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of the Bee Publishing company, having
duly sworn, says that the average daily
circulation, less Sunday, unused and re-
turned copies, for the month of Decem-
ber, 1911, was 50,119.

DWIGHT WILLIAMS,
Circulation Manager,
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to
before me this 4th day of January, 1912.
(Seal) ROBERT HUNTER,
Notary Public.

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

That grand jury is coming, all
right.

Looks as if Omaha were due to
have a new postmaster soon.

Mr. Morgan was not forced to flee
to Egypt for refuge, though, nor for
corona.

If this thing keeps on, the con-
tributing editor ought to be entitled
to a raise in pay.

"Never again" will we speak of
the weather moderating—until
about May or June.

According to report, the finance
committee of the school board also
has a man's job on its hands.

Yet, Dr. Wilson may discover that
even cocked hats have a greater po-
litical value than silk ties.

That \$100,000 check from Balti-
more suggests that the democrats are
going in for a literary campaign.

Also, the weather is another thing
about which it is not safe to count
your chickens before your eggs are
hatched.

"Back to the dear old songs," is
the cry. Sure, "Little Annie
Rooney" and "Down Went McGinty,"
for instance.

The peace dinner habit of big men
is coming to be as big a trouble-
maker as the piecemeal habit of ill-
tempered Johnnies.

One man gets \$50,000, another
\$25,000, for informing on customs
frauds, thus showing that "virtue is
its own reward."

Perhaps a few of those 5,000 ac-
tors out of work might land jobs as
end men to some of our leading po-
litical minstrels.

If Mr. Carnegie did beat his
friend, Rockefeller, the latter had
no trouble in putting it over
the Merritt brothers.

"It has been a little warmer since
New Mexico came into the union,"
observes the Chicago Tribune.
Where, in New Mexico?

Governor Woodrow Wilson doubt-
less finds that when a man runs for
office his past sayings come trooping
home with bells on them.

What, indeed, is in a name, when
those of Hawthorne and Quincy are
connected up with charges of using
the government mails to defraud?

Russia defines its attitude toward
Mongolia, which is to gobble it up in
toto, being Russia's attitude toward
any other land that looks good and
easy.

As chairman of the new county
board, Commissioner Lynch has a
fine chance to show the difference,
which he may be depended on to
utilize.

It will probably take a lot of rul-
ings and legal opinions, and then
some court decisions besides, to
make sure exactly what our new Ne-
braska primary law means.

Scientists tell us that in a few mil-
lion years it will be just as cold on
earth as this all the time. So, then,
even at that we may congratulate
ourselves we are living in the year
1912.

The Brooklyn Eagle says that
Mayor Gaynor of New York has
more jacksonism in his little
finger than Mr. Bryan has in his
entire corporal system. Possibly we
do not know exactly how much Jack-
sonian Mayor Gaynor has in his
little finger.

Business and Politics.

It seems still fashionable in some
quarters to lay all business distur-
bances onto the platitude of "too much
politics." "Taking a broad view of
things," says the Commercial and
Financial Chronicle of Wall street,
"there is nothing fundamentally
wrong in the industrial or financial
world. The trouble may be summed
up in a single word—politics." That,
of course, has been said again and
again and contains an element of ac-
cepted truth, but it comes far from
containing all the truth, as even many
big business men, themselves, now
freely admit.

This "big business" organ calls on
industrial leaders to "speak out and
make themselves heard," regretting
to see so many "inclined to bend the
knee to political clamor." It finds that
"amid the many discouragements,
they appear to be losing heart,
and accordingly profess a willingness
to accept regulation even to the ex-
tent of having the government fix
prices." Therefore, the Chronicle
gleefully hails the expression of
President James A. Farrell of the
Steel corporation that "pernicious
and harmful activity of cheap politi-
cians in attacking corporations," is
entirely responsible for the "distur-
bance in business conditions."

That is very different from the
view expressed by the chairman of the
board of directors of the Steel
company. Judge Gary, who admits
that, with all the mistakes of politi-
cians, the big interests have made a
few themselves, and that the time
has come for sane governmental regu-
lation of them. Incendiary agitation
is pernicious in politicians, but no
more so than in "big business" and
talk like that of President Farrell's,
backed up by Wall street, is not go-
ing to stop agitation or settle dis-
turbed business. It is mis-stating
facts to try to make out that this
"attack" by the government was
wholly unprovoked. No "attack" is
being officially made not provoked
by the lawless aggression of the
trusts and the process of reforming
and regulating is sure to be carried
to a rational completion. Legitimate
business requires no legal loopholes,
and neither does legitimate politics
require business disturbances in order
to thrive.

A Millionaire's Joke.

Mr. Carnegie, in his testimony be-
fore the Steel trust investigating
committee, has given us an entirely
new view of high finance and cor-
porate aggression. It is all a joke,
a huge joke, of course, but a joke,
nevertheless. Why will not Uncle
Sam look at it in this light here-
after? Mr. Carnegie got the better of
his friend, Mr. Rockefeller, in that
Lake Superior ore deal, involving a
few hundred million dollars, and is
chuckling over it yet. "It does my
heart good to think how I got ahead
of my fellow millionaire," he ex-
claims between convulsions of
laughter.

What a fine spirit! Why could not
the Merritt brothers have looked at
Mr. Rockefeller's little prank that
way instead of getting mad and
making a fuss over it? They must
surely have very dull senses of
humor. Either so, or Mr. Carnegie's
is abnormally developed, and they do
say that the Scotch, as a rule, are
none too keen on the edge of humor.
Ha, ha, this is just the dandiest
little joke ever. Oh, you, John D.,
the kids won't do a thing to you when
they hear of this.

Just to show that there are no
hard feelings and that Mr. Rocke-
feller took the whole thing in fun,
the jolly Laird of Skibo added that
he and Mrs. Carnegie had been over
to visit Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller recently,
"and nothing was said of his
joke." Not a word. There is
nothing like a millionaire's joke for
fun and Mr. Carnegie has shown
himself to be the regular Peck's bad
boy of high finance. Just how funny
he strikes his friend, John D., as
being, is another matter.

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urged also that such a departure
would entail "unremunerative bur-
dens" on the government. But results
have knocked that subterfuge into a
cocked hat, as Woodrow Wilson
might say. The parcels post is coming
and all the skill and art of paid op-
ponents cannot prevent.

Are Higher-Ups Treed?

The two McManigals, Ortiz and his
father, for an entire day, testify
before the federal grand jury at In-
dianapolis in the dynamiting cases,
and several significant questions fol-
low them out of the witness room—
questions as to the identity of the
persons who paid the money for cer-
tain jobs and directed certain
other jobs in different cities. The
answers are enveloped in mysterious
secrecy, so far as the outside of that
witness room is concerned.

Evidently the McManigals told a
lot of things about various persons
that had not been related before
and the general belief is that they
incriminated some men more con-
spicuous than themselves. It all
leads forcibly to the conclusion that
the federal inquisitors have got the
"higher-ups" treed. If there are
"higher-ups" let us hope they are
treed at last and that they will not
escape.

It stands to reason that all the ex-
positions are not yet out of this
bomb. Undoubtedly McManigal knows
more than has come out publicly in
his testimony and he has agreed to
tell what he knows. The McNamara's
know more than they have told and
it is not too late for them to fire
off another shot. Exposure and pros-
ecution of the real culprits behind the
scenes would help the cause of justice.

The commission plan law makes a
petition bearing the signatures of
100 electors necessary for a candi-
date to file for office, and no elector
may sign more than seven petitions.
Counting the number of voters in
Omaha at 21,000, and assuming that
each one is able to write his auto-
graph and does his full duty, it is
possible to have the 1,476 candidates
for commissioner legally entitled
to have their names appear on the
primary ballot. Get your petitions
early and avoid being crowded out.

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These officers of the Walnut Hill Sav-
ings and Investment company were
elected: President, Adolph Meyer; first
vice president, H. D. Neely; second vice
president, E. A. Marsh; treasurer, Henry
Bolin; secretary, B. M. Mohr.

Mayor Remond received the confirmation
of the city council of eight of his ap-
pointments as follows: W. J. Connell,
city attorney; Andrew Rosewater, city
engineer; Dr. A. B. Somers, health com-
missioner; James P. Lilly, superintend-
ent of buildings; Charles Soudenberg,
boiler inspector; J. H. Dumont, street
commissioner; H. E. Cochran, city prosecu-
tor; E. J. Cornish, assistant city prosecu-
tor. Cochran was the only one to whom
there was no opposition in the coun-
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Did you ever stand at the corner
walking for a car with the mercury
10 below zero, and the wind blowing
a small gale, and have two street
cars pass without even slowing up?
Did it ever happen that way?

As long as our city charter is
built especially for that purpose,
and the paving contractors can mulct
the treasury easier by combining than
by competing, Omaha will continue
to be easy picking.

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