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Thought for the Day. Selected by T. S. Walthemeyer. Duty and today are ours. Results and futurity belong to God.

Perhaps it would be more appropriate to picture our law-makers as "the bill jugglers."

In the meantime, Omaha's military posts are awaiting re-occupation by the troops still on the border.

Some other Nebraska statesmen might also be willing to move to New York for a \$15,000-a-year job.

Governor Morehead is painfully precipitate. He might have given those lobbyists time to doll up their innocent faces before holding up the mirror.

Those big blackmailing conspirators in the nets in New York should have operated in Nebraska, where shake-down lawyers seem to be immune.

Candidates filed for the impending primary may not be able to withdraw. But there is nothing to prevent the voters from doing the withdrawing for them.

The pressure of public business promises to keep our law-makers running for commissioner-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 saw.

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 jail-feeding route?

But the biggest boost of all for "Prosperous Omaha" would be to blazon forth to the world consolidation with the suburbs into a Greater Omaha of nearly 500,000 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 influenced 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 mulet 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 a genuine spring character—just the sort of a day the youngsters choose to play hooky.

There was a general battle among the labor unions in the morning. The union was "shall we postpone the nine-hour movement until June?" It was postponed.

A subscription list for the base ball enterprise has been placed in Arthur Bax's drug store, where all interested are asked to subscribe as liberally as possible.

Omaha theater-goers are looking forward to the appearance of the comedians, Johnson and Crane, in their new play, "Cherubs."

"The" Bee, for some time connected with the Omaha National bank, left for Council Bluffs, where it enters partnership in a commission firm under the name of Lehman & Beebe.

A report of appraisers, Baxer, Branch and Gilman, allows some \$150 for damage on the extension of Douglas from Twenty-fifth to Jefferson.

M. A. McNamara, fourth and Farnam, will say a reward for a large topaz ring, gold mounted, which he lost in the vicinity of the Leavenworth school.

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.

It is not the disposition of The Bee to shout before out of the woods, yet it cannot refrain from self-congratulation, and congratulation of those who have been instrumental with us in promoting this end.

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, for our people will but wake up and seize the larger opportunities that are sure to be theirs.

Will Great Britain Go Dry?

David Lloyd George has started 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.

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 will patiently submit to such exercise of regal prerogative, even as a war measure.

The matter is another of the queer turns taken as a result of the war, showing how disturbing its effects have already been on what seemed to be fixed and definitely settled customs and manners of the world.

Again has the solemnness of the state house been disturbed by what amounts to a dispute involving the veracity either of the governor or of a group of fair ladies who are banded together in the cause of votes for women.

The governor, having already attached his signature to the measure, engaged in a colloquy 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.

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 scoffed 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 1899, James G. Blaine entered the cabinet of President Harrison he undertook to bring the American republics into closer political and commercial communion through his policy of reciprocity.

This was later nullified and practically eviscerated by a democratic congress, of which William Jennings 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.

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.

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Going Backward. LINCOLN, March 30.—The Editor of The Bee: I would like to submit to the citizens of Nebraska a few remarks in regard to the female labor law, which was signed by the governor, and which puts Nebraska far behind the progressive states of the union in labor legislation, and even behind most of the European countries.

This law means that the owners 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 protection. 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.

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GRINS AND GROANS.

"So you think our friend would make a good official?" "I didn't say that," replied Senator Sorghum. "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.

"Who are those two men who are strutting about surrounded by admiring crowds?" "They are the combatants in a big fight extemporized on the street when they met." "And who is the man with black eyes, a broken nose, blood all over, and moaning with pain, they have just carried away in an ambulance. Was he in the fight, too?" "Oh, no. He's only a neutral."—Baltimore American.

Stumping the Elocutionists. Detroit Free Press. Hark! the cry that fills the air: Przemysl has fallen! Children shout it everywhere: Przemysl has fallen! Hearts that once were sore and sad: Joy is near in Petrograd. Przemysl has fallen!

On the wires the message flies: Przemysl has fallen! It's Przemysl through the skies. Przemysl has fallen! Songs of happiness are sung: Heard of gray and smiling young, Trip this gaily from the tongue: Przemysl has fallen!

Mothers teach their babes to shout: Przemysl has fallen! Stampeters proudly spit it out: Przemysl has fallen! Everyone the message grips, Nites, condemned to silent lips, Tell it from their finger tips: Przemysl has fallen!

Round the world the message rolls: Przemysl has fallen! It is loped by neutral souls: Przemysl has fallen! Tots in school their hands now raise: To the teacher—eyes ablaze— Przemysl has fallen!

It is told by Jones and Smith, Przemysl has fallen! It's a flash to conjure with: Przemysl has fallen! Hardy elocutionist, Unto whom all things are glist: Dares you add this to your list? Przemysl has fallen!

"What are your constituents going to do about your failure to get an appropriation for Crawfish creek?" "I don't know," replied Senator Sorghum.

House Cat (to Flock of Sparrows)—No use sticking around today, birds—there ain't going to be any crumbs. One Sparrow—Folks gone away? House Cat—No, but they are going to have breaded veal chops for tomorrow.—Puck.

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to the company for all its kindness and sympathy shown me during my long illness." ANDREW CARSTENSEN. 275 Ohio street.

The Mexican Policy. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: The British government will make no modification in its "paper blockade" policy, although our president has entered his protest against it.

History shows that protests and remonstrances 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 moved out with commendable promptness and dispatch.

It is a pity that the present day bandit generals would have gone unwhipped as they now do. O. S. HERVING.

Editorial Viewpoint. Louisville Courier Journal: Vendors of silk stockings deplore the agitation for street cars that can be entered without climbing.

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

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Nebraska'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 so!

Indianapolis News: According to Mr. Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific, the ideal condition for railroads would be "a single private control of the railroads in the United States, not exposed to government 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 anything 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 fails to provide wife and children—that is, who willfully fails—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 lazy 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 5,000 exhibitors.

Balt 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 jitneys. The howl carries a request to the city authorities to require jitney owners to paint their cars yellow.

Sioux City voters approved the proposition to supply free text books at the public schools, and also a bond issue of \$250,000 for new school buildings. Women had the right to vote on these school questions, but only thirty availed themselves of the privilege.

Lewiston, Pa., 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 20,000, mostly laborers in the steel industry, all too busy to start trouble.

KABIBBLE KABARET. AS MINE OLSEN PEL OF MINE, MEYER, MINSK, SAYS: "HE WHO FIGHTS AND RUNS AWAY EIDER SEES A COP OR HIS WIFE COMING!"

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

Rheumatism Lumbago Sciatica Stopped. Just a line in praise of Sloan's Liniment. I have been ill nearly fourteen weeks with rheumatism, have been treated by doctors who did their best. I had not slept for the terrible pain for several nights, when my wife got me a small bottle of the Liniment and three applications gave me relief so that I could sleep. —Joseph Tamlyn, 615 Conover Street, McKeesport, Pa.

Win it Back. WHEN a man loses his cigar taste he's probably been smoking more heavy cigars than he ought. The frequent shift to a "modulated" Havana—like the Tom Moore—would go a long way toward winning back the old delight. Many veteran smokers have tried this and they always come back for Moore. TOM MOORE CIGAR 10¢ LITTLE TOM 5¢. "Like father like son" describes the good smoking qualities of Little Tom. Best & Russell Cigar Co., 612 S. 16th St., Omaha, Distributor.

Pride is justified when you wear THE LANPHER HAT.

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