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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss.: Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of November, 1913, was 52,068.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24 day of December, 1913. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Up to last accounts King Menelik was still dead.

John Lind deserves a Nobel prize for his noble patience.

Now for those price-smashing year-end clearance sales.

Now, whatever you do, don't forget to shop early for 1914.

The Christmas cheer ought to lay a good foundation for the New Year's joy.

Artistically and incandescently, the municipal Christmas tree is an unqualified success.

Almost a toss-up between the relief of the day after Christmas and of the day after the Fourth.

Venner, the man with the hammer, seems to have been, himself, hit with the rebound in his suit against the Belmonts.

Unless they otherwise detain that howl who sleep with Mona Lisa, he will soon be due on the American vaudeville stage.

Another beatitude should read: "Blessed is the man who runneth the wolf away from the door of an unfortunate friend."

Though our congressmen are complaining about being overworked, none of them are noticeably hastening to resign the job.

The blow that hit the junket graft in our city hall and county building seemingly never struck the state house at Lincoln at all.

Yes, in those pay-as-you-enter days it is real money for the railroads whenever the office-seekers chase the president across the country.

Were it not for its ancient historical lineage, Pass Christian would pass for a landmark left by some modern auction bridge explorer.

In yielding up the telegraph Jonah, the telephone whale wants it distinctly understood that not a hair of his head has been harmed in the swallowing.

Fretty near time for repeating that oft-issued, but never observed, edict against removing sensational divorce petitions from the court clerk's files in order to smother publicity.

It remains to be seen, now that Judge Lindsey has taken unto himself a wife, whether he will be able to maintain his popularity as easily as before "in Colorado where the women vote."

The foot ball coach at the Nebraska State university demands the protection of a three-year contract, and he will probably get it. Faculty professors who coach the students in mental gymnastics are much more easily replaced.

Next on the program, ladies and gentlemen, is the great democratic Houdini, who will show in plain sight before your very eyes how the most intricate interlocking directory may be unlocked by a simple twist of the wrist.

If Nebraska's new Board of Control is really effecting such economies in the purchase of supplies for our state reformatory institutions, perhaps it may some day be given a chance to render the same service for our numerous state normal schools.

Joseph Cullen Root. Without occupying any public office the late Joseph Cullen Root nonetheless leaves a multitude and especially our own community under immeasurable obligations for his contribution to the public welfare. His death year in the fullness of years calls forth widespread regret and sorrow.

Alaskan Development. Secretary Lane's reminder of our duty toward the development of Alaskan resources is of special interest in the light of the effort exerted by President Taft to induce congress to undertake that extremely important task.

Twenty Years Ago. J. O. Phillippi, who was confined to his home for several days with rheumatism, was up and about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burgess entertained a party of twelve at evening dinner.

The Santa Claus Spirit. Every one has a soft spot in his heart, no matter how deeply incrustated, if only it can be touched.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha. DECEMBER 26. Thirty Years Ago—Christmas festivities continue. At the Christmas entertainment at Trinity fourteen children received prizes in this order: Amy Barker, Sadie Hambleton, Jennie Yates, William Loomis, Minnie Hennessey, Carrie Gardner, Harry Yates, Lulu Dolan, Charles Yates, Minnie Hambleton, Arthur Angel, Walter Grinnell, Flora Frost, Sarah Badger and Lena Ray.

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The Bee's Letter Box. Does Suppressing Go by Favor? OMAHA, Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: The suppression for nearly two weeks of high society divorce proceedings provokes the question why.

Wooster on Taxation. SILVER CREEK, Neb., Dec. 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: Without saying whether or not I am in favor of the single tax, I wish to comment briefly on some statements made by certain gentlemen before the Real Estate exchange as reported in The Bee.

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CHEERY CHAFF. "Come let's go and get a 'little bite.' I know of the finest little restaurant right around the corner—that is, if you don't object to its cabaret features."

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