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## Thought for the Day Selected by Majorie L. Anderson

If a man love the labor of any trade, apart from any question of success or fame, the Gods have called him. - R. L. Stevenson.

It's not so had to be an outsider when watching the wheat market these days.

What do you think would happen if Colombia got real angry at the United States?

Omaha is now ready to entertain other propositions requiring the investment of millions.

Unfortunately for the Iowa plumbers' trust, the leaking joints of the typewriter were overlooked.

So far the legislature is more to be commended for the bills it has killed than for those it has passed.

General Carranza no doubt hated to hold up the residents of the Mexican capital, but he needs the money.

Balancing 200 pounds of solid flesh on the consolidation fence would be more interesting if it was done artistically.

Well, the weather man was good enough to nobody. And now the legislators in their wisfurnish a sunshiny day on which to dedicate the new hotel. That helps some.

## THE BEE: OMAHA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1915.

## The Political Caldron

I NFORMATION brought from the governor's office by Dr. Harry A. Foster tends to give color to recent reports that Mayor James Caruso Dahlman is due for a federal appointment after March 4 and that he will not be in the city commissionership

Dr. Foster spent an hour with the governor Tuesday and mays the chief executive of the state asserts he has reliable information that as soon as congress adjourns next week, the president and Secretary W J. Bryan will announce the Nebraska feferal appointments, regardless of Senator G. M. Hitchcock It is understood that the mayor is slated for the position of collector of internal revenue

This all brings back the Bryan-Hitchcock emroglio and presents a toothsome political morsel. Secretary Bryan is for the Dahlman appointment. while Senator Hitchcock is opposed to this disposition of the patronage. The mayor is said to look with favor upon this prospective federal appointment, but is disinclined to comment on the matter at this time.

It is believed that the governor received his information from "Brother Charley" Bryan, although this is a matter of uncertainty.

Most of us remember the old darky in Hoyt's "A Texas Steer," whose plaint was. "Politics am maughty pore business." He worked hard for a cerain candidate and was promised the job of minister to Dahomey or some other faraway place. He invested in a few new togs, journeyed to the national capital, sought in vain to get a hearing, and then he sat down on the cold steps of the Capitol building and reflected upon "the proud man's contumely," and of the little job he left at home.

William is an Omaha negro who is now enjoying a public job in the city hall. His real name, however, is not William. He has tried the political game and has about reached the conclusion that a steady job, however menial, is better than the uncertainties of politics. He tried to give his advice to city hall politicians, but they did not seem to value it very much. He told them that the colored vote needs crystalizing, that the voters of his race are "a strageenous muss."

He went down to Lincoln at the beginning of the session of the legislature and hore with him a credential to one of the state senators from this district. The senator told him it would be necessary to consult the executive committee about the job. The "executive committee" was too busy with other matters of state. William had to pawn his baggage to get back to Omaha. He is through with politics.

James Walsh, farmer-statesman, who abides at Benson, is back from Lincoln, where he espoused the cause of conmolidation for a Greater Omaha. As soon as he could walk from the train to the city hall he announced that he has no political ambitions. He says that even in the event of Benson secoming a part of Omaha, which he believes it will, he will not aspire to be a commissioner.

Listen to his own words: "I am a cosmopolite and not an office seeker. I like to go fishing two or three months each year, and how in the name of the magna charta or anything else, could I attend to my piscatorial pleasures and hold a public office! Will you tell me? I am for Greater Omaba and I expect to see the annexation bill go through."

One hears all sorts of talk regarding the present seven city commissioners. Walk down the street and join a group in conversation and these remarks will be heard;

"I think every mother's son of the present combeat them? They are in and have the advantage."

There will be a clean sweep at the city hall. Not

the others, why there's nothing to it."

Henry Meyer has some advice to offer, and it is something like this; "There is little or no doubt that the present commissioners will be nominated. I feel certain that in the primary race there will be seven others who will run on a ticket which will be pushed in a quiet, but effective manner. I do not look for any open organized effort to support any seven men at the primary, against the seven now serving as commissioners, but I do expect a line-up of some kind. Now then, it stands to reason that the fourteen thus backed will be nominated without any question. What | makers of arms and the speculators cover



Reasons for the Jitney.

OMAHA, Feb. 28 .- To the Editor of The I have been a subscriber to The Daily Bee for more than a dozen years, and venture to suggest your discussing in behalf of the passengers some of the aspects of the jitney question as related to the street rallways. There is no city in the United States where the street cars are more comfortable, as a rule, than in Omaha. What breaks that rule and causes people to use litneys is largely uncivil or unaccommodating employes of the railway, with some aid of the conpany itself. The company refuses to accommodate north and southbound passen gers in the westerly part of the city, compelling them to come east to Sixteenth street and return west long distances in order to travel a short distance north and south. This congests with a lot of people that do not want to go to Sixteenth street all the normal travel on that street. The company insists on carrying many of its people several times as far as they wish to go, and then claims that it cannot afford to carry passengers seven trips for 25 cents. If by building a jittle additional mileage the company would cut out this needless travel and congestion, it would save money for itself, and time and annoyance for its

DABSODROTS. At crossings of street car lines, if there is any way for a motorman to prevent passengers from connecting with a rossing car, that motorman will find that way. He will keep the car barely moving, so as to avoid opening the front door for the transfer passengers. A lot of passengers then stand cursing the railway until the next car arrives. A compusory "near" stop order, when the transfer car is st hand, would lessen this trouble.

very many cases, cars went speeding past men, women and children, who had been waiting exposed to the storm. The car "saved time," and lost good will for the company and future passengers to the jitney. Many a jitney passenger is taking the jitney merely in revenge for past annoyances. Most of us do not want any jitney arrangement to take the place of the present street car. One most important reason for this is the safety of our women. The street car must follow a fixed route, there is publicity, the two employes of the company are uniformed, numbered and known. No travel across cities would be safe for our daughters, unescorted, if the jitney system were to replace the street car system. PASSENGER.

#### For the Cause of Peace.

OMAHA, Feb. 25 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Can anyone who listened to the masterly address of Mr. Irvin Cobb at the Auditorium last night find any excuse whatsoever for any neutral nation or individual who makes it possible to carry on the terrible war one day longer? The man or nation who furnishes ammunition or food to the contending parties is a traitor to civilization and a fit subject for execuation.

Can anyone question the hypocrisy, of those who say they pray for peace and shudder at the horrors of this war and still furnish ammunition and food to keep up the terrible strife?

How long will the papers, the moulders of public opinion, remain slient on the crime of furnishing ammunition and food to the warring nations? The people are tired of the sophistries with which the

iveness of which everyone in Omaha and in the state should be proud. The real print that away."-Atlanta Constitution. estate men of Omaha have not asked for annexation

political basses than those of the third

ward. He can choose his location if he

desires. "Veritas" should give his name

wishes to make conditions better in

Omaha, he surely should not wish to

sunite South Omaha and the surrounding

suburbs. If Dundee politicians are so bad.

Forcible annexationista have not ye

given a reason for annexation. It will

not increase the population of the

vicinity, because the people are here and

choose from the varieties of government.

than overwise. Commerce and bank clear-

that people ought not to insist upon.

limits south of Dundee since its annexa-

tion by ordinance, but increased about

Annexation is based upon selfish

motives and from a misunderstanding as

to results, and will work to the detriment

rather than the welfare of Omaha. Anti-

annexation is based upon the love of

"Your daughter's very fond of music,

"Tes, indeed. It's no trouble for her to practice on the piano when I need some-one to help me with the dishes."-Detroit Free Press.

O'Brien-Come home an' take supper with me, Flannigan. Flannigan-Shure it's past yer supper time an' it's furious yer wife'll be. O'Brien-That's just it: she can't lick the two av us.-Boston Transcript.

"What is your occupation?" asked the

Same ole thing, judge-prayin' for rain

ANTI-FORCE.

600 per cent in Dundee since that time

and because Dundee is a village.

home and surroundings.

isn't the

judge of

its 500 votes in Omains elections.

"A shoemaker is a good instance of the of man the classes wish to meet

"Why a shoemaker" "Hecause the sole purpose of his labors is to support his uppers"—Taltimore American.

for the benefit of those "political bosses" Flossic-He was an early love of mine. Aunt Jane-Early! You must be al-cost 15, dear! Florate-Early last summer, f meanin Dundee. If "Veritas" wishes to give the pure election law a chance, and

Flossle-Early last summer, I mean --Browning's Magazine.

"Poor Maud! Dick's gone back on her." "How discouraging! And now she has been looking for a husband all over it surely would not help, and if they are not such, it would have no influence by

"Yes; and she says the worst of it s she will have to keep on wearing shows two sizes too small."-Boston Transcript.

THE BOY.

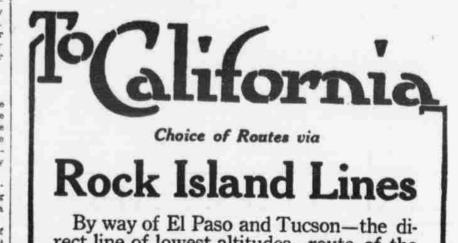
N. P. Willis.

more are likely to come if they can There's something in a noble boy. A brave, free-hearted, careless one, With his unchecked, unbidden joy. His dread of books and jove of fun, His dread of books and love of fun, And in his clear and ready smile. Unshaded by a thought of guile, And unrepresented by sadness-Which brings me to my childhood back, As if 1 trod its very track, And felt its very gladness. And yet it is not in his play. When every trace of thought is lost, And not when you would call him gay. ing reports will be injured by increasing the census report. Consolidation will likely perpetuate a condition in Omaha, Values have decreased within the city

When every trace of thought is lost. And not when you would call him gay, That his bright presence thrills me most

His shout may ring upon the hill, His shout may ring upon the hill, His merry laugh like music trill. And I unheeding hear it all— For, like the wrinkles on my brow, I scarcely notice such things now— But when, amid the earnest game. He stops, as if he music heard, And, heedless of his shouted name As of the carol of a bird, Stands gazing on the empty air As if some dreams were passing there--Tis then that on his face I look His beautiful but thoughtful face, And, like a long-forgotten look, Its sweet, familiar meaning trace--Remembering a thousand things Remembering a thousand things Which passed me on those golden wings, Which time has fettered now-Which time has fettered now-Things that came o'er me with a thrill, And left me silent, sad and still, And threw upon my brow A holler and gentler cast. That was too innocent to last.

Tis strange how thought upon a child Will, like a presence, sometimes press-Will, like a presence, sometimes press-And when his pulse is beating wild. And life itself is in excess-When foot and hand, and ear and eye. When foot and hand, and ear and ey Are all with ardor straining high-How in his heart will spring A feeling whose mysterious thrall Is stronger, sweeter far than all: And, on its silent wing, How with the clouds he'll float away, As wandering and as lost as they



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vestigations and results, while not set forth in showy fashion, found their application and uses in the practical work of scientific agriculture. His services to Nebraska in this field were of incalculable benefit. As an educator Dr. Bessey was efficient and popular. The high standing of the College of Agriculture of the University of Nebraska may be ascribed to his personality, and

is attested by the enthusiasm and zeal with which he inspired his associates on the faculty, and the students who worked under them. His passing leaves a great gap in the army that carries on the peaceful and more effective warfare in behalf of humanity, but the influence of his leadership will long be felt.

The Attorney General and the Commission.

with the railway commission over the matter of

counsel in rate cases. Whether he feels, as he

intimates in his letter to the commission, that

there is a disposition on the part of other of-

ficials at Lincoln to ignore him as the state's

chief law officer, need not be considered. The

railway commission is just now engaged in the

prosecution of the defense against a movement

on the part of the railroads to secure an increase

in rates, or, in other words, is defending the

people of the state against an increase of taxes.

It is the purpose of the proceeding to determine

the equity and justice of the railroad demands.

and not to establish the dignity and prerogative

of any individual officer of the state. The at-

torney general received an unnecessarily sharp

retort from the railway commission, calling his

attention to the fact that the commission has

certain rights and powers under the law which

had apparently been overlooked in the attorney

general's office. It is unfortunate that any such

controversy should have arisen in connection

with so important a matter. The state of Ne-

braska is entitled to, and should have, at all

times, the most earnest and sincere co-operation

on the part of its several officers, to the end

that the greatest advantage may come to the

The Death of Dean Bessey.

The world has lost a truly great man through

the death of Charles E. Bessey, dean of the

Nebraska College of Agriculture. Dr. Bessey's

services to humanity, through his contributions

to the scientific knowledge of the world, were so

extensive and so beneficial that it will be long

before his work is thoroughly understood or

fully appreciated. He stood foremost among

the botanists of the day, and his researches, in-

public.

Attorney General Reed has locked horns

## Home Rule in Practice.

Just now Omaha people are being treated to an excellent illustration of the application of home rule to their local affairs. Daily we are regaled by published accounts of what this or the other legislator from the interior counties thinks should be done for Omaha. The vital affairs of the city's government, the administration of its several departments of municipal housekeeping, all that concerns most closely the citizens and taxpayers of Omaha, are being determined according to the views of nonresidents. In times past the legislature has enacted laws establishing a board for the control and management of certain of the most important functions of municipal life, and has set that board over and above all other forms of authority, making it a law unto itself, and responsible to

dom tell us that they can see no good reason why the citizens of Omaha should give themselves any concern about the methods adopted, or the results accomplished. If this example is not sufficient, we are promised that others will be provided, so that the perfect beauties of Omaha's situation will be plain to the property owners of the city. In time they may be willing to lay aside their factional differences and partisan bickerings long enough to take advantage of their constitutional privilege to adopt a home rule charter so that their affairs will no longer be the subject of biennial discussion at Lincoln. The state then may be relieved of the responsibility for directing the details of Omaha's government, and the people may really rule.

missioners will be re-elected. It's a cinch. Who can

one of the present commissioners will be returned. The people want a business administration. Just you watch and see if I haven't got the dope.'

"Oh, I think the mayor might get back, but for

LINES TO A SMILE. 'She was all the rage when he married her. "And she has lost no chance to storm at him over since."-Judge.

During the late severe anowstorms, in

War bulletin editors have reached a point where they are perfectly safe in applying the "short and ugly word" to their hated rivals,

Democrats see another nice piece of pie float away, and wonder what they have done to be so ground between the secretary of state and the senator.

In urging the government to mobilize an army of 1,000,000 volunteers the Army and Navy Journal cannot be accused of disloyalty to its professions.

Let us hope that some sort of working agreement, if not an alliance, may be effected between the state house forces. The people of the state need their services.

Just what the Plutes are fighting for is not important. The point is that they went out looking for trouble and found it. We are an accommodating people.

Hon. Henry Clay Richmond is still the pivot on which the fate of the annexation bill turns. His report is waited with much anxiety by a number of his local constituents.

Owners of the Board of Trade property wisely decided on a new building commensurate with the location. The decision capitalizes the needs of today and the optimism of tomorrow.

The saddest words of tongue or pen were registered in Chicago's primary ballots. Mayor Harrison deferred to Mrs. Harrison's wishes in consenting to be a candidate, yet his gallantry yielded a painful minority of women's votes.



Quite a delegation of Omaha people made up a party eastbund to attend the inauguration of Presient Cleveland. Among them were Samuel Herman. brother-in-law of Vice President-elect Thomas A. Hendricks; John G. Megeath, Clem Chase and T. C. Ellioit; others who have already gone or will join the Omaha representation are Henry Hickman. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis, J. Philbin. Peter E. Her, H. W. Twadell, Mrs. A. L. Pollock, James Stephenson and James Creighton. Mr. E. H. Whitney assembled a number of his

friends on Sherman avenue to help him celebrate his fiftiath anniversary. The Omaha Polo ciub goes to Plattamouth to play

a contest game in that city. A council has been called to recognize the Third

Congregational church in Omaha. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. George Hindley of Weeping Water. The bill at the Boyd is put on by Roland Reed and

comedy company. Mrs. E. Wakeley and son have returned from New

Orleans. Captain Bladen has received notice that his son rederick Sladen, has been reported by the Nebraska

delegation for a cadetship at West Point. The Union Star club gave a pleasant dancing party at Metropolitan hall.

Gag Rule in Congress.

If the democrats in the senate are successful in their undertaking to expend ninety-odd millions a day up to and including Saturday, we will be given the pleasure of watching an effort to overturn the ancient landmark of the senate, and apply the gag of cloture in the interest of the "shipping" bill. This measure was put through the house last week in a single day by the application of a rule that transcends in its way anything in the history of legislation by congress.

It was reported from a democratic caucus, and without ever being sent to a committee, without being considered for amendment on the floor of the house, and with debate on its provisions limited to six hours, it was passed by the big democratic majority, just because the administration leaders said it must be passed. As yet it has not been considered in the senate, but an effort is to be made to force it to passage by shutting off debate by cloture. This will be a glorious chance for some of those senators who, a very little while ago, were leading a revolt against Speaker Cannon and his committee on rules.

The democrats have restored freedom of debate in congress in much the same way that they have applied economy to government expenditures.

Among the offenses charged against Judge Eayton of West Virginia is that the judge's messenger every month split with the judge's cook a government check for \$40. The offense, if it may be so classed, is of little consequence when rightly understood. Judges, like other mortals, must eat to live. Cooks provide the eatables in proper form. The higher the quality of judicial food, proportionately greater is the judicial steam power. It follows that a judicious cook is a genuine "friend of the court," and is entitled to be heard when the judicial ghost walks.

An extra session of the senate is expected in order that we may see the administration "crawl" to Colombia with \$25,000,000 to pay for what Colombia once sold to the United States for \$10,000,000. What further need be said?

And and a state of the local division of the

While Berlin and Petrograd violently disagree on the trifling details of a battle, it is the part of wisdom to keep a peace movement at a safe distance,

about the others? They will not have a look-in, although each will think he has more than a fighting chance to get within the lucky fourteen. My advice is for the others to leave the field and thus save themselves considerable money, effort and pangs, Days before the primary it will be easy to pick the fourteen winners."

According to Mr. Meyer's reasoning, it would be innecessary to hold the primary at all. He says he stands for conservation of energy even in politics. He, perhaps, forgets that the candidates enjoy the game and that each man feels that hope springs eternal.

Mayor J. C. Dahlman has said that he will not be a party to any pre-primary combination. He believes each candidate should go it alone at the primary, but notwithstanding his statement, there is a feeling that the city hall crowd is getting ready to present arms on behalf of the men to whom they owe their jobs.

The street cleaning department did not overlook the "main chance" during the unusual snow-cleaning season this winter. A politician who does not look upon the "square seven" with any great amount of favor, takes note that the city hall crowd is more solidified this campaign than was the case three years ago, when nearly every official in the municipal building was a candidate for the city commission,

Louis Berka, former city councilman, states that he has not made up his mind about entering the city commission race this spring. "I really have not given the matter serious thought and I am frank to say that I do not think I will file. It is my opinion that there will be a well defined line-up against the city hall commissioners and I believe that either one of these combinations will win out at the primary,' declared Mr. Berka.

Mr. Berka's thought is that the man who goes it. alone, in his opinion, will be wasting his strength and money.

There is talk that the Economic league will get behind seven "good men and true" for the primary, but will not make any noise about this matter.

## People and Events

One branch of the Missouri legislature is giving the glad hand to a rule barring former members from the floor and tagging them as lobbyists. But the members have not formally adopted the rule.

Two beautifully gowned women with appetites to match pulled off an eating contest in New York the other day. The champion got outside of twenty-two lobaters before her admirers carried her home

'The "take-it-home" store is doing a novelty business in New York. No trading stamps, no telephone. no delivery, no advertising. As soon as the novelty wears off a receiver will look after the remains.

Greatness in names ablde in Sabetha, Kan, 14 Rider Haggard is one of its respected citizens and Robert Louis Stevenson recently stopped there to pay his respects to his grandmother, Mr.s. Fannie Brani-

## Twice Told Tales

### A Leading Question.

In the blue days between Christmas and New Year's, when a printing order would have caused either of them to start an inquest to determine the sanity of the customer, two printers met in the cor-

"Just transacted some business?" quoth one "Naw"" said the other, in a tone to tease a further response

"Yes, I did-I just mailed a letter." said the first. To which the other responded, breathlessly, Tip me off-were'd you get the 2 cents "-Associated Advertising.

their nefarlous acts

If the papers of the United States were really neutral as they profess to be they could not escape the conclusions that true neutrality can only be achieved by keeping our foodstuffs and our munitions of war from all belligerents. If we do not do this we will be caught in the maelstrom of war and we will cause trouble at home between the various nationalties which go to make up our citizenship.

We have everything to gain and noth ing to lose by keeping our breadstuffs at home and discontinuing the making and selling of war material. EDNA WHARTON.

### Dundee and Omaha.

DUNDEE, Feb. 24 .- To the Editor of The Bee: A letter by "Veritas" appears in a recent issue of your paper, in which he says that for the last twenty-six years he has spent his time about evenly divided east and west of Forty-ninth If the word "veritas" means street. truth, he surely starts out badly, unless he is in the milk, truck or farming business. He says that Dundee exists today because of its proximity to Omaha. Does not Omaha exist because of its proximity to the cities, villages, country and states about it? Dundee is what it is because it is a village permitting its present progressive and beautiful condition. Why the difference between it and the parts of Omaha south and north of it? What would any city or village be without the country around it?

Suppose Dundee people do earn their living in Omaha, as thousands of people earn their living in South Omaha and thousands of Council Bluffs people carn their living in Omaha, and farmers, stock men, railroads, fraternities, hotels and thousands of other things make Omaha. Suppose that the smelter is made by the west and that the Woodmen of the World is made by the various states, and hotels, wholesale houses and the like are made by people from outside of Omaha mainly, should the one helped be annexed to the one helping especially when the one helped benefits most in trade, property and taxes. Is it any objection to Dundee that :

buys its food, clothing, gas, electricity, telephone service, telegraph service, rail way tickets and the like from private corporation in Omaha? I supposed that is what helped to make Omaha. Suppose the water company, an independent and incontrollable child of Omaha. furnishes water for surrounding suburbs, does Omaha object? She fought hard enough for it, and even took from Florence its water plant. The lion could as well say to the lamb, "As I have your legs in my mouth, I am entitled to your whole What of it, if Dundee has no body." theaters, hotels, saloons, gambling houses, reservoirs, railroads, parks, telephone and telegraph headquarters and the like? Does not Omaha profit by their existence within its limits.

The boulevard running through Dundee was made by Dundee contributing all the land, worth about \$15,000. and also contributing cash of about \$50,000, while Omaha contributed about \$17,000 and uses it the most. Better annex Omaha to Dundee. Which would last the longer if shut in from the world. Omaha or Dundee? Dundee does have real estate men sed to annexation by force, but they, with its citizens, are making a village, a model in beauty, economy and progress-



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Dear Editor;--I am trying to win the Bike and would thank you very much if you would help me. Yours, Gerald Pleming. Coloridge, Codar County, Neb.

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This picture of the bicycle will be in The Bee every day. Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures you can get and bring them to The Bee office, Saturday, March 6th.

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