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Thought for the Day
Selected by M. C. Cronin
How small of all that human hearts endure,
That part which less or kings can cause or cure,
Still to ourselves in every place assigned,
Our own felicity we make or find;
With secret course, which no loud storms annoy
Glides the smooth current of domestic joy.
—Goldsmith.

"Don't worry clubs" are not making progress in England.

The Dacia's cargo of cotton will give diplomats material to chew on.

The street cleaning fund will melt away whether the snow does or not.

It is up to the legislature to administer knockout drops to the dope evil.

It's a toss-up which must work faster, the Krupp gun factory or the Iron Cross factory.

A Mexican state without a personality conducted revolution must be classed as a dead one.

Mention of losses as well as gains makes the French war bulletin a rare example of moderate impartiality.

What the country needs just now is a workable modus vivendi between the weather clerk and the groundhog.

Next to grain market reports the man with the hoe garners winter joy from page ads and automobile catalogues.

It is not a long, long way from Dublin bay to Tipperary, a matter of 100 miles, but the road was not built for submarines.

The country's harvest, figured at ten billion dollars last November, has become so chasty that experts passed up a January computation.

Those school boarders come perilously near the back number class in holding that parents have some right to the time of their children.

Despite its innoventions this old-fashioned winter is prolonging the beauty steep of aspirants for prizes in the coming political beauty show.

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The Democratic Dilemma.
The defection of nine democratic senators from the ship purchase bill program as laid out by the caucus by direction of President Wilson, precipitates another democratic dilemma, from which the administration is finding it difficult to extricate itself.

While the president and his aides may yet succeed in pulling ship purchase over the shoals, they are clearly more perilously near the rocks and reefs than they have been in any previous part of the administration's legislative schedule. Impartial listeners to the debate are practically a unit in voicing their judgment that the strength of the argument has been all on the side opposed to the bill, and that the democrats have kept silent because they have nothing to offer as a defense.

State Press on Morehead's Choice.
If Governor Morehead's left ear is not burning, it must be because what the state press is saying about his supreme court appointment is being kept from him.

Neutralizing Communication Channels.
Regardless of difference of opinion as to the question of exporting arms to belligerent countries, one note in the resolution adopted by the recent mass meeting in New York deserves serious consideration, namely, the reference to the need of neutral possession and operation of cables for communication in time of conflict like that which the world is witnessing today.

No Keep-It-Dark Treasury Management.
If reports from Lincoln be correct that Treasurer Hall, the new custodian of the state's strong box, is about to discontinue making monthly exhibits of the condition of the various funds, it will be a step backward sure to call down popular disapproval.

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Omaha has reason to feel deeply grateful for the generosity which made possible the possession and improvement of Carter lake and boulevard. All future generations will derive pleasure and practical benefit from this summer beauty spot, and applaud the admirable public spirit emphasized in so important a contribution to the well-being of the city.

The fertility of American soil for the cultivation of golden melons is one of the marvels of the age. A prize specimen cut open at Detroit netted 1,300 per cent on the capital invested. Another in New Jersey yielded 325 per cent. Those who imagine the soil of this country is near exhaustion are entitled to another guess.

South Omaha lets it be known that, in the event of consolidation, a claim will be put in for some of the city jobs, including the launching of South Omaha candidates for commissioner in the spring city election.

The Political Caldron

THERE is a wide difference of opinion as to whether a long or short political campaign is better. Different candidates use different systems in their quest for votes. Take Congressman Lobeck, for instance, he just gum-shoes around 35 days in the year and the first thing you know he is in Washington nobody is looking.

Some candidates for public office have to be dragged into the political arena. Committees have to go to their homes or offices and promise them the support of this or that organization. They have to be coaxed or petted and even then there are instances where they will not make the sacrifice for the public weal. But every rule has its exceptions.

Comes now Sam Valentine, a native son, who has offered himself as a candidate to fill any vacancy there might be in the event there should be a city hall slate. Mr. Valentine called upon the mayor the other afternoon and had a long conversation. The mayor told his visitor that it is a worthy ambition to aspire to a city commissionership, but made no promise about taking Mr. Valentine into partnership.

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Anent the approaching city commission primary fight, it is observed that S. A. Coroner does not believe in watchful waiting. He believes that if a man intends to be a candidate he should take the public into his confidence at the earliest possible moment, which Mr. Coroner is doing at present. He is now on the job and is letting the people know he is a candidate. He says he expects to carry the Danish vote and hopes to have some strength in other quarters.

"I don't want to enter the joke class," was the reply of Henry C. Richmond, legislator, when asked whether he intended to enter the city commissionership race this spring. His name has been mentioned with many others, but Mr. Richmond wishes to have his name stricken from the role of aspirants.

It may be a joke, but it's also the truth, that every applicant for every elective office always feels content that he will win and not until the votes are counted will he be disillusioned. During the last city commission primary election one candidate received something like 45 votes. He has lived here many years and isn't a bad sort of fellow. He is well educated and experienced, and knows a thing or two about municipal government. During the campaign he found about 3,000 who said they would vote for him, but only 475 remembered him when they came to vote. He had a hard fall and said he lost some of his faith in human nature.

Mr. Richmond does not want to discourage any worthy ambition, but he declares that some of the names being mentioned are "impossible." He would like to save money for some of these misguided ones, but he feels that if they insist upon spending their money against his advice, then it is their fault.

The location of the Bill Sunday tabernacle, at Nineteenth and Leavenworth streets, where a big frame structure is to be constructed for the great reformer, is within the fire limits, and the question has arisen. Can such an inflammable building be erected there without violation of the city ordinances? If left to the Examiner to decide we should say not, as we believe in a strict and impartial enforcement of law. Furthermore, Bill Sunday is accused of getting forth "hell-fire and brimstone," and therefore he is liable to set the tabernacle on fire and cause a sweeping conflagration, resulting in great loss of life and property. The Examiner moves that the Bill Sunday tabernacle be located in East Omaha—an alleged "hell-hole"—where it is most needed, and where, in case of "hell-fire" breaking out there will be no contiguous buildings—worthy of mention—to be consumed by the aforesaid "hell-fire."

Formerly when you brought home a bag of dried prunes your wife thought it quite a luxury, but now it takes a box of fresh strawberries to produce the same thrill.

Some one reading about the high price of flour, asks what has become of the woman who used to bake her own bread. Well, just about now she is telephoning down to the baker's scolding him for not sending his team out a mile and a half to deliver her a 5-cent loaf.

Any censorship established over the Omaha theaters must comprise but a single expert moralist if we would avoid censorship rows, due to divergent views as to what is clean and what is not. No two people think alike on that subject. Most of us remember a day when any dramatic entertainment was denounced as immoral.

No reformer has yet introduced a bill to so simplify the collection of election returns that we can tell what has happened within two weeks after the polls close, yet there is no reform that is worse needed than that.

Landlord Burbank is working overtime on a program for the opening of the Fontenelle hotel, which event is fixed for February 5. There'll be some big doings on that day. Of course, some of the "dry" people are already hollering their heads off in protest against any ill-fitting on the night of the eventful day. To avoid any collision on this point we suggest that you purchase your champagne before 8 p. m. and drink it when, where and how you damn please, and then give the merry ha-ha to the chronic klicker.

William Travers Jerome, New York's special attorney in the Shaw case, has been relieved of the task, the state attorney general's office taking over the duty of prosecution. Mr. Jerome managed to saddle a \$2,500 in fees for a two-year job.

The widely author of the celebrated ring-side slogan, "Hit him in the slats, Hehl!" has secured legal sanction for divorcing Robert Fitzsimmons. Mrs. Beh testified that the ex-heavyweight champion was too free with his punches on her slats and that the carcases of his appetites were unendurable. The court agreed with her and sent her away rejoicing.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Barges There—Why Not Now?
OGALA, Neb., Feb. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Seeing the notice in The Bee of the barge line meeting held in St. Joseph, at which several Omaha citizens were present and taking part, brings back to memory the time, when forty-eight years ago, the writer took his first passage on a Missouri river steamerboat.

It was the good boat "St. Joe," and I embarked at the city of St. Joseph, at that time the jumping off place, the terminus of the railroad from the east. All passengers and freight from Omaha had to go by boat.

On this trip up the river the boat made several landings, taking on and discharging freight and passengers. There apparently seemed to be no difficulty whatever as to the navigation of the stream; everything went lovely as far as I could tell. Upon landing at Omaha at the foot of Farnam street I found the levee covered with ties and iron for the building of the Union Pacific railroad. The road was then completed as far as North Platte and it is a fact that 20 miles of the road was built and equipped with material which was transported on boats, including ties, iron, cars and locomotives.

A barge line from Omaha would be of great benefit to the city as well as the state, and I hope to see it inaugurated soon. A city without water transportation lines under a heavy handicap. Two enterprises of the greatest importance at this time for Omaha is, first, the establishing of this Missouri river barge line for cheap freight rates, and second, a pipe line from the oil and gas fields of Wyoming bringing a source of cheap power for manufacturing.

EDWIN M. SEARLE.

Democrats Have Wire Crossed.
SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Feb. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: The spectacle of a democratic congress making the fight of its life for a "second-hand" merchant marine would look like a joke if it were not for the serious international complications inevitable if they succeed. The democrats have always opposed any federal aid or encouragement to build up a merchant marine. It took a world's war to wake them up to the fact that we had no merchant marine and needed one, and needed it badly.

Now since their free trade propaganda has depleted the national treasury and they have burdened the people with a "war tax" in time of peace at home, they want this government to purchase ships that the exigencies of war have sidetracked and a belligerent nation has placed on the "barge counter." If two of the democratic measures now pending before congress both pass, one will authorize the purchase of a second-hand merchant marine and the other will prohibit their sale. Won't you please give our kindergarten congress a quiet hunch that it has its wires crossed?
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Chicago Herald: The administration's economy thoughts, it now appears, do not extend to leaving in the treasury the \$30,000,000 that will be taken out if the shipping bill passes, though it seems very plain that the expenditures may easily purchase much more than \$30,000,000 worth of trouble, at home and abroad.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Should a larger deficit than Secretary McAdoo now admits occur, failure to pass the government shipping bill would save \$20,000,000. In the federal administration, as in minor administrations, there is room for material economies without impairing efficiency if made in checking extravagances and unnecessary expenditures. Despite the recognized need for economy the appropriations billegislatively scarcely reflect any attention given to it.

Washington Post: There is, of course, no need for alarm. The government has unlimited credit, and can raise \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000 through a bond issue. If the administration were to do this on a broad scale, discarding the paltry economies which are proposed and which will simply throw out of employment many men engaged in river and harbor and public building work, it would be a stroke that would be popular with the people.

Massachusetts church which produces a tone so low that it can be felt rather than heard.
Breads, slightly moistened and left on the fabric for several hours, will remove chocolate stains from white dresses and table linens.
Automobile tires become heated when run at high speeds not so much because of the friction as from the kneading of the rubber.
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SMILING REMARKS.
Husband—You charge me with reckless extravagance. When did I ever make a useless purchase?
Wife—Why, there's that fire extinguisher you bought a year ago; we've never used it once.
—Houston Transcript.
The Clubman—Circumstances alter cases, you know.
The Lawyer—Yes, and a few good cases would materially alter my circumstances.
—Philadelphia Record.
"Who's become of that rascally young son of the Howlers?"
"I understand he is to take a course of ethics in one of our modern penitentiary institutions."
—"There! And I heard he had been sent to jail."
—Baltimore American.

They gazed pityingly on the listless drug store clerk, leaning against the soda counter.
"Have you any ambition?" we queried kindly, and all that.
"Ah," he replied, with brightening intelligence, "but I have something just as good."
—Philadelphia Ledger.
"Doesn't she like her new gown, it's pretty and all that, but she thinks it still needs something to improve its shape."
"Well, why doesn't she let some other girl wear it?"
—New York Sun.

"I hope as a lawyer you will have a long and successful career."
"Thank you, and I may add a lawyer is the only man who can expect to have a long career in a 'brief' profession."
—Boston Transcript.
"A judge somewhere says a wife is entitled to a regular salary for cooking, washing and doing housework."
"Then, there's no economy in getting married."
—Baltimore American.

Mrs. Diogenes looked questioningly at her husband and asked:
"Am I going out to see an honest man, he explained after the first act.
—Philadelphia Ledger.
"I saw a war picture and one of the soldiers on the firing line, amid bursting shells and dead and wounded men, was yawning."
—"It was probably a foot oaf player to whom his surroundings seemed tame."
—Houston Post.

"Inquirer" says: "I am making a collection of the best examples of modern slang. What does 'double-cross' mean?"
"Double-cross" means, "The slang you mention is modern, but the source is classical."
Caesar crossed the Rubicon. Then he recrossed it. This is called "double-crossing the Rubicon."
Shortly afterwards the fighting began.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MAN WHO DIDN'T SUCCEED.
Peter Reed, in New York Post.
They sing of the men who build the mills
And gridle the earth with steel;
Who fill the hour and wield the power
That moulds the public weal.
Honor to them that in honor do
The work that the world must need,
And yet in chief I hold a brief
For the Man Who Didn't Succeed.

"Tis not to excuse the indolent;
No plea for the down and out;
Nor specious rot condemning what
The leaders care about.
Merely to ask in a casual way
Of those who chance to read,
Yet his is a home and no hotel,
Of the Man Who Didn't Succeed.
His house is small, his table light;
His family must endure
The snubs and sneers of the buccaners
Whose debts fall on the poor.
Yet his is a home and no hotel,
His wife is a wife, indeed,
There's nothing about his children's love
To the Man Who Didn't Succeed.
Admitting it's true that he did not make
The most of his talents ten,
He won no medals nor raised himself
At the cost of his fellowmen,
His hands are clean, his heart is white,
And he is
His honor has been his creed—
Now who are we to say that he
Is the Man Who Didn't Succeed?"

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Ruth was won by Beatrice Parker, 1316 So. 12th St., with 595 pictures. Mildred Is Next. The snow will surely melt when she comes out with her beaming countenance and beautiful spring gowns, all pink and white. She has great rolls of waxen curls, big blue eyes and oh dear me, when you see her dainty little feet and pink shoes and stockings, you'll just want to eat her up. Mildred will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age that brings or mails us the largest number of doll's pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m., Saturday, February 6.

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