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Thought for the Day

Selected by Sigmund Landsberg. Follow thy star through life's dark shadowed hollow. Follow that gleam the never so faint or far. With all the might of thy soul strive follow Thy star! —Robert Haven Schuyler.

With a pure measure lumber bill, a pure senators' bill, and a pure sports' bill on the way, only one essential is lacking from Nebraska's flag of pure joy—a pure politicians' bill.

It may be gathered from the realms of testimony in the case that Minister Sullivan of San Domingo is a fine type of the "deserving democrat" Mr. Bryan sketched in his political love letter.

Russia is the latest nation pushed into the publicity spotlight as "a champion of liberty." Spectators at a safe distance are equally opinionated on the claim that Turkey is the real "land of the free."

Repealing the "Oregon plan" for electing United States senators is not likely to affect the main issue. The people are now charged with responsibility for selecting members of the United States senate.

Justification for longer hours of voting is readily found in the long ballots. But while catering to the convenience of the voter, some consideration should be given the candidate whose agony is prolonged.

Cheer up! The country is saved again. Attorney General Gregory has forcibly evicted "Nolle Contendere" from the precincts of the mighty. Those who are best acquainted with N. C. vouch for his offensive partisanship, and his going feathers the wings of hope of some "deserving democrat."

The Cardinal Archbishop of Cologne expresses the belief that God is on the side of the Teuton armies. The cardinal archbishops of Malines and Paris are equally certain that the Almighty is on the side of the allies. Pope Benedict has a more difficult task than President Wilson in maintaining neutrality among his subordinates.

Under the stress of a depressed cotton market the legislature of South Carolina last fall passed a law prohibiting farmers from planting more than one-third as much cotton this year as he planted the year before.

No general election is contemplated in Great Britain this year, although the life of the present parliament expires by limitation. An emergency amendment to the parliament act probably will bridge the political situation.



A special school board meeting decided to go ahead with construction of a school building at Twenty-eighth and Farnam at a cost of \$20,000 and made plans to erect a similar building at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 at the corner of Eighteenth and Cassell.

Max J. Raehr and Miss Maria A. Zemlock were united in marriage by Judge Weis.

The B. & M. is repairing and enlarging its local passenger depot. A new waiting room and accommodation for immigrants have been added and new seats placed in every room.

W. E. Bullina, formerly of Omaha, now of Chillicothe, Mo., is in the city.

Marshall Ellis Bierbower, bringing his reappointment commission, has returned from Washington, looking hale and hearty.

Assistant General Manager Holdrege and Assistant Traffic Agent Smith are in Lincoln on some mysterious business.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan of 1233 Chicago street are distressed over the death of their son, Peter J. Sullivan, a promising young man of 24 years.

Pool's Mistaken Zeal

In an ecstasy of official energy, the newly-installed secretary of state, aided and abetted by the equally newly-installed, and therefore also excessively zealous, attorney general of the state of Nebraska, has been whooping it up in the interests of reform and economy ever since he took his office.

If Mr. Pool or Mr. Reed had troubled themselves to inquire a little further, they would have discovered that the farmers' mutual insurance companies, organized under the law of Nebraska, are not liable to prosecution because they fail to incorporate as regular stock companies.

Secretary Pool may be able to find plenty of places for the application of his capacity as a reformer, but he should be warned in advance that proceedings against the farmers' mutual insurance companies may render him liable to suspicion of being concerned in the welfare of the old-line companies, that are already so well entrenched in the state house.

The President and the Partisans

A complaint is heard from Washington that the president's shipping bill has been defeated through partisan activity. It is insinuated that the failure of this measure to go through the senate as smoothly as it did through the house is to be charged to the active opposition of the republicans in the senate to the program laid down by Mr. Wilson and his advisers.

Let us examine the facts a little more closely. It will be admitted that partisanship did enter to a very large extent into the consideration of the shipping bill. At the very outset it was introduced as a partisan measure; the partisan support of the president was so thoroughly developed that he positively refused to permit even the consideration of an amendment to his pet project.

When it finally failed in the senate, it was because seven democrats broke away from the party organization, and refused to give their votes to the measure. The most severe criticisms of the administration's course in this connection uttered on the floor of the senate, during the prolonged debate on this bill, were uttered by democrats.

Regulation, Not Embargo, Needed

Again requests are being made for an embargo on the shipment of wheat and other foodstuffs from the United States. The question of the price of food is becoming serious, and is of more importance at this juncture than the proposed embargo on arms. While the rise in the price of wheat and other breadstuffs is in some measure due to the unusual demand from Europe, a great deal more of it must be charged to the operations of American gamblers in grain.

Anarchy in Mexico at High Tide

Carranza's demand to the nations that he be recognized as the one supreme head in Mexican affairs marks the swelling tide of anarchy in that unhappy country, and will serve to bring conditions a little more clearly before the world. The announcement from Mexico that the ministers of such countries as are still represented there have been given instruction by their home governments to be guided by their own judgment, means that very shortly Mexico will be without official standing anywhere.

Bantam scrappers supply a diverting side-show from the tussle of the heavyweights in the main tent. Portugal follows the Belgian into the ring, leaving the honors of a neutral European audience to Spain on the west, Holland on the north, Bulgaria on the east and Italy and Greece on the south.

Douglas county farm land at \$175 an acre is a moderate price, considering the selling price of farm products. While the latter will not continue at the war level when peace comes, there is no doubt that the returns from intelligent cultivation of the soil will continue enhancing the value of productive farm land and hold it as the safest of investments.

Japan's demands upon China, as outlined in press dispatches, leaves so little for President Yuan Shih Kai to do that he might as well take a pension and vote for annexation. The situation suggests an attempted reversal of the scriptural miracle—a Jonah swallowing a whale.

Pointers on State Politics

Oakland Independent: The present legislature wants to make a record for economy, which is very commendable. But the danger lies in being so busy with a small expense might bring good returns. The item of printing, for instance, the daily papers have correspondents on the ground and they send their papers the titles of bills introduced.

Freemont Tribune: The new commissioner of labor appointed by Governor Morehead is not unknown in Freemont. He at one time had charge of a strike here, in which he resorted to disreputable tactics that practically ostracized him.

Plattsburgh Journal: The judges don't seem to bother Governor Morehead in the least in the performance of his duties. And every day denotes more fully that no mistake was made by his friends in re-electing him. Governor Morehead has proven an executive of great ability, and by the time his present term expires there will be a universal call for the noble governor "to go up higher."

Grand Island Independent: Steps are being taken to keep Railway Commissioner Hall off the floor of the house and senate. This erratic commissioner has a few ideas which he wants enacted into law. One of them is that he should have a co-guardianship over municipal ownership and should not permit communities, otherwise inclined to do so, to put in plants if private capital already has a plant established.

Columbus Journal: Four of the saloons in Columbus closed their doors last Tuesday and put up signs, "Closed, Election Day." The saloons keeping open probably benefited by the timidity of their competitors. The fact was that Tuesday was not an election day according to law, and the saloons that did business on that day were in violation of the law.

Freemont Herald: S. E. Marty was chosen for the Columbus postmastership at an election held last Tuesday. It is asserted that Mr. Marty was never engaged in any party affairs. Mr. Marty, the successful candidate, has never participated in any party councils, although his friends claim that he has been a consistent democrat for many years.

Edgar Howard in Columbus Telegram: And now I have had a chance to study Dan Stephens' postoffice primary at close range. It did in Columbus one of the acts it has performed in every other place where it has been tried. It selected for postmaster an excellent man, but one who has never been known as a working democrat.

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New Plan for Taxation

FLORENCE, Neb., Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see by the editorial columns that our senator, L. J. Quinby, and O. Vando Cowles of Nebraska are having quite a discussion on the single tax question. I was at one time quite enthused over single tax, but now take my stand for a graduated tax, to be assessed on all property and discriminate against none, except to exempt a man who is worth less than \$500, allowing him to do one day's labor on the road in payment for his tax.

Mr. Quinby asserts in his argument that this unearned increment is what he is after, and why is not the purchaser of land entitled to this mutual increment which is made by a supply and demand market, the same as any other article should be sold for? For instance, the war raised the price of wheat, which was in reality a larger demand for wheat, and consequently the price went up, and it is the same way with everything, excepting where a monopoly controls the price on certain articles.

Have sales or what recorded as worth. If necessary, the books would be open for the assessor and so forth. Commence action upon the man worth \$10,000 and scale it up each \$5,000 more with a larger mill or per cent levy, by the county or state under the graduated system. In this way society gets back part of that mutual increment without discrimination upon any certain kind of property, and it should be the tax upon the man who can afford to pay it.

Just another word with regard to that valuable lot that Mr. Quinby speaks of under single tax, it depreciates in value. Mr. Quinby may hesitate to acknowledge this, but the sum and substance of all single taxers is cheaper land, so the people can get more homes. Now, under the graduated system, if a man offers \$25,000 for said lot, but it would not take away any value from the lot or no one should advocate a tax law to take value away from property that a supply and demand market has created.

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It is most their courteous manners, their mild climate, their beautiful women or their slighting the "B." I cannot say, but there is a something, "Oia sho is," A. E. KULL.

Sunday's sermon Methods

OMAHA, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: A number of your readers would be gratified if you would reprint the article in the New York Times of January 31, showing one of the methods by which the so-called "evangelist," Sunday, provides himself with material for his so-called "sermons."

Mr. Sunday's defense of his predatory practice is simple but enlightening. He explained to the interviewer that "nearly all of his sermons were written from material sent him from persons, many of whom he did not know."

How easy! What a lesson in reverence for his clerical admirers, especially those whose mental supply is not equal to the weekly demand! And so convincing, too, when you compare the text of, say his Beaver Falls address (the one cribbed from Ingersoll), with the usual profane rubbish of his every-day harangues—as different as light from darkness—and Ingersoll is atheist at that!

The New York writer who shows him up, inquires "whether a man who steals the products of another man's brain is any less a thief than a man who steals his pocketbook?" This is a very apt question, which should be referred to the clergymen who have arranged to turn the city over to Mr. Sunday's elevating ministrations—about as elevating and much the same in after effect as the "voodoo" hysteria, once so prevalent in the south.

I think you would be doing the public a service if you would consent to reprint the instructive article above quoted from the New York Times.

PASSING PLEASANTIES

"What's the matter with your friend here? He's a politician in hard luck. Got a confession that no magazine seems to care to buy."—Puck.

"I hinted to Miss Gladys that I was in the matrimonial market." "Did she take the hint?" "In a way. She said I would have to go to par before she could take any more."

An Open Letter

(About Bronchitis) August 2, 1914.

TO THE PUBLIC: In March, 1914, I became afflicted with an attack of Bronchitis which forced me to remain in bed for two months. The doctor in attendance changed the medicine several times, and finally I was told to get up and go to work. For a while I was dependent, until my wife read a little pamphlet advertising the "Essence Mentho-Laxene." Discouraged with what I had been using without effect, I was willing to try almost anything that sounded like a cure.

All who may be skeptical in its use can write me, and I will cheerfully give them all the information they desire above my personal signature. A. CAMPBELL, 2447 Lafayette St., Denver, Colo.

For the benefit of readers: Essence Mentho-Laxene can be obtained in a full pint of cold and cough syrup. Full directions are with each bottle.—Advertisement.

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Subscribers can help the children in the contest by asking for picture certificates when they pay their subscription. We give a certificate good for 100 pictures for every dollar paid.

Dear Editor:—I really need a new bicycle and need one bad, because it is hard for boys to get errand jobs unless they have a wheel. I haven't any bicycle and will work and try to get one. I will be very glad if somebody will help me.—Herman Lewis, 2009 N. 25th Street.

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