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FEBRUARY CIRCULATION: 47,621. State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, as Lewis Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation, less spoiled, returned and returned copies, for the month of February 1911, was 47,621.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested. Perhaps we dared the March lion too soon.

"Nor cast one longing, lingering look behind," Old Man Winter. To our fire wardens: Get busy before rather than after the inquest.

Help! Help! Help save Omaha's precious (\$8,250,000) Water board. Dr. Woodrow Wilson has shown that scholars can also run steam rollers.

Lucky for our democratic friends that Bryan's birthday is celebrated but once a year. Senator Kern declares Mr. Bryan's future is secure. It ought to be, even at 5 per cent.

Evidently the weather man mislaid his almanac, but may be expected to find it soon again. It seems as if our Nebraska legislature were having difficulty in locating its terminal facilities.

At any rate, Colonel Roosevelt has not been hissed yet for ridiculing Lorimer's vindication. Senator Lorimer says the "hand of Providence" retained his seat for him. Why blame that on the Lord?

New York's cry is for a "Free man by a free legislature." It may get it after another legislature is elected. Mr. Carnegie has given away \$183,250,000, which must bring him down perilously close to his last \$400,000,000.

It remains to be seen whether those bloodhounds can earn appointment to permanent jobs on the police force. It might be well to explain that the department of fomento in the Mexican government is for the promotion of colonization.

Nonetheless, this one little blow does not justify Dr. Hick's prophecy of a "stem-winder." Colonel Welch is still ahead. Uncle Joe does not care to occupy the room Champ Clark had, adjoining the refrigeration plant. No cold storage for him yet.

The latest demonstration over a harem skirt occurred on Chestnut street in Philadelphia. Highly appropriate name for the street. One of the Joe Bailey sort of papers says he has the broadest grasp on public questions of any statesman. So he really is a statesman, is he?

The old guard democratic organs think Governor Wilson is disrupting his party by ordering out of his office men who virtually call him a liar. If Shortstop Blackburn of the Chicago White Sox has really fallen heir to \$2,000,000, the umpires will not do a thing to him when they go to fine him.

Mr. Bryan will simply have to accept the nomination next year and run a fourth time to keep within hearing distance of Carter Harrison as the champion long distance multiplex candidate. Trust those nonpartisan democrats in the legislature to let nothing get away from them that looks like grist on their political mill. Republicans must not let themselves be fooled into carrying water to the democratic mill race.

Municipal campaigns are brewing all around Omaha in our suburban towns where the same battles are being fought on a small scale that we have here when the possession of the city hall is at stake. Perhaps Omaha can learn something by watching how they do it in Benson and Florence.

Significant Change of Attitude.

For years in this country a certain struggle has been waged against what is called trust-domination in politics. The movement took more active form soon after Theodore Roosevelt became president in the fall of 1901. Today it has decisive results to show that it has not been a failure. One of the most manifest is to be found in the changed attitude of the large industrial interests toward the government and the people at large.

A striking object lesson of this change that has been wrought is furnished in the action of the American Woolen company in now arguing its case in the public prints. It is spending thousands upon thousands of dollars in legitimate publicity, setting forth in carefully studied detail its reasons for objecting to any reduction in the celebrated schedule "K" of the present tariff law.

And other big industries are doing likewise. They are going before the people with their case, they are willing to debate with them and explain what ten years, and less, ago, they would have said was none of their business. It is an evidence of a transition in the right direction.

Ready for Public Control. The American Telephone and Telegraph company, commonly known as the Bell system, in its annual report, makes a frank appeal for a single ownership of telephone lines throughout the country under proper governmental regulation.

Wherever it could be legally done and done with the acquiescence of the public, opposition companies have been acquired and merged into the Bell system. The report declares that since these merges began the cost of construction, including toll lines, per exchange station, has steadily decreased, from \$199 in 1900 to \$142 in 1910, and correspondingly there has been an average decrease for the annual charge for exchange service, from \$44.68 in 1900 to \$31.28 in 1910.

The contention is made, and fairly so, that the telephone should be as universal as the highways, extending from one man's door to another's, and that rates should be made thoroughly popular and reasonable. This, it is contended, could be best done under one ownership and fair regulation. So far as competition goes, the telephone is one public utility whose service to the people is hindered rather than helped by diverse systems and ownerships.

California Fuel Oil. It is reported that the Standard Oil has bought from the Southern Pacific the controlling interest in the Associated Oil company, the chief producing concern of California. If this report is correct it means that the Standard has practically gobbled the production of fuel oil as well as illuminating oil in this country, for what other producers exist in California and elsewhere it can control, as it has hitherto controlled the Associated, by manipulating the market price of oil.

People Talked About. Mrs. Louise Nye Godfrey, whose husband commanded a warship during the blockade running in the civil war, and whose father was captain of a ship seized by the French privateers in 1798, died in St. Joseph, Mo., aged 92 years.

Political Farmers Called Down. While political farmers have been lamenting the damage to agriculture by reciprocity with Canada, eggs being specified as an example, an unassuming statistician comes along with the showing that Canada buys from the United States from fifteen to twenty-five times as many eggs as we buy from Canada. The same thing is true of most other products except the cereals that Canada can grow on its virgin north-western soils, and the prices of these are fixed in the world markets.

who used to take such pride in proclaiming Lincoln as "Bryan's town," now indignantly and vociferously resenting the invasion of the statesman from Fairview to tell the people of Lincoln whom they should elect as city officials and how they should run their city.

The Business Men's association offers a reward for the apprehension of the court house dynamiters who worked a few thousand dollars damage to the property. Good, so far as it goes. We, however, prefer to offer our reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer who struck down one of our most prominent business men, whose value to the community cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

Wanted—A Winner. The keen Washington correspondent, sizing up the political trade winds, is letting it be known that the democratic party thinks it has a chance of victory in 1912 if only it can find a man who can poll the full party vote as its presidential nominee.

The biggest dynamite bomb that has been fired recently is the one thrown out in New York, calling twenty bank presidents and vice presidents to show cause before the grand jury. The public is advised that the X-ray shows the skull of the Honorable "Jack" Johnson to be one inch thick. If "Jeff" had only known that in time.

What Might Have Been. Wall Street Journal. Colonel Roosevelt wants the "recall." Looks different out of office, but what might not have happened with such a law four years ago?

Senatorial Mystery. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. President Taft has a democratic house on his hands, and must wait for particulars before finding out whether the senate is not a more puzzling prize package.

Back to First Principles. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. When Mexico becomes tranquil again it will take the view that two terms at most are enough for the ablest president. It is best for republics to keep in touch with the ballot.

Smashing the Jinxes. Springfield Republican. There is no more ridiculous aspect to the mobilization affair than the persistent rumors that Japan is somehow secretly plotting in Mexico against the United States.

In Training for the Job. Baltimore American. King George is going into training for the strain of the coronation ceremonies. It is a strenuous matter to be crowned a king nowadays, especially in some countries where the monarch has to be gracefully self-possessed and prepared to dodge poisonous bombs at the same time.

Problem of Farm Labor. Philadelphia Record. The farmers who, following the lure of cheap and fertile land, have emigrated to Canada from the western states are not wholly satisfied with their venture. The land is all right, but they encounter the same difficulty in Manitoba or Alberta that confronted them in Illinois and Indiana—the lack of labor.

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Around New York

Not very long ago a little girl went to the mayor of New York with an appeal that she might be allowed to play her part in "The Little Rebel" owing to her youthfulness. The society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children had said "No." Mayor Gaynor said "Yes" graciously. Appreciating his kindness the child wrote him this letter.

"Dear Mr. Gaynor: I thank you so much for allowing me to work in my part in 'The Little Rebel.' It has made me as happy, and I wish you would come down to the Colonial theater to see me play it. I am sending a pass from the manager, Mr. Percy Williams.

"The incident apparently was closed, but a few days later 'The Little Rebel' received a real communication from the city's chief executive, as follows: "My Dear Little Friend: I should be most glad to go and see you play, but you know I have so many things to do that I cannot go everywhere. I am glad that you are as happy as you say. Everybody ought to be happy. It does no good to be any other way. When anything discouraging or annoying happens, just say to your dog show. But when the women's clubs or the Woman's Christian Temperance union meet there he makes the speeches of welcome himself.

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THE TEST. Detroit Free Press. The test of a man is the fight he makes. The girl that he daily shows. The way he stands on his feet and takes. Fat's numerous bumps and blows. A coward can smile when there's naught to fear. When nothing his progress bars. But it takes a man to stand up and cheer. While some other fellow stags. It isn't the victory after all. But the fight that a brother makes. The man, who driven against the wall. Still stands up erect and takes. The blows of fate with his head, held high. Bleeding and bruised and pale. Is the man who'll win in the by and by. For he isn't afraid to fail. It's the bumps you get and the jolts you get. And the shocks that your courage stands. The hours of sorrow and your regret. The prize that rewards our hands. That test your mettle and prove your worth. It takes the blows you deal. But the blows you take on the good old earth. That show if your stuff is real.

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