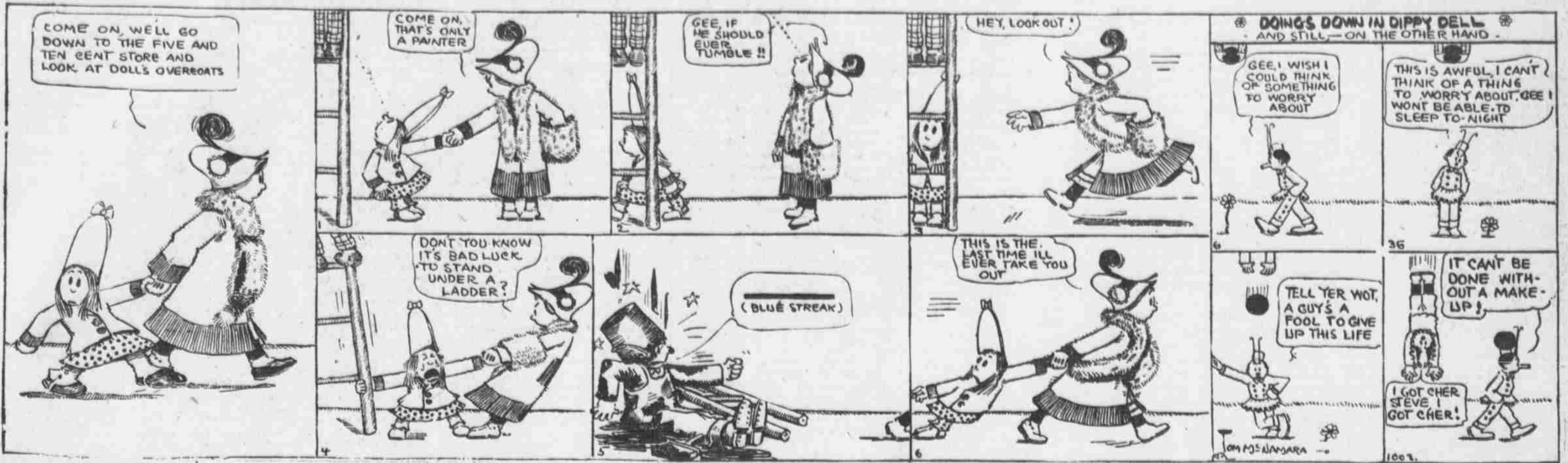


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COZAD WATER QUESTION UP

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." The local Elks lodge was a real Santa Claus to the children, entertaining more than 2,000 of them at the club rooms.

The rush of holiday mail showed only slight signs of letting up today and postal employees were hard at work today digging out from under it. The Omaha & Beatrice suburban railway has filed notice of an equipment mortgage of \$6,500 in favor of the General Electric company.

Saunders Marriage Licenses. ASHLAND, Neb. Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Marriage licenses were granted by Peter P. White, county judge of Saunders county, to the following: Judson Haskins of Omaha, aged 27, and Miss Lillian J. Bredenberg of Malmo, Neb., aged 21; Roy A. Anderson and Miss Jessie M. Thomas, both of Ashland, aged 35 years.

Ashland Youth in Trouble. ASHLAND, Neb. Dec. 25.—(Special.)—News reached here from Kansas City, Mo., that Dave Rogers, an Ashland youth who left here about six weeks ago, was convicted there of highway robbery and received an indeterminate sentence of from two to ten years in the Missouri penitentiary. It was stated

that he grabbed a pocketbook containing over \$30 from a woman pedestrian on the streets of Kansas City and after a strenuous chase was gathered in by the police.

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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 Siocum 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.

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Marriage Licenses at Madison. MADISON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Judge Eates issued a marriage license late yesterday afternoon to Lawrence A. Foster and Emma Hoche, both of Norfolk, and today a license was issued to Charles Elmer Hills and Lillie Esther Tannhill, both of Norfolk.

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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. One of the men affected by the change writes concerning the rule in the following fashion:

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.

Effect of the Rule. On its face this ruling seems very innocent, and destined to accomplish much good by making it impossible for anyone to unlawfully obtain and use free transportation. What it does do is to prevent the use of passes by anyone but the bona fide employees of the railroad.

As all familiar at all with the railroad employe, may know, railroads have no set rule permitting their employes to have vacations during the winter months. Each request for a vacation is considered and decided according to circumstances, and about the only consideration seems to be the company's convenience. If they happen to have a man handy to relieve him within the winter this is the usual case with all railroad employes.

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pleasure trips they have enjoyed in the past. In the light of these facts who will claim that this ruling is a benefit to the people of the United States, or to any particular class or individual?

Benefits the Railroads. So far as I can see the only ones benefited are the railroads. Is it possible that the railroads are lack of the commission in this deal? It certainly looks suspicious. It is well for the employe to investigate and if they find that this is the case, to arise in a body and demand reparation, either by removing all unnecessary restrictions that interfere with them in obtaining that which the laws allow them, or furnish annual passes for all.

They are very considerate of the farmer, of the merchant and especially so of the great capitalists except, possibly, the railroads. The civil service employe gets his thirty days vacation each year without loss of pay, and the railroad employe gets no little part of this thirty days pay. No one ever heard them kicking about their getting it. On the contrary, we are glad they get it. It is a part of their annual income and they expect it.

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Two of Them Do Not Comply with Letter of the Law. MONEY TO COUNTY TREASURER. Sloan to Run for Congress—Grueher's Petition Comes from Platte—Skillen Wants Seat in National House.

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.

La Follette Will Not Come. The La Follette boom in Nebraska is sadly out of "plum" at present and all because the "plummer," 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 Doughnut and Few in a Paper Bag." What is man that he should hypnotize himself into thinking that he is the big one?

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SPOTLIGHT ON MERE MAN

Sized up as "Mighty Small Doughnut and Few in a Paper Bag." What is man that he should hypnotize himself into thinking that he is the big one?

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 joblot 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 be conquered, and so he comes home in an ambulance.

In the midst of life he runs in debt, but he crawls out at a snail's pace—at all!

He sits up until 3 a. m. to hear the election returns from the back townships, and learns in the end that the other fellow has copped his bet.

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to recognize 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.

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