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You better leap fast, girls, your year is leaping away.

Any man can outrun his virtues easier than his vices.

Did you give all your thanks, or are you still thankful?

Who backed the democrats in the contest so abruptly abandoned?

It may require another war over the spoils to effect peace in the Balkans.

"Parisif" is often confounded into farcical under certain presentations.

Every now and then comes a brief interruption in our Nebraska Indian summer.

Congressman Lobeck has reached Washington.—Special dispatch.  
Now, they're off.

That merger decision does not emphasize the fossilization of the supreme court.

Britain has all to gain and nothing to lose by encouraging its emigration to Canada and Australia.

Is the Turk still "dreaming of the hour when Greece, her knee in suppliance bent," would tremble at his power?

New York excels against the lamentable excess of the pardoning power. Nebraska might cry out, "Me, too."

Herbert Quick has been suggested for a place in the new cabinet. Pretty soon a democrat who has not will be considered low down.

Vice President-elect Marshall says good cooks are more important to states than great governors. After the vote of the Cook Ladies' union?

Interurbans in Nebraska. An unseemly proceeding at Bethany, one of the merry little suburbs of Lincoln, reminds us that such a railroad as the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice actually does exist. It was the tearing up of the tracks of the line by its competitor, the Lincoln Traction company. Agitators for the construction of interurban electric lines in Nebraska should not forget this and other episodes in the life of the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice. If Nebraska is backward in the matter of the development of these arteries of local commerce, it is not because of lack of effort. The line in question was graded its full length several years ago, and with its roadbed ready for the rails it has stood unused, save for the little bit of track between Lincoln and Bethany, which has just been destroyed by the Lincoln street railway company. Nebraska needs the interurbans, but the experience of the men who have tried to build them so far does not encourage others to embark in the enterprises. What must come first is a new deal, and a square deal, and then the interurbans will follow.

About the most potent argument that can be advanced against the smoking chimney is that black smoke means fuel waste. When the owner of the chimney learns that a smoke consumer actually means money in his pocket, he will give the subject more willing attention.

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## The Expanding Nation.

The term, "another billion dollar congress," loses its derision in face of the fact that ours has become a billion dollar nation. It is engaged in enterprises of world importance, which with the tremendous growth of increase of domestic interests, impose upon the government obligations that cannot be met without vast appropriations. Nevertheless, while this is no time for parsimony, prudent economy is more than ever required. For that reason the reported purpose of the democratic majority in the house to force abandonment of President Taft's economy and efficiency commission is, we believe, short-sighted and unworthy. While the president was unable to make a fair test of this plan because congress denied sufficient appropriation for it, he has more than demonstrated its invaluable service in promoting the highest efficiency at the least expense. Its results even thus far are simply not to be compared with its cost and far greater results could be achieved with sufficient funds. It should be permanently maintained, at least, until a better reason than politics can be assigned for its abandonment.

## Omaha and Its Conventions.

Omaha cannot help being the convention city. Its location and incidental advantages continue to enhance its distinction as the meeting place, not only for state and inter-state organizations, but for national bodies as well. It is host at one and the same time to the Nebraska Suffrage association and the Nebraska-Iowa Association of Hotel Clerks. Frequently it entertains two or more conventions at once, having had as high as a half dozen gatherings at one time. Our Commercial club, other clubs and organizations, our business men, our people generally are a hospitable lot and they give a glowing warmth of welcome to all who come. This is known abroad; it is distinguishing Omaha above other cities as the typical convention city.

Incidentally, this gathering of women suffragists may become epochal in the history of that great cause in this state, which is entering upon decisively aggressive plans. To the good women in their work, as to the hotel clerks, we bid welcome and God-speed.

## Our Interests Abroad.

The president's message on foreign relations is a vigorous and timely appeal for the enforcement of American rights and extension of American interests abroad and should provoke a cordial and cooperative spirit in congress. If the United States is to restore its commerce to the seas and secure commercial justice from every other nation, it will have to adopt some such vigorous methods as those proposed by the president in the weapon of retaliatory tariff discrimination. It is out of date now to flout the "dollar" diplomacy practiced under this administration, since that form of diplomacy has vindicated itself in the advancement of commerce as well as peace, and converted these two causes into identical interests. We venture to say that this government will not dare recede from the position it thus has taken internationally. This policy has infused a vivifying energy and potency into the State department not to be depreciated in our aggressive schemes abroad.

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## People Talked About

This, at least, may be said for King Alfonso. Very few young men of his age are able to support a wife and three children in the style in which Alfonso's family lives.

A new item states that a Kentucky baby was born with gray hair. Perhaps he's a descendant of that comic English baby who carried on a violent fitation with his nurse.

The mixed races and religions in the Balkans and in Turkey go to show that when the United States of Europe are formed they will be quite as American as some parts of New York City.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor has added a complete beauty parlor to her \$2,000,000 house. People who had supposed Mrs. Astor's charms were concocted in the laboratory of nature will now become suspicious.

The tenancy of Governor Dix of New York has caused unfavorable comment, but Governor Blease of South Carolina is still ahead. Last week he pardoned or paroled thirty-two prisoners, including several who were serving life terms for murder in the first degree.

One of the White House's policies during the new administration will be heartily endorsed by every home in the nation. A baby has been invited to preside over its destinies for the next four years. And in strict accord with the feminine tendencies of the age it is the future president's grandniece.

The opening sessions of the Nebraska Woman's Suffrage association's convention prove that the women already know a thing or two about the practical end of politics.

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## Locking Backward This Day in Omaha

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DEC. 5.

Thirty Years Ago—

With reference to the application for a new gas franchise, The Bee shows that Omaha consumers are now paying on a scale ranging upwards of \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet. The promise is to cut this price

to fit his carpet. The king of Siam understood the meaning of the term, for he makes a present of a white elephant to such of his courtiers as he wishes to ruin. This sounds reasonable enough, for we can imagine that even in this country in these days of the high cost of living it would ruin most men to be compelled to buy provisions for an elephant of any kind, white or brown. But we ramble on.

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## Twenty Years Ago—

Matthew Gerings of Plattsmouth, who was an aspirant for the political shoes of Ben Baker, was in our midst. G. W. Dickson, a retired captain, who for years piled the great lakes, was in town as the guest of W. P. McFarland, superintendent of telegraph of the Elkhorn railroad.

Speculation as to changes and future policies of the Union Pacific set in soon after the death of Jay Gould. S. H. H. Clark, president of the road, it was recalled, had said some six weeks before that the future of the road was very uncertain, his own tenure in office depending upon the merest caprice of the stockholders. Everybody with a job worth thinking about was on the quiet vive.

Having braved innumerable perils and undergone dire hardship, Jacob Gerber, a refugee from Siberian exile, once more landed in Omaha, known to scarcely any of his acquaintances. Under a fifteen-year sentence, he managed to get financial aid from his faithful wife and escaped, footloose his way across the bleak Siberian wastes for thousands of miles. Once on safe territory in Europe, he lost not time getting to a steamer bound for the United States.

W. S. Wing, auditor of passenger accounts of the Union Pacific, resigned and was succeeded by C. S. Stebbins. Mr. Wing had been with the road for many years and was one of Erastus Young's most valued assistants. Mr. Stebbins was an appointee of President S. H. H. Clark.

## Ten Years Ago—

Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Hoffman returned from Chicago.

Hon. Norris Brown, assistant attorney general of Nebraska, was in the city.

Governor Savage and Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, though not traveling companions, were registered at the Millard hotel.

The traffic alliance between the Milwaukee and the Union Pacific, whereby the former got the same concessions over the Overland as did the Northwestern, was announced by F. A. Nash, general western agent of the Milwaukee, as concluded as the result of long-pending deliberations.

Mrs. J. W. Fisher entertained at a formal kenneting in the afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Grace Hoechlaub, of Denver.

Judge Ira C. Jenkins was rounding out a visit with his son, Rev. Edwin Hart Jenkins, and getting ready to return to his home in California.

Chancellor Andrews of the University of Nebraska and Dr. Ward, dean of the medical school, with their wives entertained the faculty of the college of medicine in the Millard hotel in the evening and it was a memorable event socially in the life of the state's university. In addition to Drs. Andrews and Ward and their wives, the receiving line consisted of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Gifford.

**The Bee's Letter Box**

**Vote for Justices of Peace.**

OMAHA, Dec. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Knowing that The Bee prints itself, and deservedly so, on its accuracy in printing election news, I was very surprised to read in a late issue that C. W. Britt and H. A. Claiborne received respectively 13,000 and 19,000 votes as republican nominees for justice of the peace, while C. E. Fields was credited with 6,200 as a democratic nominee for the same office. The fact is that Britt, Claiborne and Fields contested for the republican nomination before the republican central committee (there being two vacancies to fill), and Britt and Fields won out. Claiborne then went to the democratic county central committee and secured their nomination, as did Mr. Britt. Later both Britt and Claiborne were nominated by a so-called bull moose county central committee. Fields ran on the straight republican ticket and made a creditable showing under the circumstances. As I am a member of the republican county central committee, I trust you will not object to printing these facts in order that my republican friends may know that I have not joined the democratic ranks. C. E. FIELDS.

**Let It Not Be Forgotten.**

OMAHA, Dec. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: While public spirited men arrange for an up-to-date modern hotel on Douglas street, why not re-suggest a benefit not only to hotel, but to all Capitol Hill part of city—a grade on Dodge street, or plane from Seventeenth to Twenty-fourth street.

It is surprising how many kinks such a grade will take out—how much value it will add, not to Dodge street alone, but all over the hill. A large grade district, to cover property benefitted, will keep cost small. X. Y. Z.

**One Result of the Election.**

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: The most dissatisfaction man with the result of the late election of any other person is Colonel Roosevelt. Although with his characteristic efforts of endeavoring to deceive and mislead the American public, who of all our people doubt for a moment, that when he entered the contest he expected and believed he would sweep the country like wild fire, whereas he secured only half a dozen states, and those with meager majorities, to be contested by the democrats. He even caused the defeat of his own son-in-law for congress, while his associate, Governor Johnson of Califor-

## TERRIBLE THINGS ABOUT GEORGE

Some of the Righteous in Revolt Against Perkins.

Indianapolis News.

It is recorded that a cub reporter one time was asked to rewrite a sensational story about an explosion in a mine which resulted in the loss of many lives. He labored hard over his task and finally when the city editor called for the story the cub had evolved the following:

"The most terrible thing that can happen to one in this life is a mine disaster."

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