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Zero weather is a huge joke—to the coal man.
Tight skirts mean less cloth, but not less money.

Notice the difference since we have no Russian treaty?
Evidently our exemplary weather man fell off of something.

Greetings, Mr. Legislature! May your troubles all be little ones.
The next advance of the Postoffice Department is toward 1-cent postage.

Now, the question is raised, "Have we maligned Turkey?" Mercy, how!
When it comes to January clearance sales, Omaha challenges them all.

What does Texas lose in Bailey's retirement? Don't all answer at once.
The grand opening reception of our new million-dollar court house is still on the future event calendar.

The Commercial club membership roll is still open to eligibles who can command the requisite endorsements.
President Taft has added another to his great speeches, displaying the wisdom and philosophy of a great man.

The Legislature.

The legislature now convening meets under conditions which have never before prevailed in Nebraska. It is the first legislature in which the bills introduced will read, "Be it enacted by the people" instead of "Be it enacted by the legislature."

Under these circumstances, and with the choice of the United States senator predetermined, the session should invite our law-makers to devote themselves to the work of providing for the machinery of government, revising existing laws, and meeting new problems with fewer distractions than usual.

The Postoffice Department.
The next postmaster general will have charge of a department whose business is three times as great as at the beginning of President McKinley's first administration.

Fifteen years ago the annual expenditures of this department were \$90,000,000 and the revenue \$84,000,000. Last year it required \$300,000,000 to carry on the work.

The Tight Skirt.
The Parisian oracle that dictates woman's dress styles has decreed another season, at least, for the tight skirt. Which is the cause of suppressed indignation and rumors of revolt among our American women.

People Talked About.
Whistling "Oh, How Dry I Am!" while the water wagon is moving by ought to be a crime.

Fire Prevention.
This is The Bee's periodical admonition to householders, and to its readers generally, to look after their stoves, furnaces and flues in order to avoid fires.

The Hon. Olaf A. Tvetimoe may have been a dangerous man with dynamite, but he showed also the qualities of a philosopher in sitting and reading poetry while the jury was deciding whether he should spend the few years in God's glorious out-of-doors or behind prison bars.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files
JAN. 7.
Twenty Years Ago—
According to the annual report, St. Joseph's hospital took care of 336 patients, of which only 123 were pay patients.

The following officers have been installed in Duke council No. 73 of A. L. of H. R. Commander, F. J. McShane; vice commander, Sgt. Prince; past commander, N. J. Burnham; orator, J. W. Bowen; secretary, A. Swartzlander; collector, A. N. Ferguson.

Miss Carrie Hays left for Fort Russell, Wyoming, to visit friends.
M. Goldsmith started east to take in New York, Baltimore and other cities.

Secretary Smith of the Board of Fire and Police commissioners said he would write at once to the Hale Water Tower company urging the completion of the tower and the use in Omaha.

What Commander Booth-Tucker called a "blizzard-proof" congregation gathered at First Methodist church in the evening to order a marked occasion.

The marriage of Ray Sumner Dougal and Miss Nellie Frances Moorhead was solemnized by the Rev. H. E. Herring in the evening at the residence of the bride's parents.

James R. Keene of New York was the famous race horse breeder of this country and was conspicuous in another way—he never bet on the races.

Dr. F. R. Bergius, the scientist who has been conducting experiments in producing artificial coal, has, by employing a high temperature and a high pressure, changed cellulose to peat in a few hours.

John Frederick Ballard, this year's winner of the Harvard prize play contest, took up a homestead and worked as a cowboy before going to Harvard and entering the playwrighting class of Prof. Baker.

Senator Helen Ring Robinson is one of the coming stateswomen of Colorado, the first of her sex to wear the halo of state senatorship.

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Aimed at Omaha

Grand Island Independent: The Omaha-South Omaha postoffice consolidation has gone into effect. Will the next administration unscramble them?

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The Bee's Letter Box

Self-constituted Charter Makers. SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: What does the World-Herald mean by the passages that appeared in Sunday's issue in the "Giltin Column" of that paper?

"There is a regular charter committee and a few others not so regular. The political enemies of the administration at once set out to organize a committee as soon as the regular body was named by the mayor."

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GRINS AND GROANS.

Doctor to Mrs. J., whose husband is very ill: "Has he had any food lately?" Mrs. J.: "No, he's had nothing except what you ordered, doctor."—Lippincott's Magazine.

"Is any of your stock watered?" asked the inquisitive investor. "I should say not," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "We have such a warm business proposition that we have gone beyond the anxious stage and are using sheer vapor."—Washington Star.

"Brown isn't happy. His wife is continually saying sharp and snappy things to him." "Why, he told me before he married her that was what he admired most about her." "Yes, but he considered it wit then."—Boston Transcript.

"Is this a healthy town?" "Healthy? Why, when I came here I only weighed sixty pounds, and now look at me, I tip the scales at 180." "Seen here long?" "Lemme see, I guess I was 5 when I arrived."—Baltimore American.

Reactor—I hope you didn't find my lecture dry last night. Old Garze—Well, sur, I wouldn't go so far as to say that, sur, but when you stop in the middle to have a swig, though it was only water, I see to myself. "Ear, ear."—London Tatler.

Tommy—Pop, emul is merely being tired of doing nothing, isn't it? Tommy's Pop—Yes, my son, with the addition of being too tired to do anything else. Philadelphia Record.

Bacon—What do you understand to be "bone"? Ebert—Why, a bone is a man who insists on telling you the smart things his young son says when you want to tell him the smart things you have said yourself.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Are you hungry, little girl?" said Dr. Wendell Holmes to one whom he saw looking with longing eyes at the good things before her. "Yes, sir," was the reply. "Then why don't you take a sandwich?" "Because I haven't any fork." "Fingers were made before forks," said the doctor, smiling. The little girl looked, then said: "Not my fingers."—Chicago News.

OPEN ROAD PHILOSOPHY. Denver Times. Moneygrub's got three good cars; With my heels I pound the ruts. He smokes 50-cent cigars; I make out with cast-off butts. Moneygrub sports tussy duds; Mine are rather bum. Moneygrub's one of the bloods; I'm a bum.

He goes strong for fancy cats; Handouts have to do for me. Guess his beds are ever last treats; Mine's the first old barn I see. Moneygrub's a bear, I guess— Hear it everywhere. Gee! They preach his great success— I don't care!

Used to sort of care but say, That's been awful long ago. I've been hearing every day Things that then I didn't know. Learned to take it easy now. Careful of myself. Moneygrub cannot learn how With his peef.

I've got all the time there is; Moneygrub no time is granted. Bet my grave's as snug as his. When we finally are planted; And on this big point I'm thrice Luckier than he. Must pay for good advice— Mine is free!

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