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#### Thought for the Day

I am as poor as Job, my Lord, but not onehalf o patient .- Shakespeare.

For the next move in Mexico, the A. B. C. combination will take on the rest of the alpha-

Hardly typical outing weather, but, still, better than the kind down east that produces heat

Yes, and Secretary Redfield could retire from the cabinet, and not be missed any more than Secretary Bryan.

Now that the office of coroner is to be abolished in this county at the end of the present incumbent's term, the job is just beginning to get good.

Two women have entered the lists in Kansas for the United States senatorship race to be run in 1918. That's the early bird in politics with a vengeance.

"Not much old corn held over from last year's crop." What's the use when it can be so easily coined into the cash that pays off mortgages and buys automobiles?

The colonel will continue to enroll himself as a bullmooser, but he wants it distinctly understood that he has no word of blame for those who have re-enlisted under the republican banner because it alone promises real results.

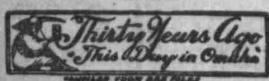
The state board of assessment is entitled to a vote of thanks as well as a leather medal for taking one mill off the state levy. Such exceptional conduct at a time when every other taxing body is adding to the tax burden, should not go unnoticed.

Our new United States district attorney has a special dispensation to live at Lincoln and continue his private law practice. What the senator wants to know, however, before consenting to his confirmation, is whether he will keep up his political sharpshooting.

It is no trick whatever to stop the straw bond business in the police court, for it is up to the judge to put the burden of the proof upon the surety before approving a bond as good and sufficient. Enforcement of a good bond when forfeited, on the other hand, depends on the prosecuting officer.

A reduction in fire rates as a credit for building that second main from Florence, and the other extensions and improvements in our water service, would be very desirable evidence of good faith on the part of the underwriters, who have never overlooked anything that would penalize Omaha in the rate-making.

Secretary Redfield is provoked because the people of Chicago, and the people generally, do not take kindly to his clumsy efforts to protect his steamboat inspection subordinates in the Eastland inquiry. Why should a cabinet officer try to cover up anything where the loss of a thousand innocent lives is involved? If the steamboat inspectors are culpable, let them have what is coming to them.



General George B. McClellan passed through

Smalla in a special car on his way to Denver. The Grant memorial services will be held next Satirday at the high school grounds, in case of good ceather, instead of the opera house. The program for a separate meeting of veterans calls for addresses by Judge Savage, General M. O. O'Brien, Simeon Bloom, E. M. Bartiett, with benediction by Rev. Mr.

The republican state committee held a meeting at the Millard and ordered a call for the state convention to be held at Lincoln, October 14. The meeting was sided over by Chairman C. E. Yout with D. H.

Among the communications to the council was one from Mrs. B B. Pattee, residing next to the city jail, requesting its removal because it was a great annoy-

The finder of a gold loop ear ring is requested to return it to Samuel Burns, 1815 Farnam street, and receive reward. George W. Masson, a young business man of Plain-

well. Mich., is taking up his permanent residence in Omaha to engage in business here. A party of men disging an excavation near Erfling's greenhouse on Sherman avenue exhumed a skeleton. Its presence there is a mystery,

Proposed Joint Action on Mexico.

The proposal for a concerted movement of American governments to restore order in Mexico is a renewal of the policy suggested many months ago. Before the landing of American forces at Vera Cruz It had been urged that an expeditionary force, similar to that which was sent once to Peking, be dispatched to Mexico, a proceeding which undoubtedly would have stabilized conditions there long ago. Developments abroad drew European attention away from Mexican affairs. while "watchful waiting" hesitated to take the responsibility of intervention. If the plan now can have the support of American powers, it will very likely be put into effect. It means that the president's personal do-nothing attitude is to be abandoned for a more vigorous and do something policy, but the step will be in the interest of humanity. It has been proved that the bandits and outlaws who have ravaged Mexico will not give over their forays because of moral suasion, and that something else is needed.

## Blockade of Neutral Ports.

Great Britain's latest note in the controversy over the right to use the seas for carrying on neutral commerce is no more responsive to the contention of the United States than has been either of the German notes on the same topic. In some ways it breathes the spirit of "Rule Britannia," and "not a flag but by permission waves," though the case is not so bluntly put. Great Britain assumes the right not only to interrupt commerce of an enemy, either in or outbound, but to blockade a neutral port to carry out this policy. That the blockade of enemy ports is permissible can not be gainsaid, but the rest of the British contention is open to the objection that it ignores the rights of neutrals at almost every point.

First of all, a blockade to be legal must be effective. This means the presence on station at all times of a sufficient number of ships of war to prevent effectually commerce being carried on with that port. It does not mean a constructive blockade, or a paper blockade like the proclamation of a "war zone" to include the high seas, with warning to neutrals to keep out. The United States has declined to recognize the legality of any constructive blockade, and has specifically refused to consider the North Sea closed to neutral commerce. Great Britain has not undertaken to establish a de facto blockade of the Dutch or Scandinavian ports, but has been content to intercept on the high seas vessels plying between such ports and the United States, It is against this practice the United States government most earnestly protests, both for itself

Special pleading in support of the policy that is being followed under the order in council is not likely to change the position of the United States, which rests squarely on accepted principles of international law.

Pretext or Necessity? Is the suddenly developed demand that Omaha expend a large sum of money for installing a "modern" fire alarm system a pretext to justify high insurance rates, or a real necessity in the general matter of fire protection? Has it been shown that any serious fire loss here is traceable to delay in notifying the fire department of its outbreak? For many years fire insurance "experts" have pointed out one deficiency after another in Omaha's equipment for preventing or combatting fire. Money has been spent to improve water service, to equip and maintain a larger fire fighting force, and for other purposes, and each time one alleged defect has been remedied, something else has been demanded. Omaha has patiently tried to meet all reasonable requirements in hope that its fire risk would be placed somewhere below the present basis for charging exorbitant premiums, but sometimes the property-holders are inclined to wonder if the end will ever be reached. If we put in the new alarm system, will we get lower fire rates.

Live Stock and Quarantine Rules.

The conference of state sanitary officers and live stock men in Omaha is one of the most important in the history of the live stock industry. It opens the way for an efficient central control of sanitary conditions, which will be of untold value in preventing as well as combatting disease. The farmers are the ones most directly concerned in this movement, which has the support of the officials of the four greatest cattle and hog producing states of the union. Hitherto, the spread of contagious disease among animals has been unchecked in a very large degree because of lack of properly co-ordinated authority to meet the situation. When the states can act with the federal government in concerted effort to uproot the various plagues that affect the farm animals as well as the larger herds or droves, the effect will be more immediately felt and the benefit to the growers will be the more direct. Prevention of the spread of the foot and mouth disease last winter shows what intelligent co-operation between the authorities can do. while the prevalence of hog cholera is an example of the result of individual or state effort at checking disease. State rights may well be subordinate to federal control here.

The Nebraska National Guard. If, as outlined by the president and his advisers, we are to embark on a comprehensive scheme of preparation for national defense, it is essential that our young men be trained in the routine of military service. The United States army offers the best known means for this training, for it is admitted that the American soldier excels any in the world. But we are not going to maintain a big standing army. As an alternative to enlistment in the regular army, the National Guard must be developed. In Nebraska this branch of the public service has languished, because of indifference of the legislators to its needs, but it has really accomplished creditable results within its limited resources.

The National Guard is more than ever a school for training young men in the things that are necessary to know if they have to go to war, and its work is done so as to interfere very little with the usual vocation of its members. Nebraska has a war record to be proud of, and should it ever be called upon, will be found ready to justify the words of General Hale, uttered when he saw the gallant Stotsenburg lead his regiment on the charge from which he never returned. We do not seek war, but if we must be prepared for war, in no better way can this be done than by fostering the National Guard.

# Aimed at Omaha

Sidney Telegraph: "Greater Cmaha,' a title now realized as the result of years of effort by progressive citizens of the state's metropolis, appears to have inspired a desire for advancement which if persisted in cannot fail to have good results. There are sound reasons why Omaha should make more rapid progress than it has in the past. There is a rich agricultural region tributary to it, its railroad facilities are ample, and it is a desirable residence city, having every requirement for the convenience and comfort of its people, together with a healthful elimate. Greater Omaha ought to have a steady and substantial growth from now on and will have if its people show the right en-

Beatrice Express: A number of the residents of Omaha have commenced injunction proceedings to prevent the building of the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle at Pourteenth street and Capitol avenue, alleging that it will be a nulsance and a fire menace. This action on the part of the aforesaid residents of Jim Dahlman's town will undoubtedly lead the ex-base player to change his previous opinion that Omaha is not the wickedest city in the United States. To brand the building as a nuisance is bad enough, but to allege that it will be a fire menace will be taken by the evangelist as a direct charge that he is endeavoring to send Omahans to a hotter place than Nebraska rather than to save them from the terrors of that place supposed to be inhabited by enemies of the money loving evangelist.

Kearney Times: Following the drowning of imber of people in Chicago and an unfortunate case of the loss of a boy in Omaha, the whole country is up in arms over the lack of adequate means of protecting people at the public bathing pools. City officials are apt to be lax in matters of this kind, and it is no less than indirect murder to allow conditions which tend to make a public place dangerous. coroner's lury in Omaha has taken a hot shot at the city officials and they got powerfully busy and shut up some of the places. Unfortunately this activity came after the drowning of a boy. Others will be saved, but it is hard to think of the fact that the lad who is gone cannot be restored to his sorrowing parents, even though the whole commission "get busy."

Grand Island Independent: An Omaha woman dislocated her shoulder awatting a fly. While the dear ladies never were good base ball players, we can still score one in the "sacrifice" column.

Kearney Hub: Some Omaha people who are bucking the proposed Billy Sunday meetings in that city compare them with a street carnival. Well, even a street carnival, operated on revivalistic principles, might serve to bring a certain class of people to the mourners' tent.

Kearney Democrat: Omaha is now a real burg. Its gentlemen thugs are now compelling respectable citizens to strip off their clothing on the principal thoroughfares in broad daylight to the delight of the thrifty newsboys who sell "extras."

Franklin News: Omaha bit off a bigger bite than it figured on when it annexed South Omaha and Dundee. It seems also that it also contracted its share of the debts of these places, and will now have the pleasure of helping pay them. The joke is on Omaha.

Stockville Faber: Certain property owners in Omaha are invoking the aid of the law in restraining the building of the big tabernacle for the use of Rev. Billy Sunday, alleging that it would be a serious fire menace. If they fear the fire hereafter as much as they do the present day conflagrations, all will be well.

Fremont Tribune: The tough elements of Omaha are showing more and more perturbation as the date for the coming of Billy Sunday approaches. They very properly view the incident with alarm. Other people may differ as they please and do about the efficacy of his work and the ethics of his manners, but the jointists, both male and female; the grafters, the gamblers, the liquor interests, have but one opinion of him. Their judgment is the correct one. They agree his campaign for righteousness bodes no good for them. That is the universal testimony of their ilk elsewhere. He has reduced their number and left every city he has touched in a better connd it. It is by that standard we are to judge him. If this is not true of him then all of the furer he has created has been worse than

Lincoln Journal: It costs money to hold a big convention. Nothing less than a guaranty of \$100,300 will secure the national convention of the democratic party for Omaha. The figures loom large to one who is working for \$2 a day and boarding himself. He will not be asked to contribute. His moral support is all that will be expected of him. Every loyal Nebraskan can make that sacrifice and never feel it. Richard Metcalfe, through his Weekly Nebraskan, is calling upon the faithful to come across with kopeks and do it now. He prints a blank pledge to be filled out and mailed to his office, the cash to be sent to the committee on demand. We bespeak for the enterprise a generous response. A dime, ten cents, from every man, woman and child in Nebraska would yield the amount required and \$25,000 surplus.

# Twice Told Tales

From Prayer to Publicity. The small daughter of a Little Rock family had been praying each evening at bedtime for a bany

The other morning her mother, reading the paper exclaimed: "I see Mrs. Smith has a little daughter." "How do you know that?" asked the child.

"I read it in the paper," answered the mother. "Read it to me," said the daughter.

The mother read: "Born, on March - to Mr. and Mrs. - Smith, a daughter.' The child thought a moment, then said: 'I know what I am going to do. I am going to quit praying and begin advertising."-National Monthly,

Not Self-Starting. John Findlay of "The Only Girl" fame admits

that he is the latest victim of a standing joke at a well known motor club, "See that man in the corner?" asked his com-

panion. "That's White, a new member. He's not very popular here. 'Why not?" Mr. Findlay is popular, so be can't

understand why everybody isn't. "Oh, he's always trying to start something." "I see. Quarrelsome disposition, eh?

"No, not at all. He owns a motorcycle."-Young's

A Vain Ambition.

George Shima, "the potato king," is a Japanese resident of Lodi, Cal. Mr. Shima praised the other day the governmental Department of Agriculture, to whose help he attributes much of California's success "The American department is too good," he said, "to be hit by the story of the ambitious farm boy.

'Pa,' said a farm boy, 'why can't I rise in the world like Washington or Franklin? Why, for instance, can't I become secretary of agriculture some

" 'Alas, my son, too late; too late,' the father sighed. 'You know too much about farming.' "-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Snake Story. Westa is a little girl who lives in that part of Louisville at once and comprehensively denominated the West End. Her real name, of course, is Rits; but this is too much for her playmates and their version of it has been taken by her and their elders until they have to stop and think who is meant when

this appellation is used. Ordinarily her communication, if not yea, yea, and may, may, is as acceptable in the sight of good folk as that of any 6-year-old; but last week an incident occurred which startled her out of her accustomed decorum. She had been taken to the country for a visit and accompanied one of the men to the big barn, where, in the course of his labors, he uncovered a huge blacksnake that had hidden under nile of bounds

After it had been dispatched and the excitement was all over. Weeta, viewing the remains, ejaculated: "Gosh, what a worm!" -Louisville Times.

# The Bees Lefter Box

The Motorcycle Built for Two. SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 3.- To the Editor of The Bee: If you can give space would like to make a statement in defense of the motorcycle carrying two persons that the juvenile officers so bitterly condemn as the reason for the downfall

of working girls. I've ridden a motor for a number of years, carrying "tandem." I don't know of a more enjoyable, stimulating exercise in the world than sweeping along the highways on a two-wheeler, and from my experience I cannot see where the mode of conveyance has any relation to the social evil. There were thousands of wayward girls before the motorcycle was ever invented, but our forefathers didn't see fit to stop horseback riding for two or horse and buggies for two. It is very peculiar that reformers are always ready to declare a nuisance, anything that is in reach of the working class as a pleasure or a convenience.

JAMES G. GARRETT. 2513 J Street, South Omaha.

Two Stories-Sense and Nonsense OMAHA, Aug. 3.-To the Editor of The Bee: Life must be a humbug, for once we were told that at the ends of the rainbow He boxes of gold. Then we started to bunt for the gold one day-we believed what they told us: we were taught that way. Well, we hunted and hunted for years and years, but never did find it, so we wept bitter tears and at last concluded that life was no use. Now this is the story as told to the

Life is all gladness; just look at the birds; they like it and sing it in all kinds of words; they sing in the rain and sing in the sun; forver and ever praise to the one God of Peace, not God of war; the Prince of Peace shown by the star, that shines in the east, as we were told. Now the song the children and birds do tell; is God with us and all is well. B. R. V.

Bryan's Worst Mistake.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., Aug. 3.-To the Editor of The Bee: Allow me to congratulate Charles Wooster for his noble expression through The Bee of July 31. The majority of the people of the United States agree with him, that Mr. Wilson is no impartial statesman and not neutral in this terrible war. Mr. Wilson don't consider the danger that an intervention would cause the worst mixup between the different nationalities in the United States we have ever seen. The big majority of the people of the United States are for peace and very decent in their arguments concerning the European conflict. So if we should get entangled it would be the fault of Mr. Wilson and his advisers.

Mr. Wilson in his last reply to Germany showed to the world that he has not the safety of the traveling public of his country at heart as much as the desire to help England to stop the submarine blockade the German government made a noble proposition, allowing the United States to fly their flag on any four big ocean liners, even from England, and they would guarantee their safety, providing these ships were free from contraband

Mr. Bryan made the worst mistake in his life by nominating Mr. Wilson at the Baltimore convention; he himself would have filled the bill a whole lot better Let us take the matter in our own hands and work for peace.

H. S .- (An Old Democrat.)

# Tips on Home Topics

Philadelphia Ledger: The single term issue may be a live one by the time the next presidential campaign is on, but it is going to be difficult to get up much interest in it now.

St. Louis Republic: One class of American manufacturers who need have no conscientious scruples about war orders are the producers of hospital supples and artificial legs.

Cieveland Plain Dealer: In spite of what we hear about race prejudice on the western coast, Japanese exhibits have been awarded 1,511 prizes at the San Francisco exposition. Bansai for the honor-

New York World: The Georgia legislature has adopted a standing rule providing that no member shall be admitted in an intoxicated condition. The necessity of the rule seems to be due to the fact that Georgia is a prohibition state.

Baltimore American: An Iowa man urges the selection of old and homely wives, as young and pretty ones are apt to be spoiled. With the usual perversity of human nature, however, those to whom he addresses this wise advice will keep on preferring them spoiled.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Miss Helen Moller, society bare-legged dancer, says dancing requires no great amount of intellect, but a great deal of imagination. Requires very little imagination on part of the audience when the dancer is stripped for action.

Indianapolis News: Commissioner Caminetti's notion that there will be no "overhead charges" connected with that new farm loan scheme seems rather idealistic. The government doesn't ordinarily succeed in geiting any additional work done without paying a mighty good price

# Around the Cities

Philadelphia's eminence as a city of homes is shadowed by an official report showing a large number of unwholes and unsanitary human habitatious. A general overhauling is coming. There is something doing in Wichita.

Kan., all the time. Just now some of the people are trying to recall the mayor while the chief of police has been forcibly recalled for selling confiscated beer. A snooping committee going through the municipal books of Kansas City, Mo., are puzzled to find several political chairwarmers who managed to get in eight days a week on the payroll. Eco-

The state census gives New York city a population of 5,245,812, a gain of 478,729 in five years. The gain in Manhattan is trifling, but the annexed boroughs gain from 16 to 40 per cent. Brooklyn now has a population of 1.908,191.

nomic efficiency defies the calendar.

A Des Moines doctor who indulged in advertising literature and claimed ability to cure ills the profession considers incurable has been called down and reformed by the state board of health. A local account says the doctor "looks like W. J. Bryan and has some of his

### LAUGHING GAS.

Why on earth do you suppose Miss Aftergold jilled young Tominie Gotrox to elope with old Bill Pennypacker's boy"
"I don't know unless she thought she needed a change of helr."—New York

"So you are going to defend that defaulter who got away with \$100,000?"

"Yep."
"Bad case, isn't it."
"Awful! He didn't save enough out of it to pay a respectable fee."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Courier-Journal.

Ted-What do you do when a man tries to kiss you?

Marjorie-Oh, that's something you'll Marjorie-Oh, that's something you'll The sunburnt farmer goes:
Eave to find out for yourself.—Life.

And there till day's refulgence fades the plows among the rows.

Stella-Does she dissolve in tears? Bella-Yes, but she watches her hus-band through a perissipe, Chicago Post. "Do you really feel that you have ele-vated the stage, Mr. Dullpate?" saked

"I don't see why men insist on going o war," commented the thoughtful "Weli" said the querulous one, seems like some men would go alm anywhere rather than stay home. Washington Star.

"My mother was a wizard with a frying

pan."
"Tex"
"But my wife seems to rely more on a can opener."-Louisville Courier-Jour-

"Of course, your wife favors votes for women?"
"Yes," replied Mr. Meekton: "but I sus-pect she'll find it hard to approve of any

Weather. =

plan that allows some of the women she nows to vote just the same as she

Old Lady-Officer, could you see me across the street."
Officer 666-Sure, I've got as good eyesight as any man on the force.—Princeton Tiger.

Sha (hitterly)-Our married life has been one long series of battles, beginning with our wedding day. He—Yes, and there was an engagement before that.—Boston Transcript.

#### THE FIELDS OF CORN.

From purple eve to crimson morn The furrows smile and grow. The moon hangs out her silver horn, And pours her light below.

the critic.
"Well," said the dramatist, "it looks that way. Every manager who has produced one of my plays has gone up."—
New York Times.

The wind stirs with the rosy dawn,
And strikes the dewy plain;
And flying swifter than the fawn,
It bends the stalks of grain.

he tassels spread 'neath cheering rays, And plume the kingly form; he furrows lift the creamy maize. And greet the welcome storm.

When all the woods are bung with green, And hills are strewn with sheaves, When flowers blush deep where bees have And ears grow fast like leaves.

The squirrel comes from mantled trees Which line these fields of wealth: And, when light flows in ripping sens, He strips the ear by stealth.

When autumn hangs his sumptuous robes Out in the glowing morn, Which hides the lamps of distant globes— Then gleams, the ripened corn.

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