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Thought for the Day

Selected by Emily Wood

Bitter are the tears of a child, sweeten them; deep are the thoughts of a child, quiet them; soft so the heart of a child, do not harden it. - Douglas Hyde.

If you can't keep cool by other means, try job at cutting ice.

It takes a corpulent coal bin to give the "fareyou-well" to a blizzard.

The call for ice cutters is another part of the preparedness program-for next summer.

Montenegro is a small but julcy bite for the central empires. Besides it opens a straight road to Saloniki.

Reports from various quarters agree that the "sick man of Europe" is sitting up and taking ample nourishment.

Salary arrangements for the captains of the peace movement having been fixed up, the vocal machine will presently speed up on the high

The forthcoming meeting of the Nebraska Historical society reminds us that our state is just reaching the point where we have history behind us as well as of in front of us,

The wisdom of self-restraint in Gresce and Roumania grows more luminous as the days pass. The efficiency of the Teutonic road roller in Serbia conveys a message that does not require an interpreter.

Members of organized labor throughout the country are called on to donate an hour's wages for the relief of the Danbury Hatters next week. This will be a real test of the solidarity of organized labor, and the returns will be watched with interest.

The celebrated Bryan peace treaties provide for a year of conversation before a warlike movement. Respect for the family tradition no doubt inspires Brother Charley's successive hunches to democrats to mount the water wagon and save funeral expenses.

Regardless of either mass meeting or star chamber preliminaries, delegates to represent Nebraska in the national conventions of all the political parties will be chosen by the free and untrammeled votes of the rank and file of each, respectively, in the primary election of next April.

City Manager and the Citisens.

While in Omaha Editor Allen of Wichita sketched for our admiration an alluring picture of municipal bliss in Dayton, flowing from the presence and activities of a city manager, endowed with wisdom and clothed with plenary power to enforce his will and carry out his plans. The idea exemplified in the city manager form of government is not new. German and other European cities have long been governed after this autocratic fashion, which is undoubtedly capable of producing a high quality of administrative efficiency, but which always has about it some elements of danger not usually paraded by its champions.

The question of its application to American cities has frequently been discussed, and it has of the republic. found ardent champions among those averse, for diverse reasons, to assuming the citizen's full share of communal responsibility. As yet the snawer returned with few exceptions has been negative. Our people are neither duller, nor less patriotic than those of the older countries, nor go we entirely abandon the conduct of our municipal housekeeping to the uncertain ways of partisan politics. Americans are restless, energetic, impatient, and maybe less thrifty and provident than Europeans, with a fixed desire to muddle along their own affairs in their own way. That great cities have sprung up and thriven under this system may not be sufficient answer to the advocates of the one-man plan, but il suggests that the people have not always been entirely wrong.

Many changes have been made in Omaha's form of government, a proof that its citizens are not rooted to any one idea, but are progressive, though it will probably be some time before they surrender all power and authority into one man's Where the Danger Lies,

It is the judgment of a keen observer who has been traveling extensively about the country that the United States has far less to fear from any divided allegiance of so-called hyphenated Americans than we have from the indifference of our own native-born citizens to the needs of the nation. And on reflection it stands to reason that the man or woman who deliberately renounces all that is near and dear in the fatherland to seek a new home on a free soil with greater opportunities and promise has at least submitted to a trying test of patriotism and loyalty which those on the same social and industrial level over here never have occasion to

It is regrettably true that altogether too many o: our own people are ignorant of the history of our republic-that though they may have memorized certain days and names connected with its salient events, they have no adequate conception of the sacrifice of life and property, of the hardships endured and of the heavy burdens incurred, to make good that Declaration of Independence about which we are prone to speak so glibly and to which we feel that we prove our devotion by setting off a few rockets and burning a little red fire once a year.

It is equally deplorable that too many of our own people, even those whose forebears answered the call for volunteers, are wholly forgetful of the frightful outlay required to preserve and perpetuate the union which the fathers had founded as the bulwark of liberty and the refuge from old-country monarchical oppression.

These priceless heritages seem to have come to the present generation without effort and, like things that cost little, are little appreciated and little prized. To the foreign-born American, on the other hand, our free institutions represent the pangs of broken family ties, savings laboriounly hoarded to pay the passage to America, strenuous years devoted to learning a new tongue and fitting in with the new life. Whatever else may be said against the hyphenated Americans, they cannot as a whole be truthfully charged with wilfully shirking their duties of citizenship, though they might well have a vivid excuse. The native-born American, stubbornly indifferent to everything on which depends the nation's welfare and careless as to whether its honor is maintained or its prestige among nations is upheld, is a mighty poor American, a poorer American than his hyphenated fellowcitizen, sympathizing with his kith and kin in the deadly trenches, yet thanking God that he is living under the Stars and Stripes and ready to defend them against the world. To hold his natural position of vantage, the native-born American must become imbued with the true spirit of the republic and rouse himself to a fuller realization of what American citizenship is.

His Majesty the Hog.

While Fred Coburn's panegyric on the hog may sound just a trifle fanciful, as if the great agricultural realist had for a moment taken advantage of the poetic license he always carried with him, no truth was ever more plainly teld than in Mr. Coburn's summing up of the virtues, the advantages and the accomplishments of his majesty, the hog. Best sellers are full of cattle barons, and even the purse proud flockmaster occasionally gets a look in for his woolly beasts, but since the days of Gurth the wineherd, no owner of real pigs has figured in literature. The Parker variety is not the kind we're talking about. While steers and sheen fill the gaps in galloping romance, swine fill the larder, feed the multitude and turn the neglected trifles about the farm into cash that will be accepted at the bank. Lifting the mortgage is the best thing the modern porker does, just as his ill-favored progenitor used to find his forte in lifting the gate. From baselsplitter and razorback to Duroc and Jersey is not such a far cry, but a world of effort measures the distance in utility. Mr. Coburn performed a belated but nevertheless genuine service in pinning the medal on the bog.

Chivalry of a Carrangista.

"Not in a thousand years!" was the answer of a Carranza officer at El Paso when asked if the body of Huerta would be taken to Mexico City for interment. This exhibition of petty resentment is just a little bit unfortunate for the cause of Carranza at this time. It is so utterly devoid of the chivalry that has been considered a characteristic of the Spanish, from whom the Mexicans descend. A fallen foe is always entitled to, and traditionally receives consideration at the hands of, the victor. Decent sepulture in his own country, the last possible boon, is not to be denied him. Huerta was of some service to his country; he rose to the rank of general in the army under the one man whose name is linked with anything of distinctive progress in that land. Many of his supporters still live there, and will doubtless form a powerful faction, with whom any government must reckon. This alone, aside from any consideration of common humanity, will probably result in a reversal of the impulsive declaration of the subordinate and the "first chief," should he finally come to govern the country, will find a way to give Victoriano Huerta burial that befits his rank as general of the army and president

Not a Boss, But a Leader.

Mr. Bryan has again served notice on Nebraska democrats, and through them on the party at large, that candidates must accept his views if they expect his assistance. He is thoroughly committed to his belief in letting the people rule, and will make any sacrifice necessary to obtain an untrammeled selection of public servants at the polls. He only insists that these servants subscribe without reserve to the Bryan dogma, whatever it may be at the moment, and to change whenever he changes. If they can't do this, they aspire to office at the peril of his displeasure, and that means something, as a long line of democrats, headed by Champ Clark, can testify. Mr. Bryan, however, wouldn't think of dictating to anybody, for he is not a boss; he is a leader.

The American army can protect Mexicans on American soil, but it is not permitted to protect Americans on Mexican soil

and Interviews

THE FACT brought out by the death of Bishop Scannell is worthy of note that in the almost sixty years that Omaha has been the seat of a see of the Catholic church, only three bishops have been invested with the authority of the office. According to the records, the first organisation of the Catholic church here dates back to the year 1857, although probably services were held prior to that time, and the first bishop of Nebraska, Right Rev. James O'Gorman, was consecrated in May, 1859. He died on the Fourth of July, 1874, after fifteen years of service, and an interval of two years elapsed before his successor, Right Rev. James O'Connor, took up his official duties in August, 1876. Bishop O'Connor remained in the harness despite his physical infirmities for almost fourteen years, dying May 27, 1800, when almost another year elapsed before the consecration of the late Bishop Richard Scannell, which took place March 21, 1891. It will be seen that, had Bishop Scannell's life been spared for some two months more, he would have been able to point to twenty-five years in this high station of honor and distinction, which, I take it, while not exceptional, is at least uncommon

As reflecting the wonderful changes that have taken place in this western country in a comparatively short period, it is also interesting to note that when Bishop O'Connor was installed the diocese included not only Nebraska, but also Wyoming, that portion of Montanu lying east of the Rocky mountains, and of the Dakotas lying west of the Missouri river. This jurisdiction has been reduced from time to time by cutting off Wyoming, Montana, most of the Dakotas and dividing Nebraska itself into a north and south diocese, the smallest of them being more important today than was the Nebraska diocese twenty-five years ago when Bishop Scannell took charge.

Archbishop Ireland is a wonderful man. No one who saw him on his recent visit here would imagine him to be in his seventy-eighth year, but that is none the less true. In appearance he is robust and active without the alightest sign of the infirmities of age. and he is as keenly alive to current events, secular as well as religious, as he ever was. I had called on him as an old-time friend of my father when he was a guest of Bishop Scannell a few years ago, and had a delightful interview, in which he recalled the time he had spent with my father in Rome during the world's last postal congress when they both happened to be there, and he took occasion this time to return the call. The archbishop has a powerful personality, which doubtless accounts for his rgultitude of staunch admirers as well as for the strong enemies who have so far kept him from attaining the cardinal's hat. It would certainly be a fine recognition and a popular selection if the occasion should yet come when he could be awarded that earned pro-

When I made my observation last week with reference to the valuable volumes bearing on the civil war and western history, which had been collected by General Dodge, and suggested that these books ought not to be allowed to become scattered, but should be kept accessible in some suitable public place, I, of course, had no knowledge that the general's will made precisely this provision. Although the heirs might, and probably would, have seen to the preservation of the library, it is fortunate that the seneral himself did not overlook the matter, and his example ought to have a wider influence on others who have private possessions of historical interest We out here are so new that we are apt to place too little store by books and manuscripts and objects with history attached to them, and to forget that destroyed or lost they cannot be replaced in the future.

This reminds me of the art treasures and bric-abrac once housed in the old Collins home, standing at the corner of Nineteenth and Capitol avenue, which has just been sold to make way in time fore a more modern apartment building. The Collins house in its day was one of Omaha's most popular social centers, and its generous hospitality was proverbial. The Collins receptions and parties furnished some of the ind the military set entrenched at Fort Omaha to Omaha society, and later was the center of a Bohemianism, which was the nearest copy of European entertainment that ever secured a foothold With gradual accumulations of collections made by Mrs. and Miss Collins on successive trips across the water, the house assumed the aspect of a miniature museum, with a variety of art and curio exhibits of decidedly superior character. These collections, however, so fur as I know, if they are still in existence, have all been scattered, and when the old house is torn down its attractions will have passed into the realm of story-book legends.

Twice Told Tales

Interviewing the Humorist. "Good morning, Wagge. What's on the carpet today?" asked Bingleton. "Dust," said Wagge.

"Clever boy! But I mean what have you on foot?" "Shoes," said Wagge solemnly. "Oh, come off, Wagge. What are you up to these

"Date," signed Wagge "Til give you just one more chance, you poor

Frivol, you. What are you doing now?" "Everybody," said Wagge.

"As usual, ch?" said Bingleton, as he shoved the remains down the nearest available coalhole.-New York Times.

Real Boss of the House.

There was a company of gentlemen in a little game of cards in a prominent man's parior one night, recently. It grew late, and fears were expressed by the party that they were trespassing upon the kindness of the mistress of the house, who, by the way, was not present.

Not at all, gentlemen-not at all! "Play as long as you please, I am caar here!" said the master of

"Yes, gentelmen; play as long as you please." said a silvery voice, and all rose as the minister of the house stood before them. "Play as long as you please, gentleman! But as it is nearly 1 o'clock the czar is going to bed."-Pittsburgh Chronicle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence finished their gagement by giving "The Mighty wollar" at the matinee and 'Dombey and Son" in the evening, captivating their audience at both performances.

The Omaha Wheel club, after a pretty hard struggle, has succeeded in paying off their debts and is now

planning a spring tournamnt.

There has been a carnival of sleighing in Omaha the last two weeks, every day, with few exceptions, witnessing a gay turnout of sleighs, double and single, and of all makes and description, from the handsome Portland cutter to the homemade articles manufactured out of dry goods boxes and a pair of wooden runners. The list of sleighing turnouts enumerated counts up more than two-score.

The meeting to organize a Nebraska division of the Nebraska Protective association started the organization with sixty members and these officers: G. W. Wilson, president; C. O. Lobeck, vice president; G. E. Crosby, secretary and treasurer; F. H. Pugh, Ben Gallagher, J. F. Stout, W. B. Lannis, Jesse White, ir., directors.

W. E. Annin has gone to Fort Robinson to be absent two weeks, Congressions Laird of Hastings is a guest at the SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Washington Port: When a prominent churchman speculates with the money of others, there's a chance he won't lay up his treasures in the proper place.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: If the Adventist missionary, drowned on the Persia, had reached his destination he would have found the folks ready for the secand coming of anything except a war.

Baltimore American: "Billy" Sunday continues to display his ability as a trader in preparedness. In return for the spiritual kind he took in at Trenton, N. J., Thursday evening a collection of the other kind to the extent of \$3.250. This breaks the comparatively insignificant record of \$1,800 made at Colorado Springs somtline ago. There is no danger that he won't know where to lay his head for

Springfield Republican: The Christian church has never taken very kindly as a whole to Tolstoi's literal and naive interpretations of the teachings of Jesus. is not surprising to find comparatively little sympathy now for his doctrine of nonresistance-which is the alternative to preparedness. In a poll which the Literary Digest has taken of every tenth minister in the official index of the Presbyterian church in the United States, asking their views as to complete disarmament, 305 responded in the negative, ninety-five in the affirmatime and twenty-nine were noncommittal.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

A rhinoceros rolls in the mud because ittle insects get between the folds of its skin and worry it. If it gets its body covered with mud, they are unable to reach the skin.

A recent acquisition by the University of Washington, at Seattle, is a remarkable stump of petrifled cedar, found at an altitude of 1,300 feet. The stump, which is fifteen feet high and five thick, is almost pure yellow in color, with an extremely glassy surface.

The sneezewood tree is a native of Natal and other parts of South Africa. Its odd name was given to it because one cannot saw it without sneezing violently. The dust of its wood has just the same effect as the strongest snuff, and is so irritating to the nose that workmen are obliged to sneeze even when they are planing it.

Among the canny Scots some credit nust be given the soldier on leaving home who marched up to the altar to learn that the bride had disappeared turned to the two bridesmaids, offered to flip a coin to see which would have him, and, as someone has said "got away with it." The "lucky" one now avers that she was an old sweetheart

Six million miles or more on the Atlantic highway without shipwreck is the record of Howard Ernest Hinsley, purser of the American liner, St. Louis, Having reached the age of 60, he gave notice, on the last trip of the vessel, of his determination to retire from the He claims the record of having crossed the Atlantic 2,000 times.

A huge light has been installed on Pike's peak, 14,172 feet above sea level. Current is supplied from hydro-electric generators on the peak. The light is mounted on a platform and is moved about at will by a man stationed there for that purpose. It is used at night for illuminating the beauty spots of the aurrounding country. On clear night its powerful rays can be seen at Denver. seventy-five miles away.

BITS OF AIR SCIENCE.

Air has no color.

In summer air is lighter than it is in

Older people breathe less than younger

Small song birds are the most vigorous breathers of all. Most air contains water in the form of

gas or vapor. Air, when compressed, has valuable

curative properties.

The atmospheres of the various planets differ greatly in quality.

An open chimney is very good for helping to keep the air in a room fresh. The weight of air, at the level of the

sea, is fifteen pounds to the square inch. If a man is in a room ten feet in each direction he has 1,000 cubic feet of space. It is a mistake to suppose that night air is dangerous to breathe; it is purer than that of the day. If you varnish an egg, so that no air

can get through the shell, it will die, and no chicken will come out of it. Very nearly the whole of the air is com-

posed of two gases only-nitrogen (fourfifths) and oxygen (nearly one-fifth). Air may be turned to a fiquid, or even s solid, by the application of great pressure, together with an extremely low tem-

perature. Compressed air is used as a motive power in certain forms of machinery, notably those employed in boring tunnels through rock and under mountains.

AROUND THE CITIES.

New York has ninety-two residents with incomes in excess of \$500,000 a year. Pittsburgh has a church employing moving pictures to attract stray sinners.

Tampa, Fla., last year contributed 206,-495,000 cigars to the national smoke amudge. New Orleans is talking of pulling off

an exposition in honor of the reopening of the Panama canal. Kansas City, Kan., last year netted \$14,692 from the municipad water plant and

\$5,227 from the electric light plant. New York police last year handled 5,366 cases of missing people, 1,831 from outside the city. Nearly all of them were found

and returned to their homes. Emporia claims to be the one fake-proof town in Hansas. Blue sky stuff has no show there. A circus is about the only line that can pull down a bunch of money without the goods coming up to the ad-

vance notices The prattle of a curly-headed 18-monthsold baby in the criminal court of Kansas City held up a three-year sentence for its dad, brought a parole from the judge and a hatful of money contributed by the spectators to give the united family a new start.

St. Joseph's school board attended a "demonstration" of a hand fire extinguisher in the basement of the library uilding, and the unexpected happened. The explosion of the grenades shook the building and let loose gases which forced the spectators to run for their lives.

A survey of the public schools of Denver by four educational experts employed by the Colorado Taxpayers' Protective league revealed wastefulness and extravagance in all divisions. The committee reported that a maving of \$700,000 a year might be effected under proper business

People and Events

The Boston Bar association, after long resistance, finally decided to admit men lawyers to membership. Ancient professional barriers buck an irresistible

force in vain. Two aviators at Newport News last Sunday took a spectacular drop of 800 feet and escaped without a scratch. A network of electrical wires broke the fall and saved their bones.

The way of the transgressor, even when he reforms, is mighty hard and slippery. The police of St. Louis are convinced that "Skippy" Rohan, a one-time crook was put out of the way by his deserted associates because he quit the business and snitched. That is what happened to Jake Resenthal in New York.

Eighteen leap year clubs have been ormed in New York City, thirteen in Philadelphia and four in Chicago. Boston, St. Louis and Omaha have not reported Correspondence courses in domestic economy and engagement rings are receiving close attention and a general advance movement in force will begin Febru BJW 29.

Some queer stories come out of Mexico. vouched for as solemnly as truth permits. One Luis Terrasax reports that Panche Villa's tribe tossed him into prison and kept him there for weeks, starved him on scant fare, yet he had grown so fat from his confinement that he had great difficulty squeezing through the hole cut for his escape.

Philadelphia exporters of hosiery cautiously insinuate that the feet of American women are much larger than those of their sisters south of Panama canal. No. 9 is still regarded as the standard American size, but calls are coming in for 95s and 10s, while the South American call is for 7s and 8s. Putting the foot down hard is dangerous in more ways

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Often the excuse is worse than the offense.

How easy ft is to acquire something ou don't want

Responsibility that carries no weight is not responsible.

The youth who has to scratch for a living sows but few wild oats. The first settler in a new country may be the last to settle his bills.

The future is what we hoped the past might have been, but wasn't. A man's club membership is sometimes a club in the hands of his wife.

It's easier to get people to take your advice than to make them use it. It's easier for a woman to fool any man than it is to keep him fooled. Some men who are too slow to do the

courting are married by strenuous

widows. The man who plays cards for fun may get it-but the other fellow gets the money.

If horses could talk no doubt their olces would be heard through the land calling fo ran improved breed of hostlers. -Chicago News.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Bride-to-Be-I bops, dear, we won't get ny duplicate wedding presents. Groom-to-Be-Oh, I don't know. Dad's cromised us a \$5,000 check, and I wouldn't hind getting a duplicate from your father. Boston Transcript.

Bacon-Has your wife a cook book? Sgbert-Oh, Yes.
"Did you ever get anything out of it?"
"Sure! Indigestion."-Yonkers States-

"Isn't the style of music you have been playing rather lacking in classic quality?"
"Oh. yes." replied the highly accomplished girl. "But one must show some consideration for the tastes of one's parents."—Washington Star.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, HOW LONG SHOULD A FLANCE STAY WHEN VISITING HIS SWEETHEARTS HOME?

JUST STAY A LITTLE LONGER AFTER LUNCH IS SERVED

Lawyer-You say you told the cook to et out of the house the minute you ound it was on fire, and she refused to Mrs. Burns—Yes: she said she must have a month's notice before she'd leave. —National Food Magazine.

Tripp-What! Drinking just before going home! How about the wife!
Knipp-Sall right, my boy, She's got a cold in her head and can't smell a blame thing.—Boston Transcript.

First Coster-Well, poor old Bill's gone. Second Coster (scornfully)-Poor, in-eed! Luckiest bloke in the market-ouldn't touch nuffink without it turned to money Insured 'is 'ouse-burned in a month. Insured 'isself again' haccidents -broke 'is harm first week. Joined the burial serciety last Toosday and now 'es 'opped it. I call it luck.—London Tit-Bits.

A WOMAN'S THOUGHT.

Richard Watson Gilder. (This is leap year, when, according to tradition, women have the right to propose marriage to the men. Here is one of the most beautiful poems in the English language describing the plight of the woman to whom the privilege of popping the question is denied.)

I am a woman—therefore I may not Call to him, cry to him, Fly to him, Bid him delay not!

Then, when he comes to me, I must sit Still as a stone— All sijent and cold.

If my heart riot
Crush and defy it!
Should I grow bold,
Say one dear thing to him,
All my life fling to him,
Cling to him—
What to atone
Is enough for my sinning!
This were the cost to me,
This were my winning—
That he were lost to me.

Not as a lover
At last if he part from me,
Tearing my heart from me,
Hurt beyond cure—
Calm and demure By look of mine to man.
What he has been to me—
How my heart turns to him,
Poilows him, yearns to him,
Prays him to love me,
Pity me, lean to me,
Thou God above me!

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