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Thought for the Day Selected by W. M. Davidson

After all, you cannot write well with ink on oft paper; and I suppose the good teacher remembers this, and is willing to use a pencil, or anything, provided he can make a real inscription on the pupil's heart. - Henry Van Dyke.

Banker Hall underscores the "no" in his political note

China shows a distinct desire to become the Mexico of the Orient.

After all that was said and done, who would imagine that Henry Ford would take back water

Considering the progress already made in that direction another year of war will transform Europe into a vast soup house.

"Peace through victory" is the holiday slogan of the western trenches. It sounds good. Now for fulfillment. The sooner the better.

The waning days of the year hobble to the finish weighted with the mystery of Colonel Bryan's abstention from current conversation.

A state of preparedness would be materially advanced if gun-toting was more vigorously supenemy of life,

Just as the allies closed the Swiss door to Germany, the Teutons opened the Roumanian door and let out the wheat. Expert locksmiths are a serviceable adjunct to a war staft.

Civic pride is splendidly exemplified by Henry Frick in guaranteeing the payment of the deposits of school children in a bankrupt Pittsburgh bank. His generosity has the added merit of quickly meeting a holiday emergency.

The Poland of the nineteenth century has been described as the 'Niobs of nations." The twentieth century does not alter the pathos of title, but mingles blood with the tears. The borderland of warring powers is a settled menace to longevity.

A casual reading of the interviews given out by members of the Ford Peace party are more a source of astonishment than of light. That a peace army of generals and no privates got as far as Sweden can be explained only on their inability to boss the ship.

According to the official returns the majority against suffrage in New York state totals 194,467. This is not a bad showing for the cause, considering the source. It is rather encouraging by contrast. The man-made new constitution was laid out by a majority of 509,623.

Poor old New York! The city's defenseless condition is revealed in a Christmas windup of rain, hall, snow, thunder and lightning, and a ninety-mile gale. The sympathy of the sunny Missouri valley goes out to the terrified, coupled with regrets for their failure to heed Horace Greeley's advice.

By a second series of hammer knocks the supreme court of Illinois conveys to legislators the fact that the state constitution is not a "scrap of paper." A mileage grab of \$10,000 is declared unlawful, and the members must refund the money. Illinois lawmakers receive \$3,000 per annum, but the liberal salary does not diminish greed for grabs.



A. U. Wyman and family returned from Wash-

E. W. Spmeral has gone to Washington to attend

the wedding of J. O. Adams.

William Gentleman and family left for Baltimore,
where they will make their future home. The report of the clearing house showed Omaha's

clearings for the week to have been \$2,014,863. The Union Pacific filed articles of incorporation for a company to build a line from Manhattan to Maryville, Kan., to connect up the Kansas and Ne-

brushs divisions of the road. The family of Frank Eospar was poisoned by enting tainted result, but all were saved by prompt mediVictor B, Caldwell.

The news of the death of Victor B. Caldwell came as a distinct shock to the community wherein he had spent his life and in whose business and social affairs he had been so long a prominent actor. To his close associates, the unwelcome knowledge for several days that his condition was hopeless, was sad and stunning. Mr. Caldwell had been so long and so intimately assoc'ated with the commercial and industrial development of Nebraska and the west, that his demise will be a source of regret to a circle of friends that is practically nation-wide. Unobtrusive in manner and reserved in speech, Mr. Caldwell was a business man of the highest type; conservative, but courageous, and animated always by the "live and let live" principle. His success was a tribute to his ability. As head of one of the great banks of the west, at a time when his fuller manhood and riper judgment were being brought to the affairs of the institution, his promise for the future was encouraging not only to Omaha, but to the whole world of business, in which he had already assumed a leader's position. His taking off is a distinct loss, not alone to the community, but to the west,

Prodding the British Lion.

With the armies at the front at a standstill or retreating, and the politicians at home in more or less active ebullition, these are certainly unpleasant days for that noblest of all beasts, the British lion. The occasional twists to his tail given by American newspapers are the least of his present-day annoyances. The matter has a more serious side, however, and indicates something of the great problem that is being worked out by the English people.

Attacks by the Tory press on the liberal members of the coalition government are significant only as verification of what has heretofore been surmised. The people of England are moving more than ever rapidly towards a condition of true democracy, and with the progress of war, the lines between class and mass are likely to be totally expunged. The tory element, realizing this probability, is now concentrating its fire on Premier Asquith, pretending to hold him responsible for the failure of British arms to achieve greater results. Asquith may, perhaps, be chargeable with blunders in the conduct of the government since the beginning of the war, but these mistakes have been political and not military. For example, he has consented to the retention of Sir Edward Grey at the head of the foreign office, although the course pursued by this minister has been one that so far has brought only disappointment to British diplomacy, and has diverted what might have been brilliant achievements from their course and turned them into practical defeat. Grey's course in dealing with the United States has been such as to thoroughly try the patience of the people of both countries, while his maneuvers in the Balkans and with Turkey were so easily turned aside by the diplomats of the central powers as to make Sir Edward's planning seem the undertaking of a tyro.

The present onslaught of the tory press against the liberal premier may serve for a time to obscure public vision and hide the real facts, but the future is certain to disclose the truth. So far as at present is discernible the tories have little to their credit in connection with Great Britain's share in this world struggle.

"Daniel Come to Judgment."

The congress of the United States may now eaume its active consideration of the problems before it, relieved from any doubt or apprehension, and consequent indecision, because of the unknown attitude of Congressman Dan V. Stephens. Daniel has come to judgment on the president's plan for defense, and with true democratic caution, he proposes to steer a middle course. He will not take sides with the big-navy or the little-navy people, nor will he throw the weight of his favor for or against a large army. "Dan" will be satisfied with a middle-sized navy and a middle-sized army. Along with this momentous decision, he has also determined his action as to the proper disposition of the Philippines. He is willing to dispose of the islands to the highest bidder for cash in hand with the least possible delay. Having thus settled two of the most important questions to be dealt with by congress, Daniel is now well in line to face the voters of the Th'rd district in his quest for renomination. It will take considerable effort on the part of our good friend Edgar Howard to over-balance this master-stroke of the incumbent, and may result in Edgar removing his eyes from the dome at Washington and centering his gaze on the historic pile at Lincoln.

New Record Made.

The authorities at Muskogee have just established a record that is highly creditable to themselves and very promising for the further advance of Oklahoma. In withstanding a mob bent on lynching two accused negroes, these officials have performed a real service not only to their community, but to civilization generally. It has long been the prevalent practice in the southland of this country for the sheriff, or whoever happened to be in charge of the prisoner, to make a "futile resistance," after which the mob would have its way. Mobs have even penetrated into a state's prison and taken therefrom a man later on to be lynched. This practice has not been entirely confined to the south, but is reprehensible wherever it exists. It is lawlessness carried to the limit, and is subversive of every element of freedom. Our liberties finally rest upon the law, and under our form of government, no sophistry nor inverse logic should be permitted to excuse or palliate mob violence. If the example of Oklahoma has its proper affect, we will hear of fewer lynchings.

Surprise streaks the news that veterans at the Grand Island home are owners of automobiles. Why not? Residence at a soldiers' home does not banish the sense of gayety or dull the appetite for the festive joyride. None are more deserving of the high clutch-at the'r own ex-

The outcome of the Ancona dispute mildly vindicates the policy of "strike first, argue afterward." Austria achieved the main object in sending the steamer to the bottom. Conversation transfers a package of Austrian crowns, but will not alter the result.

Views, Reviews Letter Box and Interviews

By VIOTOR ROSEWATER. THE big meeting held at Carnegle hall to inaugurate the 1916 campaign of the American Jewish Relief committee for the succor of Jewwar victims in all the belligerent countries of the world is bound to be epochal. An assemblage whose ollections and subscriptions for such a philanthropic purpose rolls up a colossal total in excess of \$800,000 one time and in response to one appeal, will find few, if any, counterparts anywhere. As I sat on the stage as one of the vice presidents of the meeting I could look out on a sea of faces, making an audience that filled every available seat in that wast hall from ottom to top, every chair in every box, and hundreds were turned away, because here in New York police authorities are inexorable against over crowding public places and forbid absolutely admission that would block the aisles or crowd the lobbles I have seldom seen a more enthusiastic, I should perhaps say spell-bound, concourse of people, and the stirring addresses aroused the deepest kind of fervor The duties of presiding officer devolved upon Louis Marshall, the eminent New York lawyer, who argued the St. Joseph & Grand Island case in our federal court about two years ago. One of the most eloquent pleas was presented by Dr. William Rosenau, remembered as having been at one time in charge of Temple Isreal in Omaha, who came over from Baltimore, where he is now located, and who explained that he had deferred his departure on a trip to the southwest in order to be present on this exceptional occasion. Pamillar, too, was Dr. John H. Finley, who "stopped off" in Omaha only a few months ago and who was a frequent visitor when head of Knox college, now commissioner of education of New York state, who pictured graphically the duty of those in favored peaceful lands to aid their afflicted brethren abroad, and President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell university, more than once in Omaha to round up his scattered Ithacans, and who lent the influence of his great personality to the movement. Let me note in passing that every one of these men, in speaking to me, recalled their visits to Omaha and made inquiry as to conditions out there and as to

The climax of the meeting, however, was the exhortation of Dr. J. L. Magnes, whose pathos and fervor, soul-reaching entreaty and passionate portrayal of the awful conditions besetting the homeless helpless Jewish inhabitants of the war sones lifted his hearers enmasse out of their seats and started the unique outpouring of relief fund contributions. True, the announcement of four \$100,000 done tions had been prearranged, as doubtless also a few of the others in the larger amounts, but the most of the rest was spontaneous. Remember that "Billy Sunday's whole seven weeks' campaign in Omahi with all his acrobatic appeals brought in only about \$50,000, as compared with this one meeting with its aggregate of over \$800,000, of which at least \$400,000 was raised on the spot. Nor was it all in large one contributor sent up "half his week's earnings," which turned out to be \$3.50, and another wage worker emptied his pocket of \$1.06 and retained only the 6 cents to have car fare to ride home. A man sitting near me, wrote out three pledges in succession, tearing up one at a time, while he increased the figures in the next. And quote a number madtheir contributions for so much a month as long as the relief work might continue. Everything was serious and practical-thunderous applause greeted the reading of the pledges signed by well known names or representing unusual sacrifices by the donors.

I observe in the New York Times of yesterday e facetious editorial on the celebration plans for the coming Nebraska semi-centennial of statehood in which my name and that of the editor of "our amiable democratic contemporary" are coupled as "unds of Nebraska's adopted and formerly favorite son," in a humorous effort to rub it in on the omis sion of Colonel Bryan from the themes of the proposed historic pageant. Of course, that is a misnomer speaking only for myself-for I have never so far as I known ceased to have friendly personal relations engaged in uncompromising political hostilities. The Times editor probably meant what he said to be taken as an example of political humer, but he ought to be advised, if he does not already know, that the Nebraska semi-centennial will be big enough to include everyone who has helped write the history of the state and that political differences can have no

I spent an evening at the Republican club of York which made me wish that a similar organization might be maintained in every large population center-but unfortunately it cannot. It is the gathering place for the active men of the party. I think nearly all of whom I met said they had met me or seen me at Chicago, and they all expect to attend the coming national convention, which is sure to be a gathering of all the clans that ever marched under New York City.

Twice Told Tales

A Cautious Judge.

"Safety First" seems to be the motto of some of the judges in the West Indies. When an alien pris oner is brought before them, they consider the possibility of a gunboat from the culprit's native land popping in to make trouble It is told that a Hayti magistrate on examining

prisoner found that he was from Switzerland, 'Switzerland," he mused. "Switzerland has no seacoast, has it?" "No seacoast, your honor," said the interpreter.

"And no navy?" "No navy, your honor."

"Very well, then," said the judge, "Til give him year at hard labor."-Boston Transcript.

An Inspiration. Lionel was at a matinee with his father, and then a trapese acrobat failed to eatch the object at which he flew through the air and fell aprawling into the net the little boy was greatly excited.

"They are never hurt," explained his father. "It is a regular trick to make such a miss once or twice to give the audience an idea of the difficulty of the feat and thereby intensify the applause when it has been successfully performed.' Lionel thought a moment, and then, with a bright

amile, maid: "Papa, do you think I could make a hit with my teacher by following this circus stunt and missing m lessons once in a while?"-Puck.

Both Unnecessary.

hair, being quite baid.

Former Speaker Cannon tells this story of his early mious days: "One of my friends was a struggling physician Neither fame nor fortune had come to either of us but we were always hopeful. The years had weighed heavily upon my friend, however, for he soon lost his

"One day I greated him with a beaming countenance and exclaimed: What do you think, Henry? I have just bought

"Then, Joe, said he, with the utmost gravity, 'I shall buy a hairbrush.' "-Pittsburgh Chronicle-Tele-

Wise Cut Was Ho.

Two suburban gardeners were swearing vengeance "It appears to me," one said, "that they seem to pick out your choicest plants to scratch out of the "There's a big yellow tomeat," the other said.

"that fetches my plants out and then sits and actually "Why don't you hurl a brick at him?" asked the first speaker.

That's what makes me mad," was the reply, "I can't. He gets on top of my greenhouse to defy me." -Kansas City Star.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Dec. 34 -- To the Editor of The Bee: For the love of Mike, will someone take a club and kill off some of the presidential aspirations of Nebraska? First, it was the proposal of Mr. Roosevelt's name about the time the polls closed in 1912. Then comes Mr. Wilson's name in quick succession, before the democrats had decided to come back to a protective policy. When the Nebraska contingent of the Wall street faith could not get into the band wagon by that process, they nominated Justice Hughes for a certain class of 10-cent show. Hughes turned them down, and now a bunch of the same show have turned to Mr. Hinery Ford, whose peace maneuvers and advertising propaganda is just now assisting to make this nation look like 30 cents to a lot of people who have never seen us, but heard of us, only. I suppose the full intention is to sell tin wagons from the north door of the White House while some of our Nebraska aspir ations assist in pulling the wool over the eyes of the people on water power and other important matters. In the eyes of our presidential aspirations, a man must be 35 years old, a natural born citisen and an understudy of Wall street to make presidential timber. Unfortunately Nebraska has a lot of candidates who can come back, but none of them can land. For the love of Mike, will someone please take a stand and kill off a few and save the state more unfortunate adver-WALTER JOHNSON. tising.

Retorts to Weybright. OMAHA, Dec. 27 .- To the Editor of The J. F. Weybright of Scott's Bluff, volunteered through The Bee's Letter Box, to tell the 23,000 Germans in Omaha how the public schools should be He is evidently one of those run. pestiferous, busy bodies, sticking his every stinking hole there is-when opened by some one-which in no way

concerns him. When did he cease being an A. P. A. Does he not know that but for the Germans and German-Russians in Scott's Bluff county, and the northwest, that county would be a barren wilderness? Has he not been reading the magnificent editorials lately by newspapers and official guides by the railroads, how that barren country has been developed, and but by reason of irrigation and development by the Germans, would be still a wilderness? What sort of an American-British ally is this J. F. Weybright, who seeks to go 400 miles out of his way, to stick his nose into other peoples' business and try to run Omaha and the Omaha school board? I'll bet if this way-

back to the kings of Hingland, Come-be an American citizen, like the 23,000,000 of Germans and Austrian in America. You have got to take us, whether you like us or not, even if the United States Stars and Stripes and our citizenship for the first time fail to get the protection of our people, and they, as naturalised Germans, are dragged from American ships by England's pirates. Hats off to England in America. But never by the "ententie powers." The American allies can wallow in the gutter if they want to with them. The Germans saved the country in 1896 and will save the day in 1916, if the right man is nominated. We'll vote right, leave it to us when the time comes. Vaporings by demagogues count for nothing. GEORGE C. SCHOLARS.

'bright" had his way, no American could

vote unless he could trace his ancestry

Tips on Home Topics

Boston Transcript: We have generally noticed that the fellow who never did anything always knows how to do it better than the fellow who did.

Washington Star: The fact that Mr. Bryan has already made his opinions emphatically known does not cause apprehension that he will find nothing of further interest to say this winter. Baltimore American: Three times

week the president will receive people who have no business with him. haps his life could be made easier if he exclude on other days all who only think they have.

Washington Post: A careful study of Napoleon's wonderful military achievements inclines to the belief that, following the present great struggle, the nations will eventually get back where they started from.

New York World; That fifteen boys were killed during the foot ball season just closed will prejudice many people against the game. The obvious answer on the part of its defenders is that among college teams which played throughout the season the list of accidents under the present rules was very small. Where the physical condition of the players is good and strict supervision is exercised the record stands all in favor of the game as a sport and a spectacle.

Springfield Republican: To be busy, prosperous and at peace implies a crime against civilization on the part of the United States, in the opinion of some of this country's foreign critics. Have we a moral right to be busy and prosperous and to remain at peace in times like these? A strange question, yet even when it is answered in the affirmative, America seems to be still an object of attack and reproach by foreigners to whom the spectacle of this favored country, in comparison with war-swept Europe, is evidently maddening.

Tabloids of Science

The bones of a human being will bear three times as great pressure as oak and nearly as much as wrought iron, without being crushed.

Two English scientists have decided that the sense of smell is a man is weak when compared with animals because of the human practice of kissing.

Violet light is being used by French scientists to test precious stones, especially rubies, as it distinguishes the more valuable Burmese gems from the Sis-mese ones of less worth. Naturalists have determined that a

beaver dam on Eighth lake in the Ful-

ton chain. New York state, is at least

150 year old. There are 125 distinguish-

able rings of annual construction and a

great thickness that has already decayed. It is said certainly to date back to A writer in the Scientific American reports having observed an electric spark at the end of a whip when it gave out a particularly loud map and suggests that the snap was not made by the lash at all, but it was the result of the instant concussion of the air, the electric spark being produced by the friction of the currents of air, the same as in a thunds

Editorial Siftings

Philadelphia Ledger: Who could have eally expected to keep the colonel off the

front page very long? Pittsburgh Dispatch: The dinner guests hould be wary and remember that after Harriman had contributed to the cause of Armageddon of his day he was desounced as an undestrable.

Washington Post: Hoke Smith claims that the south has got none of the new prosperity, but republican delegates from that section are immensely comforted by thoughts of the Chicago convention. Cleveland Plaindealer: With an Irishnan at the head of the war office, a Welshman in charge of the national munitions, and a Scotchman in command of the armice in the field, England appears to be sharing the responsibility in no niggardly manner.

Philadelphia Ledger: The postmaster general again insists that the government should own and operate the telegraph and telephone systems. His argument would be stronger if he could point with pride to his own department as a brilliant example of efficiency.

Baltimore American: "Women," says the newly elected president of the National Woman's Suffrage association, will not allow this nation to become the doormat of any other nation." That is the spirit, and when it is so strong in the women, it follows naturally that it reflects the feeling of the whole country, for it is in the home that such feelings have their strongest growth.

Idea to me, the like to be the help that you've been always glad to be.

I'd like to mean as much to you each mimute of the day you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way. the doormat of any other nation." That feelings have their strongest growth.

CHEERY CHAFF.

"Why are you late?"
"My watch was slow."
"I know it. That's from going with ou so much."—Harvard Lampoon.

"The conductor is going to pack this car to suffication," said one suburbanite as the car stopped to take another watting crowd aboard.
"Yes." replied another, with a rueful glance at his somewhat large pedal extremities, "he is going to set plenty of trouble on foot."—Baltimore American.

Mrs. Crawford — If you're separated from your husband and don't speak, what do you expect to get out of him for Mrs. Golightly-Allmony.-Judge.

"Ambition," said Uncle Eben, "is like one o' deshere airships. Somet'mes de man dat's flyin' over de heads of de people is happy an' sometimes he's mostly nervous."—Washington Star.

"Well, I see the Philadelphians are greatly relieved to get the Liber'y Bell back safe and sound," said Dubblegh. "I should think they would be," said

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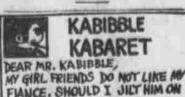
"I had disfiguring pimples all over my face. They gave me a very ugly look, and were red and numerous, and when I thought they had vanished they appeared again. The skin was also inflamed and my face was disfigured for a long time. The itching caused me to scratch and that made it still worse. "I had tolerated these for simost two years and I made

up my mind to bry Cuticura Soap and Cintment. I sent for a free sample and noticed that it helped and I bought more. I used them for three months till the trouble disappeared. Now I am entirely free from the pimples." (Strench J. John Einterbold, Rich Fountain. d) John Eisterhold, Rich Fo Mo., Jan. 29, 1918.

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Scrubbleigh. "I was afraid some souven hunter out there in san Francisco would steal the crack."-New York Times.

Tramp-Kind sir, will you please help me in my extremity? Gentleman-What's your trouble base-ness or corns?;—Boston Transcript.



THAT ACCOUNT? AND IF YOU TO, THESE VERY SAME FIRE WILL SAY HE JILTED YOU! Lawyer-Did he call you a liar, ta so Client-Well, he said I reminded him of

Lawyer Quite sufficient, my dear structure very heavy damages.

Passing Show. say, who was here to see you

last night?"
"Only Myrtle, father."
"Well, tell Myrtle that she left her pipe on the piano."—University of Nebraska Awgwan.

A FRIEND'S GREETING.

Edgar A. Guest in Detroit Free Press. 'd like to be the sort of friend that you

I'd like to do the big things and the spendid things for you.
To brush the gray from out your skies and leave them only blue;
I'd like to say the kind things that I so oft have heard And feel that I could rouse your soul the way that mine you've stirred.

I'd like to give you back the joy that you have given me.
Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be:
I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who travel on
Undaunted in the darkest hours with you

I'm wishing at this Christmas time that
I could but repay
A portion of the gladness that you've
atrewn along my way.
And could I have one wish this year,
this only would be:
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you
have been to me.

Baltimore & Ohio

announcement!

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Put on your thinking caps little Busy Bees, and see if you cannot remember some such little girl, and try to make her happy by collecting a few pictures to help her win Florence.

Florence will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age that brings or mails us the largest number of dolls' pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m., Friday, December 31.

Remember, you must send your pictures in

ONE DAY EARLIER this week, because Saturday is New Year's Day, so the CONTEST WILL CLOSE AT 4 P. M. FRIDAY, instead of Saturday.

Florence pictures will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too. See how many pictures of Florence you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Friday, December 31.

You Can See Florence at The Bee Office

