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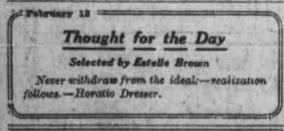
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Senatorial wind storms are like nature's product in one respect. Both kinds blow themsalves out.

Bulgaria is about to pass the hat in the United States. Who will vouch for Bulgaria's montrality?

The senate at Lincoln appears to know its own mind about as well as some of the Omaha bodies that are flopping back and forth on questions before them.

Once more Omalia is given assurances of the carly construction of needed viaducts. Railroad promises in this regard rival political promises in paucity of performance.

The senate having passed the bill to prohibit the "dops traffic," it is now up to the house to get this needed law before the governor for his signature as soon as possible.

The plan to place school janitory under the shelter of civil service rules is interesting chiefly as a measure of the heights to which statesman-

#### The New Rate Decision.

The Interstate Commerce commission has further complicated the railroad situation by its ennouncement of a decision which will permit the transcontinental lines to promulgate rates intended to meet the competition established by way of the Panama canal on traffic passing from coast to coast. It has been obvious from the time work was commenced on construction of the canal that a condition would arise at the time of its opening which would require some readjustment of the freight traffic schedules, or these land carriers would be effectually barred from participating in the transportation, at least of the bulkier articles of commerce, for whose movement haste is not a determining factor. Therefore the decision has been in a large degree anticipated. Its plain purpose is to equalize as far as possible existing differences and thus permit manufacturers, whose plants are located at some distance from the seaboard on either side of the continent, to continue the distribution of their wares from their present locations. So far as this factor is to be given weight, the decision of the commission will be justified as sound and reasonable.

As at present indicated, rates on commodifies from the Missouri river territory will not be seriously affected, so that there should be little or no local disturbance of business. But the decision will again open up the whole question of long and short haul, a debate which has not yet been satisfactorily settled, although it was in some measure disposed of by the "Intermountain" decision. The ultimate determination of this question will have an immediate effect upon the rate situation and directly upon the business of the entire inter-mountain region.

The Interstate Commerce commission has left to the railroads themselves the adjustment of the so-called "back-haul" rates from the Pacific coast, which rates will naturally affect in some degree business originating east of the Sierras. It may be doubted if the new ruling of the commission will be found entirely satisfactory. All benefit to commerce from the canal should not be given to the coast towns. The interior of the country is entitled to some share in the advantages that come from the canal and until this can properly be provided the work of the Interstate Commerce commission on the adjustment of railroad rates is far from complete.

Putting the Case Plainly-

The notes directed to Germany and Great Britain, respectively, in connection with the "paper blockade" and the use of the American fing by British ships in home waters, are very temperate in language, but firm in tone. The representations on part of this government are resepectfully, but plainly, set forth, so that meither of the belligerents concerned will be at a loss to understand just what attitude the United States government proposes to assume in the premises. It is quite probable that the first effect of this notice will be to permit the belligerents to readjust their positions. Out of it should come a newer and better definition of the rights of neutral shipping; and a clearer conception of the special privileges of unneutrals.

It is altogether probable that much time will be taken up in presentation of nonessentials in connection with the main question. The most significant feature of the situation is the pos-sibility of its opening an avenue of corresponde through which hitle rtely an understanding may be reached between the nations now at war.

## The Political Caldron

Trais principal political bon mot this week is the bility of the annexation bill going through with the emergency clause, in which event the commission primary campaign would take on a rent aspect. It would be a Greater Omaha cam-ALTE.

paign, and South Omsha will be in the running with its hair in a braid and with bells, to use a little slang. Mayor Tom Hostor of South Omaha says be hopen the omergency clause will be retained if the bill is

going through. He is ready to jump into the fray. Of course, Florence, Dundee and Henson will be heard from and will have to be reckoned with. The apeech-making territory would be increased, and in other ways it would add set to the campaign.

Harry B. Zimman, who has announced himself as a candidate at the city commission primaties, was over at the election commissioner's office the other afternoon, discussing the political situation with Deputy Henry Ostrom.

"I hear some of the prospective candidates saying they are not ready to announce themselves, but are in the hands of their friends, meaning that if their friends gather in large cnowds and insist that they file, then they might file," remarked Mr. Zimman.

Then the former councilman entered upon an exoose of what he regards as the fallacy of any candidate or prospective candidate believing he is in the hands of his friends.

Mr. Zimman contends that it is very essential and even helpful to have friends in time of political stress, but his point is that the candidate who would succeed must get out and create a demand for his services in nubli office. He says that with few exceptions the "dear public" will not demand that a man file for any particular office, nor will the public insist that he serve in any particular public capacity.

"The candidate must blow his horn and let the people know he is in the running. The public does tot have time to seek out men and demand that they candidates," added Mr. Zimman, who has been through several political campaigns.

Charles L. Saunders, now serving his country in the legislature at Lincoln, has stated that he is not ready to say whether he will make the race for the city commission this spring. His name is being frequantly heard in this connection.

said the senator. He declined to say what develop-

one of a group of men who will enter a Sutton com Judge Sutton is said to have his eye on the bination. office of mayor, and is also said to have hinted that he might go into a combination if it would be agreed that he should be made mayor in the event of elec

In this connection Mayor Dahiman says he would like to have another term as mayor, and expects to have his ambition gratified, but he added that he would not pack up his things and leave if it should happen that he would have to take an ordinary com-

In the meantime everybody is waiting for some thing tangible to happen.

In his opening address of the forthcoming cam paign Mayor J. C. Dahlman expressly stated that in the primary fight he will not be a party to any alate combination. He said it is to be an open field so far as he will be concerned. That seems to suit the other sioners.

There has been a feeling that the "square seven" would get up a slate before the primary, and there been rumors that one of the places would be filled by a man who was a former councilman, but not now in the public service.

'I am glad that the mayor has made this state-I believe it will be better for the administration to make it an open rate and let every man get out and dig for himself and stand upon his own record," says one of the city commissioners.

Where do you get that noise?" was the question hurled back by William "Bill" Malone, when asked if there is anything in the rumor that he is thinking of

filing for the city commission primary. "I want to retain my girlish laughter and I do not Twant to recall my groun teaster any announce feel like wasting money just now. You may announce to my constituency that I will not file. I am not going around with a little lightning rod over my head, wait-ing for a bolt of ethereal electricity to atrike my noble Like Alax of lightning. I realize that about 1,908 kind wriends have grasped me by the hand and promised to support me if I will run. But I know the game. I know a friend who had a list of 3,500 friends who promised to vote for him. Did they vote for him? Yes, about 600 voted for him." was the line of philosophy Mr. Malone handed out. Be it remembered that Mr. Malone is of a house hold where the same of politics is unusually under-stood. Bill has studied the political primer and also some of the advanced books on the subject. He reto be inveigled into the game unless he can deal the cards. Another name airicken from the list of city commissiohership possibilities.



Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The lies astrono no responsibility for opinions of corrisopondanis. All isliens sub-

#### Mines on Dutch Coast.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Feb. 10 .- To the Editor of The Bee. Only recently I noticed an article in your valued publication concerning mines that had been driven toward the Dutch coast, where they have been exploded in order to render them harmless. Your readers will recollect that much damage to neutral shipping was done by those mines, that were either mines torn from their anchorage by gales or tide, or floating mines, in direct violation of international law. The news spread in this country and was prominently displayed in our newspapers, com mented on by editorials, that they were German mines. England started the outcry against those new German atrocities. and the American press duly followed Now the State department, seemauft. ingly reluctantly, gives out the information that of those mines nine were of French, two of Dutch and the rest of English origin. Another German atrocity story exploded and laid upon the shoulder of the accuser. Of course your time is too valuable to pay much attention to that little correction, and therefore you sliently pass it up, FRIEDRICH HAUBENSAK.

Note by the Editor: In The Bee of Monday, January 18, was published a long article from an Associated Press correspondent telling of the destruction of mines cast up on the Dutch coast, in which it was set forth that so far not a mine had been discovered of proven German origin. Our correspondent must have overlooked that article, or he would not indulge the expressions he has.

#### Germany and Denmark.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., Feb. 11 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Allow me to answer Rev. Sorensen's communication of February 8 in a short way. There is absolutely "no ignorance nor prejudice shown in my former statement that Germany and Austria were never aggressive. If they had been in 1986, they could have taken all of Denmark as easily as they did Schleswig alone, because they had the power. Schleswig was ariginally a German state (Herzogtune), a sister state to Holstein, but was annexed by Denmark some time ago, and by petition of Schleswig and Holstein, Prussia and Austria freed Schleswig from Denmark in 1864. The German names of all towns in Schleswig show that it originally had

been German territory, also, the people in Schleswig claim German descent. Also, Elsass and Lothringan were originally German provinces, robbed from Prussia by Napoleon in 1906, and were annexed to Germany again on account of war in 1970. We must not call it robbery when a country annexes what rightfully belongs to it or gets territory as indemnity on account of a war. If Mr. Sorensen is posted on the course of the Franco-German war of 1870, he will agree with me that France forced that war with Germania; it would lead too far to explain the couses of that war. We have no right to call a country aggressive unless it declares or causes war on other countries for the purpose of annexing territory that is populated and owned by other nations, like the English did in Transvaal and Orange Free State.

## **Editorial Snapshots**

Baltimore American: No coubt if the democrats have their way the income tax will go after the man lower down. Still, thanks to democrat policies, the average income can manage pretty well to keep out of sight.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: In other wars ships doubtless raised fings they were not entitled to use, but the world did not immediately learn about it. The cable, telegraph and wireless have greatly changed war conditions.

"Jiggs says he can't warm up to his Philadelphia Ledger: Uncle Sam's apwork." "Certainly not: he makes artificial ice." -Buffalo Express. pendix was removed when George Washington cut out the "entangling alliances," and all hyphens were deleted when James

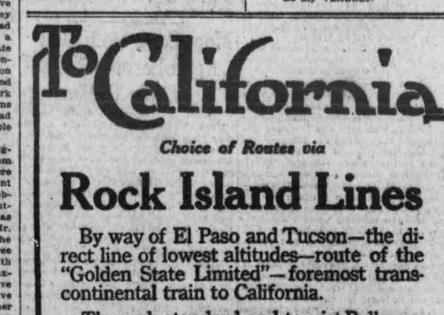
She-The diamond in this engagement ring is awfully small. Ho-I told the jewsler it was for the smallest hand in Boston.-Philadelphia Bulletin.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Central African savages make "flour" by pounding to powder a variety of insects plentiful in that region. An American may corner wheat, but no single African can catch all of the bugs, so living remains

cheap in Africa. Brooklyn Eagle: Canada is to pay \$10,000 to relatives of the duck hunter killed near Fort Erie, and \$5,000 to the man who was wounded. As the figures vastly exceed the per capita amount we No: this is sister's hair." faitered the girl. "And she said I could borrow it."--St. Louis Post Dispatch. cheap in Africa. \$10,000 to relatives of the duck hunter killed near Fort Erie, and \$5,000 to the man who was wounded. As the figures vastly exceed the per capita amount paid to China on the Rock Springs tragedy, or to Italy on the New Orleans lynching, the United States may regard

the Fort Eric incident as closed. New York World: Nebraska has a westward-the-course-of-empire genuine idea of a law forbidding its presidential electors to vote for a second-termer. Let us make light of the fact that the Electoral college is created and has its processes prescribed by the highest doonment in the land. What's the federal constitution between advanced states? Philadelphia Ledger: In ancient times starvation rather than assault was the regular method of reducing a besieged city. In modern times the stoppage of food supplies for combatants in limited

areas has been a natural adjunct of military operations. But never before has a belligerent proposed to reduce a great nation with its teeming millions largely by stomach pressure. Previous names for the war must be discarded. Surely this will be known in future as the "Stomach War."



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#### LINES TO A LAUGH.

"Jobson's wife thinks he is a wonder

"Tes, and it works ont all right. She thinks he's wonderfully smart and he thinks she must be smart to realize how very smart he is, so they get along spien-didly."-Boston Transsoript.

"Did you ever notice how dauby some pictures look at close vision?" "Don't speak so loud! I told my girl she was as pretty as a picture."-Cornell Widow.

Tenderfoot-Whaddye diggin' the big de for

Traper-Wildcats. Tenderfoot-By gravy, I've often heard of wild-cat mines, but this is the first time I ever caw opel-Judge.

Monroe laid down the dectrine. America is a complete car, with no coupling plns.

"Do you think your bashful friend was offended at the dinner we gave him?" "Why should he be?" "Well; you know, we had sheep's-head fish."-Baltimore American

#### VALENTINE TO MABEL

Clinton Scollard in Judge. Mabel, you're a dream! Apple-blossom snows, Strawberries and cream-Thus your color shows: Lips that shame the rose; Eyes where harebells shine; Such a saudy nose! Be my Valentine!

Mabel, you're a dream! Hair that glints and glows, Like the morning beam When the darknass goes: Seen from head to toes, What a faultless line, With a peep of hose! Be my Valentine!

Mabel, you're a dream Wrought of frills and hows. Things that are-or seem-What Lord only knows! Yet, should I propose, Win the blushing sign. Gone were then my woes! Be my Valentine!

Mabel, you're a dream-You're a dream divine! This is all my theme-Be my Valentine!

"I wish to wait until there are some definite developments before I decide this important matter,"

ments would favor his candidacy. One of the rumors is that Mr. Saunders may be

ship ascends in cinching a job.

Canadians have just been apprised of the war tax measure adopted by their government. As usual, they lag behind their Yankee cousins. We had ours several months ago.

The Omaha Real Estate exchange has voted for and against the municipal electric scheme. A motion to appoint a committee to discover where the anchange "is at" is in order.

The new city directory gives Omaha a very handsome increase in population, the only drawback being that the directory man is usually able to find more people than the census taker.

the single-track mind. One point may soon be determined-whether the executive or the legislative branch of the government passes the laws.

It is gratifying to know that Nebraska notel men are satisfied with the present condition of the laws governing their vocation. We ware almost fearful they might want to cut off another inch from the length of the bedsheet.

The British reply to the American note is said to be too long for immediate transmission. Johnny Bull may use all the words he wants, if he will just pay due respect to the Stars and Stripes.

Rotating names on the ballot may have the result of inducing voters to adopt the party cirels. The careless voter is not likely to trouble himself very much in pursuing the name of a particular candidate through the ramifications of rotation.



Robert Easson of the firm of Paxton & Gallagher ad with his wife after a three months' absence stand. Their homeward trip occupied twelve tays owing to a severe storm during which the vessel margowly escaped being wrecked, and Mr. Enanon he other passengers, suffered injuries, with the cruisings with a spramed anble.

The "Adamicas Eden (layety company" arrived in Omaha and a finar looking lot of ladies never ame to this city with any company.

The Times-Disputch Publishing comp asserporated by Patrick A. Clavin, John A. More, Michael B. Gernn and Herman Goldsmith. may has been

The following local falent are rehearing for a scientific of "Colleen Bawn" for a banefit for are Carpenter Booth in the near future; Meanys, icDenald, C. K. Oralie, W. O. Banders, C. V. Gab-gher, E. A. O'Brien and the Minaca Spahn, Genevieve operate and G. Nasel.

stant Postmaster Woodard says that the mails which have been delayed the last week are again

The purtnership between Logan & Scrater has been disjoired by mitual consent.

m. H. Dundy, M., 206 de. Mary's avenue, offers his east for a block setter don with his name on the

#### Carranza's Latest Bad Break.

The forcible expulsion of the Spanish minlater from Mexico is in effect an act of war, and would, under ordinary circumstances, lead to such a situation as would render difficult escape from actual hostilities. Before such outcome may be reached in the present instance, the question of the responsibility of the Carranza government will have to be determined. So far, this leader of revolutionists has not been formally recognized as either de facto or de jure head of the Mexican people. For this reason Spain will be compelled for the time, at least, to put up with the affront. In the meantime the United President Wilson is proving that he still has States is liable to be held as sponsor for both Carranza and Villa. While the situation is both delicate and embarrassing, it is the very natural outcome of "watchful waiting,' and the inconsiderate meddling of our secretary of state in the revolutionary affairs of a neighboring republic.

#### The Long Distance Oratory Record.

In the interest of the truth of history objection must be made to the score awarding Secator Jones second place in the oratorical endurance record. Senator Jones talked for thirteen hours and fifty-five minutes. This gives him third place, being out-talked by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin and Senator Allen of Nobraska. The former at this writing holds the champion long-winded belt, with a score of eighteen hours and forty-three minutes, on May 29-30, 1908. Senator Allan holds second place with a score of fourteen hours and twenty-three minutes, on October 11, 1893.

The massage of peace and friendship delivered to the United States by the Japanese ambassador at Washington may be accepted as sincare and unequivocal. Japan has everything to gain by maintaining cordial relations with the United States. It has much to lose by a contrary policy. The Hobsons of Tokio no more represent the temper of Japan than the Hobsons of Alabama represent the temper of the United States.

Why should the water board, which was created for the purpose of looking after the city's water supply, be burdened with the further duties of looking after city lighting? Or. to view it from another way, why should not the water board have its powers extended so as to give it entire governmental control, and abolish all the other legislative and administrative agencies?

The Russian Duma has voted \$2,000,000,-000 for the war. Parliamont has given the British ministry a blank check for the same purpose. The French Assembly and the German Reichstag are yet to be heard from on the second appropriation for war. President Paul Krueger of Boor memory possibly had the world war in mind when he spoke of "the price that staggers humanity."

## Misusing the Flag

Indianapolis News: We're a little too careful about our flag to be pleased when anybody uses it for pur-poses of disguise, however flattering such action may idn't ships that feel the need of something of the kind put on a set of false whiskers?

Springfield Republican: Some spread-ongle American will be asking if the Lusitania episode was prophetic of the time when the United States fing will protect the British Isles and the whole British empire.

Washington Post: Without splitting hairs as to what masters of merchant vessels may do in an exper-sency, it is apparent that the United States cannot remain neutral and permit Great Britain to use the American flag for the protection of British merchant Vollasia.

Boston Transcript: When our flag was fluttering from the stuff of the Lusitania its appearance there was a fraudulent declaration that it covered an Amerwel. If a regiment of the belligerents played the American flag our government would as a nautral promptly disavow the action in the charpest terms of rebuke. Similarly, we cannot tolerate the misuse of our flag at sea by one belligerent to baffis another belligerent without departing from our neu trality.

Brooklyn Engle: Great Britain claims that it was permissible for Captain Dow of the Lusitania to holat the American flag when threatened with aubmarine perils in the Irish see. The supporting argument is found in the British merchant marine act of 1994, edes to foreign ahips the right to use the British flag to escape capture, and this concession is held to connote the right of British ships to employ a similar device when similarly threatened. The fatal reakness in this line of reasoning is that no nation is bound by the precident of any other nation in regard to the use made of its flag by allen shipping. The United States is the sole judge of the couditi under which the American flag may be used by foreign phips, and it will consider the Lusitania incident on that hasis and without taking into account the provisions of a purely Brithsh enactment.

### Twice Told Tales

#### Not So Yery Cheap.

The man who withes to economize was advised a friend to go to a certain restaurant

- "What do you mean? Can you get as good soup elsewhere as you can there for the price"
- "And did you ever not such reast beef at another place for what you paid at this one?" "I never did."

Well, then, what under the sus are you kicking

about." Why do you say the place isn't cheap?" "Because." said the man who wanted to have, with the emphasis of a German sless gun, "while I was enting semabody sicks my bat and overceat!"-New Tork Times.

The reason that' so many German-Americans express their opinion on the origin of this present war is simply this: The German cable was cut right in the start of the war, so Americans heard only one aide of the story from London for a while, and while most of them can read but the English print, it's like sitting on a jury and bringing in a verdict after hearing but one side of the case. It's an error to believe that German-Americans are favoring Germania. All they are after is fair play. H. STEINKRAUS.

### Nebraska Water Power.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Feb. 10 -- To the Editor of The Bee: A few people are making statements to the effect that Nebraska people do not want the legislature to appropriate money on such wildat schemes as water power improvement. Now let us see what other engineers besides this writer are saying. Thomas A. Editon says:

"In perhaps fifteen or twenty years, depending on the financial condition the country, the locomotive will pass almost altogether out of use, and all our main trunk railways will be operated by electricity.

"A new fertilizer will" spring into existence, containing a large percentage of nitrogen. This will be drawn from the air by electricity, and will be used to crease the arability of the land. Even now this is done to a large extent in weden (by government ownership).

"All our water power will be utilized to an extent now almost unthought of. and will be used with great advantage, both industrially and for raffronds." My objection to the Morehead-McAl-

laston is in suppressing a lot lister comm of just such testimony as this of Edison: That testimony was carefully collected. together in typewritten manuscript, composed of about twenty-five pages of mat-ter from some of the most able statesmen and scientists in the country. The chairman of the commission suppressed that matter, and has not been sufficiently fair to turn back the manuscripts.

The legislature has been so cowardly as to suggest an appropriation of \$15,000 to make another farce of the subject. But behind<sup>®</sup>this matter of suppressing this subject in this way is the plan to satablish a municipal electric plant in Omahs. If the siste furnishes electricity to Omaha for 229 per horse-power, there will be no room for a municipal plant. and the municipal plant will not be able to sell current outside of Omaha. That is all there is to the \$15,000 flasco.

It is my idea that about 89 per cent of the present legislature will be left at home hereafter if important subjects are passed up on any such plans. Is the inst republican ticket a lesson, or will it be notassary to repeat it? I heard an old song once-"Work, for the night is coming."---WALTER JOHNSON.

#### It's Open to All Alike.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 10 .-- To the Edlior of The Bee: I note the annexationists have no trouble to be heard through your "prejudiced" paper. F. A. Agnew says cut out the word south. He and The Bas "know" this will never be done, even if the Magic City becomes a part of Granha, but I hope we mover will. Ex-pecially by "force," which is unconnectu-tional. J. G. BLERSING.



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"Mighly cheap," said the friend. Bo the would-be arder went there. Next day he met that friend. "Pretty cheap place, ch?" said the latter. Not on your life!" 'Certainly not."