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Thought for the Day Selected by Fred G. Ellis

We-need some one to believe in us-if we do well, we want our work commended, our faith corroborated. The individual who thinks well of you, who keeps his mind on your good qualities, and does not look for flaws, is your friend. Who is my brother? I'll tell your he is one who recognizes the good in me .- Fra Elbertus.

King Wheat is one monarch whose neutralfty is beyond question.

The Turkish war correspondents are unhampered either by censors or facts.

Jump right in. Automobile buying is fine.

Besides there is little prospect for a bargain day.

Now is a good time for people to keep their further the project. tempers as well as their feet in the middle of the national road.

After pure boxing what? Pure wrestling and pure fish stories. No half-way measures will feather angelic wings.

The growing intensity of the struggle in Europe clearly points to the law of self-preservation as the sole rule of action.

Official courtesy requires that the anti-nepotism bill make its entrance into the august senate without a band wagon flourish.

Spain is not uttering a word worth carrying in the war bulletins. Fortunate is the nation which heads the lessons of experience.

The fewer bills passed by the legislature and the fewer cash bills contracted, the higher will be its place in history and popular esteem,

One cannot help but admire the adjustability of the statesman who is all for Omaha on the lighting bill, and for Dundee when it comes to

Of course Japan does not covet a slice of the calestial empire. Perish the thought. What it seeks is an opportunity to show its artistic skill in decorating China.

Omaha streets are supplying illustrative evidence in support of the picture geology draws of the appearance of the earth's surface on the recession of the glaciers, at least so far as detritus and moraines are concerned.

Ten states in the middle west have united in a protest against granting railroads permission to advance passenger rates. If the opposition has the staying power of its protest, it is not difficult to see where the railroad proposition heads

Another of the pioneers of Nebraska, Martin Dunham, has, been called to his long rest. Mr. Dunham's share in laying the foundation and pushing forward the development of Nebraska and Omaha was well done, and he lived to see the realization of at least a portion of the pioneer's dream and ambitions.



Colonel Mapleson and his case of grand opera songsters went through Omaha, stopping overnight but without a performance here With the colone were Emma Nevada, Dotti, Schalchi, Cavalazzi and

The Apollo club closed its winter season at Masonic hall with a pleasurable dance, H. E. Gray headed the reception committee, T. E. Jones the floor con

At Palconer's ball a pleasant surprise was tendered Mr. N. B. Falconer by his women employes as a testimonial of their esteem. Leadership in the enterprise was credited to Miss Nellie Hollingsworth.

An eight-pound girl baby is the latest arrival in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knodell. Dean Millspaugh went to Detroit to attend the copsecration services of Rev. Dr. Worthington as bishop. Miss Hattie Ochiltree, who has been visiting the

family of Dr. S. K. Spaulding, returned to her home Colonel Floyd has recovered from his late lliness.

T. B. Cartwright, one of L. B. Williams' salesmen, is back from a visit to his parents in Creston. A phantom party for the benefit of the Omaha Light Guards is scheduled to come off at the Little

Casino roller rink soon,

The Notes and the Future.

About the only points that are clear in the replies from Germany and Great Britain to the notes sent from the United States are that neither of the belligerents has any intention of immediately changing its announced policy for dealing with neutral shipping, and that each is willing to correspond further with the United States government on the issues. More or less than this was scarcely to be expected. Whether the apprehension expressed at Washington in advance of full knowledge of the text of the German note is warranted may be questioned.

Earl Grey, with the traditions of British diplomatic effort to support him, discusses everythink but the main question. Great Britain, true to its past, hangs on to its own interpretation of the rights of neutrals, and declines to discuss at present phases of the question that were sufficiently irritating a century ago to cause a war between that nation and the United States. The matter then left undecided is still open, and apparently will remain open if the determination of the question must depend upon the British government.

Germany is scarcely more candid than Great Britain in meeting the issue raised. Reiterating the intention to sink enemy merchantmen, and again setting forth the difficulty of distinguishing between an enemy ship and a neutral, Germany naively suggests a course it is easy to see can not be adopted by the United States or any other neutral nation. Two principal objections lie against the proposal that warships accompany merchantmen of neutral nations. In the first place, as pointed out at Amsterdam, such a course would enhance the danger to merchantmen not so convoyed. Again, it would be tantamount to a guaranty of the neutral quality of the cargo, a guaranty which no nation is in position to give.

While the replies as given to the public are unsatisfactory in the main, each is accompanied by an invitation for further correspondence and this is certain to be had. The rejoinder of the United States will not be hastily made, nor until the significance of the notes at hand has been thoroughly analyzed. Neither Germany nor Great Britain is in position to deliberately forfeit the friendly interest of the United States, which makes it positively certain that neither is going to do anything to bring about a rupture of relations. For this reason it may be confidently believed that the situation is not so grave as to justify any gloomy conclusions.

Not Politics but Economics.

Such Omaha elements as customarily align their influence along the track of their individual interests are just now very busy trying to convince the legislature that opposition to Senate Fue No. 6 is based on purely political grounds. This is but one feature of a campaign of misrepresentation now being carried on to

The truth of the matter is that whatever objection might be raised against the political aspect of the bill is so small when compared with the economic objections that it is really insignificant. Control of the lighting system would hardly enable the present Water board and its boss to exert greater political influence than is already ascribed to them. But there is grave doubt as to whether it would be either prudent or expedient to hamper the administration of it with the business of furnishing electricity for lighting and power purposes. This is a business entirely separate and distinct in itself, and has no relation whatever to the business of providing water for public uses, except that both are classified under the general heading of "public utilities."

Again The Bee urges on the legislators to keep in mind always that Omaha already has the power to enter the business of municipal ownership of a lighting plant whenever the citizens desire. Further legislation on this point is not required. Is it good public policy to put the control of all public utilities in the hands of

The Lien Law and the Builders.

The lien law of this state has been stretched beyond the bounds of reason and justice for the protection of material men. As the courts have interpreted the law, the building owner is at the mercy of crooked sub-contractors and dealers of whose existence he may not be aware, and is obliged in self-defense to examine all bills for material delivered on his premises. This is especially unjust to home builders who in most instances are unfamiliar with the lien law. As a matter of justice and fair play all round material men should be required to serve notice on the owner if they expect him to pay directly for material delivered on his premises.

A Blow from Behind.

Indiana, home of Tom Taggart and Vice President Marshall, from whence leaped into history Dan Voorhees and other democratic saints, has just given Mr. Bryan a rap that will be hard for him to forget. On the occasion of his recent chautalking expedition to the Hoosier kingdom, the secretary of state stopped at Indianapolis long enough to give the legislature, now in session, some advice and some very positive instructions. Under the latter heading came an expression of the secretary's desire that the legislature should pass the pending state-wide primary bill. On Wednesday the senate at Indianapolis killed the bill by a decisive vote. Moreover, during the debate, certain of the democratic leaders criticized "Washington politicians" who sought to dictate to Indiana democrats. Is Mr. Bryan losing control over his party? What has Tom Marshall to say to this?

The tables are turned. Foreign money is at a discount in New York and American money is demanded on foreign bills. To the multitude of globe trotters who were trimmed by the money changers at foreign ports last August, the spectacle of foreigners drinking a similar bitter dose brings a thrill of satisfaction tempered with a thin chaser of sympathy.

South Dakota has refused to take the ban off the cigarette. But if the law is no more effectively enforced than it is in Nebraska devotees will have little trouble in getting their "coffin nails."

Member Taylor should not be discouraged in his pursuit of economy. He made the house sit up and take notice, and he may be able to get the other's ears if he sticks to it.

Topics of the Hour

Where is the Wheat?

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Investigation by the federal authorities is bringing out some facts about the wheat situation that will serve to correct much popular misunderstanding. Last year's crop was the largest in our history, 891,000,000 bushels, which, with 77,000,000 carried over from 1913, gave a total available supply of 968,000,000 hushels. Our per capita consumption of flour (one barrel annually, or five bushels of wheat), is 500,000,000 bushels. To this must be added \$4,000,000 bushels for seeding, a total of 584,000,000, which left 316,000,000 bushels available for export.

We have exported from July 1, 1914, to February 1915, 306,000,000 bushels, leaving 108,000,000 bushels that can yet be shipped abroad. Our present shipments average \$,000,000 bushels a week, with no indications of any material increase, so that we have enough to maintain that rate until some time in May, or shortly before the 1915 crop is harvested.

Some 4,100,000 acres more winter wheat has been planted than in the previous year, and there is no doubt of a great increase in spring wheat, the combined excess being estimated at 100,000,000 bushels, or total crop this year of a billion bushels, double our

own consumption without the seeding. That this condition is not reflected in the price of wheat or in the agitation over the price of bread argues that whatever scarcity has been created is an artificial creation. There is undoubtedly, by these figures, plenty of wheat in the country. The question, then, is where is the wheat? The millers point to the grain men, and the grain men to the farmers. The Department of Justice proposes to find out whether war or speculation is the cause of the present exorbitant prices, and should hasten to do so

Bright Side of Things. Philadelphia Ledger: Who ever can read the reports of business booms and keep the corners of his nouth drawn down is an incorrigible pessimist. Take, for example, the summary of orders for railroad material which have been given to American manufacturers since the beginning of the year. Read it and then look giom, if you can.

The American railroads have arranged within thirty days to buy about \$30,000,000 worth of cars, rails locomotives. The Pennsylvania railroad will spend a large part of this amount for 15,000 new cars. The Southern Pacific, the Erie, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Illinois Central and the Chicago & Northwestern are buying new ralls and new locomotives and freight cars, and Swift & Co. find the prospect for the distribution of meat so bright that they have arranged to build 500 new cars. The whole continent is covered by these railroads. They find themselves in a condition to get the new equipment which they long have needed.

The French, Russian and Chilian governments have come here for new equipment. The Russian order is for \$12,000,000 worth of light cars from a Pacific coast company. More than \$40,000,000 is thus to be distributed in America without taking any account of the orders which were brought here the other day for \$400,000,000 worth of war supplies of various kinds This is the sort of thing that dispels gloom.

"Jitneys."

New York World: From the far west comes an idea in city transit which, from the apidity of its development, the opposition of regular transportation companies and eagerness of legislators to "regulate" the operation of the new fangled service, is apparently "here to The transit in question is supplich by the "jitney," preferably a lightweight motor-bus, but in practice any kind of motor-car which runs between specified points for a 6-cent fare and at a low cost of operation due to the absence of franchise taxes and overhead charges. In Tacoma, Seattle, Los Angeles and Oakland lit-

ney competition is playing havor with the receipts of the regular traction companies. In Texas cities there are said to be 1,000 cars of the kind, and in San Francisco 2,000 will be provided to handle exposition The jitney has appeared also in Memphis. New Orleans, Atlanta and Omaha, and progressed as far east as Detroit. And all this in less than a year. As respects public regulation, Denver has adopted

an ordinance prohibiting the operation of jitneys without a franchise. A bill in the Texas legislature provides for the taxation of jitneys and the bonding the affairs of the Water District by entangling of their owners or operators. The question of taxing

them is up in Kansas City. The jitney has introduced a guerilla-like form of transit to which there are obvious objections both on the score of loss of municipal revenue and rulnous competition with companies operating under franchises. But as against these considerations there is the superior claim for relief for strap-hanging conditions in the larger cities. The jitney should not be taxed out of existence but regulated with an eye to its usefulness. New York might welcome this form of handy and elastic surface traction as a partial solution of its own transit troubles. Certainly it is too promising an idea to be squeiched.

Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.): An extra ses sion of congress would complete the discomfiture of the democratic party and fill the republican cup of

There is little that congress can do that is more unpopular and more unfortunate than to fall to dispose of the work on hand and necessitate an extraordinary session. This is true speaking generally. and especially true at the present time.

The shipping bill, whatever its merits or lack of merits, has been the democratic party's Jack-the-The unmatched harmony and businesslike dirposal of business that marked the earlier record of the Wilson administration have been thrown into the shadow by the unseemly ruckus into which congress has been plunged over the ship purchase bill. possibility of an extra session, with expenses unscheduled and unlimited. In addition to the \$40,000,000 or so of extra outlay if the shipping bill should be passed, is sufficient to give occasion for a jubilee of the republicans. They were in despair before the proposal of ship purchase destroyed in congress the harmony and spirit of co-operation which had given the lie to the popular assertion that democrats can be

counted upon to "make d-d fools of themselves at the right time. At present the prayer of thoughtful democrats is like that of the boy whose runaway mule was headed for the precipice: "Lord deliver us from or at least prepare us for, that which we are about to receive."

People and Events

Figures bearing the label of the Department of Agriculture show that the average family living cost on farms is \$506 a year, of which \$120 comes directly from the farm. The balance is raised from side in-

The congregation of a church at Fort Plain, N. Y. at last Sunday's service was thrilled by a member who responded to the preacher's appeal for temper taking his pocket flask, well filled, to the man in the pulpit. When astonishment subsided the congregation wondered where the converted toper got the goods. Fort Plain is supposed to be strictly dry on Sunday.

The four Wendel sisters of New York, absolute mistresses of an estate valued at \$80,000,000, are shining examples of the simple life and bygone customs. They have never seen an auto'show or ridden in ar automobile, taking their joy rides in a two-seated buggy 116 years old. They have never attended a theater; never wear jewelry or use a telephone; never receive callers or give to charity, so far as known. It is supposed they live within their income, but is it worth while?

Great Barrington, Mass., is shocked beyond the power of words to vociferate above a whisper. because the Commercial club at its annual feast pulled off a stunt that was not down in the bills. Between the speeches and the wainuts and wine a trio of stage beauties in regulation ballet costume capered around the banquet hall and gave an exhibition of modern athletic dances. But that was not all. The dancers kissed the bald spots of the baldheads and toyed with the whiskers of the members That was the limit. Townspeople take pride living up to the sonorous respectability of the name. and those who openly violate the social code are ostracised. In this instance too many or Great Barrington's model citizens saw the shocking affair to be outlawed, so responsibility is being smothered by



opies invited. The Bee assumes ne responsibility fee opinions of ndents. All letters subto condensation by editor.

Calls for Street Signs.

OMAHA, Feb. 18.-To the Editor of The Bee: To change the subject of the European war, about which so many write so fully and so feelingly in spite of our president's advice and request to remain neutral, and to think and act as neutrals why can't we have our corner crossings named and numbered?

We ask the merchants here for Merchants' week, and we beg and solicit conventions and tournaments, and we in vite all to our Ak-Sar-Ben festivities and Automobile shows and other like occasions, and when strangers come they can never tell what part of the city they are in, without stopping and asking a native.

I don't believe there is another city in the country that calls itself a city that is so deficient in this respect as Omaha. A NATIVE.

Regulating the Liquor Traffic. DORSEY, Neb., Feb. 18.-To the Editor of The Bee: I read in your issue of the 8th, a letter by a woman or gentleman from Plainview, who, fortunately, is ashamed to sign his name to the letter in defense of the liquor traffic in Plain-

Now the party stole that, "they simply know how to regulate the thing." If the woman or gentleman will only tell us how to regulate the most damnable, disgraceful curse that ever crept out of hell. he or she will confer as great a good on the United States as any American has ever done

They tell us that some of Plainview trade went to neighboring towns, but neglect to tell us how many souls went to hell through the liquor traffic of Plainview. The woman or gentleman upbraids the Russian people for this lack of selfcontrol, etc., but there is not a gentleman in the United States who wishes for the welfare of his country or countrymen, who would not congratulate our own government should they follow the czar's example relative to the liquor traffic. F. J. EGGERT.

Finish of the Demon Rum. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 20.-To the Editor of The Bee: More and more clearly do the liquor forces foresee their doom. The vote in the national house showed a majority in favor of prohihition. Leader Underwood of the democrats, and Leader Mann of the republisans, opposed it, but their cohorts refused to be led.

Some liquor advocates, whistling to keep up their courage, declared that the vote in the house ended the matter. Let them not be deceived. It will be up in the next congress, and it will be an issue of 1916, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, both sidestepped the question, declaring that it was a state issue. If it is a state issue, why does the government impose a heavy tax on it and grant license? and why does a government official carry the keys to the distillery? This government has for years pro-

hibited the traffic in intoxicating houors on Indian reservations and at military reservations and posts, and recently at naval stations and in navy and all United States soldiers' homes Twelve years ago the congress prohibited the sale of intexicating liquors

in the Capitol building. The cuar of Russia has issued a ukase prohibiting the traffic in alcoholic

France recently prohibited the sale of absinthe and other alcoholic figuers. William, emperor of Germany, said: "I know very well that pleasure in drinking is an old heritage of the Germans, but we must, by self-disipline, free ourselves

from the evil." The adoption of the initiative and referendum in this state opens the way to the submission of the prohibition question whenever the required petition is filed. The present legislature can do nothing to help nor to hinder this question from being submitted to the voters of this state

Everywhere the enemy proposes compromise, but there can be none. A compromise with the devil is impossible. No terms will be granted. The temperance people demand an unconditional surren-

Will the intelligent voters allow Ne brasks to be the last state to get into the "band wagon." A. W. ATWOOD.

What South Omaha May Expect. SOUTH OMAHA. Feb. 14.-To the Editor of The Bee: In talking with leading member of the Commercial club of Omaha, a man of commanding influcence, a few days ago he told me that the people of South Omaha do not realize what is in store for this part of Omaha or they would be almost unanimously for the Howell bill. He said one of the first things will be a division of Omaha into three high school districts, one for the northern part of the consolidated city. one for the central part and one for the southern part and that the South Omaha-High school building will be enlarged to hold the pupils who will be sent there

under the new arrangement. He said further that frequently and in fact nearly every day men representing new industries look for new locations and when they are not satisfied with Omaha locations they are told of South Omaha locations, but refuse to come here because it is not a part of Omaha. He mid if we were a part of Omaha that many industries will be added to the industries of this locality.

We all know that all of the big institutions of South Omahn today have on their letterheads the name of Omahu. Few people outside of the state of Nebraska know there is such a place as South Omaha.

Instead of being called South Omaha. when we become a part of Omaha we can be called the South Side. I see no objection in that. The South Omaha man who says it will be unconstitutional for the legislature to pass the Howell act for the consolidation of the two cities, would be for annexation today if he did not get a little repair work to do for the city occasionally.

Nearly every person opposed to the consolidation has some personal reason for being opposed to it, while the great body of the regidents of South Omaha are strongly for the passage of the Howell bill. Those who talk about "force" do not realise that even taking a vote on the question does not change the fact that the majority rule by force. A great many think we were forced to remain a separate city when we voted on the question the last time when voting machines were used. It is a question of force any way the question is put. The act by the legislature is the easiest theapest way for the people of South

Omaha and saves a lot of ill feelings among neighbors who might become estranged by a hot fight over the question. So let us prepare to take our medicine and be called the South Side of F. A. AGNEW.

Editorial Viewpoint

Washington Post: Statistics show that It has require; \$50,000 worth of Zeppelins

dred Americans traveling men are already at work in South America. Our thoughts at work in South America. Our thoughts Church-I see the soldiers are even can't help but dwell on the tremendous righting in some of the churches in output of new funny stories when they get back.

St. Louis Republic: It is a lucky thing for the heirs of those American duck hunters shot by the Canadian police that the Canadian provinces do not stand in relation to British treaties as American states stand to American treaties. St. Louis Globe Democrat: The presi-

dent may not be alarmed over the prospect of the republicans nominating Colonel Goethals for president, but he has a right to be alarmed over whatever candidate the republicans agree upon.

Springfield Republican. Time brings its revenges. A year ago Europe was investigating Bulgarian atrocities. Now Bul-garia is at peace, and the Bulgarian edu-cator. Bey, Dr. Teapoff, addresses an ancator, Rev. Dr. Tsanoff, addresses an appeal to America to do semething for the shocking state of affairs in Europe.

Houston Post: An Alsatian, who had the good sense to become a citizen of the United States forty-two years ago and settled in Texas, has offered to donate to the government of the United States \$15,000 worth of property as an expression of his gratitude for the prosperity and peace he has enjoyed as a citizen since he came here. That's fine.

LAUGHING GAS.

Some of his friends had heard Atlas groaning and asked him what was the matter.
"I'm wondering," said he, "how much they're going to put on me when they change the map."-Baltimore American.

"After I wash may face I always look in the nitror to see If it's clean," con-tided little Doris, "Don't you?" "Don't have to. I look at the towel," re-joined Willie.—Browning's Magazine.

"Ponce de Leon didn't want to grow to kill sixty persons, thus adding the high cost of bombarding to the rest of the world's burdens.

"Spent his life sear that tain of eternal youth."

"Few yould care to engage in such a bootless quest."

"Oh. I don't know. I saw an ad in the content of the world's burdens."

"Oh. I don't know. I saw an ad in the content of the world's preading."

"Youth paper yesterday roading: Yo Wanted. -Louisville Courier-Journal.

Europe.
Gotham-Yes, one would think that
might be left to the members of the
choirs.-Yonkers Statesman.

Teacher-If a batted ball travels 28% feet in a second, how far will it go in 3% seconds?

Boy-It depends on the outfielders, ma'am.-Puck.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "has seeh a superior way dat dey kin make you feel as if you didn't have no right to know nufftn' till they took de trouble to come around an' tell it to you."—Washington Star.

THE POWER OF LITTLE THINGS

A little star that twinkles bright And brighter yet as fades the day. Can make my troubles like the hours Of day-light slip and fade away.

A little bird that sings and sings. Then sings again for very glee, an waken joys deep, deep within.
And drown the world's discord for me

God's love reflected shines most clear, obscures the darker deeds of men And drives away all doubt and fear.

—BAYOLL NE TRELE.



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