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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas... Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.

Just to vindicate its name, Rapid City is starting a recall on its mayor.

What will Johnny Bull demand after he gets what he wants in the Panama?

The weather man has succeeded in fooling a few birds with his premature spring stuff.

Again we ask, where is that Wyoming man who predicted the coldest winter on record?

The Chicago Tribune prints six columns to warn us of the danger of war with Japan. Mercy!

Perhaps those demanding the recall of Secretary Fisher will compromise on his retirement March 4.

Now that they have found Arizona's lost vote-bearer, President-elect Wilson's election may be ratified.

Ex-Governor Aldrich seems to have focused a few rays of the searchlight on "our good and valued friend."

The lobbyist for the brewers seems to have made some folks believe he is just looking out for pie for his friends.

If King Alfonso of Spain decides to visit America, we shall assure him of a great safety as he enjoys at home, anyway.

That last raise in oil prices may be to raise money to defray Brother Bill's expenses in dodging the committee's subpoena.

A retired traveling man who figures he has paid \$18,000 in tips, condemns the system. But still the hotel men are against him.

It was to have been expected that in certain sources the president would be taken to task for saying, "I don't believe in progress over night."

The Literacy Test.

While the attempt to insert a character certificate clause in the immigration bill failed, the literacy test remains in the bill as passed and sent to the president.

As to the character certificate, Congressman Lenroot of Wisconsin pointed out in debate that of the 149 voting for it, 102 were Democrats.

As to fairness, the literacy test is no better, for the simple reason that it is not a test of the fitness of immigration.

Interesting. The move in the legislature to postpone indefinitely all bills having to do with the liquor laws of Nebraska is decidedly interesting.

Welcome, Alfonso. When King Alfonso of Spain expressed the desire to visit the United States next summer, it is said, some of his entourage sought to dissuade him on the theory that Americans still harbored ill feelings from the late Spanish-American war.

The Glad Hand for Hoboes. New Orleans is a hospital city, especially at Mardi Gras time. It conserves all the traditions of the old south in its welcome to the stranger within its gates.

On the theory that the right hand knoweth not what the left hand doeth may be explained the sharp rise in oil prices following immediately on the heels of young Mr. Rockefeller's appropriation of a million or so for much-needed social reform.

The case in litigation involving the electric lighting franchise in Omaha is up to the supreme court. But how the interest of Omaha can be fully protected without the appearance of our great hydraulic lawyer, and legal engineer, passes comprehension.

Food Specialists Overworked. The relentless dieticians still pursue mankind. There's a poison in "the pie that mother made."

Politeness is wasted on some people. They always seem to think we have a gold brick to sell them.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again, but on the other hand a lie, under the most favorable conditions, doesn't have its anchor fast in the mud, either.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—The long and bitter senatorial fight was ended in the republican caucus at Lincoln.

Twenty Years Ago—Fully 300 men and women enjoyed a thoroughly delightful entertainment in the evening at the Young Men's Institute.

Quartermaster Corps. The difficulty in obtaining sufficient army officers for duty with the quartermaster corps, at one time threatened by an opinion rendered by the judge advocate general.

Tippling Abroad Disallowed. The distinguished army officers who formed the American missions to Germany and Switzerland last summer to view the army maneuvers have received something of a shock from the comptroller, who has made checkage against the accounts of Captain M. E. Tanan.

Twice Told Tales. Finding an Opening. The editor of this particular paper was busy. His temper is one of the best, but he did not like the look of the seedy individual with the hair who had invaded his sanctum unannounced.

Important Questions. More vegetarian humor. One of the fleshless fraternity telephones us that he engaged a German cook lately not long ago. His wife liked the appearance of the applicant; her references were good, and the wages she demanded not exorbitant.

Suspicion. The Hotel Clerk—Especially, to prospective guest, whose bag had come apart, thereby disclosing a strange contrivance.—May I ask what that queer thing is?

Nuts to Crack. Some people are satisfied to follow the crowd, at a safe distance. Money talks, but it always talks loudest when it is given to charity.

Army Gossip

Details to Foreign Service. It is announced that hereafter officers near the top of the roster for Philippine service will not be eligible for transfer to regiments serving in Hawaii, Panama or Alaska.

Nominations in the Air. More or less mystery appears to attach to the president's intention regarding the appointments to the two existing vacancies in the grade of brigadier general.

About Prison Dope. BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: One of the most perplexing questions before me in regard to the Nebraska penitentiary is its high cost.

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Mr. Simon withheld the introduction of the bill until such time as the matter could be laid before the Social Service club, and this has been done. The delay has served not only to incorporate a number of good ideas into the bill, but has enlisted in its support forces that could not have been so easily obtained had there been haste in the introduction of the measure.

The committee feels that notwithstanding adverse criticism, Mr. Simon has been patient and painstaking in his work and is now in much better shape to carry the fight for his bill to success than he otherwise would have been.

ROAD FROM GROUCHTOWN. F. L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution. Get away from Grouchtown—see the big sun shine! Come on to the dancin'—the girls are all in line. The happy folks are crowdin' at the windows and the door. And the fiddle's makin' music that it never made before!

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