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Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have the Bee mailed to them.

Here is where Old Father Time starts down the home stretch.

According to all accounts, the train robbery business is also picking up.

Prejudice has spoiled more good prophets than any other thing.

Those yellow war scares quickly wither under the blight of this winter weather.

Will wonders never cease? A glass factory has moved out of Kansas to get more gas.

A man with half his skull gone still lives. But many a man has lost his head completely and lived.

Loss of his throne may yet make a man of the young Portugal king. He is now talking of going to college.

The Chinese throne takes to the constitutional government idea just as readily as a boy does to a hickory.

Just to prove he is not superstitious, President Taft proposes to open the postal savings banks on January 13.

The United States certainly must need grand opera. Every grand opera artist thus far interviewed says so.

The delayed Christmas present is none the less welcome because it had been crossed off the list of expectation.

Paradoxical as it may seem, a man named Christmas is a leading factor in the war movement down in Honduras.

With reasonable provocation Omaha seems to be able to develop a college spirit strong enough to make itself heard.

As we understand it, the Taft idea of the postal service is that it shall serve the people up to its maximum capacity.

A foreigner says he wants to learn to pronounce Chicago the worst way—Philadelphia figuratively.

Call it St. Louis and see what happens.

It must be admitted that Christmas spirit of peace overcame those railroad and engineers, anyway, and prevented hostilities.

Veteran Meets Death on a Railroad Track, says a headline. Yes, counting the dies is a favorite pastime of old Mr. Grim Reaper.

Senatorial Candidate Gaston in Massachusetts has withdrawn from the race. Doubtless to make way for his friendly rival, Alphonse.

One of the blessings which thrilled the hearts of Marylanders at Christmas time was that the legislature of the state is not to meet this winter. Doubtless a real blessing, that.

What's this? Bryan suggests Folk, Gaynor, Wilson and Harmon as possibilities for the presidency. Stay on your collar door, Governor Harmon; do not let that Bryan boy tempt you out into the alley by soft words.

The demand of Attorney General Nugen for the biggest court room in the court house to hear the testimony before the referee on the ouster charges against the chief of police ravers very much of grandstanding.

Progress in Reclamation.

It is no chimerical scheme the government fosters in its loan of \$20,000,000 for the completion of reclamation projects...

This is one of the best aids to the development of the west that could possibly be afforded. It means years of time saved, for the private land owners would be a very long while doing what the government will do in the way of reclaiming land...

It is gratifying to know that a Nebraska project shares in one of the broadest divisions of this loan—\$2,000,000. Nor can there be any doubt that this section will more than make good on its opportunity...

Save the Birds. It is to be hoped that the reported effort to repeal or defeat laws protecting game birds will not come to fruition. The National Association of Audubon Societies announces that certain commercial interests have a well-financed plan for accomplishing the defeat of this kind of legislation...

Complaints on Train Service. Grows all along the line at the Union Pacific's new time card have been heard the last week. A railroad should care somewhat to the source from which it derives its business—the general public—and accommodate it as much as possible.

Life in Anthracite Mines. English-speaking miners are said to be leaving the Pennsylvania anthracite coal fields in large numbers, their places being taken by aliens from southern and eastern Europe. A priest conversant with conditions in that section says that men cannot be blamed for escaping them wherever possible.

Our Birthday Book. December 28, 1910. Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton university and now governor-elect of New Jersey, was born December 28, 1856, at Staunton, Va.

Local merchants almost all agree that the holiday season in Omaha this year has passed all previous trade records. One reason is that our people have money to spend and are willing to spend it.

Nebraska's resources should have publicity of the right sort appealing particularly to the people who would make desirable addition to our population. What came the publicity bureau goes by and who supervises is not all-important so long as the work is done, and done efficiently and economically.

It is still "unprofessional" for a surgeon or physician to advertise what he can do for suffering humanity if the advertisement is so labeled and

paid for at regular rates, but fortunately the medical code fixes no penalties on free publicity of successful operations and wonderful cures.

Those Illinois are said to object to a sweeping investigation of the charge of vote-selling for twenty years back. Can you blame them? It would be a very reckless patriot who would favor such a promiscuous investigation as that.

It is worth noting that Aviator Hoxsey, whose flight of 11,174 feet in the air at Los Angeles breaks the altitude record, is the man with whom Colonel Roosevelt took a sky ride at St. Louis.

The only wonder is that the opponents of parcels post have not professed a sympathetic desire to prevent the mail clerk and letter carrier from being still further overburdened.

The old debate as to the poisonous properties of mistletoe was settled when those three little Oklahoma children died as a result of eating such berries.

A Mental Reservation. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Colonel Bryan names four democratic presidential possibilities, but neglects to add that he will never permit either of them to be elected.

Another Squeeze for Smokers. Burley tobacco growers in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri have agreed to pool their crops in 1911 and raise no crop in 1912.

An Example of "Thrift." A Pittsburg family of twelve is reported to live well on 11 cents a day "per head." Of course it doesn't. But there will be plenty of snare holders of special privilege who will cite this reported case of thrift as a new evidence of which the poor could do if only they were not extravagant.

Perils of Barbering. St. Louis Republic. Let the barber beware. Machines now polish shoes and massage human faces; it would be just like some Connecticut Yankee to originate an attachment to an ordinary vacuum carpet cleaner which would cut the owner's hair and put pomade on his mustache, and sell for about \$42.98, including a gross of extra burr-wheels, if hair-cuts are to be advanced to B, as threatened.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT. Enroute from St. Louis to his old home Parkersburg, W. Va., John Olders was strangely reunited with his son, whom he had not seen for twenty-five years.

Clay Cummins of Fairmount, Ky., and his cousin, Kirk Cummins, caught seven coons in the top of one tree. From the trunk of the same tree they got five possums. It is said, and caught three squirrels in the branches. They also found some honey in the tree.

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NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Plattsmouth Journal (Dem.): Charles Bryan writes to a Lincoln friend that he expects to return before the legislature meets. Well, who cares whether he does or not? Has he the audacity to think for one moment that the Nebraska legislature is unable to organize without his presence? He isn't quite as big a man as his brother, yet, and the growing qualities are not in him.

Bloomington Advocate: The World-Herald and a few democratic papers in this state who seem to be friendly with its editor are trying to shove Mr. Bryan as the democratic leader in this state and advance G. M. Hitchcock as the leader. So long, however, as he wishes the Lincoln statesman will, by virtue of his prominence, cut considerable force in the councils of the democrats in this state and the nation.

Hastings Tribune: If there is one thing that speaks better than anything else for the prosperity in Nebraska it is the large and splendid Christmas editions that have been issued by the newspapers of this state this year. Each of these editions have proven that the country press has succeeded in convincing the local merchants that it pays to use plenty of printer's ink, and it goes without saying that the splendid holiday trade this year is more or less due to the good work the newspapers have done.

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Tecumseh Journal-Tribune: We dislike to take issue with our brethren of the press, but feel that duty demands that we protest against the efforts to induce Governor-elect Aldrich to abandon the old custom of appointing a few patriotic gentlemen to serve as "colonels" on his staff. There have been occasions when we longed for the privilege of donning the gold-laced uniforms, and feel that we should not take any step which might deprive some other good citizen of the right, which might at some time become his—simply because we had been personally deprived of that gracious privilege. If the accomplished editors referred to have one spark of human kindness left in their souls they will at once change front upon this momentous subject and for the first of November, and what is to become of the splendid uniforms that the "colonels" are forced to purchase if the demand of the incoming administration for gold-laced clothes is curtailed? Would it be right to elude the "market" and leave our democratic brethren with useless suits upon their "hands-or persons"?

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