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Have your good resolutions ready.  
The world was never built about one honest man.

The suicide car seems to be speeding up for the home stretch.

Mr. Express Company, allow us to introduce you to Miss Parcells Post.

Put it down that our new \$1,000,000 hotel will not bear any freak name.

To make it quite comprehensible, Omaha wants a municipal beauty doctor.

The weather man's 1912 record will keep him busy to match in years to come.

Sending on ones by parcels post may bring the new departure into bad odor.

While a well planned city looks to the future, it does not overlook the present.

No doubt that verdict at Indianapolis is also "astounding" to several persons.

Tennyson's "Ring out the false, ring in the true," should be the New Year slogan of all.

The man with a conscience to save believes in the verity of the virtue of hypocrisy.

The New York woman who wears a watch on her ankle must intend to keep step with time.

Green Christmas or not, it is usually blue first of the month, when the bills begin to arrive.

Too many a man lives so well the disguise of self as to become known for exactly what he is not.

A correspondent asks what style of art is Morgansque? The style that brings the fancy prices, we presume.

"Much ado over nothing" would properly characterize the hubbub being made over Mary Garden's Tosca costume.

Now that the smoke ordinance is passed the street cars will be expected to swear off along with other offenders.

Murderer Cain was recently sentenced to death in New York. Speaking of the law's delay, what do you think of that?

A Kansas senator-elect is badly burned playing Santa Claus. Some senators have been badly burned playing less worthy roles.

If the democratic party can survive four years in office with all its conflicting component parts striving for mastery it may hope to live a long time.

How far is it from New York to Albany, for pity's sake? These suffragettes have been on the road for two weeks and are not all there yet.

A man who leaves his whole fortune to charity is seldom survived by a family that shares his benevolence to the extent of approving his action.

Coming events cast their shadows before—which explains all this hubbub over the county jail feeding, for which a new contract is to be made for the New Year.

Senator John W. Kern undoubtedly comes out of the dynamiter's trial with a fat fee to his credit, but not much else, except the \$20 a day which the government pays him as United States senator.

## The Omaha of the Future.

While the founders of Omaha manifested exceptional foresight, and in addition builded far better than they knew, they did not, and could not, anticipate the growth and progress that the city has since made.

Had the founders been able to realize that Omaha would be a population center of nearly 200,000 people within sixty years, they still could not possibly have pictured coming changes in the physical equipment of the modern city or the larger demands that would be made upon municipal activity.

It would be the rashdest kind of presumption for any of us now to attempt to describe with any degree of accuracy what Omaha will be in another sixty years, although we may be certain that the changes will be even more marked than has been our past development.

What we can do, and must do, however, is to profit by the experience the city has already had, and to look ahead as far as possible in fixing a goal to aim at.

Rome was not built in a day, nor will Omaha be rebuilt in a year. But the rebuilding process is going on all the time, and can be done wisely with a view to future needs or foolishly to satisfy only present requirements.

## Still Nebulous.

The public hearings conducted by the Nebraska Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation commission have disclosed a particularly nebulous state of popular mind on this most vital subject of social reform legislation.

It is natural that everyone should first apply to a proposal to alter existing methods of dealing with industrial work accidents the test of its effect upon his own business, but it is rare for anyone to follow this test up with an effort to ascertain how it would affect the other party to the contention, and still rarer to look at the question from the broader standpoint of society as a whole.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, the nebulous state of public sentiment with respect to this subject does not prevail alone in Nebraska, but is quite general wherever it is under discussion, and even in states which are undertaking experimental remedies. Perhaps the newness of the problem as presented, and the extensive ramifications and complications of the proposed reforms, are in themselves confusing. That, however, should only excite greater interest and a keener desire for clearer insight, which we regret to say has not been manifested here by attendance upon the hearings in any where near the numbers called for by their tremendous importance.

## Habit and Impulse.

Habit, not impulse, determines the man. It is unfair to base a judgment upon a single or an exceptional act, a thing that is too often done. People are prone to judge a whole life or character by the deed of a moment. "If the chivalric lion be red and rampant," says a writer, "it is rigidly red and rampant; if the sacred lion stands anywhere on one leg, it stands on one leg forever."

A traveler whisks through Japan and sees just enough to get a glimpse of certain elements of immorality, as common, perhaps, in any country, and concludes in a series of published articles that the Japanese are at heart immoral. The error is one of the most common. The best of men fall lower than the worst man above their minimum, and it is unfair to judge either from the exceptional standpoint, if an accurate index be the object sought.

## Helping Men to the Farm.

If congress grants the request of the Department of Commerce and Labor for \$3,000,000 appropriations to maintain bureaus of information at Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco, the department believes it can accomplish great results in the next few years in getting men from the city to the farm. It will proceed with the work, whether it gets the amount asked or only \$500,000 in all, as rather expected.

This plan does not contemplate a "back-to-the-farm" movement primarily as a means of diverting the trend of population countryward. Its purpose is to find out the men in the cities who are tired of that life and are anxious to get on the land, either as laborers or proprietors, and its inquiries would be chiefly directed toward men who came from the farm, either in the United States or Europe. It would also aid in bringing back from Canada large numbers of American farmers who went there and became tired of conditions.

As far as outlined this scheme seems to be very practical and potential of far-reaching results. The fact that it does not seek to induce the city-bred man to go to the farm makes it appear all the more rational. It is quite agreed among those who have studied this problem that any back-to-the-farm movement promising permanent success must begin and, for a good while confine, its labors chiefly among the men

who once were used to the farm, many of whom, this information bureau discovers, are eager to return, and would with a little assistance in locating inviting opportunities.

## Triumph for Law and Order.

The conviction of thirty-eight of the forty dynamiting conspirators as the culmination of one of the most astounding cases in criminal annals is a consummate triumph for law and order over murder and anarchy. What might have followed upon the failure of the government's case is not agreeable to contemplate. It is reasonably certain the moral effect would not have been as disparaging as it is to a possible reign of terror. The government built an impregnable wall around the defendants and those responsible for it may well lay to themselves the flattering unctious of success.

The state was right in maintaining that, not the Los Angeles explosion that hurled twenty-one innocent persons into eternity, but the conspiracy that planned that and as many other infamies as might have been necessary to complete the diabolical intrigue, was the basic crime. As things stand, allowing for the possibility of appeal to higher courts, this country may rest reasonably sure in the belief that it has destroyed a viper that will not again soon come to life.

As for union labor, several of whose leaders along with lesser lights, have been caught up in this web of justice, it can, and doubtless will, turn the bitter experiences of this tragic hour vastly to its advantage. It was struck from behind and basely betrayed, yet it is the gainer for having had its ranks purged of the remorseless traitors. The one error honorable labor committed was in subjecting its credibility to such gross impositions after the evidence pointed so strongly to a conspiracy underlying the Los Angeles crime.

## Abusing Incorporation Rights.

The Kansas City Stock Yards company has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Maine, to transact business on the Missouri-Kansas border. This is stretching the limit of incorporation rights. A parallel case might be found in the action some years ago of employers of teamsters during a Chicago strike, who incorporated a teamsters' association of their own under the laws of West Virginia.

Such examples go to strengthen the appeal for a federal incorporation law, which, of course, would relate only to concerns engaged in interstate commerce. The Kansas City stock yards might possibly come under that head, yet if there is any reason, as there must be, why local concerns find it preferable to incorporate under the laws of a distant state, where they have no business, that reason should be the very one why they should not go outside their own state. The fact that abuses of this kind have heretofore been tolerated without protest does not make them any better.

## A Loan Shark Law.

Loan sharks have escaped proper legal restraint so long as to regard their system of usury as lawful and legitimate. Here the governor of the state has a request from one of them for help in enforcing payment from a state house employee, who had already paid in interest more than the principal of the loan and still "owed" half of the amount borrowed. The loan agent certainly did not appreciate that he was asking the chief executive of the state to lend a hand in completing an extortion, but probably he understood it when the governor got through with him.

Nebraska is only one of many states contemplating restrictive legislation on this subject. The problem is general and our legislature should respond to the need with a law that will offer adequate means of relief. Attempts at enacting such laws have been made in previous legislatures, but without success. It is to be hoped the coming legislature will not be balked from going through to the goal.

## Common Sense in Matrimony.

A New England doctor-woman, who is the widow of one man, presumes to offer expert advice to husbands and wives, after years of careful study. Her theme is that common sense is essential to marital happiness. Of course it is, but it is well sometimes to emphasize the obvious. Here is her advice in detail:

## TO HUSBANDS.

When your wife is growing becomingly, tell her so.

When she waits dinner until late for you, act pleased.

Call her the "dear" once in a while that you worked overtime before she took your name.

Don't demonstrate your affection as if from force of habit. Some men kiss their wives in the same manner that they glance at the clock before leaving for work.

Don't read the newspaper at the breakfast table.

Go into your own kitchen once in a while. Wash and wipe the dishes or scour the frying pan. Laugh while you are doing it.

Develop a sense of humor.

Don't complain about your wife's cooking, for when a man marries a woman he does not always marry a cook.

TO WIVES.

Don't subject him to the third degree. Don't burden all the household troubles on him.

Don't be backward in waiting upon him. Play and sing for him at night, whether his favorite be "Annie Laurie" or "Everybody's Doin' It." If you can't sing, learn to read aloud.

Have his slippers and easy chair ready for him, and if the telephone or doorbell rings while he is reading, don't complain, but answer it.

While the doctor's recipe for developing "a sense of humor" may be open to criticism, the wisdom of her prescription as a whole cannot be gainsaid. It is nothing but common sense boiled down to concrete dregs. Men and women who get on happily together are those who took seriously that part of the vow, "for better or for worse," and are not so completely self-centered as to expect the simplest laws of life to operate always at their beck and call. Selfishness plays a mighty big part in marital infelicity.

## Wilson at Staunton.

Everybody now realizes that the little town of Staunton, Va., is on the map. The experience it has just passed through is exceedingly gratifying to such a place as Staunton, yet not unique, for other obscure hamlets have had similar experiences. The unique side of it belongs to Staunton's distinguished son, for he, so far as history seems to indicate, is the only man ever elected president who has returned to the very bed in the very room in the very house of his nativity and spent a night there.

Of course, President-elect Wilson told the folks at Staunton how happy it made him to be back among them, under the roof of the old parsonage where his reverend father lived and he first saw the light of day, and doubtless it did—any man would enjoy such an experience. But, just the same, Mr. Wilson had not occupied that natal bed since first leaving it and had been back to the old town but once since he was 3 years of age, so it is not quite accurate to say in the years gone by he has been altogether consumed by the passion to get back to that dear old Staunton.

No matter, it was a great day for Staunton and a great night for the nation's next chief magistrate. And now Staunton may try and take its place beside those other seven cradles of greatness that have helped to make Virginia the mother of presidents, with eight to her honor.

## What About Ship Subsidy?

In a recent speech at Birmingham, Congressman Underwood, who seems to be huddling up in very close relations with President-elect Wilson, declared:

I believe the time has come when we should return to the doctrine of our democratic fathers and discriminate in favor of American ships in order that we may find foreign markets for our surplus products, relieve congested conditions at home and give labor constant employment.

By this time next year the solution of our problems will be written on the statute books. The democrats are pledged to solve these problems. We must write our custom laws again, and make them like those of our fathers, which discriminated in favor of ships carrying American goods to foreign markets.

I never believed in ship subsidy, but in my judgment the time has come when we must carry our surplus products to other countries.

That sounds very much as if the democratic floor leader of the house advocated out and ship subsidy. Of course, Mr. Bryan, not Underwood, wrote the Baltimore platform, which stands against ship subsidy while preaching a revival of our merchant marine in these vague and indefinite terms:

We believe in fostering by constitutional regulation of commerce the growth of a merchant marine, which shall develop and strengthen the commercial ties which bind us to our sister republics of the south, but without imposing additional burdens upon the people and without bounties or subsidies from the public treasury.

That is general enough for any construction except that favorable to ship subsidy, so it will be interesting to see just how the practical Mr. Underwood proposes to write the solution of this problem in the statute books. Complicating and making the situation still more interesting is the position of the president-elect defined in his speech of acceptance, thus:

With regard to the development of greater and more numerous waterways and the building up of a merchant marine, we must follow great constructive lines and not fall back upon the cheap device of bounties and subsidies.

It all depends on whose ox is gored. That strenuous plea presented by our amiable democratic contemporary for absolute and untrammelled municipal home rule could find an equally strenuous counterplea by going over back files to the time when The Bee was urging home rule in the police government as against governor-appointed police commissioners.

## Pressing the Button.

An after-Christmas reflection is that the moving finger of the venter having written down the charge nor all your pretty nor will shall lure him back to cancel half a dollar of the bill.

## Shady Forgetfulness.

That the Spanish war is fading into history is emphasized by this agitation to eliminate the black regiments. The white soldiers were mighty glad to have them around in those strenuous days.

Looking Backward  
This Day in Omaha

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DECEMBER 29.

Thirty Years Ago—  
Hertie Welby held forth at Boyd's in the thrilling American play, "One Woman's Life," by the author of "Only a Farmer's Daughter."

Mrs. J. L. C. Jewett, as city clerk, and Truman Buck, as city treasurer, are still signing their names to official notices of tax levies.

The officers and directors of the First National bank as advertised are Herman Kountze, president; Augustus Kountze, vice president; F. S. Davis, cashier; J. J. Poppleton and John A. Creighton.

Alfred Burley, who has been confined to the house since his return from New Mexico a week ago, is reported convalescent.

Mrs. J. M. Carey will be the guest of Miss Nettie Collins next week.

McNamara & Duncan are making some improvements in the office of their wholesale house on Fourteenth street.

Sixteenth street is monopolized just now by sleighs, outters and anything that will go on runners and is the liveliest thoroughfare in the city.

W. H. Remington of the Herald has gone east in response to a telegram bearing news of the death of his father, R. M. Remington of Hudson, N. Y.

Twenty Years Ago—  
Samuel Cable, local manager of the Continental Clothing company, denied reports that the company would cease business here because of the fire in its building at Fifteenth and Douglas streets.

The safe of S. A. Orchard & Co., burned out in the same fire, was found under the debris with the books and cash in good order.

A tramp giving his name as Tim Welter and residence as Chicago, appeared at the city jail in the evening and asked for a night's lodging. He was accommodated in one of the cells. At 1:30 a. m. his lifeless body was found dangling by means of his scarf from the iron work over the cell door.

Princeton's glee club and banjo pickers entertained a packed house at the Boyd theater. It was turned into a big society event and all the boxes were filled with the elite.

William A. Heaton, superintendent of the proof department of the New York Press, who has been grousing hunting in the northwest, paid a visit to The Bee.

Charles Abbey, the well known left fielder, who played the last season with St. Paul and Columbus, was in Omaha. He was up from Falls City, where he was wintering.

Mrs. Sophronia C. Blake died at the advanced age of 86 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George C. Towle, 124 South Twenty-fourth street. The family was arranging to lay her at rest in Ottumwa, Ia., the old home.

Ten Years Ago—  
John Jay Dickey, superintendent of the fifth central district of the Western Union Telegraph company, comprising the territory between Omaha and the Rocky mountains, died at 7:30 p. m. at his home, near Benson, 67 years of age, from pleurisy, with which he had suffered but a few days. Aside from his important connection with the Western Union, Mr. Dickey, who had invested heavily in telephone stock, was vice president of both the Nebraska Telephone company and the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company, both parts of the Bell system. It was due to Mr. Dickey's industry that the "A. D. T." was built up in Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake and other western cities.

Rev. Mr. Bicknell, just back from England, addressed the Monday club on the needs of the church in that country, which, he said, were largely for evangelization. Mr. Bicknell was pastor of the North Side Christian church in Omaha.

The tax committee of the Real Estate Exchange, working in conjunction with Edward Rosewater and The Bee, took steps toward framing action to compel the railroads to come to time and pay their just share of the city taxes. W. G. Ure, secretary of this committee, made an address at the committee's meeting, outlining the situation and showing how little of the city taxes were borne by the railroads and how much should be borne.

## HONORING BALBOA.

Epochal Event Scheduled on 400th Anniversary.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
In the list of heroes dear to the normal boy who loves courage and adventure, will be found those intrepid forefathers, Columbus, De Soto and Balboa—Columbus, finder of America; De Soto, discoverer of the Mississippi; and Balboa, who from that lone peak in Darien looked down upon the Pacific, and later claimed it in the name of his Spanish master. That was on September 25, 1492, and on September 25, 1912, the 400th anniversary of the event, it is proposed to have the first ship enter the Panama canal. If this original trip can be prolonged to four days for it may well be both parent and voyage—the craft will reach the Pacific on the anniversary of the day, according to the annals, when Balboa strode down the shining sands and wading into the surf, waved his sword over the sea as a symbol of its vassalage to King Ferdinand.

A wild and dashing cavalier was this Balboa, a swashbuckler of his time, an adventurer of many hairbreadth escapes, and finally the victim of an unjust persecution. The envious nobles who encompassed his downfall are forgotten, the king he honored is rarely recalled, the Spanish dominion has passed from the great ocean, but the name of the daring leader, lives on in history and story, and will, if all goes well, be fittingly linked with the completion of that masterpiece of engineering which joins ocean with ocean—the ocean which he sailed and the ocean which he found.

## Famous Princeton Class.

Houston Post.  
The election of Governor Wilson to the presidency revealed the interesting information that there are 38,544 surviving members of Princeton's class of '79 of which the president-elect was a member. Governor Wilson has almost enough classmates to lick the survivors of the charge at Balaklava.

## Verily, They Have.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
The Union Pacific railway will be improved by a wireless telegraph system all along its lines. Times have changed since the reverend red man lassoed the first Union Pacific locomotive and was speedily reduced to a feathered shred.

## BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

God never saves anybody on the installment plan.

There is nothing blinder or more bitter than religious hate.

The shadow of a trouble is generally blinder than the trouble itself.

The man who has no faith shows it by everything he says and does.

How many lives we might brighten if we would only smile more and frown less.

There is a big difference between singing a Psalm and living according to what it says.

There is probably nothing the devil would rather do than put a long face on a saint.

The greatest effort a man can make is the effort he makes in the name of the Lord.

When the devil gets a chance to plant a thorn in a good man's flesh, he puts it in deep.

When the Scribe said, "I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest," there was no one in eight.

After some people talk in church the devil takes a look at the basket to see how much they give.

Cultivate good nature and you will not have to go to the end of a rainbow to find good fortune.

## People and Events

A safe and sane New Year's will help some.

South Carolina's method of debt collecting through Judge Lynch is not a whooping success. The victim, under the circumstances, hasn't a chance to "cough up."

Prof. Krause of Berlin tosses the Oster treatment into the ashcan and boldly proclaims that men are in their prime between 46 and 50. Back into your corners, kids, and watch the elders cut the cake.

Both New York and Chicago are moving to muzzle the noise makers on New Year's eve. The task of silencing whistles while bottles and kegs are popping promises to strain the ingenuity of uplifters.

For the benefit of financiers who have not met the head of the searching committee, it may be stated that Congress-an-Pujo is just over 51 and will be a member of the next congress. Put your system in shape for the pump.

James B. Duke of tobacco fame declares that he did not say "the jobbers de-d-d;" furthermore that the word, "quaint" is not in his vocabulary. The Duke's cluck works too well to require expulsive grousing. Now, smoke up.

Governor Osborn of Michigan is not going to publish a newspaper like other statesmen on retiring from office. Instead he proposes an extended hike of the country and to get his picture into the papers as a reward for the exercise.

One of General Jones' hiking army achieved her mission on the road from New York to Albany. She was captured by a reporter on the way. The date of the wedding depends on how quickly the blisters respond to the new treatment.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey promises to pull off a senatorial valedictory long enough to march up the panhandle of Texas before his retirement in March. Joseph is determined to have some revenge on the Texans who threw the hooks into him.

Kentucky's chivalry is woefully tainted with commercialism. Doubters asperse the integrity of Santa Claus and asperse the insult by putting out a high grade of bogus "mince-meat." For the love of Mike and the rest of the country, Uncle Sam is chasing the villain.

Captious New York papers deplore the generosity of the State Banking department in O. Kling a fee of \$7000 for "legal service" in watching the death throes of a bankrupt financial institution. Creditors had to be satisfied with less. They are thankful for the mite overlooked by receiver and counsel. Why should outsiders kick?

Former President Cipriano Castro of Venezuela is sailing for New York under the name of Ruiz. It is supposed some one posted him on the Carnegie offer of pensins for ex-presidents, and he needs the money. Cipriano is believed to have an assortment of dangerous diseases in his system and the immigration authorities are expected to make a thorough search.

## AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

W. J. Lampton in New York Times.  
I have no grouch; the world is passing fair.

Perhaps I could complain, but why? Do I not have my share?

Of what is good? Have I a right to make a claim for more? Have I done what I have a higher score?

Than I have not? Have I done all that in me lay to raise? The fallen up?

Have I made sweet in divers easy ways? The bitter cup? Have I denied myself that others might? Have something more?

Than otherwise they would—some small delight? For my good store? Have I put out a hand to help the weak? Have I drawn near?

The lonely and less fortunate to speak? A word of cheer? Have I but half the good to those who need? What I have had?

Or done for them the thoughtful, kindly deed? That made me glad? Perhaps I have—some people do not tell. The good they do.

Perhaps I have, but if I haven't—well, Dear friends, have you? I have no grouch; the world's as good to me.

As I to it; I have what I deserve and though it be But little bit.

I make no claim for more. I feel that I Would be a slouch.

If I should whine and ask the good Lord why I had no grouch.

## SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.