

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE
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The Telephone Unmerger.
The agreement for the unmerger of the telephone and telegraph combination as a means of forestalling proceedings for dissolution under the anti-trust law is carefully announced as a great victory for the administration over which the independents, and the public generally, are to jubilate.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
DECEMBER 22.
Thirty Years Ago—
The postoffice reports the amount of Christmas mail coming in and going out.

Twice Told Tales
Easily Identified.
A pretty smile played on the features of Miss Maxine Elliott the other day when one of the guests at an afternoon affair referred to the frequency in which identification is impossible.

The Bee's Letter Box
Attention, Native Nebraskans.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Various natives of different states of the union, who are now residents of New York City, have founded societies here bearing their state names.

before your numerous readers, which I believe will solve the industrial problem in this locality. There are 167 employees in the Bureau of Animal Industry in South Omaha whose total salaries and expense approximately amount to \$300,000 yearly.

LIFE'S BRIGHT LINES.
Willie (who got a microscope for Christmas)—Say, cool, lend me a flea, will you?
The Listener—Do you play by ear?
The Player—No, you chump; this is a mouth organ.

NOVEMBER CIRCULATION
52,068
State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss.:
Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of November, 1913, was 52,068 DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager.

And still another particular in which the telephone combine seems to have come off best is in the government's acquiescence in the present status of telephone ownership, thus accepting the wholesale absorption of competing systems so far as they are already assimilated.

Twenty Years Ago—
A delegation of Kansas City and St. Joseph bankers came up to Omaha and conferred with local bankers and business men as to certain arrangements proposed for the improvement of conditions in business.

New Line of Art.
The red-headed and disaffected boarder was a large man with a large appetite. After dinner he went out into the narrow yard, shook both his fists at the silvery moon, hurled several imprecations toward the congress of the stars, and burst forth into a picturesque and voluminous flood of abuse, which was devoted entirely to the landlady.

Would Submit to Negro Segregation.
OMAHA, Dec. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have solved the problem as to the great issue and question of the segregation of the blacks and whites at Washington in the White House, and if my views are acceptable to both races, the great battle is won, and as I now speak to the superior race—the whites—who now listen, and must listen, because this is a white man's country and negroes their servants, they will not turn them down, surely not if American citizens.

Triumph of Old Age.
S. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald.
His steps were slow, his air was lonely. For long ago, as youth forsaken And left the glad remembrance only Of thrills that tender sighs awaken, He turned his gaze upon strange faces And heard no friend's familiar greeting, But paused as if to mark the places Where one who claimed his glad embraces Once set his pulses wildly beating.

People and Events
Mr. Rockefeller's Christmas appropriation is \$25,000. Looks as though John D. was about to pull off the shore-leave sailor act.
The Carabao is an animal with a mighty thirst. Some allowance must be made for the high jinks of a society striving to live up to the name.

When do the Carabao's hold their next banquet?
The women seem to have smashed that egg joke in a hurry.
Do your early Christmas shopping now before it is too late.

A Queer Proposition.
On the ground that they are big shippers over the Union Pacific, the Oregon and Washington lumbermen request President Mohler to rescind his order for all-steel box cars instead of wooden, as the substitution would be a heavy blow to their lumber sales, which is a very remarkable thing to ask.

Quaint Bits of Life
Beef is still going up. An Oklahoma cow swallowed \$300 in currency the other day.
James Conner was arrested in Bryn Mawr, Pa., the other day for trying to chop down his own house, while in a fit of rage.

Editorial Snapshots
St. Louis Republic: Secretary Bryan says a man can earn a million dollars in a lifetime. But what has we're, we should like to ask, is going to devote his life to such a sordid task? A mere million? A trillion?
Sioux City Journal: Seven railroads doing business in Nebraska did nearly \$2,000,000 more business in Nebraska last year than in 1912.

Two Bad Boys.
SILVER CREEK, Neb., Dec. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: By reason of constant association with immature minds, a schoolmaster comes to look upon himself as a very superior being, which usually he is not, and with long service in the school room that conviction is apt to become an obsession.

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THE MAN WHO "GETS THERE"
Usually "gets there first." No one ever tells him, "If you had come just 20 minutes sooner the order would have been yours." The "get there first" man always wins. Just so does Great Western "Get there first" service.

Why should Speaker Clark make himself purple in the face rebuking Minority Leader Mann for calamity howling, when the Haman gibbet is still up?
Folks never realized the height of our new Omaha court house until they could see a sixty-foot Christmas tree planted in front of it, reaching only half way up.

Business and Politics.
Discussing the business situation throughout the United States, the Saturday Evening Post, which surely is not unfriendly to the Wilson administration, says that on the whole business is not so good as it was early last March, and adds:
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Secretary Bryan will, after all, keep his date to talk in Lincoln next month. But how about that annual birthday dinner this year? Are official duties to be permitted to interfere with long-established social activities?
How the government crop report should rate the condition of winter wheat in Nebraska so much lower than in Kansas, Missouri and the Dakotas is somewhat difficult to understand. It looks to us like a slipped cog somewhere.

Rest assured the bankers will accommodate themselves to the new currency bill, for it gives them asset currency, which is the main thing they have wanted, and for which they have been working for all these years.

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