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NOVEMBER CIRCULATION 49,805. 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.

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Wasting Millions.

Two hundred million dollars worth of food products wasted every year at New York because of the poor docking system! That is the staggering statement of the Board of Health, which finds that last year 8,500,000 pounds of fruit, 2,500,000 pounds of vegetables, 73,000 pounds of butter, 350,000 pounds of fish and 85,000 pounds of miscellaneous market products were utterly thrown away because of the imperfect system for handling this wholesale store of stuff.

The only possible way to secure the slightest semblance of credence for these astounding assertions is to have them come, as they do, from official sources. If this prodigious waste goes on at New York, is it not possible that waste on a smaller scale, though enormous, is practiced at other ports of entry all over the country? If so, no wonder food prices are high! Although this is not the sole cause, of course.

Lawyer Brandeis insists the railroads waste at least \$1,000,000 a day in careless operation. Senator Aldrich said the government could be run for \$300,000,000 a year less than it is run. And New York wastes \$200,000,000 worth of food products a year—\$2,000,000,000 in ten years!

These figures should not only rouse the nation to the need of better economy, but to ally fears of our ability to produce as much as we can consume.

Self-Control. The great problem of life is self-control. The need of a better solution of it has been felt in this city, where in one week three murders were committed. Self-defense is accepted as a justifiable plea in one case, yet the evidence in all shows that with proper self-control no blood would have been shed.

Starving to Death. An eastern capitalist, counted a multi-millionaire, lends his voice to the "back-to-the-farm" appeal with about the most emphatic accent we have yet heard. He has been to Europe and made comparative observations of farming and economic conditions generally. He finds that "Europe is beating us in wheat, oats, barley, roots and potatoes," having been at the business a few hundred years longer than we. "To me," he says, "in my present state of mind, the facts are shameful." And then he makes this clinching appeal:

"The population (of the United States) doubles every twenty-five years. Our 90,000,000 Americans, consequently, will be 180,000,000 in 1925, 360,000,000 in 1950, and 720,000,000 in the year 2000. During the last decade we gained about 21 per cent in population. The gain in yield of cereals was only 1.7 per cent. Starvation, I assert, is looking us in the face.

The other day the secretary of agriculture showed that the American farm, which sixteen years ago produced an annual crop worth of \$4,000,000,000, in 1912 more than doubled that, producing crops worth \$9,500,000,000. That is more than our population gain of 21 per cent by a good deal and indicates the rate at which we are starving to death.

Actor William H. Crane made a hit in his talk to the Commercial club in nothing more than his admission that he had been married for forty-two years, and, although just rounding out fifty years on the stage, is still satisfied with his first wife.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Reputable Doctors Say Disease is Not Contagious.

New York Sun. Infantile paralysis, inspired terror in the hearts of anxious parents because of its apparently incurable nature, its obscure mode of dissemination and its resistance to curative measures. It is gratifying, therefore, to report that some of the highest authorities now eliminate contagion as a factor in its causation.

Dr. M. J. Rosenau, the professor of preventive medicine in Harvard university; Mr. Charles T. Bruce, instructor in economic entomology, and Dr. Frank W. Richardson, secretary of the Board of Health of Massachusetts are authority for this conclusion. These gentlemen acknowledge that in their early investigation they had been misled in regarding the disease as spreading from person to person chiefly through the nasal secretions.

This is precisely the method of transmission of the infection in malarial and yellow fever. The patient investigations of these practical scientists have removed the most dreaded feature of infantile paralysis, contagiousness; and they have cleared the way to a better understanding of the prevention, a matter far more momentous than the discovery of any new treatment. The zoophiles, mauling lovers of animals, may deplore the sacrifice of their precious monkey ancestors, but all human people will rejoice in the results obtained and pay deserved tribute to the patient laboratory toilers.

First Cost, and Others. Statistics of Bumper Crops Require Explanation. Cleveland Plain Dealer. It is a well known report, which Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural department makes to the American people—\$522,000,000 produced on the farms of the United States during the year now ending. The figure, large for comprehension, records the greatest total in the history of agriculture.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS. Washington Post: George Perkins, declaring that the bull moose party must live, enthusiastically refers to "the tie that binds us." Always thinking about a reaper and binder!

How Smoke is Injurious. Interest in the Problem of Abolishing the Soot. Chicago Record-Herald. Considering how long bituminous coal has been burned, it is rather surprising that few exact investigations have been made as to its effect on life, vegetable and animal.

People Talked About. Governor-elect Sulzer of New York sets a good example in naming his military staff ahead of time. Sartorial artists require from two to three weeks to give the proper decorative touch to a colonel's uniform.

Boost in Postoffice Business. Philadelphia Ledger. An enormous volume of new business is certain to come to the postoffice after the inauguration of the parcel post system, and with it will likewise come greatly increased expense to the department, but this is certain to insure to the great advantage of the public a material and tangible way. It will be necessary to acquire new and swifter delivery equipment, and that points to the motor wagon, with its possibilities for speed and heavy hauling.

Climbing the Ladder. Baltimore American. One of the senators from the west was once a hodcarrier. The fact is important only as showing that in the opportunities offered by this country no man need stay in the inferior position in which fate placed him if he has the ambition, energy and ability to rise to any other rank he may covet.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha. COMPILED FROM BEE FILES. DECEMBER 16. Thirty Years Ago—All Omaha is stirred up over the sudden death of Judge Clinton Briggs.

Thirty Years Ago—All Omaha is stirred up over the sudden death of Judge Clinton Briggs, one of its pioneer citizens and leading lawyers, who was killed by a Burlington train near Afton.

Twenty Years Ago—Agent of the Rock Island telegraphers strike, Secretary Gilliland of the Omaha division, said: "We now have twenty-two operators at our hotel." The interference was that enough men were available to keep the wires going.

Ten Years Ago—John Briggs, chief of police of South Omaha, was able to be on the streets, convalescing from a recent attack of illness.

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NEBRASKA PRESS ON POLITICS.

Ashland Gazette: Some ardent admirer of R. L. Metcalf has already appointed him to act as the curled darling at the Court of St. James. We do not believe that Met will fa-n-o-y circulating among the lordships in short pants, as he is rather inclined to the bowlegged class.

Winfield Tribune: It is a pity that Senator Hitchcock cannot understand that Bryan is first at all times in the hearts of Nebraskans and that every stab and insinuation against the latter only hurts the one trying to climb up by these means.

Keeney Hub: Senator Hitchcock's plan for the distribution of democratic patronage calls out a prompt "def" from Brother Charles and his chief lieutenant Dick Metcalf.

BREEZY TRIFLES. "Who is that lame stranger with one arm talking to the boys over there?" "That's the chief organizer of the Survivors of the Hunting Season of '92." He's getting up a lodge.

Some of these congressmen don't know the election is over," said the railway mail clerk to his carmate. "What's the trouble now?" "Oh, nothing much. I was just thinking about the boys over there."

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ing about the number of Christmas gifts that are being franked at campaign material.—St. Louis Republic.

"Did that young lawyer indulge in much circumlocution when he proposed to you, Miss Rockledge?" "Yes, he tried to; but, of course, I pushed him away every time. I know what that kind of a girl.—Chicago Record-Herald.

"A newly married man always has great confidence in the superior wisdom of his wife." "Naturally," replied Miss Cayenne; "a man who has been accustomed to eating with plain knives, forks and spoons is likely to feel pretty humble and subdued while he is being instructed in the use of all the silverware that came with the wedding presents."—Washington Star.

THE PIRATE'S REPENTANCE. Arthur Guterman in Collier's. Who else that nids ye sin-beset, You're saving souls bath such rascals As Reverend Elphialat Remembrance Wynne of Salem town!

Ye sloop laid found ye open sea When black from out ye Offing blue, A pirate brig came speedily And sent a shot which brought her to.

They tightlie bound ye godlie Wynne And sacked ye sloop, that wicked horde, And got them drunk on rum and gin Which Captain Kane had put aboard.

Ye one there was, a simple soul, To whom ye parson preached so well That though his face was black as coal He knew and feared ye pains of hell.

Heart-struck, ye parson's bonis he cleft; Ye parson rook in righteous wrath; And smote ye pirates right and left As Samson smote ye men of Gath.

He trusted them up to mast and spar, Their flow of wicked oaths to stem, He sealed their mouths with pitch of tar And preached true gospel unto them.

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