

LAST NIGHT IN THE YEAR

Timely Sentiment Creeps Into a Prosaic Assignment Book.

POET OF THE BEE STAFF HAS HIS SAY

William Reed Dunroy Writes of the Editor-in-Chief on High and Expresses Future Hope for Reporters.

When the city editor of The Bee opened the assignment book for reporters last night, preliminary to the grinding out of a morning paper, this was what he found:

God grant that when our last assignment book is a blank in the sky. The editor-in-chief who has his sanctum on no high. Max will be gently in his great white office, by his side.

What an Assignment Book Is. The average newspaper reader, no matter how great may be his fund of general information, probably has but a slight conception of what is meant by an assignment book.

Mute Stories Are Told. In an out-of-the-way corner in the office of The Bee city editor, there is a pile of assignment books which have been filled from January 1 to December 31, and discarded as the year has passed.

Why Reporters Sign. The layman may ask why the reporter is required to sign his name on the book opposite the entry made by the city editor. That removes all possibility of misunderstanding as to what is expected of the reporter on any given date.

Loss of Nature. The untutored savage traveled many months through the tangled forests to gaze upon the wonders of Niagara. Shall civilized man show less appreciation of the Creator's handiwork when the Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route," passes in full view of the great cataract and enables one to enjoy all the comforts of travel? City ticket office, 119 Adams street, Chicago.

ALCOHOLISM CLAIMS VICTIM

Carl Carlson Dies in City Jail Sunday Afternoon from Effects of Protracted Sprue.

Carl Carlson, a man about 47 years old, died in a cell at the city jail Sunday afternoon from the effects of alcoholism. He has been drinking strong liquor for over a week and was seized by the effects of Dr. Riley had him taken to St. Joseph's hospital last week, but he became uncontrollable in his delirium, and the authorities at the hospital had to call in the police to have him removed.

When he was taken to the jail about 6 o'clock Saturday night and everything possible was done for him, but he grew steadily worse and his struggles with febrile delirium were heard throughout the city jail. He finally wore himself out and died peacefully about 3 o'clock.

Mormonism. This is a question that should interest every one. It is a fact that the fatal hand-symptom of governmental ill-health, the right hand should act as speedily upon it as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters does upon constipation or dyspepsia. They would quickly clear it out and restore healthy purity, and greatly increase the capacity of the human organism. It makes the system strong by curing indigestion, biliousness and liver trouble.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS. The sixteenth annual statement of the Union Stock Yards company appeared yesterday in pamphlet form and contains a complete history of the business of the yards since the organization of the company in 1884.

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Edna Returns Home. John Pyda, the saloonkeeper who was shot about the middle of December by Frank Pyska, has recovered sufficiently to return to his home at Twenty-seventh and L streets. With the permission of his physician, Edna left the hospital yesterday. He is doing nicely and it is expected that he will be all right again in a short time.

Work of the Police Department. Mayor Ennor is preparing a statement for publication which shows the work of the police department for the year 1899. Over 1,700 arrests were made, the majority being for intoxication. The disposition of this large number of prisoners will also be shown, as well as the amount of fines and costs assessed. Year by year the number of arrests increases, but a large proportion of those placed in confinement are either drunks or vagrants.

Like a tiger and finally an officer made his appearance on the scene and carried him off. But not until he was brought to the services by a liberal use of the club. When the club brought to the station, several boys were brought from a hole in the side of his head, which Dan Halpin sawed up. Halpin was not arrested, but he will appear as complaining witness against the prisoner.

Coal Fund for the Poor. The Associated Charities appeal to our benevolent citizens for funds to purchase coal for distribution among the poor and sick poor, deserving widows and deserted wives with families. The calls are numerous and require immediate attention.

Three Magnificent Trains. Leave Chicago daily for the east, carrying through sleeping cars to New York, Boston and the east via the Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route." Dining-car service unsurpassed, Chicago city ticket office, 119 Adams street.

The Chicago Steaming Car. For Omaha patrons EXCLUSIVELY, leaves on the "NORTHWESTERN LINE" limited train at 4:35 p. m. daily, arriving Chicago 7:45 next morning. There MAY be fewer sleepers than these in Europe.

And Ending for Old Year. P. C. Dalby and Billy Houston quarreled over a card game and ended in a fight. Dalby is in jail with a badly cut head for assault and battery. Dalby has been looking for Houston since he was taken to 307 North Sixteenth. When they came to settle up Dalby claimed Houston owed him \$5,000, which Houston denied. They engaged in a long-lashing match and finally came to blows. Dalby fought

THE BURLINGTON ROUTE. The Burlington Route is the best line to Helena, Butte, Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma. It is best because it is quick and involves fewest changes of cars.

MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA. N. E. Corner Farnam and 15th Sts. Paid Up Capital \$500,000. Surplus Fund \$100,000. UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY. FRANK MURPHY, Cashier. LUTHER DRAYKE, Vice President. F. T. HAMILTON, Assistant Cashier.

THE WAY WE'LL RUN IT. We refer to our way of doing business. It will be on the same line as the past four years. For the major portion of the year we will try and be decent, but when one of the party, players or members of the "Hot Air Association" require a pig, we'll be there ready to give it. We will not deviate from our rule of doing a strictly cash business, nor will we act as a stool pigeon for any set of crafters, or pay their office rent in getting into his good graces. Another thing, we will never become a member of the "Trust Gang" and rather than do that we'll retire from the drug business in Omaha.

OMAHA & ST. LOUIS R. R. SHORTEST AND QUICKEST ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS OR QUINCY. Corresponding fast time to East and South. VERY LOW RATES Jan. 2nd and 10th. CITY TICKET OFFICE. 115 FARNAM ST. Harry E. Moore, C. P. & T. A. Omaha, Neb.

SOME NEW YEAR'S CUT PRICES! It is a little early to prosaicize as to the exact extent of trusts and combinations will flourish during the coming year. We shall see as far as possible during the year of "best serving ourselves by best serving the interests of our patrons."

GIVE YOUR TEETH. Some attention now, and in this way you may be the happy owner of a useful set of natural teeth long after you would otherwise be obliged to depend on the kind that spend the day uneasily in your mouth, and the night in a tumbler.

Don't Fail to Attend Our Great GUT PRICE PIANO SALE. STEINWAY, A. B. CHASE, VOSE & SONS, IVERS AND PACKARD, and other standard Pianos to select from.

Hayden's The Cloak Department. Enters on the new century with a new sale and with record breaking prices. We wish you all a Happy New Year, and thank you for the patronage bestowed upon us for the past few years.

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Store Closed at 12 O'clock. A Happy New Year. It is the same world today As yesterday. But to every Sentient different. The Roman myth that gives name to the new-born month, cries as he opens the portals of a new year.

Ladies' Cloak and Suit Dept. That will cause quick action among the economical cloak buyers. Ladies' Jackets— Kersey, and lined throughout, to be found around town for \$5. are here for \$2.75

Ladies' French Flannel Waists. Silk polka dots, nicely finished, waists that are selling for \$5 in other cloak stores, are here today, and until all are sold, at \$2.90. Ladies' Fur Muffs. \$1.35 up. Ladies' Fur Collarettes, 95c and up

Nebraska Clothing Co. CLOTHES FOR MEN & WOMEN. Closed Half a Day Monday for New Year's. HAYDEN'S Clearing Sale on Slippers, Shoes and Leggings.

Ladies' fine \$2.50 Vici Kid Shoes, with silk vesting tops, on sale at \$1.90. Ladies' fine \$3.00 Chrome Kid Lace Shoes, with double fair stitched soles, on sale at \$2.25. Men's \$2.00 satin calf lace shoes at \$1.15. Boy's \$1.50 satin calf lace shoes at 90c.

The Famous "ULTRA" Shoes for Women. All styles, in vici kid, fine calf and patent leather, with turn and welted soles and cushion cork inner soles. The ULTRA is the latest, up-to-date shoe for women; price, \$3.50. The Celebrated STETSON Shoes For Men on sale. The "Stetson" is the best shoe that's made for men. We have them in velour, calf, enamel calf and vici kid, the latest styles and hand made—"Stetson" in every pair. Call and see them. Price, \$5.00

NO ADVANCE IN PRICE. SHERIDAN COAL is still selling at the old figures, Lump \$5.50, Nut or Egg \$5; Peanut \$4.50. Screened, delivered and weighed on city scales, free of charge. VICTOR WHITE, 1605 Farnam. Telephone 127. FREE ADVICE by our physicians and a FREE SAMPLE of our medicine—also Free Home Treatment—a 100-page illustrated book describing our medicine, with full directions, also many valuable receipts and prescriptions in plain language, saving you heavy doctor's bills; ask for it.

Dr. Kay's Renovator. Cures the very worst cases of Dyspepsia, Constipation, Headache, Indigestion of Heart, Kidney and Liver Diseases and has results of La Grippe, Spalding for proof. If it fails to do about all your ailments cure, by Dr. Kay's Renovator, you will return mail. DR. B. J. KAY MEDICAL CO., Saratoga Springs, N. Y. ALL OF THE BEST JUDGES OF TOBACCO SAY: The Stoecker Cigar. Is, Without Question, the Best Cigar Sold in Omaha. TWO STORES, 1407 DOUGLAS AND 221 SOUTH 15TH STREET.