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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.

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The Gate City of the west needs a wide portal. Local merchants have no complaint on holiday trade.

That Balkan war appears to be all Greek to the Turks. Only 364 days left for next Christmas early shopping.

Here's that there are no regrets lingering on the morning after. Hot times ahead for the senate when Cole Bleese gets there.

But this Gould merger-to-be will not violate any anti-trust laws. I like a little competition," said Mr. Morgan. Emphasis on "little."

Early shopping and fat Christmas stockings do play havoc with father's pocketbook. Still that investigation was not bad publicity for the house of J. P. Morgan & Co.

It is to be hoped President Wilson will not erect the gallows on the capitol grounds. A base ball rumor in winter is as treacherous as the Missouri river in early spring time.

Cabinet pudding recipes seem to be the most numerous offerings to the president-elect. Boys looking for their first jobs are not asked to qualify in cigarette smoking or gambling.

Cabinet and bureau doors may be closed to Doc. Wiley, but the chaucanqua latch-string hangs out. In his vain effort to slight the money trust, wonder if it occurred to Mr. Morgan to look into the mirror.

The Fate of Crete.

One of the articles in the proposed terms of settlement of the Russo-Balkan war reads all Turkish rights in the island of Crete to Greece. This as well as the remaining proposals has yet to be ratified, but the proposition is full of historic interest.

Crete has been for centuries the foot ball of contending powers. During the Greco-Turkish struggle for its possession in 1897 the concert of powers, consisting of Austria, Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Russia, declared that Crete should be granted complete autonomy and that its annexation by Greece was out of the question.

Crete was asked to withdraw its troops. It refused and this precipitated open warfare with Turkey, which ended in Greece's attempt at annexation. The little island became autonomous under the suzerainty of Turkey and, by virtue of the constitution of 1899, its executive authority was vested in a high commissioner and to this office Prince George of Greece was elected for a term of three years.

The foreign affairs of Crete were handed over to the control of Russia, Great Britain, France and Italy. Its autonomy, therefore, has been more nominal than actual, with its government distributed among other powers.

Whether the convention, which shall determine issues in the Balkans, does more than transfer suzerainty from Turkey to Greece cannot now be known. If not, all that Crete will have gained, if anything, will be in the change of its subjection. This, of course, is Turkey's loss and Greece's gain, a gain that must carry with it immense satisfaction and vindication.

A Black Hero. The colored porter on the St. Louis & San Francisco train who killed a colored bandit and thwarted a train robbery is a real hero. He was the one man on the train courageous enough to resist the outlaw. Though he called for aid in his daring undertaking he received none.

Seizing a revolver, he went alone with his life in his hand to the car where the highwayman was at work. In the struggle that ensued the black hero slew the black villain, probably saving thousands to the railroad and averting more serious consequences.

The railroad company should reward this brave man's fidelity according to its deserts. To fail to do so would be to minimize that porter's idea of the importance, both of duty to trust and the value of human life, which was in jeopardy so long as the outlaw was at large.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files. DEC. 26. Thirty Years Ago. A Christmas play was put on in the Holy Family church, with parts assigned to a long list of amateur actresses, including the Misses Ella Logan, M. Golden, L. Sullivan, M. Ostravay, A. Kelly, M. McDonagh, M. O'Grady, M. O'Morris, M. Riley, E. V. Riley, E. M. Olan, K. Sweeney and these little girls, A. Shannon, C. Burke, A. Muhlali, M. Dowdy, J. Kelly, M. Gleason, M. M. Conroy, E. Conroy, J. Dilly, F. Garrity, L. Lynch, N. O. O'Brien, J. Whalen, M. Murphy and N. Barrett.

Dr. Henry Bradford, aged 90 years, died at his residence, corner Thirteenth and Third streets. The notices for the closing of the railroad freight houses Christmas day were signed by Thomas Nolan as agent for the Union Pacific and J. M. Lane as agent for the Missouri Pacific.

While returning from church, Mrs. M. C. McNamara received a severe fall at the corner of Howard and Sixteenth. The firm of Max Meyer & Bro. made a record by shipping planes to Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming, all inside of seven days.

The railroad interested in the proposed new union depot was what they wanted at the hands of the city council in the passage of an ordinance. The plan in the council was ten to four in favor of the Union Pacific proposition. Many citizens were at the meeting and fought hard the action taken.

Ten Years Ago. John E. Thompson, 706 South Eighth street, fell on the pavement on St. Mary's avenue, a little west of Twentieth street, and broke his arm. The same arm had been broken in the previous September by a fall.

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The rate at which we are starving to death, as a philosopher recently asserted, may be gathered from the fact that while our imports the last year amounted to \$1,800,000,000, our exports ran as high as \$2,400,000,000. What a hungry, impetuous lot we are, anyway.

President-Elect Wilson fears he would be under suspicion if he accepted the friendly proffer from an Iowa farmer of a cow to furnish the White House with milk. Our next president should not rate the estimation of himself by the general public quite so low.

The man who sits behind his back door waiting for opportunity to hance along, of course, misses it, since opportunity always knocks at the front door.

LOWE AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By Rev. Nathaniel McEliffin, D. D., Pastor.

Low Avenue Presbyterian church is twenty-five years old this year. Except for brief exercises Sabbath morning and evening, December 26, no formal observance has been planned. Rev. Stephen Phelps, D. D., of Bellevue, who once served as pastor of the church, will preach in the morning and J. K. Fleming of the session, who was charter member of the foundation, will read an historical statement. Nearly twenty-five new members will be admitted.

This is one of the churches that owes its existence very largely to home missions, which, with foreign missions, it stoutly maintains to be the best of its ability. For many years its chief support financially came from the Board of Home Missions in New York, but after it ceased a self-supporting basis, it exerted its powers toward aiding others in that direction.

The original church building was 20x30 feet in dimensions. It soon proved to be small. The people borrowed money at 10 per cent, bought two lots at our present site, Forteth and Nicholas streets (forteth formerly being known as Lowe avenue), moved the little structure upon the site and built an audience room in addition, 40x30, which made a very respectable edifice in size and other respects.

The present building, which cost upwards of \$30,000 was erected in the last year of Dr. Clarke's pastorate, largely through his and Mrs. Clarke's efforts. It is commodious and equipped with a splendid pipe organ, which cost something more than \$2,000, of which the Carnegie organ fund (now defunct) contributed \$575.

Our present membership is about 200. The last year has been characterized by changes in the financial policy. We are changed by unanimous action of the congregation to substitute what is known as the "single budget system" of raising all funds necessary for the maintenance of the work. This plan contemplated one-fifth of the total sum for missions, home and foreign, and the elimination of all indirect social methods of raising money.

Our organization is complete. Our services consist, regularly, of morning and evening preaching every Sabbath, Sunday school, prayer meeting, Junior and Senior Endeavor early in the evening, prayer meeting on Wednesday nights, with the schedule of meetings for the various agencies—the missionary and aid societies among the women, the guild among the young women and the Men's brotherhood.

Ways of Industrial Commission. Better Results Hoped For from the New One. Cleveland Plain Dealer. If every government commission labored earnestly to perform the task given into its hands and then reported its findings and dissolved, some of the popular hostility toward that method of procedure would perhaps be eliminated.

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HOW EDITORS SEE THINGS.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: With peace and good government Mexico would be one of the most prosperous and promising nations. Why the Mexicans themselves seem object is one of the puzzles of the time.

Washington Post: President Taft's decision to permit his successor to name the new ambassador to London will enable some deserving republican to save the price of a steamship ticket to England and buy back.

Springfield Republican: Despite the fact that Governor Wilson will not be able to visit the White House in January, the gracious invitation extended by President Taft will always remain in his credit. No retiring president ever did the like.

Boston Transcript: What? An "edition de luxe" salesman arrested for separating a couple of women from what \$7,000? And in Boston, too? He must be what is professionally known as a "cheap skate."

Chicago Tribune: From sundry democratic utterances we gather the impression that Woodrow Wilson will make the mistake of his life if he gives the secretaryship of state to Mr. Bryan; also that Mr. Bryan is the logical, necessary and heaven ordained man for the job. It is high time to poll off another harmony dinner.

Philadelphia Record: Pension to deserted mothers of dependent children would be very proper, but the deserting father should be made to pay them. In California a deserter who will not support his family must earn the pension by laboring in a chain gang breaking stones, or at some other menial employment provided by the state.

Does a Greek Temple Fit a Great American Character? Philadelphia Bulletin. What would Abraham Lincoln think of the memorial to be erected in Washington in his honor? Would this plain man of the people approve of the ornate, stately structure, which is to adorn Potomac park, this hall with its colonnade of thirty-six Doric columns, each forty-four feet high and more than seven feet in diameter at the base?

That the memorial is to be a magnificent one, all will admit. That the greatness of the man justifies the erection of any memorial suited to his character, none will deny. Two million dollars is not too much to spend if in expending the money the public may be brought to a fuller realization of the work and worth of Abraham Lincoln. But one cannot help wondering whether there is a real relationship between the beautiful Greek temple which will adorn the banks of the Potomac, and the strong, rugged,

Man with Broken Back Takes Walk. NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Waldorf Miller, who contrary to the prediction of physicians has lived for nearly eighteen months with a broken back, celebrated his Christmas today by going out for his first walk in the streets since July 2, 1911, when he received the injury while driving.

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Grins and Groans. Redd-Black took a chance in a raffia for an automobile the other day, and he won it.

Redd-Lucky nothing! He won't be out of the hospital for a month.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Hello, old man; how do you find business?" "By judicious advertising, of course."—San Francisco Chronicle.

"After all, restraint of one's anger, is something of a gastronomic dilemma." "I don't understand exactly what you mean." "That you must either swallow your wrath or afterward have to eat your words."—Baltimore American.

"What makes that rich man so stuck on himself?" "I suppose it is because he made such a fortune in glue."—Baltimore American.

To the Fire in the Grate. Thou cheery grate, that ever did impart, When all else failed, sweet comfort to my heart. Shine on in thy bright beaming smile; No tresser to fill the mind with fear! Unlike the face of man, whose chilling light Shines cold as wintry moons upon the night, Thy smiles instinct with kindly welcome And from thy bosom peace and friendship flow.

Perfection Oil Heater advertisement. Includes image of the heater and text: 'Brings Solid Comfort to Old People. PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATER. For best results use Perfection Oil. It saves them many a cold and sickness, for on the windy, blustery Fall and Winter days it easily warms the rooms not reached by the ordinary heat.'

Florida, New Orleans, Cuba, Panama, Gulf Coast Resorts advertisement. Includes image of a steamship and text: 'and all other principal resorts in the south reached by quick and convenient schedules of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad either in solid through trains or sleeping cars from Chicago or St. Louis. Complete dining car service. Round trip tourist tickets, return limit to June 1st, on sale daily at reduced fares. Greater variety routes than any other line; diverse routes to Florida if desired. Home-seekers' tickets on sale First and Third Tuesday each month at very low rates. Very Attractive Winter Tours to Panama, Cuba and Jamaica. The Most Attractive Way South'

The Bees Letter Box

Private in "Tom" Brennan. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your issue of Friday announcing the death of Thomas Brennan was of personal sorrow to me.

It is seldom in one's life that the passing of a friend is so keenly and impressively felt. Tom Brennan was a unique character. He had a personality distinctly his own.

What About a Hotel Trust? QUAHUA, Dec. 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: There is much discussion going on as to the best name for the new hotel to be erected in Omaha. In my judgment there is but one name and that is "Omaha."

Coal Bills Touches. Everybody claims to have won the anthracite trust suit; at least all parties concerned express their satisfaction. In the chorus of congratulations, however, the consumer's voice has not been raised.

CHICAGO MAN CHARGED WITH SWINDLING WIDOW

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 25.—Dr. Otto W. Hagen of Chicago, aged 32 years, is under arrest here today charged with having obtained more than \$2,000 from Mrs. Nellie Hagen of Chicago, upon promise of marriage arranged by correspondence.

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