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January 19: Thought for the Day. Selected by Dr. J. H. Vance.

Be patient, girl! Next year will be leap year.

The "Big Muddy" holds out a standing invitation to navigate.

A short ballot movement for Commercial club elections might help some.

We're all for peace, subject to a few differences of opinion as to how best to get it.

When the itch for office gets thoroughly into the system, there is no getting away from the scratch.

Well, if Governor Morehead can disregard a promise to be content with one term, why not President Wilson?

An extraordinary scarcity of lambs at various stock exchanges is deplored by brokers.

Preachment on economy in state, county or city affairs would take on an air of sincerity if the preachers insisted on a dollar's worth of work for every dollar spent.

The celebration of the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans in a few places illustrates how a magnificent achievement of American arms may be submerged in the rubbish of party politics.

Our sympathy suitably expressed, should go out to Cook county, Illinois. We too have been pinched by voting machine vendors and also have a supply of mechanical junk for which buyers are not to be had.

The bantam scrappers of the Balkans assure an anxious world that the war will come to a sudden finish as soon as they get fairly into it. It is a question which to admire most—Balkan pep or the cock-sureness of the press agent.

Some time ago President Wilson threw out the thought that the road to re-election lay in not thinking about it. And now notwithstanding that, he lets us know by talking second term that he is thinking of it all the time.

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The marriage of Walter G. Clark and Miss Minnie Whittier took place in the Unity church officiated by Rev. W. E. Copeland.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trade listened to an address by N. H. Falcoeur as retiring president, and heard the report of the secretary.

Graham P. Brower, proprietor of the Jerseyville stock farm, announces his readiness to deliver "pure Jersey milk every day at your door."

A lot of new rocking chairs have been placed in the grounds of the Faxon, adding to the appearance of the place as well as the comfort of the guests.

A fresh cold wave has struck the town with mercury below zero.

Mrs. Mary McClain, mother of Mrs. E. C. McHugh and John C. and M. A. McClain, died yesterday, in her seventy-third year.

Mrs. Lewis Duane of Washington is taking the place of Mr. George H. Hagen at the local signal office.

J. E. Riley and J. T. Dillon are giving notice of the dissolution of the firm in which they have done a real estate and loan business under the name of J. E. Riley & Co.

England's Reply.

Earl Grey's preliminary note, in reply to the recent representation from President Wilson that the British were pressing too closely their oversight of the high seas, is reassuring in its general tone.

The right of search, which affords the basis for the exchange of notes, is fundamental, and indisputable. Whether Great Britain has gone too far in the matter of preventing the carrying of supplies to its opponents in Europe has not as yet been determined.

The United States cannot undertake to guarantee the strict neutrality of all cargoes afloat from American ports. It was very nice in President Wilson to suggest to shippers the desirability of making their manifests absolutely accurate, that the consular endorsement might serve as a passport to be recognized by a boarding officer.

Cornering the Coroner. The needlessness of the coroner's office is not observable alone in Omaha, for down in New York the commissioner of accounts has just made a report to Mayor Mitchell, which is expected to expedite the transit of the coroner's job to the political cemetery.

Of the scores of reasons suggested for the abolition of the office, it should be necessary to mention only a few. The coroner is usually ignorant, and frequently he is corrupt.

Now, we do not believe such an indictment would stand against the coroners who have served in Omaha and Douglas county, for they have been as good if not better than we would have a right to expect to be produced by the system in vogue.

Freedom for the Filipinos. Secretary Garrison's statement before the committee of the senate may be fairly taken as voicing the policy of the administration in dealing with the Philippines.

From 1898 until 1913 the democrats kept up an unceasing and clamorous demand that the United States withdraw at once from the islands. This persistent cry was merely political claptrap, and only had the effect of interfering with and retarding efforts for the advancement of the islanders.

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Piping Oil from Wyoming. Again we hear of a pipe line from the Wyoming oil fields to connect with the Missouri river at Omaha.

Our district judges may feel duly rebuked, but considering the source, will not get sore.

When U. S. Imported Arms

That Germany should discontinue the agitation of certain German-Americans, assisted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, to secure the prohibition of exportation of military supplies from the United States, is perfectly natural.

Should Germany or any other belligerent want a precedent for securing arms supplies in this country it could be found in our own history. The United States was a large importer of arms and ammunition from France and Holland during the revolution, before those countries became our allies.

The experience of Massachusetts in quest of arms in Europe did not end with our purchase of Enfield rifles, for at one stage of the war it was looking for cannon to mount on the fabled forts of Boston harbor.

Kennedy's Dream Book

Doped in the Western Labors. THE last meeting of Omaha Typographical union Andrew McCormick reported to the union that he had a conference with Governor Morehead in connection with the state printing plant bill.

Victor Rosewater has opened a column of "Views, Reviews and Interviews" in The Bee that he will cover himself, and put into it such things as the fancy strikes him.

The republican state central committee was \$1,000 in debt when the campaign closed. The Douglas county committee had \$700 left over when it finished.

Within the last three weeks Omaha has filled up with a choice collection of panhandlers who choose corners to work the same as newboys; others work office buildings.

Jim Wooten, it is announced, will cover the political field for The Bee during the campaign for city commission.

"Unemployed Tolders Want Work—To Hell with the Soup Houses." is a black line across the head of Charley Peas' Missouri Trades Unionist, and to it is pointed the familiar red flag.

People and Events

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Questions on the War.

OMAHA, Jan. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: Is there not enough good people in power in this world to stamp the awful slaughter of innocent victims by machinery and other infernal devices?

Is war necessary evil? There is a terrible lot of money spent on it that could do great good instead of causing so much misery.

Learned Lesson. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: Very much has been said in eastern papers reflecting upon Colorado, but as time goes on it becomes more and more clear that the majority of the articles have been misleading and one-sided.

It is a very subtle and critical contest which has taken place, with a variety of motives behind it. Some politicians have attempted to use it for selfish purposes.

Colorado at heart is a fine state with largely a native American population deeply interested in the creation of the best types of citizenship.

Willie business has been much depressed by strike conditions and a late by war in Europe, yet the state has valuable undeveloped resources in agriculture as well as in mining, and distinctly better days are ahead.

Make Heaven on Earth.

OMAHA, Jan. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: The coming of Billy Sunday into our midst is surely receiving more than its share of free advertising through the letters written to me daily.

Some people term his form of conversion as emotional Christianity, but I call it emotional insanity.

Engineer Takes Issue with Governor. NORTH LOUP, Neb., Jan. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: In reading Governor Morehead's recent message to the legislature we notice that he advises to memorialize congress for assistance to make surveys of our rivers.

Were Eads, Cortis and Diesel army engineers? Have the army engineers solved the problem of the lower Mississippi? A lot at Washington should convince any sane person of the incompetency of the present administration in dealing with the subject.

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false congress? This engineer had the chance to own a half interest in an improved power plant if he would keep still, if the legislature will appropriate \$100,000 and appoint the writer to make the examination, in twelve months the people may know what improvements to the extent of 50,000 horsepower should cost.

GRINS AND GROANS.

"Hello, Doty! What are you doing these days?" "Same old thing."

The Mother—I see a triangular tray to hold a piece of pie unharmed in a lunch box has been invented.

Chump—Were you ever at an after-noon tea?" "No, but once I was in a place where sixteen phonographs played simultaneously."

The Ghost—I could a tale unfold to you whose slightest word would make each particular hair stand on end.

Little Archie was told to put down a sharp knife he was playing with but did not do so.

SINGULAR THINGS IN PLURALS.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes; But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.

Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pan? The cow in the plural may be cows or kine, But a bow, if repeated, is never called bine.

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, Why shouldn't the plural of tooth be called beech?

So the English, I think you all will agree, Is the most wonderful language you ever did see.

HOTEL GOTHAM. A Hotel of refined elegance, located in New York's social centre. Easily accessible to theatre and shopping districts.

A Portable Typewriter Remington Junior. As durable as the standard Remington. Weight less than half the Standard model. For the traveler and for the home.