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Thought for the Day. Selected by Gorgia Alexander. Ring out wild bells to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light, The year is dying in the night; Ring out wild bells and let him die.

If the event is watched carefully it will be found that the new year slips into the old groove as smoothly as a police shakeup peters out.

It is said 40,000 soldiers have been made blind by the war. Mars seems merciful to the few whose eyes are closed to the havoc wrought.

The talk of preparedness, as far as it has gone, is distinctly educational. It shows that Uncle Sam has very little to show for his millions spent.

Prohibition advocates are not obliged to manufacture munitions of war. The greed of the enemy supplies an abundance of the most effective quality.

A world court with William Howard Taft at the head has been launched. The weight of the court is assured, but its mandates must commandeer a punch.

Experience proves that a New Year turns into the old road without the bother of tanking up at a service station. But some people take pleasure in flouting experience.

Now that the lawyers and the judges have fessed up and received legal absolution from each other, patrons of the courts may look for a square deal and a fair split during the new year.

That old gray mule which balked a presidential joyride on the hills of Virginia evidently could not pass up a sporting chance to give a distinguished audience a dress rehearsal of the coming performance in congress. Despite his uncertain ancestry, the aim of a live mule is generally good.

Arbitration remains the hope and the ambition of western republics as a means of peacefully settling disputes among themselves. The sentiments of the Pan-American congress in that respect crystallize the aspirations of democracies and point to the one safe road for their development and perpetuity.

The indictment of Thomas Mott Osborne, reform superintendent of Sing Sing prison, is a disagreeable shock to progressive penologists. Early reports of the proceedings of the local grand jury foreshadowed an endorsement of Osborne's management. Only an outline is given of the evidence upon which the indictment is founded, but its seriousness is indicated by Governor Whitman's action.

Thirty Years Ago. This Day in Omaha.

The Sans Ceremonie club gave its party at the Millard last evening with more than fifty couples present and the executive committee in charge consisted of J. W. Foster, W. H. Clarke, F. T. Hamilton, F. P. Wells, W. A. Redick, C. C. Chase and D. H. Wheeler, Jr.

The Ladies of Progress, Knights of Labor, gave a grand New Year's eve ball, at which Miss Annie Engstrom acted as mistress of ceremonies, assisted by following committee of arrangements: Mrs. J. M. Kenney, Julia Barry, Emma Van Trett, Frederick Bluvall, Jennie Smith and Lena Bluvall.

The military authorities of the Department of the Plains are preparing for a visit from Dr. Clarke, the celebrated veterinarian, to instruct the cavalrymen there in the art of filling the teeth of their horses.

Mrs. John M. Thurston, who has been quite low with influenza, is improving, but is still confined to her room.

The Armour Packing company will open a store house in Omaha in a few days with a full line of its products, under Joe M. Stott of this city as its agent.

J. B. Erlog of the South Omaha Globe has bought the Omaha Live Stock Journal and will consolidate the two papers.

Prof. H. Martin and Miss Ross Ward were united in marriage by Rev. J. S. Detweiler at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, 1331 Cass street.

Tale of the Dead Year.

Twelve months of unusual activity and disturbance in every phase of human life will close with today. From a strictly humanitarian point of view, the year has been one of disappointment, of sorrow and cause for regret.

In the United States, commerce and industry have been stimulated by the war until activity in some avenues of production is feverish in its haste. Generally speaking, the tone of business is better. Abundant crops have found ready markets at profitable prices and this has brought new life to the business of the country.

On the spiritual and intellectual side, the advance is quite as general, and may be as satisfactory. Americans have been stirred to the depths by events of the war, to the end that patriotism has been given such emphasis as has awakened the citizen to a better and fuller appreciation of his obligation and duty to his country and himself.

The balance sheet that must be struck today will show a goodly sum of achievement on the credit side for the people of the United States, while the prospectus for the new year shows possibilities that should enliven the most earnest of effort. Our record is good, but we can make a better one.

Omaha's Live Stock Market.

Figures just given out from the office of the State Railway commission at Lincoln show that the live stock market at Omaha not only retains its position of third place in all, but has risen to second rank in some of the divisions of the industry, and in the matter of increase in receipts of all kinds of stock during the year 1915 is first.

Psychopathic Tomfoolery.

For several years the City of Chicago has been experimenting with psychopathic tests to determine the mental capacity of its citizens, especially of its school children. At various times some doubt has been expressed as to the sufficiency of these so-called tests, or as to the accuracy of the conclusions to which they lead.

Overplaying His Hand.

Secretary of War Garrison seems intently bent on pressing his advantage in having the support of an aroused public sentiment in favor of preparation for defense. It is but natural that he should seize on the present as a time especially appropriate for presenting his plans in their best possible aspect.

With Japanese guns in front and revolutionary gunmen at its back, the revised monarchy of China has the best of reasons for embracing preparedness and compulsory military service.

Meeting Agreeable People

From the Boston Transcript.

WE RECENTLY sitting around the fire one evening recently and somehow fell to talking about the people we knew and their personal idiosyncrasies. Then the talk slipped down a little toward complaint, as it too easily does, and one of the younger women asked: "What is the most disagreeable person whom you have ever known?"

To be agreeable is to have power. A good and kindly manner is like current coin of the republic in all social relations. We do not look askance at it, we accept it as our due. It is the uncurrent or clipped coin of bad or brutal manners which we question or resent.

The worst of it is that a good many of us mistake intimacy for a license to be prickly tempered. It might be said that we are not half as grateful as we ought to be when we are thrown with an agreeable man or woman. The chances in this unhappy and bedraggled world of ours, I fear, are rather against such happy experiences.

To be agreeable, then, is a duty; but perhaps the most hopeless business in the world is a studied and calculated task of pleasing. About the least agreeable people I know are the flatterers who think to wheedle you into compliances.

I come back, however, to the statement that to be agreeable is a duty. But it is a duty which can only be fulfilled when we learn first to be genuine, and only then, when we have the degree of natural sincerity which we come to define when we call charm, we find that a large element of it is inborn and no more worth commending than a rose in June or a lily-bush in May.

In regard to you, dear reader, I feel pretty well assured that the real self is the kindly and genial self. If not, you would hardly have cared to read so far. Now your problem, and mine, is this view of the matter, becomes a problem of self-expression.

The marrying record of Texas is held by Judge Matt M. Johnson of Austin, his score being 1,628. The judge is 68. He started at 22 and gave away chiro cards until he drove competition to the wall.

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New York's socialist congressman, Meyer London, does more than keep his ear to the ground swell of his constituents. He hires a hall and meets them once a month, tells them what is on and what he is doing, and gets first hand pointers from the voters on the East Side.



Coming Judicial Campaign.

OMAHA, Dec. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: The approaching primary for the nomination of the seven candidates for judges of this judicial district is one in which all voters of the district, regardless of party affiliation, should, and no doubt will eagerly participate and anxiously await results.

It has been my pleasure to have personally and intimately known every Judge of this judicial district from Judge Savage in 1880 and including the present occupants of the bench, and during that period of time we have been mutually blessed with many very competent district judges, as well as unfortunately cursed with a few political hacks, the products of bigotry and fanaticism.

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Jabs at Omaha

Craig News: Did you ever notice that a standpoint republican wears by the Omaha Bee and a standpoint democrat by the Omaha World-Herald...

David City Banner: Thirty-two prisoners in the Omaha jail refused freedom recently when a chance was given them to escape. Well, we don't blame them. With a murder committed every night and holdups every few minutes day and night, they probably thought it safer to be locked behind bars than to be running the streets.

Genoa Leader: The Albin papers both registered a protest last week because an Omaha paper in eulogizing L. B. Day, who was elected chancellor commander of a Knights of Pythias lodge in that city recently, claimed him for an Omaha boy. He was born and raised at Albin, and we don't blame them for kicking. Those Omaha folks are blamed hogs, anyhow.

Callaway Queen: For a number of years the Omaha Commercial club has been sending out weekly letters to the newspapers of the state in order to gain publicity for that city. The expense will now be unnecessary, as the candidacy of Walter A. George for governor will give to Omaha all the publicity it needs for the next several months.

Kearney Hub—The Omaha Central Labor union has gone on record as opposed to conscription for the purpose of enlarging the army for national defense. Point made of the fact that our armies have always been made up of volunteers, which is in right spirit, but the plan also has its faults.

York News-Times—Those Omaha thugs might as well understand that if they want to continue their operations profitable they had better remain right there in their own bailiwick to do it. As soon as they get over in York county they meet officers who are just as quick on the trigger as they are. The man shot yesterday at Bradshaw when attempting to rob the postoffice got a Christmas to rob the postoffice.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: King Peter of Serbia mislaid his crown in his flight. He is lucky to have escaped with his head. Cleveland Plain Dealer: An eastern scepter has remarked that Colonel Bryan's mouth is "beautiful in repose." He surely must have watched the colonel sleeping.

Washington Post: A million men, we understand, are in readiness for an army nucleus. Weary William also had a button, but lacked the services of a kind woman to sew a shirt on it.

Boston Transcript: A good way for an inconspicuous republican to obtain the enthusiastic endorsement of Colonel Roosevelt just now is to proclaim loudly that under no circumstances would he accept the nomination.

Springfield Republican: Former Vice President Fairbanks qualified as Indiana's favorite son, with sixty out of ninety-two counties pestering to have his name placed on the primary ballot. It is not necessarily to a prophet's disadvantage to be honored in his own country.

Indiana News: The safety of children in the streets depends in large measure on the children themselves—their alertness, judgment, caution. These, in turn, depend in large measure on home training. Instruction on the part of parents—delivered once only, but repeated day in and day out—is an essential in educating the child to take care of itself.

Washington Post: Had General Sherman lived to see gasoline sold, he might have indulged in a few remarks on what a war tax it is.

Philadelphia Ledger: When Bishop Kemper was the head of a missionary diocese covering several states he was known as "the bishop of all outdoors." Colonel Hottel seems to be ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to all Europe.

Springfield Republican: Senator Tillman's pitchfork is waved with the old-time vigor. Col. Bryan is "simply obsessed" and Col. Roosevelt "smells the blood of a German man," according to the chairman of the naval committee. One need not necessarily endorse this more or less expert opinion in order to be pleased at the evidence of the senator's good form.

CHEERY CHAFF.

"There's one consolation about being in jail, mums." "What is it, my poor man?" "After I once go to bed nobody here makes me get up and go down to be zipped that the back door's locked." Detroit Free Press.

The Recruiting Official—One gran' father living? he is on your father's of 'nother a side. The Recruiter—Oh, 'e varies, sir; 'e sticks up fer both of 'em—a sort of 'nortal—London Sketch.

"That man accuses you of being the greatest grafter on earth." "Bully Blinks is a brutal husband to Mabel." "Why, I always thought he was the kindest-hearted sort of a man. How is he cruel to her?"

"In the worst way. He never does anything that she can find fault with." Baltimore American.

KABIBBLE KABARET. DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, I WONDER WHY MY FINANCE INSIST ON GETTING MARRIED ON NEW YEARS? ITS EASIER TO KEEP TRACK THE WAY OF THE ANNIVERSARIES WHEN THEY COME AROUND!

"There is a very excellent reason why a girl shouldn't smoke to eat." "What?" she demanded. "Makes her less agreeable to kiss." "Well, I'll wait till somebody wants to kiss me," she said; "when they do, I'll give up cigarettes—and take to a pipe!" Woman's Home Companion.

Little Johnny—I'm awfully hungry. I didn't get half enough to eat. Little Fred—What did you have for dinner? Little Johnny—Company.—New York Times.

Rivers—That fellow across the street always dodges me. Bridges—Why? Rivers—Force of habit, I suppose. He once owed me two dollars for nearly five years.—Judge.

"Some day," said Cynicus, sourly, "we may again have statesmen in this country who can be counted upon to right things." "Why, we've got statesmen who can write things now, haven't we?" said Lady Fair.—New York Times.

LOVE'S AVIATION.

John K. Bangs, in New York Times. I need no soaring aeroplanes to take me to the Milky Way. To lift me from earth's highways vain to where the little star-beams play; No wings of birds to raise me high into that purer atmosphere. Where human hearts no longer sigh o'er mundane troubles, drab and drear. One glance from Daphne's eyes so rare Will send me way up in the air!

I envy not the eagle's bliss when speeding through the heaven's blue, To soar on pinions like to his no doubt holds pleasure deep and true; But why should I be jealous to his marvelous capacity. To reach to realms so far above the wild-est dreams of you and me? One glance from Daphne's eyes so rare Doth quite suffice to make me fly.

The lark of mornings soars aloft, and swoops and awakes, and droutheets. Upon his feathered wings so soft, and seems to know no dull restraint; Yet not one jealous thought is mine when there he soars before mine eyes. And with a grace almost divine darts through the brilliant morning skies— One frown from her I should adore! It quite enough to make me "dere."

Then there are angels, too, with wings that fit about the heavenly street. Where everything that liveth sings its joy. I envy not these angels' joy, and I am glad to know their robes of snowy white. With every prospect that is seen so full of love and rare delight.—When Daphne smiles and calls me "dear," I find my Paradise right here.

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