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Thought for the Day

Selected by Mrs. H. Eva Nettlinger

The longer on this earth we live
And weigh the various qualities of men
The more we feel the high, stern-seured beauty
Of plain devotedness to duty.
Steadfast and still, nor paid with mortal praise,
But finding amiest recompence
For life's ungarlanded expenses
In work done squarely, and uncashed days.
—James Russell Lowell.

Greater Omaha also wants its rightful place in the sun.

Only ten more days for throwing hats into the city election ring.

Come on in, you would-be city commissioners. The running is fine.

Refrain soon to be popular at Lincoln: 'We are sisters! We are lifters!'

While the lawmakers are about it, why not shrink the weight of a bushel of wheat?

Those Wright brothers had the right idea when they decided to let others do the flying.

Granting a new trial to the cash register people is a judicial hint to Uncle Sam to ring off.

Old Man Winter evidently finds that snow habit clinging to him even after he wants to shake it off.

Children of the suburbs need not worry. All the plain and fancy playthings will be cared for in the big tent.

What's the use investing millions in battleships and cruisers just for little inexpensive submarines to sink?

Judging by reports from Turkish sources the allied fleet in the Dardanelles cannot hit the side of Asia Minor.

Czar Nicholas is going to the front. Having 800 miles of it, he can't miss it. Moreover, the scenery hasn't changed since his last visit.

"Watchful waiting" is also the policy of the allies' warships that are just "sticking around" till the Prinz Eitel Friedrich comes out of Norfolk harbor or intern.

The life of an aviator hangs by the threads of his canvas wings. The hold is altogether too slender to justify the aerial thrills which are little short of a challenge to death.

It must have been in the cards for Birdman Beachey to give a last thrilling performance, but just the same, there is satisfaction in the thought that his flights over Omaha last fall were all safe and successful.

President Vail of the big telephone company says there are 2,000,000 men out of employment in this country whose yearly earnings should be \$1,250,000,000. Of course it's a mere coincidence that this happens to happen along with the advent of a democratic administration.

Thirty Years Ago
This Day in Omaha

The first preliminary meeting of the great Moody convention was held at the First Baptist church, Fifteenth and Davenport, Rev. Mr. Hall delivering the sermon, and announcing that Mr. Moody will be here tomorrow and speak at each and every meeting during the convention.

A partial eclipse of the sun was witnessed at Omaha beginning at 10:20 this morning and continuing until 12 p.m. It was generally observed through smoked glass, the clouds lifting just at the right time to make it discernible.

Leslie M. Shaw of Shaw & Kuehn, the well known law firm of Denison, Ia., has been in the city the last week.

Frank Blandie, who is visiting friends in Omaha, will leave during the coming week for St. Louis, where he will play with the Lucas base ball team.

Constable George Kart, returning from a highly unsuccessful duck hunt up on the Platte river, reports that the river is frozen over and that ducks are not flying low these days.

Henry Lehman of wall paper fame has gone east on business.

Clinton Powell, the well known attorney, made his appearance on the street for the first time since his recovery from a severe attack of erysipelas in the foot.

Record of Reckless Extravagance.

A more complete indictment of the democratic administration is not extant than that found in the statement just issued by Chairman Fitzgerald of the ways and means committee of the house. It shows that the Sixty-third congress, just adjourned, has made the biggest total of appropriations on record, exceeding by more than one hundred millions the record of the Sixty-second congress, and by nearly two hundred millions the total appropriated by the Sixty-first, the last congress controlled by the republicans. For its two years of existence, the Sixty-third congress spent of public money the stupendous total of \$2,281,000,000, and this huge sum of expense was piled up by an administration that made the crux of its campaign for popular support the denunciation of republican extravagance!

Promises of economy made in that campaign were flung aside with other campaign pledges, and appropriations were made with utter disregard for the income of the treasury or business conditions of the country. New forms of taxation were devised, and a war tax levied, but Mr. Fitzgerald estimates that if no change for the better is made, the deficit on June 30 will be \$133,000,000. The recklessness of this course is sufficient to condemn the party responsible for it. Mr. Fitzgerald's complaint that the method of making appropriations is unsatisfactory will not exculpate the majority party from its responsibility.

Mr. Gillette, ranking republican member of the committee on ways and means, places some of the blame where it properly belongs, when he says:

The executive has been more reckless and impudent than congress and with less excuse. The prevalent opinion that congress is mainly to blame is incorrect. It's the executive which is primarily at fault. It ought to be vastly easier for the president and cabinet, a small executive body exempt from the dangers of log rolling, to survey the field, calculate the revenues and cut the estimates to correspond.

Newman Grove Reporter: If John O. Neiser, the Omaha freak, gets his bill through the legislature that will regulate the newspapers of the state according to his liking he won't have a chance to get anything done, but write replies to the criticisms that are or will be directed at him. Most of the newspaper folks are sporty enough to go after him just for the fun of showing him how nicely his law will work.

Tekamah Journal: Omaha is to have another Jim Dahlman scrap in their city election this spring. Most people have hoped that Dahlman rule in Omaha was about over but there will have to be some tall figuring to beat the lasso thrower out of his job.

Nebraska City Press: "Who is this Darda Nell? the newspapers are talking so much about?" asked Luta Lorkins of Tough Town yesterday. "Why don't you know?" was the reply. "She is a sister of Fountain Nell, he has been the talk of considerable talk in Omaha lately."

Kearney Hub: An Omaha woman suffrage leader objects to expression of so many of her sisters that "all men are brutes." Thanks for an occasional voice in the wilderness.

Lincoln Beachey: Dare-Devil. A lightly built flying machine failed under the stress of a desperate feat attempted by Lincoln Beachey, most adventurous of all airmen, and brought a spectacular end to a career that was full of thrills. Daily Beachey pushed his daring beyond the limit of reason to supply a sensation for the multitude. He did it with a full knowledge of the risks involved, risks those of mankind who are bound to solid earth know nothing of, and found his reward in the plaudits of the populace and the cash paid him for assuming the jeopardy of his calling. His fearlessness has been much discounted upon, its service being, as far as known, that he might be cited as an example to others who are trained in the hazardous vocation of the aviator. The use he made of his skill was to cater to man's insatiable craving for some new thrill, and in this he was supported by an equally unsatisfied ambition to accomplish what no other had done. Many foolhardy flyers are imitating Beachey, turning flip-flops high above the earth, with death continually smiling at them, but it may be seriously questioned if the science of aviation is benefited even in the remotest by their exhibitions.

Wanted—A Bill of Particulars. On the floor of the state senate at Lincoln the other day, Senator Dodge made the specific charge that the presiding officer of that body at the last session, Lieutenant Governor McElroy, had "packed" a conference committee in the interest of the so-called Omaha gas franchise bill. Reference to the senate journal for 1913 discloses this record on this measure, otherwise known as House Roll No. 336:

Mr. President: "I move that a conference committee be appointed on House Roll No. 336—Dodge." The motion prevailed.

The president appointed the following senators a conference committee on House Roll No. 336: Charles Saunders, J. A. Ollis, H. K. Bushee.

It strikes us that it is up to Senator Dodge to make his complaint more specific, and to tell just how this committee was "packed." Was it "packed" by putting Senator Saunders on it? Was it "packed" by putting Senator Ollis on it? Was it "packed" by putting Senator Bushee on it? Let us have the bill of particulars.

Thimblerigging in Mexico.

"Now you see it, and now you don't," is being played to the very limit in Mexico just now. Carranza orders a port closed against American commerce; in face of the presence of an American warship, with instructions to disregard the attempted embargo, Carranza revokes his order. Both Carranza and Zapata promise indemnity and reparation in the fullest for the death of an American, murdered by a Mexican mob, but who is going to pledge for either of these leaders, their own impotence, so far as maintaining order is concerned, being fully established.

Whether the artful dodgers who have brought about the present deplorable state of affairs in Mexico can undo some of their own mischief is uncertain. It is certain they cannot much longer be tolerated to pursue unrestrained their course of lawless wreckage.

American warships are now in harbor at Vera Cruz and Progresso; American communication with Mexico at these principal ports is carried on under the guns of the navy. This very near approach to war conditions show how serious the situation has become, and how near we have come to the end of "watchful waiting."

Let us repeat that if the municipal light bill insured complete disengagement of its management from politics, the opposition would be reduced to those directly interested in the existing private plant. The refusal of the promoters-sponsors of the measure to incorporate civil service provisions would indicate that they think more of building up a political machine than of achieving the promised benefits of public ownership to the people.

Every time John Bull rejoices over his supremacy on the sea a German undersea craft bows up and throws a torpedo under his belt.

Clyton Powell, the well known attorney, made his appearance on the street for the first time since his recovery from a severe attack of erysipelas in the foot.

Aimed at Omaha

Hastings Tribune: It must be admitted that there are several papers in the state that never lose an opportunity to take a "fall out" of Omaha and Douglas county. Just why this should be is more than we can comprehend. Somehow the fact seems to be overlooked that Omaha is a city of 125,000 inhabitants, and as such it is entitled to more laws than a city of 40,000 or 50,000 inhabitants, or a mere village. And that is why so many bills are introduced in the legislature that have only to do with the people of Omaha and Douglas county. Every loyal Nebraskan should feel proud of Omaha. It is as good and clean a city, morally and otherwise, as any city of its size in the United States. Furthermore, it possesses more real live energetic business men to the square block than any other city in the country. It is a great manufacturing center, and a large wholesale market. And it has done more towards putting Nebraska on the map, so to speak, than any other city. This being true, why then should any Nebraska editor, or loyal citizen of this state stand ready with a tar bucket in one hand and a brush in the other ready to besmirch the fair name of Nebraska's metropolis?

Blue Springs Sentinel: A district judge in Douglas county, which is in the state of Omaha, gave a decision the other day, that a married man is not immune from an action for breach of promise that might be brought against him by any itinerant female that took a notion. Somehow courts once in a while do things that go a long way in alienating that respect which they expect that we are in duty bound to pay them.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Too Much Athletics.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: The case of the fine and many high school boy Louis Foley shows what happens when the athletic business is carried too far in the schools. He is probably crippled for life, when he had engaged in the old fashioned walking and running matches he might be whole today.

When I was a boy people all said I would die from consumption before I was 15 years old and there came near seeing the prediction come true, for I began to spit blood and I was scared myself. So expert finally that I beat all of the boys of my home town and also quit spitting blood. Many a time I walked a mile in ten minutes on the level roads of Illinois and at times when I made special efforts I walked a mile in eight and nine minutes.

Even now I walk not less than six miles nearly every day of the year to and from my office and have not missed a meal for want of an appetite for grub for many years past. It is so long since I was too sick to eat that the time has passed from my memory.

It is time the foot ball and other rough plays where some one is always getting hurt were cut out and the boys and girls started in walking and running matches where they do not get hurt by coming roughly in contact with one another as they do in foot ball and basket ball games.

Sometimes old ways are the best even if they are not so spectacular. The case of Louis Foley is not the only one, for there are many of them every year, and it is time a change of program was had. Athletes do not stand hardships any better than those who do not engage in rough sports, and a great many times their lives are cut short by vicious athletics.

F. A. AGNEW.

Herr's the Information.

OMAHA, March 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: C. S. Martin of Broke Bow asks where I get my information on municipal electric plants. Anyone enclosing 25 cents for "Facts on Municipal Ownership" published by Public Service Publishing company, Peoples Gas building, Chicago, Ill., can get some interesting data. I am a civil engineer and have spent some ten years of my life in surveys and outlining water power propositions on the Loup and Platte rivers and have also examined some municipal electric light and private plants, many of which are poorly operated. Another good book to read is "An Expensive Experiment on Hydro-Electric Power for Ontario," by R. P. Bolten, published in New York.

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Women's Activities

Mrs. E. H. Town of Washington, D. C., thinks that politics should be taught in the schools. The fundamentals of law should be taught in the schools, she said, and parliamentary law is merely courtesy with the personal left out.

Mrs. F. D. Dimock of Washington is still working hard to secure the necessary funds for the George Washington memorial which is to be erected in Washington at a cost of \$2,000,000. Mrs. Dimock is the president of the Memorial society.

Dr. Anna Shaw has just returned from a trip to the south, where she was received with the greatest applause whenever she spoke. In Alabama, it is said that her speech had done more to acquaint the people with the real facts of suffrage than they had ever heard before. Crowds were turned away wherever she went.

Mrs. Henry Villard, the daughter of William Lloyd Garrison, who did so much to free the negro, went through the streets in New York where colored people live, last Sunday, and presented the matter of woman suffrage to them. She told them what her father had done for them and asked them to vote for woman suffrage in return.

Six little girls from the Washington public schools bore the petition, signed by hundreds of thousands of children, begging the powers at war to consent to peace, to the secretary of state, Miss Kate Devereaux Blake of New York brought the petition to Washington in a big trunk. It had been signed by children of forty-four states.

The Connecticut Daughters of the Revolution have found out why George Washington cut down the cherry tree, and they are going to do likewise. They want the time to come when throughout the state whenever any one asks, "Who cut down the cherry tree?" from every farm and roadside will come a great shout, "I did." The fact is that the wild cherry tree breeds the tent caterpillar that has done so much harm all over the country, and the only way to get rid of it seems to be to cut down the trees and burn them.

"Yes, sir," was the prompt rejoinder of the Indian.

"Not me pay me."

"Not pay you!" exclaimed the farmer, with a perplexed expression.

"For turn grindstone?" calmly answered the chief.

"Twenty-five cents."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

The Personal Note.

In a town in the west there is a church that has a bright young pastor, but the attendance is unfortunately small. Among the parishioners there is a beautiful young widow. One evening, just as the little widow was about to leave the edifice, she was addressed by the deacon.

"Good evening, sister," he cordially remarked, with the usual hand-shake. "How did you like the sermon this evening?"