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"Airship to Circle the Globe" Headline. The season's prize joke.

Many a lawyer is richer because the Sherman anti-trust law has not been repealed.

Two Depressed Prophets. Two of democracy's major prophets, Colonel Henry Watterston and Colonel George Harvey

Representative "Bob" Holmes' unquenched solicitude for pure beer is really distressing.

An Indiana man sues for a divorce because his wife bathes her dog in the dishpan. Sick 'em.

At any rate, King Ak-Sar-Ben has enough money left over in his exchequer to buy a new lid.

It is reported that Harry Payne Whitney has got to Chile already in his race for the South Pole.

Oregon's activity in raising crops of political reforms is threatening to put Kansas woefully in the shade.

It is safe to say that the proposed job of jury commissioner at a salary of \$2,500 will not go a-begging.

Those suspected druggists are given their liquor permits for the ensuing year, but are warned not to do it again.

The new governor of Texas already has got mixed up in an aeroplane runaway. Better stay close to earth, governor.

The Atchison Globe contends that a man who cannot keep a cook by marrying her should board. A good many of them do.

With hobble skirts against a sixty-mile wind, is it any wonder Chicago women are finding life an uphill task these days?

Boost for Omaha. The enthusiasm of the true booster does not cool off, no matter what temperature the thermometer records.

If the mayor of bellicose Memphis is looking for trouble, let him challenge the mayor of Omaha to a rope-throwing contest.

As soon as Los Angeles finds enough dynamite to fill out those twenty-two indictments maybe it will have some convictions.

Owing to the unprecedented prosperity of republican rule, that Jackson day feast ought to lack nothing to make it an elaborate success.

It is now a question which is first in the battle for supremacy, Mr. Carnegie's world peace foundation or his public library endowment fund.

The fourth wife of Nat Goodwin, suing for a divorce on the ground that Nathaniel runs about with chorus girls, must be bidding for new fame as a comedienne.

As soon as the decision is awarded in the John Brown debate between "Colonel Watterston and W. Dean Howells we may take up the newer question, "What's the matter with Kansas?"

Advance of Harriman Lines.

The Wall Street Journal refers to 1910 as a year of "intensive development for the Harriman lines." Both the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific enjoyed the largest volume of traffic and dividend surplus of their history and all their subsidiary lines did well.

During its construction days the Union Pacific received 31 cents per ton mile; today it receives 1 cent. Yet with this rate, in the face of a year of wage increases and higher cost of materials, which many other roads claimed cut into the vitals of their dividends, the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific both reached new levels of surplus for stock of 19.17 per cent and 13 per cent, respectively.

As a matter of fact, while operating expenses on these roads advanced some last year, they fell below the average for ten years and what advance there was was due chiefly to heavy outlays for improved equipment, and permanent improvements. The roads' traffic was the largest in their history and they were forced to enlarge facilities to supply the demands, and they met the 10 per cent increase for certain employes along with other roads.

Here in Nebraska we have been tinkering with our road laws from time immemorial and already bills are appearing in the legislature to patch them up again here and there. The problem of good roads, however, is not to be solved by this kind of piecemeal legislation any more than is a system of good roads to be had by piecemeal construction of small and disconnected stretches.

Two of democracy's major prophets, Colonel Henry Watterston and Colonel George Harvey, are exceedingly dubious about the prospects of their party. They are not deceived by the surface appearances of the sporadic victories last fall. Colonel Harvey, writing under the caption, "Will the Democratic Party Commit Suicide?" denies that the democracy gained a victory at the polls in November; denies that it elected six governors and carried congress. It was wholly a negative victory, he says, and everybody who cares to admit the fact will agree with him.

Colonel Watterston spends a week at Washington getting into touch with the situation, then sails for Europe. He is discouraged, if not disgusted, at the spectacle his party, under Champ Clark's leadership in the house, has made on the rules issue. He knows from fifty years' of experience that, while autocratic power is not a good thing for the speaker to possess, he must have enough power to give him control of the deliberations of the house as necessary to good administration and the expeditious transaction of business. Colonel Watterston does not conceal his fear of Champ Clark's leadership and his fear that his party will fall in the Sixty-second congress to make a record on which it may stand in 1912 with any degree of assurance of victory.

The Washington Post recalls Colonel Watterston's departure for Europe in 1896, when he wheeled the Courier-Journal in line for Palmer and Buckner by cable, and raises the question of an omen in his present journey. Of course, the country is not yet on the eve of a national campaign, but the incident is significant. What Messrs. Harvey and Watterston and other sane democrats realize is that the hurrah over 1910 does not make certain the defeat of the republican party in 1912.

American in Canada. In an address at Montreal a western Canadian farmer asserted that "it is in evidence on every hand that the settlers from the United States are becoming good citizens. English settlers do not take up with our ways quite as readily as do those from the western states."

There is nothing strange in this. The Americans who go over into Canada have come from a country whose ways and customs Canada has long been emulating, so, of course, they find conditions very much as they had been used to at home. The Briton, on the other hand, comes from a country different in form of government, in methods of business and living, even in topography, climate and soil. So, naturally, he requires longer to adapt himself to new surroundings than the American does.

It is doubtful if Canadians themselves realize the striking similarity between their ways and ours. Of course they are inclined to take credit for setting the example, but then that will scarcely bear argument, since by every comparison the United States has been the leader in the race. But

this good natured rivalry now going on between the two countries is conducive to healthful growth and advancement in both and no time need be wasted over which is the leader. The fact is that hard-headed Americans and Canadians are working systematically toward the goal of mutual helpfulness and the migratory spirit among both is doing as much as any other one thing to promote the end.

Vagaries of the Weather.

The weather man has again proved his case. He has shown us that he can make reliable forecasts and has displayed a remarkable degree of versatility. In Omaha within twelve hours the mercury falls about fifty degrees, while in western Kansas it goes as high as 74 one day and down near zero the next. That is running the gamut fairly well. It makes very good pneumonia weather and a great many people are taking advantage of their opportunities.

It is senseless to rail against the weather. Its vagaries are nothing new. The weather has always been subject to extremes. Still, even extremes may be enjoyed by proper precaution. People should not become careless when the mercury is in one of its silly moods, dancing from one end of the tube to the other in the brief space of twenty-four hours, or less. That is the time for folks to be on their guard and to take no chances. For there is a serious aspect to the situation, as any family physician could convince. It is always a safe plan to take winter at its word and fortify against its onslaughts accordingly.

Good Roads Legislation.

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Foreigners Get the Plum. The United States has just concluded a parcel post convention with Brazil under the terms of which, apparently, Brazilians can send packages weighing as much as eleven pounds to any part of this country at the rate of 12 cents a pound. But if an American wishes to use the domestic mails for a similar purpose he must pay 19 cents a pound and the weight of the parcel is limited to four pounds. The discrimination is unreasonable on its face. Why should the government do more for foreigners than it does for its own citizens?

Hollers for War Appropriation.

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Around New York

Whipple is the Current of Life in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

Customs inspectors at New York, having pinched the rich globe trotters and put the four of smuggling deep into their cash boxes, are about to extend the cold clammy hand to the small fry and exact tribute. Under the law everyone is allowed to bring in goods to the value of \$100. It has been stated officially that a man could bring a bale of bay worth \$100 if he wanted to. Now all this is changed. An order recently issued forbids bringing in all presents free of duty, and even household articles or small articles not for personal use. This ruling, which goes into effect at once, excludes from the \$100 free list articles other than "wearing apparel and other personal effects purchased abroad." It is estimated that many thousands of dollars will be collected on articles which have previously been admitted free. Incidentally, the customs officials are delighted with the new order, since they say it decides beyond argument what may be admitted, and gives them authority to act in cases which previously have led to delay and confusion.

Believing it almost impossible for a man troubled with bad teeth to lead a consistent Christian life, the Salvation army has opened a department of dentistry at 36 West Thirtieth street, under Dr. John Craighton. The new dental department now rivals in its equipment more than a long and famous "anti-sludge bureau" in alleviating human suffering, its promoters said.

"Many a man has fallen from grace when attacked with a bad toothache and unable to pay the high prices of the average dentist," an officer of the army said. "In such a case, a man more than a long and famous 'anti-sludge bureau' in alleviating human suffering, its promoters said.

Western lads who have come up since the old wild west days and crave a taste of them might go to Massachusetts, where things are riotously wild.

Peace Lags Superfluously.

The corporation of President Taft's alma mater has invited Governor Baldwin of Connecticut to lecture on "The Responsibilities of Citizens." Peace with Sagamore Hill seems to be as far off as ever.

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POINTED REMARKS.

Cleveland Leader: Why not form an order of war-scarred veterans. Washington Post: The Omaha man who swallowed \$100 rather than give it to his wife may yet have to cough up. St. Louis City Journal: Possibly Representative Norris will be glad to hand his job of rules revision over to the democrats. Chicago Post: If Mr. Lorimer absents himself when the senate discussed his case he is likely to miss some excellent speeches. Brooklyn Eagle: In twenty years the Tobacco Trust has grown from a \$3,000,000 concern to one of \$40,000,000. Nothing grows like a weed. Emporia Gazette: Andrew Carnegie has placed the seal of his approval upon a new peace anthem which may be sung to the tune of "America." It's a fine anthem, taking it by and large, but a man couldn't sing it without dodging cats. There are some poems which look well in print, but which cannot be sung without great agony, and this is one of them.

CONQUEST OF THE DESERT.

Energy and Skill Overcomes Great Obstacles. Chicago Inter Ocean. That man is a master of the earth, and that the obstacles set to his mastery by nature cannot in the long run keep him from pursuing the brave onward march of conquest, is most clearly proven in the case of our own west, where what was known up to ten years or so ago as the Great American desert has become a larger part of it, at least—a region of rich farms and thriving towns.

Twelve million acres of this country called the "rainless, hopeless lands" in former days, are now good agricultural domain, yielding fine crops with irrigation each year. A quarter of a million of families are dwelling on the farms, and an almost equally great number lives in towns and little cities which have been established and which flourish in the midst of the area so redeemed from barrenness. Canals and ditches furnish water for the irrigation of the farming land, and rivers furnish power for the manufacturers that are well in sight.

Already the rough pioneer life has in the newly won region been replaced by comfortable living. Trolley lines connect the towns and do away, therefore, with loneliness such as afflicted westerners of earlier days—the days of giant ranches. As the farms are nearly always small in acreage, and so close together, the inhabitants lead pleasant, sociable existences. They light and heat their homes with electricity no less than dwellers in the older east. And they are prospering through their own work and working for their own property. In other words, they labor for themselves and for their families, and all they do accomplish is their individual gain.

Our country's wondrous wealth by nature's grace and the growth of it by the grace of man, are demonstrated very strikingly by this redemption of the desert.

MORE LIGHT WANTED.

Publicity of Committee Doings in Congress. Philadelphia Record.

Representative Norris of Nebraska, who led the insurgent republicans in the revolt of the last session against the house rules, has submitted the radical proposal to require all committee meetings and proceedings to the public. This would be an innovation, indeed. As a general principle it is unquestionably right that public business should be transacted in the open. The allowable exceptions to this rule are few. On the other hand, secrecy is a pre-condition to corrupt bargaining and successful lobbying for special privileges; the secrecy of the committee room also gives shifty and double-dealing legislators desired opportunities for suppressing measures demanded by their constituents and evading responsibility for non-action. If complete publicity should be feasible nothing would contribute more toward restoring straightforwardness into legislative practices.

How Things Average Up.

Things average up pretty well in this world; the man who doesn't spend a good deal of time hunting for things he put away spends a lot of time putting them away in their proper places.

Woman's Nature. It is the nature of women to suffer uncomplainingly, the discomforts and fears that accompany the bearing of children. Motherhood is their crowning glory, and they have their sufferings for the joy that children bring. No expectant mother need suffer, however, during the period of waiting, for Mother's Friend is used in preparation of the event. Mother's Friend relieves the pain and discomfort caused by the strain on the different ligaments, overcomes nausea by counteraction, prevents backache and numbness of limbs and soothes the inflammation of breast glands. Its regular use fits and prepares every portion of the mother's system for a proper and natural ending of the term, and it assures for her a quick and complete recovery. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for free book for expectant mothers. BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

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THE GOODY, GOODY GIRL.

Carolyn Wells, in Judge. When Lucy was an infant small she was a model child. She never, never And always did her duty. But only slept and smiled.

And then when Lucy older grew, She did no thing she oughtn't to, But still behaved a model.

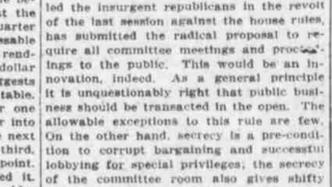
When Lucy was, say, twelve years old, And growing tall and slight and trim, She did whatever she was told, And curried every most politely.

At sixteen Lucy was a dear, At eighteen quite a beauty, She lived without a care or fear, And always did her duty.

She was Perfection's Perfect Pink— A character unfaded, Unworthy thoughts she could not think; Her mind was fair and broad.

She said things she ought to say, She acted as she should, She lived her life the noblest way— Oh, my, but she was good!

"What happened next?" you ask of me. Well, I can't answer you, I just made Lucy up, you see— She's too good to be true.



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