in the foreign or domestic commercial relations of the world. Although recognized as the right and desirable rule of conduct, it is ruthlessly brushed aside in the mad rush for wealth and power.

It was not intended that one man, nor ombination of men, nor nation, nor group of nations, should control or be master of the channels of commerce, and permanent peace-the hope and wish of all just men-will not be realized and ared until the sea shall be free for all

The appalling spectacle of Christian nations at one another's throats is discouraging to the peace advocates, to say the least, and it causes one to suspicion that modern civilization is only a vencer covering all the easence of the barbaric ages. The struggle is intensified by the low and base passions of jestousy, revenge and aggression.

It is a noble act to defend your home and native land, and battle for the freedom of the oppressed. This patriotic impulse has railled to all the standards of the various armies the men that bear the brunt of all wars, the common people, and the blame for the crime of the Twentieth century, if placed at all, should rest on the heads of the rulers and officials in whose care reposed the peace and prosperity of their subjects.

The cost of the folly must be paid, in large measure, by future generations. There is one ray of hope, however, shining through the cloud of despair, that the masses of all the nations may ventually be freed and given an opportunity for a broader and happier life through universal peace and brotherhood. This, the greatest of all wars, may hasten the realization of that Utopia.

FRED W. SHOTWELL 354 Omaha National Bank Building.

Britt for Municipal Court Judge. OMAHA, March 6 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The bill providing for a municipal court for Omaha and South Omaha, will no doubt soon become a law. As this is to be a court of much importance to the lawyers and litigants of Omaha, the judges to be appointed to preside over them should be men of known honesty and ability. As the main purposes of the bill are of two-fold nature, one to relieve the congested condition of the county court, the other to relieve a long suffering public from the injustices suffered at the hands of incompetent justices of the peace, grasping for fees, and their co-partnership with collection agencies and whose rulings and decisions are but a travesty on justice. To this rule we have a few exceptions, one in particular, that most every practicing attorney in Omana will concede, is now on the justice bench, and his name is C. W. Britt. During the three years he has filled this position he has earned, and is given credit for bieng one of the most capable, honest and impartial men that ever discharged the duties of that office in Douglas county. In his appointment the governor would not only reflect credit upon himself, but upon the bar of Douglas county. E. F. MOREARTY.

Estopped. OMAHA, March 6 .- To the Editor of The Bee: A local newspaper is making a lot of noise over the fact that the addressograph of the Commercial club was permitted to be used by the electric light ompany for sending out its arguments in opposition to the bill in the legislature. It seems to me that this is a tempest in a teapot. Everybody knows that the manager of the water works has been using the official addressograph of the Water board, and a portion of the time of a number of clerks on the public payroll, for sending out campaign literature boosting the work of the Water board and advocating municipal ownership for purely political purposes.

In view of the foregoing, it seems to me that the manager of the Water board is the last man in town free to make a rumpus over the action of the Commercial club management in this case

Democratic Postoffice Economy. OMAHA, March 6 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The dispatches report that Postmaster General Burleson returned \$3,500,000 to the Treasury department as surplus revenue from the Postoffice department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914.

In the district bounded by Fiftieth street on the east, the Boulevard on the west, Chicago street on the north and Dodge street on the south there are now three residences costing from \$19,000 upwards occupied by their owners, two additional residences of the same class which will shortly be occupied by the owners; and in course of construction three residences costing \$10,000 and one costing \$25,600. This district is without even rural free mail delivery, and as far as any information can be had on the subject from the Postoffice department, it seems that the reason given for depriving this district of mail delivery is that the Postoffice department is short of funds and that no further additions to the carrier force under the Omaha postoffice can be made at this time. Investigate and verify.

Schleswig-Holstein.

OMAHA, March 7.-To the Editor of The Bee: To answer Herman Holm, I wish to say it is no answer of mine dated the 18th. He says he is not mistakenthey had to learn Danish before 1864. No: why not? It was under Danish rule at that time, but I can show him many born in Schleswig-Holstein who cannot understand Danish more than one who never heard it. My father was in the war of 1548-1564. I, for my part, do not know as much about it as I would like to know. All I know is what I have been reading and what my father told me. What Mr. Holm says in regard to nine-tenths of Schleswig-Holstein being Germans is no reason why it should belong to Germany. If nine-tenths of Nebraska was Germans, would that mean that it belong to Ger-

I also wish to say in regard to the names of towns in Schleswig-Holstein, said to be all German names, how many have been changed since 1864? I can show many. I say the same as you do-out with the truth. I am an American and

SMILING REMARKS.

"Pie for brenkfast? No. thanks! Last unday morning I finished my brenkfast vith a piece of pie and I was sorry." had terrible dreams in church." Boston Transcript

"As a matter of fact." said the lawyer or the defendant, trying to be sarcastic, you know whether it was a motor car is something resembling a motor variant his you.

that hit you."
"It resembled one all right," the plaintiff made answer. "I was forcibly struck by the resemblance, "-Puck.

The Housewife-You have the appearance of a hard drinker.

The Hobo-Madam, you wrong me. Since we specialized the profession i am regarded merely as an expert sampler. Tanks for de pie. — Cleveland Flain

"Senator Flubdub looks stupid to me. Doesn't appear to know whether he is going or coming."
"He is not so sleepy as he looks. Ask him about his mileage, and you'll find he can tell you exactly what he is entitled to, going or coming. "Louisville Courier-Journal."

"Does Johnny like his new school" in-quires the triend of the family.
"Oh, immensely," replied Johnny's long-suffering mother. He has had a fight every day since he started, and acquired a black eye that is the envy of every boy in the neighborhood."—Richmond Times-

Are you worried about the cotton "Not just at this minute," answered Colonel Stillwell. "With prohibition assured and epring lamb too dear for me to eat it, the overproduction of mint is giving me all the worry I can attend to."—Washington Star.

"What are your reasons for refusing to vote for me?" asked the statesman.

You always seem to be a friend of mine. "I am I think the world of you. I've been reading about a congressman s hard work, long hours and small pay. I am going to save my vote for somebody I don't like."—Washington Star.

"And what," asked the curiously inclined new arrival, "is the remark made by human beings that moves you oftenest to hearty laughter."

Satan anawered promptly.

"It's the sterotyped remark of the debtor. Oh if I ever get out of debt this time. I'll never get in again." "Judge.

THE OVERTURE.

Kate Masterson, in Judge.
The Lenten purple palls the town.
The time has come for flitting.
To piny woods and porches down.
For golf and bridge and knitting.
The clubs are empty-every one
Who's any one's cavorting.
Where there's a lighting chance for fut.
For folly or for sporting.

We stroll through Alimony Lane
And reat in Peacock Alley;
For merriment we seek in vain
Where taugo trotters rally.
Oh, kindly devil of the grill,
Your warm glow on us castim
Disperse this unrelenting chill That comes from gloon and fasting

The jell is on the gay calf's foot, The pate de foie is smiling; The chic poulet in aspic put, But not for our begulling. For us no guines-hen saute, No filet mignon flashes, We sin our barley fizz frappe In sackcloth and in ashes.

Dost hear the love bird calling
Where laughing pussy willows shake
And early buds are falling?
Hid in the trees, King Pan, the gay
His harp of life is strumming
A march triumphant. Clear the way!
Another spring is coming!



Now is the time to look at offices

If you are thinking of moving this spring, now is the time to make your selection.

We have only the following offices to show you and we may have nothing at all in a couple of months. Just now, we have no small offices, but applications will be received and if changes occur, applicants will be given first choice.

The offices listed below include some of the most desirable in the building, if the size and arrangement please

This is a very choice office on the second floor, Suite 222: facing the corridor around the court. It is partitioned for a very comfortable waiting room and two private offices. It has north light.

Room 420: This is one of the corner offices which is considered so very desirable. It is 20x20 feet, and has two windows facing north and two west.

The large vault is particularly desirable for some classes of business. The door of this office is directly at the end of the hall, so that the sign may be seen by everyone walking down the corridor. Price, per month \$40.00

This suite offers exceptional space and desir-Suite 426: ability for the price. It is divided into a waiting room and two private rooms. It has north light and its occupants receive all the service and comfort of a well kept office building. Price, per month\$27.50

Ground Floor Room:

Especially adapted for printing office. This has been occupied by a printer for many years and on account of its location in an office building and in the heart of the office building district, the location itself is an asset in this business or any similar business. It has an entrance from the court on the ground floor and also from the alley. There is very satisfactory light and ven-tilation. It likewise has the advantage, from the standpoint of insurance and safety, of being in a fireproof building. The floor space is

Apply to Building Superintendent, Room 103 THE BEE BUILDING COMPANY