

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

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Again the Garbage Question.

Once more Omaha is facing a serious problem because of the inadequate and inefficient provisions for the removal and disposition of household refuse and garbage. The city took over the business last spring...

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

The weather is colder and snow is threatened. The night school established by the Board of Education has 100 pupils enrolled.

The St. Paul road gives notice of the withdrawal of the 15-cent rate to Chicago.

W. F. Stoetzel asks the finder of a small account book and ledger lost on Tenth street between Hickory and the Union Pacific track to return the same.

The articles of incorporation of the Kismet Hotel, formerly the Hotel Grand, have been filed by Charles W. James, B. and Richard Kitchen.

James Redman on Sixteenth street, is trying to find a fat red and white spotted cow that has strayed away from him.

The Social Art club is giving an exhibition which will remain open all week. Among the exhibitors mentioned are Mrs. J. H. Catlin, Mrs. Jesse Lowe, Miss Toft, Miss Dwyer, Mrs. Doherty, Miss Besse Jewett, Miss Moore, Miss Neidham and Messrs. Fred Parker and Will Morris.

Twenty Years Ago—

M. R. Thrift of Chicago, a thrifty young Nebraskaan, formerly living at Beatrice, was in the city, stopping at the Murray.

Omaha had gained note as the cheapest place for the humble oyster in the country. They were from 7 to 13 cents a can cheaper here than elsewhere.

Among the marriage licenses issued during the day was one to Fred Powell of Cheyenne and Ethel Powell of Council Bluffs.

Mrs. A. W. McNab entertained a few friends at 5 o'clock tea. Their list included such names as James Ellis, Jr., and Helen E. Redman were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Redman of North Omaha, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. A. Lips of Omaha.

Ten Years Ago—

The strike of the Union Pacific shopmen reached a crisis which rested upon the pivot of a settlement or extension to the entire Harbin system.

George F. Munro announced that the Nebraska Retail Grocers' association had adjusted its differences of opinion, buried the hatchet and was united as to the program of legislation to be submitted at Lincoln in behalf of its interests.

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IN OTHER LANDS THAN OURS

Old World Happenings of Present-Day Interest.

Imperial Federation.

A long step in the direction of imperial federation of the British empire will have been taken when the Canadian parliament sanctions the proposal of Premier Borden that Canada shall contribute the cost of three dreadnaughts or \$10,000,000 to the maintenance of the British navy.

The proposal was enthusiastically received by Parliament and approval by unanimous vote seems assured. The sentiment of loyalty to the motherland was never stronger in Canada than it is today.

It was the dominant factor in the defeat of republicanism, on which the Laurier ministry staked its life. A governor-general of royal pedigree stimulated the current of imperialism, and the cordial heart-to-heart talks between the Canadian premier and King George and his ministers in London last summer combined to crystallize the sentiment for closer union in practical steps for the imperial defense.

New Zealand, Australia and the federated Malay states had already agreed to build each a dreadnaught. The largest colony of the empire, Canada could not do less proportionately, and proposed three dreadnaughts as its contribution to the imperial navy.

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President Fallieres will on election day have served his full term of seven years. Though eligible for re-election his name does not appear as a possibility. Raymond Poincaré, the present premier, is considered the most likely candidate, having behind him the ministerial majority of deputies, Antonia Dubost, president of the senate, is a close second, strongly supported by the senate. There is M. Deschanel, president of the Chamber of Deputies, "a

Presidential Election in France.

A campaign for the presidency of France is proceeding so quietly in the republic as not to have aroused the editor of political cablegrams the news possibilities of the contest. Perhaps the Balkan war stories fill all available space, leaving the world in the dark on French political methods. These are radically different from presidential campaign methods in the United States. In France there is no stalwart leader shouting "Let the people rule." Primaries are tabooed as a needless tax on the resources of candidates, and burning up the highways with special hot air trains is classed as undignified and superfluous.

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YEISER'S EFFORT AT CONSOLIDATION

How the Editors of the State View the Proposal.

Holbrook Observer: An attempt is being made by John O. Yeiser of Omaha to unite the bull moose and republicans of Nebraska, and a meeting for that purpose has been called for January 6 at Lincoln. However, some of the leaders of the new party are not taking kindly to the proposed renunciation program and Mr. Yeiser's plans may not materialize to any large extent.

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It is stated that a similar compromise was made by good old Abraham Lincoln when the latter was still a boy and another asked him for the core of the apple he was eating.

Tekamah Herald: We fear John O. Yeiser "has bit off more than he can chew" in his undertaking to unite the progressive and standard republicans; it looks to us as difficult as trying to mix oil and water. The progressives believe the people should rule and that the government should be administered in the interest of the masses. The standardists contend that this government should be run by a few self-constituted bosses for the benefit of the politicians and the special interests. Which is going to yield?

Tekamah Journal: John O. Yeiser is again seeking notoriety and obtaining it in correspondence with Theodore, the silent, relative to resuscitating the republican party. It seems strange what a difference of opinion there is among the bull moose element. McCormack, the Harvester trust supporter of the late Orator Hay politician, says the republican party must be killed. Other bull moose say it was killed. Now if that be true, why make the effort to bring it to life? The fact is the leaders of the faction of the republican party that went off on a tangent are the fellows who are anxious to

EDITORIAL VIEW POINTS.

Houston Post: Those who expect Mr. Bryan to attempt an experiment in self-effacement are full of prizes.

Wall Street Journal: Treasury department is changing the design on paper money, but the average man will have the same designs on money he always had.

Chicago Inter Ocean: We really ought to thank Chas. E. von Boehmann-Holloway for recalling our attention to the fact that American girls are "not wanted" in Europe, except for their money.

LAUGHING GAS.

"You look fatter. Quit selling copper stock." "Yes. Now I'm selling stock in an orange grove. Every morning the company furnishes me a big orange for a sample, and at the end of the day I cut the sample."—Courier-Journal.

"Don't you think that women are as capable of making laws as men?" "More so," replied Mr. Chaugins. "Give a woman an automobile and she'll make up her own traffic regulations as she goes along."—Washington Star.

"I know a woman who never has to ask her husband for money." "He must be a very good husband." "He isn't." "Then how is it she never has to ask him for money?" "Because the court makes him pay her alimony."—Baltimore American.

Warden—The prisoner refuses to work unless he can practice his own trade? Governor—That is but natural. Put him to it. What is his trade? Warden—He is an aviator, sir.—Toledo Blade.

"What becomes of disappointed office-seekers?" "A great many of them still devote themselves to the chase and become scalp hunters."—Chicago Post.

The city editor glanced over the new reporter's manuscript. "Don't you know, young fellow," he

Popular Rule in Portugal.

Conditions in Portugal are far from being an attractive exhibit of "letting the people rule," behind which a coterie of politicians and militarists manipulate the strings of government. This fact is made the most of by an influential section of the British press, which has for some time been carrying on a quiet but determined campaign against the new republic. Particularly, the existence of virtual slavery in the Portuguese colonies is being dwelt on. This charge, it is to be feared, is only too true, and if Portugal's critics were moved by nothing but a desire to abolish an iniquitous institution, one could have nothing but applause for their efforts. Unfortunately, the discovery of slavery in the Portuguese colonies seems to have been made at a time when the colonies in question have come to look like a desirable possession for Germany. Britain would like to help her to get them as a means of promoting better relations. Britain's position as the ally of Portugal seems to give her a certain right to protest against conditions in Portuguese Africa. If Portugal could be induced to part with the colonies, Germany, it is thought, would be willing to pay handsomely.

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"That not even a defeated pugilist can be prone on his back?" "This one could," said the newspaper. "His head had been—er—turned by injudicious praise."—Chicago Tribune.

JES' AS SURE AS CHRISTMAS.

New York Tribune. Take it when a fellow's naughty 'bout about this time of year. When you count the days a comin' fore old Santa Claus is here, there is some one to remind you to be careful and be good. Or the old chap will forget you and jess pass the neighborhood.

I've heard it every Christmas time, and once I used to think. That everything they said was so, and scarcely dared to wink. But I'm a little wiser now and only smile today. For Santa always seems to come no matter what they say.

"Now, Willie," says my mother, "if you're not a better boy, And don't stop doing all these things which trouble and annoy, I fear that Santa Claus will jess' drive past on Christmas eve, And not a single present from his pack will stoop to leave."

But, even as she says it, I can see a half-way smile. And I know she's only scarin' me and foolin' all the while. I don't believe that Santa Claus could bear to stay away; At any rate he always comes no matter what they say.

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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, 1912, was 49,805. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Saturday is also a good day on which to do it.

Who will determine whether a poster is "unsightly" under the new law?

They may pound down the "U. P." stocks, but the old Overland goes on forever.

Did you ever notice how smoothly the world sails on even when the pointer points?

Wonder if any hen in this section forgot to date-mark the eggs she laid last July.

And, speaking about weather, have you noticed any climate of late that is up to Nebraska's?

The man who comes through life with his vermiform appendix intact has something whereof to boast.

Mrs. Catt advocates women wearing trousers. Dr. Mary Walker goes her one better in wearing them.

An eastern paper speaks of "squeezing the railways." Well, turn about is fair play, isn't it, girls?

In the matter of publicity, Nebraska doesn't need rhetoric; the plain facts, plainly stated, are most eloquent.

Most of us are by now aware that Christmas comes but once a year. And it usually comes before we are ready for it.

About the first thing the incoming legislature will have to do will be to dig out from under an avalanche of appropriation bills.

To William H. Crane The Bee extends its heartiest felicitations, and wishes for him many more years of his active, useful life.

The dollar gas proposition is getting into the shape where it is up to somebody to take it or leave it. Then the courts will get a chance.

The fireplace was much more popular when it could be maintained with a few back logs costing nothing more than the effort to chop them.

The dispute over America's right to run its own canal is not the first one it ever got into with England, and the referee's tab shows we never lost.

In casting about for a suitable Christmas present for your dearest friend, had you thought of a subscription to the Congressional Record?

It remains to be seen whether a fortunate statesman will be a grateful president and appoint the Hon. J. Ham Lewis to a McGregor seat at the pie counter.

Governor Hadley refused to let the Kansas City editor boss his thinking for him, now he is ridiculed as "Gabriel." Had he surrendered his right to think for himself he would have continued to receive the flattering unctious of the big boss.

The New York Stock exchange spokesman told the house investigating committee there had been no occasion to increase the membership of the exchange since 1889, "for the present membership was able to handle the business of the public." Obviously so.

An argument used against limiting San Francisco's sumptuary rights was that it would prevent the city from extending "California hospitality" to its visitors during the Panama-Pacific exposition. And they do say that California hospitality is of as high a gravity as the purest Kentucky brand.

The New Billposter Ordinance.

The determination of the city council to enact a new billposter ordinance comes not a day too soon. The proposed measure is designed to abolish "unsightly" posters, which marks it as a very ambitious measure and leaves room for the exercise of some rare discrimination as to just what constitutes unsightliness. The law is not presumed to put all billboards out of business, but whatever it does or leaves undone, it should rid the downtown business streets of a lot of rubbish that has no right there and make it unlawful for this section to be turned to such purposes. It should prohibit the displaying of signs and pictures on buildings in process of construction or the inclosures temporarily built about them along the principal thoroughfares. Abuses of this kind have reached the limit of late, but not without some compensation if they have helped to inspire the council to action.

Blackhand and Blackmail.

Three men charged with threatening the life of President-elect Wilson, of whom they demanded money, are under arrest. If proved to be the real culprits, they should be dealt with to the very limit of the law. Their case should be made a striking object lesson and, if possible, a warning to other anarchists and murderer-blackmailers. A nation that has paid so dearly for its experience with this species of crime cannot afford lenient treatment of those found guilty of it in any form.

The specific charges on which the trio is held is "misuse of the mails," but if the evidence develops the more insidious crime, even though they may be shown to be novices, the law undoubtedly will prove elastic enough to warrant a graver charge, with its attendant penalty. To those disposed to look lightly upon the case in hand only because no overt danger has come of it, the assassination of three men elected to the presidency and the attempted assassination of the fourth only a few weeks ago, should grimly disturb them.

Blackmail, even unaccompanied by a threat of death, is far too serious a crime to receive careless attention. It is the enemy that springs from the dark and sinks the dagger into the heart from behind. The penalty should always be made as drastic as possible.

Parcels Post Insured.

The insurance feature of the parcels post shows how far the government has gone to give the people the maximum service for the minimum expense to them by the Postoffice department, the chief business department of the government so far as the public is concerned. With the free rural delivery, the postal savings banks, and now the parcels post, its advantages have undergone an elaboration with which the cost to the people is not to be compared.

Not only may a wide variety of matter be transmitted by parcels post at nominal expense, but most of this matter may also be insured against loss to the owner. Parcels may be registered and receive special delivery service on payment of the usual fees and in addition insured in any amount equivalent to their actual value, but not to exceed \$25, upon payment of a fee of only 5 cents; \$50 for a fee of 10 cents. Thus every precaution is taken to insure inexpensive, speedy and safe transmission.

The complaint is often made that the Postoffice department, for this reason or that, closes the fiscal year with a deficit. This latest extension of its facilities should help to make clear the basic fact that that is not the most important consideration; that the Postoffice department was not devised as a money-making bureau, any more than the War, Navy or other department, but was intended for exactly the use being made of it—to serve the people to the best advantage. Of course, it is desirable, if possible, to do so without a deficit, but with one rather than limit or sacrifice the service.

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