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### Thought for the Day

Selected by Francis Echols

Think no thought, say no word, commit no act, that will not uplift you and make of you a better man or woman than you were before you thought, said, or did. Your present life is the consumation of your thoughts, words, and actions up to this hour. On the future of your personality, there is no curtain dropped. You will be in twenty-four hours or five years just schat you are today thinking, saying, and doing .- Florence Nightingale.

This German airmen are becoming altogether too fly for British comfort.

But can a municipal electric light plant provide enough live wires to resuscitate a "dead bne."

Chicago and Detroit are not the only cities where the jobless prefer the jostling poverty of the city to the quiet prosperity of the country.

But will creation of a jury commissioner's job ou a fat salary stop business and professional men from asking to be excused from jury service?

There is some satisfaction in the fact that Mexican presidents do not stick to the job long enough to get their pictures in general circutation.

As a stimulus for British recruiting German airship raids serve to wake up natives beyond the range of sea craft guns. Cousin Bill is an accommodating enemy.

So long as democratic leaders in Nebraska disagree on the division of federal spoils, republican holdovers cannot escape the unwelcome duty of taking the money.

If those air raiders guide themselves by their own searchlight, it must be merely another lesson learned from the midnight joyrider, who includes a storage battery lamp in his equipment,

What Omaha needs is to secure the best returns from the money it can afford to expend in public activities. It can spread out safely to new fields only as the city feels able to spend more money.

Note Mexican dollars quoted on the market at 371/2 cents. These dollars contain more stiver than the American dollar, and are the same dollars that the free coinage advocates would have made circulate in this country at par or better.

Oh, yes, it is perfectly ethical to print in a medical journal, read only by medical practitioners, an article criticising hospital management as it exists in Chicago, but reprinting portions of the same article in a daily newspaper that spreads it before the general public is at once a venial offense.



The State Board of Agriculture, to the great dis appointment of Omaha, decided to locate the state fair for the next five years at Lincoln. The commit tee looking after Omaha's interests was made up of Frank Colpetzer, Max Mayer and J. T. Patrick. There is already talk of Omaha running an exposition of

"Clergymen's half-fare permits on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific road are now in the hands of Mr. Richard Carrier, tichet agent, in the Paxton hotel building. Two permits are furnished each clergyman residing in Omaha for towns on lines of the Union Pacific, one for the Albert Lea reute for St. Paul, and the other for the Rook Island proper."

Jerome Pentael, clerk of the police court, has recovered from his fliness and is again on the job. Prof. W. H. Allmon is in the city, and his dancing class met as usual in Falgmer's hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunker, corner Ninth and Pierce, entertainer a party last evening. Among those present were the Misses E and L Kelly, Ella Kent, Mamie McKenna, Katle Durr, Crawford, Scott, Rud and Mesers, W. C. Kelly, Gus L. Drexel, F. H. Kosters

Mr. Joseph Archibald left on a trip to Europe and will spend two months at his old home in Scotland. Mrs. C. C. Anderson of Shoshons, Idaho, is the

guest of Mrs. A. H. Gibson-The marriage of Mr. Lee N. Vater and May Annie Circle was solemnised in the evening by Rev. Thomas Hall at the home of the bride, Twenty-third and Give the Country a Rest.

Senator Hoke Smith's forecast of an extra session of congress will hardly be received with shouts of joy by a country beginning to feel just a little bit bored by the performance that has been almost continuous for three years. From the time of President Wilson's inaugural to the present, congress has been in session, with the exception of short vacations at election and holiday time, and the country, more than the members, needs a rest from its labors. The laws of real importance enacted have been for the most part such as only could operate to disturb business; in fact, they were passed for that express purpose. In his address at the opening of the short session last month, the president stated that his program for reform was practically complete, the only measure he considered vital yet unenacted being the shippurchase bill, which is now being driven through under caucus pressure.

In justice to our business world, whose commerce and industry has been deranged by the democratic program, congress should be permitted to adjourn on March 4 and give the people a chance to readjust their affairs as far as possible to the conditions that have been created.

### Nepotism-Hit It Everywhere.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature down at Lincoln designed to prohibit the employment in a city of metropolitan class of relatives of any commissioner or municipal department head. We ask the sponsor of this measure, Senator Dodge, why he aims only at city employes? Why does he not include employes of the county board, the water board and of the school board. Why does he not make his bill general, so as to hit at nepotism wherever it seeks a lodgement?

The Bee is heartily in favor of putting an end to the nepotism graft anywhere and everywhere, and of adopting as drastic measures as necessary to accomplish the object, but it has no favorites to play. To our mind putting brothers, sisters or cousins on the public payroll is just as obnoxious and indefensible for the county, school or water board payroll as for the city payroll. Having no one to protect or to shield. The Bee would not make part of the city hall a shelter for nepotism while driving the relative brigade out of the rest of the building.

### Where the President Slipped.

President Wilson's foolish remark in his Indianapolis speech about the republican party not having "had a new idea for thirty years," has naturally drawn fire from all directions We did not believe the president in this even took himself serfously, for he knew all the time that the republicans had been at the helm of government continuously for thirty years, with the exception of the two Cleveland administrations, and that therefore every new idea written on our statute books was put there by the republican party. Without going back anywhere near thirty years, the Outlook has compiled a few of the new ideas for which republicans are entitled to credit, as witness this formidable list:

Reciprocity, established under the McKinley law in pursuance of which ten treaties were conclude with foreign nations,

The anti-trust movement, embodied in the Sherman

pection of meat and cattle, and federal supervision of food products, embodied, respectively, in the meat inspection and pure food laws. The employment of the federal power to destroy

Government of dependencies on a new model, as exemplified in Porto Rico and the Philippines.

The peculiar relation established with Cuba under the Platt amendment. The enlargement of the field of government in the

creation of the Department of Committee and Labor. The extraordinary and au cesstul experiment achieved in the Panama canal zone. The idea of a voluntary collect on of customs for a

neighboring country instituted in the Santo Domingo customs collectorship. Conservation and reclamation instituted and ex-

Postal savings banks. Parcel post.

The movement for the conservation of children, culminating in the establishment of the children's bu-Tariff revision under the guidance of a board of

experts. Federal railway regulation.

The direction of army affairs by a general staff. Currency reform instituted by the creation of the

Currency co. As the Outlook says, "whether these ideas are good ideas or bad is not the question; they are ideas." It might, and should have added, that not even President Wilson, with full support of party majorities in both houses of congress, has undertaken to erase these ideas from the statute books. It is a safe guess that if he were making that Indianapolis speech anew, the president would expunge the sentence charging the republican party with a thirty-year void of new ideas.

### Service from the Missouri.

The Missouri river continues the joy and despair of the utilitarians, who are ever seeking to make it serviceable to man. A correspondent of The Bee suggests, as a counter to the navigation plan, that the Missouri be harnessed, by means of dams, and the force of its turbid current be transmuted into electricity for our various uses. With its fall of eighteen inches to the mile throughout its long and winding way, it here presents a most attractive field for specula-

The electric force that might theoretically be had from the waters of the Missouri mounts high into the millions of kilowats. The problem of generating this force is also in theory, simple in its main phases, but it presents some difficulty in its minor details. Such, for example, as to what disposition will be made of the electricity, once it is generated. Where will It be used? How can it be transported to the distances necessary to reach the people who will need the current? What will it cost to produce and deliver this current at the point of consumption?

The future will determine this and other dreams whose object is to utilize the Missouri. The present has problems more pressing and more practical, and when these are solved, there will be plenty of time to tackle the Missouri river with a definite plan for putting it to work.

"See America First" graps the right spirit when tagged, "See Omaha on the Way!"

# By VICTOR ROSEWATER.

P EVER a newspaper was justified in issuing a commemorative anniversary edition, the San Francisco Chronicle certainly had right-of-way for its handsome jubilee number, marking the signpost, not only of fifty years of its journalistic career, but of fifty years of continuous active editorship and management by its principal founder, M. H. de Young. sent Mr. de Young this message of congratulation. which is printed in the jubilee number along with similar greetings from the editors of the leading newspapers of the country:

"To me it is a rare privilege to be able to extend greetings and felicitations to the Chronicle and to Mr. M. H. de Young on their joint completion of fifty years in active newspaper work. I couple with my congratulations best wishes for long continued usefulness, although it goes without saying that the Chronicle, as a successful and progressive newspaper, must outlive its founder who has given it a permanence no individual can possess.

The Chronicle dates back a little over seven years longer than The Bee. The founder of The Bee, my father, the late Edward Rosewater, who was intimately associated with Mr. de Young in many public movements, was permitted to guide its destinies continuously for thirty-five years. which we felt was making a notable record in journalism; and yet to have held the reins for an even half century, as has Mr. de Young with the Chronicle, is much more exceptional. Everyone who knows anything about journalism knows that such an achievement would be impossible without brains, brawn, bravery and business ability."

The story of "Journalism in California" written by John P Young, the managing editor of the Chronicle, as the necessary setting for the history of that paper in all its endeavors and achievements, reads almost like a fairy tale, yet is replete with vivid realism.

Mr. de Young has often stopped off in Omaha when passing through our city. He headed the California State commission for our Trans-Mississippi exposition and, as a friend in need, was a friend indeed to that great enterprise on several occasions. It goes without saying that he is now prominently identified with the great Panama exposition that is about to be opened in San Francisco.

Judge "Ben" Baker is again voluntarily a private citizen instead of a public servant. I notice his name on the door to his new office in the Bee building in neat lettering with no other explanation but this "Law Business." Judge Baker evidently believes the earning of a livelihood is a matter of business, and takes no stock in fancy sign posts designed to make people think the practice of the legal profession is either a philanthropy or a missionary job.

While down at Lincoln I looked into the offices of the law firm headed by former Senator Burkett, recently enlarged by the addition of a room han . somely furnished with a long table and comfortable chairs, the door to which is inscribed, "Director,"

"Do you need to tell me." I inquired, "that a law firm has a board of directors?"

Thardly that," was the answer, "but we have fitted up this room in this way, as you'see, so we can use it ourselves for consultation purposes, but primarily for the benefit of our clients. You see we represent a number of small corporations, and some large ones, too, that do not feel warranted in maintaining a directors' room of their own. So we just place this at their disposal whenever they want to have a meeting. I am sure it is appreciated, and I am also sure it is not going to drive any law business away from us."

I mention this for the benefit of my lawyer friends merely to remind them that progressiveness is possibie in the legal profession.

### Twice Told Tales

Conscientious Isens.

A dairyman and farmer personally applied to a housekeeper for a transfer of her custom to himself "I hear dot you haf a lot of drouble with dot dairy-

man of yours," he said. "You must give me yo custom, and dere will be no drouble "Are your eggs always fresh?" asked the woman.

"Fresh!" repeated the man, in an indignant tone. "Let me dell you, madam, dot my hens nefer lay anything but fresh eggs!"-New York Globe.

Hidden Virtues.

Apropos of the discussion on George W. Perkins and his Harvester Trust-are they both divinely good or infernally bad? Representative Quin said: "If George W. is to be believed, his trust is of a

of ours. The trust, like old Wash White, undoubtedly had hidden virtures. "Old Washington White and young Calhoun Clay entered, you know, a dancing competition. But age was against Wash, and his boots, a pair of cowhides

goodness such as is scarcely seen on this poor earth

six or seven sizes too large, were against him, too The prise was awarded to the younger man. 'Look-a-yere, Misto Empire,' Uncle growled, 'whaffor yo' give da prize toe him?" 'Kase he done mo' beats 'n you' done.

'Go long, man,' said Uncle Wash. 'I done a lot o steps in desc yere big boots what yo' never see." "-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Temmy's Joke.

His name was Tommy and he came home from chool looking so down in the mouth that mother asked him severely what was the matter, Out of his little trousers pocket he fished a note from the teacher which said: "Tommy has been a very naughty boy. Please have a serious talk with him.

What did you do?" asked mother. "Nothing." sobbed Tommy. "She asked a question and I was the only one who could answer it." "H'm." murmured mother. "What was the ques-

"Who put the dead mouse in her desk drawer?" answered Tommy.--Philadelphia Record.

### People and Events

When you're half through January you're twothirds through the winter." Stick that in your scrapook of adages and cheer up.

So long as Uncle Joe Cannon hangs around as a walking advertisement for stogies the fame of Danville, Ill., cannot escape the spotlight. Mrs. S. C. Stimson of Terre Haute is pictured in

Indiana papers as a rattling good "chairman of the steering committee" of the suffrage cause. The "steering committee" will watch the legislature and give the members the proper "steer," if there is any awmaker in Indiana in need of it. Kemp Carter, city engineer of Liberty, Mo., who aperates a steam whistle built on the calliope plan, ias been offered big money to bring his whistle to

ing air, "Hall, Hail, the Gang's All Here," for the entertainment of the legislature and other music The New York World Almanac for 1915, like its predacessors, is an unfailing source of information, a tree of knowledge which yields fruit to all comers without diminishing the supply. The new volume of 1.000 pages carries a comprehensive review of the events of 1914, in addition to the various reference de-

Jefferson City and plan three times a day the rollick-

talls familiar to its readers. Michael Angelo, night watchman in a manufacur ing plant in New Jersey, grabbed the rope attached to the steam whistle as he fell in a faint, woke up the town and brought skurrying hundreds to his relief, while yet unconscious. The rope proved his life line.

In these days of humane impulses a career of crime is not without its reward Clenulne coffee is now being served to the guests at Sing Sing, and the inmates of the Massachusetts state prison are to have two

## The Bees Letter Box

What This Country Needs. OMAHA, Jan. 20 .- To the Editor of The Bee: What this country needs is not undue legislation by congress, but ships and then some more ships, to take the products of this country to Europe and to those who are badly in need of supplies. We want ships that carry the American flag and can go into any port in the world unmolested.

C. F. WELLER.

Jurisdiction Over the Child. OMAHA, Jan. 20 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I beg to most heartily commend your editorial under the caption "State and Parent." It seems to me that you have written a treatise on the subject in a short space, and I have only to suggest that you follow it up with an editorial on the meaning of the word "jurisdiction.

The line of demarcation that separates an able jurist from a mediocre one can almost be determined by his intelligent and far-reaching grasp of the meaning of that word I care not which horn of the dilemma is taken, if the parent desires to release jurisdiction of the child to the state it indicates a condition that should call for every energy of the state to retard, instead of promoting, by assuming the charge; and if the parent does not so desire, from whence comes the authority or right of the state to assume such responsibility in the face of the natural right of the parent?

There is but one answer and that is that the parent has no natural right over the child paramount to the judgment, whim or caprice, as the case may be, of the instant governing power, and this answer no one is willing to accept. As you suggest, we plungs ahead by wedges and not in waves, and the front wedge firstead of encouraging its tardy

companion, seeks to kill it. In other words, we have forged ahead with the state idea until we have forgotten that the state cannot live without CARL E. HERRING. the family.

A Boost for Walsh.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 39 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The Roman of old was proud of his city. "Civitas Romanum was his boast 'Twenty years' residence in Omaha gives me the right to express opinion and announce preference, and so, for the first time, I ask space for the name of a man who would honor the commissionship of Omaha if we would elect him and we in turn would honor ourselves by electing him-

This man is an old resident who has always manifested great interest in the physical, educational and moral development of our city. He possesses every qualification for this office. He is bonest to the core. He is a man of affairs. He is a man of and for all of the people He lost heavily in the great Easter tornade, but has rehabilitated. He is a mah of conscience, brawn and brain. The man is our honored citizen Edward Walsh, 1022 Park avenue

2012 Franklin Street. DR. SCHLEH.

A Tip from South Omaha. SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 19 .- To the Editor of The Bee: There was an item in The Bee last night which ought to make South Omahans "sit up and take notice." Especially those interested in the annexation question. I refer to the statement that there were eighty teams and 300 men at work removing the snow from the streets of Omaha. In South Omaha not a shovelful of snow has been removed by the city. The only place, even on Twenty-fourth street, where a vehicle can drive, is on the street car tracks. Not a crossing has been cleared, and we must wade in snow from six to twelve inches deep to get from the sidewalk to a street car. Are there no idle men in South Omaha, or has the city no funds with which to hire this done. I have been a taxpayer in this town for more than twenty years and have paid a good many hundreds of dollars into the city treasury. Is it unreasonable to wish to reap some benefit from it? If we were a part of Omaha, would we come in for a share of such benefits as this? If so, we cannot be annexed too soon J. W. SMITH.

Question of Dual Citizenship.

SHELTON, Neb., Jan. 19.-To the Editor of The Bee: I thank you for your notice of my letter in your editorial today-"Altogether Unduly Alarmed"-but, evidently, I did not make my meaning clear to you. The main point in the Literary Digest, to which I meant to call your attention, was the question of the possibility of "dual citizenship" on the part of German-Americans. I wished to ask you to express your views in an editorial particularly with reference to that question because of its intimate bearing upon the whole matter of the neutrality of German-Americans. I did not intend to emphasize the ques-

tion of the loyalty of German-Americans to the United States, but the serious probabilities resulting from dual citisenship in the relations of German-Americans to the nations now at war with Germany, especially England. I did not wish to imply for one moment that there was the least ground for suspicion that any friction with Germany was imminent: not in the least; but I had in mind the attitude of German-Americans towards the allies with whom Germany is at war: What I wished was your opinion as to whether it is a fact or not a fact that a German-American can be at one and the same time a citizen of the United States and a subject of the German emperor. The article in the Digest seems to suggest that he can. I have not a copy of the article at hand, or I would quote it, but you probably have seen it.

I am sure that if such dual citizenship is possible, you will admit that itraises very serious questions, not only in reference to other nations, but also, and perhaps, more particularly with reference to the United States. The fact that the Literary Digest should take notice of the natter would imply that the question is, at least, debatable. Thanks for the courtesy of your attention to my former JOHN R. BENNETT.

### Women's Activities

Miss Kate Gleason of Rochester, N. Y., who is a graduate of Cornell, was admitted to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at a recent meeting in New York.

Mrs. Leonora Z. Meder, Chicago's commissioner of public welfare, thinks that the municipal dance hall will insure publie dance morals. She has attended at the dances and thinks that this is the best means of teaching young folks the difference between the dance that is healthful and that which is unwhole-

### Stricken Italy

Washington Post: Fortunately, a more merciful and commiserative spirit binds the sympathies of the nations now than in the/day when it was necessary to insist that there were other sinners in Jerusalem than those upon whom the tower of Siloam fell. The quick response of king and people to local distress that marked the occurrence of the more fearful earthquake of a few years ago will be repeated in the presence of this latest calamity.

New York World: The civilized world while regretting the dead in the earthquake, may rejoice that Rome was spared a worse visitation than by Goth or Vandal. Italy herself will have cause for satisfaction if this "act of God" tips the scale of indecision and keeps the nation from going to needless war. Her one cause and you? "Captain, did you ever see a sea sertion from going to needless war. Her one cause for more and you?"

"Captain, did you ever see a sea sertion from going to needless war. Her one cause for more and you?" or Vandal. Italy herself will have cause calamity at home, with its havon com- Ledger. parable to that of war, is enough to engage all her attention. Chicago Tribune: Italy is situated on

the firing line of the world, in one of the regions where the earth's shallow shell seems still unduly frail and the equilibrium of forces is often disturbed. This is the price Italy pays for at least a part of her incomparable beauty and romantic charm. The volcanic formation of her shores and hills has given her landscape a quality which is theirs alone. The magic of her peculiar atmosphere and the treasures of man's handiwork which the Italian genius has bestowed upon her enhance and complete this, but her singular and intensely characteristic structure is the foundation and framework of her matchless beauty

### LINES TO A LAUGH.

The Esquimaux live on a light dist. "Hold on, there, you're wrong. The live on the fattest kind of food." "Well, I'm sure our teacher told they eat candles."—Baltimore American Motorist (to chauffeur)-Be careful about running over anybody hereabouts.

This is a prohibition county, and mest everybody has a bottle in his pocket. Atlanta Constitution

"My neighbor on one side is fixing to raise chickens. My neighbor on the other side is planning a garden."
"And what are you going to do?"
"Me? I'm going to remain strictly neutral."—Louisville Courier-Jaurnal.

"Maud married! Why only last June she told me she wouldn't marry the best man that walks the earth."

That's all right; the man she married rides in an automobile."—Boston Transcript.

"I like those quaint old names. My grandmother was named Prudence." "My Iriend Wombat has utilized that custom with a sort of modernized effect." "How so?"
"He has named his latest kid Neutrality
Wombat."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Charming Widow-And what are you doing nowadays?
Mr. Bacif-Looking out for number one.

### DO IT NOW.

Fine Arts Journal.

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing.

If you like him or you love him tell him now.

Don't withold your approbation till the parson makes cration And he hes what same, lilles o'er his For no matter how you shout it he won't

really care about it;
He won't know how many teardrops
you have shed;
If you think some praise is due him, now's
the time to alip it to him,
For he cannot read his tombatone when
he's dead.

More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny And the hearty, warm approval of a For it gives to life a savor and it makes
you stronger, braver,
And it gives you heart and spirit to
the end;
If he earns your praise—bestow it; if you
like him let him know it;
Let the words of true encouragement
be said;
Do not wait till life is over and he's
underneath the clover. underneath the clover,
For he cannot read his tombstone when
he's dead.

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Lady's picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures of Lady you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 23.

You can see "Lady" at The Bee Office

### More Skates

for our Busy Bee Boys



Barney & Berry American Club. Nicket Plated, Tempered Welded Steel Blades. Sizes to fit.

This picture of one of the Skates will be in The Bee every day this week.

Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures you can get and bring them to The Bee office.

The Skates will be given Free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M. Saturday, Jan. 23.