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Thought for the Day

A man is truly educated only in so far as he is "into his job." Diplomas are good in their place, but it is only what a man can do that counts.

The only place where the hyphen fits perfectly is in Pan-America.

Mr. Wilson can talk like a regular human being when he gets among the democrats.

Standard Oil knows how easy it is to raise a little extra revenue by adding a cent to the price of gasoline.

With the second section of the Ford peace treaty at sea, the responsibility of Neptune is more than ever noticeable.

"America, first, last and all the time" is the heritage of the whole people, not the stage property of any political party.

The breach between civilization and Bagdad continues to widen, but the trail is plainly marked for a return visit.

Should no other reward come to Franz Von Sickingen, he can rejoice in the possession of the double-cross of organized labor.

However, Chicago can console itself with the prospect of entertaining the only national party convention with a punch in it.

War is really taking on a serious aspect when it interferes with the orderly delivery of Mr. Rockefeller's oil to his customers.

An increasing flow of European parliamentary talk enlivens the cables these days. The censor dodges his duty, or is afraid to do it.

You can be a good fellow in lots of ways around Christmas time, and one of the best ways is to help the Associated Charities, which are busy with relief work all the year.

Rev. Charles Aked says the peace expedition will win, because it is supported by the doctrine of brotherly love. But, didn't we have that doctrine before the war commenced?

The weight of authority bestowed on national preparedness by the president does not counter the fact that Christmas preparedness is of the most gripping issue of the moment.

Treasurer Hall is not contumacious, but he would like the supreme court to take cognizance of his reasons for wanting to be guided by the constitution in administering the state treasury.

Complaints of indifferent service and costly operation on some stub lines would quickly vanish if the railroad managers would install these expensive power and rolling stock. Reasonable accommodations make for development and increased business.

Thirty Years Ago

Members of the Temperance society put on a social case at St. Philomena hall, the characters being taken from these amateur actors: Messrs. P. McGuire, John Quinn, P. L. Sourd, Lou H. Bear, J. A. Linahan, Charles Taggart, Mrs. P. O'Bryan, Mrs. Nora Tammany and Miss Dealan.

Postmaster Content says that only one messenger required to attend to the special delivery so far developed in Omaha, and he has plenty of leisure at Post. Since October 1, the special delivery letters received have been numbered 25.

The new gas tank which is being built at the corner of Eleventh and Jones streets is fast nearing completion.

Mrs. J. W. Nich of Evanston, Ill. is here on a two weeks' visit with her brother, Assistant Postmaster Woodard.

Miss Bertha Goldberg, sister of A. Goldberg, the thirteenth street dry goods merchant, arrived from St. Petersburg, Russia. Mr. Goldberg had not seen her for over twenty years.

General Manager Callaway of the Union Pacific has gone to Boston.

Carranza in Control.

Recognition has come to Venustiano Carranza as president of the republic of Mexico from the United States and from Great Britain, and ambassadors are being appointed between the governments concerned.

The most pressing need of Mexico at present is food for its starving people, and this will surely be provided. Carranza's return to the capital will open the way for the introduction of relief, and it now seems probable the hungry will all be fed.

Perilously Close to "Lese Majeste."

Nebraska republicans can engage in better business than permitting themselves to be hoodwinked into a favorite son movement on behalf of either Senator Norris or ex-Senator Burkett.

In this Brother Clark Perkins strikes us as coming perilously close to "lese majeste." For has not Nebraska as much of a right to have as many favorite sons as any other state?

Peace Talk in Parliament.

Questions asked in the parliaments of Germany, England and France have brought from ministers statements as to conditions under which peace terms will be considered by the belligerents.

Germany has dominated the situation since the early days of the war, and has at all times been in position to discuss terms of peace. Any peace that would be concluded under existing circumstances would virtually be on Berlin's terms.

On the other hand, the Quadruple Entente allies, each with a definite purpose in view, have little reason for hope of gaining a single point through peace negotiated at this time.

Democrats Dodging the Hoodoo.

Anticipating the outcome of next fall's balloting, the democrats have changed the time of holding their national convention, setting the date back one day in order to avoid the possible baneful influence of the 13th of the month.

People and Events

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Vast Sums of Insurance Money in Farm Loans

William D. Wyman, Address to Association of Life Ins. Presidents.

While the assets of American life insurance companies have doubled in the last ten years, the amount loaned by them on real estate mortgages has increased more than two and a half times.

Of the assets held by life insurance companies at the end of last year, over \$1,700,000,000 were invested in real estate mortgages.

These reports show that \$65,000,000, or 39.3 per cent, were at the end of 1914 invested by these 168 companies in farm loans; \$69,400,000, or 39.24 per cent, were invested in other real estate securities in the United States.

One hundred and twenty-six of the companies reported to the association, their farm mortgages by states. These companies hold about 97 per cent of all loans made by American life insurance companies.

Another point quite as interesting is the enormous amount of money which has been loaned in what is generally termed the "Great Corn Belt," where farm values average the highest.

We have known in a general way, as insurance men, that a vast amount of money was being loaned by life insurance companies on farm lands and, in addition, that an even larger sum was being loaned on city and village real estate.

It is shown that the enormous sum of \$28,000,000 loaned on real estate other than farms, in the middle Atlantic states, is a little less than 2 per cent of the city and village property values of these states.

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What looked like a fountain of beer spouted up in Philadelphia and drew a crowd of hangers-on eager for a free dose. The flood proved to be genuine "suds," but not the drinkable kind. It came from a laundry.

Pension laws for mothers and widows are not getting very far in Kansas, because the cash comes out of county treasuries. County officials in most cases ignore the law and spend the money in other ways.

The Bee's Letter Box

Christmas for Colored Children.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Dec. 7. To the Editor of The Bee: During the last ten or twelve years it was regarded as a privilege by the late principal of Tuskegee institute, Dr. Booker T. Washington, to distribute in the rural districts of the south Christmas remembrances of one kind or another which were sent to him for those who, without some such remembrance, would have nothing to remind them of the Christmas season.

Mrs. Washington, who always cooperated with him in this labor of love, will be pleased this year to continue the custom of distributing such presents as may be sent to her for the purpose of aiding among the poorer children of the cotton-growing states, using smaller schools, churches, Tuskegee graduates and former students, etc., as the medium for reaching deserving children in wide sections of the south.

Boy Scout Discipline. OMAHA, Dec. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: Regarding editorial in your paper on evening of December 7, regarding the Boy Scout organization, I am glad to see that in a part of the country where the Boy Scout movement is very little understood, your statement that the above organization is "very likely essentially military" is very misleading, and I fall to understand your basis, unless it would be press reports on Mr. Seaton's reason for withdrawing as chief scout.

The basis of the movement is decidedly non-military, and from all the information I have been able to gather has always been so and will so continue. It should be understood that instilling patriotism into boys is one of the aims of the organization, and to this end a scout takes an oath of allegiance to his flag, sets a thorough understanding of what his flag stands for and the respect that is due it. A scout agrees to the law calling for: Trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, kindness, cheerfulness, obedience, thriftiness, cleanliness in body and thought and a reverence toward God.

He has a pin that signifies brotherhood, good citizenship and friendliness, and it is his reminder to do a good turn daily. The tests that he takes in woodcraft, campcraft and elementary first aid to the injured and all other tests fail to show anything of a military spirit, but merely emphasize his motto to be "Prepared." It certainly should be vehemently denied that the Boy Scouts are in any way military, and that military control and military discipline are at all necessary for their welfare.

CHESTER W. HINZEE, Scout Master, Troop Two, Boy Scouts of America, 444 Farnam Street.

Musicians' Union Rejoinder.

OMAHA, Dec. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your issue of December 6, the manager of the Ancient Order of United Workmen band attempts to justify the action of the Ancient Order of United Workmen relative to a recent protest. Many statements are made therein which are erroneous, but I fail to find any statements which tend to justify the action. Instead, the statement is made that "Mr. Finn does not state facts when he says that our protest was against employing union bands."

Speaking of music, in its competitive sense, there are only two classes of musicians, the union class and the non-union class. The action of the city commissioners in this instance was to the effect that only one certain class would be employed, the union class.

The band manager now states that the lodge could not accept the proposition of the Musicians' union, as in doing so the lodge would be just as liable to criticism from their non-union members as they are at present from their union members, hence that the lodge took the only stand that was left, neutrality.

Speaking of paying taxes, the weight of votes and the right of lodge members to get an equal share of the money expended by the city, why confine this matter to music alone; in all fairness would it not be just as reasonable to form the lodge members, who are mechanics, into groups, give them lodge designations, say "A. O. U. W. carpenters," "A. O. U. W. plumbers," etc., and demand that they be given an equal show with other mechanics in the money the city expends in the construction of public buildings and in all public improvements.

Regarding the previous knowledge of Mr. Finn with reference to the position of the lodge in this matter, will say that the Musicians' union has been informed as follows: "The lodge can not dictate to any member in individual or personal matters." The action of the individual is not being questioned in this instance; it is the action of the lodge itself that the Musicians' union contends is unfair in this matter. No "sarcasm" or "attack" on the Ancient Order of United Workmen is intended, but it is the desire to draw the attention of the fair-minded man and lodge member to the unfair position taken by the lodge band promoters.

Do you think, fraternal brother, that the interests of your lodge requires that the lodge band leave the lodge circles and enter the speculative field? Do you think that your order is benefited when the members of your lodge band split up into various groups and attempt to secure musical engagements, not as individuals, but as a group of lodge members using the prestige and strength of the name of your order? Don't you think that such procedure is commercializing the order, bringing it into disrepute and going entirely beyond the sublime objects and tenets of your order?

GRINS AND GROANS.

"Do you mean to appear in the street in that skimpy costume? You told me your suit had as much material in it as the one you wore last winter." "It has," said the wife calmly. "The skirt may be somewhat shorter, but I'm wearing an extra high collar."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I am practicing oratory on every occasion," said the ambitious young speaker, "in hopes some day of attaining to burning eloquence." "The only way to do that," replied his unsympathetic hearer, "is to make a bonfire of all your speeches."—Baltimore American.

"Did the dealer say he would send our coal around next week?" "Yes, he said he had our coal slated for Tuesday." "Slated, eh? I don't altogether like the sound of that."—Chicago Post.

Recipe. OMAHA, Dec. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: This is December, the month of mirth, good will to all and peace on earth. When all the families together shall be, let's all eat a pudding from this recipe. A pudding made thus is acknowledged the best, the easiest to make and also to digest.

If you wish to make the pudding in which everyone delights; Of six pretty new-laid eggs, you must take the yolks and whites; Beat them well up in a bowl till they are thoroughly combined; And be sure you chop the suet up particularly fine.

Take a pound of seeded raisins, and a pound of currants dried, and a pound of powdered sugar, and some candied peel beside; Rub them all up well together with a pound of wheaten flour; And let them stand to settle for a quarter of an hour.

Some people like the water cold, and some prefer it hot— But though I don't know which of these two plans I ought to praise, I know it ought to boil an hour for every pound it weighs. SAMUEL L. MORRIS.

KABIBBLE KABARET. DEAR MR. KABIBBLE SEND ME MY ALUMINY AM MORE - WHAT SHALL I DO? GET HIM A JOB!

"Won't you take my seat?" said the man in the street car as he lifted his hat to the pretty girl. "No, thank you," she replied. "I've been skating all the afternoon and I'm tired of sitting down."—Puck.

"Now, wife, we must look around a little before buying an automobile." "Fortunately, we won't have to go to that trouble. I have had called to my attention the most perfect machine in the world." "Who was telling you about this car?" "The agent."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

"Is Bilgins a reformer?" "The worst kind." "What do you mean by the worst kind?" "There are objectionable as well as praiseworthy reformers. Bilgins is one of those who hate graft, because they never had a chance at it."—Washington Star.

"I saw a weather report the other day couched in terms which struck me as being about the right kind to use." "How did it read?" "Probably fair, perhaps rain, maybe clearing."—Pittsburgh Post.

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