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No one hears the farmer complaining of too much snow.

Well, even a cocked hat beats Medicine Hat at this season of the year.

Colonel Watterson admits, though, that Dr. Wilson is a good school teacher.

Wonder if Mayor Jim's congressional boom is based upon his police board record.

"It is not always January," observes the Chicago News. No, now and then it is July.

But why is it necessary for Mr. Bryan to go all the way to New York to buy an automobile

Dr. Hicks certainly has been putting them over on his friends, the government forecasters.

Senator Lodge fell while roller skating and then undertook to close the doors of the treaty debate.

Detective Burns came clear of the charge of kidnaping. Yes, the McNamara pleaded his case for him.

Governor Wilson may now feel virtually assured of a certain support he was decidedly apprehensive about.

News that Sepulpa, Okl., has voted for the commission form of government is news that there is such a place as Sepulpa.

If you do not believe the feet and snout and tail and ears form a large part of the packers' profits, order them of your butcher.

In these halcyon days it is impossible to keep a resourceful man from getting free advertising if he really wants it, and insists upon it.

Anyone who is in earnest about progressive government that progresses, may find it embodied in the present incumbent of the White House.

Still, that longest day letter ever sent over the wires, for which the Omaha office claims credit, was transmitted on one of the shortest days of the year.

If Mr. Carnegie ever gets into the Ananias club it will not be on his assertion that "Stock gamblers are parasites feeding on values and creating none."

Postmaster General Hitchcock's delay in answering that Texas girl's proposal may be to give him time to find out whether she chose to live in Texas or was merely born there.

Mayor "Jim" must see in the repudiation of Colonel Harvey by Woodrow Wilson, after his accepting his sponsorship and help, a re-enactment of his own treatment by Colonel Bryan.

The Baltimore American asks if Mr. Bryan will come to Baltimore with his war paint on or smoking the pipe of peace. Oh, Mr. Bryan is a good Indian; he neither smokes nor paints.

The New York Times accuses Mr. Bryan of having done more to injure his party in the last sixteen years than any other man. Well, if it is his party, he may do as he pleases with it.

Arrangements have been made by the Water board with two banks to tide over the water company's new judgments against the city. In the meantime hydrant rental continues to accumulate, with no way of taking care of it except by special tax levies. A tax bill without a special levy for the water fund would hardly be recognized by our property owners.

Away-from-Home News.

The old adage about going away from home to hear the news is again exemplified by a cutting from the Manchester (England) Guardian, kindly sent to us, telling how the opposition to the Anglo-American treaty was voiced by Mr. Gilbert Hitchcock, one of the Nebraska senators, "who took the point of view of the German-American societies, which have been agitating against the treaties." In explanation the English newspaper goes on to say:

The senator, who was a member of the house of representatives for thirteen of the last sixteen years, completed his education in Germany, and has so many connections in that country that his championship of the Fatherland can easily be understood, but it is regrettable that the owner of three powerful Omaha newspapers should take up such a position as he indicated in his speech yesterday, referring to the Edward Grey's speeches in the House of Commons, Mr. Hitchcock said that it was significant that while Anglo-American relations were so strained the British government should be so anxious to conclude a treaty with the United States, and he said that, to his mind, it was quite obvious that Great Britain expected a conflict with Germany and desired to have American help.

In this connection it is interesting also to quote from Mr. Bryan's Commencement, which indicates that the source of opposition to the treaty is not so much German as Irish as evidence by the great fight against the peace treaty being made by the Irish World. The whole point, it says, in Mr. Hitchcock's speech was that ratification would place us in an entangling alliance with Great Britain, a point completely turned by Senator Rayner's unanswered question, asking if ratification would also place us in an entangling alliance with France. The Commencement concluded:

Senator Rayner's question shows the absurdity of the contention that the ratification of these arbitration treaties means an alliance such as Washington warned us against. If the treaty made with Great Britain means an entangling alliance with that country, then the treaty with France will mean an entangling alliance with France. Then when Germany and Japan and other nations are in for similar treaties that will be an alliance with those countries, and America will have an "alliance" with all the civilized world—an alliance for the promotion of peace and for the abolition of war. God speed the day when such alliances as these shall be made.

The Case of Morse.

However guilty Charles W. Morse may have been of the crime for which he was convicted, he stands today before the world a most thoroughly published man—a man whose name is in the newspapers of every country, and whose name is in the newspapers of every country, and whose name is in the newspapers of every country.

Evidently Morse was not a wilful criminal, which is not to say he did not violate the law that has exacted such a tragic toll of him. But surely his case goes to show with penetrating clarity that it was a bad system in high finance that led him to fall.

A Democratic Ananias Club.

The time has come for a second Ananias club and it should be chartered under the auspices of the democratic party, with Governor Woodrow Wilson as its official head. As charter members we would suggest Colonel George Harvey, Colonel Henry Watterson and the New York Sun. That will afford a nucleus around which a large and thriving organization should be built up as the political season progresses. The democracy and the club are to be congratulated upon the prominence of its original members. Their personal growth should insure a stable and rapid growth.

As things now stand it appears that Dr. Wilson's task as the directing lead of this club is not to be an altogether easy one. The score is 3 to 1 against him and some heavy hitters are yet to come up. The score's record shows this: Colonel Harvey, who, as editor of Harper's Weekly, "brought out" Woodrow Wilson, politically, has withdrawn his support of him for president, "in response to a statement made directly by Governor Wilson, to the effect that our support was affecting his candidacy injuriously." Governor Wilson is quoted by the New York Sun as saying:

There is no foundation whatever for the story, as I never made any such remark. Colonel Henry Watterson publicly declares that Governor Wilson said just what Colonel Harvey says he said and that he (Watterson) was present and a witness to the conversation. Plainly, somebody has erred. The only question is, who is entitled to the honor of original membership in this democratic Ananias club, Colonel Harvey or Colonel Watterson? The Sun is "out of it" for first

place, as it could not have been admitted at all but for these former statements, bearing much the same relation to its birth in this club as Governor Wilson, by grace of Colonel Harvey's efforts and introduction, learns to political life. And it seems to us that Harvey's claims are prior to those of Watterson, since his editorial utterance antedated the public address of the Kentuckian.

South Blocking Popular Election.

The bill for the popular election of senators is still pending in the senate, having passed the house with the Bristow amendment requiring federal control of elections. It is the south's objection to this amendment that chiefly blocks action. The south fears such specific provision might undo its disfranchisement of the negro, but as the federal government controls the election of congressmen, this fear seems to be ill-founded. Of course, it would be a good thing if the Bristow amendment did operate to give the black man of the south a fairer chance at the polls.

Public sentiment is increasingly in favor of the popular election of senators and the opposition is on its last leg. It may not hope to do more than delay action; it cannot defeat it much longer. This opposition has held out astonishingly well though. It would be wrong, of course, to say that the opposition was all inherently bad, for while special interests, enjoying privileges at the hands of lawmakers, have helped to form and maintain the opposition, as also has the south in its domination over the colored voter, many men oppose the reform from most sensitive regard for what they, as good patriots, believe to be the best and soundest constitutional law.

Mr. Bryan denounces the democratic national committee as a "Guffeyite national committee," although that committee was made by the same convention that made Mr. Bryan the democratic nominee for president. Far be it from us, however, to deny the Bryan impeachment.

The beauties of that law enacted by the last democratic legislature providing for jury trials in the police court are being exemplified on every occasion that it is invoked. Those who put that law through surreptitiously knew what they were doing, and for whom they were doing it.

Well, if our new postmaster's voice is that strong, there will be, at any rate, no more secret conspiracies conducted in whispers behind closed doors in the northeast corner of the postoffice building, for anyone who listens may know what is going on there.

The members of the Nebraska State Teachers' association are about to determine by postal card vote where to hold their next annual convention. If they decide for their own comfort, convenience, pleasure and profit they will meet again in Omaha.

Nebraska's crop next fall depends on the kind of seed corn planted in the spring. The campaign to make sure that the seed corn possesses germinal properties is much more important than most people realize.

The tragic verity of the scriptural passage, "The way of the aggressor is hard," is once more revealed in the case of poor Banker Morse.

Measuring His Steps.

Every time Champ Clark travels down Pennsylvania avenue, these days he realizes that there's many a slip 'twixt the Capitol and the White House.

Taking a Long Chance.

"The Chinese republic will be patterned after the United States," says President Sun Yat Sen. Considering what Senator La Follette says, doesn't Dr. Sun think China is taking a long chance?

Coming Up the Line.

A bomb was thrown at Premier Yuan Shi Kai's carriage, the result being that two soldiers and the horses attached to the carriage were killed. It is evident that China has achieved the level of civilization that obtains in Spain and Russia.

Justice Harlan's Meager Fortune.

The late Associate Justice John M. Harlan of the supreme court left an estate valued at \$12,000, of which more than half was in life insurance. He did not accumulate much money, but it is a safe prediction that he will be remembered long after the fortunes of his contemporary multi-millionaire countrymen have been dissipated.

Presenting the Trusts.

Springfield (Mass.), Republican. Struggling along in his endeavor to carry out the Roosevelt policies, President Taft has now equaled his predecessor's record for trust prosecutions under the Sherman law, and before many weeks he will surely have beaten it. The Roosevelt administration had seven and one-half years for such work and the Taft administration has had less than three. Yet every Roosevelt insider thinks President Taft is a failure.

Demand for a Show-Down.

Philadelphia Bulletin. It would be a matter of great interest if Messrs. Roosevelt, Bryan, Wilson or Harrison were to describe candidly the methods by which they regulate their domestic finances. The amount it costs weekly to provide for their respective families and how they save on their household expenses. A practical exposition of their own personal way of cheaper living might shed more light on the real value of the theories and generalities in all their solemn discourses.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

COMPILED FROM BEE FILES
JAN. 20.

Thirty Years Ago—

Having turned the corner of its hundredth series the Pleasant Hours began its hundredth and first series with a reception at standard hall. A number of army officers and ladies were in attendance.

A police court complaint charges Kenard & Sharp with running baggage wagons without a license. Miss Mattie Kennedy, chief operator at the telephone exchange, has resigned her position to return to Rockford, Ill., where her parents reside.

Twenty Years Ago—

Miss Eva Prager of Los Angeles was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Kirschbaum, 544 St. Mary's avenue. A party of Boston and New York capitalists, bound for Goldenburg, was entertained in Omaha. They were dined at the Paxton and several speeches were made by the visitors and local men.

Ten Years Ago—

The Board of Education decided to make the coming week the period of vacation for the high school, instead of in the spring as usual. It unanimously re-elected Carl Herring as its attorney. The official returns of the county clerk contest took another turn and showed Harry Miller elected by 21, whereupon Charles Unitt decided to appeal to higher courts.

People Talked About

The problem of standardizing hash became more urgent in view of the news that 100 veterans at the soldiers' home at Leavenworth were put to bed by a breakdown of the mystery. Clouting old soldiers' bonds with the belt is an offense that justifies a speech from Dr. Wiley.

The Greek Budget.

The budget of the Hellenic kingdom for 1912 provides an estimated revenue of 143,000,000 drachmas, or about \$28,700,000, while the expenditure is reckoned at 1,000,000 drachmas less. Both figures are a shade higher than those of the current year. A surplus of 10,000,000 drachmas remains from the year 1911, and there is a large balance in the treasury of the recent loans of 110,000,000 drachmas. Altogether the government has available about \$200,000,000 drachmas. Of this sum \$200,000,000 drachmas will be used for army development and public works, including improvements to the port of the Piræus. The rest will be kept in the treasury for

In Other Lands

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

Old World Turmoil.

The new year is making history in the old world at a lively rate. There has not been a dull moment since 1912 was ushered in. Political, industrial and diplomatic upheavals have followed each other in rapid succession, and one war, two rebellions and a minor scrimmage furnish gunmakers a killing opportunity to test the latest improvements in their goods. Industrial discontent manifested in strikes and lockouts, actual and threatened, absorbs public interest in Great Britain. Suspicions of a grave national scandal in the Franco-German deal over Morocco precipitated the downfall of the French ministry. German discontent over the insignificant results of the Moroccan negotiations is reflected in the tremendous gain in the socialist vote in the general election for members of the Reichstag, and the loss in members sustained by the parties supporting the government. The specter of the executed Ferrer, animating the spirit of the Spanish radicals, kept the hand of the executioner, scared King Alfonso and compelled the resignation of Premier Canalejas, subsequently withdrawn. Russian consuls continue impressing upon Persians the economic maxim that submission to the bear saves funeral expenses. Ruff tribesmen in northern Morocco persist in rejecting Spain's benevolent policy of assimilation, and are so energetic in welcoming the invaders to hospitable graves that the esteemed cemetery promoter of Cuba, General Weyler, has been hurried across the Straits of Gibraltar to direct the Spanish campaign. The Italian army is not winning much glory or territory in Tripoli. Turks and Arabs show surprising mobility and marksmanship, qualities which put the invasion out of the summer excursion class. Last but not least, observe the havoc wrought by the physical volcano in China. The Manchu dynasty is down and out and the government fashioned by the Chinese republicans is steadily taking definite form.

France, Germany and Morocco.

The overthrow of the French ministry on the Moroccan question was precipitated by M. Clemenceau, former premier, who has been a consistent opponent of French ventures in northern Africa. When the treaty was first reported to the Chamber of Deputies M. Clemenceau sharply criticized the provisions of the pact whereby equal trade rights were guaranteed to other nations. As the French treasury would bear the burden of occupation and administration of the people of France, he contended, were entitled to special favor for the burden they assumed. Algeria, he declared, was not only an annual drain on the national treasury, but a fruitful source of scandal, graft and national discord. That he accepted a scandal in the Moroccan deal was evident from the start, and the fruits justified his zeal in removing the lid. The details of the double dealing with Germany have not been fully revealed, but enough is known to show that premier Caillaux, through his erstwhile intermediaries, over the head of his foreign minister, negotiated certain provisions of the treaty which safeguarded the speculative enterprises of banking friends of the premier. This feature of the deal serves to explain the action of Paris bankers who called in millions of loans in Germany while the negotiations were proceeding. At the time the action of the French bankers was widely commented on as a decisive move for peace, whereas now it appears as a banking threat fashioned by M. Caillaux to promote the interests of his favorites. The cabinet which succeeds the discredited Caillaux ministry comprises a notable number of strong, experienced men. Premier M. Poincaré has served in several cabinets and is a member of the French academy. Two former premiers, M. Briand and M. Bourgeois, are in the combination. M. Delcasse, considered the ablest foreign minister in France, takes the marine portfolio, and Millerand that of war. The best elements in the political machinery of France are represented in the new ministry, which gives promise of meeting the demand for a strong government.

An Unequaled Spectacle.

"The Mightiest Ruler and Conqueror of Old," writes Sydney Brooks, London correspondent in Harper's Weekly, "could never have dreamed of such a position as King George occupies today, and even we who see it visibly displayed before our eyes can yet hardly grasp the strangeness of it. Imagine the United Kingdom and all Europe under the single rule of Japan; imagine the peoples of the British Isles and of all the countries of Europe while retaining intact their own speech and faith and peculiar customs and characteristics, taken up, jumbled together and poured out again in a promiscuous medley, so that there are as many Frenchmen, Magyars, Irishmen, Scandinavians, Finns, Italians, and so on in Germany as there are Germans, so that all existing boundaries become meaningless, so that peoples of the varied development and attainments, holding different beliefs, speaking different tongues, and nourished, it may be, on mutual and invidious antipathies, dwell side by side in hourly contact; imagine further the millions of Japan sailing from Tokyo to Paris, and diversified emperor; picture all this, and some faint conception will be formed of that amazing chaos we compendiously label India, and of the position King George as the supreme head of the nation that rules it. Three hundred million Asiatics, comprising forty-three distinct nations and religions, subdivided again into 2,500 castes, and speaking 35 languages and dialects, welcoming and honoring their emperor, who comes to them from a far northern island on the other side of the world—is there any spectacle in history which for sheer romance can begin to compare with this?"

SUNNY GEMS.

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"Sometimes a legislature sends a man who scarcely gets through reading the word 'Welcome' on the door mat before someone calls his attention to a sign, 'This Way Out.'—Washington Star.
"Old chap, I believe I caught my cold from you."
"Sometimes a legislator sends a man who scarcely gets through reading the word 'Welcome' on the door mat before someone calls his attention to a sign, 'This Way Out.'—Washington Star.
"Griggs—Your lawyer made some very severe charges against the defendant, didn't he?"
"Griggs—Yes, but you ought to see how he charged me.—Boston Transcript.
"What queer lines of business women have."
"What makes you say that?"
"See the papers, and she asked me to get her a tub suit at one of those wash sales."—Baltimore American.
Owner—How did you come to puncture the Chandeur-Ban over a bottle of milk?
Chaufeur—No; the kid had it under his coat.—

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