

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE
FOUNDED BY EDWARD ROSEWATER
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BEE BUILDING, FARM AND ILL.

49,528
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 January,
1913, was 49,528.

Why Keep it Dark?
The resolution adopted by the
council calling on the Water board to
make a report to the controller, the
same as other departments of the
city government, of financial opera-

The municipal year closed Decem-
ber 31, and there is no good reason
why the figures should not have been
available a month ago. The Water
board is merely the agent for the
people of Omaha who bought the
water works with \$7,000,000 of their
money, and who are entitled to know
how much cash has been taken in,

That "Lucrative" Contract.
Representative Flanagan hopes to get
some enactment that will permit the
county commissioners to again award
him the lucrative contract (supplying
meals to jail prisoners)—World-Herald.

Right this minute, however, our
democratic sheriff, setting up his
claim under the supreme court deci-
sion, asserts his right to feed these
prisoners, and to reach into the
treasury of Douglas county, for 50
cents per prisoner per day, of which
plainly more than half would be
pure graft.

Cannot Muzzle the Press.
The attempt of an aggravated judge
to imprison Colonel W. R. Nelson,
editor of the Kansas City Star, be-
cause his paper published a few un-
pleasant facts, evokes strikingly
similar expressions of opinion the
country over as followed the six
hours' imprisonment nineteen years
ago of Edward Rosewater, founder
and then editor of The Bee, because
his newspaper had likewise been
publishing some pertinent facts.

Room for Growth.
In point of population and farming
area the largest growth is being
made in fifteen states, the eastern-
most of which are Minnesota, Ne-
braska and Kansas, the others ex-
tending to the Pacific coast. Ac-
cording to the federal census, their
average population increase from
1900 to 1910 was 41.7 per cent,
while the increase for the United
States was 21 per cent. Their aver-
age increase in farming land area
—that is, land redeemed or thrown
open to cultivation—was 162.7 per
cent, while that at large was 100.5
per cent. Their increase in the
number of farms was 22.5 per cent,
against 10.9 per cent at large. But,
while more than doubling the na-
tional gain, even these growing
western states show a very poor
growth in the number of farms as
compared with the area of available
farming land.

Assurance of Union Pacific control
of the through transcontinental line
ought at least to brighten the pros-
pect for Omaha eventually getting a
new union station.

If every official who solemnly
promised lower water rates for
Omaha will now join in The Bee's
campaign, we are sure the reduction
will be put across.

Young Mr. Harriman, a senior at
college, is elected to the Union Pac-
ific board of directors and the
chances are some cynic will say the
boy would never have got in so early
but for his father's influence.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
COMPILED FROM BEE FILES
FEB. 8.

Thirty Years Ago—
Considerable interest has been excited
in the last two days in roller skating by
the fine exhibitions being given in the
opera house, and Omaha is to have a fine
roller skating rink by the enterprise of
J. G. Lichtford, who has rented Crouse
hall, corner Sixteenth and Capitol ave-
nues, for that purpose and will inaugurate
a season of three months at least by a
first reception next Wednesday.

The women of Sacred Heart convent
are grieving over the death of Sister
Bridget Mangin, one of the pioneers of
the order in this city, and their first in-
carceration.

For the coming Omaha Glee club con-
cert, the solo numbers, according to the
program, will be rendered by Miss Jennie
Dutton and Miss Emma Mabella, and
Messrs. Northrup, Smith and Henry D.
Estabrook.

Parties with exchanged overcoats at
the Macomber masquerade are invited
to call at Strauberg's photograph gallery
and exchange back.

Miss Bridget Mullen, sister to Mrs.
James Brophy, is reported dangerously ill
with consumption.

Twenty Years Ago—
Speaking of the election to the senate
of Judge W. V. Allen, Frank T. Ransson
said: "I don't like the way it was done.
Would rather have seen a democrat in
the senate. Still, I don't know which
party can lay the best claim to the new
senator, as he has belonged to all of
them within the last five years." John
M. Thurston pronounced Allen "a credit-
able representative." General John C.
Cowin said: "Judge Allen is a strong
man. Seeing that we couldn't get a re-
publican, I think we got out in very good
shape." Dave Mercer said Allen was a
strong man and we might have done
much worse.

George C. Bassett and W. S. Wedge
were chosen by the Omaha Builders and
Traders' union as delegates to the Na-
tional exchange at St. Louis the following
week.

Carl von Wolf, a roomer at 1623 Douglas
street, was found dead in his bed by his
landlady, Mrs. Heman, who had occasion
to go to his room. Death was due to
heart disease. He was a young man from
Germany, who had come to Omaha some
nine months before looking for employ-
ment.

City Superintendent Fitzpatrick said he
would represent Omaha at the annual
meeting of school superintendents in Bos-
ton, February 21.

Secretary James of the Omaha Associ-
ated Charities completed a division of
the city into 45 parts for the purposes
of his work and called for twice that
number of volunteer helpers to aid in dis-
persing charity to the poor.

Ten Years Ago—
Announcement was made of the plan
for a new brick edifice for St. Patrick's
Catholic church, costing \$30,000. The
parish, under Rev. P. J. Smith as priest,
had undergone the small frame structure
at Fourteenth and Castellal streets.

From Chicago came the rumor that the
Hammond Packing company was angling
to buy the Omaha property of the
Armours, who, it is said, were not anxious
to sell. The rumor said that A. N. Noyes,
formerly local manager for the Hammond
company, would return to assume charge
if the deal was made.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burgess went to
Kansas City for a brief visit.

After some litigation and pending litiga-
tion, the Presbyterian hospital, Twenty-
sixth and Marcy streets, it was an-
nounced, was ready for reopening under
the management of Dr. Esther A. Ryer-
son.

In Other Lands

Slaughter of Innocents.
It is estimated by the Constantinople
correspondent of the London Times that
30,000 human beings, noncombatants, have
perished in the Balkan war, slaughtered
by guerrilla bands or by blood-mad sol-
diers. There is hardly any doubt that
thousands of innocents have perished in
the war. Scarcely a living thing has sur-
vived the retreat of one or the advance
of the other army in the districts in-
volved. In Thrace, particularly, towns
and villages as well as the countryside
are depopulated. But reports of wide-
spread massacres should be taken with
reserve. Both sides are known to have
organized massacre publicity bureaus for
the purpose of influencing European opin-
ion. War needs no sensational colors to
make it all that General Sherman de-
scribed in three words.

Grim Irish Humor.
The twentieth century "siege of Lon-
donerry" pulled off last week, over-
flows with grim Irish humor. London-
erry is accounted the strong right arm
of the province of Ulster. Ulster, it will
be recalled, filled the public prints a few
months ago with burning words of oppo-
sition to home rule, so cleverly phrased
and couched as to lead readers to be-
lieve the province was a unit on the issue.

However, purses are not always lost in
this way. Eliminate the question of the
chance of loss to you, did you ever con-
sider the temptation you place before
the one who are homeless and hungry,
without money, and the desire to grab
the little bag you carry so openly and
carelessly overcomes their scruples, and
to meet the demands of nature a crime
is committed in which you have acted a
part. Think of it. W. O. TORREY.

Kaiser's Ministry Censured.
The recent adverse vote of the Reich-
stag against the ministry does not affect
the office tenure of his majesty's coun-
cillors, who are not responsible to the
legislative body. But implied censure is
sure to have direct bearing on budget
measures, which the ministry is pressing
for approval. The immediate cause of
the rupture is the persistent efforts of
the Prussian government to expatriate
the Poles in German Poland. This op-
pressive policy has been pursued for a
dozen years past—carried on with ruth-
less indifference to racial traditions and
property rights, and its aim is to sup-
plant a subjugated and disoriented peo-
ple with loyal German peasants. When
the question was raised in the Reichstag,
the chancellor did not defend or deny
the brutality of the policy, contenting
himself with the statement that the ques-
tion was outside the jurisdiction of the
Reichstag. Then followed the remarkable
vote of censure—231 to 97.

British Land Reform.
Only a skeleton outline of the land re-
form measure incubating in the mind of
Lloyd George was given in the chan-
cellor's speech last week. Full details await
the conclusion of the labors of the com-
mittee which has been investigating the
problem. The plan contemplates a min-
imum wage for agricultural laborers, a
cottage and a plot of land for each, inde-
pendent of the landlord, scientific farm-
ing and an extension of the co-operative
principle. "Tremendous opposition," says
the London News, "will be encountered
from the landed gentry, and the House of
Lords will do its very worst. The chan-
cellor, however, is undaunted by the ma-
jority of the task." A campaign of edu-
cation is to precede the introduction of
the land reform bill, probably a year
hence.

Kicking on War Taxes.
The conquest of Tripoli by Italy piled
up bills against the Italian treasury vari-
ously estimated at from \$10,000,000 to
\$25,000,000. National enthusiasm was aroused
by the war, and its successful conclusion
was cheered from the Alps to Sicily. In
settling up the bills, however, much less
enthusiasm is observed. New taxes have
been imposed and old taxes increased, and
public clamor against the additional
squeeze provoked a series of riots in Ne-
ples, last Sunday, requiring military aid
to suppress. Against the rioters the police
were as so much chaff before a tor-
nado. Mounted cavalry charged and dis-
persed the mobs, but not until they dem-
onstrated the underlying ugly temper of
a people already taxed to the living limit.

The Worst to Come.
Revolution is moving at an amazing
pace in Great Britain. Consider what has
happened in a few years. Old age in-
surance, equality of land taxation, the
House of Lords deprived of veto power,
unemployment and sick insurance, home-
rule progressing, Welsh church disestab-
lishment coming and one-man-one-vote on
the way. But all these, past or to come,
pale their revolutionary fires before the
blazing project of abolishing the red coat
of Tommy Atkins. History, tradition,
valor and scenic effects are so bound
up in the redcoats of the British army
that one might expect a hint at a change
would start a riot. Nothing of the kind,
however, has greeted the scheme. The
minister's proposal for a less conspicuous
uniform—the gray, the drab or the brown
khaki of Uncle Sam's soldiers. Tommy
Atkins is not hankering for a fight, but
should one come, he realizes that a less
showy uniform is just as effective in a
scrap, besides prolonging life.

Imperialism and the Boers.
General Botha, premier of the South
African union, is facing a stiff Dutch re-
volt against the imperial policy of the
ministry. General Hertog, an irrecon-
cilable Boer, heads the revolt, and Gen-
eral DeWet, equally noted as a soldier in
the Boer war, is his chief of staff. Gen-
eral Hertog held a cabinet post under
Botha until December last, when his op-
position to the plan of South Africa join-
ing other self-governing colonies in con-
tributing to the defense of the British
empire forced a reorganization of the
cabinet, with Hertog left out. In a re-
cent address to his constituents in the
Orange Free State, General Hertog said
he was not going to lay "the children
and the interests of South Africa on the
altar of Moloch. If egoism and envy de-
sired the Dutch-speaking people always
to make sacrifice to the English-speaking
race in order that true conciliation might
be secured, then South Africa was not
ripe for conciliation." The Dutch, united,
control the situation; divided, imperialist
win.

The Bees Letter Box

Keep It Up—Victory Coming.
OMAHA, Feb. 7.—To the Editor of The
Bee: Keep up your lower water rate
campaign and you will win out. The
people are waking up to the imposition of
paying their own water works the old ex-
orbitant charges exacted by the old
water company. Every man who goes to
pay his water rent takes a kick with him,
and the multitude of kicks are sure to
tell. C. E. J.

An Incident.
OMAHA, Feb. 7.—To the Editor of The
Bee: A girl on her way to work lost her
purse, containing nearly \$5 in change.
She was carrying it on her arm, suspen-
ded by a strap or chain, also had a
book in her hand, which no doubt pre-
vented her noticing the dropping of the
purse.
Now, girls, when mother was a girl
she had a good, deep pocket in her dress
in which she carried her money and hand-
kerchiefs. Purse and handbags with straps
and chains had not yet come into fashion.
Do you not think the old way better,
certainly safer. Put enough more cloth
in your skirt to allow for the addition
of a pocket in which to carry your money,
and some other articles mother did not
use.

Serial Debate on Teaching Deaf.
NORTH LOUP, Neb., Feb. 7.—To the
Editor of The Bee: Olaf Hanson insists
that the oral law for the deaf should be
repealed because the old system gave the
parents a choice as to methods, and the
present law eliminates all choice. Let us
see if this is so. A few years ago we took
our child from the public school, where
she had report cards to show that she was
ready to enter the eighth grade, and
sent her to the school for the deaf and
requested that she be taught by the oral
method. They answered readily enough,
"O yes, we'll teach her by the oral
method, but we will have to put her back
into the sixth grade, for we have no oral
classes above that grade." So there we
were. O yes, we parents had a choice
in the matter. We could have her taught
by the manual method or put her back
two years. Great choice!

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE.
"Stubby, I want some furs this win-
ter."
"All right, dearie. I'll get you a set
of ear muffs."
"And why is stork the rarest bird?"
"Because it is always about, but no-
body ever sees it."

Winter Travel.
'Twas twenty miles from Hayville
To Slatbown, and we used
To think the road was something
That ought to be abased
In language that the viler
We got it seemed the stuff
To best describe the goods.

Serial Debate on Teaching Deaf.
The trouble with Mr. Hanson's logic
is that he does not know what the oral
method is. He seems to think the oral
articulation drill in the combined schools
is the oral method, when in fact that is
only the faintest shadow of the real
thing. No wonder he can quote parents
who are disgusted with the oral method.

MERRY JINGLES.
Passed Up.
It takes a fat man to escape
The traps for husbands baited;
For when the women see his shape
They're not befuddled.
—Cincinnati Inquirer.

Who's Hitt?
Statistics often fool the eye.
Who was a most atchy old fello;
While figures do not often lie,
Some livers often flake.
—Chicago Post.

A Real Braggin.
There once was a man named Castello,
Who was a most atchy old fello;
To church he oft went,
Donated a cent,
And brought home a fine silk umbrella.
—Woman's Home Companion.

Enough.
"I was a fool to marry you!"
With rage the thought a-bred another,
"A fool! A fool! It's plain that we
Were made for one another.
I'm sure you're just as different
From me as you can be.
She stopped. "He didn't say a thing
But this: 'You fatter me.'"
—Boston Transcript.

When Mother Comes Marching.
Oh, father, dear father, come home with
me now;
For mother is out on parade,
The brass bands are raising a terrible
row;
They're all out of breath, I'm afraid,
There's Aunt Sarah Jane and there's
sweet sister Sue,
And dear cousins Gladys and Kate,
They'll soon promenade down the grand
avenue.
In splendid and serious state.
—Washington Star.

A Cross Country.
Sing a song of highballs
A stomach full of eye,
Foot-and-twenty keyholes
Dance before his eye,
When the door is opened
His wife begins to chide,
"Will, lent this a pretty time
To let a fellow in!"
—Chicago Record Herald.



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