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The Rubber trust continues to bounce along despite criticism. Stamp your good fellowship on every Christmas gift and letter with a Red Cross sign.

Those Greeks seem to be from Missouri when it comes to signing protocols of peace. "It was love at first sight," says Mr. Sheperd, who is to marry Miss Gould. It is easy to believe.

Though Christmas breathes the spirit of giving, it bids no one blight the cheer of the day by overgiving. After they get the streets cleared of disreputable women, perhaps it might be well to begin on the men.

President-elect Wilson will have a task to name a man as a fitting successor to the late Ambassador Reid. "His Satanic Majesty," says the Atlanta Journal, "invented politics." Of course it must mean democratic politics.

Thanks to leap year, Christmas and New Year's both fall on Wednesday this time, and will not interfere with the washing and ironing. Kansas City is talking of abandoning its Priests of Pallas festival. It would not if it were designed on as substantial grounds as our Ak-Sar-Ben.

Perhaps President Wilson might repay the obligation he owes "the original Wilson man" by sending Colonel Harvey to the court of St. James. Mr. Hearst is quietly stirring up a small fire under the incoming administration by demanding that "reciprocity must go with tariff revision."

We hope that the approaching era of peace on earth and good will to all men will take in the inhabitants of the city council chamber in our Omaha city hall. Perhaps if the price of coal goes up high enough it may help stem the smoke evil by making it too expensive to make still burnable fuel go up in smoke.

Colonel Bryan evidently intends making it easy for the new president at the start, for thus far, though setting forth his ideas on four issues, he makes none paramount. Out of good nature people put up with all sorts of inconveniences and annoyances during the Christmas shopping season that would tax their patience any other time of the year.

One of the planks in the democratic platform is a pledge of economy in administration. But, of course, that pledge does not apply to economies effected by postoffice consolidations. The butter bears as they produce will be cheaper as a result of the law of supply and demand, not the fight on the price-fixing board. Very well, but the fight on the board seems to have set the law of supply and demand in action, just the same.

"South Omaha May Not Lose Its Postoffice," says Senator Hitchcock's newspaper. Of course, South Omaha will not lose its postoffice. The South Omaha postoffice is there, and will continue to serve the public whether it is a branch of the Omaha postoffice or not. As part of a Greater Omaha postoffice, however, the people of South Omaha would get better postal service than it could by itself.

Wilson's Gibbet. President-elect Wilson's warning of a gibbet higher than Haman's for the king of commerce using his power to precipitate an artificial panic during his administration is very interesting. Haman, it will be remembered, was the man who built the gibbet for King Assuerus from which the melancholy Mordecai was to swing, and if Mordecai's comely adopted daughter, Esther, had not found such marked favor in the eyes of the king it might have been even as planned, but, lo, it fell out that Mordecai lived and Haman died.

The president-elect says he fears nothing and nobody. That is all right, but he will find a few kings to deal with quite as regnant in certain spheres as was this one who ruled from India unto Ethiopia and brooked defiance not even from his own queen. And what is more, these Wall street sovereigns are not blown by the tickle winds of emotion from Vashiti's to Hadassah's.

The Egg Crusade. The high price of eggs, like that of many other commodities, has been maintained by artificial influences, and the determination of the women to combat these influences and lower the prices is entirely worthy, but probably will have only temporary effect, at best. The women in their crusade are not dealing with the economic problem as it must be dealt with for solution. It will be observed that while in some cities they have managed to cut prices somewhat, the women are donating their time, getting rent-free their places of operation, eliminating such common elements of expense as telephoning and delivery service. They have not, therefore, got down as yet to a business basis. The consumer demands the best service, with all modern conveniences, and the dealer must meet these demands or lose trade.

If the good women will figure out of their reductions a fair allowance for their time and labor, together with allowances for these other ordinary items of business, they will come nearer a basis of tangible results. Eggs, we think, are abnormally high in price, just as are other commodities subject to speculative control, and there is a way of improving the conditions, but it is not the way the women have adopted.

Rival Noises for New Year. Led by the Rev. Dr. Abbott and other cultured men, New York is promoting a movement for a safe and sane escorting of the old year out and the new one in. First, they propose to do away with all rude noises, and noise-making devices, such as tin cans, horns, screeching whistles and blatant tom-toms. Second, they will substitute the more refined instruments of the human voice raised in song and bands—bag-pipe, stringed and otherwise. Indeed, the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America, anxious to help along this movement for a quiet celebration, offer to muster out their entire strengths and parade Broadway from one end to the other, if desired, to keep down any untoward tendency of boisterousness.

Happy thought! Why should not other cities embrace and make a national enterprise of this latest of safe and sane festivals? Why turn this popular night over to a bedlam of barbarous noises, when it can be so refined by such a simple demonstration as men and women parading the streets singing, bands playing and the Salvationists shouting their sacred hallelujahs? A medley of whining bag-pipes, stringed instruments, the cornet, trombone, tuba, drum, fife and a few other quiet pieces would give such a sweet, soft-pedal tone to the night.

Miss Gould's Marriage. Now the Colorado parson who chided Miss Helen Gould along with other bachelor maids for not getting married must not flatter himself too much with influencing her decision to wed, for Miss Gould's reply at the time indicated that she was not different from most women on this subject and remained single chiefly because the right man had not appeared. The compliment to Mr. Sheperd, must, therefore, be quite all his many modesty can endure. For Miss Gould is one of the types of womanhood of whom her country is distinctly and justly proud. What ever she has done has caught its fancy, and this, her crowning deed, will find a wholesome response in vital interest. Millions of people who have admired the unselfish and far-seeing efforts for others which this woman of wealth has exerted, will, unconsciously, feel a real, personal concern in her marriage.

Miss Gould has displayed the powers of greatness, not only in philanthropic enterprise, but also in business acumen. Trebling, it is said, the \$10,000,000 left her by her father, the late Jay Gould, she has done much to preserve the best of the Gould name, too, and when the history of America's leading women is compiled, she will have a prominent place in its pages. She might well be considered "one born out of due season," for the daughters of multi-millionaires are not generally leaders in the kind of service to humanity which has been the voluntary work for Miss Gould.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha COMPILED FROM BEE FILES DEC. 19.

Thirty Years Ago—Arrangements have been made for the funeral of the late Hon. Clinton Briggs to take place tomorrow afternoon with interment at Prospect Hill cemetery.

Rev. A. P. Sherrill delivered the first of a series of lectures on current topics to Wyman's Business college, discussing various phases of education.

A select and appreciative audience greeted Mrs. M. E. Lacey and Mrs. J. J. Dickey on occasion of the Trinity guild benefit concert at Boyd's, the former with a song recital, and the latter in recitation.

The day was peculiar for December, the heavy mist resembling that of the spring breakup. J. Francis, who for the last two years has filled the position of chief clerk on the A. & N. division, has been transferred to Omaha to take a position in the general ticket office of the B. & M.

The city council held what is called a short and unimportant meeting. General Passenger Agent Ford, General Freight Agent Stewart, Assistant Passenger Agents Adams and Chesborough, all of the Pennsylvania railroad, who have been here in their special car, left for Kansas City.

Twenty Years Ago—The Bee received a characteristic communication from George Francis Train in New York, who proposed a forty-day trip around the world to the Chicago World's fair as an advertisement of it. He mapped out his itinerary in The Bee and said that Mayor George F. Bennett, his cousin, told him 100 men would join his party here. He signed himself, "George Francis Train, Five Times Around the World, But Never a Deadhead."

Mrs. Annie Beant, the London woman, lectured at Unity church on "What Theosophy Teaches," emphasizing the power of high thinking to exalt one above self and getty things.

Chairman C. E. Babcock of the teachers' salary committee of the Board of Education, recommended the plan of a fixed salary for principals instead of the existing one of paying them according to the number of rooms in their schools. The matter was left for final action.

Zach Taylor, head clerk of the Paxton, who had resumed his duties after two weeks' illness, was forced to bed again following a relapse. Health Commissioner Somers announced to the Board of Health that at its next meeting he would ask for power to evict all the squatters residing on the Jones street river front, as he considered them all a menace to the health of the city.

Ten Years Ago—Fred A. Neth was announced as the newly-elected president of the Auditorium company and Thomas P. Byrne, vice president, and these as the executive committee: F. E. Sanborn, C. H. Picketts, P. H. Davis, J. F. Carpenter, E. P. Peck, Ward M. Burgess and John L. Kennedy. C. G. McDonald of the committee on arrangements for the McKinley club's banquet January 23, received a letter from Governor Cummins of Iowa, saying that unless accident happened to prevent he would be at the banquet to speak on invitation of the club.

Noah Young, state mine inspector of Wyoming called on Mayor Moores, in company with Dr. C. F. Euge of Glen Rock, Wyo., and expressed surprise at the scarcity and high price of coal in Omaha, saying it was not justifiable, as there was ample coal available.

The Omaha Crockery company was a new firm announced, with a capital of \$50,000 and 500 shares held by those men: E. A. Hinrich and E. C. McCormick. Davenport, H. H. Baldrige, F. W. Judson and H. L. Porterfield of Omaha.

Frederick Rustin entertained at 10 in the afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss How of Haverhill, Mass., who arrived the day before to be her guest for a time.

People Talked About The way people are putting the job on old Santa Claus is "real scaw'low." "Sing, and your bills will vanish!" warbles Miss Calve. Especially when the notes are in the four-figure class.

Coached by these women who know the game, women in some Kansas towns are cleverly dodging jury duty. A novelty of citizenship shows signs of six weeks' wear.

Despite the solemn deliberation of the Washington Press club scientists that knock knees are not an impediment to navigation, the kaiser of Germany puts up to a hospital the task of straightening the motions of army recruits.

Although 31 years of age, Mrs. John Sheperdy of West Hazelton, Pa., never saw a theatrical performance until a few years ago, when with her daughter she visited a theater in Wilkes-Barre.

The only obstacle to imposing military duty on the enfranchised women of Denmark is to plan a uniform that will be at once serviceable and acceptable. That puts the Danes up against the real thing.

ACTIVITIES IN ARMY CIRCLES Matters of Interest Noted By Army and Navy Register.

The recruiting for the navy has dropped off quite unprecedentedly. This is due partly to the suspension of advertising for recruits from July to September, and is otherwise attributable to the demand for labor in all parts of the country, especially in the cotton fields and tobacco plantations of the south. Unskilled labor has been paid in some sections of the country as much as \$4 a day. Then, the departure of foreigners on account of the war in Europe has increased the demand for labor in improvement gangs in the western states.

The authorized strength of the navy, however, 4,999 represents the increase authorized at the last session of congress, so that really the navy may be considered as only 2,000 short. The latest report shows an improvement in recruiting, however. A little better showing is made in the army enlistments, the difference in recruiting during the month of November, as compared with that of last year, being 28 per cent. This places the rate at about the same, in consideration of the four-year instead of the three-year enlistment, which prevailed a year ago.

The same causes which have produced a falling off in the naval enlistments have undoubtedly had a similar effect at the army recruiting stations. It will be some months, however, before it can be known at the War Department to what extent the new enlistment period affects recruiting.

Relief of Army Officers. The War Department will probably report favorably on the legislation which has been introduced in congress (S. 7535), for the relief of Colonel Richard H. Wilson, Fourteenth Infantry, in command of Fort William Henry Harrison, Mont., who is confronted with the dire prospect of paying to the government, through the usual process of stoppage of pay, the sum of \$1,814.44.

That amount of money was shipped to Fort William Henry Harrison some time ago by Captain C. W. Castle of the pay department, the money being sent by express for the purpose of paying the troops. The money was duly received by Colonel Wilson and was, following the usual practice, locked in the safe. It was supposed that it was properly guarded against theft, but in the morning it was found that the money had been taken during the night.

The circumstances, the post commander was held responsible, and the secretary of war on September 14, 1912, issued an order holding Colonel Wilson personally responsible for the loss of the money. The legislation would exonerate that officer from all personal and moral responsibility in the matter and appropriate the sum named to supply the deficiency caused by the loss.

Army Nominations. There was a meeting of the senate military committee on Thursday when it was expected action would be taken on all the army nominations, including recess appointments. It is more aptly an invitation to the continuance of the favoritism, which has now been checked in a way which is drastic and overwhelming in some directions only because the favoritism has been rampant. The orders issued in the last few weeks by reason of the detached service law have applied to no less than 1,100 officers of the army, including those who are in the Manchuria class and who were ordered back to duty with troops and those who were assigned to take the places of those relieved from detached duty.

The adjustment of the personnel to the new condition has been one of the most perplexing problems which has ever engaged the attention of the adjutant general's office.

MAKING AN ACTIVE MARKET Wall Street's Method of Playing the Game for Commissions.

Chicago News. In memory one quickly harks back to a dingy little room in a more or less remote village or town, up a flight or two of worn wooden stairs, a row or two of wicker "rockers" facing a long, high blackboard covered with rows of figures. One recalls vividly the little, wizened grocer with the seamy face who had left off weighing out sugar and measuring prunes to drop around and remark sentimentally "Market is active this morning."

For the little, wizened grocer was one of several small tradesmen who dalled with "margins." Men of that type can still be found almost anywhere that the telegraph reaches. They pride themselves on their high degree of sophistication, bred of a keen study of the figures resulting from the kind of manipulation described by the former stock exchange president.

The testimony of that excellent man recalls the definition of a successful stock speculator given some years ago by an experienced, wealthy and philosophical Chicago broker. "I count that man a successful speculator in stocks," he said, "who makes enough money at the game to pay his broker's commissions." Since this is the reasonable measure of success in buying and selling on margins and since the game of "come on" is played in Wall street by the insiders constantly in buying shares through one broker and selling the same shares at the same time through another broker, it seems hardly worth while for the innocent bystander to pay commissions in order to join in the game.

Mr. Collier and came and asked him if he would not help him out. Then I, for one, was amazed at the readiness and power of this man. He climbed to the platform and spoke for an hour till Dr. Hall's arrival was announced. And his address was so fine, so entertaining, so strong that the lecturers who came after him was a complete anti-climax. The audience would have had more than five hours' worth if Dr. Hall had been five hours late instead of one.

Such was he in the old days! Who else could have done it?

EDITORIAL PENPOINTS. Howells Journal: The Omaha Bee is doing good work in exposing frauds practiced by a bunch of quack doctors operating in that city.

Springfield Republican: Major General Wood allows that "we are now confronted with the certainty at some time of a real war with a first-class power." Captain Hobson knew that long ago.

Indianapolis News: One gathers from the testimony of New York Stock exchange members at the money trust investigation that everything is perfectly proper on the exchange as long as commissions are paid.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The shamefully overworked United States senators ask two full weeks' vacation. And a good many of them are on the verge of a vacation for longer than that, the people at home having ordered it for their health.

JOLLY JABS. "I suppose you never took a flyer on the stock exchange?" "Nope," replied Farmer Cornholst.

"After I get through gambling on whether what I plant will grow and whether I can sell it, I haven't time for any small side bets."—Washington Star.

"My employment is a sad story in my life." "How so?" "Because it's on the fifth floor, in the morning goods department."—Baltimore American.

"How is it, Jeames, that ye mak sic an enafrican profit aff yer potatoes?" "Ye price is lower than any fiber in the toon and ye mak' extra reductions for yer friends."

"Well, ye see, I knock aff twa shillin's a ton because a customer is a friend o' mine, an' then I list tak' twa hundred weight aff the ton because I'm a friend o' his."—Punch.

"You know the bridegroom?" "Oh, yes." "Pretty useful factor in the community, eh?" "I should say he was! He belongs to two dancing clubs, a golf club, a tennis club, and runs a 100-horse power racer!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"We ought to have a most interesting year with our card club." "That so?" "Yes, three of last year's members are suing for divorce."—Detroit Free Press.

A fox was making sport of a lioness and mocking her because she only gave birth to one whelp a year. "Very true," replied the lioness, "but he is a lion."—The Orient.

"Doctor, whenever I see a lake or a pond I feel like plunging in. Whenever I am near a body of water I have an almost uncontrollable impulse to plunge in." "Hum! Hum! Seems queer. Now tell me. Has your wife been feeling you excessively on fish?"—Courier Journal.

JOYFUL DAYS. "I may be 'cause the time is here. When Christmas trees an' joys is near. But all the little boys and girls. With glintin' eyes an' windblown curls. Look good to me—look good an' glad; if they was ever cross or bad. If they was ever filled with woe. You wouldn't know it, it don't show. On their glad countenance today. When they come laughin' down the way. There's such a poise to each young head. Eyes are so bright, cheeks are so red—Heaven comes romp'n' down the way. 'Till I declare, I'm free to own, An' Gertrude seems to dance along. Her feet in tune to some glad song. An' the dog's glad an' full o' vim. With a red ribbon tied on him! An' Elsie is glad as she can be. An' Eloise is full o' glee. Just all the little girls I know. Are full o' gladness, vim and go; An' all the glad an' sturdy boys. Are bubblin' brimmin' full o' noise. 'Till I declare, I'm free to own, It is I livin' all alone. I'd kidnap all the kids I meet. By country way an' city street. An' take 'em home with them to stay. With them forever and a day. Christmas must be a lonesome time. Without no kids to romp an' climb."

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