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Orange growers must not hand us any lemons in falsely-colored crop. Anyway, President Taft will enjoy a green Christmas in sunny Panama.

Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you is old, but sound, philosophy. What, Brother Charles Bryan for the cabinet? Oh, no half-way business will go.

Well, go on and do your shopping, but don't try to claim title to good fellowship by it. St. Louis has a "Jolly Pallbearers' club," which presumably laughs in the face of death.

The present cold spell will not last long," says the forecaster. Oh, have we had a cold spell? "Sea Holds Secret of Aviator's Fate," says a headline. It holds the aviator, too, which is the distressing part.

In a few days there will be room for a few people in the street cars in the space now occupied by bundles. Now, just what was it that the trust committee investigators got out of Mr. Morgan to help along their case?

As an experienced aviator, Santa Claus ought to know enough not to try any fancy capers with his aeroplane enroute. One way for strangers in the city to avoid being held up by "women on lower Capitol avenue" is to keep away from them.

The Senate as a Court. The trial of a federal judge before the United States senate as a court of impeachment is demonstrating anew the inadequacy and inefficiency of a judicial tribunal constituted out of a legislative body. Irrespective of the guilt or innocence of the accused it is plain that he is not having the kind of a trial to which he is entitled, especially in view of the gravity of the charges.

The senate as a court of impeachment is an anachronism surviving medieval monarchies. Most of our states have long ago gotten away from this inheritance from the mother country. In Nebraska impeachments, although instituted by the legislature, are triable before the supreme court, with the exception of impeachments of supreme court judges, for which all the district judges would be convened to sit as a trial court.

Safety in Travel. It will never be possible to overcome entirely the hazard of railway travel. It will be more difficult to reduce the hazard when the public demands the fastest possible traffic. The Interstate Commerce commission insists upon fewer accidents and contends that high rate of speed is not the prime necessity.

A Veiled Approach. The democratic attack on the executive order that placed 36,000 fourth class postmasters under the civil service on the grounds that the president issued the order for political purposes is entirely unworthy a great party about to assume the balance of power in the government.

The Municipal Theater. Otis Skinner revives agitation for the municipal theater as a means of restoring the playhouse to its original educational character and providing high-grade entertainment at prices the poor could afford.

Protecting Hogs. If, as the president of the State Swine Breeders' association says, Nebraska has lost \$5,000,000 worth of hogs this year from cholera, it is time for increasing our efforts at combatting the disease.

With Mr. Skinner's assertion of the need for higher standards on the stage there can be no question. Too many theaters are the prey of

Estimating Colossal Fortunes. The official appraiser says all estimates made of the late E. H. Harriman's estate are purely guesses. Every now and then lists purporting to name the twenty richest Americans, for instance, and their wealth are published, and then, perhaps, someone pretending special inside knowledge will revise them, upsetting current beliefs as to the relative rank of our money kings.

The Decadence of Letter Writing. The early extinction of the art of letter writing as it used to be practiced is unquestionably to be one of the consequences of the advent of the typewriter, the telephone, the telegraph and the wireless.

The Y. M. C. A. on the Panama. Numerous fine tributes have been paid to the work of the Young Men's Christian association on the Panama during the period of canal construction.

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Military Hysteria. A wave of military hysteria is rolling round the world. The latest sufferer is General Ouzique of the Brazilian army, who wants his country to provide a scheme of national defense against the United States.

Secular Shots at Pulpit. New York World: Boxing under religious auspices is a departure in church extension work which ought to help the development of muscular Christianity while attracting a new patronage to the churches, and opening a promising field for missionary work.

Blasts from Ram's Horn. Truth may not be knocked down, but it cannot be held down. The faith that counts is the kind that always counts on results.

The Home with Children. "Merry Christmas" there sounds the heart note. Collier's Weekly. Who has children are the blessed ones; you who open sleepy eyes in the gray dawn of Christmas morning to see a small face round with excitement peering through the bedroom door and hear from the next room treble shouts of "Merry Christmas" and the scampering of little feet.

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People and Events. Blazed are the generous givers. They are the salt of the earth. As a circulator of money, J. P. Morgan is backed off the stage by Kris Kringle. Owing to the risk of getting an indictment, the wise trust will keep its socks on.



Looking Backward This Day in Omaha. DECEMBER 22. The Brownell Hall Christmas musical presented a program participated in by those young women: Misses Hoover, Laffin, Marnie Ambrose, Wagner, Van Antwerp, Lulu Cromer, Daisy Reese, Beatie McElhenny, Marnie Sumner, Martha Folda, Jennie Kelly and Mrs. Robert Doberty.

Twenty Years Ago— The city council meeting was turned into a sort of mass meeting for the consideration of the plan for completing the Union depot project, and the decision was taken to take a little time to decide on the railroad's proposition.

Will Cowin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cowin, was home from school in the east for the holidays. One of the conspicuous events of the season was the marriage of Miss Bertha Clarke Yost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casper E. Yost, and Charles Offutt by Rev. Dr. Durdan at First Presbyterian church in the evening.

Two Burlington engines went on a rampage at South Omaha and then into the scrap pile, and Engineer T. D. Helen and Fireman M. Houser of opposing engines were seriously, though not fatally, injured. The directors of the Auditorium company met and appointed these committees: Finance, F. H. Davis, Ward M. Burgess, F. A. Nash; ways and means, E. P. Peck, Thomas C. Byrne, John L. Kennedy; building, E. E. Sanborn, J. F. Carpenter, C. H. Pickens.

President Taft has decided to make his home in New Haven, since accepting the Kent professorship in law at Yale. This will supersede the former plan of returning to reside in Cincinnati and practice law there. The president evidently intends to buckle right down to his new job, which is a great one for a great man.

In the death of W. J. Mount another pioneer of Omaha has passed to the eternal ranks. While not specially conspicuous, Mr. Mount was one of the energetic men of the early days and rendered public service as county commissioner, and in other capacities, conscientiously and creditably.

Whatever opposition there is to the South Omaha postoffice merger is plainly purely political. What's the saving of a few dollars a year to Uncle Sam, and better service to postoffice patrons, compared with paying off democratic political debts? The club women's plan may not result in a permanent solution of the egg problem, but it shows unmistakably the temper of the people on the whole question of gambling with food commodities.

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SUNDAY SMILES. "That dentist says he won't make me yell." "Don't you believe him?" "I'd like to believe him, but why has he gone to the window?"—Baltimore American.

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