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Better practice a little on writing it 1913.

To Turkey this peace conference is a huge farce.

Well, girls, now you will have to wait until you are asked.

Mild winters and careless habits make the fourtimes for the grip germ.

The federal courts are sharpening their knives to cut up that New England Mellen.

Before the old wagon rounds the first curve in the road a few patriots have fallen off.

Did some one remark that the lid law fitted when the New Year burst through the door?

Champ Clark should forget it and remember that the country has something else to worry over.

Italy trimmed Turkey, the Balkans basted it and now the powers are deciding how it shall be cooked.

It is one on the Omaha man or woman who hastened to a winter resort to escape the cold weather.

No doubt Senor Castro noticed that majestic statue of liberty out in the sea near where he was halted.

A strike of taxicab drivers threatens to paralyze traffic in London. It would not be quite so serious in Omaha.

It is a little disappointing to open an envelope expecting to find a New Year's greeting only to be confronted with a bill.

So far as we know there is no cure for the worry disease except large and frequent doses of common sense.

It would be nice, wouldn't it, if Omaha could hold a reception to the 1914 New Year in that coming new million-dollar hotel?

Local lawyers are trying to agree on what is the fair value of a lawyer's services. The valuation fixed by folks who are not lawyers would be different.

It is only fair to Mr. Mellen to say that after leaving Omaha and before going to New England, he rounded out his railroad experience under Jim Hill.

Our voracious Washington correspondent speaks of Congressman Lobeck "strenuously" opposing the postoffice merger. That, we assume, is a New Year's joke.

"We that are strong must bear the infirmities of the weak," said Paul. But that ought to give the weak the idea of sitting up nights to create infirmities with which to overload the strong.

Almost simultaneously with this last punch in the jaw to Omaha, Jim Hill moves a few trainloads of money from Chicago and New York to St. Paul, in view of which we congratulate St. Paul.

In the matter of the South Omaha and Omaha postoffice merger it remains to be seen whether, after the democratic administration is installed, Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Lobeck will undertake the job of unscrambling them for the butlers.

"Nobody in South Carolina except the 'hill-billies' takes Governor Bleasie seriously," says a prominent man of that state. Inasmuch as Bleasie has been twice elected governor and proclaimed himself assured of a place in the United States senate, the conclusion follows that the "hill-billies" are in the majority.

Omaha's Versatile Industry.

A glance at The Bee's compilation of Omaha's factory output for 1912 shows a total of 128 classes of commodities made at an aggregate annual value of nearly \$190,000,000. This vast list includes most of the prime articles of life, distinguishing our industry for its remarkable versatility.

A Backward Step.

Notwithstanding public announcement and repeated assurance that the number of saloon licenses in Omaha would not be increased, the city commission has voted to issue several additional licenses.

The Bee does not believe that anyone will contend that Omaha is not sufficiently supplied with drinking places, or that there is any urgent need of more of them.

In this connection another thing that ought to be stopped, once and for all, is the mediation of hired procurers for license applicants.

Fixing Blame for Wrecks. The time has come at last when operating officials of railroads are charged with manslaughter and held to account for fatal train wrecks.

Responsibility for the disasters can be definitely fixed by the process of arresting and trying the operating officials, then something, at least, may be gained.

Abundance of Foodstuffs. The women's concerted attack on the high price of eggs has had the beneficial effect of directing public attention to the abundance of eggs, whether or not it results in permanently lower prices.

Swedish Woman Who Spent Thirty-Two Years in a Dabobs. There have been several cases of long sleep quite apart from the celebrated persons of Epheus and Rip Van Winkle.

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TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS IN STATE

What the Report of the Commissioner of Corporations Has to Say on the Subject.

Chief Features. First—The application of the general property tax to all corporations, collected locally for state and local purposes.

Second—The assessment by local assessors of all state-wide public service corporations, except railroad, car and freight line companies.

Third—The consideration of gross receipts of express, telegraph, telephone and pipe line companies as the principal determining factor in the assessment of franchise value.

Fourth—The special local assessment of valuable terminal property by cities and villages for municipal purposes, and the state assessment and apportionment of the same property for other purposes.

General Property Tax. Corporations here under consideration pay locally the general property tax for state and local purposes on all property, including franchises.

Stockholders and Bondholders. Shares of stock in corporations whose property is taxed in Nebraska are, in general, not taxed to holders.

Foreign Corporations. Foreign corporations of the classes herein treated are taxed in practically the same manner as similar domestic corporations.

Administration. The State Board of Equalization and Assessment consists of the governor, state auditor, state treasurer, secretary of state, and state commissioner of public lands and buildings.

Public Utility Companies. Street railway, water, electric, gas and other lighting companies pay the general property tax assessed and collected locally for state and local purposes on all

WOMEN AND JURY DUTY

Learning How to Dodge the Job in Kansas. New York Sun.

In Kansas, where woman now stands at the ballot box the equal of man, the remarkable discovery has been made that women find jury duty irksome and try to evade it.

There seems to be no mention of women of humble station being wanted as handmaids of justice. All were wealthy and socially eminent.

CHAMPION SLEEPER OF OKUO

Swedish Woman Who Spent Thirty-Two Years in a Dabobs. The New York Sun.

There have been several cases of long sleep quite apart from the celebrated persons of Epheus and Rip Van Winkle. One of the most remarkable was the long sleep of a German government official named Arnhem.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

New York Sun: Congratulations to indomitable General Rosalie Jones, henceforth the Sherman of her sex.

Washington Post: Bill Bryan has named his Florida estate Villa Serena, and the Champ Clark men are already referring to it as the Villain's Arena.



Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Thirty Years Ago... The event of the day was the concert by Christine Neilson and her company at Boyd's, which was filled from pit to dome.

The first city council meeting of the year found these members answering present: Behm, Dellone, Dunham, O'Keefe, Thrane, Leeder, McGracken and Kaufman.

Among the New Year's weddings was that of C. D. Stuphen and Ollie Rasmussen, and of Albert M. Kitchen and Sadie Hurlbert.

Twenty Years Ago... Misses Mae and Alma Annerda of Chicago, who had been visiting their aunt, Mrs. E. A. Water, 219 Douglas street, returned to their home.

More than 2,000 people attended the Young Men's Christian association New Year's reception given one day late from 4 to 10 p. m.

Ten Years Ago... The charter revision meeting unanimously adopted a ringing resolution favoring equal taxation for city purposes of the valuable railroad property within Omaha.

John Jacob Schurman, president of Cornell, who stopped in Omaha as the guest of Cornell alumni, spoke at the First Congregational church on the Philippines, declaring that it was the duty of the United States to construct for the Philippines a stable government and then to withdraw, leaving them to autonomy.

The funeral services of John Jay Dickey were conducted at his Rose Farm home by Rev. John Williams, the music being supplied by the choir of St. Barnabas' Episcopal church.

People Talked About... A rich bachelor in Denver, craving a home Christmas dinner, got twenty-seven invitations in answer to his advertisement.

The city Jay is numerous and easily taken in. A smooth crook representing himself as J. Ogden Armour, Jr., fell among Chicago gamblers and readily induced the fly sports to cash \$5,000 worth of bogus checks for him.

"Save your pennies" is Mr. Rockefeller's advice to the envious. In the course of time it may happen that the thrifty may be able to put a penny or two more on each of 1,000,000 gallons of petroleum.

Old office papers and correspondence sold by a Philadelphia banking firm for \$90 as paper stock yielded \$75,000 worth of rare stamps. If there are crimes of ignorance this surely is the estimation of every stamp collector was a heinous one.

A lively fight against the "Puck-Me" stores attached to industrial concerns in and around Pittsburgh is planned during the winter. It will be a severe job if the managers of the skin games are compelled to pay out real money instead of tin checks for work.

A Troy collar maker dies leaving nearly \$200,000. Anybody with small capital can make collars, but not everybody knows how to advertise and market them.

There is some room left yet for the young man with the right idea in business—the trusts have not cornered all the brains.

General Rosalie Jones, commanding the peripatetic suffragettes, when asked about the proposed hike from New York to Washington in February, said that she was giving the subject "careful consideration." And you can't blame her for giving it careful consideration when you imagine what the weather and roads will be then.

Clarence Hunt of West Chester, Pa., is the owner of a church for which he paid a dollar. The Grace United Evangelical church of Spring City had been taken for a debt of \$308 and was sold under the hammer by the sheriff. Hunt made his bid just for a joke, and was much surprised when the edifice was "knocked down" to him, he being the only bidder.

BRIDES TRAINED IN COLLEGE

Fine Bunch of Kansas Girls Being Fitted for Domestic Duties.

There are 78 Kansas girls taking the course in the "brides school" at the Kansas Agricultural college this year, and when they complete their next June there will be that many prospective brides ready for homes, brides who know what to do and how to do it in keeping house properly.

No one knows just exactly how many engaged girls there are in the school this year. The instructors can only guess, and the best guess is that only 500 of the girls now taking the course at the college are already engaged and that most of them will be married before the end of another school year.

The course of study as listed in the curriculum of the agricultural college does not say anything about a "brides school." Instead there are listed certain "home-making courses" and it is the work of the girls in taking these courses that has denominated this part of the school work as the "brides school."

The "brides school" is a real home-making school. The girls are taught domestic science thoroughly, the preparation of all foods and in every conceivable manner and to be served in dozens of different ways. They do it practically, too, by cooking for the college professors.

The girls are divided into groups, and one of each group is the manager for a week. She does all the buying for one meal a day, six days in the week. Another does the cooking, while another helps. Two look after the dishes and the other one looks after the table decorations and is the waitress. The groups change around each week.

In fact, there are classes in everything needed to instruct a girl how to make a house cozy, comfortable and inviting, and there are, besides, courses in keeping the home comfortable and sanitary.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Getting Old. "Poor old Stodgers! He begins to show his years." "Eh! How so?" "Why, I went to him today and said, 'Stodgers, what do you think of that outrageous attempt to make up an all-state eleven?' Did you notice that they left off Bumblebait and Pimpton? What do you say to that?" And what do you suppose Stodgers said?" "Well, 'What?'" "He said he didn't care a hank."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Her little face was full of fun; Her eyes were dainty when she smiled; Her little hands were soft and white; And every one adored Susette.

Her little step was soft and light; She moved about with conscious grace; Her little form had wondrous curves; 'Twas as expressive as her face.

Her gown of grey became her well; Displaying full each rounded curve; And at her throat of snowy white A dainty bertha did adorn her.

Her dimpled feet so trim and small; Were clad in soft white velvet booties; And the job of keeping these fresh and clean Was one of Susette's unshirked duties.

Like all her sex Susette was full Of wayward will and sheer perversity; That could not be overcome at school Or even at university.

Her eyes were wide and in their depth; Danced little elves of light and shade; And in her naughty heart lurked A longing for what folks forbade.

And, alas, Susette had not the power To spurn temptation when she met it; And how she spatulated her when she caught Her first little helpless bird and "let it" Omaha.—BAYOLL NE TRELE.

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