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Designated as the circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation, less spotted, unused and returned copies, for the month of January, 1912, was 49,728.

Some mighty bald truths escape when army officers fall out.
That anti-tipping movement seems to be as dead as Mr. Polk's presidential boom.

Ha, ha, the groundhog is making good, especially in other places beside Omaha.
Congressman Dies of Texas apparently reverts the imputation that he is a dead one.

However Omaha may be fated as a show town, it will be voted a good auto show town.
Still, accommodating neighbors may occasionally take pity on the useless unfortunates.

In spite of the Outlook, his campaign manager insists that Senator La Follette has not withdrawn.
Doubtless the Chinese know now what a good friend they had in John Hay when he opened that door.

Mr. Hill assures us that competition survived. We are glad it did, but it was very sick for a while.
France is said to have nineteen women lawyers, which some folks might call "high-heeled justice."

One reason there are not more really good people must be that so few recognize the need for improvement.
Texas probably got the name "Lone Star State" from the fact that in the early days just one republican resided within its borders.

Gaston Hearst and Alphonse Clark
When W. R. Hearst instructed the democracy of his native state of California, which he evidently controls, to select Champ Clark as its preferred candidate for the presidential nomination, the speaker wrote a letter to California democrats in which he said he had declined appeals from democrats in Ohio and in New Jersey for permission to use his name as a presidential candidate in their states, and he would have to decline similar use of it in California, where his good friend, William R. Hearst, a native son, was entitled to first consideration. This gave a skillful setting to the scene which Mr. Hearst was prompt to appreciate. He, therefore, wrote a letter to California democrats and in it he said:

I have read the statement in regard to my candidacy which you have received from Mr. Clark. It is a characteristic utterance, generous, considerate, unselfish, broad-minded. Of course, I am gratefully appreciative of his action and his kind references to me. But most certainly and positively I cannot for one moment consider his retiring from California in my favor. On the contrary, I am more than ever determined to support Mr. Clark and to urge every friend I have in California to support him.

This catchy little stalling of Alphonse and Gaston in politics is formal and final notice to the democratic party, and especially those other half dozen aspirants for the office, that for present purposes Mr. Hearst has taken his seat as the driver of the Clark bandwagon. Where he will light when that vehicle strikes the first rut in the old corduroy road leading to the nomination is another matter. Of course, Mr. Hearst, being a shrewd man, may decide that it will be necessary to defer his own candidacy for yet another four years and stick to Clark to the last. Clark is not being reckoned as a formidable candidate, but under the two-thirds rule, with the two leading candidates, Wilson and Harmon, badly wedged, the trophy may fall to a semi-dark horse and, with Hearst back of him, Speaker Clark might develop strength sufficient to match that of that other now celebrated dark horse, Chairman Underwood of Alabama.

A Good Roads Angel
Breaking in upon all the agitation for good roads in this country, T. Coleman Du Pont, head of the Du Pont Powder company of Delaware, announces his intention of giving all his millions, save one, to the building of good roads in his state, and from it into adjoining commonwealths. This brings to a very practical and definite point of action all the good roads boosting, so-called, and ought to set a mighty good example for others as able to follow.

General Du Pont says he does not believe in hoarding his millions forever; that he has concluded \$1,000,000 will be sufficient for him and his family for present needs and a heritage; that by observation he has learned that young men unburdened by large money endowments are apt to get on in life as well as those who begin with millions another man has made and left them. Thus he stops by the wayside in coming to his goal of philanthropy to preach a mighty wholesome homily, one which other men of vast fortunes ought to remember.

Good roads have an economic value which it is not easy adequately to estimate offhand. They have a vital relation to the basic problems of transportation and the cost of living, all of which have been gone over many times. So that one need not think of this benefaction as purely an impulse of civic pride. Good roads, of course, enhance the beauty of a country, but they also enhance the value of lands and crops and lessen the cost of transportation. It is proposed to build first for Delaware a boulevard 103 miles in length, costing some \$2,000,000. For this a special act of the legislature will be required and the governor, who is in sympathy with the Du Pont plan, counts on calling the legislature into special session for this purpose next month. This remarkable innovation of giving the state the direct benefit of accumulated wealth in the hands of private citizens is a most encouraging and praiseworthy sign.

Sample of Democratic Folly
The public has just been apprised that a law enacted by the late democratic legislature requires the voters of Omaha to nominate and elect twenty-six district assessors "en masse" this year. In other words, in this day when every enlightened influence is being exercised for the short ballot and simplified government, our voters are to bear the burden of twenty-six additional crosses piled upon an already heavy load.

The folly of making the deputy assessors elective in this state, however, dates back to the preceding democratic legislature, for the same vicious practice of dividing responsibility that should be centered would be involved whether these district assessors were elected one at a time or twenty-six at a time. When the republicans grappled with the long evaded duty of revenue reform, they established the county assessor system to take the place of the discredited method of precinct assessment with wonderful results as measured by the grand assessment roll. But to take political advantage of the dis-

satisfaction harbored by taxpayers compelled to pay on increased valuations, although admittedly more nearly correct, the democrats made a return to elective deputy assessors, one of their platform issues, and on coming into control of the legislative machinery, saddled this backward step upon us.
We submit it is only a question of time when the people of Nebraska will be forced to recognize this egregious blunder, and revise their assessing machinery again in the direction of centralized authority.

No Loafers for Army or Navy
Some one writing to a Philadelphia newspaper recently suggested that a good way to dispose of "loafers" would be to enlist them in the government's military and naval forces. Apparently the suggestion was made seriously. It only goes to show how unfairly and short-sightedly many people view these two important arms of the government, with what careless thought they address themselves to any consideration of the army and navy at all. It is a habit of some to sneer at the soldier and sailor and it is a very bad habit. The government regards them in no supercilious air, but emphasizes their importance and the necessity of constantly elevating and improving their personnel. The whole tendency of army and navy regulation points to a scrupulous attention of individual fitness and character, and the results are gratifyingly patent.

A soldier, addressing himself to this insulting fling at the army and navy, observes that the various recruiting stations over the country are not enlisting "loafers," but the very best young men they can possibly get and are rejecting many who are by no means in the loafer class, but who do not quite measure up to the exacting requirements of a critical government. In the first place, to say nothing of moral caliber, the loafer probably would seldom pass muster on a physical test, for Uncle Sam is looking his men all over these days, taking into consideration their three-fold natures and then, upon the other hand, he is making life in the army and navy steadily more desirable for those who prove acceptable and, of course, in competition with all the attractions and advantages of civil life, this has to be done.

The sympathy of all Americans goes out to Houston in the great calamity which devastating fire has brought upon it. Destruction of \$7,000,000 worth of property in a city of its size is indeed disastrous, and yet Houston, with its native energy, may be expected to emulate the example of other American cities similarly stricken and rise better and stronger from these ashes. Chicago, Baltimore, San Francisco and others stand as eloquent monuments to their Phoenix-like powers. Galveston was swept away by flood, but it is a better city than it ever had been before the sea overflowed it, and Houston is even a more indomitable city than the old Galveston was.

The office of state railway commissioner seems to be attracting more candidates in the primary than any other state house berth to be filled. Of course the fact that this office carries with it a salary considerably larger than any of the others, and continues for six years instead of for two years, has nothing to do with its popularity.

Pointing with Pride
St. Louis Republic.
One of the finest things about Secretary Knox's "mission of peace and good will" to the Central American republics is the fact that he will ask every one of them to note the size of Uncle Sam's naval fleet.

Related Information
Chicago Record-Herald.
A commission has been appointed by the Canadian government to find out what Canada lost by rejecting reciprocity. Before submitting its report the commission should find out what effect the rejection of reciprocity is going to have on the Canadian summer resort business.

A Pitting Plinth
Philadelphia Ledger.
The impressive ceremony planned for the burial at sea of the Maine shows that even a supposedly impersonal government may evince a fine sense of the fitness of things. As in the case of "Old Ironsides," it may be said of the retired fragment of the former pride of the navy: "Her thunders shook the mighty deep, and there should be her grave!"

Time to Wake Up
Philadelphia Record.
Canada seems to be suffering from the same scarcity of food in some lines as the United States. Butter there has reached such a price that it has been found profitable to import the New Zealand product. Some thirty thousand pounds from that far distant land recently reached Montreal and were at once disposed of. When the United States are forced to import potatoes from Ireland and Scotland and Canada goes clear to New Zealand for its butter the urban dweller may be pardoned for believing that it is time for our farmers to wake up.

Look to the Original Cause
Philadelphia Bulletin.
Steel car construction undoubtedly saved many lives in the disaster to the Pennsylvania Limited and lessened the extent of injuries suffered by the passengers. But steel cars, while they may serve to modify the consequences of such accidents, do not avoid or prevent or minimize the original causes of railroad disaster. Heavier trains, faster speed, engine strain on rails and trucks and greater gear, seem to be causing a multiplication of accidents. If the advent of steel cars is in any way contributory to these results some offset to their benefits must be recognized.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files
FEB. 23
Thirty Years Ago—
The board of managers of the state fair, meeting at the Wittnell house, made arrangements to unite with the Douglas county society for the next state exhibition. Among the appointees were the following: Assistant general superintendent, W. H. Bowen; swine, J. E. North; Columbia; poultry, George Thraw; Omaha; fine arts, Mrs. W. H. Hemming; Omaha; discretionary, L. Crouse; Calhoun.

A war of detectives is on including all sorts of charges and counter charges between City Detective Hazen and Private Detective James Neigh.
Henry Pundt will erect a large residence at the corner of Seventeenth and Douglas streets.
The ferry cars on Union Pacific bridge division will not run next Sunday as they have been laid up for repairs.

A new real estate firm has opened up on the corner of Harney and Thirteenth streets consisting of E. L. Emery and Joseph Lee, both old residents of Omaha.
W. A. Morrison, formerly with The Bee, has accepted the Omaha management of the Post job.
The new bank is to be called the Nebraska National bank with the following: S. R. Johnson, president; A. E. Toussaint, vice president; H. W. Yates, cashier.
"Bill" McCune, our dandy cop, is getting his arms in shape from a severe strain suffered a few days ago. "A runaway team was rushing up Douglas street, and everybody but "Bill" got dashed out. McCune made a flying leap and landed in the sleight. He took the lines and had the horses in hand in less than a block."

Twenty Years Ago—
Washington's birthday was celebrated at the Grand opera house last evening. Every seat was filled, upstairs and down. Mayor Bemis presided; Prof. Kratz furnished the music with his band. The reception committee consisted of J. M. Scanlan, George P. Crigg, R. R. Bentz, W. E. Stockham and H. C. Kugel.
M. R. Hopewell of Tekamah is at the Millard.
Commissioner Coburn presided at the meeting of the Fire and Police Board. Chief Seavey asked that 200 copies of his fourth annual report be printed for exchange with similar reports from other cities. George A. Easton and Orville T. Robinson were appointed special officers for duty at the Salvation Army barracks.
R. F. Hackett was buried in Mount Hope cemetery under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. Pallbearers were George W. Sabine, August Stephen, W. Darsh, H. Knodell, G. M. Painter and J. Donnelly.

Postoffice Inspector John Steen of Wahoo is in South Omaha.
Health Commissioner Somers submitted a list of dairies to the board of health for regulation. He offered a resolution compelling all milk dealers to obtain a permit, costing \$10, before they could peddle milk.
It is rumored that Morris Morrison will resign from the Board of Education.

Ten Years Ago—
Rev. Robert Yost of Cortland, N. Y., announced by telegraph his acceptance of the call to the pastorate of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church.
W. E. Annin of Denver, superintendent of western division, gave free delivery service, left Omaha for Chicago, after two days here on official business.
The committee to raise \$15,000 to secure a tannery and glove factory for Omaha reported gratifying success.
Deputy County Attorney Lytle Abbott was agitated over the report that J. H. Van Dusen was working to obtain the pardon of a certain prisoner from the penitentiary. Abbott being under the suspicion that the prisoner was one he was very much interested in having kept in the penitentiary. Governor Savage had sent a representative to Omaha to ascertain the name of the man.
The weather man announced that winter's backbone was bent.
The funeral services of Christian Hansen, who was accidentally killed in a stone yard, were held in Washington hall, the auspices of lodge No. 1 Danish Brotherhood of America. Rev. Mr. Mikkelson had charge of the funeral and the burial was in Springwell cemetery.
Colonel C. J. Bills of Fairbury is at the Delone.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS
Boston Transcript: That lieutenant who is going to be court-martialed for leading a detachment of our troops into the boundary line, is a relic of the seventeenth century. The anti-trust law of 1890 was merely, in essence, the re-enactment of the old common law affecting combinations in restraint of trade. But some of the old things are just as good as they ever were. The common law contains many of these. So does the decalog, which is a "relic" of a period considerably before Christ.
Philadelphia Record: There are big men in China. One of them is assuredly Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who advocates his revolutionary principle that Yuan Shih-kai may become the first president of the united Chinese republic. There are few instances of a broader patriotism than has been shown to the world in this self-sacrificing and generous act. It should make Americans proud that Sun Yat-sen is an American citizen.
Richmond Virginian: The passing of La Follette is something of a tragedy. They have done for him. They have duped him. They have warmed themselves in his flame, set his conceit and ambition to working to utter exhaustion in the interests of another and less sincere individual. But for all that, La Follette's fall is the best proof of La Follette's honesty. A man smaller, less confident, less vain, might have seen the trap. La Follette walked into it with an almost godlike innocence.

Wants an Essay Contest
OMAHA, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have wondered why some of our public spirited educational workers have not awakened an interest in our public schools in essay contests. Omaha schools are not keeping abreast in this work with Minneapolis, Kansas City, Denver and many other cities throughout the country. These contests cover work along strictly scientific lines. There should be no politics or prejudice allowed, simply scientific facts concerning stimulants and narcotics, instruction in which our state law made compulsory and, of course, is being taught in our schools.
Harvard and Columbia colleges, Chicago and Leland Stanford, Jr. universities, and many other of our leading colleges, not only in this country, but in European countries as well, have made study along these lines a part of their curriculum.
In Kansas City, Mo., for instance, last year more than 4,000 essays were written and prizes of \$10 in gold were awarded to the winners in each of the three high schools. This prize money was contributed by prominent business men of Kansas City.
Fourteen gold and silver medals were also given in the grade schools. These were made and donated by two of the leading jewelry firms of the city.
Surely the interested co-operation of our superintendents and teachers, we believe, would be heartily given if some of our ministers, doctors, Women's Christian Temperance union or club women would take the initiative.
The composition and practice in preparing presentable manuscript is not a small part of the benefit the pupils derive from such work. Let Omaha school children have a live, enthusiastic essay contest.
A VOTER.

Affairs at Third Presbyterian Church
OMAHA, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Permit me to correct an erroneous impression regarding Third church and its affairs created by a news item in The Bee. It stated that one man was responsible for the trouble between the church and its pastor. It is very evident that your informant is in no way related to Third church, also he would never have been led to make such a statement. Although Dr. Ramsey has some warm friends among the church people, few of them think him fitted for carrying on a work of this kind.
Our church is to be congratulated that it has men who are willing to sacrifice their own personal feelings and undertake to do those things which are disagreeable, not because they liked to do them, but because it was necessary in order to save the church. Kindly keep my name in confidence.
CHURCH MEMBER.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Insurance and Money Back
OMAHA, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: I read with much interest in last night's Bee a letter over the signature of J. A. Harbour regarding the new increased rates in the Modern Woodmen, wherein he advocates that members be permitted at their option to withdraw at any time after fifty years of age and have all their paid assessments refunded with a 3 or 5 per cent interest.
Such a policy would be very desirable. It would also be very desirable if a good, strong fire insurance company would insure our property and agree to pay the loss if we have a fire, but if we do not burn, out they would refund us all the premiums paid and with interest after a certain number of years.
In such a case the assessments or premiums paid for life and fire insurance would be the same as that much money put in a savings bank that can be withdrawn with interest.
Does not Mr. Harbour know that the assessments paid by the members who have been fortunate enough to live have been used to pay the insurance for the less fortunate members that have died? Does he now recommend that the remaining and incoming members shall continue to assess themselves for increasing death losses (which must increase with advancing age), and in addition, assess themselves to retire members at their will?
This is beautiful in theory, but I fear Mr. Harbour could not secure a position as actuary with any standard insurance company. Life insurance, like fire insurance, costs money; also there is a great difference between term insurance and whole life insurance. The Modern Woodmen of America insure men only in the prime of life under the age of 45, and for many years the mortality is light. It is cheap term insurance, but unfortunately men do not remain young, and if they wish to pay their losses when members grow old and mortality increases, they must raise their rates or go to the wall. Fraternal insurance societies at their best only give temporary or term insurance. JOHN STEEL.

Smiling Lines
"I thought you said young Jaggie was a coward? In our automobile accident we found he was full of grit."
"Humph! I'd like to know where he got it so suddenly."
"I suppose from the ditch we fell into."—Baltimore American.

Maudie—I've something to tell you. I'm engaged to Jack.
Ethel—I am not surprised. Jack never could say "No."—Boston Transcript.

First Little Girl—Your papa and mamma are not your real parents. They only adopted you.
Second Little Girl—All the better. My parents picked me out; yours had to take you just as you came.—Chicago Post.

Howell—Did you ever want the earth?
Powell—Yes, once, when I was fool enough to let a fellow take me up in his airship.—Judge.

"Fifth grade this year, Tommy?"
"Yes, sir."
"You're in decimals or fractions now, no doubt?"
"No, sir. I'm in crochet work and clay modeling now."—Pittsburgh Post.

The baby emperor of China to his imperial nurse—Say, Tinky Kan, Tinky Kan—Well, ineffable one! The Emperor—Don't make me abdicate again today. I want to go out and play.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What a revelation in transportation!
What a joy in riding!
What a bliss intense!
That makes all human beings Forget expense!
What?
Out! damned spot!
The cost is nothing, we only care for the power and speed that gets us there!
Hoors!
Out! the car of today!
Through the splendors of the future.
In every land and clime.
It will lead the grand procession Up the corridors of Time.
In the niche of transportation.
In the Pantheon of Fame.
It, among the list of motion.
Will inscribe its seal and name.

1912 MODELS.
W. J. Lampton in New York World.
Oh! Oh!
See the show!
The Automobile show
That a few years ago
Was not to be found
In the whole world 'round!
See what his hands have done
To fashion this birth
To the needs of earth.
And put Father Time on the run!
The chariots of the ancient kings
Were gorgeous in their way.
But nothing like the gorgeousness
Of motor cars today.
And in a half-mile chariot race,
A motor car, by heck,
Could give the chariot two weeks' start
And beat it by a neck.
Oh, say!
That's the honk-hut-hut!
On the roadways of the New-Time
The motors honk and hum,
And the twentieth century whizzard
Purs the Old-time on the bum!
Gee whiz!
What a wonder it is!
What a revelation
In transportation!
What a joy in riding!
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Forget expense!
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