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Thought for the Day Selected by Charles C. Belden

He liveth long who liveth well; All else is life but thrown away; He liveth longest who can tell Of true things truly done each day, -Horaius Bonar.

All right, let it be known then as a carnival of religion.

Pretty near time to take the management of Nebraska's state normal schoools out of poli-

No mention any more of the good ship "Piffle" in any of the official Navy department bulletins.

Yes, and it is just as easy for Mayor "Jim" to autograph a warrant for \$150,000 as to sign one for \$1.50.

Los Angeles is in the throes of a debate over the double shift plan for its firemen. For the exact facts, come to Omaha.

If confusion of street car passengers is to be avoided, it is not so much a question of near side or far side as the same side,

Although it do not infract the fire limits requirements, observance of "safety first" rules in the building will be in the interest of wise precaution.

Senator Cummins is quoted as saying that he is not sure he wants the presidency. A reasonable certainty of getting it would doubtless help him make up his mind.

Omaha has two perfectly good military posts awaiting the return of the troops from the Mexican border. So they can't settle things down there any too fast for us.

Gompers appeals to President Wilson for an inquiry into the Eastland disaster by "a commission of disinterested and fair minded citisens." Oh, gee! What a rap at Secretary Redfield!

The movies are not the only places that overcrowd past the safety line. While at it, check up the others, too, where the temptation exists to admit more people than accommodations

Put it down that none of the warring countries of Europe can be starved out. Each accuses the other of trying to cut off its food supply and insists that the deed cannot be done. And they are all equally truthful,

Nebraska's last legislature enacted a law especially to authorize state banks to join in the federal reserve system. No one has been trampled down, however, in the on-rush of the state banks to make use of this permission.

The public debts of the several European countries at war have been almost doubled in twelve months. Desire to escape the grinding taxes will be one of the forces stimulating the immigration to this country as soon as peace is restored.



Following up the enthusiasm developing for park and boulevard system, a meeting was hold at er's store, at Ninsteenth and Cuming streets, and a further committee appointed to push the project, consisting of Dr. Mercer, N. B. Fulconer, Guy Barton, Joseph Redmar, W. V. Morse, Thomas Dailey, T. C. Bruner, R. W. Patrick and A. R. Souer.

Robert Thompson, an employe of the Union Pacific On shop, was struck by lightning on his way to work, and fell instantly dead. He was a member of the rns' club, under whose auspices the funeral will be

P. L. Perine, cashier of the land department of the Union Pacific, is back from Syracuse, N. Y. ere he went on account of the illness of a sister who subsequently died.

Jorden Giles, futher of Fred R. Giles, arrived from autsville, to see his sick son, whose condition is beneved to be improving. Ensign E. W. Sutphen of the United States navy. who held a Nebraska cadetable at the Annapolys

academy, left for New Jersey to visit a sister, Mrs. D. S. Barriger will reward the finder of a lost pocketbook, containing mapers valuable to the owner, and sak no questions if he will but return them. For an American Merchant Marine.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who is a member of the president's personal family as well as of his cabinet family, and therefore very likely in position to speak by the book, says that the democrats will establish a new American merchant marine, He does not say by what process of hocus pocus this result will be brought about, but it is not likely to come through the administration's shipping bill, defeated at the last session of congress. That measure is no longer championed, even by its warmest caucus supporters. It was so openly a makeshift, and its deficiencies were so apparent, that only through the power of the caucus and by pleading political exigency was the president able to muster support for it. The objections to it are as potent now as ever.

Democratic leaders are announcing themselves as opposed to a ship subsidy in any form. They demand the right to buy ships where they can be had the cheapest, to man them with the cheapest crews obtainable, and to put them into trade under the American flag. This means buying ships on the Clyde or in Japan, where labor is much cheaper than in the United States, manning them with Chinese or Lascar crews, and calling the mixture "American." This suggestion is quite in line with the democratic free trade policy, exhibited in other directions.

The republicans may not be able to restore the canal tolls exemption, repealed by the democrats, but they may be depended on to propose other proper means for fostering and encouraging American shipping without causing other American interests to suffer.

An Answer to an Inquiry.

SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 1 .- To the Editor of The Bee: You said something the other day about the School board being elected hereafter "at large," and nominated only "by petition." I do not understand just what you mean. Are we not to have any mem bers of the School board over here at all?

SOUTHSIDER. For the benefit of our inquirer, and all others who may be interested, we may state that the last legislature enacted a new law governing the election of members of the Omaha School board, abolishing ward representation and making the terms four years, but overlapping so that half of them expire every two years. To bring this about, eight new members are to be chosen in 1916, of whom the two receiving the lowest number of votes are to serve for two years only, so that after that only six need be chosen at one time.

The same legislature, as part of this plan, amended the primary election to exempt from party nomination candidates for School board places and to make petition nomination the only way to put names on the official ballot-in a word, wrote into the law the method which had been pursued by force of circumstances at the last Omaha school board election. Whether this will, or will not, give School board representation to what was formerly South Omaha, or to any other particular section of the city, remains to be seen. Ordinarily South Omaha candidates would be at a disadvantage as compared with Omaha candidates, unless personally known throughout the whole city, or included in some kind of a slate, although presumably the proposed method of election is intended to prevent slate-making. Under the conditions now existing, there is only one thing to do, and that is to wait and see how it works out at the first trial next year.

Redfield's Whitewashing Effort.

Secretary Redfield's obvious purpose to shield the steamboat inspection bureau, through his direction of the Eastland inquiry, has aroused a tremendous storm of popular indignation, not only in Chicago, but in all parts of the country. That so shocking an episode should be followed at once by the efforts of a cabinet officer to relieve his underlings of blame for a catastrophe for which they are in any way liable is profoundly disappointing to people who rely on their certificate when going aboard a vessel under its survey.

Disclosures so far made in the Eastland case indicate incompetence or neglect, or, what is worse, collusion with the owners, on part of the inspectors who allowed a notoriously unsafe vessel to travel under the protection of government sanction, neither is popular feeling allayed by the uncontradicted report that after being passed by a federal inspector, his son-inlaw was given the job of chief engineer of the ill-fated boat. The secretary of commerce is himself a marine engineer, and knows without being told by witnesses what form of craft is seaworthy and what is not, and this fact makes his present inquiry seem all the more insincere. The federal grand jury handling the case may bring in indictments, ffxing the responsibility in some measure, but the steamboat inspection bureau does not shine any brighter for the whitewash the secretary of commerce is laying on it.

Pay of Movie "Stars."

How terrible it is to have our illusions and delusions unceremoniously punctured! These fancy stories about fancy pay for fancy movie actors refers only to the very top-notchers. Mary Pickford's salary, it is true, is \$1,500 a week; Charlie Chaplin gets \$1,260; William Farnum, \$1,000; Marguerite Clark, \$900; Mary Fuller, \$500; Mabel Normand, \$500; Maurice Costello. \$500; J. Warren Kerrigan, \$400; Earle Williams, \$300; Blanche Sweet, \$250, but most of the rest are little ones.

These figures, too, are official, having been developed in sworn testimony in court proceeding out in California to compel one of the conspicuous movie "stars" to quit playing hookey and go back to work under her contract at \$40 a week. Part of the defense was that the lady was not a "star," because "stars get not less than \$150 a week," and that her services were not so essential anyway, because the market is "flooded with actresses and actors of the same caliber who receive from \$25 to \$75 a week."

So there you have it right out in the open that the big money is pulled down by the mighty tew, the ordinary run of actors getting about the same whether they pose before films or do one-night stands across country.

Let those invelghing against the catalogue houses remember that the latter would not have made any headway except through the use of printers' ink. Systematic advertising will build up trade for the local merchants in the same proportion as for the mail order establishment.

## Joffre-Personally

JOFFRE resembles the late J. P. Morgan some His head is altogether too big for his body. H.s. nose is very large and very ugly. His upper teeth stick far out over his under lip, so that his thin mustache does not hide them. His shoulders are narrow and rounded over upon his flat chest. His arms are very long and rother thin for a fat man. His hands are enormous and bony, like the hands of a long, skinny man. His belly is little and pudgy. His legs and feet are those of an ill-developed, little fat

He has a way of squinting and grinning which is very characteristic. He stands badly, dresses ridiculously, never rides a horse any more, and walks about like President Poincare.

The soldierly part of him is his head, which is hard, tough, calm and hideous with the same sort of interesting hideousness which the late Mr. Morgan had to such an extraordinary degree. The pretty photographs which make him look like Mr. Taft do not resemble him a bit. He is simply a softer edition of Mr. Morgan, with more kindliness and humor and with less conscious force, initiative and pugnacity. He is perfectly French looking and strikes the French officer as a natural development of the type of Frenca general of plebelan origin. The noble generals have a different look about them, a superior stature, thinness and sharpness, with a touch of scorn in their facial

His officers say that none of the three or four say ings attributed to him by journalists since the opening of the war was really uttered by him, and that he has no "sayings" in him. He gave one interview, to an old school friend turned journalist, and was highly amused because the censor cut it all out of the pa-

He has never made any speeches. He sat stient through four months of daily socialist discussions of the three-years' military-service law in the Chamber of Deputies. He has written only a single brochureon the expedition to Timbuctoo-as literary baggage for his entry to the Academy. He does not write the brilliant "orders of the day" which are generously attributed to him by the censor, and it is said he never writes personal letters or reads newspapers.

At work he is systematic and keeps a large cierical force overworked. But he is a soft master as regards hours, insisting that all his subordinates shall sleep

as long as they can stay abed, which he does himself. His admirers say that he is incapable of worry or of the slighest degree of excitement. He has never shown any emotion about anything and has never been known to be interested in anything outside his immediate job.

His society never bores anybody, simply because he uses up all his time in working fairly steadily and fairly hard, sleeping a lot, eating slowly and resting after meals, taking little walks for health, and riding about the country in his family automobile on inspection trips. He has the air of being quite as tediously on the job and of making an honest living for his family as if he were a little business man.

He fussed along over the battle of the Marne fust the way he does about the routine details of army administration, and slept a lot every night. The only special recommendations which he has ever seen fit to publish were concerning the necessity of town loafers getting busy threshing the crops in the war zone and "small matters" about how to keep the roads up

He received a batch of journalists in his school house office on the front one day, when the minister insisted. He sort of yawned at them, mumbled some thing banal about "saving the country," and got them hustled out. The only map in the room was a blackand-white one of Poland, and the general appeared to be in course of straightening out his cash accounts.

Joffre's manner of attacking the enemy suggests that he has no fancy idea back of the attack, but merely attacks to accomplish the purpose of war, which is to defeate the enemy where you find him and to impose your will on him, whether it leads in any particular direction or not.

Above all, Joffre cares nothing for the political direction of his strategy. Supreme credit must be given to him, in the early part of the war, for his utter indifference to the "rescue" of Paris, which the government and the people naturally regarded as the care of itself as best it could, while he fought his enemy squarely on the field till he beat him. He know full well that if he didn't beat him Paris would fall in three days without any slege and the name of Joffre would be anathema in over-centralized France till that little geographical point was relieved,

But if Joffre had permitted himself to worry about Paris, as von Kluck's whole strategy overwhelmingly influenced him to do, he might have savel Paris, but he would have saved it only to lose all France and then Paris, too.

What was needed was a purely military steadiness and courage. Joffre is all purely military steadiness

Joffre and General Cherfils were talking the other day about a certain aristocratic general who had heaved a sigh of relief that "God was at last on the Cherfils' comment was: "Since 1870 side of France." God has somehow come to distinguish between France and the government of France."

Joffre is of the people, not of the government. His father was a cooper and his mother tended the vines on their little farm. Out of such work they wrung the competency which gave Joseph Jacques Joffre the income for a military career.

## Twice Told Tales

Some Voice.

Here is a little story that was told by Congress man John E. Baker of California the other night when the talk topic in the lobby of a hotel took a

Some time ago the guests at a reception were discussing the relative merits of several songsters, when one of the party turned to a man named Brown. "Hy the way, Brown," said he, "you are some thing of a singer, are you not?"

'Not on your life!" was the emphatic response of Brown - "I never sang a note that somebody didn't threaten to send in a riot call. You are probably thinking of my brother."

"Perhaps I am," was the thoughtful rejoinder of the other. "Has he a heavy bass voice?" 'Yes," smiled Brown; "so derned heavy that it

makes him bow-legged to carry it."-Philadelphia

Well Classified.

The Kansas story of how the farmers put beer kess instead of wheels on their binders, in order to harvest in wet weather this year, recalls to the Lawrence Gazette the old story that was often told in the days when prohibition was young in Kansas. There was a law that permitted the sale of liquor for medicinal, mechanical and acientific purposes A farmer came in one day and offered to purchase gallon of stuff from the local druggist. Out came the druggist's book, in which all sales and the purwhich the liquor was to be used must be recorded. "What are you going to use it for-med! cinal, mechanical or scientific purposes?" asked the "You might as well put it down as mechanical," responded the farmer. "I'm goin' to have a barn raisin'

A Matter of Opinion.

Father's voice rolled down the stairs and into the m and atlent parlor.

"Yes, Dapa, dear?" "Ask that young man if he has the time." A moment of silence. Tes, George has his watch with him.

Then ask him what is the time." 'He says it is 11:45, papa.' "Then ask him if he doesn't think it about bed-

"He says, papa." the allvery voice announced, faunally-"he says that he rarely goes to bed before , but it seems to him that it is a matter of personal preference merely, and that if he were in your place

he would go now if he felt sleepy!"-Harper's Basar.



His Sentiments, Too. OMAHA, Aug. 4 .- To the Editor of The lee: I wish to say a few words of praise behalf of James P. Garrett, 2513 J street, who in his letter in The Bee defends the motorcycle. As he says, the reformers are always ready to knock anything that is within the reach of the working class as a pleasure or convenience 2410 Caldwell Street. J. E. GRANT.

None Better Than Motorcyclists. OMAHA, Aug. 4.-To the Editor of The Bee: Motorcycle riders of Omaha deeply resent the statement made by a probation

officer that motorcycles lead more girls

to ruin than automobiles. I have ridden motorcycles for the last five years and I wish to state I have never met a better or more manly crowd of young fellows than Omaha motorcycle riders. Anyone who casts a slur at motorcycles casts a slur at the representative young men of Omaha, for among our midst are members of some of the best

families in Omaha. To state that motorcycles lead more girls to ruin than autos is plain humbug. The average automobile owner is an upright citizen. But the uses to which automobiles may be put at times are far ower and more degenerating than they are with the motorcycles. Take a trip brough the downtown district of an evening and notice the taxts and autos stationed in front of the chop sucy parlors and on street corners ready to take parties of men and girls to resorts and roadhouses. The rapid growth of the roaduses scattered outside the city limits is directly due to the use, or misuse, of automobiles. Dozens of cars are in the direct employ of these houses of ill-repute. Motorcycles, however, are rarely seen around these roadhouses. Show me one immoral motorcycle rider, Mr. Probation Officer, and I will show you ten moral perverts riding about in automobiles. To prove my assertion it is only necessary to go out on the public roads and witness the disgraceful antics of joy riders in the rear seats of passing cars. In conclusion, I will state that the motorcycle riders of Omaha are willing to submit to a fair comparison with any other pleasure vehicle and we feel sure we will be given a clean bill by our

broad-minded citizens. JAMES C. VAN AVERY, Vice President Omaha Motorcycle Club.

Brother Mickle Comes Back.

OMAHA, Aug. 4.-To the Editor of The Bee: What kind of times are we coming to when children defy their own parents. My two oldest daughters, 14 and 13 years, went to work at the close of school. They make \$7 and \$5. The first few weeks all went well and they brought home the money and I put it in the bank where it will do some good.

But they soon got fool ideas from the girls where they work. These girls said they don't have to give the money to their parents, all they have to do is pay board. Now, my daughters got these same ideas and last week the oldest said she wouldn't pay her money to me any more. had to take it away from her and I warned her not to do it again. Now this week she came home and handed me \$4. With the other \$3 she had bought a fine silk waist, something she hasn't got any use for, and some candy. She refused to take it back and wouldn't tell me

where she bought it. It seemed that this stirred up trouble in the whole family and soon they were all bawling. I didn't know what to do, that they should turn on their own father that has supported them all these years. Is it the law that a minor has to give their earnings to their parents, or isn't it? If so, she'll give me what she makes if I have to go to the factory to get it. After I have spent hundreds of dollars in bringing her up all these years, just when she would be earning something and bringing it in she turns around and says she don't owe me anything. It is scandalous that children nowadays don't have respect for parents. It was different when I was a boy, I can tell you. A. B. MICKLE.

"All is Peace."

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 4 .- To the Editor of The Bee: W. J. Bryan delivers his celebrated lecture on "Peace" before the North Platte chautauqua course August 8. Bryan is great on "Peace." He has delivered his "peace" lecture around the world. He is supposed by this time to have the lecture down "pat," and the people of North Platte expect to be "muchly" entertained. Considering Bryan's military career in

The only "peace" on this earth is the "Peace that passeth understanding" -that prevails in graveyards. Everything outside of graveyards is commotion, generating life and action.

the Spanish war, and his efficiency as a

politician in "swallowing the pops,"

Bryan is some on "Peace.

The strenuous condition of the public mind at the present time demands some kind of paregoric. Bryan has got the "dope," "Peace." Bryan put the "pope" sleep-true, the democratic party flaunts the ghost of the people's independent party to the public to catch votes, still the "pops" sleep. The allimportant thing to be done now is to keep the people asleep.

Notwithstanding Mr. Bryan's peaceful pose on politics, he is wide awake, as the "dough" comes to himself. Bryan left his post as secretary of state to go to Maryland to tell his peace stories at a convention of farmers. When he returned to Washington, he sent a bill to the Maryland farmers for \$300-his regular price was \$600, but being as they were farmers, he would discount it to \$300. The farmers paid the bill.

Owing to the above satisfactory activity, the North Platte chautaugua man agement (the directing spirit of which is democratic, and, like Bryan, religiously inclined) decided to put Bryan "on the boards" that the unsuspecting people of North Platte might be brought peacefully under the influence of Bryan's gentle inspiration.

The "gentle life" is as old as human society. It was, and is now, used by exploiters to put the people to sleep while the exploitation goes on. If Bryan ever made a dollar outside of exploitation, let some one show where it came from. From the "crop of gold" to the whippoorwill's song, "16 to 1," down to state ownership of railroads (which he professes to carry over) did Bryan ever stand twelve months by any declaration he ever made?

Bryan and Roosevelt stand today as the twin factors in American politica. It is three years since they put "Joe" Cannon out of the speakership. Where have they progressed? What do they propose to do in the future? The "pope" threw their candidate over-

board and elected Bryan to congress. Bryan ignored them, and during his 'Cross of Gold" campaign refused to fuse with Tom Watson, thereby betray ing and destroying the people's independent party. Bryan has supported all the "bunk" legislation passed by the democratic congress in the last two years. Now, when the situation becomes complicated, he resigns and preaches "peace. Bryan is like a preacher preachnig in Latin-no one knows what he is talk-

LUCIEN STEBBINS.

Beware of Balbriggans. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.-To the Editor of The Bee. Eternal spring is the climate here, not the spring of the apring poet, but moderate heat and cold, with need of medium underwear. Beware of light ballbriggans.

ing about, and no contention-all is

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### Here and There

Providence, R. I., has an election scandal involving a number of republicans, but owing to their inexperience in that line they cannot divert the spotlight

from Indiana. General Technicality continues tippins the scales of justice in the Missouri supreme court. The conviction of the leader of the most brutal assault on a woman ever perpetrated in Kansas City, was set aside for the reason that the trial court's term was a few hours short of the fifteen days allowed to perfect an appeal. To offset this shortage the triat court granted an extension of the term for four days, but the high court held that the trial court was without authority to extend its term. Two accessories to the crime are already in the penitentlary, but the principal is likely to go unwhipped of justice because of the victim's natural dislike for the publicity of a second trial.

### AUGUST MERRIMENT.

School Mistress—What is the most de-structive force of modern times? Girl (without hesitation)—The laundry. —New York Sun.

Deacon (on way to church, to young fishermen under bridge)—"Little boys, dan't you know this is the day of rest?" "We ain't tired, mister,"—Life.

Mr. Landlubb-Ah! they just dropped Mrs. Landlubb—Dear me! I was afraid they would; it's been dangling outside all the afternoon.—Harper's, She-I believe she's in love with Willy!

He-Why? She-I saw her kissing him. He (sapiently)-Pooh! That's no proof,

During the fighting a Highlander had the misfortune to get his head blown off. A comrade communicated the sad news to another gallant Scot, who asked, anxiheres his head? He was smoking pipe."-Tit-Bits.

The maid of all work in the service of a provincial family, the members whereof are not on the most amicable terms, recently tendered her resignation much to the distress of the lady of the house. "So you are going to leave us?" asked the mistress sadly, "What's the matter, Mary? Haven't we always treated you like one of the family?"
"Yis, mum," said Mary; "an' I've shood it as long as Im going to!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

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# TIMETABLE TIME.

Elia Fanning, in New York Times. From Maine to the Gulf and from ocean From Maine to the Gulf and from to ocean.

We're studying now what the time-tables say,
Since summer is here, and we all have a notion

From work, from the city, we must get away.

There's talk of expresses, of trolleys, of

of beaches, and inns. lefty mountains to climb;
There's thumbing of folders and scanning of pages— Toward Prisco some turn, since it's timetable time.

One looks up the steamer to far isles,
for fishing.
One's socking the route to a smart
shore hotel.
And one for a motor-boat outing is wishing;
Another claims cottage life suits him
right well.
Sweet Hetty and Betty and Millie and
Lillie
Are pa king their trunks, and I'll wager
a dime a dime
Their thoughts are of Jack and of Dick
and of Billy,
Mixed up with the figures of timetable time.

I study the timetable, too, though well The path to a farmhouse which stands by the shore, see the quaint well-curb, can hear cattle lowing.
Pause under the apple tree shading the

Glad hands stretch a welcome. A whift from the table

Comes, spicy as odors in Araby's clime.
Oh, burden of work, you're a myth, a
mere fable,
Forsot, 'mid the visions of timetable
time!

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