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Springfield Monitor. South Omaha's only hint that it would like to become a part of a nearby county—in order, really, to avoid annexation by Omaha—strikes no popular chord in this county.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Sale of Lured Pictures on Train. OMAHA, Jan. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: I want to endorse and reinforce the complaint registered in the letter to The Bee about the seductive activities of the train boys with their off-color books and obscene pictures.

Scientific Lesson from Assassination. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: I beg to call your attention to a plan to lessen or prevent crime and other abnormalities, especially such as recent assassinations or attempts at assassinations of those in power.

Twice Told Tales. Considerate Providence. A young man in want of \$5 wrote to his uncle as follows: "Dear Uncle: If you could see how I blush for shame while I am writing you, would you mind?"

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SAID IN FUN

Patience—Did he ever try working to music?
Patrice—Sure thing; he's a dancing teacher.—Yonkers Statesman.

Family cherub—Miss Kitty, won't you sound your head for me?
Young Lady Visitor—Sound my head. What do you mean, dearie?
Family cherub—Can't you do it? Why, mamma told papa you were rattle-brained.—Baltimore American.

Justwadd (to father-in-law)—Ahem, you remember, sir, you said that after we were married you'd assist me in furnishing a house.
Father-in-law—And so I will, my boy. Come down to the corner and I'll introduce you to a friend of mine who is in the installment business.—Chicago Tribune.

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HOW DAD MADE GOOD.

Chicago Examiner.
Dad buckled on a pair of skates, got up and tried to stand—
He'd told us kids that he could skate, and skate to beat the band.
The little girls won't couldn't skate when we were in the sun.

When dad looked round and saw that gang of laughing girls and boys—
A rough horse bunch from near the tracks was making all the noise—
He buttoned up his overcoat and kind of hitched his legs.

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