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Nebraska for Taft.

The organization of the State League of Taft Clubs in Lincoln is significant of the trend of republican sentiment in this state.

Negro Advancement.

A public speaker in Omaha recently referred to the fact that the American negro came out of slavery the forty-six years ago with 3 per cent of literacy, while today he has 57 per cent of literacy.

Liability of Cities for Riots.

The supreme court has upheld the Illinois statute which holds orderly society three-fourths responsible for mob violence.

Our Jury System.

An accounting of expenses by the state in the McNamara trial at Los Angeles showed something like \$9,000 spent on jurors, legitimately, of course.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files DEC. 21. Thirty Years Ago—The storm, which has been raging since Sunday with disagreeable effect to pedestrians, is pronounced remarkable by the weather bureau.

Around New York

Ripples on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day. Political Landmark Doomed. After a series of efforts to keep its doors open and meet expenses, the noted rallying place of the democrats and other sports, the Hoffman House is about to put up the shutters for good.

Cherry Chaff.

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The Bachelor Uncle.

S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald. My niece and my nephew now all great me very gladly.

State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss: Dwight Williams, circulation manager of the Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation, as audited, issued and returned copies, for the month of November, 1911, was 50,573.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Mr. Sulzer is still fixing.

It was a million-dollar snow, all right.

"Kimmerling Says He Lied." Evidently somebody did.

Christmas bids fair to be white enough for the most exacting.

The Lorimer investigation, like the poor, we have always with us.

Strange no one ever thought of trying to bust trusts with dynamite.

Possibly General Reyes has gone where Castro is, wherever that may be.

It is strange what pragmatic effect those altruistic Gary dinners had on steel.

Schenectady's chief fame is that Fay Templeton once mentioned it in a song.

No matter how it was done, the treaty Russia refused to respect was abrogated.

The abrogating of an international treaty is a poor thing to play politics over, senator.

The Elgin butter board may be abolished, but you'll not notice it on the price of butter.

Sometimes it seems like the indifferent parent and not the delinquent boy should be sent to the detention home.

Russia has not as much as given one characteristic grunt to show that it knows the treaty is abrogated.

W. E. D. Stokes of New York is photographed with a broad smile upon his face. Which must be an old photo.

While investigating the paving, it wouldn't be altogether out of place for the city council to go beneath the surface.

The New York Herald says Mr. Carnegie does not believe in borrowing. And he is in a position to act upon his belief, too.

The battle between the brick men will be a welcome spectacle to property owners if it results in lower prices for street improvements.

If you have not done it yet, there is plenty of time, and you will find a lot of splendid suggestions scattered throughout the pages of The Bee.

Chris Gruenther is going to take a chance on the democratic nomination for governor. His presence will make the campaign all the more interesting.

Now, it is said that only 35 per cent of Boston's school children are physically normal. What has his physical condition got to do with a Boston child?

Dr. Mayo, the famous surgeon, who has been operated upon for appendicitis, himself, probably realizes more acutely than ever what it is to "live by the knife."

The Illinois woman who is a grandmother at 29 and the mother of eight children evidently has no misgivings as to the superiority of the strenuous life.

The budget submitted by the city comptroller for 1912 deserves careful scrutiny. It has one commendable feature in that it is \$19,000 lower than the expenditures for the current year.

People Talked About

The fruit cake that President Taft and his family will eat Christmas is being made by Miss Hattie Brandenburger of San Antonio, Tex.

Two Nations Jolted.

Two months ago not one person in ten thousand could have told offhand who Shuster was, and today two great empires, one great republic and a dying monarchy know as much about him as they do about their executives or their athletes.

Behold, a New Solomon.

This is an attractive—and perchance very useful—little story about the various degrees of conviviality which hereafter, if precedent is to be recognized, will be recognized by their honorables, the magistrature courts of the city and state of New York, as:

The Hobo's Answer.

A large, dirty and disreputable looking individual, reports the New York Sun, lurched into the headquarters of the woman suffrage party on the twenty-first floor of the Metropolitan tower and alarmed the blond girl struggling with the suffrage satchel by inquiring for "the guff expert."

Lively Pace of Education.

A young gentleman who is acquiring an education at Harvard has succeeded in kicking a football thirty-two miles along a Massachusetts highway. We are waiting now to hear of some hero who will venture to kick a football back across the continent.

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On Christmas Morning

as on any other winter day, you can make your home more comfortable and cheery by using a Perfection Smokeless Heater.

Standard Oil Company

To the Policy Holders of the Union Fire Insurance Co. (Mutual) Lincoln, Neb.:

The battle is now on between the Policy Holders of the Union Fire Insurance Company (Mutual) and the Directors of the Woodman Fire Insurance Company of Lincoln, Nebraska, who paid \$18,000 to the old directors of the Union to resign and elect them in their places.

The question is, shall these men who bought their way into office be retained by the policy holders of the Union to manage the company, or shall the policy holders elect a new board of directors who are not directly or indirectly connected with another insurance company?

"It is the intention to retire the stock of the Woodman Fire Insurance Company issuing Union Fire stock in its stead and amending the articles of the Union Fire Co. so that it will be the parent company in place of the Woodman. We will continue to operate the Woodman Fire as an underwriters company of the Union for the purpose of handling our Mercantile business, and keeping a distinct agency plant over the state. Of course, it would not do for us to mention in our letters what our proposed idea would be with regard to the Woodman in view of possible undue reflections on our agents and policy holders. However, we are giving you this in confidence so you can explain matters if necessary. Such explanations to be kept absolutely confidential to the agents with whom you may converse."

Are the policy holders of the Union going to make a present of their \$100,000 plant and \$50,000 surplus to the Woodman Company? If so you should vote to re-elect the present directors, but if not, you must attend the next meeting in person or send your proxy to myself or to someone whom you know will vote to preserve the mutual company.

I have been with the Union Fire for 17 years and during that time have been soliciting agent, special agent and adjuster and I know that the Union Fire is the best Mutual company in the state and can be perpetuated as such if properly and honestly managed. If you will send your proxies to me, I will vote them for men whom I know to be honest, upright and of business ability; men who are in favor of mutual insurance and appreciate that a mutual company belongs to the policy holders and not to its officers; men who will keep the expenses down to the minimum and who will give to the policy holders their insurance at exact cost.

Below will be attached a blank proxy and I ask every policy holder who cannot personally attend the annual meeting to be held in the city of Lincoln on the 4th day of January, 1912, to cut out that proxy, sign it and mail it to me.

Very truly yours, CHAS. ROSE, GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I do hereby constitute and appoint Chas. Rose my attorney and agent, for me and in my name, place and stead, to vote as my proxy at any annual meeting of the stockholders of the UNION FIRE INSURANCE CO. of Lincoln, Nebraska, and at any special meeting thereof, for the election of directors, and upon such other questions as may come before such annual or special meetings.

I hereby revoke all former proxies given by me to any other person or agent.

Dated atNebraska, thisday of 1911.

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The Perfection Heater is light and easily carried. It is safe in the hands of a child—the safest and most reliable heater made. Drums finished either in blue enamel or plain steel, with nickel trimmings—an ornament to any room.

A special automatic device makes smoking impossible. All parts easily cleaned. Gallon fuel; burns nine hours. Cool handle; damper top.

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