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 DWIGHT WILLIAMS,
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 Notary Public.
 Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.
 Omaha is still in the running for the regional bank.
 Dr. Elliot's religion seems exactly to fit his five-foot book shelf.
 We have a suspicion that Huerta's optimism is blown in the bottle.
 Men of few words may be forgiven if they have ideas instead.
 Now that the ice crop is safe, we may resume our concern for the fruit and wheat.
 Home-made paving petitions ought to be just as good as the kind the promoters used to make.
 Several good presidencies are going begin. One in Peru, Haiti, Santo Domingo and almost Mexico.
 The scientist who says a man is at his best between 30 and 40, of course does not mean ball players.
 Denver is going to get some mighty valuable pointers on how to finance a municipal water plant.
 A California town boasts a Chinese weather prophet. No wonder the Golden West is getting soaked.
 The county treasurers have a very interesting program, but none of them will undertake to tell us how to pay taxes without feeling it.
 But, of course, if the railroads dispensed with free service to their employes and families, they would not add the difference in cash to the wages.
 The administration is for two battleships a year and many millions more for side arms and jackknives. This is no place for an amicable Laird of Skibo.
 Bulletin—It is rumored in Washington that the president is committing the Baltimore platform to heart and requiring the same of all members of the administration.
 "What's the matter with Colorado?" when a state official says crime cannot be punished in parts of the state unless it suits the police officers to have it punished?
 This shrill call for many more millions to bring up the standard of our army and put it in thorough preparation for war is apt to scare the poor little dove out of the country.
 The wisest counsel comes from the depths of a wise man's own experience. Solomon, you recall, warned others to be sure that it is getting knowledge they get understanding.
 Fourteen years ago The Bee advised the school board to take action in regard to the unlicensed drug store. The present movement is a little late, but it is in the right direction.
 The Pittsburgh Dispatch has entered on its sixty-ninth year of life. For a newspaper that is not old, but old in years, the Dispatch is virile and illuminating and ought to live on several sixty-nines.
 The printing industry of Nebraska has never made much of a fuss, but the official report shows its pay roll exceeds that of any other industry in Nebraska, except only the packing, by many thousands of dollars annually.
 Deputy Pool makes a very plausible statement as to the condition of the finances of the labor bureau of Nebraska, but he doesn't touch on the main point, and that is his failure to enforce the law as to the hours of women in employment.

When Wall Street Deals.
 Says the president of the Memphis bank, which his \$1,000,000 shortage wrecked:
 My life is spent. When Wall street stacks the cards against you the end is there.
 Bitterly true, perhaps, but honest and prudent bank presidents have no right to gamble in Wall street or elsewhere with other people's money. The chief fault dwells in Memphis, not New York. This man's case is obviously a clear one of deliberate speculation for private advantage—he went to beat Wall street—for he does not pretend a defense, simply pleading guilty and throwing himself open to the consequences, the moral effect of which doubtless will be to temper public and official judgment in his behalf. But even in such a case there is a definite limit beyond which official judgment dare not go. The personal honesty equation figures too largely in the business of banking to gloss lightly over any such situation.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
 FEBRUARY 11.
Thirty Years Ago—
 The monthly entertainment of the Omaha Land League listened to addresses by James E. Riley and Charles Taggart. Miss Mary Smith also contributed a recitation to the program.
 Joseph Barton, bookkeeper for the Omaha Smelting and Refining company, is to be married February 19 to Miss Jessie Roddis, the ceremony to take place at Trinity.
 Colonel Frank E. Moores of the Wabash ticket office has adopted an ingenious way of collecting his accounts. On his bill sent to the county commissioners he wrote across the bottom of the sheet, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."
 William Soliday, father of Mrs. John G. Jacobson who returned with her from the east, left for his home in Kenilworth, Pa.
 Mrs. E. H. Griffin of Kansas City, formerly of Omaha, has been spending a few days, the guest of Mrs. Whitney.
 C. F. Goodman left for St. Joseph to attend the druggists' convention there.
 F. A. Manger, the printer, who was in the basement of the Brown building, will remain in his old place, which has been fixed up for business, his damage being chiefly from water.
 County Surveyor Smith has completed the map of the town of South Omaha with eighty-four blocks in the town proper. Two blocks covered with small timber near the center have been left for a park.
Twenty Years Ago—
 In a dispatch from Washington, Perry S. Heath, The Bee's Washington correspondent, said: "Strenuous efforts are being made by President Cleveland to have the senate's finance committee strike out the income tax feature of the Wilson tariff bill. It was proposed by the administration that income taxes should be separated from the customs measures and reported to the senate as a separate bill."
 George W. Willard, an oldtime printer and former president of the State Federation of Labor, was reported as dying at the home of his brother-in-law, John Stafford, 230 Seward street.
 "Nobe" was played at the Fifteenth Street theater to a large gathering with great delight. Frank Short, an Omaha boy, had an important role and filled it most acceptably.
 Rev. A. W. Clark began to think that someone had done him a mean trick when another fresh case of measles broke out at the Rescue hall, of which he was superintendent and troupe boss.
 Snow fell and the wind blew all day in Omaha, but despite the storm street car traffic was not as badly interfered with as was feared it might be.

Twice Told Tales
The Subterfuge.
 "Yes," she admitted, frankly. "I like you very much, but—" "But what?" "But the man I marry must swear never to touch tobacco in any form." He pondered gravely (for he was an inveterate smoker), and then cried: "I swear, I swear never to touch tobacco in any form!" Shortly afterward they were married. The bride wore an exquisite creation of white bombazine caught up with bleached fish-netting and carried a bouquet of golden-rods and California grapes.
 On the first day of the honeymoon she came upon him with thick gloves on, pulling away cheerfully at a well-broken-in pipe. "Pericela!" she screamed. "You promised—you promised!" He held up his gloved hands with a smug air and said out of the side of his mouth that was not occupied by his pipe: "I promised, Glinka, never to touch tobacco in any form. And I shan't. I intend always to wear these gloves!" She faintly, but after he had reviled her by blowing smoke down her neck, he showed her all the tobacco coupons he had been saving for her, and she gradually became used to it.—Indianapolis Star.

The Bee's Letter Box
Argument.
 OMAHA, Feb. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: Abe Martin said recently that "The less a fellow knows, the more he argues," but I believe Abe is wrong on this point. I have always noticed that when ignorant men start an argument, they cannot dispute long without getting mad, and are forced to either drop the question under debate or settle it by brute force.
 I take the opposite view and hold that the smarter the fellow is, the longer he will argue, for if two men in an argument do nothing but contradict, and are unable to support their own opinion by arguments drawn from analogy or experience, or any other logical source, the dispute will come to an end very quickly. It seems that every man loves to show himself superior to his fellows in some way, and as a wise man knows how little both he and his opponent really know, he readily sees that there are always two sides to every question, and that by maintaining his position either by logical or apturous definitions, he enjoys a brief triumph at the expense of his adversary. Now the truth is that an ignorant man cannot argue at all, he can only contradict without giving reasons; another truth is, that nothing can be proven true without a long and tedious argument, and the ignorant are incapable of understanding or making use of such a lengthy process of reasoning.
 Socrates was extremely fond of long arguments; Dr. Johnson, the author of the "Rambler," would engage in lengthy debates concerning metaphysics. Prof. Huxley, the agnostic, argued for years with anybody and everybody that saw fit to reject his opinions; Lincoln and Douglas neglected their business in order to argue politics, and even Christ disputed with the doctors of the law.
 The only people who can or do argue are the educated—the serious part of mankind; fools and children laugh and sing and enjoy life; Indians fill their bellies and fall asleep; the white and black trash in the south scrape the fiddles and thump the banjos, but they never argue, and they think the words "right" and "argument" mean the same thing.
 E. O. MINTOSH.

SMILING REMARKS.
 "You are a self-made man?"
 "No," replied Senator Borah; "I am one of the statement who succeed by keeping their ears to the ground and studying the passing fads. I am a custom-made man."—Washington Star.
 "Move back and give the man air! What is it? Heart failure?"
 "Nervous exhaustion. He danced the tango with the fat woman over there and she insisted on dipping."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
 Gibbs—There's one thing I'd like very much to find out about myself.
 Gibbs—What is that?
 Gibbs—Whether or not I could stand prosperity.—Boston Transcript.
 "Ferd says he is unworthy of me."
 "My bean doesn't talk that way. He says I am the best girl in the world, and that the best is none too good for him."—Philadelphia Ledger.
 "So Dick and Daisy have made up?"
 By George! After the way she laid him out I never expected it. How did he pacify her?
 "He told her that he'd rather quarrel with her than kiss any other girl."—Puck.
 "I believe Fanny is making me an affidavit," said the youth; "I was calling there last night and she was working on it, but she wouldn't tell me who or what it was for."
 "Told me. It is for you, but it is not an affidavit. It's one of a pair of car tabs."—New York Sun.
 Mabel had gone to the art exhibit. Not

that she cared for pictures, but everyone went.
 A friend saw her and told another friend. Friend No. 2 met her a few days later.
 "Why, hello, Mabel! I'm awfully glad to see you. I hear you are interested in art."
 "Me? Art who?"—Current Literature.
SONG OF THE FROSTBITTEN.
 There is many a poet that's ready
 To gush at the first hint of spring;
 To chirp at the first tender leaflets,
 To snuffle at the fit of a wing!
 But I love to sing of the blizzard
 That whirls the white flakes all about,
 While the furnace is smoking and chok-
 ing
 And the plumber is kept on his route.
 III.
 The "whispering leaf" is a dead one.
 The "babbling brook" is a pause;
 They've been overworked in past ages,
 Now in volumes dust-grimed let them play!
 While I sing of the frost on the window
 And the music of the wheels on the snow,
 And the voice of the old furnace poker
 As it conxes the embers to glow.
 IV.
 The "cool green depths of the forest"
 "Verdant field," "sunny glade," "shady nook,"
 Stretches the soul of the old-fashioned poet
 Till it burst out into leaf-in a book!
 But heavy old Winter can furnish
 A landscape that's quite to my taste
 When his wild winds are howling like demons
 O'er some bleak, dreary, desolate waste.
 Omaha.—BAYROLL NE TREBLE.

The Lever Bill.
 The agricultural extension measure, sponsored by leading business and professional men, which has passed the house, provides an unconditional appropriation of \$10,000 a year to each state, with an additional allowance of \$600,000 the first year, increasing \$600,000 each year until the total appropriations amount to \$4,000,000 per annum. This is all contingent upon equal appropriations by the states and the money is to go into scientific education of the farmers with a view of increasing fertility and productivity of the soil. This is the same object, of course, heretofore aimed at from divers standpoints, but as yet accomplished only in exceptional cases.
 It is fully agreed now that we shall do little with our problem of the high cost of living until we increase the production of foodstuffs, not at the expense of the producer, but in such a way as to make it increasingly profitable to him. This measure is not offered as an instantaneous panacea, but as a means of doubling the output of our farms in ten or fifteen years, the time depending upon the avidity and skill with which the farmers cooperate. It is to be hoped the bill becomes a law and receives the unstinted support of every state necessary to make it a success.

Cynical Mother Fish.
 Robert W. Chambers recently told this fish story:
 "A mother fish was swimming with 2,000 or 4,000 of her offspring, when one of them swallowed a big, juicy worm and—while! shot up and disappeared.
 "The other little fishes had often witnessed this phenomenon. Now one of them said:
 "Is it unhealthy to get caught, mamma?"
 "Oh, no, my dear—far from it!" the mother fish cynically replied. "All our tribes increase 80 or 90 per cent in weight on being landed."—New York Tribune.
Gumshoe Tactics.
 Among the employes whose duties are supposed to be discharged in the rear of a certain shop in Baltimore, while the proprietor looks after matters in front, are a couple of darkeys, who occasionally "take things easy."
 One afternoon they were engaged in a quiet game of seven-up on a barrel, when they were startled by the sudden appearance of the boss, whom they supposed to be in his usual place in front. "The boss was angry. 'How is it,' he demanded, 'that I find you fellows playing cards?'"
 "I don't know, boss," was the response of one of the darkeys, "unless it's on account of them rubber heels you is wearin'!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Political Tips
 William Sulzer is enjoying himself knocking grafters and booming Roosevelt for governor of New York state.
 Tom Taggart is out of the senatorial race in Indiana. Senator Shively came across with the vital pledges of pie, and foxy Tom pulled down his sign.
 The rush of Chicago women to register for the spring election was pretty good for a starter, though the total, 153,900, is less than half the number of women in the city old enough to vote.
 The National Geographic society at Washington reports the discovery of the original of the "Roosevelt grin" in the ruins of Quirigua in Guatemala, South America. Curious sculptured mosaics decorated one of the buildings, each showing the factor teeth as prominent as the colonel's pibbers.
 Kentucky's senate has passed a bill that punishes the carrying of concealed deadly weapons with disfranchisement for two years, a fine of from \$10 to \$100 and a jail sentence of from ten to forty days on a first conviction. For a second conviction the offender can be sent to the penitentiary for from one to five years.
 Ex-Senator Joseph C. S. Blackburn of Kentucky, who is to be resident commissioner of the Lincoln memorial commission to succeed the late Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, entered the Confederate army in 1861 and served throughout the war. The sentiment of a reunited country is embodied in this fact, as well as the reverence in which Abraham Lincoln's memory is held throughout the nation.
 A Washington woman gives a witty explanation of the failure of businessmen to rush to the national capital to help congress fashion business laws. "The present situation," she says, "reminds me of the scenes in the play, 'Nellie, the Beautiful Cloak Model.' In the first act the villain of the piece meets Nellie, the heroine, and tries to throw her off the Brooklyn bridge. In the second act he meets her again, and ties her to the tracks in the subway. She is barely rescued. When he meets her the third time he tries to push her off an elevated railway platform in front of a freight train. In the fourth act they meet again, and Nellie shrinks at the sight. The villain asks her earnestly: 'Nellie, why do you fear me?'"

People and Events
 The presence of four former wives at the funeral of their former husband in New York puts a new problem up to the sociologists of the big city: "What number constitutes a working quorum of widows?"
 Last Sunday was the first time in about forty-five years of ministry that Rev. J. H. Little, Bishop Me., missed the preaching his Sunday sermon. And two days was the longest time that he has ever been confined to his bed up to his present sickness.
 The champion corn grower of the state of Ohio is a 14-year-old girl, Marie Cole of Ulrichville, O., who raised during the last year 112 bushels to the acre, twice that secured by the farmers about her.
 In the corn-growing contest she was one of those making the special trip to Washington.
 The New York banks receive a shock from the new city chamberlain's policy of distributing the city's funds among them according to the rate of interest paid and the ratio of reserves to total deposits. In the old days not the strongest bank reserves, but the strongest bank pull got the money.
 Miss Emma Buller, for thirty-two years the writer of letters from Paris to the Brooklyn Eagle, and before that for Murat Halstead's Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, died in the French capital recently. She was at one time a teacher in the Ohio Female college in Cincinnati. Miss Buller's letters were interesting, individual and well informed.
 The oldest member of the Bucktail regiment, which served so valiantly in the civil war, is Smith E. Guthrie of Medix Run, Pa., who is 88. Mr. Guthrie still possesses his eyesight and his hearing and is as vigorous as a man much younger. Mr. Guthrie was a member of company C of that famous regiment, and his company was recruited in Cameron county, and floated down the Susquehanna river.
 Medical Accidents.
 New York World.
 Mankind is considerably indebted to the distinguished Pennsylvania doctor who testified before a congressional committee that in the sincere attempts of the profession to cure disease by heroic means it sometimes happens that the patient is "just shoved over a little bit quicker" than otherwise would be the case. It appears, therefore, that we have accelerators in medicine as well as in politics and legislation.

Around the Cities
 Philadelphia has a school in which pupils are given shower baths as needed.
 Cincinnati's new fire engine houses will be one-story buildings of the bungalow type.
 Cleveland expects municipal ownership of street railways to be the main issue in city politics in 1915.
 Los Angeles Street Railway company last year collected \$4,600,000 in 5-cent fares. Operating expenses were \$3,023,900.
 Niagara Falls, N. Y., asphalt paving repair plant last year laid 17,363 square yards of repairs at a cost of 74 cents a yard.
 Dallas, Tex., prohibits automobiles standing in any one place for more than twenty minutes, and is fining violators of the rule.
 The New York Telephone company, covering Greater New York, and exclusive of toll lines, reports its total operating revenue for 1913 was \$3,064,423, and the net income was \$10,925,271. A motion to rescind the maxim, "Talk is cheap," is in order.
 New Castle, N. H., claims the record for longevity of its residents. In its population of not more than 500 there are four persons 80 years old, eight between 80 and 90, and one 96. Two of these, Captain John Hall and John V. White, jointly observed their eighty-eighth birthday Friday, January 16.

Told in Figures
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 The women who follow the lead at the southern girl, who insists that men shall do the proposing, are advised that they are imperiling their chances.
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 Capital invested in film industries the world over approximates \$70,000,000.
 There are 4,855 factories in the state of New York, employing 1,236,150 persons.
 It is estimated that there are 37,000 electric vehicles in use in this country, of which 25,000 are pleasure cars.
 The province of Alberta has a coal area of 38,218 miles, with an estimated quantity available for consumption of 30,000,000,000 tons.
 The annual live stock report of the Orange Judd Farmer shows a total value for all classes of farm animals of \$3,265,021,000.
 The postal savings banks of the country contain \$4,000,000 in deposits, the exact amount needed for building the Alaskan railway.
 According to a report just issued by the Department of Agriculture, the yield of potatoes in Ireland in 1913 was exceptionally abundant; and of good quality. The average was 64 long tons, or 228 bushels per acre.
 It has been estimated that the contribution to the apple market from the far northwest during the present year will amount to 10,000 cars. By 1916 the output, basing calculations on present acreage of young trees, will be at least 20,000 cars, and it would not be surprising to the large growers if the total reached 30,000 cars by 1922.

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 With properly fitted glasses, Dr. McCarthy relieves headaches, aching eyes, feeling of sand in the eyes, watery eyes, itching and burning eyes, floating spots, dizziness, pain in the temple and all troubles due to eye strain.
Don't Neglect the Children
 Right now is the proper time to have their eyes and ears examined. In 95 per cent of backward children it is due wholly to eye defects.
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 Are you growing hard of hearing? Have you heard noises? If so, see Dr. McCarthy. It costs you nothing to learn whether he can benefit you or not.
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 The man who has straightened more crossed eyes with his special ground glasses than any other specialist in the west.
Near the Court House and City Hall
 How much money is your time worth, Mr. Lawyer and Mr. Real Estate man?
 It's all you have to sell. "Efficiency" for you means saving time.
 Does it take you 10 or 15 minutes to reach the court house?
 While you have the chance you would better move to
The Bee Building
 "The building that is always new"
 You may select from these:
 Very reasonable and desirable rooms on the beautiful, light and airy court, with vault, water and free electric light; nicely decorated; only four available now, at \$10.00, \$18.00 and \$27.50.
 Rooms on the west, opening on wide, light areaway to City Hall. These rooms are large, with plenty of air and light. One available at once; others will be decorated to suit tenant. Best space bargains in the building. Really delightful rooms, at \$12.00 and \$18.00.
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