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# Thought for the Day

November 8

As one looks around the world, and as one looks around our own land today, he sees that the one thing we need in high place-the thing whose absence, among those who hold the reins of hig est power, is making us all anxious with regard to the progress of the country-is per--Phillips Brooks. sonal character.

All right, then! Come on with your city plan and your social survey.

In spite of the late start drug stocks promise to overtake and pass Wall street's favorite "war Labies."

War leaders vehemently assert that the war must be fought to a finish and that peace talk is useless. They protest too much.

Carranza is making us quite a few pledges. We will see later whether they are 'solemn covenants" or mere "scraps of paper."

Governor Walsh of Massachusetts was running for a third term when he stubbed his toe. Governor Morehead of Nebraska will take notice, if he is wise.

The awful beating given the new constitution in all quarters of the Empire state relieves Tammany Hall and the Black Horse cavalry of the direct charge of homicide.

## Hot Fire on Censorship.

The censorship of news is again under fire n the British Parliament, this time its critics being more numerous and the protests more pointed and vigorous than heretofore. To people in this country, the wonder is, not that the methods pursued by the censors have been criticized, but that the British public, which has been accustomed to a free press, should have so long submitted to the rigors of the present system. Patriotlam dictates that information of possible benefit to the enemy should not only be suppressed in the newspapers, but also excluded from all channels through which the enemy wight obtain it. There can be no question, however, that the undue zeal of the censor in keeping dark what the public has a right to know, has had its effect in creating not only an apathetic sentiment among the British people? but one of resentment as well. This is human nature and the authorities who fail to recognize It are making a serious blunder and chancing an upheaval which may sweep away the really necessary censorship.

Progress Preferable to Fads.

This early in the session of the State Teachers' association it is apparent the teachers are besieged as in the past with both faddists and promoters with personal ends to subserve. The vast majority of the teachers, of course, are comrosed of the common sense, practical sort, who are really working along practical lines and who realize on the one hand that while everything that is new is not a fad, neither is everything that is new and plausibly presented necessarily progress. If the vast majority were not men and women with practical ideas seeking for real advancement the gathering would be worse than useless, but in the rush of a short session unless everything is put to the test of common sense, the promoter will obtain indorsement of projects which the teachers themselves will later realize are impractical or at best no improvement over what they displace.

## A "Write-to-Your-Congressman" Formula.

"Many a word said in jest is meant in carnest," runs the time-worn adage, but whether meant in earnest or not, many a jest carries a pointed lesson. Satirizing the "writeto-your-congressman" agitation on stereotyped forms supplied by paid promotion agents, that sprightly weekly, Life, suggests the following as the best letter that could be so addressed:

Dear Sir: As you are doubtless aware, there will be a session of congress in December. I want you to consider not going. I was one of your constitutents who voted for you.

Some one, I thought, had to be elected, and inasmuch as your name was printed upon the ballot, I cast my vote for you, although I had never heard of you be fore beyond a head-line or so, and knew absolutely nothing about your qualifications.

This, however, is not what I mean just now. But we have been running along all summer without any congress, and we've been doing fairly well.

Why not, therefore, do your share? Refuse to go any more. If all the others will do likewise the effect upon the country will be incalculable. I urge you to take this step at once. Don't go.

(SIGNATURE.) It is, perhaps, a little bit strong to ask the congressman to forego his mileage and perquisites altogether, but if we should have a short session instead of a long session with corresponding curtaliment of legislative output, the thankfulness of a grateful constituency could not be repressed.

## THE BEE: OMAHA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1915.

Fallacies About Blindness

Clarence Hawkes in the Outlook. The writer was blinded by an accident in 1983. PHERE is probably no abnormal condition of life so little understood and appreciated and about

which so much that is erroneous has been written as that of blindness. The very conditions under which the blind live

are so extreme and startling that there has gradually been built up about them a world of fable and fancy as extravagant, if not as thrilling, as the world of fairy stories.

It is to correct some of these erroneous ideas, as well as to point out other facts which are little less remarkable, though truthful, that this article is writton.

I have had hundreds of people ask me if I could tell color by the sense of touch. How any sensible person could get the idea that it is possible to tell color from the sense of touch is amazing. It is probably partly due to the fact that the public wants to be eve all sorts of wild things about the blind, and also because some blind folks, partly in fun and because they like to astonish their friends, have practloed a sort of magic at their expense. I knew a blind horse dealer who could really tell the color of a horse by the sense of feeling, but the color itself had nothing to do with the feat. It was all performed through the fact that different colored horses had different textured coats. With some colors the hair was fine, while others were coarse; some costs were smooth and others rough. Most blind people know the colors of the common flowers, and when a friend places a bouquet in your hand you are always able to recognize the flower by either the perfume or the touch, so one can usually make a very good guess as to the color, although in these days of new shades and widely variegated flora even that little artifice is rather dangerous.

It is also a very common question to have seeing people ask the blind if they can tell the denomination of different bills by the sense of touch, and many folks have told me that they knew blind people who could.

There is only one general rule concerning bills that gives any clue at all as to their denomination. and this has so many exceptions as to be entirely worthless

Bills larger than one dollar are usually printed upon heavier paper than dollar bills-or at least that has been my impression, but the Treasury department might tell me that even that conclusion is erroneous. Most blind people carry a pocketbook with several compartments and keep their bills of different denominations in different compartments, so they know where they are. In that way they can readily make change and give the impression that they can tell bills by the sense of touch.

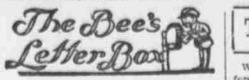
There are things that they can do by the sense of touch which are even more remarkable, such as threading a needle by placing the end of the thread on the tongue and shoving the head of the nedle along until the thread is thrust through the eye, or replacing delicate springs in a typewriter and keeping the machine in order. I recently successfully adjusted the reproducer on a graphonola which had become discordant.

This is a very delicate piece of mechanism and its adjustment is usually attempted only by an expert.

It would seem almost as wonderful for one without the sense of sight to trace the margin on a printed page of a book or newspaper to feel where the type leaves off and the unprinted page begins. Yet I can do that, while I have known blind people who would read raised print through four thicknesses of a silk handkerchief, or play a plano with a spread placed over the keyboard.

To tall the weight of paper in ream lots within five or ten pounds morely from feeling one sheet would seem to call for a very expert sense of touch, yet that is possible, as well as to tell much about the texture and quality of the paper and how it was prepared for book use.

It is probably due as much to the extravagant things that have been written about them as to the rather harmless practices of the blind people themselves that so many erroneous statements have got abroad.



#### Here's a Volunteer.

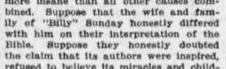
HARTINGTON, Neb., Nov. 3 .-- To the Editor of The Bee: Replying to the ltem in your paper about the aged woman from Gibbon, Neb., in New York. I, as an old settler of Nebraska, will give \$1 if \$,000 other settlers will give the same to save her home LON LYDICK.

RUSALIE, Neb., Nov. 3 .- To the Editor of The Bee, We send you herewith solution adopted by our Brotherhood: Whereas, The Methodis Brotherhood of he Rosalle Methodist Episcopal church f Rosalle, Neb., see fit to commend The mains Hee for the Christian spirited nanner in which they published the im-artial facts in the recent "Billy" Sun-ay campaign in Omaha. Therefore be it Resolved. That the

day campaign in Omaha. Therefore be it Resolved. That the hearief thanks of this entire Brother-hood be extended to The Bee. And be it Further Resolved. That this resolution be sent to The Bee and a copy be spread on the journal of this society. REV. H. C. BURROWS, W. W. REED, PROF. R. M. INBODY, Committee.

#### Different Views of Hell.

OMAHA, Nov. 3 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Now that Rev. William A. Sunday has departed from our midst and the temporary hysteria which has affected in the last seven weeks some of our leading prominent citizens and business men has subsided to a large de gree, it may not be amiss to say a few words here about the man that Omaha has entertained for nearly two months. Far be it from ...e to attempt to discredit or belittle any real good that Mr. Sunday might have done in this campaign. If he has helped some poor devil to permanent turn to a better life, he is to be commended for that, but do the people and clergy of Omaha really approve and commend the language and tactics used by this evangelist? Do the clergy of this city believe that their cause can be helped by a man who villifles and insults those who happen to disagree with him, a man who seeks to implant in the innocent minds of children the infamous dogma of a livid, burning, realistic hell? Do they approve of his slanderous, vulgar attacks upon our school board, consisting of some of our most distinguished and prominent citizens, who are devoting their time and energy, without compensation, for the betterment of our schools and our community, and who simply did their plain duty in regard to his insolent and impudent attempt to force his way into our public schools? I wonder what the people of Omaha would do to me, or any other common everyday citizen of Omaha, if he got up in a public place and applied the same coarse epithets to Robert Cowell, a man of sterling character and integrity! What is this country coming to, allowing such a man, using language condemned by all decent people as vulgar and uncouth, to run rampant villifying and trying to blacken the character of honest, courageous men whom he cannot buildoze and banboozle into swallowing his propaganda. His awful doctrine of hell has caused more unhappiness, more strife, made more insane than all other causes com-



## SUNNY GEMS.

"The sameness of these meals is getting can't think of anything else," raspoil

"You're strong for new styles in shoes, hats and the ways of fixing the hair. Ain't there never any new styles in ent-ables" - Louisville Courier-Journal.

Wife-Mrs. Brooks says society is hollow-that there isn't anything in it. Humband-Weil, there isn't anything in anything nowadays, my dear, if you don't put something in it.-Judge.

Katherine-As long as you say you understand the language of the flowers, what does this bunch of American Beauty Sidder-That a fool and his money Kidder-That a fool and his money are soon parted.-Brooklyn Citizen.

"Is your husband soing to be a can-idate" asked one woman. "I don't know," replied the other. "He says he is in the hands o. his country's shoe bill decreased \$90,000,000 this year, but a glance at the kind the girls are wearing in the street nowadays

rienda onds." That's John, all over. Always trying put the responsibility on somebody Pittsburgh Dispatch: An Omaha doco put the responsibility tor seriously suggested to a medical

THE HEAVING CHEST.

that a race of immunes might be built W. K. Maxwell, in Judge. Whiles in a jitney show I sit And watch the fleeting drayma flit, With wonderment I am possessed To note the leading lady's chest.

Philadelphia Ledger: The United States, alone among the powers, has no opinion

to express conversing the change from Whatever cards the fates may deal-It may be woe, or may be weal-With passionate, dramatic rest, The leading lady heaves her chest. republic to monarchy in China. It is a long way back to the days of John Hay. and the policies for which he stood have apparently been forgotten.

apparently been forgotten. Louisville Courier-Journal: A special committee of the American Electric Street The leading lady heaves her chest. breast

Railway association has condemned the Or should the rent collector call And grimly camp within the hall. Milady shows that she's distressed By labored heavings of the chest. jitney bus and solemnly reported that it cannot survive. It seems to be the general opinion of the members of this association that nothing and nobody should

Or yet again, if it should chance The hero fails and tears his pants, Ere starting on a needle quest The lady halts and heaves her chest.

And when her troubles all are past-When true love claims its own at last-She snuggles to her lover's vest And pelts him with a heaving chost. in which other nations heard us in 1866, when we had 1,000,000 battle-hardened soldiers and the most powerful steam fleet on the seas, is commended to the

L'Envol.

33 love the histrionic art, With jits unstudyingly I part; But, prince, I'm yearning for a rest From constant heaving of the chest. after the European war as to relieve



survive that dispute in any way the street cars' rights to monopolize the streets. Chicago Herald: The respectful way consideration of persons who hold that all other nations will be so "exhausted"



Washington Post: One important dif-

ference between grand opera and the movies is that the latter are self-supporting.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The president's improved appearance may be due to the fact that somebody else is picking his tles now.

Boston Transcript: After giving up \$500,000,000 to, the allies, Mr. J. P. Morgan probably regarded parting with his appendix as comparatively simple. Indianapolis News: It seems that the

shows that it wasn't their fault.

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be exposed to contagious diseases so

up. Why not try it first on the

us from any need of a better defense.

#### Bouquet for The Bee.

Secretary McAdoo announces that "an era of prosperity is on the way." This is the most accurate interpretation of republican gains in the week's election that has yet appeared.

The distinctive feature of Secretary Lansing's prolific crop of notes is the absence of a fixed date of settlement. In this respect diplomacy mocks the literary efforts of financiers.

Even though the returns from the Big Four are not as "perfectly lovely" as they might be, the suffragists are entitled to the credit of making a distinct improvement in political parades.

Another big credit mark that belongs to our Nebraska teachers is the large proportion of those who attend the meetings and general sessions and the small proportion of those who " play hookey."

Among other places in which Nebraska has been scoring noticeable progress is the improved appearance of her school teachers. Nowadays they are "style-all-the-while" and good to look at all the time.

Reports of good results flowing from consolidated rural schools justify the claims of advocates of consolidation. Unity of isolated parts makes for efficiency in education as in other tines of industry.

American firms doing business in Great Britain through agents or otherwise might as well prepare to pay their share of the war income tax. The urgent need of money blocks the usual avenues of escape.

A rousing old-time republican majority in Hamilton county enables Cincinnati to bear with equanimity the crushing bankruptcy of the duke of Manchester. Especially since the Zimmerman fortune was not kidnaped with the heiress.



The opening ball of the Apollo club was success fully given at Light Guards hall, with this committee in charge; C. H. T. Riepen, W. J. Ward, J. A. Booth, George J. Sternsdorf, T. E. Jones, A. J. Eaton, B. F. Fry. J. H. Kosters, H. J. Fuller, O. P. Burnett and . Eketchley.

The Unity club listened to a paper by Rev. W. E. Copaland on "The Influence of Climate Upon Man." and an essay on "Buckle" by W. S. Curtis.

Work on the exposition building is progressing rapidly, and completion is expected before Christmas,

Little Edna Cowin, daughter of General Cowin, had her foot painfully caught by the elevator while scending to dinner at the Paxton.

Mrs. M. Buxbaum and her daughter. Mrs. D. Haslocker of Chicago, are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. A. Heiler, 2012 St. Mary's avenue.

Madame Modjeska and her husband, Count Bozenta, are stopping at the Millard,

John G. Willis and family, E. V. Smith and family, and S. R. Brown and family are all leaving for Los Angeles.

W. O. Taylor, superintendent of the Bradstreet local agency, has gone to St. Joseph.

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Traffic Congestion Hampers Business. Again the cry goes up that congestion of traffic is retarding business expansion and causing serious loss to shippers, the complaint coming largely from the seaboard terminals. Ever since the development of the present transportation system this has been the plaint and the transportation companies have almost without exception taken pattern from the man with the leaky roof, who said when it rained he couldn't fix it and when it was not raining it didn't need fixing. It does not require an expert

to see that with docks, trackage and freight warehouses filled, extensions and construction work are out of the question, as it would be a case of confusion worse confounded. Railroad directors, however, have grown into the habit of requiring the managers to maintain as nearly se possible a constant ratio of expenditures to earnings, which, of course, makes it impossible to do construction work on any large scale during periods of dull traffic. Holding operating expenses to a basis of current earnings is good business and with it no one can legitimately complain, but outlay for permanent improvements comes under a different heading.

### Score One for the "Lid" Law.

The conviction of a "lid-lifter" after a full jury trial, carrying with it a revocation of the license to sell liquor and disqualification to secure another license next year, gives the lie to the statement that no conviction can be had for violation of the liquor laws in Omaha. The offonder in this particular case may be the "goat," but the lesson should not be lost upon the other liquor dealers, who may be well advised that there is such a thing as overstepping the limit and being "caught with the goods" without a get-a-way. They may also be advised that Omaha has a city prosecutor now who will go through when he starts, and is not to be scared or pulled cif where the evidence is clear against a willful offender.

After a long silence Colonel John P. Irish of Iowa and Omaha memory jumps from San Francieco to New York to get out of his system a speech on the suffrage question. The colonel's felicity of expression has modulated considerably since his involuntary flight through the transom of the Jacksonian club with a flock of 'gold traitors" during the reballion of '96.

Bank clearings for the last week of October is a notable exhibit of business expansion throughout the country. Only four cities report decreases, and these are of minor consequence. Omaha's showing of 27 per cent increase is a aratifying feature of a striking financial record.

The country saved \$90,000,000 last year by wearing out their old shoes and passing up the shoe shops. The figures carry the official stamp of the shoemakers and may be accepted as definitely marking a season of uncommon comfort for human soles.

The sight of three distinguished federal judges sitting together here for the trial of a case of more than usual importance, suggests that some day not too distant Omaha should be the permanent seat of a circuit court of appeals.

# Twice Told Tales

#### An Excellent Example.

A venerable citizen of the Straddle Ridge neighborhood entered a lunch room in Polkville, Ark., dragging after him a gander-necked, lop-eared youth.

"What kind o' pie have ye got yere?" he asked of the brisk waitress.

"Peach - apple - mince - raisin-punk's-Apercot -lemon-blackb'ry and cokernut-custard!" she answered with considerable rapidity.

"Ptu!-which?" returned the old fellow

The young lady repeated the list with still greater speed. "Please say that over ag'in, if you'd jest as liv',"

requested the ancient man. "Say, lookee here!" demanded the waitress. "Can't

you understand anything?" "Oh, yes'm; I understand, all right!" He turned

to the lop-eared youth. "There, now, Emmett!" he triumphantly said. "You see it's jest as I told you; a person kin talk as fast as he pleases without stutterin', if he'll only take keer!"-Judge.

Compulsory Volunteering.

Senator Beveridge said the other day in Washing-

"Women in England today hand white feathers to young men who haven't volunteered. These young men are booed in the streets and theaters. A young Englishman out of uniform is apt to be called a coward by every pretty girl who passes.

"Under these circumstances the English volunteer system reminds me of the Bolivian general who set out on a recruiting expedition. He wanted volunteers to put down a rebellion. Well, after he had been gone about a week he sent the war office this telegram;

" Volunteer spirit spiendid. Am forwarding by steamer 150 volunteers. Please return the handcuffs." Washington Star.

# Aimed at Omaha

Fremont Herald: Omaha, whose creameries turn out more butter in a single day than Eligin. Ill. creameries turn out in a week, permits Eigin to dictate the price paid for butter and also at what price it shall be sold. Omaha dubbed along for many years as a secondary grain market until is assorted itself and jumped into the position of third grain market of the world. Omaha needs a butter exchange where prices may be fixed independent of any other town on earth.

Nebraaka City Press: The Press is glad to note that, at this writing, at least one Omaha newspaper has denied that it received any pay for its "Billy" Sunday articles. The Bee emphatically denies the which has been given prominence by the Frerumor mont Tribune, the Press and a few other state papers. The Bee's denial is emphatic and, insofar as this paper is concerned, sufficient. We take Mr. Rosewater's word for it that his newspaper did not share in the distribution of any of "Billy" Sunday's wealth We only regret that it did not, because for what the Omaha newspapers did for the evangelist and his "cause" they should have been paid. They not only printed the news, but they also gave splendid publicity.

Beatrice Express: An Omaha saloon has just been closed by the city commissioners because the proprietors were convicted of violating the 8 o'clock closing law, the conviction occurring in what Mayor Jim terms the court of "a two-by-four police judge." After all, Sunday's visit to the Nebraska metropolis appears to have stirred up some of the residents of that city.

Nebraska City Press: 'The "Sawdust Slide" is the name of a new dance, evolved and labeled by an Omaha dancing master. One guess as to the origin.

ish stories. They all pass away and "Billy" takes his "reserved" seat in heaven while God consigns the woman he loved, the kind sweet mother who had borne him children, the dutiful and loving wife and the children to the eternal torments of hell. Could "Billy" rest content and happy in paradise. knowing full well that his wife and family were suffering indescribaoie tortures in hell?

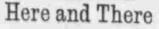
How much more humanity, love and kindness there is in Ingersoll's view of hell: "I honestly believe the doctrine of hell was born in the glittering eyes of snakes that run in frightful coils watching for their prey. I believe it was born in the yelping and howling and growling and snarling of wild beasts. I believe it was born in the grim of hyenas and in the mallelous chatter of depraved apcs. That doctrine was born of revenge and brutality on the one side and cowardice on the other. I have no respect for the man who believes it or who preaches it. I have no respect for the man who will pollute the imagination of a child with that infamous lie. I despise it; I defy it; I hate it, and when the great ship freighted with the world goes down in the night of death. chaos and disaster. I will not be guilty of the ineffable meanness of pushing from my breast my wife and children and paddling off in some orthodox canoe. I will go down with those I love and with those who love me. I will go down with the ship and with my race. I will go where there is sympatly. I will go with those I love. Nothing can make me believe that there is any Being that is going to burn and torment and damn his children forever."

I ask readers, regardless of beliefs, which, in their honest opinion, is the grander, the kinder, the sublimer, the ne seeking to propagate and impress upon emotional and innocent minds this terrible inhuman doctrine, or the other, who succeeded, to such a marked degree, in freeing humanity from the bondage of this frightful doctrine?

WALTER ROSICKY. 1701 South Twelfth street.

Only Two Political Parties.

OMAHA, Nov. 4 .- To the Editor of The Bee: There are at this time but two real genuine political parties, namely, democratic and republican. Of course, other parties have butted in and are in the soup for years to come, and generations will pass before they will be recognized. Hence the late progressive party is now dead-forever. J. M. S. BANKS.



"He as has gits." A banker at Watsonville, Cal., has fallen heir to a fortune of 2000,000 left by a Canadian uncle, who was a recluse and lived on 30 cents a day. Women will replace the 170,000 farm workers who have been called to the front in England, Scotland and Wales. The Congregational union for woman suffrage announces that it will take a hand in the next republican national convention.

Two young women, expert swimmers, iashed into the water from the North Side beach at Chicago, pushed through stormy waves for a quarter of a mile and rescued two men clinging to an overturned rowboat. The chivalrie honor of reacue is no longer monopolized by man. but the romance of the rescue-who can tall?



Persistence is the cardinal virtue in advertising; no matter how good advertising may be in other respects, it must be run frequently and constantly to be really successful.