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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 4th day of January, 1916. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Merchandizing submarine biases one sure way of securing the "freedom of the seas."

Omaha has always had to fight for a square deal from the railroad rate-makers, so let the fight keep up for more equitable grain rates.

After all the British searching and analyzing, the papers of Captain von Popen have not yet yielded enough ammunition to pay the cable toll.

Montenegro makes the smallest bite in the Balkan pie counter, but forms the juiciest morsel Austria has munched since Bosnia tickled the royal palate.

Judging by the tone of the talk of socialist members of the Prussian Diet, their position puts them beyond the reach of the muzzle clapped on Maximilian Harden.

A little matter of repudiating mileage book is a routine incident to a corporation which can nullify laws with a flood of tears and repudiate its pledged word to a city.

Turks claim to have gathered up \$10,000,000 worth of booty left by the Dardanelles invaders. A minor item in the total, but the Allies are satisfied in getting off so cheap.

Hostile guns again are thundering around the Garden of Eden that was. The operation is intended to expedite the demise of native kickers who merely hang around to save funeral expenses.

All the crimes in the Mexican calendar are now attributed to Pancho Villa and his bandit hand. Villa committed an irreparable blunder when he dismissed his press agents without as much as a peso.

"Things come to him who waits," or words to that effect, echoed through the state fire marshal's office as the belated pay checks blew in. Which also shows the value of starting a fire in the rear and sitting tight.

The official report of the New York state census showing a decrease in the number of resident Indians tallies with known conditions. Lack of proper nourishment for more than a year has decimated the tribe of Tammany.

Knowledge combines power and profits on the farm as in all human vocations. The higher the intelligence applied to seed selection, cultivation and crop rotation, the greater the results. Prof. Holden's exposition of intensive farming merely brushes the dust from truths as old as creation.

The official announcement that American citizens who emigrated to Canada are not shirking their duty is welcome evidence of the right spirit. Wherever a man makes his home, to that country allegiance is due and whatever sacrifice time and occasion call for.

Thirteen Years Ago This Day in Omaha

The First Congregational church has bid farewell to the old building and will temporarily occupy the skating rink, while the new \$40,000 edifice is erected on the site of the old. The church membership at present is 245, after two others, St. Mary's Avenue and the Third Congregational, have been formed from the parent church.

Frank Colpetzer, chairman of the managing committee of the charity ball, accompanied by John E. Collins, in the course of a few hours, procured over \$1,000 in subscriptions from business men and expects to boost the total to \$3,000. Mr. Colpetzer figures that 1,500 tickets to the ball at 50 cents will be sold in advance as compared with a sale of 300 tickets last year.

The third national convention of the Nebraska Civil Engineers, in session. The Omaha members attending are: George W. Tilton, A. J. Grover, George Smith, C. H. Howe and Andrew Rosewater.

A plot of an addition to the city was filed to be known as Cunningham and Brennan's addition, and is located north and west of Walnut Hill.

O. R. Clark of Boston, with Mrs. Clark and their son, Albie, are guests of Dr. Parker, who is a brother of Mrs. Clark, and whom he has not seen for fifteen years.

William A. Paxton and John A. McShane returned from an eastern trip.

John G. Bremer, one of the prominent pioneers of Nebraska, and father of T. C. C. E. and J. B. Bremer, and Mrs. Jacob Swartzlander of West Point, died in this city. He was in his eighty-fourth year.

Does Nebraska Bar Progress?

Progressive people of this progressive commonwealth will surely be pained to learn that Nebraska, along with a dozen others, has been listed as one of the "states which bar progress." This latest ignominy is heaped upon Nebraska by "Equity," the special organ of the direct government methods, which finds this "absurd bar to progress" in the fact that a constitutional amendment submitted to the voters is decided not by a majority of those voting on that proposition, but by a majority of those voting on the entirely different proposition as to who shall be elected to some public office.

"Equity" kindly notes the exception for us that this does not hold good on amendments by popular initiative, for here simple majorities rule, and there being no limitation on resort to the initiative, what difference it makes that legislature-submitted amendments still require a full majority of the total votes is not clear. But, as a matter of fact, Nebraska has progressed farther than any other state in making it easy to change our constitution. Does not "Equity" know that by legislative jugglery and judicial interpretation we have made it so that all straight ballots marked in the party circles are counted "yes" for amendments endorsed by nominal majorities in the party primary although cast without the slightest intention of voting on any amendment at all?

For ourselves, we confess we would rather have the progress of our state determined by some different measuring rod, and we submit that by any fair measurement of progress will rank Nebraska near the head of the column in the sisterhood of states.

Blockade of Neutral Ports.

Great Britain now proposes the formal extension of its "order in council" to include an effective blockade of neutral ports, as well as the declaration of a war zone within which vessels of all nations are subjected to the treatment accorded blockade runners. In plain terms, the purpose is to stop, if possible, all trading between neutral countries and Germany. Under the newer conditions, Great Britain would become in fact the dictator of the high seas and the director of the world's commerce. The Quadruple Entente allies have been carefully sounded on the proposition, and France and Italy hesitate over engaging in the enterprise.

The practice of the United States during the Civil war is relied upon by Great Britain to support its suggestion. This practice may afford a pretext, but hardly a precedent. England had openly and flagrantly espoused the cause of the Confederacy, and was almost ally of the rebels. The blockade of the ports of Nassau and Matamoros was necessary, because they were admittedly depots for military supplies for the rebels in arms against the United States. No such conditions exist today. Against this proposition from Great Britain may be placed the recent disclosures of the London Daily Mail, which made a thorough investigation, and reports that shipment of foodstuffs and other supplies from British to Scandinavian ports far exceed the normal requirements of the destination countries, and which openly charges that the surplus of these shipments finds its way into Germany.

John Bull has plenty to do at home for a time before he entirely assumes charge of the world's affairs.

Submersible Milk Wagons.

It is now solemnly avowed that the unterseeboot is also available for service as a milk wagon, the object being to provide some method whereby the blockade of German ports by the Allies can be evaded and a food supply for babies in the central empires be assured. Of course it can, and with the coming of the submersible milk wagon, maybe we'll hear the last of the farmer who forgot to roof his cows, or the milkman who forded the creek on the way to town. But what of Neptune and his dolphin team? Will they patiently abide this newest invasion of the water god's realm? All sorts of indignities have been visited on the denizens of the deep, but they have not yet been subjected to the inconvenience so patiently borne by landlubbers, that of the matutinal visitation of the milkman. What will the Nereids and the Oceanids say, when their games are interrupted by the whizzing past of the submarine milk-cart? Their comfort must be considered, for they are venerable, and entitled to a little respect, although, to be sure, they should not be permitted to entirely block the way of progress. Let us have the undersea milk route at once, but let it be so maintained as to only moderately interfere with established customs at sea and below the surface thereof until the gods and the nymphs, the mermaids and the sirens have time to adjust themselves to new conditions.

Holden's Advice on Corn.

Prof. P. G. Holden recounted in Omaha the result of a test of the value of selecting seed corn, carried on so extensively as to thoroughly establish the service of the practice. From a field of 8,000 acres an increase of eleven bushels per acre was secured, the only change in methods being the thorough test of the seed before planting. This is only a portion of the mass of accumulated proof that no farm labor is more profitable expended than in the careful selection and thorough testing of seed corn. Elaborate experiments and thorough research has proven that corn breeds true to type every time.

Farmers know this, or, at any rate, they have been given the information many times. By following the advice of the experts, the farmers have increased the average yield by many bushels to the acre, but have not as yet reached the limit of possibilities. Every farmer is interested in this, and all should unite in applying the easy test necessary to determine the germinating qualifications of the seed corn, after it has been picked because of its desirability for other reasons. This is the time of year to do this work, so that when planting time comes, the seed that goes into the ground will be known to be dependable.

Aimed at Omaha

York Democrat: Attorney General Reed's intimation that the 5 o'clock closing law is violated in Omaha comes as a stunning surprise. It leads us to believe that the anti-closing law is violated here in York, that every now and then some one violates the law against burglary, and that every now and then some public official may actually devote to private practice the time that belongs to the public.

Doud City Press: Omaha is to have a real hay market, a system of truckage for hay, official inspection and grading, official record of sales, etc. Because of lack of such a market, little hay has been sold directly in Omaha, hundreds of thousands of tons of hay have been shipped right through Omaha to Chicago or Kansas City. The Union Stock Yards company of Omaha has been buying much of its hay on the Kansas City market, thus paying freight for the haul from Omaha to Kansas City and back.

Blair Democrat: An Omaha woman is paying her husband alimony, but that is no reason for some fellows saying "yes" when a girl asks, "Will you be mine?" or words to that effect.

Albion Argus: Mayor Charles Bryan released ten inmates of the Lincoln city jail from durance vile in honor of Christmas day. In this he emulated the example of Mayor Jim of Omaha, who lets out scores of jail convicts who have been convicted of misdemeanors. Neither mayor can pardon convicted criminals, but may forgive those condemned of class communion with John Barleycorn.

Hastings Tribune: An Omaha woman is said to have the lockjaw. We don't believe it. Whoever heard of an Omaha woman who could not talk continuously?

York Republican: Omaha people seem to find the occupation of holding each other up after night quite profitable. If an outsider refuses to play the game they shoot him.

Newman Grove Reporter: The Omaha Bee has discovered the meanest man on earth. His wife needed a set of teeth and had no money to buy them. An Omaha dentist was going to give her a set for a Christmas present, but her husband arose in his might and refused to allow her to accept them. Some one ought to pull all of that fellow's teeth and then make him live on rubber boot heels for the balance of his life.

Beatrice Express: The Nebraska Bar association, now in session in Omaha, refused to go on record on the question of state-wide prohibition, ruling out a resolution dealing with the matter as being wholly "leading, immaterial, irregular and having nothing to do with the case at issue." No exception was taken to this ruling by any of the attorneys present.

Twice Told Tales

Happened in Boston.

Every seat in the electric car was occupied, when a group of women got in.

Going through the car to collect the fares, the conductor noticed a man asleep. Seizing him by the shoulder, he proceeded to shake him back into a state of consciousness.

"Wake up!" shouted the conductor.

"That is where you may have another guess, my boy," wakefully responded the passenger. "I was not asleep."

"Not asleep, eh?" returned the conductor, with a dubious expression. "Then, what were you doing with your eyes shut?"

"It was because of the crowded condition of the car," explained the passenger. "I just hate to see women standing up."

He Was Some Sick.

George Sidney, the actor, tells a story, for which he confesses a particular fondness, on one of the players of his company in his Blissy days.

"My friend was hopelessly addicted to his cups," says Mr. Sidney, "and nothing that we could say to him ever seemed to reform him much. But sometimes we could get him on the wagon for a couple of months, till temptation came too strong, and he'd go back to his sins with a terrible bump."

"Once we had him sober for four or five months, so that when he went on his spree it hit him a lot harder than usual. He disappeared just after the performance, and when I came into the theater the next day he was lying across the floor of my dressing room. He was moaning and groaning, and for a minute or two I thought I'd have to send for a doctor."

"I lifted him up, however, and carried him inside. 'You're feeling pretty sick, old man, aren't you?' I said, sympathetically.

"Sick, George? Sick? Why, thousands have died who were not as sick as I am now."—Indianapolis News.

Fuzzed the Teacher.

They were speaking about the importance of punctuation the other afternoon when an appropriate story was told by Miss Theda Sara, the motion-picture star.

Some time since the teacher in a public school told the pupils to write a sentence on any subject and lay the papers on her desk. The first that the teacher took up for consideration was that of little Willie Jones.

"This is a warm doughnut. Step on it," read the teacher from the paper, with a puzzled expression.

"What in the world are—"

"That ain't right, Miss Mary," hastily interrupted Willie. "You didn't read—"

"Well, then," said the teacher, handing him the paper, "suppose you read it."

"Yes, ma'am," humbly acquiesced Willie. "This is a worm. Do not step on it."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

People and Events

Philander C. Knox is slated by the powers in Pennsylvania to succeed United States Senator Oliver, whose term expires next year. Senator Oliver declined to stand for re-election.

A Missouri woman, at the age of 90, recently married her fifth husband, and together they are honeymooning for the winter in Florida. That's some record for the younger generation to match.

In the Syrian quarter of New York City, beginning at Rector and Washington streets, a tourist may see Egyptian cigars in the making, as well as Japanese kimonos, Syrian jewelry and Irish lace, cashmere shawls and Havana cigars. But the Syrians do not live there. It is their work shop, owned by other nationalities.

A \$15,000,000 banana trust suit growing out of a steamship combine, is now in its tenth week in a federal court in Philadelphia, and piles up a court expense bill of \$1,000 a day. Besides, there are four expensive eminent lawyers engaged in the case and many other expensive items, all of which will peel the profits of the banana business for some weeks to come.

President Charles E. Scott of the Alabama Agricultural college, was attacked at night by some of his students in revenge for disciplinary measures. At roll call next morning four students appeared with drooped eyes, and two reported being laid up at the hospital. Mr. Scott had a few signs of the measles, but didn't say a word, leaving results to prove the celerity of his duke.

Elderly men of means inclined to feminine gaiety find warning signs along the road. One Sam Stuart, 71, of Port Smith, Ark., contracted a lawsuit by attempting to kiss a demure widow. Sam failed to connect with the smacker, so the jury considered \$100 would settle the damage. On the other hand, George K. Kaufman of New York, was pinched for \$200 for taking two from a housemaid without permission.



What Form of City Government?

OMAHA, Jan. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: I note your editorial yesterday on "City Manager and the Citizens."

Your editorial and Mr. Allen's presence here naturally bring up the question of whether Omaha should consider adopting the city manager plan or really the more general problem of what is the best plan of city government.

Under the home rule bill, we are now free from entanglement with the state legislature and can adopt any plan we please, provided we can "get together."

May I suggest that you start a column open to anyone, under the caption, "What Form of Government Should Omaha Adopt?" If the articles are short and intelligent the same will be read with interest.

C. F. HARRISON.

Note: This column is open to letters on this subject within reasonable limits of length.

Tribe to Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: May I list in the columns of your paper express my hearty appreciation of the sublime and lofty thoughts of Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Just as Shakespeare read the thoughts and passions of men for all ages and covered every shade of life, from the depth of despair, the lurking nature of revenge, the attainment of ambition, the agony of remorse, and the gloom of doubt, so that we behold life as it is. A fitful fever, a slough of despondency wherein no one knows whom to trust. So, on the other hand, this gifted woman has penetrated the religious hopes and desires of humanity and has condensed them into a creed where those who trust in it have at least a faith of perfect peace. Undoubtedly the storms of controversy, in which so many others are tossed about, they can welcome all men as brothers in faith, for all of them, even the most hostile, contribute to supply the stones of the broad foundation upon which their philosophy is built.

Scientific discoveries and philosophic inquiries touch not the religion. It is built upon the laws of nature; evil and good bring their rewards respectively, but, thank the Lord, the idea of either eternal pain or eternal happiness is absent. "Heaven must begin here on earth and we must save ourselves by thoughts and acts of love." Is this not reasonable? The efforts of those who have been postponing their state of heaven or harmony to another world should be to strengthen the bonds of friendship on earth, to widen the range of human sympathy, to seek that love in one another which they have hitherto been required to seek in other future worlds. Best of all, as one reflects on the thoughts, the words, the tones on a different aspect. He sees the thief who did not openly repent and he wonders at his fate at the hands of one who prayed for forgiveness. He sees those less fortunate than he, those brought up in homes of squalor and filth, and he says that they, too, are embraced in the divine law of love. Mrs. Wilcox's faith in immortality is a bulwark of protection. It tells those who think to escape from their wretched condition (often thoughts) by entering another world, that it is not to be. The grave will not destroy personality and it must be made here or there. On the other hand, to those who have really believed, "the kingdom of heaven is within us," the thought of the grave has no terror. Like a child, weary at the close of day, will he go to sleep in the bosom of the all-cheering mother earth. "For the disappearance of a single life is but a ripple on the ocean of humanity and humanity feels it not," but the mind, his personality, will live. He meets his doom calmly, the bowing to the verdict of fate or nature with unwavering resignation and fearless calm.

CLARENCE W. KELSO.

Signs of Progress

Engineers have proposed to dam the Niagara river near its outlet to produce 2,000,000 horsepower, in addition to that now derived from the falls.

There are more than 8,000,000 electric flatirons in use in the United States and more than 1,600,000 fans, those two being far in the lead of all other electrical devices.

New plans begun by the city of New York during the last two years will furnish 95,500 feet, or almost seven miles of wharfage space and approximately forty-five and one-half acres of dock space.

Pulmonary tuberculosis is being treated by a Danish physician with air that has been subjected to the action of ultra violet rays, which seems to have a healing effect when inhaled through the mouth.

To save locomotive engineers in wrecks a Texan has invented apparatus that, when a lever is pulled, drops them into heavy steel caissons, at the same time shutting off steam and applying brakes.

As a result of the war, American glass manufacturers have discovered that the supposedly superior clay they have been importing from Germany is really inferior to the domestic clay. Well trained German salesmen, it seems, had hypnotized them into believing that the imported substance was better for the refractory pots in which glass is melted.

A United States artillery officer has invented a camera that will photograph a mortar shell at the instant it leaves the muzzle of the gun, showing even the curious "smoke ring" or "gas ring" that accompanies the emerging shell. The shutter which can be adjusted to make an exposure as short as 1-500 of a second is worked by electric motor which makes several thousand revolutions a minute.

Here and There

With each ascent of three miles and a half the density of the air is halved, and the steps shorten, through the condensing power of cold at high altitudes.

The border town of Elkhart in the Gretna Green of Maryland elopers and the elopers of nearby states. Marriage licenses to the number of 1,851 were issued in the town last year and more couples were married by the busy justices than the population of the town.

Cyrus Chase, 77, a civil war veteran of Towanda, Pa., was too proud to accept a pension for fighting and died in the county poor house. He would not apply for a pension even when adversity got him. "People are crazy about pensions," he used to say. "No man ought to expect or receive pay for fighting to save his country. It's a man's plain duty to help when the flag is in danger."

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"She believes everything she is told, doesn't she?" "Yes, indeed. Why, that woman would even believe a letter of recommendation."

The Swell Guest—Your cook is a very handsome girl. The Shrewd Host—She is. She marries the potatoes by simply looking at them.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, MY FIANCE SAYS THAT IF HE CAN GET MARRIED HIS BOSS WILL RAISE HIS SALARY. SHOULD I MARRY HIM ON THAT ACCOUNT?

ITS JUST AS GOOD A REASON AS MARRYING A FELLOW BECAUSE HE WEARS SWELL COLLARS.

"Why did Ponce de Leon associate a fountain with the idea of perpetual youth?" "Maybe," replied Miss Cayenne, "he meant soda fountain—in a drug store where they sell cosmetics."—Washington Star.

Judge—Have you ever been in jail? Defendant (bursting out crying)—No, sir, believe me, never.

Judge—Well, don't cry. You're going there now.—New York Evening World.

THE HEART OF A BOY.

Grip Alexander, in Pittsburgh Dispatch. I once owned the heart of a boy and I know a little wee bit of its working.—Not as much as I'd like, for I let the thing go.

Where the Yearly Forgetters are lurking. They snapped the thing up ere I knew it was lost.

Took a song along with it. I laugh too; Likewise inclination to do, scorning cost. Why, any old thing I don't have to!

How my heart used to sing with a rhythm most true. When the world and all in it was fresh, clean and new; "The thing I am willing and anxious to do."

Is any old thing I don't have to! The duties of life were a bore and a pest; The lapses were finer than silk, man! I scorned running errands; but what I loved best.

Was to work without pay for the milk-maid. A jolly would work where I'd do a command. My taskmasters flattered and chaffed too. My soul sang a song it could not understand.

"Why any old thing I don't have to!" Have we grown? Yes, in guilt. Now ourselves we deceive. The thing that's imperative still makes us grieve; But to save our poor faces we're making believe. That the thing that we do we don't have to!

Don't Merely "Stop" a Cough

Stop the Thing that Caused It and the Cough will Stop Itself

A cough is really one of our best friends. It warns us that there is inflammation or obstruction in a dangerous place. Therefore, when you get a bad cough don't proceed to dose yourself with a lot of drugs that merely "stop" the cough temporarily by deadening the throat nerves. Treat the cause—heat the inflamed membranes. Here is a home-made remedy that gets right at the cause and will make an obstinate cough vanish more quickly than you ever thought possible.

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