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All aboard for the seat next to the driver.
Goodbye, Tom and Jerry, take care o' yourselves, old friends.

No one hears the coal man complaining very loudly about this weather.
Surely some minister purple accuses the effort to prove Colonel Mahey a liar.

What a difference when congress is not in session. Yes, what is the difference?
New York's New theater not only failed to lift up the drama, but even to hold up itself.

The ultimate consumer does not so much notice the need for currency reform as for currency.
Is it that girls are getting so pretty they do not need the aid, that mistletoe is going out of date?

It begins to look as if Dr. Wu had been called in as the family physician of the Chinese insurgents.
The Chinese republic will do fairly well if it holds out as long as the empire, which dates from about B. C. 2900.

Does anyone know whether Mr. Shuster is distantly related to or connected with a Mr. Morgan of New York?
Omaha now has a bank with a capital and surplus of \$1,500,000. That is certainly getting up into the realm of big business.

The Transval uses \$7,000,000 worth of explosives a year, it is said. "Don't do it," say two voices from San Quentin, California.
A New York woman has gone to live in Paris to get away, she says, from scandal and scandal-mongers. And she was not joking, either.

Sir Edwin Arnold's advance ticket sale in Kansas City came to only \$69. Perhaps if he had been billed as plain Ed Arnold it might have been different.
William J. Burns seems to have got to the end of his rope of publicity; for now Mrs. Burns is being exploited. Nothing like being a great detective.

Still, it is not considered exactly buccolic to crane one's neck to get a full view of the lady doing the diva act. Nature has not lost all its charms to urbanity.
By studying law, Harry Thaw expects to get himself out of prison, or the asylum. He may, at least, save some of the money the lawyers would be gathering in.

A scientific highbrow predicts that our colleges and universities will soon be teaching flying. Just as if they had not been teaching high-flying all the time.
At any rate, it's quite safe to conclude that at least half of the witnesses who are contradicting one another in the postscript Mahey case are bearing false witness.

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The Democratic Anvil Chorus.
It is the democratic play to keep hammering incessantly on President Taft with a view to creating a false impression that his administration is a failure because Mr. Taft is the probable candidate of his party for re-election, whom the democrats must beat to get into power.

This anvil chorus of democratic knockers, however, is attuned to no new political melody, but is simply repeating the noisy outcry which has been directed from the same source at every republican standard bearer.

The campaign slogan of the democrats, in the middle of the great rebellion was that Abraham Lincoln's conduct of the war was a failure, and that he should, therefore, be turned out of the White House, and his place given to the democratic nominee, who had been a palpable failure as a military commander.

President Grant was pilloried similarly by the democratic opposition as a failure who should be denied the endorsement of a second term, and the same anvil chorus was kept busy on Harrison, on McKinley and on Roosevelt. The only praise the democrats ever shower on republican leaders falls to those who do not, in their opinion, stand in the way of democratic ascendancy.

Eight years ago, and again four years ago, Theodore Roosevelt was the target for democratic assaults and accusations—first charged with swinging the big stick to force his own renomination, and again with misuse of official authority to name his successor in the White House.

Everybody realizes that Mr. Taft has had some difficult problems to deal with, and embarrassing situations to meet from the very day he became president, but everyone who wants to be fair with himself also knows that his administration as a whole has been a success and that he has been gaining in public estimation and strength, particularly since the reverse pendulum swing that gave us a democratic congress.

The anvil chorus of the democrats will, however, be kept up all the time that Mr. Taft is in the running, but it remains to be seen whether it will fool people any more now than it has in the past.

A Theatrical Failure.
Is it going to be necessary to adapt the lines of serious drama to the fickle standards of musical and farce comedy to get it patronized? What caused the failure of the New Theater in New York was lack of patronage, of course. Its mission was to raise the stage to the laudable level of educational influence, yet it failed completely. Not, however, because it did not have the actors—it had the services of consummate artists—but because consummate artists could not compete in drawing power with the fancy dancer, the purveyor of doubtful jokes or the musical comedy star.

It is an unfavorable comment upon the theater and the theatergoer, on the theater because it has cultivated the demand for the lower grade of stage productions and on the attendant because he has been susceptible to this cultivation. Of course, the old answer will be that the "fired man of affairs" does not care for the heavier entertainment on the stage. But the "fired man of affairs" must not be thus prejudged. He should be allowed to speak for himself, besides he is not the only person who goes to the theater.

No matter about that, the fact is that the failure of a theater like this one in New York can reflect no credit upon the stage as a really elevating or refining force. The stage used to claim for itself more than merely the mission of amusing "tired business men" or sordid-minded men; it used to claim title to an educational influence. With an educational playhouse falling alongside of the unbounded prosperity of the cheap and coarse theater, what may be claimed? It would be a bad thing for Shakespeare and other strong dramas to lose the hold in literature that they have lost on the stage.

Intensive Politics.
Prof. P. G. Holden's announcement of his candidacy for governor of Iowa ought to insure a lively spirit for the coming campaign in our sister state. Prof. Holden is the man with the reputation for making two blades of grass grow where but one grew before. He is a pioneer in the movement of intensive agriculture. He has been rated as one of the world's "twenty greatest men" because of what he has done to increase the productivity of the soil. He surely will not be less scientific in politics than he has been in his profession, and if he develops the capacity for multiplying votes as he has for multiplying corn-stalks and wheat straws he will have a walk-away at the polls.

Thus do we behold the prospect of another new "Iowa idea." Henceforth we may expect all political campaigns and all administrations of office to be conducted along the lines of intensive farming. Politics and farming are not as wholly unlike as might at first appear. One of the most essential opportunities to a well-regulated farm is a good, strong fence, and the same is true

of a well-managed and successful political career. The politician without his fences would not remain a politician long. Although Prof. Holden has had to do more with preparation of seed and cultivation of the soil than with fence building, his experience will still stand him handsomely. Nothing is quite as necessary in landing a harvest of votes as scientific selection and planting of seed, and if Governor Holden should aim at doing as some other eminent Iowa governors have done, graduate into a seat in the upper branch of congress, he would find even more ample opportunity for the display of his genius in handling political seed. A great Nebraska congressman once said that his chief function at Washington was the distribution of garden seed.

Dr. Wu in China.
With the election of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president of the new republic of China comes an abrupt climax to a series of kaleidoscopic changes, indicating that the revolutionists will do more than secure merely a monarchy, liberal only in name. Premier Yuan Shi Kai rather suddenly receded from his position to defeat the republicans or resign, and the throne agreed to abide the decision of the provinces as to the form of government. Eighteen of these provinces having voted for a republic, the national assembly considered the victory secure and proceeded by unanimous vote to elect the originator of this movement, Dr. Sun, president.

Probably, next to Dr. Sun, Wu Ting-fang has been the most potent personal factor in forcing the issue. He is certain, therefore, to have a prominent place in the new regime. Evidently Dr. Wu's long contact and experience with Americans is bearing fruit in this oldest of monarchies and his services from now should prove of incalculable value to China. From press dispatches it has appeared that Wu's influence in standing out against a compromise had as much, if not more, to do with the republican triumph than anything else. He has displayed qualities of large statesmanship.

Of course, while history is being made in China, the varying record of this very transition is such as to discourage any dogmatic discussion. A week ago it did not seem at all probable that a republic, even in name, would come out of the revolution, and now it is not certain that the finale has been reached. The premier is making still another effort to forestall it. A monarchy that dates from B. C. 2900 will be slow transforming itself into the most progressive of governments. If the republicans, therefore, for a time to come get no more than a nominal representative state they will have done exceedingly well.

The formal opening of the new Union Pacific headquarters building is an event in Omaha's career. When the ground was broken for the road here in 1863, the whole town turned out to celebrate. The present move anchoring the executive offices of this now great railway system is in degree almost as important to us.

Certain folks, who four years ago professed to be greatly distressed for fear President Taft would be merely Roosevelt's echo, are now finding fault because he has not in all things agreed with the views of his predecessor. Some people refuse to be happy except when they are unhappy.

If the democratic combine in the county board leaves any loose change in the treasury over for the new republican commissioners who take hold next week, it will be purely by oversight and entirely unintentional.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
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DEC. 30.

Thirty Years Ago—
The Pleasant Hours club centennial party and banquet at Masonic hall is pronounced the most magnificent social event Omaha has ever known. Omaha has never seen such rich and costly convivia and costly entertainment as were the programs, those for the ladies being in the form of an eight-page satiric booklet, with hand painted decorations, made by Mrs. Milton Barlow, Mrs. S. D. Locke, the Misses Ross, Miss Carrie Ijams, Miss Taft and Miss Ruskin. The magnificent of the ladies' toilets was the theme of universal comment, some of them being described in detail. Mrs. J. C. Cowin, princess robe of crimson satin with over-dress of plush, diamonds, etc.; C. K. Constant, combination of all gold and white brocade and old gold satin; Mrs. Kountze, black satin, trimmed elaborately in jet and superb diamonds; Mrs. Colpetzer, white surah with Persian embroidery, coffee high and powdered; Mrs. Fritts, princess of white silk; Mrs. Squires, satin heliotrope garshe with sprays of heliotrope; Miss Doan, pale blue surah with overdress of Spanish lace; Miss Millard, blue satin and brocade with pearl passementerie and mauve flowers; Miss Wakeley, pink satin and brocade, lace sleeves embroidered in crystals; Miss Dolie McConick, white silk with overdress of point lace and flounces headed with pearls; Miss Boyd, cream tulle, veiling with bodice of white silk; Miss Balcombe, cameo motif, white pearl passementerie and crystal lace; Miss Rustin, white Spanish lace with sleeves embroidered in pearls; P. R. McConnell, dress of ruby velvet.

Emma Hanson, the 11-year-old daughter of Andrew Hanson, corner Twentieth and Nicholas streets, was frightfully burned when her dress ignited from the stove. She was attended by Dr. Moore, but did not survive.

The finest and most complete line of New Year's calling cards at Potter's, 1214 Douglas street.

Benjamin Johnson and Tilda Nelson were married by Judge Berka at the police court. An interpreter had to be employed, but everything passed off smoothly and pleasantly.

Work on the new Grand Central hotel building is being pushed right along, over \$5,000 having already been expended upon it. When completed it will contain 150 rooms and the total cost will be over \$125,000.

P. Vining, general freight agent of the Union Pacific, returned from a trip to New York City.

Announcements of New Year's receiving parties for Monday, January 2, are as follows: Mrs. John V. Puray at 1223 Cass street, assisted by Mrs. Dan P. Martin and Miss Grace Chambers; Mrs. Clark Woodman, 1712 Isard street, assisted by Mrs. M. G. Cole, Mrs. C. E. Squires, Mrs. A. F. Sherrill, Mrs. Wilbur, Mrs. S. B. Jones, Mrs. Robert P. Whitlaw of St. Louis, Mrs. Judson Smith of Davenport, Mrs. Eva Lowe, Miss Julia Knight, Mrs. Mary Knight, Miss Mary E. Day; Mrs. George A. Hoagland at her home, Sixteenth street and St. Mary's avenue, assisted by Mrs. Rustin, Mrs. Senator Saunders, Mrs. Burling, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. McConnell and Miss Steele, Miss Burley, Miss Saunders and Miss Rustin; Mrs. William A. Paxton at his residence, corner Sixteenth and Farnam streets, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Durrett, Mrs. W. A. Sharp, Mrs. Samuel Burns, Mrs. P. E. Her, Mrs. George L. Gilbert, Mrs. W. W. Math, Mrs. Mattie Sharp, Miss Carrie Ijams, Miss Tennis Kinnard and Miss May Campbell.

Twenty Years Ago—
P. E. Johnson of Lincoln, who was one of the pioneers who landed in Nebraska in 1855, was at the Millard.

The Club held its fortnightly meeting at the Lingerer art gallery and the topic of discussion was, "What is Christian Science?" Clarence W. Chadwick, a believer, read a lengthy and somewhat exhaustive paper, setting forth his views. He maintained the club deal with spiritual and not material things. "There is no matter," he said, "it is mind, its actions and its actors. The mind is infinite." He deplored the treatment of the sick by physicians. Drugs, he said, killed and fastened disease to the victim. In the debate one member of the club took the ground that if the mind were so supremely dominant over the body then to take a quart of whiskey into the system would not affect the person at all.

Judge Doane dissolved the injunction which prevented the city completing its furniture contract with the Ketchum Furniture company and paved the way to the signing of that document.

Lorenzo Crouse, assistant secretary of the treasury, who was in the city, said the political situation was something the country would give way to the political views of Pfeffer, Jerry Simpson and the Koms, to Carlisle, Crisp and Mills, or to McKinley, Blaine and Harrison.

There was a good deal of rivalry for president of the new Board of Education between Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Spaulding and Euclid Martin.

Mayor Cushing figures out a scheme for providing Omaha with a modern park system.

Ten Years Ago—
Jack Stewart of Council Bluffs won the first squash tournament at the Racquet club, defeating N. P. Dodge, Jr., in the final round on the club courts, twelve players competing.

Judge Vinsonhaler granted the petition of Charles and Frederick Metk, executors of the estate of their father, Frederick Metk, to sell enough Metk Brewing company stock to pay off certain debts of deceased.

The proposed Half Trunk park proposition was given a blank vote by the Park board on a resolution not to buy the tract introduced by E. C. Cochran.

Mrs. J. D. Foster left hurriedly for Los Angeles, in response to a telegram, telling of the alarming illness of her father, R. V. Smith.

Each South of the Nebraska foot ball team was in the city, the guest of university alumni.

In Other Lands
Side Lights on What is Transpiring Among the Near and Far Nations of the Earth.

The Awakening of China.
Events of vast import mark the year's history of the old world. Constitutional government scored an epochal triumph in Great Britain, diplomacy and bluff averted a triangular war in Europe, the attack of monarchial restoration, changes were wrought in the map of North Africa, two judicious wars were inaugurated and the throne of the Mikado of China overturned by revolution. With a solitaire exception these events make for human progress and human betterment. Recumbent to the limit of brutal tyranny stamps the conduct of Russia in destroying the identity of Finland and its unprovoked war on Persia. The upheaval in China overshadows all other events in world interest. The awakening of the great empire of the east, prophesied since the thirteenth century, already exceeds in political results the expectations of the shrewdest prophets. In less than three months, beginning October 10, the revolt against the Manchus swept through fourteen provinces, embracing the large cities of Wuchang, Hankow, Nanking and Shanghai. Fourteen divisions of the army and the whole navy joined the rebels. Prince Chun, regent for his son, the emperor, retired from the throne after penning abject apologies for the incompetency of himself and councillors. The solitary survival of the Manchus government is Yuan Shi Kai, premier, who is striving to rescue a remnant of the monarchial system from the present ruin. Peace negotiations are now proceeding, the rebels insisting on a republic, Premier Yuan holding out for a limited monarchy. No matter what form the new government takes, it is fairly certain the Manchus dynasty is down and out after a reign of 283 years.

A Revolution in Great Britain.
A century-old struggle against the coordinate legislative power of the hereditary lords of Great Britain was brought to a close last June when the House of Lords was forced to approve the restricted veto bill passed by the House of Commons. The certainty of the creation of enough new peers to overthrow the two-thirds unionist majority convinced the members that resistance was useless and that it were wiser to preserve the prestige of the peers from the threatened deluge of obduracy than fighting to the last ditch. Under the new law a measure passed by the House of Commons at three successive sessions becomes a law with royal assent regardless of the opposition of the House of Lords. Restricting the veto power of the peers opens the way for the enactment of popular measures advocated by the liberal party representing the democracy of the United Kingdom. Chief of the promises home rule for Ireland, which the ministry is pledged to introduce next March. Important constructive legislation of a social and economic character marked the two sessions of the year. These include compulsory insurance against sickness and unemployment, fixing of store clerks' hours, with a weekly holiday; prohibiting boys and women from working underground, and extending the copyright act to fifty years after the death of the author. The crowning of King George in London and an emperor of India at Delhi gave regal pageantry a double opportunity to display its splendors and impress the multitude with a pomp and power of those "born to the purple."

France in Morocco.
With practical unanimity the French Chamber of Deputies ratified the Franco-German treaty on Morocco, bringing to a peaceful close an incident portentous with war in its early stages. In the late summer months when France undertook to exercise in Morocco the police powers conceded by the treaty of Algiers, Germany foresaw the absorption of the territory by France and forthwith dispatched a gunboat to the port of Agadir on the Atlantic coast. If there was to be any division of territorial loot the Kaiser's government desired to be within reach. Explanation of the gambit mission failed to satisfy France or its ally, Great Britain. Several warm notes were exchanged between the allied powers and Germany. War feeling was aroused and unofficial bluster filled the newspapers and emanated from political leaders on both sides. The outcome of the agitation and cogitation was a substantial recognition of French supremacy in Morocco. By the new treaty France cedes to Germany a strip of territory in the French Congo and a German colony to France some territory on the frontier of Togoland and Dahomey. France's right to establish a protectorate over Morocco is recognized on condition that it safeguard the economic quality and commercial liberty of all nations in that country.

Italy and Tripoli.
The acute stage of the Franco-German dispute over Morocco had scarcely passed in October when Italy leaped to the center of the world's stage with a demand on Turkey to relinquish control of Tripoli. All other divisions of northern Africa, from Egypt to Morocco, had passed to the control of European powers—Great Britain, France and Spain. Tripoli was all that remained of the ancient Roman empire in Africa controlled by an inferior race, power possessing an army beyond which. The rejected demand was followed by a declaration of war, the dispatch of troops to Tripoli and fierce fighting between the Italian invaders and Turk and Arab defenders. Various reasons were offered by Italy in justification of its action, such as Tripolitan opposition to Italian trade and traders, but the true reason was thus given by Signor Giolitti, speaking for the government: "Turkey has never taken into account the necessity of Italy's economical expansion and the health of her industries. It was only primarily to cast a glance at a map of the Mediterranean to see from an official point that the Tripolitan territory must fall under the domination of Italy and, above all, of Italy. History shows that Tripoli was Greek when Italy was Greek and Roman when Italy was Roman. It was thus natural that a movement of expansion should proceed from Italy." The invading army numbered 100,000 men. It has been organized to fight the war over land or on the high seas, which it has chosen as two months. The fighting on both sides has been fierce and protracted, but an estimate of the mounting of news from the front line that little is known of the progress of the campaign beyond the coast.

Results in Persia.
The Persian revolution of 1911 has established a reGENCY for his minor son and inaugurated constitutional government. Two years prior to this event the puppet shah entered into a triple alliance with Russia and Great Britain by which the former was granted a "sphere of influence" in the north and the latter in the south of Persia. Troops of both nations occupy portions of their respective spheres. The signing of this treaty was the beginning of the end of Persia as an independent state. A succession of events this year, each revolving around the American, William Morgan Shuster, treasurer-general, are revealed as dovetailed parts of the plan, devised and executed by Russia. Shuster had made considerable progress in re-organizing the financial system of Persia, had collected delinquent taxes, paid off many debts and had good prospects of putting the government firmly on its financial feet before his three-year's contract expired. Such an achievement would give the Persians self-confidence and popularize constitutional government, two things repugnant to the Russian system. Obstacles were raised against Shuster at every turn of the reform road. Objections came from bankers as well as from mercenary governments. A brother of the exiled shah organized an invasion of Persia on Russian territory and was put to flight on crossing the northern border. As a penalty for the raid the Persian government ordered the seizure of the brother's property in Persia. Russia protested and demanded a return of the property and an apology for the "insult" of confiscating property mortgaged to a Russian. Persia, hoping to avert further trouble, returned the property and apologized. But Russia wasn't satisfied. A letter from Shuster in the London Times, in which Russia's motives were impugned, was then seized as a pretext for demanding the dismissal of Shuster. Persia was obliged to submit against its will. Nevertheless, because the dismissal was not done as promptly as desired Russian troops are marching over northern Persia, from Reht to Tabriz, slaughtering young and old, who manifest an outward sign of disrespect for the wolf.

1912—How do you make such a hit in society?
"1911—Well, you see, I mistake all the debutantes for society leaders and all the society leaders for debutantes."—Princeton Tiger.

"I should think," said the woman of the house, "you would have to much self-respect to make your living by begging."
"Lady," protested Rufion Wrats, straightening himself up, "self-respect is not all mine! I wouldn't do this for no other man on earth."—Chicago Tribune.

Briggs—Here's a scientific chap who states that the eye of a fly can discern an object one five-millionth of an inch in diameter."
Griggs—Wonder if it can discern the tail of the fellow who wants to abolish Christmas.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"There is one reform in municipal reforms which is always desirable when applied to streets."
"Which is that?"—Baltimore American.

"Did you make up the list of the twenty greatest women that the editor asked you to prepare?"
"Not on your life! But I've told at least a hundred women that they were sure of place on it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A GENTLE REMINDER.
'Tis after Christmas—time for you to do the things you've promised to. 'Tis time to entertain a guest. To sew a button on a vest. To make a call—to iron a shirt. To sew a ruffie on a skirt.

'Tis after Christmas, time to think, you read a book, to sleep a wink. To have a heart, a soul to feel. To eat a good, substantial meal. There's even time for feelin' sick. Now that there are no stickers to lick.

'Tis after Christmas, now there's time to put a thought or two in rhyme. To laugh a laugh, to make a pun. To black a shoe, to clean a gun. To read the news, to catch a car. To dialy where the presents are.

'Tis after Christmas, time to sigh For happier days when you and I. Our plans and labors still pursuing. Yet lately pleasures found in doing. And last of all, 'tis time, right here To wish you a glorious, glad New Year.

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