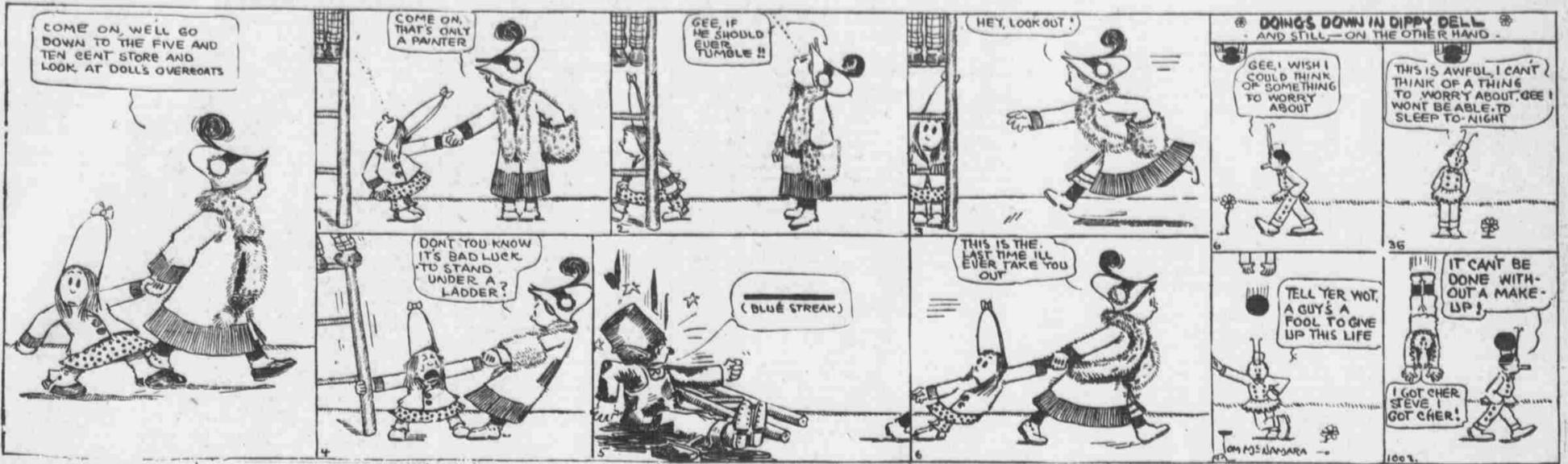


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COZAD WATER QUESTION UP

Dr. Winnett of Railway Board Returns from Hearing.

POINT OF JURISDICTION RAISED

Kearney Industrial School Sells Quantity of Sugar Beets and Potatoes—Elks Treat Poor Children of City.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Dr. Winnett of the state railway commission, has returned from Cozad, where he conducted a hearing on the petition of patrons of the irrigation ditch at that place for better service.

The law clearly gives the commission jurisdiction over water rates, but there is some doubt whether the commission or the irrigation board has control over matters of service. The Gothenburg ditch, involved in the controversy, presents a complicated situation tangled up with litigation now pending in the supreme court.

Supply Letting Comes Soon. Bids are now being received at the land commissioner's office for the quarterly letting of supply contracts, which will take place January 2.

Kearney School Sells Potatoes. The Boys' Industrial school at Kearney has just sold a carload (675 bushels) of potatoes, for which 90 cents a bushel was received.

Public Offices Closed. All public offices were practically closed in Lincoln today. At the state house the heads of departments generally came down for a short time, opened the morning's mail and took a look around to see that the building was still there.

Elks Best People. The children of Lincoln will certainly subscribe to the claim that the Elks are "the best people on earth."

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NEW DEAL ON FREE PASSES

Railroad Employees Complain at the Rule Just Promulgated.

CUTS OFF MUCH JOY RIDING

One Writes to The Bee Setting Out His Views of How the Men Will Be Affected After January, 1912.

Railroad employees are not greatly pleased at the new rule on passes that goes into effect on the first of the coming year. It will cut down the amount of "joy riding" very materially, and in some ways will interfere with the privileges hitherto enjoyed by the men.

ANTI-SALOONISTS PLAN TO SUBMIT REFERENDUM

LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—It was given out today from anti-saloon league headquarters that under the provisions of section 55 of the session laws, an amendment to the Siouxcian law, the league was preparing to have submitted to the voters of practically every city and town in the state under 10,000 inhabitants, a referendum vote on the question of license or no license.

NEWS NOTES FROM BEATRICE

Leaders of Socialist Party Are Considering Scheme of Reorganization.

BEATRICE, Neb. Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Acting State Secretary Chase of the Socialist party came down from Lincoln yesterday and spent the day here conferring with local socialists relative to the recent split in the party at Beatrice.

Wallace Arpke and Mrs. Leah Folden, both of this city, were married at Lincoln yesterday. They have arrived in Beatrice where they will continue to reside.

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CANDIDATES FILE PETITIONS

Two of Them Do Not Comply with Letter of the Law.

MONEY TO COUNTY TREASURER

Sloan to Run for Congress—Gruenther's Petition Comes from Platte—Skilles Wants Seat in National House.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Wait found several filings of candidates in his Christmas mail but unfortunately for the candidates two of them must be sent back for failure to deposit the filing fee with the proper official.

Progressives for Taft. Discussing the question of presidential preference today a prominent republican who has not been identified actively with the movement for endorsement of any one for the presidency, said that the La Follette boomers were basing their claims on untenable ground.

BURGLARS USED AN UMBRELLA

You'd Never Guess How Cleverly They Got \$10,000 Worth of Loot.

Officials of the burglary insurance companies are in despair over exploits by feather and fur burglars, two more of which were added on election night to the already long list which the New York police and private detectives are investigating without success so far.

The second floor of the building is unoccupied at present, and the detectives finally pieced together the story of the robbery, beginning with the assumption that the burglars had secreted themselves in the vacant loft before closing time.

La Follette Will Not Come. The La Follette boom in Nebraska is sadly out of "plum" at present and all because the "plumber," in the person of the Wisconsin senator, has cut this state out of his itinerary for the Christmas holidays.

Spotlight on Mere Man. SIZED UP AS "MIGHTY SMALL DOUGHNUTS AND FEW IN A PAPER BAG."

What is man that he should hypnotize himself into thinking that he is the big man? Man, proud man, born of woman, is small doughnuts and few in a paper bag.

He springs up today and flourishes like a bootlegger in a dusty town, and tomorrow or the day after the undertaker comes with his tapeline and takes his measure.

He weds a wealthy girl with a job lot of freckles and the next day her papa falls with many liabilities and no assets, and comes to abide thenceforth with his startled son-in-law.

The cellar door of life for him is full of pestiferous spiders, but he slides down it with utter disregard of the speed limit.

He goes forth in the early morning to conquer the world, but the world refuses

TO RECOGNISE HIM, AND SO HE ROOSTS IN A TREE UNTIL THE MILKMAN COMES.

In the early spring he discards his flannels, and a breeze from Adeline Hat comes his way and he is filled to overflowing with rheumatism.

With the advent of summer he goes into camp and gorges himself with vegetables fresh from the rusty cans of the village grocer, and a multitude of creeping things hold nightly carnival on his person.

In the fall begins the winter of his discontent. The furnace camps on his trail and he is filled with wood, soot, ashes and profanity.

He puts on his autumn trousers, and a fussy wasp that has taken up its abode therein disputes his right and title thereto.

He transfers a mammoth potted palm from the front porch to the cellar. He goes down the steps in advance with considerable suddenness, and the palm follows quickly and sits upon him triumphantly.

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