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Dwight Williams, circulation manager, says that the average Sunday circulation for the month of December, 1915, was 47,874.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.
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The time to extend the helping hand is when the help is needed.

The practice of letting off steam in presidential years loses none of its variety by repetition.

Of course, if Florence insists upon being annexed, it would be hard-heartedness in us not to leave the door ajar.

Better hurry, for it is exceeding doubtful if those January clearance sales can be post-scripoted into February.

As sponsor of that favorite son vice presidential boom, the Lincoln Journal seems to be in danger of overtraining.

If Villa's topknot is so precious to his eyes, why didn't Carranza put a price on it and expedite the delivery of the goods?

Record breaking receipts of stock emphasize the limitless capacity of the west for supplying the country's bacon and side lines.

The loss of \$78,000,000 in customs revenue in a year is attributed to the war. As a free trade shelter in a storm war is the friendliest port in sight.

Another revolutionary movement in Mexico, even though headed by Felix Diaz, is not needed to underscore the superior facilities of the country for graveyard purposes.

Extremists in the preparedness camp do more damage than good to the cause they seek to advance. Throwing scores stiffens resistance in quarters where sound reason abides.

The scare belt is gradually recovering its composure. Mrs. Pankhurst was found to be unarmed, except with a voice, and our defenses against that sort of invasion are deemed invulnerable.

An addition of seventeen persons to the Carnegie roster of heroes swells the roll of honor well above 100. Thoughtless people scoff at the ironmaster's rewards, but an examination of the deeds performed proves that heroic self-sacrifice in civil life surpasses the blatant heroism of war.

The railroads are edging up on passenger rates wherever they can, but they now find the 2-cent fare nailed down in Nebraska by court decree enjoining violation of the law. The purpose of the injunction is presumably to keep the adjudication of the issue, if it is to be raised, in the state courts. But the roads may think better of it and let well enough alone.

Has the Jitney Had Its Day?
All indications are that the jitney is fast fading away as a transportation factor in Omaha.

Omaha's experience is duplicated throughout the north and east, and to a less extent in the extreme south, southwest and the Pacific coast.

The story of the jitney, even though brief, abounds with thrills ranging from the nickel-plated joy ride to the fear-thrills of the pocket nerve. No industrial idea that ever winged its flight from west to east stirred opposing emotions so deeply. City multitudes hailed the jitney as a deliverer. Traction interests denounced it as a malicious disturber of vested interests.

It was a merry and lively fight from start to finish. The traction interests are able to sit up once more and welcome restored nourishment, but they had a lesson taught them which they will not soon forget.

Youth and Its Opportunities.
A little while ago Dr. Osier started much discussion by his proposal that youth is the productive period of life, and was answered with many citations of work accomplished by men who had attained not only maturity, but ripeness of years.

The "crudity of youth" will vanish with the passage of time, and so will the enthusiasm of youth, the upward leap of the unfettered imagination, and the generous impulse that can find the gem where age is apt only to locate the flaw.

"Pop" Concerts at the Auditorium.
A good start has been made along a right line in the presentation of "popular" Sunday afternoon concerts at the Auditorium.

Reverting to the Eatons, the father, E. L. Eaton, was Omaha's swell photographer in the early days, with only one competitor, Currier, who professed to turn out the same high class work.

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And now the Germans are opening up coal mines abandoned by the Romans a thousand years ago. Archaeology may not benefit greatly as a result of this by-product of the conflict.

College Boys and Their Games.
Another college boy, just starting on his career for education, has paid with his life for the fun of taking part in an interclass "game."

Views, Reviews and Interviews

DOES any one besides myself realize that this column of personal chat has been running now for 40 years? I wonder. I am still doubtful as to how many readers it may interest, but the number of people who mention it, or chaff me about it is rather encouraging.

Another popular stage favorite whose death has been recently announced is Ada Rehan, the star and mainstay of Augustin Daly's famous stock company.

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Twice Told Tales

A Needed Respite.
In a just-like-home boarding house in a big city one of the young men guests took a single slip of coffee at dinner and then placed the cup on the table.

A movement has been started for a coasting carnival and a call issued for a meeting Monday night of the young men interested to make arrangements.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Chicago Herald: One thousand curates have asked to be allowed to join the British army. Instead of "a charge to keep I have" they may soon be saying "a charge to make I have!"

Brooklyn Eagle: The celebration of Dr. Lyman Abbott's eightieth birthday at Plymouth church last night—postponed from the actual anniversary in December, for convenience—was pre-eminently and properly a Plymouth occasion.

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Many a bluffer has a wife that he is unable to bluff.

The average man never fully realizes at midnight how very sloppy he is going to be at 7 a. m. the next morning.

SCIENCE AND THE EARTH.

The present population of the earth is about 1,460 millions.

AROUND THE CITIES.

Washington, D. C., rigidly enforces the rule requiring sterilization of public drinking cups.

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People and Events

A St. Louis man has undergone 121 operations. The doctors are determined to find out what's the matter with him even if it takes the hide.

The pharmacy department of the Kansas university holds out the hope of turning dandelion and other weeds from a source of lawn-making profanity to one of commercial utility.

Soberly and solemnly the words come from the dry belt of the state of Maine that woodpeckers take on jags from the sap of pine poles and usually wake up the neighborhood the morning after.

The exactions of social life in Washington are scandalous in their tyranny. They wring the soul of imported ideals and aim the frankness wherewith some political honors are won.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.

In this country electricity is a \$2,000,000,000 industry.

Seventy per cent of the residents of the United States use electricity in some form every day.

The Board of Public Utilities Commissioners has handed down a decision ordering the Philadelphia railway, on its Centlines, to install better lights in its second and third-class coaches.

ADVERTISING

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MUSINGS OF A CYNIC.

The road to success is full of the ruts of other men's failures.

It is almost as easy to call a man down on the 'phone as to call him up.

Some people never take anything that doesn't belong to them except advice.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Mrs. Close—I'm writing to ask the Mr. and the Joneses here at dinner. We owe them both, you know.

DEAR MR. KABBLE, CAN TWO LIVE AS CHEAP AS ONE? — MAX SAX

IT ALL DEPENDS—HOW CHEAP ARE YOU, MAX?
"What are the duties of the office to which you aspire?"

THE TWO PRAYERS.

Harper's Weekly.
A youth stood with uplifted arms and faced the rising sun.

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