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With January two-thirds gone, old Father Winter will have to hurry if he beats any records.

It is sarcastic to add after the name of William Rockefeller, "brother of John D.?"

While the roads to California may be blocked with snow, those leading to sunny Nebraska are still open.

The office of justice of peace may need lots of reforming, but we are not so sure about the need for fatter fees.

When the wind blew the snow off the walks as it fell, it substantiated a certain old saying about "an ill wind."

Where is the old-fashioned boy who used to stand around waiting for the "beakings" when mother made tea cakes?

It is quite in accord with the eternal fitness of things that the Board of Control should prove so hard to control.

President-elect Wilson has selected a secretary named Tumulty, yet he says he can see a unified democracy from now on.

It is not surprising that the Steel trust barons should feel chilly toward President Taft, who has made things warm for them.

The Army on the Panama.
Colonel Goethals' recommendation of a garrison of 25,000 men to guard the Panama canal doubtless will provoke the same controversy as arose two years ago over fortification of the canal at all was that it would necessitate a large standing army. The objectors have gone so far as to deny the government's authority under the canal act to provide fortifications. In a speech January 19, 1911, on the floor of the house, Representative J. Warren Keifer of Ohio insisted that we are "not authorized under the law to fortify," quoting from the law specifying the power of the president to control the territory and the canal, "giving him the right in the exercise of—"

Jurisdiction over said strip and the ports at the ends thereof to make such police and sanitary rules and regulations as shall be necessary to enforce such rules and regulations.

Anticipating the counter claim that this discretionary power might be sufficient warrant for fortifications, Mr. Keifer promptly adds that, "the president's power over the canal, it will be seen, is carefully limited by this law in harmony with existing treaties."

But it is doubtful if this is the dominant view of the country or the one that will ultimately prevail. The people seem to consider that the government not only has the right, but from a practical standpoint, is duty-bound to provide adequate fortifications for an enterprise, the initial cost of which is some \$400,000,000. And if fortifications are required at all, they will have to be commensurate with the needs and character of the institution.

The Inaugural Ball.
The ball as a part of the inauguration ceremonies may be dispensed with this year, at least, as the incoming chief executive has suggested its omission, and about Washington there is something of a sentiment against it, chiefly on the grounds that it involves a useless expenditure. Of course the time and money are not final considerations. If the ball were deemed essential, no one would hesitate on that account.

Interest is still another point of interest to be noted in the attitude of President-elect Wilson. His very statement in which he suggests the omission of the ball is that of a tactician, concealing any personal scruples he may have on the subject where they cannot possibly occasion criticism or offend. Now, such a statement might have afforded a vehicle for a most spectacular exhibition had the president-elect deigned to devalue the value of such public declarations. Evidently the country is to have four years more of dignity in the office of president, whatever else it may have.

Walking for Women.
The mania for long journeys by foot which seemingly has seized eastern suffragettes may be entitled to more serious consideration than it has provoked. It is quite notable that as a rule American women are not walkers; that they do not walk as much as is good for them. They are the subject of all manner of comical criticism by their British sisters on this account. So, perhaps, if the suffragettes do not enlist many women in their ranks by this example, they might get them to take up walking as a fad. When a thing gets to be a fad—among certain people—it is almost sure of success, for a time, at least.

The fad to get out and walk a few miles each day might prove very beneficial to women, who do all their traveling by easier and less exhilarating methods. The suffragettes, who recently walked from New York to Albany, are now planning a jaunt to Washington and propose all shall join or pay for sending a substitute. The substitute feature offers no particular value to the exemplary features of the project, though it might result in swelling the ranks considerably.

One of our judges of the district court sees much significance in the fact that 75 per cent of our divorces are sought by the women. The significance is that even where he is not at fault the husband out of gallantry usually yields precedence to the woman. Likewise they are much more likely to get the mutually desired divorce when the woman sues.

Omaha water users must be laboring under a great delusion. When the Water board told them not to pay the excessive rates demanded by the old water company, the Water board must have been fooling, for here they are seven months after possession by the city charging the same old excessive rates for lessened service.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon enumerates as four of the great enemies of mankind "gluttony, tobacco, drink and lust," but he does not give any assurance that these enemies may be routed overnight by the legislative cure-all.

The Nebraska legislators should give their attention to the passage of an effective "blue sky" measure that covers the whole sky and not just a little corner of it.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
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JAN. 21.

Thirty Years Ago—
Your "Boots" was the subject of the Sunday evening lecture by Rev. W. J. Harsh at the Presbyterian church. The sermon at the North Presbyterian church was delivered by Rev. F. R. Haynes on a text from Romans.

A resolution adopted by the official board of the Eighteenth street church denying the rumor of a merger with the First Methodist Episcopal church is printed over the names of E. A. Parmelee, John E. Burgen, Z. Stenus, E. H. Wood, C. W. Cain, C. A. Sparrow, R. D. Hills, C. J. Hart, D. M. Haverly, Thomas Crooks and J. M. Marston.

A memorial address on the life and works of Bishop Talbot was delivered by Bishop Clarkson at Trinity cathedral. Tickets for the Burns anniversary celebration will be placed at Cruikshank & Co.'s, William Fleming's and William Maloney's.

Miss Mabel Orchard was a guest of the Metropolitan yesterday. Fred J. Conway, city editor of the Sioux City Times, is in town. Arrangements have been made for Jim Mace, the celebrated English pugilist, to stop over in Omaha and give an exhibition with Slade, his Australian protegee.

Twenty Years Ago—
Health Commissioner Somers ordered confiscated all troops offered for sale in Omaha, which had been from Senator Church Howe of Nebraska county found it possible to break away from his legislative duties at Lincoln and run up to Omaha for the day.

The finance committee of the Board of Education submitted its estimates of money needed for the school year, aggregating \$244,000, of which \$230,000 was for teachers' salaries. The committee anticipated receipts as follows: From licenses, \$27,000; from fines, \$25,000; state appropriation, \$35,000; to be made up from taxes, \$64,000.

The parlors of First Methodist church were filled with many friends attending a reception to Bishop and Mrs. Newman. During the evening the bishop suggested in anticipation of the growth of the city and one of the suggestions for the consolidation of the church's finances. On suggestion of the pastor, Rev. Frank Crane, a committee was appointed to take up these suggestions.

Ten Years Ago—
Home Miller took charge as lessee of the Elvard hotel, succeeding J. E. Markel & Son. Mr. Miller's actual management was to begin February 1, and he said he would invest \$30,000 in improvements.

Rev. E. F. Trefz, pastor of Kountze Memorial Lutheran church, received a call to become pastor of the First Congregational church of Binghamton, N. Y., and decided to go east to give the matter his personal consideration.

Ed Henry, a motorman on the Dodge street car line, had been frugal and saved up \$1,300 from his hard-earned money. He had deposited the money in a trunk in his room instead of a bank. By some mysterious means, this fact seemed to reach a sneak thief, who also being a thrifty man, went around to Henry's place in the latter's absence and took the money.

The Omaha Real Estate exchange went on record as endorsing the compulsory purchase water works bill.

Princeton wants \$400,000 and Tufts \$200,000 to run the colleges without a deficit. Collegians give the college yell and dig up.

The diplomat who is pressing Rumania's claims for compensation against Bulgaria owns up to the name of M. Take Joneacu. You can't lose 'em.

Governor Tener of Pennsylvania would like to go to the United States senate. Governor Bass of New Hampshire harbors a like feeling. There are other governors and several exes in each state.

A special bathtub, eight feet long, four feet wide and four feet deep, was ordered for the suite at the Hotel Taft, in New Haven, Ct., which President Taft will occupy after leaving the White House.

Aimed at Omaha
Fremont Tribune: An Omaha committee has exacted a promise that the Omaha connection with the Ashland cutoff will be built. Here may be an opportunity for a Fremont committee to put the business across.

Plattsmouth Journal: Omaha people are very much pained over the removal of the auditing department of the Burlington to Chicago, but they must not "cut off their noses to spite their faces." The Burlington people, if they are fit, could do Omaha more damage than Omaha possibly could do the Burlington.

Lexington Pioneer: The plan to annex South Omaha to Omaha meets its greatest opposition from the office holders and politicians of the office holders. They want no annexation for the reason that they do not relish the idea of losing their soft place at the pie counter. However, one set of officials could look after the municipal affairs of the two cities just as well as two do now, and at a much less price to the taxpayers.

Oakland Independent: J. J. Hill promised the committee of Omaha business men who went to see him about Omaha-Burlington matters that the Ashland cutoff branch to Omaha will be opened in 1914. This is the line which it is expected will run from Oakland and for which surveys have been made. Hurrah for another railroad in a year.

Falls City Journal: The Omaha Commercial club favors a new state capitol building but they have not declared for it on the present location. This is one reason why Lincoln is fighting shy of this proposition at present. Omaha is for removal of the university to the state farm and is believed to favor removal of the state capital to Hastings or Grand Island. Lincoln does not take kindly to such removal all at once.

Twice Told Tales
An Advertising Story.
E. J. Fletcher, at a Sphinx club dinner in New York, told an advertising story: "A man," he said, "entered a shop one bitter cold day and bought a woolen muffler. When he opened the muffler he found inside it the photograph of a beautiful girl, together with a note saying: 'If you are single, please write me.' A name and address followed, and the man smiled. He was single, and he put the photograph on his sitting room mantle. There, every evening, looking up from his book, he beheld it. It was very beautiful, and in a week he had fallen head over heels in love.

"So he wrote to the girl. Another week passed, a week of anxious, nerve-racking suspense. Then the love-sick man received this crushing letter: 'Sir—The Mary Smith to whom you wrote was my granddaughter. She died nine years ago, aged 54. Yours truly.' "Our heart-broken bachelor, on looking into this strange matter, found that he had foolishly bought the muffler from a dealer who didn't advertise."

College Workers.
"Woodrow Wilson believes in a college education for boys and girls alike," said a banker at the Princeton club in New York.

"Mr. Wilson, laughing with me here, once said in his quaint way that the old idea about a college education unfitting a lad for work had quite died out.

"We no longer hear," he declared, "stories like that of Gobsa Golde. "When Gobsa Golde's son Scattergood, he explained, desired to go to Princeton, he said to the old man: "Father, is it true that boys who go to college are unfit for work afterwards?" "Of course it ain't true," snorted the old man, indignantly. "Why, I've got a Princeton graduate running my freight elevator, two of my best coal heavers are Harvard A. Es., and a Yale B. S. is my star truck driver."

Limit of Contempt.
Collector Loeb said in New York: "If our weren't such a big and important country, I suppose some tourists would treat us as the Yankee automobile treated Montenegro.

"This automobile, after a wrangle with the customs officers on the Montenegro frontier, shouted: "Here, shut up the trunk! Put 'em back on the car again! I'll not go through you at all! You're no country. You're only a spot. I don't mind losing ten or twelve minutes, and so I'll go round you."

Editorial Siftings
Philadelphia Record: An impeachment will recall. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: When thirty-nine democrats in the house vote in favor of the fourth-class postage patronage it is party indignity, revolt or revolution.

Baltimore American: Adopting the lines of an English poet praying Heaven to tax hypocrisy the mayor of New York declared he favored a tax upon hypocrites. There is no doubt such an assessment might materially decrease the tax rate.

Washington Post: Hot Springs gamblers have formed a vigilance committee with the police to run outside crooks out of town; and it is the old theory that competition is the life of trade, subjects to the modern doctrine of combination.

New York World: Suffragists on their march from New York to Washington will wear brown costumes described as "a cross between bloomers and a sheath gown," together with brown cloaks and brown knapsacks. The important matter of the clothes having been settled, the "hike" may proceed.

The Bee's Letter Box
Where credit is due.
OMAHA, Jan. 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: I want to commend the action of Police Commissioner Ryder and Chief Dunn in trying an embargo against prize fighters. I understand Commissioner Ryder was besieged by promoters for permission to run in a lot of their fourth-rate fighters on us, but he said "no." It is a great thing for a public official to know when to say "no," and to have the backbone to stand by it after he says it. Omaha has had too much of such affairs and it is time for a change. The city, as The Bee said editorially, needs a different kind of advertising than that which comes from licensing such disreputable pugilists. Why should we let them perform here when they have been barred from most cities and states? Good for Jack Ryder and Henry Dunn. CIVIC LEAGUER.

The Manufacturer's Responsibility.
CLEARWATER, Neb., Jan. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: While I realize that the trade launched against Collier's over the signature of A. J. Meyer is but the howl of someone hit in a vital spot, nevertheless I desire to correct a few statements and challenge a few others.

"Uncle Sam," in paying indirectly the full value of all intoxicating liquors sold and receiving directly a 75 per cent return of his investment, could hardly be looked upon as reaping a profit to say nothing of the millions of paupers made and the premature deaths of the thousands annually that directly result from the sale of liquor. We might add the loss of manhood and integrity, one of the fundamentals of Uncle Sam's existence. The honest man who reaps the lion's share, but it is the whirlwind that he reaps.

Again: "Stop the demand by education and the supply will cease." I can imagine the author of that remark standing on the outside of the ropes advising a squad of firemen to cease fighting the fire and remove all the buildings and the fire would then go out of itself.

As to obscene literature and lewd dances, shows and posters, I have lived in a city some twenty years and experience taught me that about 90 per cent of that kind of commerce was obtained only where liquor was sold and was dependent upon as a drawing card sideline to the licensed business.

Whatever is the amount of material produced which is calculated to destroy the moral stamina of young America, Mr. Meyer if he be a manufacturer, cannot excuse himself or a colleague in the "heinous business of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors by crying 'You're another.'"

On the other hand, 90 per cent of the liquors manufactured are decidedly not "used temperately" or "without injury," and none was ever used without some injury physically and consequently a moral injury.

From a moral standpoint never was there a drop of intoxicating liquor used—as they are manufactured today—in any sense legitimately, where socially or medicinally and no amount of misrepresentation of truth will justify a person engaging in its manufacture.

"Why should the manufacturer be pilloried?" Because he justly deserves it as the original cause of nine-tenths of the vice now prevalent in America.

However, so long as the laws of our commonwealth permit him to operate it will not complain as long as he doesn't try to shoulder the responsibility upon the schools (education) and the teachers of morality that oppose his again "heinous" work. H. A. MCP., A TEACHER.

Around the Cities
If you are fond of living, don't move," said a Philadelphia highwayman to a railroad ticket agent as he extracted \$50 from the Lehigh Valley case and lost himself in the crowd on Broad street. The ticket agent obeyed orders.

Los Angeles has mapped out certain sections of the city available for factories, and decreed their banishment from residential sections. Execution of the drastic ordinance, which has been sustained by the state supreme court, will cost the industries affected over \$1,000,000.

New York is to have an auto speedway on a tract of 60 acres on the Jersey meadows, provided with a grandstand to seat 75,000 persons.

Chicago expects to be the headquarters of the millinery trust as soon as it is trimmed up. A corps of instructing housekeepers will be the feminine branch of an enlarged bureau of sanitation balancing the sanitary police force of the same department under a scheme of organization now being planned by Miss Mildred Chadsey, head of Cleveland's sanitary police force.

A St. Louis hotel had boy recently bought a hotel of his own. A Chicago waiter died the other day leaving \$1,000. The moral for ambitious young men seems to be—get a job where the tips are sure and frequent.

Political New Brooms
Senator-elect Edwin C. Burleigh of Maine learned the political game as an editor. "Blue sky" laws are talked of in the legislatures from California to New Jersey. The two extremes, where the need of such laws are urgent, are least likely to get them.

BREEZY TRIFLES.
What policies will the new administration favor? "My friend," replied Senator Borah, "with a man in my position it is a question not of what policies, but of what cars."—Washington Star.

The Doctor—Talk about my being able to pay income tax! Nearly half the money I make I spend in hiring motor cars. The Professor—Well, isn't that your income tax—yeh?—Chicago Tribune.

What made him decide not to go on the water wagon until January 15? "Just his natural aversion to strap-hanging. By waiting a bit he got a seat all to himself."—St. Louis Republic.

Mrs. Kewler—You don't mean to tell me that Mrs. Gaysett got her furniture on the installment plan. Mrs. Holmes—I do. She's had three months of it and she got a portion of it with each one.—Boston Transcript.

It is not a lawyer but a barber that old curmudgeon wants to draw up his will. "How's that?" "Because he wants to cut his hair."—Baltimore American.

The automobile has caused many changes. "I should say so," replied Mr. Churgin, "why I can remember when, once in a while, you'd hear of somebody being arrested for driving a horse too fast or for scorching on a bicycle."—Washington Post.

"But, George," protested the lovely girl, "your salary is only \$3 a week, and we can't live on that!" "You don't suppose I'd be mean enough to ask you to throw up your fit a week job, do you?"—Chicago Tribune.

REUBEN BUYS A FAEL.
Mingie Irving, in Judge.
The day was bright and sunny. And business going well. But Reuben in his office. A prey to dreaming. He thought of woods and meadows. With all their sylvan charms. "Good bye, old town," he murmured. "For Reuben buys a farm."

He found a roomy dwelling. With roses round the door. And covered well behind it. A picket fence before. And ancient apple-orchards. Where sang secure from harm. An orchestra of robins. So Reuben bought the farm.

But getting up so early. To milk by lantern-light. And feed the pigs and chickens. Was not unmissed delight. A pain was in his shoulder. A cramp was in his arm. And life was full of trouble. For Reuben on the farm.

Now Paul attends the horses. The cows are Mary's care. The pigs and geese and chickens. Jeannette's attention share. And George, in his arm. A never-failing chain. So everybody's happy. While Reuben runs the farm.

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