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#### Thought for the Day

Selected by E. I. Chissell

"There is an infinite satisfaction in receiving the gifts of God, but the privilege of becoming the means through which he will bestow light and blessing upon others, is the greates: privilege bestowed upon man."

-Emerson.

However, the postoffice efficiency board had a fairly good time for the money.

No. we don't want war with Mexico, but it wouldn't be much of a war if we had it.

Lawmakers will spare themselves considerable car pressure by sticking to a rule requiring unanimity among doctors as the price of medi-

The lumber rates raise has been suspended for two years. Lumbermen will be safe in laying their weapons aside for awhile, provided they are kept within reach.

All the Balkan bantams have their watchtowers manned, eagerly awaiting word to pounce on the bones of Turkey. The prospect of territorial loot is too tempting to resist.

Opponents of railroad rate boosting will save time and energy by conceding the bewildering beauty and impressive front of railroad figures, In volume and variety they defy competition and

With a stock of 150,000,000 bushels of wheat on hand in this country and a new crop but a few months away, the shrunken loaf of bread has no reasonable excuse for showing its face in public.

The recent flerce efforts of the Carransistas to extract money from the natives foreshadow early additions to the Mexican colony in Cuba. Robbery, politely termed a "levy," invariably precedes flight.

Still, it cannot be very comforting to the president to be told that conditions in Mexico are worse than they were before he made his original blunder of refusing to recognize the Huerta government.

Prospects are brightening for a workhouse in Douglas county. No serious objection can be urged against an uplift measure of this class, inasmuch as it will afford county guests the sought-for privilege of working for their grub. Besides, they need the exercise.

The first step toward putting the public utility corporations out of politics should be to divorce the management of the publicly owned utility from politics. The political activities of public utility employes is a detriment to the service, regardless of ownership.

"To save the faces of the inspectors, the postoffice efficiency, report will not be wholly disregarded," is the word from Washington. But what have the faces of the inspectors to do with the case? If their recommendations are sound they should be adopted, but if unsound and unjust, as they are, they should be turned down without benefit of clergy.



ing of Redfield, Hascall and Thrane has been named to report on an eligible location for a market house, and to invite proposals for inducements or a bonus from efficient along the streets selected for that pur-

M. Motz is the happy father of a boy Mrs. Frank Rice, formerly of this city, now Logansport, Ind., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Westbrook & Hacker, professional bicyclists, have returned to Omaha after a three weeks' trip through

Charles B. Westren has purchased the share of his sartner, M. G. McLeod, in the Grand Union Tea com-pany, of which he becomes sole proprietor.

The day was filly observed with memorial services at Brownell Hell and at Trinity esthedral as the anniversary of the death of Bishop Clarkson. The Rec's market basket column reflects these tall prices: Sirioin, it cents a pound roast ribs, 1215 cents; veal, high, at 16 to 20 cents; Early Mose polatoes. In cents: cantiflower, in to it cents; asparagus, just appearing, at 12% cents a hunch.

Our Task in Mexico.

President Wilson's note to Carranza can be read only one way-it presages more vigorous action on part of this country if the Mexicans themselves do not take steps speedily to end the long prevailing lawlessness in that country, It is the plain duty of the United States to protect our own and the citizens of other countries from further outrage by irresponsible bandits, or let some other country do it.

The Mexican people, not more than I per cent of whom are under arms at present in all the several "armies" that are devastating the country, are sorely in need of responsible government. Intervention would have been justified long ago by the manifest inability of the opposing factions there to end the anarchy that still exists in Mexico. "Watchful waiting" has been given a two-years' trial, only to see bad become worse. President Wilson must formulate a more emphatic policy and avoid repetition of last summer's bootless occupation of Vera Cruz.

Let us keep out of war if we can, but as a last resort it will be in the interest of humanity to use force to put down forces of destruction that have gotten beyond the control of those who invoked them. To bring law and order to distracted Mexico, restoring peace and quiet and setting its people on the way to prosperity once more, may be the task of the United States.

#### Music in the Air.

The legislature at Lincoln has let the edict go forth that it will create no more fee-grabbing state boards, but, of course, it will make an exception for the proposed State Board of Music. According to the bill as introduced, this board is to be made up of the governor, attorney general and the state superintendent, but because their own qualifications are likely to consist only of chin music, and may lack harmony, they are permitted to serve by proxy by appointing three competent persons to act for them, misbranded as "secretaries." The "musical secretaries" to the governor, attorney general and state superintendent, will, of course, be musical prodigies, able to catch a budding genius before it blossoms out. The main thing the "secretaries" are expected to catch, however, is the tune of the tinkling ten dollar gold pieces which all future Nebraska music teachers will have to drop into the contribution box (by kindly concession the price for present teachers is reduced to the bargain-counter rate of one dollar if dropped into the slot within three months), while any one undertaking to give a lesson on enything from violin to base drum and collect money for it in violation of the law, will have a \$50 to \$100 fine or a thirty to ninety-day jail sentence in front of him to help take the music out of his system. But what of that, if by such means Nebraska can be made a musical oasis in the desert?

Censorship of International Mails.

A timorous member of the British Parliament has asked the government if a censorship of mails is not required, the purpose being to prevent Germany from sending to the United States pamphlets that do not give the English version of the war and its developments. Home Secretary Reginald McKenna replies that the German pamphlets complained of are harmless, and that a censorship of the mails has not been considered because of its enormous cost.

All of which is beside the point. The question, unanswered by the home secretary, is: in any right to consor the international mails? Conceding the British government the right to inspect all correspondence of any kind originating within the United Kingdom, by what show of right could it undertake to inquire into the nature of correspondence passing between the citizens of Germany and the United States, two friendly nations? The censorship Great Britain has established over cable correspondence is sufficiently annoying; to undertake the consorious inspection of the mails would be going too far.

Germany is not alone in the matter of disseminating biased information concerning the war by means of pamphlets and other use of the mails. Great Britain has sent out an enormous amount of "inspired" literature. Generally this output of the interested governments has been either disregarded or discounted, for the American people are not sufficiently guilible to be deeply impressed by the prejudiced statements of either side. The incident in the House of Commons serves, however, to show to what extent the combatants' sense of proportion has been distorted by the war.

#### Maintain the Quarantine.

Nebraska is fully justified in maintaining a rigid quarantine against lows or any other section of the country where the foot and mouth disease exists. It is not the question of a few cars of cattle shipped to or from the local market; the situation involves the safety of the entire range country, from whence comes the bulk of the meat supply of the country. No greater calamity could happen than to have that most dread of cattle scourges cross the Missouri river and infect the great herds of Nebraska, Dakota and Wyoming. The losses incident to the temporary stoppage of traffic with the region now quarantined against would be infinitesmal in comparison. The quarantine must be effective to properly protect the sections now free from infection, and to stamp out the disease where infection exists.

The state's attorney's inquiry into the advanced price of bread in New York City is bringing to light features of the business usually kept in the dark. It is apparent from the testimony that the bread supply of the city is being absorbed by heavily capitalized companies, one being capitalised at \$30,000.000, another at \$6,-860,006. Various excuses were offered for concerted action in price boosting, but they simmer down to the simple proposition that the big fellows need the money to nourish their watered

A political melon of huge proportions is ripening in New York state. The land of the abandoned Erie canal, valued at \$400,000,000. is eagerly sought in slices by municipalities and corporations, each calmly indifferent to the state's rights to some return on an investment of \$101,000,000 in the new ditch. As legislative action must be had to cut the molon the prospect for a prosperous session at Albany are uncommonly bright.

#### The Political Caldron

IKE the sound of a voice out of the political wilderness Matthew J. Greevy, hewer of wood and drawer of water in party ranks for lo these many years, announces that he will vote for seven republicans at the city commission primary on April 6.

"This talk of a nonpartisan city commission scheme is an iridescent dream. It sounds all right in theory, but how does it work out in practice?" asks Mr.

the city hall, the city government was in the hands of the republicans. Since that time, republicans have aided and abotted in the election of democrats to city jobs and have eaten only the crumbs which fell from the democratic table. It is not right, when republicans are in the majority, and the majority should be in

on a liberal platform. Four of the seven elected are democrats. The democrats have control of the city hall and they play politics all the way through. It is time for the republicans to rise up in their might and proclaim themselves."

Something of a stir was eaused in the city half when John H. Cusick, chief inspector of the department of public improvements, announced that he had resigned and would file for city commissioner. expecting to land the position held by his boss.

James W. McDonald, one of the assistants in an other department, also is in the race and other minor officials are said to be combating a desire to get into the game. No signs, however, of the resigning fever becoming spidemic.

What kind of a strategic move is "Charley" With nell making? Does he intend to upset political precedents? Does he intend to have a flying squadron of women in the field during this campaign? The other day he entertained the city hall women employes at inncheon at the Fontenelle hotel. All during the afternoon following the women of the municipal building were sounding their host's praises. An interesting feature is that if the other city commissioners follow the example the city hall women will have several free

I see that in throwing his bat in the ring J. W. Metcalfe accompanies it with a platform which refers to his position as secretary of the Retailers' association, and flaunts the slogan of strict law enforcement. He declares it is not the province of any officer to determine whether a law should be enforced or not," said a city hall rounder. "I would like to see him try to keep the merchants from stringing signs in violation of ordinances or to make them remove all forbidden sidewalk obstructions. I would like to see him enforce to the hilt the no-treat law or the smoke nulsance ordinance or the rules of the road, or a dozen other regulations constantly ig-An officer has to use judgment in enforcing the laws that are important, and go easy with laws that are trivial, and don't you forget it

Somebody in the rear of the hall asks whether the Jacksonian club still moves and has its being and whether this organisation will take a hand in the little political game which is now being arranged.

This club does not seem to be causing any up-

heaval at the present time. The seismosraph at Creighton university has not recorded any disturbance for many months.

#### Twice Told Tales

On Washington's Trail. On Washington's birthday a public school teacher took her large class on a tour called: "On the trail of Washington." They went from New Utrocht church, then to the Battle pass, the Maryland monument and Fraunce's tavern. When they came to the statue of the father of his country at the subtreasury in Wall street one kid wanted to know "for why he got silver legs on him?" Then they inspected the city hall, and finally ended up at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. they spent some time before a huge canvas of 'Washington Crossing the Delaware." The teacher made a most exalted speech about painter and subject. Then she turned to one little fellow who was about in very deep thought. "Well, Davy, what do you think of our great George Washington?" "He must have been a chump," was the unexpected reply, "to stand up in that small boat. If my daddy had a been there he would have said: 'Sit down, George, you're rocking

Music Hath Charms It was in the year 1868, after a battle in the Spanish revolution of that year, and the streets of Madrid were filled with angry crowds that were bent on destroying everything and everyone. Suddenly, an unknown man appeared at the city hall.

fore nightfall I shall control all Madrid." He must have been a man of rare personality to have been able to persuade the authorities in that dark

"Give me a band of musicians," he said, "and be

hour to give him anything. But he got the musicians and went out with them to wander through the city. While they played he

sang-popular street songs, or some old national air. these bored the listeners he mounted old boxes By nightfall peace reigned in the city and the mobbroke up and went home to bed. The man's name was Felipe Ducasel, and he was only III years old when he

cleverly achieved this result. We are told a deal about heroic things in saving countries by long, terrible rides at night, or by the sacrifice of onesself by dying in somebody's stead, butfew of us hear of anyone who saved a town by laughter,-Youth's Companion.

His Ideal.

Those angelic-looking little boys, with golden curis, are usually just like other boys, a fact often overlooked by female relatives and other adoring women One of this cherubic brand of small boy came back from school the other day rather depressed because he had no nickname. "I spoke to the teacher about it," he vouchsafed,

his big eyes opened wide, a mournful look about his angelic mouth. "I told her some nicknames that I'd

"And what were the names?" inquired a rapturous maiden aunt. "Bunco Bill or The Slugger," repiled the angelic

one.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat

## People and Events

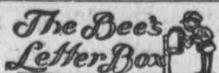
David Hermiley went into "Buly" Sunday's tabernacio in Philadelphia the other evening and sat down on the hatpin of a woman's lid. Physicians say he will recover if no other complications develop.

The California Association of College Alumnue sends out a warning against girls and women coming to San Francisco in the hope of obtaining work on arrival. It is stated that there are ten persons for every job to be filled. The same warning applies to every city on the Pacific coast.

Death revealed a novel romance at Knozvitle, Tenn. Dr. Churies M. Drake, a man of 60, supposed to be a bachelor, in reality had a very youthful wife so boyist in appearance that she dressed in boy's clothes and passed as the doctor's nephew. Her death caused the ctor to reveal the relationship publicly

Rev. Sarguel Jack Niccols of St. Louis has just celebrated the golden jubilee of his pactorate of the Second Presbyterian church. He entered this pulpit a young man of M. fresh from a chaplaincy of a Pennsylvania regiment in the civil war, and became popu arly known as "the Presbyterian bishop of the west." The Globe-Democrat says the reverend doctor has averaged a sermon a day for fifty years, and still

Another railroad grievance is put out by the New Haven road's publicity bureau. An enterprising post-master who combines a general store with the postoffice, having an order for thirty-two sacks of flour, sold himself \$11.00 worth of stamps, put them on the packages and sent the flour by parcel post to a point twenty-sty miles away, holding a mail train ten minutes to do it. The country Nasby made his profit on flour and on the stamps, while the railroad admits



OMAHA, March 8.-To the Editor of The Bee: What is the occasion for all this short weight bread? Old-timers know there is sixty pounds of wheat in a bushel and millers get forty-eight pounds of flour and twelve pounds of bran out of the bushel. Then the bakers buy the flour that absorbs the greatest amount of water and with a little sait, turn us out an eleven-ounce lost for 5 cents. It looks like there was a big margin somewhere, and, as the flurry over bighpriced wheat is over, I think we ought to get back to the pound loaf for 5 cents. J. H.-BREAD WINNER,

Mayor of Florence Excepts. FLORENCE, Neb. March 6-To Editor of The Bee: I see in The Bee that Florence wants to annex-a clear case of going from home to get the news. I see the Commercial club met Wednesday night-more news, as I happen to be a member of that august body, but I failed to hear of the meeting. It is the rule to notify members of the meetings by card. As a rule we meet twice a year, whether we have any business or not, and it has been only five months since we met-so I concluded this was a special. They send what they call an appeal to the legislature to annex us at once, because those seventeen men want it, and, by the way, some of the seventeen live in Omaha, and one man told ne he signed to get rid of them.

Messrs. Legislators, I am not going to bother and take your time in sending petitions to you unless you are in doubt as to the sentiment of the citisens of Florence in regard to annexation without first letting us vote on the question. If you want to hear from us in that way, write me, and I will send you a petition signed by ten times seventeen names and they will all be bonafide citizens and taxpayers. You have a bill in regard to the water company furnishing light. You propose to let the people decide by vote whether the proposition will be accepted or rejected. The city of Omaha is negotiating for the purchase of the Auditorium; they propose to settle that question also by a vote of the people. Now, gentlemen, all we ask is that you leave the matter to a vote, and if one-half the people the annexationists claim are for it it will carry. F. S. TUCKER.

Seconds the Motion. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Is., March &-To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to the letter of Dr. Sedlacek which appeared in The Bee recently on the subject of so many fanatical prohibition letters appearing in the letter box column, under initials, without the full name of the writer attached, will say that I cordinally second Dr. Sedlacek's suggestion, and hope that all these chemically pure correspondents who have used so much space in arguing for "temperance," when they are really interested in prohibition, will hereafter display their real colors. Yours for fair play. WALTER BREEN.

Winter Beauty. BLAIR, Neb., March 9 .- To the Editor f The Bee: While the severe snowstorms which have been prevalent the last few weeks have been general, and have gutte seriously inconvenienced people and delayed traffic, there is another phase which almost recompenses for the troubles they have caused.

There has been a landscape which the brush of an artist never could paint; piled high on every side are billowy ddifts of purest white, land, where "walls of corn" are wont to grew in summer time, lie walls of snow in purest lovil-The trees standing in majestic grandeur with crystal boughs glistening in the morning sunshine, bring visions of Paradise and hope of a fulfillment of sacred promises.

A thousand million sparkling, transient diamonds cover the purple topped meadows of a few months since. The winds whisper lullables to the buds now snugly sleeping, which rise to walls of despair when they recall the beautiful foliage that greeted them in the golden summer days. No brush, no pen, no plastic art can reproduce the sublime beauty that greets the waking world on a morning following a blizzard in Nebraska.

The primeval forest trees, the pine and the hemlock, growing in the state, reaching their arms upward toward God's great sunlit cerulean skies, are even more powerfully impressive in their prismatic splendor, than when ladened with a wealth of delicately tinted foliage. If only our lives were fashioned by the purity of this winter scenery, earth would be an Eden and life "one grand aweet song." ANNIE VIO GATES.

Efficiency vs Speeding Un. OMAHA, March 7.-To the Editor of The Bes: I note that in some quarters the terms efficiency and speeding up are confused. I find in my experience that

they are not synonymous. In plain language an efficient person is one who can gain the best results in his line of endeavor with the least possible imperfection and the least waste of energy and material.

The speeding up system is mercenary. it cares not for the public nor the quality of the output. "Get all the traffic will bear"-the greatest possible financial gain by the least possible outlay of expense.

A speeding up aystem is the opposite of efficiency, for who of us can bring out our best work if we are working under a strain or in the atmosphere of excitement present in every place where speeding up is required.

Speeding changes the efficient person into an inefficient one as readily as a lack of efficiency will change superior goods to goods of an inferior quality. Every man wants his money's worth. He gets it from efficient sources, but not from sources where speed is the prevailing requirement.

#### Around the Cities

ere paid double those in Europe. New York City calculates that it pays per cent of the money required to run

Los Angeles has appointed a woman to act as manager of men arrested and set to work for falling to support their fam-

In Mexico the cargador, or carrier, transports bundles so weighty that ordinary men could not even lift them. It is not unusual for him to carry a load of

Salt Lake City's commission has laid down the rule that the unemployed must accept the work schedule of the city or go without city grub. The city offers \$1.50 a day for common labor; the unemployed insist on \$2.55 a day. A spokesman for the latter in rejecting the city's terms. said they would go hangey rather than saugifice the principle of a standard wage.

## **Editorial Snapshots**

Washington Star: Red tape is usually to be avoided, but the method of collecting taxes in Mexico must sometimes be regarded as a little too informal.

Indianapolia News: One reason why diplomacy doesn't make more headway is that each communication never seems to do anything more than "constitute a satisfactory basis for future negotia-

all foods was to have been expected. Vienna rolls may roll on, and Vienna schnitzel continue to reveal its excellence under this new and probably temporary paternalism, but overeating will be duly

St. Louis Republic: That an investigation by the Interstate Commerce commission should be thought necessary to Or show that the Louisville & Nashville railroad mixed in politics is enough to make the average citizen of Kentucky and My lips are chapped and so I'd pause Tennessee almost laugh himself to death.

Springfield Republican: Alleged assets

That looks absurd of the Rock Island company having a Allures me, as a snake or bird!

Here goes again—confound it!—PR-Z-A-S-N-Y-S-Z! appraised by government experts at only 129,000. No wonder Mr. Reid, who formerly owned a large part of the road, bitterly blames "government interference with business" for the troubles of the railroads.

#### CHEERY CHAFF.

"How did you come out with your law-suit?"
"I won it."
"Get damages?"
"Sure! I got almost enough to pay my lawyer."—Boston Transcript.

Father-But, my dear, would you like to see your apritual adviser dancing these modern dances?
Daughter-Certainly not, pa! Where would the fun come in with him around?
-Philadelphia Bulletin.

"That \$9 you paid me makes a clean slate," said the coal man.
"I hope it's cleaner that that last slate you sent me instead of coal," responded the victim.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"The lumber man your district to congress ought to have an easy getting his bills passed." "Why so?"
"Because he knows all about log-roll-ing."—Baltimore American, THE MAGIC NAME.

Naw York World. Ah, once we thought the world's worst Was P-R-Z-EM-Y-S-L

That deadly thing
At readers unity suffering
But worse by far is this one; P-R-Z-A-S-N-Y-S-Z. I saw it in a fullpase head That someone in the subway read. I said, "Be gosh! I'll write to Vash. To see if this is but a josh— This awful jumble reading, "P-R-Z-A-S-N-Y-S-Z!

The haughty Russian minister Wrote this reply: "Exalted sir: This name you chaps May doubt, perhaps, But, honestly, it's on the maps I'll take my oath there is a P'R-Z-A-S-N-Y-S-Z'!

How can we doubt it after that
Assurance from a diplomat?
We might have guessed
The word was lest,
Or but a sharp typewriting test.
But no! There is a town of P-R-Z-A-S-N-Y-S-Z!

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This is a very choice office on the second floor, facing the corridor around the court. It is partitioned for a very comfortable waiting room and two private offices. It has north light. Price, per month ......\$45.00

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