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Omaha should make 1913 its greatest convention year.

Omaha to its suburban neighbors: "Come on in, the water is fine."

Who wants to serve on the charter commission. Don't all speak at once.

That little blow-in of the mild one was to give the coal bin a breathing spell.

"What is socialism?" seems to have taken the place of "How old is Ann?"

The grade crossing is still claiming its victims in Omaha. The grade crossing must go.

Watch somebody rise up soon and declare Mr. Munsey never was at Armageddon, after all.

Dr. Hyde of Kansas City has entered upon his third trial, which he expects to prove the charm.

The fellow with too many of a certain brand of parcels on board would call it "partial post."

A Kansas City parson says the "turkey trot" causes divorces. Any sort of fast pace surely does.

Owing to blockade at the pie-counter, the governor-elect of Illinois has been unable to reach his official seat.

Mr. Bryan has a strong heart, so he will be equal to any surprise President-elect Wilson may have in store for him.

The presiding officers of both houses of the legislature have been duly presented with handsome gavels, but nowhere do we read anything about a steel hammer.

The Ad club election has been declared void because of the written names on the ballot. Possibly, election reform is needed in the Ad club. But in any event it's a good ad.

Hungry democrats beseeching the governor's office are already convinced that Mr. Morehead is "wrecking the party." Of course, if he gives them what they want, he can avert disaster.

Now, some sordid skeptic has raised the question, "Did the boy really and truly stand on the burning deck?" Some may yet have the temerity to deny that Billy Patterson was ever strangled, at all.

In his message to the New Jersey legislature Governor Wilson commends the commission form of government for all cities of the state. Evidently, the governor has not forgotten his visit to Omaha.

The election of the president of two big telephone companies to be chairman of the Commercial club executive committee would indicate that prejudices against public service corporations does not necessarily extend to the men in official charge of them.

A member of the Belgium Chamber of Deputies, when called down for repeating a speech, admits that he has made the same speech, word for word, annually for thirteen years. That would seem to be the record unless our own William J. Bryan can challenge it.

One legislative proposal for ballot reform is to abolish the party circle. At the same time the consolidation of two elections into one under the biennial elections scheme, and the unlimited opening for initiative and referendum measures, threaten us with a ten-foot or longer ballot.

Whatever the law-makers do in this respect, it is to be hoped they will not make a bad matter worse.

Practical Side of Conventions.

The figures compiled by the Chicago Association of Commerce showing in dollars and cents the meaning of conventions held in that city, should arrest serious attention in Omaha, which aspires to become the recognized convention city of the transmissouri country.

It would be interesting to get at a similar accurate reckoning for Omaha in 1912. Undoubtedly the showing would encourage our business and professional men to even more active interest in conventions.

Let Them Come the Whole Length. No trouble about letting South Omaha, East Omaha, Florence and Dundee enjoy the same privileges of the water works that Omaha enjoys.

While the democrats have failed in their attempt to annul the executive order placing 38,000 fourth-class postmasters under civil service, it is not the fault of those bent on restoring the old spoils system.

Something New Under the Sun. Envious trust magnates will be slow to accept Solomon's assurance about "nothing new under the sun."

As between "good" and "bad" trusts, this one must be rated the ideal trust. Organized in the United States, doing business here and maintaining control of the world's manufacture of aluminum while taking care not to offend the anti-trust laws of its own country!

General P. H. Barry has assumed control of the office of governor of the National Soldiers' home at Saultelle, Cal., where so much trouble arose through alleged mismanagement.

A municipal gas plant is now proposed for Omaha by one of our law-makers—the same, by the way, who violently opposed a municipal electric lighting plant when a bond proposition for that very purpose was submitted a few years ago.

As showing his diplomatic proclivities, Governor Wilson got away without getting mixed in the Illinois senatorial muddle.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files. JAN. 16.

Thirty Years Ago—All eyes are on the balloting for senator in the legislature at Lincoln, where a number of Omaha men are receiving votes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mount celebrated their crystal wedding anniversary at their residence on Capitol hill, with a large number of friends as their guests.

A magnificent turnout of a four-horse sleigh driven by Mr. Neis Patrick and occupied by a party of his lady friends, attracted much attention on the streets today.

John T. Wertz has returned from Ohio D. E. Thompson of Lincoln is in town. William Lewis, the expressman, is confined to his home by illness.

A notable wedding in Bohemian circles took place at St. Wenceslas church on South Thirtieth street, when Mr. Frank Kaspar and Miss Mary Sherman were united.

City Treasurer H. J. H. decided to advertise for highest bids the three Pullman coaches held by him for taxes due from the company, which had paid in part of what it owed.

Charles Russel reported the loss of a \$1 overcoat from the People's church, where he attended divine service.

J. L. Johnson, 224 Farnam street, saved the life of a young woman by seizing and drawing her away just in time to prevent her stepping in front of a fast-moving motor street car.

Mayor Dennis presided at the meeting of the Board of Health and for the first time in many months all the members were present.

Dr. Sumner, health commissioner, called attention to the garbage system and pointed out several things that needed to be done for the sanitary welfare of the city.

The order of retrenchment, involving shorter working hours, went into effect in all the Union Pacific shops and affected 7,000 men on that system.

In appointing its committee for the year, the Board of Trade named this one to promote irrigation, in which it had become interested: S. L. Wiley, John A. Wakefield, James Stevenson, Euclid Martin, Henry T. Clarke, George W. Liminger and Dr. George L. Miller.

Reduction of assessments on large pieces of property by the City Board of Equalization aroused the tax committee of the Real Estate exchange, which hastened to call a meeting to take steps for heading off further revision downward.

Frank Jelen, an expressman, 1232 South Fourteenth street, was badly cut and bruised and barely escaped death in a runaway. His team became frightened at Eleventh and Center streets and started pell-mell to the west, when he was thrown out.

A preliminary debate was held at the high school under the auspices of the Demosthenian Debating society for the selection of three debaters to meet the Lincoln High team January 23. Richard Hunter, Joseph Swenson and Ben Cherington were chosen, the same trio that defeated the Beatrice High school team the month before.

At a late hour in the night Dr. O. S. Hoffman reported no change in the condition of J. L. Brandeis, lying low at his home, 232 Dodge street.

After a long and exceedingly lively session Central Labor union elected these officers for the year: President, W. H. Bell; vice president, John L. Kirby; secretary, William Grieb; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Bapat; sergeant-at-arms, Al Jordan; trustees, O. P. Shrum, J. E. Crews and Charles Hart.

The age range in the Connecticut legislature runs from Samuel L. Stevens, 22, to 81 D. Weeks, 82.

Smoke up! American Tobacco company made only 30 per cent last year, and will put out only a 20 per cent dividend. Shareholders will help some by increasing the draft.

In the lexicon of Colonel Dooley, the restored French officer is known as "Colonel Pat 'n' Chan." Much against his wishes his name bears a tattoo on the big drum.

Miss Ida E. Schavay of Fond du Lac, Wis., has been bequeathed \$10,000 by David Jack, in whose family she long served as a domestic, on condition that she remain on old maid.

The late Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court can hardly regard "it" as a lucky number. There were thirteen articles of impeachment against him and he was convicted on the 13th.

Woodrow Wilson will wear a spread eagle and an American shield for a stickpin. It is said, when he becomes president, as president of Princeton he wore the Princeton seal, and as governor of New Jersey he wore the state coat-of-arms.

George Harbison, a laborer, while digging a trench at Oglesby, Okl., unearthed \$7,200 in gold, but it is thought that he will not be allowed to keep the money, because of a state law requiring that such finds be surrendered to the owner of the property.

Outdoor occupations are supposed to be most healthful, but during the recent weeks of rain and mist their advantage has not been so obvious. In Boston fifty policemen are on the sick list, heavy weights who thrive in zero weather, but are down with the grip now. And besides the fifty in bed there are plenty who would like to be there, but manage to keep going.

Twice Told Tales

The Last Word.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torrington, "I'm going to be a suffragette and march in a parade."

"You are, eh?" "Yes, I feel it my duty to show an active interest in politics."

"I see. Well, what are your views on schedule K of the tariff?" "That's not politics. That's the alphabet."

"Well, how about direct primaries or the initiative and referendum?" "Oh, I never pretended to know much Latin."

"How about banking and finance?" "Why—they seem all right, don't they?" "You see," he shouted, triumphantly, "you don't know a thing about the subjects that are being discussed."

"Well, Charley, dear, you mean well, of course. But I must say that it seems very stupid and silly of you to learn all those hard words and puzzle over problems when we can do so simply by marching in a parade."—Washington Star.

Payton in Kind. He came in and laid down some sensational-looking bills with a genuine dollar bill on top.

"I want to pay for that barrel of potatoes, I got."

"Can't take this money," said the dealer.

"Why not?" "Most of it isn't good."

"The top layer is good, it is not?" "Yes."

"That's the way it was with the potatoes."—Pittsburgh Post.

Modern Morals. Bishop Wilson of New York said "The other day that the morality of New York politics was not all that could be desired."

"In politics, as in some lines of business," he continued, "the remark of your cynical young woman holds true."

"So you are going to marry George, at last," she said to a friend. "What is he like?"

"He is the most upright, high-minded, honorable fellow in the world," was the enthusiastic reply.

"Goodness, my dear," said the pretty cynic, "you'll starve to death."—New York Tribune.

The Philosopher. Finley Peter Dunno was sympathizing at a New York club, with a playwright whose play had failed.

"Brace up!" he cried. "Take it like a philosopher!"

Then Mr. Dunno smiled the whimsical Dooley smile and added:

"A philosopher is one who has trained himself to bear with perfect serenity the misfortunes of others."

Around the Cities

New York is pushing the auto speed limit up to fifteen miles an hour.

By a ruling of the final court Chicago bakers must place on each loaf of bread a label stating its weight.

Courts have eased the load on Denver taxpayers by lopping off 10 per cent of this year's assessment, a saving of \$200,000.

Providence, R. I. has laid aside \$10,000 to stimulate local energy in swatting the mosquito next summer.

Cleveland's mayor the other day refused to permit the moving by a contractor of an eight-story building a distance of four blocks because of the danger to sewers and water pipes.

Chicago is developing a scheme to denaturalize Clark street, turn on more light, put a brigade of "white wings" to work on it and transform it into a nice, respectable thoroughfare, safe to parade on every hour of the twenty-four.

New York officials want more money to spend and are searching for it. Mayor Gaynor proposes taxes on the unearned increments of real estate, on public advertising signs, on every horse drawn vehicle, on motor cars double the tax now levied by the state and give half the proceeds to the city and non-exemption of churches for local improvement taxes.

Tips for Young Men

Norman W. Harris, banker and broker of Boston, New York and Chicago, returns on his first of the year with a record of fifty years in the business. As a salute to the young men crowding up from the rear, Mr. Harris gives out these rules for reaching the top of the ladder:

A young man must learn to save money as well as make it.

There is an old proverb, "Any fool can make money. It takes a wise man to save it."

Money is not everything; success is more than money. But one must save money and have money to gain success.

One way to save money is to lay out a line of policy that is safe and then stick it through thick and thin.

Another way to save money—if a young man can't do it himself—is to marry and let one's wife handle the money envelope.

It is as important for a young man to learn to save money as it is for him to learn books.

Rules for Wives

The chief probation officer of Milwaukee pumps a little more foam into the foam of the Cream City by promulgating eight rules for domestic happiness, as follows:

Love, honor and obey your husband.

Get breakfast for your husband and see that he is properly clothed before he goes to work.

Be prompt with meals and expect him to be prompt.

Keep your home, your children and yourself neat and clean.

Don't tell him all your petty household troubles; met him at the door with a kiss and a smile.

Don't continually scold him for past mistakes. Cultivate the habit of forgetting disagreeable things.

Approach the mother-in-law question carefully—it's dangerous. Keep on good terms with both mothers-in-law, but don't tell your troubles to either. Never allow your own mother to reproach your husband.

A wife should allow her husband to get his own breakfast as often as he allows her to attend to the furnace.

The Bees Letter Box

Satire or Splenore.

OMAHA, Jan. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Some bald heads have been telling us that within 500 years the population within a radius of 300 miles of Omaha will be more than 30,000,000, and that shortly from one-half to two-thirds of these millions will be in cities.

If so we may expect Omaha to be a city of 15,000,000 to 30,000,000 (only at matter of 300 years).

Now we as citizens of Omaha ought to lay our plans big enough and broad enough so we might be able to facilitate and accommodate the millions yet to come. We should not waste our time in dealing with trifles such as making a great fuss about a few wiggle boned Excelsior clerks going to Chicago, as half of them are bachelors and would not raise a family if they were paid.

Neither should we consider the Auditorium in connection with a new union depot. Then we would be better off with the present buffalo head-like union station with its \$150 clock on its forehead. Nay, the Commercial club ought to cease using their club on the railroad corporations trying to make them build a new union depot in the retail district of the city.

If you want anything out of corporations you must put out some substantial bait in the shape of a few million dollar bonds, also give them all the streets and alleys they want. In that way you may get a new depot the size you want and where you want it. Allow me to suggest a site for such a depot. Property lying between Sixteenth and Twentieth street and between Capitol avenue and Oving street there we could have your \$5,000,000 depot. West of the depot to Twentieth street would be space enough for twenty to twenty-five tracks. Trains coming over the new railroad bridge at Dodge street would railroad over to Capitol avenue and Eighteenth street, then west of the depot, making a circle or curve north of Oving street, coming back to about Eighth and Dodge streets; there circle around to a point connecting with the tracks of the Union Pacific and Burlington going west. Trains coming in over the old Union Pacific bridge, over a viaduct from the west approach of said bridge to a point about Eighth and Dodge streets; then circle around the depot; then back to the old tracks going west. Trains coming over the East Omaha bridge crossing north and west on viaducts beginning north and west of the Union Pacific shops to the tracks at Eighth and Dodge streets, make it circle around the depot, then go on west, etc. Trains from the north, south or west could make the same circle and then go on east.

Locating the depot west of Sixteenth street would necessitate the tunneling of Sixteenth street from about Dodge street to a point north of Cuming street. Don't say a word. There have been worse things done in smaller towns. Like New York City, hardly one-fourth the size of our future 15,000,000 or 30,000,000 city. Yes even Uncle Sam would like this arrangement, as parcel post could be thrown from the trains almost into the doors of the postoffice.

After all these things are set in motion, probably the street car company would adopt a loop system. For instance, come up Capitol avenue, turn south on Eighteenth street, tunnel Eighteenth street from about Dodge street to St. Mary's avenue, and then circle around the center of town and connect with every other line, etc. In the tunnel there should be a station at every block, where passengers could enter and be elevated up into the million-dollar hotels and opera houses and office buildings, yes, even into the new half-million dollar court house that cost us a million and a quarter.

Last, but not least, shoppers could be conveyed from this Eighteenth street tunnel to the big retail stores, etc. Some of you may not like some of these suggestions, but whatever you do don't try to bore a large hole with a small auger.

Benefits of Consolidation. SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: As regards this question of consolidation or annexation, it seems that the paramount question that confronts our perpetual officeholders, their confederates and the unthinking citizen is as to how matters will be so arranged as not to disturb the power and prestige of our political custodians—dictators who have watched carefully over us for the last quarter of a century without interruption. This is an era of advanced ideas and the progressive spirit of the times prompts people to investigate and ask questions. Why I believe there is none of the city officials of Omaha, like Caesar's wife, however, is not Omaha's administration progressive in comparison to South Omaha? The firemen have a double shift, likewise the police have shorter hours. Education is the bulwark of the nation and I desire to call attention as to how South Omaha's reform school board raised the teachers' pay 12 cents per day. Formerly they pay was \$1.11 per day. Their pay now, after the benevolent and generous raise, is at the rate of \$1.23 per day, figuring twelve months to the year. Perhaps Miss O'Reilly may visit South Omaha, and if so, she will have an opportunity to make some revelations as regards wages in high and low places. I might add that the school teachers, firemen and policemen in Omaha can retire on half pay after a certain number of years.

JERRY HOWARD.

Editorial Siftings

Detroit Free Press: If William Rockefeller is speechless now, what has he been all along?

Baltimore American: President Taft will order out the cavalry to protect the suffragists when they parade in Washington. Some day, perhaps, the suffragists will turn out to protect our soldiers on the march—who knows?

Baltimore American: If it is true that a mascot goat committed lese majeste by butting an admiral there is consolation in the thought that it is the only living thing that would dare commit so grave an offense against the uniform.

Indianapolis News: That silent treatment which the doctor recommends for William Rockefeller would likewise be beneficial to a number of obstreperous statesmen as well as to the people they regard as their potential constituents.

New York Tribune: The suggestion that George W. Norris, senator-elect from Nebraska, be invited to enter the Wilson cabinet may look like a piece of generosity. But the fact remains that

SMILING REMARKS.

"That promoter did the liberal thing, I must say."

"Instead of skipping out with our cash, he failed for 10 cents on the dollar. First time I ever got any money back."—Pittsburgh Post.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is a patriot?"

"There are many kinds, my son. Very frequently a patriot is a man who knows the office is seeking him and fears it may not be able to find him unless in keeps shouting—Washington Star."

Laying aside his paper, Beanbrough exclaimed:

"Men have been wearing trousers for a hundred years."

"Yes," snapped Mrs. Beanbrough, "and most of them expect their poor wives to wear their dresses for the same length of time."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Doctor," said the dependent youth, pointing to his chest, "my trouble is here."

"Angina pectoris, perhaps."

"You got her first name, doctor," responded the gloomy caller; "it's Angellina all right, but her other name is Higgins."—Chicago Tribune.

"Bill—I see a St. Louis man made \$600 as a ragpicker."

"Yes, as a ragpicker, did you say?"

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"What is he—a music publisher?"

"Where Statesman."

"Oh, yes, Jack adores me, I've known it for weeks."

"Then, what's bothering you?"

"What's bothering me? Why, I've got to wait for him to find it out."—Boston Transcript.

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