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Home Owning.

The necessity for rebuilding or repairing houses damaged by the recent tornado thrust upon hundreds of home owners, has started the argument again as to whether it is better to live in one's own or a rented house.

But now, as it was before, and as it will be in the future, nothing contributes so much toward a man's feeling of independence as the possession of his own home for a permanent abiding place for his family.

Omaha boasts of being a city of home owners, and it will continue to be, because the large majority of our people would not be content to live in rented houses when they are able to have what they want all for themselves.

Our Thriving Commercial Club.

Congratulations are due on the fine financial exhibit made by the Omaha Commercial club. The report of the certified accountant, who has just completed checking the figures for the year 1912, shows that, although the club started out with an overdraft of nearly \$1,700, it moved to new quarters and paid for all of the new equipment, and enlarged its operations generally, and at the end of the twelve months came through with a balance to the good of \$6,500.

Useful Women.

A referendum of its readers conducted by a current periodical inviting expressions as to the most useful Americans, discloses two women among the twenty receiving the highest number of votes.

The two women voted into the list are Jane Addams and Helen Gould Shepard, and it is worth observing that the reasons invariably given for including them relate wholly to their activity in philanthropic work and social services.

It is worth noting, too, that neither of these women are professional agitators or gallery performers, and that they have deeds to point to rather than mere words.

Four branches of the Presbyterian church are to hold their respective general assemblies in Atlanta, Ga., simultaneously this month.

The wet and dry fight down at Lincoln has gotten so fierce, that even the sensationalism of the imported evangelist has been lost in the shuffle.

Mississippi valley history writers are to meet here this week. Omaha has been making some history itself lately that will furnish material for future chroniclers.

With \$40,000 added to the salary list, members of the State university faculty must look forward with a great deal more satisfaction than they look backward.

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church to license and authorize them to preach for it? If this is the situation, why should they not preach in the name of some denomination with whose doctrines they agree?

Special Assessment for Water Mains

The Bee has always favored charging back to the owners of benefited property the cost of local improvements to the extent that they enhance their holdings.

Applying it more concretely, all property owners and taxpayers living in Omaha have been charged with the purchase price of the water plant as it existed at the time the city took it over, and obligated to pay principal and interest on the \$7,000,000 water bonds with whose proceeds the works were bought.

Why Mr. Olney Declined.

Richard Olney based his declination of the British ambassadorship on the ground of advanced age and the insistent demands of private business.

Ethology and Finance.

The practical business man from San Francisco now has the floor in this California-Japanese controversy, which is taking Secretary Bryan to the Pacific coast on a mission of peace.

Smothering the Frat.

The fraternity has no place in a high school. The high school pupil has no business belonging to one. He is too young, too tender; he needs all his time and efforts for his books and his education.

Sincerity in Preaching.

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Recognizing China.

Our government postponed formal recognition of the new China republic just long enough to arrive in the midst of its first domestic strife.

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faith. Particularly does it seem so, since Yuan, despite his greatness as a statesman, had always been recognized likewise as a very crafty politician.

It was acclaimed an act of eminent greatness on the part of Dr. Sun that impelled him to prefer Yuan Shi Kai for the presidency instead of himself, and at the same time it was a mighty good politics.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha. COMPILED FROM BEE FILES. MAY 4.

Thirty Years Ago

The Omaha Mutual Assessment Life Insurance company has been incorporated by F. M. Packer, H. C. Niblock, Dr. John H. Peabody, Ed. McLaughlin and J. W. Lonsberg.

Twenty Years Ago

The Columbus Buggy company of Omaha shipped a carriage to Joseph Jefferson at Buxard's Bay, which the famous actor bought while here.

Ten Years Ago

The Nonpareil Laundry company at 1706 Lincoln street was damaged to the extent of \$400 or \$500 by fire.

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