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Yes, it's chilly.
Girls, remember, it is your leap.
And the coal man is getting his and yours, both.

These are the days we do not miss the old swimming hole much.
Bulletin from the front: "Fighting over the presidency in Ecuador." Same here.

King George is such a good tiger hunter he might tackle Mr. Boss Murphy's pet.
After examining the books, Wall street finds that it has not the heart to declare a panic.

Mr. Bryan is returning home by way of Washington. He must set things in order there first.
It is pure nature faking to speak of a presidential bee making honey at this season of the year.

The Pullman company need not fear the nine-foot bed sheet no long as it persists in giving a six-foot berth.
Boston democrats "want Foss to succeed Taft," says a headline. Why try to give democrats what they want?

Good Advice to Students.
The students of the University of Nebraska can well afford to heed the advice given them by Regent Frank L. Haller in his address warning them not to overdo the social side of their life, not to go in too much for the fraternity, athletics and to avoid for the time the sentimental affluities between the sexes.

These indulgences may be, and probably are, no worse at the Nebraska university than another, and not as bad as at many colleges and universities, but they exist to an undue extent at all of them.

One of the commonest plights of educators the country over today is against these abuses. None is louder in his denunciation of this than President Schurman of Cornell, who has found a shocking percentage of failures among young men as direct results of too much frat life.

Postal Civil Service.
A bill introduced by Congressman Norris bringing the entire Postoffice department within the classified civil service is in line with President Taft's recommendation for relieving the executive of the appointment of post-masters by making their tenure permanent.

Right now, and every four years for that matter, all the changes are rung by the opposition on the charge that the party in power, and particularly the president in the White House, is misusing this official patronage to continue in control or to name his successor.

With President Taft committed to complete postal civil service, congress could, if it would, take him at his word by enacting a law for that purpose right now before the time for the selection of delegates to the national nominating conventions.

America as a Peacemaker.
Should America offer to mediate the war between Turkey and Italy? Turkey, Italy and the United States are bound by the terms of The Hague peace tribunal, which provide that "it is expedient and desirable that one or more powers, strangers to the dispute, should, on their own initiative and as far as circumstances may allow, offer their good offices or mediation to the states at variance."

Police Judge Foster announces that he will begin daily business a half hour earlier than heretofore. If he would hold court about one hour each midnight the accommodation would doubtless be more appreciated by his customers.

finding the war a heavy drain upon their resources of every character and both must see more dreadful consequences impending upon a continuation of hostilities.

It is possible and probable that President Taft has already indicated through diplomatic channels a readiness to make this offer whenever our mediation is acceptable.

Railroads Calling for Capital.
When two or three years ago James J. Hill declared that the railroads would require \$2,500,000,000 of new capital within the next five years to meet the demands of traffic growth and expansion he was regarded as extravagant in his utterance, but it appears from subsequent developments that he was not far wrong.

Last year, 1911, was noted for similarly heavy requirements and 1912 is expected to sustain the record, so that the best judges of the situation believe that Mr. Hill was well within the line of probability with his estimate.

The New York Times brings out the interesting fact in this connection, that "unless all signs fail, it will become increasingly difficult as time goes on for railroad corporations to pledge their properties to creditors, or to issue more certificates to property owners," because of the tightening grip the law is taking upon the security issuing power.

Our district judges have sagely decided that there is no law under which they can appoint a public defender, although the desirability of doing so is conceded, and there is no question that it would have a considerable sum to the taxpayers.

Ten Years Ago.
The board of education cuts salaries, bringing the city superintendent's stipend down from \$5,000 to \$3,250.

Senator Rayner of Maryland and Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, both democratic members of the senate foreign relations committee, favor approving the arbitration treaties as submitted by the president, but, of course, they ought not to count as against our erudite democratic senator from Nebraska, who takes the opposite view.

That St. Louis athlete who fought five detectives is living proof that it pays to develop one's muscles.
No Soldiering on the Job.
Pittsburgh Dispatch.
The United States supreme court continues to sweep aside precedential procedure.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crofoot.
Mrs. E. P. Peck left for the east, accompanied by her son, Lyman Peck, who returns to St. Paul's school.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
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JAN. 6.

Thirty Years Ago.
The Entre Nous club's German takes front rank in the brilliant social season. The favors came all the way from Gunther of Chicago.

Twenty Years Ago.
The six-day bicycle race at the Coliseum had narrowed down to one Englishman, American, a Scotchman and an Irishman, ranking in the order named up to the 10th mile.

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Manchu Thrift Heeled.
Examples of thrift among rulers on insecure thrones or presidencies have not been lost on the Manchu princes of China. Reports from informed sources assert that while Premier Yuan Shi Kai begged for means to finance the army and save the dynasty the princes declined to touch their huge hoardings, estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000.

Venice's New Campanile.
Venice's Campanile is so near completion that the angel which surmounted it is about to be hoisted to its former place.

Japan's Load of Debt.
Japan has just struck its annual balance sheet, and the figures tell an old and sad story.

Three Months Ahead of Time.
The report that comes from Washington that a boom is under way for ex-Vice President Fairbanks for running mate for President Taft rather suggests that some of its authors have confounded the first of January with the first of April.

Victims Pile of Claptrap.
Chicago Tribune.
The story that President Gompers stood on the floor to show his contempt for it at a radical labor meeting in California will not be believed by any sensible American until it is proved beyond a doubt as to all its circumstances.

Make a Note of It.
Philadelphia Record.
We trust our manufacturers have read the dispatch announcing that "The Zemstvo of the government of Volynia today adopted a resolution declaring a boycott against American goods" because they are not likely otherwise to have the matter brought to their attention.

In Other Lands

Side Lights on What is Transpiring Among the Near and Far Nations of the Earth.
Great Britain's New Year.
The new year opens up in Great Britain with a cheerless sky.

Pension Funds in Germany.
Dr. Ferdinand Friedensburg, lately retired as president of the German senate, in a brochure on the operations of the Imperial insurance office, relates typical instances of the sagerness of people to reach the imperial treasury through the pension system.

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GRIN AND GROANS
People Talked About

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A class and a bird are booked for marriage in a Massachusetts town.

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DEPOSITS made on or before January 10th in the SAVINGS DEPARTMENT of the UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK will draw interest from January 1st.
THREE PER CENT Interest is paid on savings deposits and COMPOUNDED SEMI-ANNUALLY.



Congratulate Ponce de Leon
He may not have found the Land of Eternal Youth, but he did find a land where we men of the north may renew our youth, when the skies at home grow gray and the mercury sets lower than the sun.
Kansas City-Florida Special
will take you to this winter playground in the short time between tonight and the day after tomorrow.