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Thought for the Day

It is better to inspire the heart with a noble sentiment than to teach the mind a truth of science.—Edward Brooks.

That electric light bill is being illuminated; also ventilated.

For once the dope business in Omaha is being doped out right.

In getting German sympathy for the Belgians, "the Madame" is surely an artful artist.

What we would like to know, however, is, if court reporter's transcripts are made free, will the money thus saved go to the lawyer or to the client?

Not the least of the joys of legislative life is the task of boosting salaries in city jobs. The lawmakers are not called upon to dig up the money.

If that cattle quarantine can only be made to stay over on the east side of the Missouri river, it will not interfere so seriously with the Omaha market.

What about another peace prayer proclamation from the president? We had more than one specially appointed peace prayer days during our civil war.

The truth is, however, that up to date it has not been lack of legislation, but lack of moneyed men willing to invest, that has kept back the development of interurbans in Nebraska.

So long as Mr. Carnegie neglects to provide the army of peace with attractive uniforms, steady pay and a pension system, he cannot expect a land office rush at his recruiting stations.

Our police commissioner is needlessly severe on the man who walks the beat. If a patrolman cannot lift a peanut or roll a chestnut how can he keep the muscles of his arms in fit condition?

Making up the jury lists for a whole year for Douglas county will not take a competent man at most over three or four weeks. Let him be paid liberally for the time he puts in, but not for the time he has nothing to do.

An official statement shows sixty-six merchant steamers flying foreign flags interned in American ports by the war. Of this number fifty-five fly the German and eleven the Austrian flags. Their tonnage totals \$18,768. The enforced idleness of this huge fleet may explain why ocean freight rates are following wheat into the clouds.

It is hardly fair to measure the value of legislative printing by the straight and curving lines of the dollar mark. Printing is more than an art. It is "the art preservative of all arts."

Viewed in the right light the printer man is both promoter and custodian of the arts which give expression to the soul. As such his output makes for the higher life wherein man looms large above the dollar. "Do you get it?"

Thirty Years Ago

McNab's restaurant at 1015 Harney street was made to look like a wreck by the explosion of a water reservoir attached to the kitchen range.

A moderation of the weather is noted as an end of the cold snap, the mercury having gone down to 14 degrees below zero the previous night.

O. L. Stephenson of the firm of Stephens Bros., suffered a singular accident when a ponderous loger he was holding fell upon his hand, breaking a number of bones.

Mr. Philip Horn, sister teacher, has come from Leavenworth, Kan., to locate in Omaha.

Mr. T. W. Blackburn of the Union Pacific is moved in at Herman on the St. Paul road. He went there on a three days' leave for rabbit hunting, and is likely to be forced to have a more extended vacation.

How are the officers of the Douglas Agricultural society? President, G. P. Paulson; vice president, Elizabeth Alge; secretary, John Baumer. Henry Blöbe was elected delegate to the international convention to be held at New Orleans.

G. G. Clark, general agent in Nebraska for DuPont powder, has removed his office to 1411 Douglas street, with Collins, Gordon & Hay.

Quarantine Against Cattle Plague. The prompt action of the authorities, in cooperation with the management of the stock yards, in closing the Omaha market to cattle from east of the Missouri river, is well taken.

Serious loss has already been sustained by the eastern breeders of cattle, some especially valuable herds having been wiped out as a result of the plague, but the damage so far wrought is nothing as compared to what might follow, were the dread disease to gain a foothold in the western cattle country.

Censoring the Censor. John Bull is a phlegmatic old gentleman, but like everybody else, he gets a bit impatient under long continued stress of waiting for something to develop.

The autocracy of the military censorship is nowhere especially relished, but is submitted to with more patience on the continent, because the people there have been trained to observance of the military rule that no questions may be asked of the army.

Extra Session of Congress Possible. The deadlock in the senate, with a continuation of the filibuster against the administration's shipping bill, makes it possible that an extra session of congress will be called, if only to pass the big appropriation bills, which are now being held back.

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Members of the Douglas delegation at Lincoln are asking for advice from their constituents as to proposed charter amendments, which contemplate increased taxation and other burdens upon property owners.

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The Political Caldron

Municipal Campaign Calendar. March 24—Last day for candidates to file. March 25—Last day to register or correct registration before primary.

In view of the approaching city primary, it may be of interest to hark back three years ago, when Omaha was in the throes of its first commission form of government election.

- C. R. Hyde, L. B. Johnson, Thor Jorgensen, Chas. J. Karbach, Alfred C. Kennedy, Homer Kirk, A. C. Kugel, Albert Lesonski, Ed. Lederer, Thomas McGovern, M. O. McLaughlin, D. W. McVey, W. H. Mallory, Peter Mehrner, Henry F. Meyers, E. J. Morrow, L. W. Morrison, John D. Neble, Geo. E. Norman, John D. Park, Jas. O. Phillippi, Henry I. Plumb, William A. Redick, John A. Rine, John J. Ryder, Fred Schamel, Geo. M. Schofield, Henry Schroeder, Chas. A. Shabata, W. K. Shaver, W. G. Shriver, Alfred Sorenson, Eugene Steere, John A. Swanson, George H. Thummel, Julius Treitschke, Clarence C. Vaughn, G. G. Wallace, John D. Weaver, John N. Westberg, Charles H. Withnell, Frank M. Woolley, Harry B. Zimman.

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The Bee's Letter Box

No More Tickets for Him. OMAHA, Feb. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your reporter in describing the lecture of the Belgian actress, Mlle. Artois, mentions a list of subscriptions which she has received, saying that list includes the entry "Mr. Mayer of Her & Co. E."

I believe that newspapers before giving so much conspicuous space as they gave Mlle. Artois should investigate so as not to mislead the public. I feel no ill will towards the lady, who is not the only one of her countrymen who blames England for not coming to their rescue in time.

"Jitney"—What is it? OAKLAND, Ia., Feb. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will you please explain fully the word "jitney"—Yours truly, READER.

Question of Vested Rights. FLORENCE, Neb., Feb. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: Vested rights of the legislature is required before performing any official duties to take an oath and solemnly swear to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state and faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office.

Cut Off the "South". SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: In times past when the consolidation of South Omaha with Omaha has been agitated the anti have said, "Wait until a bill is passed that will enable us to see just what we are getting."

Are you going to file? Bashful Colonel Charles Flanning says he has been urged to get into the mayoralty, but the colonel seems to hesitate. He tries to make out that he is not so easily led astray by the political enchantress.

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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES

He—They say, after marriage, the husband and wife grow to look like each other. She—Then consider my refusal final.—Yale Record.

And then the captain telephoned his men to charge. "Tieghound, eh? Well, being an officer under those circumstances isn't so bad."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Nora—Why did you accept him the third time he proposed? Nora—Because he said it would be the last time.—Judge.

Stella—Does your wife take an intelligent interest in the war? Stella—Well, not especially so. When I told her of the loss of the U-S she seemed to be under the impression it was a theater seat.—Puck.

Mrs. Homepun—What? I contribute to the minister's donation party? Farmer Homepun—Well, I dunno, Hanbar. Tature is 'way up, Pork is 'way up, fowling is 'way up—we'll save money by giving him money.—St. Paul Dispatch.

She—Women are more resourceful than men. He—I guess that's right. A man has to get his clothes made to fit his shape, but a woman can get her shape made to fit her clothes.—Philadelphia Record.

THE GHOST OF THE PAST.

Thomas Hardy. We two kept house, the Past and I. The Past and I; I tended while it hovered nigh, Leaving me never alone. It was a spectral housekeeping, Where fell no jarring tone, As strange, as still a housekeeping As ever has been known.

It dwelt with me just as it was. Just as it was. When first its prospects gave me pause, In wayward wanderings, Before the years had torn old troths, As they tear all sweet things, Before again grief had torn old troths, And dulled old reveries.



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