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Thought for the Day Selected by Mary Louise Adams

All that is, at all, Lasts ever past recall; Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure; What entered into thee. That was, is, and shall be:

Time's wheel runs back or stops

If you are still unregistered, don't blame anyone but yourself for keeping you from voting.

Potter and clay endure. - Rob't Browning.

Everybody seems to be for the proposed school bonds. If anyone is fighting them, he is keeping mighty quiet about it.

But piling up all that surplus to the credit of the water fund only proves that the rates exacted from water users in Omaha are altogether higher than they ought to be.

Lincoln High school debaters have carried off the trophy from our Omaha High school oraters. Never mind, boys, remember the copybook adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

But why should our amiable contemporary, the World-Herald, go out of its way to conceal the fact that the candidate's experience as an advertising solicitor was as an employe of that

Washington is actively competing with Rome and Amsterdam in the production of peace rumors. The home article, bowever, has the advantage of bearing the sign of quality, "Made in the U. S."

A visiting Methodist bishop declares that "no state needs prohibition, more than Nebrasks." That's a matter of viewpoint. We venture to assert, also, that no state needs prohibition less than Nebraska.

Away back in 4100 B. C., hieroglyphics on stone show that candidates for office pledged themselves to work in the interest of the whole people. Despite the progress of mankind in other lines, modern officeseekers have not passed the ancient promising point.

A Chicago preacher enlivened the galety of his pulpit and edified his flock by interpreting the gospel of pugilism and laying down rules of conduct for the newly-arrived "White hope." While such forward-looking ministers adorn the profession the charge of pulpit backwardness cannot be sustained.

The budget of the empire state for the coming fiscal year foots up \$66,000,000, exclusive of special appropriations which will run the total up to \$76,000,000, and exceed last year's total by \$14,000,000. This is equal to a per capita of of \$8.44. Nebraska's per capita stands at \$3.40. Comparatively, in the matter of state expense, the Antelope state is in the jitney class,

The newscomer in Omaha should understand that in order to vote at the impending city election be must be registered ten days in advance. And this applies also to every other resident not yet registered or who may have moved from one voting district to another. There is nothing se provoking as to be turned away from the polls because unable to find one's name in the books, but with few exceptions the fault is due to the victim's neglect.

Local fans are agog for the opening game of the Vestern league season in Omaha with the Cleveland

It will be interesting to Omaha people to know that the new novel, "The Duanes," which is creating ite a furere in the literary world, is the production of Mrs. Alice King Hamilton, the wife of Captain Esmilton of Fort Omahs.

Dr. R. C. Moore has gone to New Orleans to at end the annual meeting of the American Medical as

Charles W. Van Tuyi of the freight auditing deassistant chief clerk. The finder of a woman's shell case gold watch

Waitham movement, will be rewarded for leaving it at Edholm & Erickson's. Parties wishing a seamstress guaranteeing cutting and fitting satisfactorily will address Mrs. J. Arnold,

North Stateenth street. Mrs. W. A. Paxton has gone to visit her son now American Neutrality for Americans.

It was hardly to be expected that the enthusiasts for war in the countries now engaged in combat would endorse the sentiments expressed by the president in his neutrality speech at New York. He must have had this thought in mind when he gave utterance to his admonition to his countrymen to be Americans first, last and all the time. But why should either England or Germany think that the United States should espouse its cause? Each claims to be fighting the fight of civilization, of progress against tyranny and for the advancement of humanity. An observer situated as is Uncle Sam must be impressed with the thought that if these belligerents were sincere in their professions they might have achieved their desires without going to war. To be sure, they have just now the support of no less an authority than Dr. Lyman Abbott, who says the war is an agency for the uplift of humanity, although he doesn't go into details and explain how the race is to be benefited by the wholesale butchery of men and wanton waste of property that is now

For 139 years the United States has been dedicated to human liberty and to peace. It has engaged in war, but only when driven to it, and when no other recourse was open. Its wars have always been in defense of and to maintain human rights and liberty. It may some day again be involved in war, but it will not be through adopting the quarrel of one friendly nation against another.

The most satisfactory endorsement the neutrality policy of the United States could possibly have is that both sides to the fighting find fault with us for not favoring them.

The Colonel in Court.

Quite aside from its importance as a suit at law between two prominent citizens of a great state, the libel case now on trial at Syracuse has features that command the attention of the public. In other times the defendant in this case has expressed his personal views as to the course of justice in America, and has suggested some changes he holds would be good for all. Now, as we view him actually in court, we may have a concrete illustration of the application of his theories. Here we see him questioning the lawyers, enlightening the judge, debating law points for the jurors, and now and again joining in the general laughter that follows on his words. He shows heat, indignation, even anger; he is genial, affable, sardonic, elusive, frank, reticent and eager, and always keeps himself just a little bit ahead of the others, as a good general should.

Whether the ancient dignity of the court will survive the shock, and it probably will, it will have a set of precedents for the hearing and determination of personal suits that will be well worth preserving.

Two Good Men.

In every election it is the "outs" against the 'ina," but in our present city campaign there is no special reason for making the issue "administration" or "anti-administration." As we see it, it is merely a question up to the voters to select out of the fourteen names to go on the official ballot the candidates who promise to make the best and most efficient public servants. Everybody knows what the present incumbents have done, and may be expected to continue to do, while their competitors must be judged on records in public or private business previously

For the primary The Bee commended several commissionership aspirants to the favor of those who believe there is room for improvement in the city hall, and we repeat for the election what we then said about them:

Walter S. Jardine-Transfer and Merchants' Express; a business man who has made a success of his business, and of demonstrated executive ability. For years an Ak-Sar-Ben governor, never shirking his work nor loafing on the job.

Harry B. Zimman-Formerly mayor of Omaha. Started as a grocery clerk, now in law office of Weaver & Giller. Student of municipal government, and more familiar with Omaha's civic needs than any

The fact that these two candidates ran highest of all the sixty-six competitors against the incumbent seven must attest their comparative strength with the public when standing on their own individual merits.

Democratic Prospects in Nebraska.

Our Nebraska democratic brethren at the present writing seem about as happy as they ever can hope to be. More than the usual number of rows are breeding in the camp, and the followers of the donkey see a fight in whatever way they turn their eyes. Principal of these will be the personally conducted contest between a senator of the United States and the premier of President Wilson's cabinet.

The senator is very busily strewing tacks and broken glass along the path over which tho Bryan charlot will be expected to pass at the time of the primaries next spring. The secretary of state is preparing softly but surely to go through the anti-Bryan fences just as he did at Baltimore. Followers of Champ Clark and others on the outside pretend to see occasion for great rejoicing in the belief that Bryan has lost his grip on his home state. They don't know Bryan, that's all. Both Bryan and Hitchcock appear to pay Governor Morehead the compliment of considering him a possibility, by trying to knock holes in any boomlet he may be in-

Local leaders of the party are getting ready to go one way or the other, as the going seems best, and the underfed donkey still mourns because the big Nebraska federal plums are still out of reach. The names of good republicans are still being signed to the payroll in places where loyal domocrats long to write theirs. The prospect for a beautiful fight between the democratic factions in Nebraska was never more

San Francisco is much gratified with the exposition gate receipts, which have exceeded expenses during the first two months. To the stockholders the showing raises hopes of dividends at the finish. Exposition dividends are exceedingly rare, Omaha standing at the cop and almost alone with 90 per cent repaid to stockholders of the Transmississippi exposition.

Patronizing home industry should be made living fact, not a vocal theory. If it is necessary to go to Chicago for auditors of account books it is up to the Commercial club to fill that vacancy in Omaha's cierical equipment.

The Political Caldron

W ELL, yes, a city campaign is now in progress. It is a going concern. The forty-two-centimeter political popguns have been placed upon their mountings and the opposing forces are lining up for the symkana. There must be something to fight about, that is certain, just as there is in every fight. In this case one coterie of men want to retain their places in the city hall and another group believe they have a call to administer the public's business. On May 4 the public will referee the bout and announce the winners.

Up to date the campaign has been a sort of Chesterfieldian affair, but the participants are beginning to inject a little tabasco into the menu. During primary campaign the worst words used were "capitalistic cockroach," but the final contest promises now to overshadow the preliminaries.

Mayor Dahlman, the other evening, conferred the degrees of "green guys," upon the six "people's candidates," as they are now known, being otherwise designated as the "antis" or "outs." The mayor said a mouthful when he called his opponents green guys. To be a green guy means quite a lot. Green is quite a popular shade, much in vogue in the springtime. To be a plain everyday guy would be an indefinite description, because there are "good guys," and "bad guys" just ordinary "guys." But to be a green guymy word-that is the something which makes the populace sit up and take notice. The people's candidates are smarting under this classification of the mayor's, however, and they threaten to search Webster's book of words for some orthografic concection which will make the mayor and his crew take to the booby hatch.

This makes us ask, are we going to have a campaign of mud-slinging and back-biting. Gentlemen! Are we to hear a lot of recriminations, maledictions, invectives, expletives, imprecations, anathemas, persiflage, folderol and badinage? Are our senses of hearing to be assaulted by incendiary aspersions? Are the combatant candidates going to engage in a forensic

It seems that some certain candidates are in danger of having their hands tied by some unscrupulous buccaneer or pirate who stalks abroad looking for unsuspecting officials. It must be so, because several candidates have promised that if elected they will not permit their hands to be tied by anybody. They will repulse icily anybody who would attempt to enmest their hands in an way. The painful spectacle of viewing a city commissioner going to work with his hands tied will not be necessary longer and the base churl who has been tieing the hands of our city officials had better beat it right away.

The campaign is bringing out a new crop of orators and one of these exponents of public speaking is Edward Simon. When Mr. Simon appeared a few evenings ago before the customary political audience, he made a decided hit. He ran the gamut from the gay to the grave and he used with fine effect all of the arts of the forum. He referred to the mother's pension law which he put through the legislature and he conjured up touching word pictures of the tired mother and her little ones saved from separation by the operation of his new law. He surprised and overwhelmed even the mayor who is an old hand at the speaking

Talking of public talkers again, there is Harry Zimman, who takes after Bob La Foliette in that he likes to cite to the records as the best evidence. He will hark back to councilmanic doings of years gone by and pour out municipal statistics, physical valuations and other refreshing aqueous and electrical fluids. Zimman started speaking pieces when he worked in a Douglas street grocery store years ago. He learned self-confidence by meeting the public as customers from day to day and spoke his first declamation at a Sunday school picnic. Now he is classed as one of the foremost political orators in the arena. The people's candidates have a few other worthhearing speakers, too-more or less worth-hearingsuch as M. O. Cunningham, D. C. Patterson, W. F. Baxter, William Clancy, C. F. Harrison and L. J. Dunn. not candidates, but just oratorical volunteers. On the other or administration side the aeronauts are H. B. Fieharty, L. J. Piatti, L. J. TePoel, J. A. Rine and Tem Flynn.

Refers the battle of the ballots on May 4 we are promised a battle of the bottle, according to the mayor's latest pronouncement. He avers that he will make the antis draw cards in the game of wet and dry whether they will or not. He says he is captain of the ship and adds that he is some captain. He is now learning a lot of nautical terms which he will use as the campaign progresses.

Which reminds us, no one has yet promised to go gunning for the gunmen of which it was so imperative to rid Omaha, last fall when the political big guns were shooting at the governorship target. Who first?

The slate-makers are already busy and all kinds of "slates" are coming out of their hiding places. The number of combinations of seven or less than sever that can be formed out of fourteen is within the possibilities of exact mathematical calculation. That is the number of "slates" that will be out before the polls close on the last vote deposited in the box

Twice Told Tales

A Bit of Concelt. "My brother in the trenches," said a French chef of Milwaukee, "writes me a little anecdote about

General Joffre, the generalissimo, you know. "Our brave Joffre was examining a map while under fire. The map was held by a young subaltern, a boy of 16 from the military school of St. Cyr. Bang! S-s-c! went the marmites and Jack Johnsons and whistling Willies-for so they call those shells, you know-and the boy could not help starting and trem-

bling as he held the map, and this lost our brave "The generalissime was vexed when he lost his place three or four times, and he said to the boy

" 'Volla, you are too conceited, dodging the shells like that! Do you suppose the Boches aim those ex-pensive shells at you? You are only a little boy soldier. Do you take yourself for a cathedral? "-Mil-

A Feeler.

Pete, the hired man, was known for his prodigious appetite. One morning he had eaten a normal breakfast of oatmeal, buckwheat cakes, toast, fried potatoes, ham, eggs, doughnuts, coffee, and the usual trimmings. and gone to a neighbor's to help with extra work Pete arrived before the family had risen from the

"Well, Pete," hospitably inquired the farmer, "had

"Aw," drawled Pete in a wheedling tone, "kinda." -Everybody's Magazine.

People and Events

Colorado's lady senator says it took her two years to learn how to keep still. Wise girl. The gum-shoe method corners the goods while the noisemaker is admiring his voice.

Eastern papers carry an account of the discovery of "the oldest inhabitant of Nebraska." It must be a fable. No absentees from the Douglas County Pioneers' room have been reported.

Safety first will go the limit in Coney Island during the season. Hot dog, esteemed as the favorite dish of the seashore, will be handed out in sealed cartons for the edification of epicures. With the price of electricity cut to & cents a kilowatt

hour in New York, cooking by electricity is growing steadily and promises to give 80-cent gas a lively run for the mastery of the kitchens. California base ball managers are putting new

thrills into the game, hoping to fatten the box office. As the circus clown putts a circus rube from the audience to ride the trick mule, the Californians fake attacks on the umpire, who thrashes the disturber, bows to the grandstand, puts on his muzzie and screams, "Play ball!



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Suffragists Like Suffrage Photo Play.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 21-To the Editor of The Bee: I was a member of the convention of Douglas county suffragiets in Omaha when that body officially endorsed the play, "Your Girl and Mine" I wish through your columns to express appreciation of this photo drams and its motive, which is to educate the public.

This photo play was recently shown in South Omaha, and in all the twenty-eight years I have resided here I can testify that there has never been a program given that so touched the hearts of an audience. Points brought out vividly in the pictures are the selfish contentment of the young heiress until she suffered cruel wrongs herself; unjust laws governing property rights of women; the double standard of morals; the crime of child labor, and the lack of equal guardianship for mothers with fathers of their children I heartily endorse this great play and tte motive. MRS. E. B. TOWL.

Ignorance.

OMAHA, April 23 .- To the Editor of The Bee: My daughter, poor thing, is an ignorant girl, and she never could learn how to dance; she don't even know how to roll a spit-curl, or to melt a man's heart with a glance. She can't understand how important it is to learn how to ogle her eyes, and while talking to mutter "Great Scott" and "Gee Whig." and to call men "rubes, bone-heads and guys.

She's nearly through school, and has never yet read that novel called . Only a Skirt;" she cannot drink wine for it goes to her head, and she's too dull and stupid to flirt.

My daughter, I fear, is an ignorant child, and can never be brought up to date; with joyrides and beer she is never beguiled, for she can't learn to swallow the bait. She's timid and bashful and never has kissed any men but her brothers and dad, she's too self-conceited to know what she's missed, and with her, prudish pride is a fad.

Yet, nevertheless, she has learned a few tricks that perhaps will come handy some day; she can build a hot fire with a very few sticks, and boil tea without any de-

She turns a flap-jack in the wink of an eye, her bread takes a prize at the fair, she cooks a hot meal with soup, salad and ple, while I'm washing, and dressing my hair. She's too dumb to learn how to play at bridge whist, or to spread the white paint on her nose, but whenever a dollar escapes from her fist, she can tell you where every cent goes.

She's a poor, simple thing, yet her mother declares she's the very best girl in the land; always eager to help with the household affairs, and on wash day to lend her a hand; and she furthermore says that this old-fashioned girl never gives any cause for alarm, that while others are joining the wild midnight whirl, her daughter stands clear of the

And so while I know she's not forward nor smart, and avoids the world's glitter and glare, yet this happy assurance brings joy to my heart; in our home there is no E. O. M'INTOSH. vacant chair.

Mississippi River Levee Project. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 21.-To the Editor of The Bee: There has been so much misunderstanding about the flood problem on the lower Mississippi river that the Mississippi River Levee association, representing the people of the territory affected, has compiled a few brief facts regarding the whole situation.

First of all the people of this section are not asking for reclamation at the hands of the national government. They are simply asking for protection from water that is sent down upon them from all parts of that great region between the Rockies and the Alleghanies as far north as Canada. They would not ask for this under normal conditions, but the abnormal condition that has been created by the rapid development and drainage of the upper country, throws a burden upon them that they are not able to bear without the aid of the national government. Furthermore all the great engineers who have studied this question are unanimous that the simplest and quickest way to deal with the problem is to complete the levee system now

under way. The damage which occurs when these levees break is more than twice as great, as the estimated total cost of completing the system, and from the table of floods given one will see that these great floods are much more frequent than is generally

believed. I believe that there is a general impression abroad that the national government has been doing the work of curbing these floods in its entirety, while the truth is that in all the history of government expenditures for this river levee, as far back as 1810, while \$30,000,000 has been spent in a spasmodic and desultory manner by the government, \$75,000,000 has been expended by the localities themselves since the civil war.

The people of this stricken region are going to make an effort to get a definite and comprehensive project authorized at the hext session of congress, independent of the river and harbor bill, so that the whole work may be completed in a short time just as was done in the case of the JOHN A. FOX. nama canal.

Here and There

Mrs. Veronica Meyer of Newark, N. J., is the mother of twenty-five children, all living, and has two foster children to help fill up the house.

A man in Washington, D. C., is so fat that he was unable to kill himself with three shots of a revolver. He weighs 450 pounds. The three bullets failed to hit

E. J. Tanner of McKinney, Ky., gets his name misspelled so often that he has had printed the following card: My name is not E. J. Farmer, nor C. J. Tanner, nor E. J. Hanna, nor D. J. Turner, nor E. J. McKinney, nor P. J. Darner, nor F. M. Dare, but E. J. Tanner. My adress is not McKinley, nor McHenry, nor McKenste, nor McKenna, but McKinney.

Absentee voting is made possible at future elections in Iowa by the passage of a bill by the state legislature. By the terms of the bill a voter expecting to be absent on election day may make affidavit to that effect to the county auditor. secure a ballot and mark it. The marked ballot is placed in a sealed envelope and is to be deposited in the election ballot box. If the bill is approved by the governor the system of absentee voting wil dispense with awearing in votes.

Editorial Viewpoint

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The twentieth century is original in one point. It de velops an abrupt departure from the course of all its predecessors in effecting a decided separation between these ancient cropies, Mars and Bacchus.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Captain Theirfelder of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm says that he wants to go to sea again a little more emphatically than his predecessor of the Eitel Freidrich. Both probably have an ample force of marines to or for whom they can talk.

Boston Transcript: The announcement that a burgiar stole a joker outfit from the office of a southern congressman in the house office building will probably be followed by a flood of requests for some of those free chips and playing cards instead of garden meds. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The old-

fashioned populists have derived much satisfaction from the triumph of some of their once ridiculous theories. Now comes a New Jersey man and vindicates Jeremiah Simpson by announcing that he has never had cold feet since he abandoned the use of socks Philadelphia Ledger: A new estimate is

that eighteen months of the war will cost \$40,000,000,000. This is within a few billions of the whole valuation of American farms. It shows that in less than two years the folly of man can wreck the work of centuries which man in his wisdom has steadily achieved.

New York World: President E. B. Thomas of the Lehigh Valley railroad manifests a disposition to get onto the band wagon. Indeed, his letter to President Wilson indicates that he is already aboard and well up to the front with a megaphone, roaring forth a purpose to spend \$1,000,000 right away on improvements. With the rest of our reliroad presidents similarly placed and equipped. there will no longer be any question about

imagine, but it is just as well to remember that in four weeks ending April 10 Argentina exported over 21,000,000 bushels, and must have 50,000,000 or 90,000,000 bushels left to export, even at a low computation of its surplus; that next month Indian wheat will be on the market, and the Indian acreage is greater than ever "And as for kitchen gardens, why before, and that in less than two months our own wheat will begin to reach market. And, then, there is the possibility of getting through the Dardanelles and into the Russian granaries.

LINES TO A SMILE.

reported the adjutant. "we have put the war correspondent on the rack, but he refuses to disclose our plans. 'In that event,' responded the great general, 'we must wait until the first edition of his paper is run off.'—Philadel-

"Why did Juitus Caesar refuse a crown when it was offered to him?" asked the English teacher. English teacher.

"Cause he didn't need the money."
replied the British boy.—Yonkers States-

lie-I never see a woman smoking a cigarette but I remind her that she is iriving another nall in her coffin. She-I thought you men claimed that a woman couldn't drive a nall.—Boston Transcript.



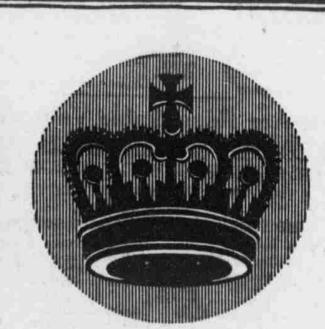
First Figure-Are you a pillar of the church?
Second Figure—No. I'm a flying but-treas—I support it from the outside.—Vale Record.

Randolph-Is that Buxton's new girl Sylvester—Oh, no; that's just one of his old ones painted over.—Judge.

"These pampered dogs of the rich are rather listless, it seems to me."
"Yes; you never see one of them burying a marshmallow or worrying a chocolate drop."—Judge.

THE USUAL THING.

Baltimore American. Where is the man with soul so dead Who never to himself bath said, When I have worked for quite a while,



Gasologue No. &

"You buy steak by the pound, don't you?"

"Well?"

"If you bought it by the gallon you'd still want heavy steak, wouldn't you?" "Yes. I'd get more nourishment. More heat units for my money."

"Then heavy steak provided it's digestable is a better bargain?" "Yes, of course. What's that got to

do with gasoline?"

"Gasoline is fuel isn't it?" "Yes, motor-fuel."

"Just as steak is body-fuel." "Yes, but-"

"And heavy gasoline has more nourishment, more heat units, more miles per gallon than light gasoline-

"But my car can't digest heavy gas-"Not too heavy, of course. But the

digestibility of gasoline, automlogically speaking, depends primarily on its ignition point, not its gravity." "Then low ignition point is the thing

to insist upon?" "Yes, or an easier way is to ask for

Red Crown Gasoline. Your engine can digest it-Red Crown is quick starting always, in any weather. And gallon for gallon it's a better bargain, when you figure miles per gallon." "Red Crown, eh?"

"Yes and for different though equally important reasons you should ask for Polarine too-when you buy your

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