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Less than two weks off now

If you haven't done it, set about it.

And the smoke floats over the chimney just the same.

Omaha has made goon on the hotel proposition. Next?

This is the day you can blame anything on the calendar.

Colonel Yeiser did not go to Chicago, but he has evidently heard from there.

Mr. Carnegie might be able to settle this war by offering to pension the sultan.

A lawyer's fee is not the soundest argument on which to oppose a smoke ordinance.

Colonel Watterson thinks it is a pity South Carolina insists on putting its freaks in office.

This much can be said for Johnny Bull—he let Uncle Sam dig the canal. That's something.

No use to insist on fair treatment for J. Bull on the Panama. He always gets that from Uncle Sam.

Omaha would like to have dollar gas, but doesn't want it badly enough to mortgage all the future for it.

The cheapest as well as the meanest fakir is the one who takes advantage of the sufferings of the afflicted.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, founder of the Chinese republic, is coming over to touch us for a loan of $200,000,000. Shop early.

It should not be hard to advertise Nebraska, the greatest of agricultural states, and the heart of the banana belt.

The overweening persuasion of the dollar is not better proved than the necessity of providing child labor laws for fathers.

A California town has shipped out six carloads of onions to the poor. Such warm benevolence is sure to draw tears.

"Victory Won by Perkins," says a head line. It refers simply to the contest over location of the headquarters, nothing more.

A Wall street broker tells the investigating committee about lending $15,000,000 in twenty-five minutes. Just car fare—that's all.

Chicago is to have a woman judge. Why not, she sits in judgment on the most important question for every man, anyhow.

The recurrence of murder for trifling causes is a grim reminder of the carelessness with which deadly weapons are distributed.

Well, Elder Perkins brought home something that loked like the bacon, and he surely was entitled to that much, considering what he had paid out to get it.

Union Pacific magnates are trying to find out just what the court's order means. The first thing is the original purpose of the road, one continuous line from Omaha to San Francisco.

Lincoln will only ask $65,000 for a state library. Take that with the $3,000,000 state house, the $100,000 addition to the postoffice and a few new buildings for the university, and they ought to have a real revival in building down there. And Omaha is going to help them get it all.

Miscegenation.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives for a federal law prohibiting intermarriage between whites and negroes. Its introduction was prompted by the recent spectacular orgy culminating in the marriage of a notorious negro and a deluded white girl in Chicago. As every respectable white and colored person deplored and condemned this affair, so every man and woman with an intelligent respect for racial integrity, no matter what their color, would welcome an insuperable barrier to such miscegenation. Twenty-five states, including Nebraska, now prohibit intermarriage of negroes and whites. If it is wrong in those twenty-five, it is wrong in the rest and it is a matter for federal regulation.

Conditions in Mexico.

Information given the president by the American business men back from Mexico as to conditions in that country tends to confirm private advices that have persisted all along. Plunder, rapine and murder seem to have followed in the wake of the organized warfare, creating much worse conditions. Evidently nothing but the starkest sham of order has been evolved out of the chaos and if that is all thus far accomplished, the question arises, how long will it take to restore conditions of safety to life and property?

However dismal Madero's failure in this regard may be, our government must not fail in its duty of protecting those of its citizens who continue to remain there. The president indicates a determination to act immediately in whatever way is required. But it is not Americans who are the chief sufferers; it is Mexicans. Among them, it is said, revolting crimes are committed. It is hoped that the power which conquered the organized rebels will soon overcome the state of anarchy, but the situation warrants no empty visions.

Advertising Nebraska.

In deciding to organize the Nebraska advertising campaign under the head of development rather than distinctly publicity, the Grand Island meeting of the publicity and immigration committee of the State Association of Commercial clubs, we think, acted wisely. Advertising Nebraska is not going to be much of a task. All that needs to be done is to get the facts properly diffused. Dr. G. E. Condra, who represents the university on this publicity board, calls attention to a Louisiana law that limits all state publicity to actual conditions. That is all Nebraska requires. If the conditions in this state are effectively set forth, they will carry their own argument and bring the desired results.

It is highly proper, therefore, that the campaign proceed under the head of development. Of course, the state needs judicious advertising, but it does not need and cannot afford the stereotyped kind that glosses over facts and conditions, painting weird pictures of impossibilities, which bring their own reaction. It is developement we want. Our natural soil resources, our advantages in point of geographical and commercial location, our transportation, industrial, educational and religious facilities, our climate and our people, should simply be represented abroad for what they are and that will be sufficient.

Women and Reform.

Those for and against woman's suffrage may find new ground for argument both ways in the results of municipal elections in Los Angeles and San Francisco, where women vote. Los Angeles is a hotbed of reform, and yet at a recent city election the women were credited with defeating drastic measures. Likewise in San Francisco, the women are held responsible for the defeat of a proposed charter amendment that would have created local option units in residential districts, being a decided advantage for prohibition.

While the questions involved in the California elections were of paramount interest locally only—and reform, like morality, is geographical in some of its aspects—the conclusion is inevitable that women do think on these problems. That their opinions should be in a degree at least colored by local conditions will be admitted, for that is true of men. The main point at interest, though, is that the women of California have shown that they are not inclined to be blindly led into the endorsement of any proposed reform, no matter what. And, if this is true of the women of California, may it not be expected their sisters elsewhere will act likewise?

Brother Benjamin Fay Mills—remember him?—figures that under the colonel's plan of having the membership pay dues the bull moose party will have $96,000,000 in the fund when the next battle of Armageddon is staged. This ought to be enough for the expenses of one short campaign.

The deposed Chicago base ball leader, who was sold for $1,500 by a vindictive club owner to humiliate him, gets another job at the highest salary, reports say, ever paid a ball player. Most any man could stand humiliation that ended that way.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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DEC. 13.

Thirty Years Ago—

A lively time was on at the African Methodist Episcopal church at Eighteenth and Webster, growing out of the trouble between A. K. Jett, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Rev. A. B. Mitchell, pastor of the church.

George Reven, the Eleventh street butcher, has found a dog which was lost some time ago, and everyone feels easier.

Mrs. Callagan, residing at Thirteenth and Jackson, met with a painful accident by a fall on an icy plank at Thirteenth and Farnam.

The Young Men's Christian association has equipped its rooms with a telephone, which is advertised as a new attraction.

Rev. George C. Miln appeared in "Richelieu" at Boyd's without making much of a hit.

The old settlers of Douglas county are planning to hold a meeting on January 16, the anniversary of the meeting of the first territorial legislature.

Ex-Senator A. S. Paddock is in the city on his way to attend a meeting of the Utah commission in Washington, of which he is a member.

Twenty Years Ago—

Miss Maria Gurfoyle, who had been the guest of Mrs. Kennedy, 1523 Jackson street, left for her home in Brooklyn.

Mrs. W. J. Burgess, wife of the manager of the Farnam Street theater, left for Chicago to spend the holidays with her parents.

Seth Abbott, father of the late Emma Abbott, was visiting at the home of Mrs. M. H. Dixon, 107 South Seventeenth street.

The latest gift of John A. Creighton was announced in a $70,000 dispensary building to be erected for the Creighton Medical college.

Mayor Bemis fired a bombshell into the city council in the form of a veto of an item in the monthly appropriation bill of $2,483.45, covering the November bill of the Thompson-Houston Electric Light company, on the ground that it had not given the city what it paid for. The mayor accompanied his veto with a tart, brief message, concluding with these words: "I am in favor of allowing the Thompson-Houston Electric Light company to demonstrate, if it can, in the courts that its bill is correct."

The Farnam Street theater announced an early engagement of Frank Mayo in "Davy Crockett."

Ten Years Ago—

Dean Campbell Fair of Trinity cathedral, who was dangerously ill, passed a good night's rest.

Tax Commissioner Fleming's final figures showed a total city assessment for 1903 of $111,048,705, divided, real estate, $72,387,030; personal, $38,661,675. The railroads' share in this was $13,024,640.

Mrs. Henrietta Alloth, 702 South Thirty-fifth avenue, slipped on the icy platform of a cistern, fell in and drowned, dying a horrible death, with her husband working, unconscious of his wife's fate, not sixty feet away. The husband, wanting some help in his work from his wife, called to her, and, receiving no answer, started to the house. As he passed the cistern he saw it was opened, and looking down was horrified at the sight of Mrs. Alloth's dresses floating on the water. He got grab hooks and tried to raise her out, but failed. His 12-year-old daughter ran to a neighbor, Mrs. Pomeroy, who notified firemen at engine house No. 7. Thirty-sixth and Jackson streets, and Lieutenant Edward LaPage and Fireman Clinchard hastened to the rescue. The poor woman was finally drawn out of the water with a rope, but was lifeless.

Bishop Charles C. McCabe of the Methodist church, whose diocese comprised Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and the Dakotas, arrived in Omaha, having recently returned from South America and Europe. His mission here at this time was to release Hanscom Park church from a large debt.

People Talked About

Doing your shopping early develops a rude realization of the cruel restraints of an income under $5 a minute.

A sure cure for the scarlet nose is announced in time to relieve the pressure on the water wagon on January 1.

Interest of New York bankers in the complications in Europe is skillfully proportioned to the interest on war loans.

Those critical persons who class old Santa Claus as a myth would be closer to the fact by ranking him among the sure thing doctors. His anti-fat treatment for pocketbooks has no rival on the market.

Down in Texas democratic housewives are advised by the chef of the Houston Post to throw a handful of corn to the Christmas turkey and tilt the jug and let it leak over the Christmas fruit cake.

Three Bell telephone companies in the southwestern territory have been merged into one, with headquarters in St. Louis. The capital of the merged company will be $40,000,000, or $10,000,000 more than the total of the separate units. Owing to the strain of inflating the capital no other enlargements are likely for a while.

In his democratic monthly Norman E. Mack of Buffalo emphasizes in italics that Mr. Bryan "cannot fail to accept the call which the country assumes is to come to him from the new president to the post so honorably filled by Jefferson, Adams, Clay, Calhoun, Webster, Marcy, Everett and Seward, by Blaine and Bayard, by Olney and by Hay."

The problem of the high cost of living has been solved by Raymond Prior Sanford of Ithaca, a freshman in the College of Agriculture at Cornell university, by cutting down the cost of his food to 75 cents a week. On this amount young Sanford, who is a perfectly healthy young man, gets all the nourishment required to sustain life normally.

A release that traveled almost around the world has been filed at the Lebanon (Pa.) court house by Edward Shott, administrator of the estates of Tamzine and Maria Atkins, the amounts accounted for being about $900 in all. The release traveled to the American consulate in Colombo, Ceylon, where a consul got $2 for sticking a nice little red stamp on the papers.

Mrs. Wilson, wife of the president-elect, is said to have a happy knack of making an unattractive garden into a thing of beauty. In fact, those who have seen what she did with the Princeton garden conclude that she has quite a talent for lanscape gardening and could have made her living that way if the fates had not ordained that she should be the first lady in the land.

ACTIVITIES IN ARMY CIRCLES

Current Events Noted by the Army and Navy Register.

Signal Corps Equipment.

A board of officers of the signal corps is meeting at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for the purpose of considering the following questions: The usefulness of the present service buzzer, the packing of the new 500-cycle radio pack set, the improvement and development of the field wire cart, the acetylene lantern and fireworks issued by the signal corps in connection with visual signaling. This board was convened in furtherance of the policy of the corps to constantly keep at work in improving the apparatus and equipment used by it. The present radio pack set is considered satisfactory, but some difficulty has been experienced in properly packing it on pack mules. Therefore, it is one of the most important matters being considered by the board is this. The board consists of Major Carl F. Hartmann and Captains Arthur S. Cowan and Holland Rubottom.

Reward for Panama Engineer.

There is unanimity of approval in and out of congress of the proposition advanced by Representative Mann of Illinois, minority leader in the house, to create by legislation the office of general on the active list of the army with the idea that the appointee to the grade shall be Colonel George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal. Mr. Mann was of a party of fellow representatives, members of the house appropriations committee, who have just returned from an inspection of the canal zone. They are imbued with the justice of the proposal that Colonel Goethals shall be rewarded in some substantial and permanent way. None of them believes that there would be anything nearly enough adequate in the appointment of Colonel Goethals as chief of engineers of the army, with the grade of brigadier general, upon the retirement of General Bixby in December of 1913. President Taft in his message to congress recommends the appointment of Colonel Goethals as a major general, with a provision that he be designated chief of engineers upon the retirement of General Bixby. Whenever Colonel Goethals' name is mentioned in the house or senate there is an outburst of applause. There would be no difficulty, even in the present session, in enacting the legislation which will recognize Colonel Goethals' eminent services.

Pending Appointments.

When congress adjourned last August there were pending before the senate military committee five army nominations those of Brigadier General W. W. Wotherspoon to be a major general, Colonel E. J. McClernand to be brigadier general, Brigadier General J. B. Aleshire to be chief of the quartermaster corps with the rank of major general, Major B. B. Ray, pay department, to be lieutenant colonel, and Second Lieutenant W. F. Winton, Seventh cavalry, now on duty in the Philippines, to be a second lieutenant of the field artillery. In all of these cases, with the exception of Lieutenant Winton, recess appointments were made, and the officers have now been renominated. It is expected there will be no appreciable delay in acting on the nominations on the part of the senate military committee. There is no opposition to the nominations of Generals Aleshire, Wotherspoon and McClernand. There was considerable opposition, however, to the transfer of Lieutenant Winton, largely for the reason that other officers who have sought similar transfers have not been able to obtain favorable action on their applications at the War department.

New Lieutenants.

Of the 100 candidates for appointment as second lieutenants in the mobile army fifty-six were found qualified and will be commissioned in the cavalry, field artillery and infantry, being assigned to the cavalry, five to the field artillery, and thirty-four to the infantry. After these appointments of the vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant in the mobile army that existed on June 30 last about fifty will remain, and examination of candidates for them will commence on January 13 next. Of the vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant in the coast artillery corps that existed on June 30 last all but a few have been filled, and the number remaining is not sufficient to warrant the holding of an examination of candidates therefor. For this reason no examination of candidates for the coast artillery corps will be held before next September. The papers in the cases of candidates for appointment as second lieutenants in the Philippine scouts recently were referred to a board convened by the commanding general of the central division, and it is expected that it will be some time before this board completes marking the papers and makes a report to the War department.

Aviation Development.

General James Allen, chief signal officer of the army, will make an effort in the few weeks which remain before his retirement by operation of law in February to have enacted legislation, presumably on the army bill, increasing the army signal corps on account of the increasing duties derived from aviation work. It has been carefully figured out that the increase is about $154,000 a year. This would afford an opportunity to give the additional compensation to those engaged in the hazardous duty of mechanical flight. It is felt that this provision must be made if officers are to be encouraged to volunteer for this perilous undertaking. There were originally some sixty volunteers among young officers who wished to engage in aviation, but of these about half have been found disqualified for one or another reason. There are at present fourteen officers on the duty, and an equal number are regarded as eligible. The United States has appropriated so far very little and by the end of the present fiscal year will have not more than twenty-two machines of various types. New construction work proposed by General Allen in connection with army aviation includes a hangar for hydroplanes, which it was at first thought should be located at Governors island, but which General Allen believes should be placed at Fort Wood, New York harbor, where the signal corps has a station. It is also desired by General Allen to have a floating hangar at some place on the Potomac river. These hangars will each accommodate three or four machines of the hydroplane type.

The Bee's Letter Box

Owl Cars and More of Them.

OMAHA, Dec. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was amused to read in the columns of your valuable paper recently where the right honorable and most worshipful council has agreed to lie down for three weeks and take a snooze while the street car company is gathering "data" with which to blindfold and flimflam them over the ordinance that Colonel Ryder has so courageously introduced providing for all-night car service that is so badly needed at this time. They are certainly a bunch of windjammers and braying who wish to make noise and expense on the taxpayers of the city, while they strive to make good fellows of themselves by false promises and misrepresentation. They are afraid of the big corporations lest they lose the jobs the common people gave them and refuse to get busy in the interest of the voters who trusted them and placed them in office at very fat salaries.

We all know the big corporations did not vote for the men who were "on the square" ticket, but rather for the "big seven" of the business men's association. That man Wattles is holding the whip over their heads and will lash them into submission if they do not do his bidding and make ordinances to suit him and the corporation he represents. He wants a law made now to lock up any person who presents his conductors with an "old transfer" and keep them in jail until his wrath has been appeased by the stern hand of justice. What an awful offense it is to offer an old transfer in payment of car fare. Forsooth!

True, Mr. Wattles has given the good people of Dundee a small sop in the shape of one car twenty minutes earlier in the morning—"Just to keep their d—d mouths shut," but this will not fill the bill nor meet the urgent requirements of our great and growing city when cars should be run all night for those who are willing to pay the expenses. People living in Dundee and in the West Farnam district cannot reach any of the depots before 6 o'clock and that fact alone causes great expense or inconvenience to people who ought to be provided with early cars on the Farnam line. The Bee has done excellent work in prodding up the company and I hope it will continue the good work until Omaha is provided with adequate car service and better accommodations in this direction. Very truly,

F. A. JOHNSON.

Approves of the Consolidation.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: A number of my friends have said to me that they would like for me to write to The Bee on the subject of the consolidation of the Omaha and South Omaha postoffices, and here I go to it.

I fully approve of the consolidation and hope that the legislature of Nebraska will finish up the job this winter, for it will be the best thing that ever happened to South Omaha to be a part of the great metropolitan city and things in South Omaha will then move along. While Omaha has been building up tremendously we have been standing still and we will stand still, too, until we get new blood infused into the life of South Omaha and the consolidation of the two cities is just what will be the making of this part of the city of Omaha. Those who are holding political jobs in South Omaha and those that sell goods to the city are, of course, opposed to the consolidation of the two cities, but the great mass of the people of South Omaha are in favor of the consolidation.

I for one am in favor of the legislature adopting a law for the forcible consolidation of the two cities. Let them give us our high school, our share of improvements out of the taxes we pay and our share of the official positions and then unite the two cities as should have been done ten years ago.

Allegheny, a city of 150,000 people, was annexed to Pittsburgh by an act of the legislature of Pennsylvania. The people of Allegheny took it into the courts and finally to the United States supreme court, but the act of the legislature was sustained at every point and Pittsburgh now has over 500,000 people and Allegheny is no more.

I do not blame those who are holding political positions for fighting for their jobs, for I might do the same thing if I was holding a political job. But the people as a whole will be greatly benefited by the consolidation and I hope it will come before March 1. People have to get up early in the morning to beat Victor Rosewater, cuss him as they please. Yours truly,

F. A. AGNEW.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

Boston Transcirtp: As amended for the railroad combines, "Loosed be the tie that binds."

Washington Post: Will no champion of the poor Perkins children arise to thwart this diabolical plot to throw George out of the bull moose pen?

Sioux City Journal: The Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific are so near and yet so far. At points they are 1,000 miles apart, and the supreme court has increased the distance.

Washington Herald: Mr. Carnegie's idea of how to die poor is to leave about $25,000,000 behind. Rather a sharp contrast with the condition of thousands of persons who have to pinch even to have enough to pay premiums on a policy to provide for their burial.

Chicago Inter Ocean: Elizabeth, N. J., offers a prize of $25 for a slogan to be used in promoting its coming industrial exposition. One ambitious poet, apparently inspired by fizz, has perpetrated, viz.: "Liz means biz!" We have no use for $25, but we are glad Liz has riz. Let 'er sizz!

Springfield Republican: Many pictures of the Galata bridges at Constantinople, famous for the cosmopolitan crowds to be seen there, have been published of late, some of them with the mistaken information that this is the connection between Europe and Asia over which many Turks are returning to the old home of the race. As a matter of fact, Galata lies not beyond the Bosphorus, which separates Europe from Asia, but beyond the long narrow bay of the Golden Horn, which extends from the Bosphorus to the north and gives Constantinople its matchless harbor. Here the water is always quiet; in the Bosphorus itself there is a strong and troublesome current, unaffected by tides and setting precisely as Shakespeare described it, "to the Propontic and the Hellespont," so that ships now and then in passing thrust their bowsprits into the houses along the banks, with ensuing suits for damages.

Let 'Er Come.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The next break comes at Christmas, when we'll all be broke.

SMILING REMARKS.

Bilton—Well, I suppose both your sweethearts gave you something for Christmas? What was it?

Tilton (sourly)—Mittens.—Judge.

"How did Biggs take the news of his wife running away?"

"Calmly enough. He seemed glad that the man she ran away with was Graftmann."

"Why so?"

"Graftmann, he said, was never known to return anything yet."—Boston Transcript.

"Your husband has made remarkable progress in art."

"Yes," replied Mrs. Cumrox. "He is rapidly getting where he can remember the artist's name and forget the price."—Washington Star.

"That man is a very tricky sort of fellow."

"Why, he seemed a very nice sort to me."

"Well, but he's tricky; he has to be. He's a professional magician."—Chicago Post.

"Judge, why did you adjourn court for five minutes just now?"

"I felt that I had to sneeze."

"Yes?"

"And I feared if I sneezed on the bench the lawyers would make that the basis of a demand for a new trial."—Chicago Tribune.

"How do you account for the lack of enthusiasm in your district?" said the inquiring friend.

"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "I had to make a lot of campaign promises. And you know a campaign promise is very much like a jacksnipe. It doesn't look nearly so large when you take off the feathers and get down to the meat."—Washington Star.

"I put perfect trust in you, Amarantha," said Dubbleigh, "and now I find that you are engaged to a dozen men all at once."

"Now, Tommy, don't you be silly," said Amarantha. "Have confidence. Don't you know that a perfect trust always requires the services of a president and a board of directors?"—Harper's Weekly.

Marks—When I got home to supper last night I found my wife had been crying.

Parks—What was the trouble?

Marks—She wouldn't tell me. I don't know whether it was something that happened at home or in a novel she was reading.—Boston Transcript.

The two friends were exchanging confidences.

"What ever induced you to accept Toady Johnson, Mabel?" said Annette.

"Oh—why—well," said Mabel, "you see Toady put his—his arm around my waist, and, to tell the truth, I yielded under pressure."—Harper's Weekly.

"WHY DON'T YOU WHISTLE"

Detroit News.

Sometimes, when things look bleak and blue
And pall upon my senses,
When I've allowed myself to view
The world through darkened lenses,
When skies seem tinged with smoke and soot,
And every flower a thistle—
This question to myself I put:
"Old boy, why don't you whistle?"

No one, I'll hazard, is immune
From fits of melancholy;
But power inheres in some old tune
To make one's spirit jolly.
When every scene on this old earth
With megrims seems to bristle,
This recipe has wondrous worth:
"Purse up your lips and whistle."

Don't let some morbid brooding hold
You in its bondage fearful,
But pipe some aria of old
Whose notes are sweet and cheerful,
If you should ask me to indite
A heartening epistle
Unto mankind, this would I write:
"Do not forget to whistle."

So, brother, if you'd take up arms
Against a sea of sadness,
Most potent have you of all charms
To dye that sea with gladness.
Accuse no vague untoward fate,
And sling no random missile.
Your woes and foes capitulate
When you tune up your whistle.