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Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee... Emma Goldman and Link Steffens agree that the McNamaras are heroes.

It takes less skill than nerve for some folks to appear on the stage as actors.

Governor Aldrich has settled some gossip by filing his application for re-nomination.

The government should find plenty of time to prosecute the Watch trust.

If Detective Burns keeps on telling Gompers about it he will not be able to astound him.

Senator Borah bored a hole through the big violator of the law in that New York speech.

It is very kind to let the house vote on abrogating the Russian treaty, but not necessary.

According to Colonel Mabray's testimony, one has to admit that Mr. Marks was something of a fixer.

Yes, the United States does exclude some Chinese, but not on racial or religious grounds, Mr. Russia.

One blessing of the gas range age is it does away with the highly domestic duty of putting up the stove-pipe.

And we might not have so much socialism if we had not had so much professional law-breaking in high places.

The Taft meeting at Lincoln doesn't meet the approval of the La Follette boosters. But nobody thought it would.

Young reporters might bear in mind that it was a good scoop which got Henry M. Stanley the assignment of going in search of Livingston.

The controlling head of a San Antonio newspaper is named Maverick. It goes without saying that no corporation has its brand on him.

Judge Landis says the thing to do to a loan shark is to get a wagon tongue and "go after him." How would an old-fashioned hickory club do?

The meanest thief has been located in Omaha. He is the one that stole the Christmas packages from the wagon which was delivering presents to poor girls.

The brick paving men are going to it in a way that seems to promise lower prices for local work. They should be encouraged in their dispute by the property owners.

The corporation head who employs a staff of artful lawyers to teach him how to beat the law may hardly plead that he doesn't know when he is doing wrong.

The warden of the federal penitentiary will have popular airs played for the convicts during the dinner hour. Air is popular with convicts at most any time.

Thirty items of society news recently appeared in a Hutchinson, Kan., paper describing the affairs of the "clubs" of that town, which indicates that high life on the border is not dead in Kansas.

The guaranty fund law is now being interpreted by bankers to relieve them of the necessity of giving bonds as security for public deposits. This seems to be reasonable. If the state is to guaranty the credit of the bank it might as well run to public as well as private institutions.

Grime is Crime.

Senator Borah's address on respect for and enforcement of law is one of the most trenchant arrangements of high-toned outlaws ever stood beneath. He undertook to show that long-studied violation of law by predatory interests was just as heinous as deliberate violence by obscure individuals. He proved his case conclusively. There is nothing especially new in what the Idaho senator said, but his pungency gives a keenness to old truths which must cut deep into the convictions of the people and make them think more seriously upon this, one of the most important subjects demanding their attention.

Some of Senator Borah's statements are shocking, as, for instance, that crimes committed by big business, that sits in the quiet of its office with trained lawyers and studies how to violate the law, are as bad as those done by the planters of dynamite. It takes the truth in its most shocking forms sometimes to force it upon people. Dynamiting, he condemns with fiercest invective, but a thousand dynamitings would not condone those other industrial evils this country has complacently put up with for so many years. The dynamiter whined out the excuse that they acted in the interest of business growth and industrial progress. "This is the best and only plea of the other outlaws," says Senator Borah.

More is expected, and rightly so, of the man in high place than of the one who goes about to do violent deeds. When, therefore, this one of whom more is expected devotes himself, by the aid of keen lawyers, to devise ways of doing what the law says he shall not do, how is it possible to say that he is not as bad as the invasive criminal? His influence is more far-reaching. And would there be so much of the other sort of crime but for this high-toned outlaw? This very thing, this professional crime in the garb of respectability, has brought on us most of the graver problems of the day. These interests have got to come to a direct obedience of the law or more serious consequences will ensue. And it is arrant nonsense to say that they, who can devise so many ways of beating the law, cannot find one way to obey it. The anti-trust law is not all it should be, but if the trusts had labored as hard to discover how they might conform to it, as they have how they might not conform to it, we would have little need now to complain of this law.

Senator Borah is right—we do not so much need new laws and new principles as we need the old ones enforced and practiced. If the trusts cannot by now see that they have, by their defiant ignoring of statutes, created violent public sentiment, then their vision needs repairing. Railing against legitimate wealth and industry has no place in the sanity of this country, but the law has got to come down hard upon illegitimate wealth and industry, as Senator Borah puts it, "the soldier called into the street to protect property will fraternize with the mob."

The Snow and the Corn.

The great snow is welcomed by most people, among the exceptions being the fellow who found himself on the wrong side of the corn market. And yet even he admits that the snow is exactly what tangible things need. Which moves one to observe that the weather of the fall and winter thus far has come very near being ideal for the grain that is in the ground and for the ground that is soon to have grain in it, as well as for a few other lines of business. In this great agricultural belt the man in the city as well as the one on the farm keeps his eye close to the soil. It makes a big difference with him what the condition of the weather is, how seasonable it is, how well-timed are the rains and snows and sunshine. What a lot of talk there was upon the heels of the excessively dry summer about the disaster that would follow an excessively dry winter, but already the utility of such talk is apparent. Providence seems to be looking after the weather and us, as usual. The soil was well soaked a time or two with autumn rains and has had some liberal coatings of snow, this last one being general from the Rockies to well into the west. Of course, all this beautiful snow is not urging the farmers to haul their corn to town, which is what bothers a good many men accustomed to listen to what the tricky little tinker has to say.

Now for Wool Tariff Revision.

The tariff board's wool report is a clean-cut vindication of the president, both as to his action in promoting the creation of the board and vetoing the haphazard wool tariff bill passed by the late extra session of congress. Surely, even those who tried to "put the president in a hole" last summer will admit that it is possible now to proceed to scientific revision of this tariff, whereas it was not so possible without the information which the tariff board has laid before the president and congress. Mr. Taft repeats that the wool tariff is too high and must come down. On the basis of the board's findings,

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files. Thirty Years Ago—Miss Carrie Millard entertained a large number of her friends at her residence at Capitol avenue and Nineteenth street, in honor of her guest, Miss Lucy Genness of Detroit. Nearly ninety invitations were issued exclusive to unmarried people. Among them were the Misses Hoyt of Utica, Wood, Chambers, Balcomb, Wakelley, Etta Wells, Ringwalt, Lottie and Carrie Congdon, Laura and Millie Lehmer, Hall, Wilson, Karbach, McCormick, Wilcox, Genness, Wagoner, Dyke, Porter, Brock, Bert Watson, J. Watson, McCarty, James and John Ross, Berlin, Theodore and J. R. Ringwalt, R. Carrier, Charles Ogden, A. Wakeley, Morris, Annin, Congdon, Chambers, Warrick, Collins, Ramsey, Lehmer and Hitchcock.

The board's investigation reveals the fact that some of the wool duties are not only too high, but positively prohibitory. As a result of this people have been paying for a quality of cloth in this country that they never got and many men and women who imagine that they wear the best fabrics are clothed in very shoddy goods. This comes, largely, as the president points out, from paying duty on raw wool which contains immense shrinkage powers and he suggests two methods of improving upon this particular item in the tariff. Now, if congress will do its part, we can get this wool tariff properly regulated and if congress does not do its part, but chooses rather to play politics over the matter, the people will know where to place the blame.

Abuse of Long and Short Haul.

It was inevitable that the long and short haul principle would have to go to the United States supreme court, where it is now pending for final determination. The last congress sought to untangle the threads of dissatisfaction, but failed utterly, as also did the commerce court when it reversed the construction of the commission in the famous Spokane and Reno cases, brought as tests of the clause.

The railroads never have succeeded in convincing everybody that it is fair to charge more for a shipment of freight from, say, Omaha to Reno, than from Omaha to San Francisco. That is the crux of the whole question. Of course, the railroads justify their coast-to-coast rate by arguing the effect of water competition, but, as the Interstate Commerce commission effectively points out, to justify the rates from interior points to the Pacific, they rely upon market competition, "under which they give lower rates from all the interior cities two-thirds of the way across the continent to the same coast cities than to inter-mountain points." And this is the kind of discrimination the commission has tried to prevent.

The commission makes the excellent point that the effect, if not the aim, of the railroads has been to build up the coast cities at the expense of those of the interior, when the latter are as much entitled to their help in development as are those on the Pacific slope. Since they are the heavier feeders, it would seem they are entitled to a little more consideration. While, unquestionably, there are conditions under which it is fair to charge more for a short haul than for a long one, undue advantage has been taken of these conditions and this law to the extent of abusing them. The supreme court's action will be awaited with widespread interest.

Twenty Years Ago—

George W. Vroman, chairman of the Union Pacific engineers' grievance committee, was in the city. The Jacksonian club sent a resolution to Speaker Cripp of the house of representatives at Washington, urging him to appoint Congressman W. J. Bryan to membership on the ways and means committee. The resolution was signed by George V. Hines, president, and S. R. Rupp, secretary of the club. Rev. Luther P. Ladden, deputy state labor commissioner, sent a letter to Secretary Nason of the Omaha Board of Trade calling attention to the action of Governor Thayer in getting up a trainload of corn and food for the sufferers in Russia, inviting co-operation. Mayor Cushing was rejoicing because thirteen days more would make him a "reputable and respectable private citizen," ending his official term. Nick Fox, Twenty-seventh and Egan streets, South Omaha, shot his wife, Mrs. Charity Fox, dead, and slashed his own throat as the culmination of thirteen years of tempestuous domestic relations. The annual statement of the Cudahy Packing Company showed the plants covered an area of nineteen and one-half acres and the yearly sales had been \$15,152,000.

Ten Years Ago—

Fire broke out in the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association on the first floor of the Paxton block at about 2:45 in the morning and gave some of the young women on deck quite a scare, but did only about \$100 of damage. The University of Michigan team passed through Omaha on its way to California, where it had games arranged. A special service was held at the Young Women's Christian association room, when Mrs. Emma G. Byers, general secretary, spoke of "Christmas Gifts."

The local branch of the Transvaal league met at the Paxton block at 10:30 in the evening and issued an invitation to the Hon. Webb Davis to come and address it. The committee on arrangements for the occasion was Frank T. Ransom, Dairied Howard, J. C. Brennan, P. C. Feafey, W. S. Shoemaker, Miss M. K. Gibblin of South Omaha and Mrs. Helen Lewis. Rev. John Wesley Conley, D. D. of Oak Park, Ill., was granted an unanimous call by the First Baptist church to become its pastor. The church had been without a pastor for two years, and it was announced that it had finally paid off its debt, had \$4,500 lying idle in the bank and a clear title to two lots at Thirty-fifth and Farnam streets.

Most of the churches held their regular Christmas services. "The show business is no longer a pleasure to me and some time soon, I cannot give the exact date, I will give it up to devote my whole time to the further development of the west," said Colonel W. F. Cody at the Merchants hotel. Major T. S. Clarkson came up from St. Louis to spend the holidays with his family and was at the Bachelors with his son.

People Talked About

Beneath the occasional grouchy front of the weatherman beats a youthful heart. See the fine blanket of snow provided for Santa and his wonderful sleigh. As the Russians ready remain in force another year the Russian dancers prancing through this country will have ample time to kick their way to prosperity before their passports are called in. More's the pity. Having acquired a superior label for the cans and a larger proportion of dark brown juice, the active prize takers are breaking into the society of such plates as butter and eggs. Oh, prunes, you giddy thing. Edna Goodrich, who was a Goodwin for a while, scored a good win when she shook Nat and scooped in \$25,000 of his pile. Mrs. Cavallari touched Chandler for only \$7,000. Edna has the madame beaten several million dollars. A superior sample of nerve which nerve is a regular stock in trade rolled into New York from Philadelphia the other day and almost succeeded in selling a gold brick to Wall street brokers. As the natives work both sides and the middle of the streets the would-be competitor was ordered to "beat it."

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The Dees Letter Box.

Pleas for the Poor.

OMAHA, Dec. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: There are hundreds of hungry mothers and children in our city shivering with cold. The emaciated forms and drawn features of many of these people show the signs of hunger, cold and pain. No Santa Claus will enter the homes of these people on Christmas morning. It is true the Salvation Army, and other charitable institutions are doing all they can to alleviate this suffering and while they will feed many hungry people, they will not be able to do so much as to hush the cry for bread. We have all contributed to these charitable institutions; however, if a member of every home in Omaha who has been blessed in their affairs will make it a personal matter to hunt up some poor family and take them a basket of food, such clothing as they can spare and a few toys, it will bring happiness and comfort to many poor people and gladness to the hearts of little children.

When we are seated at our Christmas dinners partaking of the good things of life, also when we see our children enjoying the presents brought them by Santa Claus, how much greater will be our happiness when we realize that we have not only contributed to the charity funds, but personally have gone to the homes of needy families and carried happiness to the poor mothers and helpless little ones.

There is enough discarded clothing in the homes of many Omaha families that would be acceptable to, and make many poor, shivering mothers and their little children comfortable. The charitable institutions will furnish you the names of unfortunate suffering families.

Do not delegate your mission of mercy to some one else, but select some family, go in person, see their needs and on Christmas morning make some suffering mother and her hungry little ones happy.

YAN H. KING.

RESOUNDING BOOMS.

Beatrice Sun: The Omaha Taft club is too modest. After organizing the club sent a message to the president felicitating him and promising to co-operate to secure his nomination. The Beatrice club was more generous. It delivered Nebraska and intimated a willingness to go out and capture the middle west if necessary.

Blue Springs Sentinel: With three aspirants for governor on the democratic ticket and all of them from southeast Nebraska, the scrap for gubernatorial honors in this party bids fair to become warm. While only a small corner has been heard from when the returns are all in it may show several others on the anxious seat.

Bloomington Advocate: It is reported that C. E. Harman of Holdrege will in a short time file for the democratic nomination for railway commissioner for the long term. There are, however, several other democrats over the state who will contest for the nomination. The Advocate admires the courage Mr. Harman has in political matters.

Kearney Democrat: Congressman Norris says he is not going to be crowded out of the senatorial race next year. It behooves Senator Brown to put a burr under the official tails of his postmasters and wake them up to a realization that business has already commenced or he is forever lost—lost in the cloud of dust that the Norris cohorts are already preparing to kick up.

Albion Argus: It being a newspaper men's year to try for governor, will not some of our standpat republicans petition A. W. Ladd to become a republican candidate? He is unquestionably a better qualified than the present incumbent and not near as leaky. Thirty-three years in one republican newspaper office ought to entitle him to consideration. If he can get the standpaters the Argus will undertake to interest the progressive republicans in his case and he will run like the woods on fire. What's the matter with Ladd? He's all right.

Kearney Hub: Metcalfe's announcement that he will respond to the call of his friends and be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, although preferring to run for the senate, is indicative, on the say so of wise ones, of a new spirit in the Woodrow Wilson element of the party in the state, and as Bryan is Metcalfe's best friend the announcement is taken to mean that the Bryan strength will be exerted for Wilson for president at the right time. In that event it follows that the opposing combination will be Harmon for president and Morehead for governor. Meanwhile ex-Speaker Poole announces that he will be a candidate and no one knows just yet what figure he will cut.

Central City Republican and Record: The candidates for the various state offices are commencing to file. On the republican side Governor Aldrich will have an opposition for a second term, as it is very evident that he is satisfactory to all elements of the party, and also his personal following is so strong that little headway could be made against him in a campaign for a second term. Among the democrats, Metcalfe, Morehead and Poole are the leading candidates for governor and it promises to be a merry old fight. W. H. Thompson, Shallenbarger and Willis Reed will contest for the democratic nomination for senator, while Norris Brown and George Norris will contest for the republican nomination, with chances in favor of the latter. Filing for the minor state offices will commence to come in now with great regularity. The primary will be held in April this year, in order that the parties may express their presidential preferences, and at that time the state and county officials to be elected this fall will be nominated. This makes the time intervening between the primary and the general election more than six months, but as this is presidential year, we can stand a little more strenuously than usual. Interest in politics will pick up amazingly after the holidays.

It Happened in Nebraska. Silver Creek Sand. In reporting the filing of a suit for divorce begun seven months after the marriage of the parties the Columbus Telegram said: "There are no children as the result of the marriage." How strange!

The Maine Incident Closed.

Indianapolis News. It having been officially determined that the Maine was blown up from the outside, the incident, presumably, may now be regarded as closed. There may be some satisfaction to some one in the conclusion, but it is not likely that anybody is much surprised.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The democrats are now thinking of holding their national convention first next year. This may be needed to fulfill the Scripture saying: "The first shall be last." Cleveland Leader: Concerning the presidential situation, Nick Longworth says he "will do all he can to discourage" Mr. Roosevelt. Nick in the act of discouraging the colonel will be worth going miles to see.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: Colonel Roosevelt should not be misled by the enthusiasm for him at Washington, D. C. The record shows that he never secured the vote of the District of Columbia when he was running for president.

Indianapolis News: That fine little graft of 20 cents a mile for congressmen and senators is nearly provided for by an appropriation of \$20,000 in the urgency deficiency bill, and we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that this is the kind of urgency deficiency that never falls down on its way through the legislative mill.

St. Louis City Journal: "Why," Mr. Taft is quoted as exclaiming, "we could exclude all the red headed men from the United States if we wanted to." Luckily Mr. Taft added: "Of course we don't want to, for red headed men make mighty good citizens." Without that saving clause Mr. Taft might have lost the solid red headed vote.

Why This Silence? Sioux City Journal. It is a bit singular that the leading insurgents, who are all reformers, never evince interest in any policy looking to economy in the administration of governmental affairs. President Taft has a policy which he thinks might be made effective in saving the taxpayers many millions. The insurgents have no word of encouragement.

A National Shame. New York World. Fatalities in coal mines over the country average well above 2,000 from year to year and are double the number of a decade ago. The employment continues far more densely than railroading. Has everything been done that can be done to make coal mining reasonably safe? That is an impossible conclusion.

LINES TO A LAUGH.

Mill—How was the new year well, Bill—How was that? Bill—Why, I wasn't sick when it was ushered in.—Judge.

"You know," said the Chinese philosopher, "that our nation really invented gunpowder." "Yes," replied the court official, "and when I see the trouble we are having I can't help thinking it was rather foolish of us."—Washington Star.

"I'm so glad my college cousin is coming home a week before the holidays." "I thought you didn't like him." "I don't, but think what a help a crack foot ball player who knows all about flying wedges will be in the rush shopping hours."—Baltimore American.

Hicks—So the specialist said you'd have to give up smoking for a while? Wickes—Yes, and he also said I'd have to give up \$10 for good.—Boston Transcript.

"But, my dear, why don't you wear that very pretty gown you showed me last week?" "Mercy, John, I can't do that. I have a solemn understanding with my tailor that it isn't to be released until the 15th of January."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Detroit Free Press. Last night when we were at tea the little fellow said: "Paw, what are all those packages hid beneath your bed?" "I almost choked upon my food, and mother simply smiled. As though to say we're bringing up a very knowing child."

He's waiting for me at the door when I get home at night. I try to sneak into the house and not turn on the light. And get upstairs before I doff my overcoat and hat. But he is Johnny on the spot, with "Paw, on, what is that?"

He's eying me suspiciously, I really think he tries. With all his youthful artfulness to take me by surprise. He hasn't intimated yet that he has found us out.

But eyes and ears are open wide whenever we're about.

I spelled a phrase to mother once, and then he promptly said: "I guess it's time now, Maw, for me to go upstairs to bed."

And I suppose that you an "Paw" will talk out when I'm gone? I'd make an affidavit that the little rascal's on.



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