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Thought for the Day

Selected by T. S. Waltemeyer

Perhaps it would be more appropriate to plo

In the meantime, Omaha's military posts are

Some other Nebraska statesmen might also

be willing to move to New York for a \$15,000-a-

nets in New York should have operated in Ne-

Candidates filed for the impending primary

-Horace Greely.

Results and futurity belong to God.

ture our law-makers as "the bill jugglers."

Duty and today are ours.

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withdrawing for them.

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THE BEE: OMAHA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1915.

Greater Omaha Assured.

By the acceptance of the amended consolidation bill by both houses of the legislature, sending the measure to the governor, who will no doubt approve, the long awaited merger of city and suburbs into a Greater Omaha seems to be assured. A few preliminary steps will still remain, which, however, should be com-passed without meeting serious obstacles.

It is not the disposition of The Bee to shoul before out of the woods, yet it cannot refrain from self-congratulation, and congratulation of those who have been instrumental with us to promoting this end. The chief congratulation, it goes without saying, belongs to the people whose future is bound up in the Greater Omaha to be-to all of them, no matter what part of the consolidated territory they live in.

The Bee has courageously and consistently urged and advocated the movement for Greater Omaha in the only practical way for its success. Its imminent achievement cannot fail to stimulate the city's progress and business expansion, if our people will but wake up to and selze the larger opportunities that are sure to be theirs.

Will Great Britain Go Dry?

David Lloyd George has startled Great Britain on so many occasions that his present demand for the suppression of public sale of liquor in the United Kingdom will not carry with it the sensation it might had it been made some months ago. It is of chief importance because it will bring home to the people of England just a little more closely that they are engaged in a war which is disturbing the comfortable routine of their well ordered lives. The chancellor is impelled not by any high motives of reform, but makes his demand in order that workmen may be secured to mend battleships and produce new weapons of war.

Application of prohibition as a step to stop the British workman's long established custom of spending a large proportion of his time in making merry may result in complications that even the zeal of a very efficacious cabinet officer cannot readily overcome. The British notion of liberty is quite different from that pertaining in Russia, or even France, and while the czar might by executive order discontinue the sale of vodka, it may well be doubted if the people of England awaiting re-occupation by the troops still on the will patiently submit to such exercise of regal prerogative, even as a war measure. It isn't so very long since the "tight little isle" resounded with a campaign slogan that emphatically said, "D-n the eyes of 'oo hever 'ries to deprive the poor man of his beer." An election turned on Governor Morehead is painfully precipitate. "that, and a cabinet went down in chorus of the He might have given those lobbyists time to doll bibulous. Lesser issues have been occasion for up their innocent faces before holding up the civil war in England.

The matter is another of the queer turns taken as a result of the war, showing how dis-Those big blackmailing conspirators in the turbing its effects have already been on what seemed to be fixed and definitely settled customs brasks, where shake-down lawyers seem to bo and manners of the world. Even greater changes in the old order may be looked for.

The Governor and the Ladies.

may not be able to withdraw. But there is Again has the somnolence of the state house nothing to prevent the voters from doing the been disturbed by what almost amounts to a dispute involving the veracity either of the governor or of a group of fair ladies who are banded The pressure of public business promises to together in the cause of votes for women. These keep our law-makers running for commissionerladies sought executive disapproval of a mensure designed to mutilate the law regulating the hours of labor for women in Nebraska. The governor, having already attached his signature to the measure, engaged in 'a colloguy with the delegation, during which some frank views concerning the general qualifications, or lack of such, of the legislators were emphatically expressed. These undignified proceedings coming to the attention of the gentlemen of the press, ever present on such occasions, publicity followed, and much uneasiness in the executive chamber. The governor hurried over to the legislature to inform that august body that the opinions quoted in the press were not his, and to indulge in some further animadversion concerning the lobby, and especially the feminine lobby, and more especially that portion of it which is connected with the pay roll of the state. By this means the governor has brought the matter very closely home to one woman. Her rejoinder is yet to be made, but it will doubtless be worth reading when it does come. In the meantime, the democrats are preserving their dignity at all hazards, even if they have to fight the women folks to do it.

Aimed at Omaha

Shelton Clipper: The opening of two fine hotels in Omaha within the last month is evidence of development and advancement of Nebraska's wonderful resources. Taking into consideration the rapid growth made by Omaha and other towns in the state, if speaks volumes for the productiveness of our soil and the increased trade to all lines of business. While less favored sections are complaining of lack of bustness, Nebraska is gradually forging ahead and is nearing the topmost round of the ladder

Silver Creek Sand; There is one thing about the Omaha scraps every session of the Nebraska legis lature that is beneficial to the state. That city's affairs take up so much of the time of the solons that they do not have time to pass as many bad laws as they otherwise would.

Fremont Tribune: The Schoolmasters' club seem to be elected a goat by the Omaha papers. At its last meeting a few days ago it was published that State Superintendent Thomas had made application for membership and that he had been rejected. The truth according to one of the members of that distinguished if not now notorious club, there was no application for membership from Mr. Thomas and absolutely no consideration of the subject. Mr. Thomas has achieved the position of state superintendent partly on the strength of his alleged treatment by the Schoolmasters' club and he is sensibly trying to forget it, that harmony may prevail in school circles. The club is also anxious to forget IL. and when they are both saying less than nothing about it, it does not appear to be good policy for newspaper enterprise to be shaking any red rags.

Bridgeport News-Blade: The Omaha Bee says the work in the Omaha postoffice is to be switched Perhaps so; but we will wager a dollar against a doughnut that the fellow who does the least work will continue to draw the biggest salary.

Oxford Standard: Omaha and Douglas county, special legislation has consumed a large share of the Nebraska lawmakers' time this winter, are very unappreciative when asked for something that might be of benefit to the farmers of the western part of the state. We refer particularly to the vote of the Douglas delegation on the good roads bill, which they "effectually buried. Omaha's streets are paved. What do they care about good roads.

uildings during the year 1915, the total cost of which will amount to \$3,000,000. Verily, there is nothing the matter with the metropolis of Nebraska,

Grand Island Independent: The symptoms of rebellion and mutiny shown by those Omaha democrats, who want to annex South Omaha and a few Indian villages on the border, as against Chairman Thomp-son's dvice, demonstrates again that useasy lies the head that wears a crown. What's in a state chairmnship, anyway, if you can't swing it around a couple of times?



It Still Rings True.

Miss Ida Tarbell, the sociologist and social historian, was talking at the Colony club at New York about some of the remarkable statements that had made before the Commission on Industrial Relations.

"It's all very fine," Miss Tarbell said. "It's all very fine indeed. At the same time the story about George still rings fairly true. "As old George was curry-combing a big bay

horse, his boss, a multimillionaire, stopped on his way through the millyard and said: Hello, George!

moved out with commendable prompt-"'Hello, Mr. Jones,' said George, currying away. ness and dispatch. If the wonderful "The boss puffed good-naturedly on his 25-cent policy of "watchful waiting" had been cigar. Then he said: invented fifty years ago and adhered to ever since, Maximilian would have been

'How goes it, George?' 'Bair to middlin',' George answered. 'Fair to

middlin Thore was a pauss. Suddenly George said:

'Me and this here hoss, Mr. Jones, me and this here hoss has been aworkin' for you steady for seven- that



Going Backward.

LINCOLN March 30-To the Editor of

laundries or other institutions employing

female labor can locate an office in cities.

over 5,000 and move their factories to the

small suburbs, and work the women as

many hours a day as they see fit, and

the women and girls will have no protec-

tion. It is no wonder to my mind that

Miss Eaves and others entered a protest

against this said vicious bill which the

governor has signed. The people of Ne-

braska, especially the laboring people,

ture carry out the promise of their plat-

form, which was in favor of an eight-

Grateful to a Corporation.

transportation back in a Pullman sleeper,

I am better now, but I am not yet able

to work, and the company has me still

I wish to express my sincere thanks to

the company for all its kindness and

The Mexican Policy.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 30 .- To the

Editor of The Bee: The British govern-

ment will make no modification in its

"paper blockade" policy, although our

president has entered his protest against

if. Those Englishmen have probably made

note of his correspondence with the vari-

ous Mexican bandits and know that he

cannot do anything worse than write an-

other letter, which might, perhaps, hurt

History shows that protests and re-

nonstrances emanating from Washington

carried more weight in former times.

When Napoleon III was politely and

diplomatically informed that the Mexican climate might become decidedly unhealthy

for French soldiers, he took the hint and

emperor of Mexico today and would prob-

Panama and the canal zone to his domain

ably have added Central

their feelings, but would neither cripple

nor kill anybody or anything.

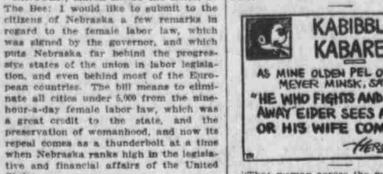
ANDREW CARSTENSEN.

sympathy shown me during my long ill-

FRED EISSLER.

cript.

hould insist that the democratic legisla-



They are the combatants in a big fight extemporized on the street whan they met they met. "And who is the man with black eyes, a broken nose, bloody all over and moaning with pain, they have just car-ried away in an ambulance. Was he in the fight, too?" "Oh. so. He's only a neutral."-Balti-

shum. "Maybe this year it will go dry for keeps. Then we might work up a proposition to loosen up some expendi-tures by having it paved as a public high-way."-Washington Star.

"Who are those two men who are struting about surrounded by admiring crowde"

"Oh, no. He's more American.

STUMPING THE ELOCUTIONISTS

Detroit Pres Press. Detroit Pree Fress. Hark! the cry that fills the air: Przemysi has failen! Children shout it everywhere: Przemysi has failen! Hearts that once were sore and sat Now are light as froih and glad; Joy is czar in Petrourad. Przemysi has failen!

On the wires the message files: Praemysi has fallen! It's Marconied through the skies, Przemysi has fallen!

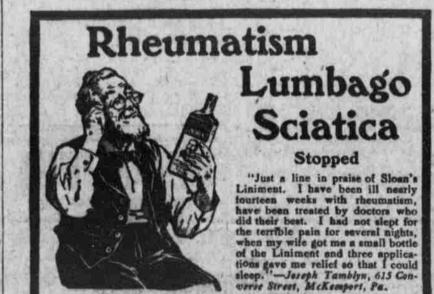
Songs of happiness are sung. Beard of gray and smiling young, Trip this gayly from the tongue: Pracmysi has fallen!

Mothers teach their babes to shout Przemysi has fallen! Przemysi nas talen: Stammerers proudly spit it out: Przemysi has f-f-fallen: Everyono the mesaase grips. Mutes, condemned to silent lips, Roll it from their finger ups: Przemysi has fallen!

Round the world the message rolls:

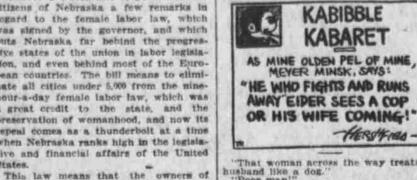
Round the world the message rolls: Przemysł has fallen! It is lisped by neutral souls: Przemysł has fallen! Tots in school their hands now raise To the teacher-eyes ablaze-Eagerly to use this phrase: Przemysł has fallen!

The best 300 you ever spent - if it bought you a Gordon Hat.



GRINS AND GROANS.

"So you think our friend would "nake a good official?" "I didn't say that," replied Senator Serghum. 'I said I thought he could be elected. It isn't a question of what kind of an official a man would make It's what kind of a candidate."-Washington Star. Star



HERSTFIELD -"That woman across the way treats her usband like a dog."

"Poor man!" "On, he likes it! She's always feeding "On, he likes it! She's always feeding nd petting him."-Cleveland Plain Dealer, net ing Young Doctor's Wife-Mary, go and tell be doctor there's a patient waiting to see

Maid-I wish you'd go, ma'am. maybe wouldn't believe me.-Life. He

Hokus-I admit that Jack Dashaway is going the pace, but, neverthless, he's a brick Pokus-Well, I hope he's one of the fire-proof kind.-Judge. Mrs. Newedd (complaining)-When we go anywhere now we have to take the old street car. Before our marriage you always called a taxi. Newedd-Yes; that's the reason we have to take a street car now.-Boston Trans-cript.

OMAHA, March 32-To the Editor of House Cat (to Flock of Sparrows)-No use sticking around today, birdles-there ain't going to be any crumbs. One Sparrow-Folks gone away? House Cat-No; but they are going to have breaded yeal chops for tomorrow.--Puck. The Bee: I have lately heard and read



so much against the Omaha Electric Light and Power company that I think will only be fair to give to that company the justice belonging to it. Seven years ago I went to work as ianitor at the company's office and worked steady there till June 1, 1914, when took sick with asthma and was laid

up in my home. For six months the company paid me my full wages, and on its expense I was sent to Colorado Springs,

States.

hour law.

on its payroll.

2875 Ohio street.

where I stayed one month. When I did not get better the company paid my

Hastings Tribune. Omaha is to crect nine new

ship jobs at Lincoln during the preliminary campaign. Gee, but that's tough!

It is possible to fool with state laws, county laws and city laws, and get away with the goods occasionally. Doing a like job with. Uncle Sam's laws rarely escape collision with a buzz SHW.

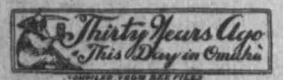
But why do those self-styled organs of reform connive with their silence in the desperate efforts of the sheriff, and his hired lobbyist, to break into the county treasury again by the jailfeeding route?

But the biggent boost of all for "Prosperous Omaha" would be to blazon forth to the world consolidation with the suburbs into a Greater Omaha of nearly 200,000 population, that would put our city in the rank where it belongs.

Every Douglas county taxpayer is opposed to the jail-feeding graft except those who hope to have a hand in the divvy or are in some way intluenced by the grafters. Why do not the other Omaha newspapers join The Bee to stop this steal?

No notice of the regular April reception will be sent out, nevertheless the Douglas county palace will be open for inspection during business hours, and special inducements will be offered visitors to leave some of their money at the treasurer's office.

The three-appraiser purchase plan was exactly what the old water company wanted, and in practice it operated to mulct the taxpayers to the tune of an extra \$1,500,000 over what they could have bought the water plant for. Is it any wonder some folks are skittish about drawing cards in the three-appraiser game again?



March went out like a lamb. The day was of senuine spring character-just the sort of a day the youngster chooses to play hookey.

There was a general battle among the labor unions, so the reporter learned. The question was, "Shall we postpone the nine-hour movement until June 77 It was postponed.

A subscription list for the base hall enterprise has been placed in Arthur Saxe's drug store, where all interested are asked to subscribe as liberally as pos-

Omaha theater-goers are looking forward to the ppearance of the comedians, Robson and Crane, in their new play, "Cheruba"

"Tam" Beebs, for some time connected with the Omana National' hank, left for Council Bluffs, where he enters partnership is a commission firm under the name of Lehman & Beebe.

A report of appraisers, Bauer, Broatch and Gio-bon, allows some \$2,300 for damage on the extension of Douglas from Twenty-fifth to Jefferson.

M. A. Mr.Namara, Fourisenth and Farnani, will pay a reward for a large topas ring, gold mounted, which he lost in the visibility of the Leavenworth

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Our Relations with South America.

At a luncheon given by Ambassador Naon of Argentina, in his honor, President Wilson expressed the opinion that a warmer feeling is growing between the republics of. North and South America, and that he hoped to see them welded in such close bonds of friendship as will hold them solidly together. Mr. Wilson's language is such as would leave the inference in the mind of a casual observer that this community of interest is a recent discovery, and that it is being carefully fostered by the democrats as a part of a policy original with them. This remarkable assumption of credit is but a part of a program which has been steadily claiming for the present administration most of what has been accomplished in late years by the republicans.

During the campaign of 1912, and following, the democrats hooted at "dollar diplomacy," and scotfed at all the republicans had done to bring about a better understanding between the United States and its neighbors of the three Americas. When, in 1889, James G. Blaine entered the cabinet of President Harrison he undertook to brinz the American republics into closer political and commercial communion through his policy of reciprocity. This was later nullified and praclically eviscerated by a democratic congress, of which William Jounings Bryan was a distinguished member, Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft each made the matter of relations with these neighbors a prominent part of his administrative program. It was derided by the democrats as "dollar diplomacy," but it meant an extension of trade and a more cordial understanding between the people.

Now the democrats see the value of the work they ridiculed, and, seeking to reap where they have not sown, applaud the president when he borrows republican precedent in order to parade himself as a far-seeing statesman.

teen years.

Well, well!' said Jones, remembering a little guiltily George's 37 a week. "Well, well!" he repeated. 'And I guess you find you're both pretty highly valued -hey what-George?"

Well,' said George, 'we was both took sick last week, and they got a doctor for the hoss, but they just docked my pay." -- St. Louis Giobe-Democrat.

Samothing of a Shock.

Jones kept a grocery store in a western town. One afternoon a friend found the proprietor in an agitated state of mind.

"Whats the matter, old man?" greeted the friend, "You look as if seating himself on an empty box.

you might be somewhat disturbed." "I am," admitted the proprietor, with something akin to a soulful sigh. "The inspector of weights and ensures has just been here.

"I see" I see!" laughed the friend. "Caught you giving fifteen ounces for a pound, did he?"

"Worse than that, Bill," responded the proprietor, with another prolonged sigh. "He said I had been giving seventeen."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

On to His Job.

A British officer inspecting sentries gurading the line in Flanders came acress a raw-looking yeoman. "What are you here for?" he asked.

"To report anything unusual, sir." "What would you call unusual?"

"I dunno exactly, sir."

What would you do if you saw five battleships steaming across that field yonder"'

People and Events

Czar Nicholas has decorated a moving picture operator for bravery on the field. He caught the caar in the act of shooting fierce glances at the enemy's tranches.

You remember Francis Schlatter, the famous "healer" who drew excursion trainloads of people to Denver, years ago? The original, or one bearing his name, is operating near Cincinnati and doing considerable business, too.

Primaries for nominees for mayor of Plainfield. N. J., turned into a common frost. Out of a population of 1,000 only twenty-five votes were cast, all by men, no women appearing at the polls to exercise the glorious privilege.

A New York judge solved the disputed ownership of a flock of pigeons by ordering the release of the They flow to their roosts. "That settles it." birds. remarked the judge to the shady claimant. "You might fool me, but you can't fool the pigeons."

Publicity is going forward by leaps and bounds, man at Jerseyville, Ill.; instead of taking them to a policeman, chose the better course of telling his troubles to the whole town by means of a paid advertisement.

Down Baltimore way the very latest peril is a whitecap movement by unionized trained nurses to give legal force to the union scale of \$25 and \$50 a week, and exclude from the sickrooms untrimmed scale cutters. The danger may be disposed of by ob serving one simple commandment, "Don't get sick,"

'An impatient base ball fan in Uncle Joe Cannon's home town informed Judge Landia by letter that "any school boy could decide the base ball suit in three days." Sure thing. School boys have the advaniage of theory and practice right off the bat, while age, swathed in judicial robes, waddles around in the back field.

The bello of a French line steamer in New York has ditched three soldier lovers-one because he lost a leg, another because he died and the third because he couldn't run fast enough to escape the enemy "I can't marry a mun with only one leg." she observed, forgetting in her tears the advantages of a detachable leg where cats and dogs are family pets. | dustry, all too busy to start trouble.

long ago. And it may be safely added that none of the present day bandit generals would have gone unhung as they O. S. HERVIN. now do.



America

Louisville Courier Journal: Venders of silk stockings deplore the agitation for street cars that can be entered without atimbing.

Boston Transcript: "Mexican hemp dealers are asking the aid of the Washington government." We know of no interests in Mexico more deserving of encoursgement.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Nebroska's last legislature submitted three constitutional amendments, not one of which was ratified at the polls. Speaking of legislatures going out of business, the voters in many states are nearly putting them out. How they do act!

Indianapolis News: According to Mr. Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific, the deal condition for railroads, would be "a single private control of the railroads in the United States, not exposed to gov-ernment regulation." And that surely would be an ideal condition-for the controller.

Philadelphia Inquirer: The women of Indiana have demonstrated their influence by compelling the legislature of the state to pass a "lazy husband law." This proves that when the fair sex wants anying very much it is likely to get it. But an examination of the law is apt to arouse some misgivings as to its effectiveness. It provides that every husband who talls to provide wife and children-that is, wilfully falls-with food, clothing and medical attention shall be subject to a fine or an imprisonment of six months in the county jail. Now what can be more alluring to a lany man-whether he is a husband or not-than a six months' stay in the county jail?

Around the Cities

The jitney has arrived at Philadelphia and is labeled on both sides: Jitney bus. To anywhere 5c."

San Francisco's big show represents an outlay of \$45,000,000. There are 250 separate buildings and \$,000 exhibitors.

Salt Lake City's city commission has received from contractors a petition asking that a minimum wage for laborers be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

A loud howl against jitneys is heard in Topeka, Kan. It comes from private owners of Ford cars, who resent being mistaken for litneys. The howl carries a request to the city authorities to require sitney owners to paint their cars yellow. Sloux City voters approved the proposition to supply free text books at the public schools, and also a bond issue of \$6,006 for new school buildings. Women had the right to vote on these school questions, but only thirty availed themselves of the privilege.

Lewiston, Pu., police reported only one arrest for the month of February and the running expense of the lockup was only 3 cents. Lewiston has a population of 10.000, mostly laborers in the steel in-

