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Thought for the Day

Selected by J. K. Fleming. All things work together for good to them that love God.—Bible.

The early Christmas shopper has plenty of time to shop again.

It is painfully evident in the score that the navy is unprepared for land operations.

Care must be exercised among the hobo workers to prevent a fracture of the speed record.

At the rate of 25 cents a pound for the clip, dockmasters of the west become modern dispensers of the golden fleece.

If Mr. Ford is determined to spend his money that way, Nebraska can be counted on to furnish a full quota of guests for the free excursion party.

Loading money is no longer a rustic for investment. So vast and varied are the offerings of security that selection is the chief source of worry.

The stockholders of one of the big meat packing firms are promised a Christmas "melon." That is no sign, however, that they are vegetarians.

Jeers and scoffs for the Christmas peace joyrides are heard on all sides. Naturally some tolerance springs from the disappointment of expectants.

It would seem that Europe's most autocratic governments are more tolerant of criticism than our president and the high-up members of his official family.

The accidental destruction of a stretch of the Lane cut-off by fire is only a hint at what has happened to all the railroads in the war zone on the other side.

If the truth has been told about the vast expenditure of ammunition on the western front, the war zone countries promise to yield fortunes later as an iron mine.

Estimates of Andrew Carnegie's "rainy day fund" range from \$10,000,000 to \$60,000,000. To a man of four-score determined to die poor, neither pile imposes a back-breaking job.

If that new jury law is really resulting in smaller judgments for personal injury damage claims, the contingent-fee brigade, chiefly responsible for the change, must be dreadfully disappointed.

The district court of Dakota county may be pardoned for "stepping high." To have its ruling in the drainage case affirmed by the federal supreme court in exact terms constitutes praise of the Sir Rupert order.

Prize purses for both national party conventions hang on Chicago's belt, while in the distance St. Louis and Philadelphia are still rushing subscription papers. The Windy City's speed is heart-breaking to competitors.



Another crowded house greeted the close of the Emma Abbott season for a splendid performance of "La Traviata."

The Peoples' theater was well filled notwithstanding counter attractions for a performance of Niplo's "Humpty-Dumpty."

Julius Paycke, one of Omaha's most popular business men, is starting for a three months' trip to Europe to spend part of the time with his parents, who reside near Hamburg. It is rumored that he has purchased two return tickets.

The High school political economy class held a debate on the merits of protection and free trade. The protection side was represented by Mary Luddington, Mary Hall, Victor Rosewater and Fred McConnell and the free trade side by Julia Newcomb, Augustus Detweiler, Art Rose and Enoch Ellison. A vote of the class favored the protectionists.

Joseph Robbins and wife left for Mexico, where they will spend the winter.

The officers and ladies of Fort Omaha are preparing for another theatrical entertainment following their recent success.

H. G. Dunt, superintendent of the Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern, is in the city.

General Howard has gone to Kansas City to approve his lecture on General Grant.

Conference on Rural Credits.

Among the conferences now in progress is the gathering at Chicago of representatives of the farmers, to debate rural credits and farm finances. This will be one of the most important of these early winter conclaves, because of the vast interests involved in the question.

The farmer makes the complaint common to all, that he must pay too much for the use of the money he borrows, asserting he provides better security and pays higher interest than any other branch of industry.

The present conference at Chicago has opportunity to be of real service to the farmer. The only danger it faces is that a general issue may become beclouded by special complaints.

Meeting of the Kaisers.

The visit of Emperor Wilhelm to Emperor Franz Josef is an interesting episode, specially noteworthy just at this time. While, perhaps, fraught with little of far-reaching importance, it has sentimental value of immense weight, and as such will be regarded by students of the war's progress.

Does Suppression Suppress?

Paterson has had an unique experience among American cities, in that it has been the headquarters for an active group of anarchists for many years. Somehow, anarchy and the silk industry seem to go hand in hand in America.

But, Of Course, It's Different.

Here is an item which we take from the current issue of Collier's Weekly, in which it is captioned, "Weeding Their Own Patch."

We note that on a fair day in November the justices of the appellate court of New York disbanded thirteen lawyers, suspended seven from practice for one year or more, censured six, and referred charges against two others to the official referee.

Of course, the reference is to New York lawyers, but recall, if you please, the outcry when The Bee not so many moons ago suggested that the reputable members of the Omaha bar do a little house-cleaning on their own account.

Flareback Over the Filipinos.

The wordy clash between the secretary of war and a former president of the United States gains public attention through its lack of dignity, rather than because of its inherent merit.

The fact of the matter is, the democrats sought to discredit as far as possible the work done by the republicans in educating the Filipinos and advancing them along the road to ultimate self-government.

This is not the only point on which the democratic administration has failed, nor is it the one on which the disapproval of the public will eventually rest.

The law of Nebraska regulating automobile driving requires a full stop wherever street cars are taking on or discharging passengers, the stop to continue until the car starts again.

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Aimed at Omaha

Fremont Tribune: All right, we'll concede The Bee the privilege of saying "We told you so," in the Hughes case.

Auburn Granger: An Omaha man married but thirty days has to answer in court in a suit for divorce. He threw a loaf of bread at her and hurt her head. She made the bread and he threw it and it is hard to tell which was the more ill-bred of the two.

Fremont Tribune: It would be of some interest to know what were the motives of John O. Yeiser in withdrawing the filing of Theodore Roosevelt for president as a primary candidate in this state.

Columbia Telegram: Twenty cities and towns in Nebraska are now conducting religious revivals on a large scale. Do such meetings work the welfare of a community? Do they make a community better?

David City Banner: By compelling all tramps who land in Omaha to take a bath, that city has hit upon a sure way to rid them of such pests.

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Twice Told Tales

What Did He Do with It? "The manager of my store," declared the merchant to a little coterie of friends, "is a peculiar genius.

Just Like Him. Sandy had been photographed, and as he was looking intently at his "pictur" Tam McPherson came along.

Alaming and Hitting. One of Colonel Roosevelt's first hunting instructors was old Bill Sewall, a Maine guide, whom, when president, the colonel rewarded for years of friendship an advice by an office.

When he was a boy the colonel went into camp with Sewall. Deer season came along, and they went out to give the youthful Nimrod his first chance for a shot.

Shoot! "Shoot!" shouted Sewall, and the future president let go with his rifle.

Why? "Why?" replied young Roosevelt, drawing himself up proudly, "I aimed for his breast."

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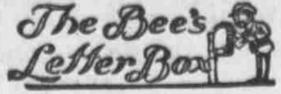
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The Right Principle of Taxation.

OMAHA, Nov. 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: Recognizing the necessity of providing sufficient revenue to pay the expenses of the government, it is apparent that in view of the continuance of the European war and deficit caused by falling off of imports that other means must be considered.

That the last congress in passing the so-called war tax did what appeared to the majority the best thing possible. Time has shown that the burden was in some cases unequally and unjustly laid.

Every business and professional man should, if it is necessary, pay some direct tax. No good reason why a commission man should pay, and a grocer, baker, laundry or any other man not, nor is there any reason to exempt a lawyer, doctor or preacher.

Railroads, telegraph companies, express and telephone companies should pay the tax on the receipts and bills they issue and not the shippers.

Direct taxation will never become a popular measure in this country, but so long as we must tax some one, treat all alike. This is the only fair, just way and will win friends and added strength to the government.

W. W. E.

"Be Merciful."

OMAHA, Nov. 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: In The Bee of Saturday a week ago I noticed a "cartoon" entitled "Solving the Hobo Problem," which inspires me to pen the following lines:

(Tramps or hoboes, according to the latest theory, are caused by a germ.) Oh, blame not the tramp when he lames, Withhold your rebuke from your speech, When he lies with his back on the grass.

Don't cry that he should be eschewing His long, loafing days in the sun; That he ought to be up and being something or some one.

It isn't aversion for labor That makes him the hobo he is, He might work as hard as his neighbor In a tiring (but lucrative) line. He might think it shameful to shirk in Each task that the day may provide Were it not for a microbe at work in His little inside.

So, stifle, dear reader, your censure And turn on your sympathy's tap. For this it may be peradventure, You'll make him less useless a chap. Back to health you should struggle to lead, If you are pretty and garnished with frills Hold his head in your lap while you feed him On syrup of squills.—SAM L. MORRIS.

Nebraska Editors

The Citizen is the name of a new paper at Walthill. W. H. Hickerson, formerly publisher of the Coon Rapids (Ia.) Citizen, is proprietor.

Pender Times: They are talking of W. H. Green of Creighton for governor. Well, "Bill" Green is big enough for the job and would make a capital chief executive, but what would he do with the Creighton Liberal?

The Ponca Journal-Leader will celebrate its forty-fourth anniversary by getting out an illustrated holiday edition. It is an all home-print paper and is edited and published by E. B. Kingsbury and M. M. Martin.

Arthur V. Wortman, formerly a reporter of the Beatrice Sun, has purchased the Hebron Champion from Henry Allen Brainerd, former president of the Nebraska Press association. The change is effective December 1. Mr. Brainerd has not announced his plans for the future.

The plants of the Daily Times Publishing company and the Bailey Job Printing company of Kearney will be consolidated. The new corporation will be known as the Willard F. Bailey company. Frank W. Brown, who is one of the incorporators, will continue as editor of the Times.

Stockville Faber, F. P. Shields, editor of the Orleans Express, has announced his candidacy for governor, subject to the democratic primaries. He is the father of Monte Shields, who "also ran" for county judge in this county last fall. Thus it seems that Monte's taste for politics is hereditary.

Grand Island Independent: Editor Clark Parker of Aurora, whom every fellow craftsman loves, respects and believes, says he was held up in his home city and robbed of \$10, and then some. As a matter of course, the prospect is alluring, fellows; but, after all, there are already four papers in Aurora. Let it remain a mystery. Too deep for us to solve.

Editorial Snapshots

Indianapolis News—A Wisconsin savant says that a bald-headed man won't go crazy. But he is likely to come pretty close to it in the season of unwanted files.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: No doubt there is a good deal to be made out of the navy in the navy, and landmen will wonder if it is to be increased as the navy expands.

Baltimore American: The New York suffragists expended a campaign fund of nearly \$8,000 and nobody made any money out of it, which shows that inherent unfitness to go into politics.

Philadelphia Bulletin: There is one point of reassurance in the financial forecast of Secretary McAdoo. No provision is made for the \$90,000,000 appropriation for the purchase of a merchant fleet.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Another man retires from a race he was never in. Nebraska republicans, after attempting to run Justice Hughes for president against his will, now turn to the mayor of Chicago as second choice. Nay, says the said mayor, whom will these experimenting Nebraskans try next?

Springfield Republican: Dr. Anna Howard Shaw retires from the presidency of the National American Woman Suffrage association doubtless satisfied that her successor will be one who will continue the policy which has been maintained under her wise leadership. If so the cause of woman suffrage will be the gainer, for Dr. Shaw is experienced in campaigning, and the more time she can give to this important work the better. It has been a notable line—Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, Anna Howard Shaw. But there are a good many more of such leaders now than when these women began their great work.

CHERRY CHAFF.

"Here's an old friend of yours, Mrs. Gaddy." "Oh, yes, I refused you when we were young, didn't I?" "Yes, madam. So kind of you to make me remember one more thing to be thankful for today."—Baltimore American.

"What are the facts on which you base your conclusion?" "I haven't hunted up the facts yet, replied Senator Borahum. "It was hard enough to think up the conclusion."—Washington Star.

"Now, gentlemen," said the dean of the law college, "let each of you make a resolve not to descend to pettifoggery or to put himself upon a level with the criminal classes." "Here he looked around the classroom. "In other words, be a legal light, not a legal dark lantern."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

When you read of rotten politics in city and in state, When you read of juggling justice on the bench, When the price of food makes leaner every day the poor man's plate, When the social muck is making quite a stretch, Then a man may fairly wonder if there hasn't, crime or blunder, Been a monkey-wrench dropped in among the cogs; But a state of abject terror is a most colossal error.

For this country is not going to the dogs!

For this good old ship, America, has weathered many a gale, It has sailed through many a thicker fog before, And it crews have learned the habit of not knowing how to fall, Howsore or the stormy seas around may roar; It is staunch and stout and rampy, and though seas and skies be gloomy, Let us leave all onward croaking to the frogs.

Let us face in manly fashion all the panic and the passion, For this country is not going to the dogs!

DEAR MR KABIBBLE SHOULD A HUSBAND TAKE CARE OF THE DISHES? YES—HE SHOULD CATCH EVERY ONE THROWN AT HIM

"Is there no hope?" asked the relative of the rich miser as they gathered around his bed.

"None," replied the kind-hearted physician, reluctantly. "Every sign, and I have watched him carefully, points to his complete recovery."—Baltimore American.

Mrs. Neighbors—What was that awful racket I heard in your flat this morning? Mrs. Westdoor—Oh, that was my husband. He fell over a rocking chair and

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