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Last call for writing it 1913!

No one ever really doubted your versatility, Mr. Weatherman.

The New York World will please consider itself duly squelched.

There is an eccentric circle for you—a strike in the San Francisco bread line.

Yes, but the high cost of living is not to be brought down by raising railroad rates.

Tango is said to be dying out in Paris society. Don't all exclaim, "I-told-you-so" at once.

The "low cost of living show" may be all right as a show, but the real thing would strike a warmer welcome.

Those New York graft hunters, who were so well advertised in advance, seemed to have gone stone-blind.

Those weekly forecasts from Washington are fully as good as any other method of guessing on the weather.

Yes, let the president heap coals of fire on the senator's head by planting a regional bank in Omaha in spite of him.

The lawyers holding their state meeting will proceed to demonstrate what a really, truly mutual admiration society is like.

Secretary Daniels says the unfailing sign of age is aversion to snow. Another is refusal to accept an offer to hold your overcoat for you.

Peace, we are again told, can be restored in Mexico by "nothing less than the fall of Huerta." Yes, but what else will be necessary after that?

If those Michigan mine owners want to win their fight they ought to get rid of the fools, who think the way to win is to "beat up" the other fellow.

Now that Mrs. Ella Flagg Young is once more installed as school superintendent, what is that self-sacrificing newspaper going to do for an educational editor?

A base ball league does not remain an "outlaw" organization after it gets strong enough to compete with the old ones, which seems to make it merely a matter of "might makes right."

Mr. Bryan will, we fear, have trouble this year in repeating his boast that he had made more speeches without pay than he has with the ticket seller doing business at the box office.

It must make Venner, the man with the hammer, laugh up his sleeve to see some of his fellow bond brokers trying to sell back to the Water board at a discount bonds the board unloaded on them six months ago at par.

Mr. Mellen says $25,000 a year is salary enough for any man for any service. But the announcement followed, it did not precede, Mr. Mellen's retirement from the $75,000 salary as president of the New Haven road. Which is another feather in the cap of that old one, "Circumstances alter cases."

It is charged that one of Congressman Dan Stephens' postoffice primaries was carried for the successful candidate by the persuasive influence of an oyster supper. We see now that if the democrats are going to award postoffices by popular vote, the corrupt practices act will have to be made to extend its protecting arm around them.

Experiments in City Government

The Bee is in receipt almost every few days of inquiries as to the success of Omaha's commission plan of city government. Two years ago government by commission was supposed to spell the acme of perfection, with few questioning its improvement over the mayor and council system. Now we have the city manager scheme advanced on one side as a still more progressive step, and, on the other, opinions that a return to preceding forms would be still better. In other words, there is as yet no generally accepted "better" or "best" in government for American cities, but merely a continuance of the experimental stage. Under such conditions it goes back to a matter of men rather than of form. Incompetent, inefficient and extravagant officers, by whatever names they are called, or whatever their powers, will not give good city government, although able and well meaning officers may be hampered and handicapped by foolish legal limitations. The main thing, as we see it, is to accord the people who constitute the city the largest measure of home rule, and let them have the kind of municipal government the majority of them want.

Disease Ravages Among the Indians

Languishing in the lap of the senate committee on Indian affairs is a voluminous and very interesting report of the extent of trachoma and tuberculosis among the American Indians, together with proposals (and plans already projected) for treatment by the federal government. Of the full-blood Indians nearly 80 per cent are found afflicted with trachoma, a disease of the eye; between half and full-blood, 62 per cent, and the others 52 per cent. Oklahoma has the largest portion of such afflictions, 69 per cent of all its Indians; Wyoming is next with 51 per cent, and Nebraska third with 41. This trachoma is almost totally destructive of efficiency among the redskins. The report shows also terrible ravages of tuberculosis and in general a death rate among all Indians of 35 per 1,000 of population, as against 15 per 1,000 for the entire population of the United States.

To curb these rapacities of disease, President Taft set the movement going in 1909 with a comprehensive investigation preparatory to action, and in August, 1912, laid before congress a special message setting forth details calculated to get results. An item of $100,000 for a tuberculosis hospital in New Mexico for all Indians was inserted by the senate Indian affairs committee in its bill of the current year. The matter is tied up in committee, but it is now evident that before long something real will be done in this line. As the government gradually introduced the Indian to freer and more direct contact with the other elements of the population, it must exert an increasing vigilance for his physical as well as moral welfare. Not only is the health of the Indian concerned, but of every other class of our people. It is enough to know that the death rate from tuberculosis among Indians is 5.06 per 1,000, while only 1.73 among whites and 4.85 among negroes.

Shelving Huerta.

Varied reports of Huerta's retirement, voluntarily or otherwise, are apt to excite small confidence so long as he is able to make a fair show of resistance. Villa has dealt some damaging blows, but has not crushed the dictator's power. He failed to make good on his boast of eating Christmas dinner at the Mexican palace. The financial blockade continues to operate, gradually restricting the zone of Huerta's influence, but even that has not yet ended his power.

And what if the Huerta government were overthrown tomorrow, would we have the solution of the problem? We are not sure but Harper's Weekly is wise in wishing the civil war to continue for a while, as only by so doing will it become possible to evolve anything like a definite solution out of the present chaos. As all observers of the Mexican situation know, the land question is at the bottom of all the trouble and until it is settled by assurance of a better distribution no final peace and order are to be expected.

The same local contemporary which slurringly referred to "certain papers burdening their columns with stories of the enormous number of men out of employment at the present time," prints the next day a letter from "A Nebraskan who is going to get a tie-pass" telling about "40,000 idle men in Los Angeles, and small towns in proportion." Pity 'tis, 'tis true.

The Commercial club's insurance committee still cherishes hopes of bringing the fire rates down. That was one of the many pledges held out to us to be redeemed with the "immediate and compulsory" purchase of the water works. But it's not the only pledge yet to be made good.

Al Jennings, former bandit, having run the serial story of his life through the columns of a national weekly, now proclaims himself a candidate for governor of Oklahoma. It pays to advertise.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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DECEMBER 30.

Thirty Years Ago—

A review of Omaha's building operations for the year makes a most substantial exhibit. The recapitulation is as follows:

Public improvements	$ 812,076.99
Manufactories	183,000.00
Business houses	502,250.00
Churches, hospitals, etc.	134,000.00
School houses	83,200.00
Government buildings	21,600.00
Residences and dwellings	1,391,000.00
Miscellaneous buildings	72,600.00
Grand total	$3,201,026.99

The Boyd was crowded to its utmost capacity tonight for the Christmas festivities of the Lutheran Sunday school, in which the children bore the most prominent parts of the exercises.

Ex-Senator A. S. Paddock is making a subdivision of four blocks in Smith's addition on the north side of West Omaha at the head of Farnam street, which is named "Barton place" in honor of Hon. Guy C. Barton.

Rev. C. W. Savidge of the First Methodist Episcopal church is to address the Union Sunday school at Saratoga.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Blackburn are back from New York, where they spent Christmas in a family reunion, at which four generations were present.

A benefit concert by Miss Nealy Seatens, the Council Bluffs pianist, who has just returned from several years' musical study in Germany, is to be given at Boyd's January 3.

Christian Martin, step-father to Harry and W. F. Erdman, a veteran of the Mexican war and formerly employed in the Union Pacific shops, died at the age of 65 at his son's residence, opposite Jefferson square.

Twenty Years Ago—

On account of a misunderstanding as to the time of the meeting the gathering at Knights of Pythias hall for the discussion of ways and means of providing relief for the army of unemployed was not large. Mayor Bemis was introduced by District Master Workman Huntington of the Knights of Pythias as the first speaker. The mayor said the workingmen did not wish to be regarded as objects of charity. He said he thought Edward Bellamy's plan of state legislation for co-operative industries, enabling the laborer to share in the fruits of his toil, might be entitled to some consideration. Others who spoke were Rev. J. T. Duryea, Rev. A. W. Clark, Judge Stenberg of the Board of County Commissioners and some of the workingmen. A committee was appointed to confer with the city council and county commission as to proper means of assisting those in need.

Al L. Craig, assistant passenger agent of the Northern Pacific was in town.

City Treasurer Bolin forwarded to New York $50,000 intersection paving bonds that were sold at a premium of 4 per cent and accrued interest; also $75,000 of short time bonds to a Boston firm.

Mayor Bemis found by consulting the records for the first two years of his official term that he had vetoed 282 bills and ordinances, surpassing the record of any other mayor of Omaha.

Ten Years Ago—

Press wires brought the shocking news from Chicago of the fire at the Iroquois theater where more than 500, according to early accounts, lost their lives. Fred Patterson, an Omaha High school boy, was among the missing and W. J. Burgess of the Boyd theater was worried, for his wife was known to be at the theater. Dave O'Brien, who was in Chicago with his son, telegraphed home that the boy was at the theater, but escaped safely.

A big rally of Nebraska republicans was held at the Rome hotel to exploit the vice presidential candidacy of John Lee Webster. Governor Mickey was there with glowing predictions of Webster's election and aid in swinging this state into the republican line with from 30,000 to 40,000 majority at the next election. Enthusiasm was at high tide and broke into bedlam when the resolutions endorsing Webster as Nebraska's candidate, offered by Paddy Miles of Sidney, were adopted.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levy announced the engagement of their daughter, Josephine to Daniel L. Korn of New York.

"Mr. Jolly of Joliet" jollied a few persons at the Boyd theater for a couple of perfectly good hours.

People and Events

A German scientist has invented a "fire-damp whistle," a device to give warning of gas in mines.

Jimmie Larkin, leader of the Dublin strikers, is going to wave his "fiery cross" in this country early in the year and pass the hat between waves.

The customary New Year greeting will strike a responsive chord in the bosoms of Standard Oil stockholders. Cash dividends of $200 a share surely will make the New Year a happy one for them.

Miss Isabel Trask, a 17-year-old resident of Rome, Me., is the only woman in the state to have bagged a silver-gray fox. She is called the best shot in the vicinity of Rome. The fox skin was sold to a local dealer.

With the death of Robert Atkinson of Amherst, N. H., perishes the formula for a preparation that perfectly cleanses marbles and granites. He was a stone worker and years ago succeeded in making a fine preparation, the secret of which he would never divulge.

Junius Spencer Morgan, jr., grandson of the late J. P. Morgan, has been elected president of Harvard's Delphic club, alias "the Gashouse Gang"—a very swagger society, now 65 years old. He's a member of the Hasty Pudding club, the institute of 1770, and D. K. E.

The kaiser has bestowed the German Red Cross medal for gallant service in war time on two Englishwomen attached to a hospital at Constantinople, Miss Kate Penner and Miss Gertrude Pondel, as reward for their care of Turkish wounded during the Balkan war.

Bruce Wyman, long a member of the law faculty of Harvard college, has resigned and retired under fire. Mr. Wyman fattened his salary of $5,000 a year from the college by accepting a retainer of $10,000 a year from the New Haven railroad for delivering public addresses in favor of the company's policies.

A spirit of caste based on the size of the pie is reported prevalent among department employes in Washington. A $1,200 clerk moves in a circle above the $900 jobster, while a $300 a month person carries the head high enough to bump the transoms over the doors. Codles of free amusement can be had at the national capital if you know where to look for it.

Twice Told Tales

Not What Was Meant.

A certain doctor, who is, on his own frank admission, "the ugliest man in four counties," has a keen sense of humor, which enables him to enjoy many real and unconscious reflections upon his facial deficiencies.

Once, after he had arrived too late to succor a poor woman who had been killed in a factory, the local newspaper published an ambiguous account of the case, which the doctor, with grim appreciation, preserved.

Having first described how the woman had come by her injuries, the paragraph went on to say:

"Strong hopes were entertained of saving her life until Dr. P— arrived; but these hopes, unfortunately, proved ill-founded, for the moment the doctor showed his face within the door the poor woman fell back with a gasp and expired."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Why Willie Was Left.

Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati said of a disgruntled politican:

"His hands are tied. He can do nothing. He is like Willie in the Christmas game of snapdragon.

"Willie, at a Christmas party given by his sister, was allowed to participate in the snapdragon game, and sat amid a band of beautiful girls of nineteen or so.

"The lights went out, the usual grabbing for favors began, and then, when the lights went up again, Willie was to be seen crying bitterly.

"'What's the matter, Willie? Didn't you get anything?' a lady asked.

"'No,' sobbed Willie, spitefully. 'As soon as it got dark that consarned man with the brown whiskers—boo, hoo!—he grabbed my hands and didn't stop—boo, hoo, hoo!—he didn't stop kissing them till the lights went up again!'"—Washington Star.

Scared the Game.

Representative Underwood said of the worldliness of the modern girl:

"I have just heard of an episode illustrating the modern girl's worldliness.

"A young man said to a very beautiful girl:

"'Miss Winchester—Muriel—I am not rich, but—'

"With a slight gesture of her white hand the girl silenced him.

"'That will do, Mr. Hazelmere,' she said. 'No!'"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Nebraska Editors

Kearney Hub: If Governor Morehead desires to save himself embarrassment in the printed reports of his public speeches he should take the newspaper men into his confidence with advance sheets and then stick closely to the written text. It is hardly to be presumed that newspaper reporters have deliberately misquoted him. But better still would be to speak less often and not essay the role of an oracle.

Aurora Republican: Has this man Burleson no mercy at all? Just as the Register editor had reached a state of mind where he was about ready to admit that parcel post might leave a few country towns on the map, the postmaster general announces another extension of the service. Listen for a fresh wail from the stricken express companies with the hot air distributer on the northwest corner of the square singing a doleful minor key.

West Point Republican: A Kansas judge has been called upon to decide which side of the bed belongs to the wife. Glancing over the Nebraska bed sheet legislature's record, we are surprised to not that this question was not, also, settled. What the aforesaid judge should give the warring couple is—a divorce, for, when a married couple have nothing else to do upon retiring but to quarrel about the north, south, east or west side of the bed, they had better be separated.

Hartington Herald: We find ourselves somewhat in sympathy with the educator who advocates making the murder of the English language a punishable offense. One should always try to be as charitable as possible, but really the way our beautiful language is tortured and abused sometimes is enough to make one weep. We do not feel competent to give advice to teachers—they probably know their business a great deal better than we do—but, if we were to offer a suggestion, it would be along this line—to drill the pupil in the correct use of the English language.

Ponca Journal Leader: An exchange is the authority for the statement that Nebraska has never returned a man to the United States senate. This does not augur well for the present senior senator from Nebraska, Senator Hitchcock. The senator may be following the dictates of his own conscience in his attitude toward the currency bill now pending before congress, which has the support of many republicans, but we do not believe he is voicing the sentiment of the people of this great state. Anyway, Nebraska needs a man of larger caliber than the Omaha man to fill this important seat.

Pushing Ahead

The Canadian Pacific railway will hereafter not employ any person under 16 years of age.

The street cleaning department of Berlin, Germany, employs eighteen battery driven sprinkling and scrubbing machines. The total daily operating and maintenance cost is $4.41 each. The daily cost of each ten-horse-drawn machine is $4.57.

Concrete has been made use of by the Italian government for the construction of snow fences to protect the railroads in the district east of the Apennines, where the snowfalls are very heavy and the slides carry everything before them.

After ten years of investigation and experimentation, Thomas Ingham of Liverpool has developed a seaweed product which he terms "algin" and uses in the manufacture of non-inflammable cinematograph films and of a paper which is claimed to be water, flame and germ-proof and odorless.

The immense forests of rosewood and other hard and valuable woods found in the southern part of the state of Bahia, Brazil, which have never before been thoroughly tried out as a commercial proposition, have tempted three American companies to begin exploitation. Concessions have been secured from the Brazilian government and operations begun on forest land abutting on small rivers flowing into the Atlantic.

The Bee's Letter Box

How Much Does She Know?

OMAHA, Dec. 29.—To the Editor of the Bee: In our letter box today is an article signed "L. M.," wherein he says: "The student of social conditions knows that but a very small percentage of women enter this (a prostitute's) life with a full knowledge of it." Now, I cannot believe that the student of social conditions knows any such thing. I admit that no man or woman enters any sort of a life with an absolute knowledge of what it will produce, but no woman, however dense her ignorance, will say she does not know that prostitution is the most degrading and disgraceful vice a women can practice. If a girl of 15 does not know this much about the social evil she is indeed an object of pity, and if she does know this much about it, she has all the knowledge necessary to form a correct judgment and decide whether or not she will choose such a life. Woman are not so ignorant as some writers would have us believe.

But by saying "that a very small percentage enter this life with a full knowledge of it" the writer implies that some do enter it with a full knowledge of it, and that all who enter it have some knowledge of its consequences, and if they all have some knowledge of it, what is the sum and substance of such knowledge? Now, the first and simplest fact that can be known about the social evil is that it is a positive and unmitigated disgrace to womanhood and the knowledge of this fact makes it unnecessary for a woman to debate the question further. Further, he says, "It is also known that in order to endure the life of a prostitute the woman is compelled to resort to the use of drugs and liquor that destroy her moral fiber and in time her mental faculties." I would pronounce this statement a far-fetched and ridiculous absurdity, for thousands of strictly virtuous women use wine, beer and brandy.

And, besides, some of these soiled women use no drugs, and a few use liquor of no kind. More than that, a large number of the fallen women have been married and to say that a married woman is ignorant of this question is equal to saying that she is an idiot. This doctrine applied to men would read thus: "In order to endure the life of a libertine, of a rounder, a grafter or a burglar, a man is compelled to resort to the use of drugs, liquor, etc., in order to destroy his moral fiber and cripple his conscience." Let us not suppose mankind is in a state of primitive ignorance in order to palliate their vices and condone their offenses. E. O. M'INTOSH.

No Christian Science Play.

OMAHA, Dec. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: Kindly allow me to correct a statement in your Saturday issue in regard to the play, "The Right Princess," at one of our local theaters.

This play is not given under the auspices or patronage of the Christian Science church. We know of no such thing as a Christian Science play or a Christian Science novel. These are not factors in Christian Science work. The teachings of Christian Science are too sacred to be given to the world in this manner, but are accurately set forth in its text books, the Bible and "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy.

Christian Scientists, in common with many others who appreciate a play of high moral standard, would undoubtedly enjoy this one.

In an interview with Mr. Dempster, the leading man of this company, he informed the writer that he was not a member of the Christian Science church, but thinks well of its teachings.

CHARLES A. DUNHAM.

Yates on the Currency Law.

OMAHA, Dec. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice in your issue of Sunday morning a communication from your Washington correspondent in which it is stated that the figures prepared by me and published in a circular issued by the Nebraska National bank have been criticised at the Treasury department. Among other things it is stated that someone high in the councils of the department states that the figures given "seem so perfectly arbitrary that it is impossible to answer them intelligently."

These figures were prepared and the circular issued while the measure was in the hands of the conference committee and the figures not likely to be changed. The object, therefore, was simply to give specific information concerning the operation of the law, and with no intention of criticising further what congress, in its collective wisdom, has seen fit to enact into law.

The fact that the Nebraska National bank was one of the first to signify by wire its acceptance of the provisions of the law shows that the figures were prepared with no hostile intention. On the contrary, the writer believes it is a workable measure in its present form, and that the national banks will almost unanimously join the system.

It is proper, however, that banks should be made to realize what will be required of them, and the figures given by me are in no case arbitrary, but can be easily figured out by anyone taking the trouble to do so. I attach herewith a copy of the circular and will take for an illustration, "All Nebraska National Banks Combined."

By the comptroller's report of October 21, 1913, the total demand liabilities upon which reserve must be figured of all Nebraska national banks not in reserve cities, is:

$57,328,946

(This sum is less than what the several statements will give as "total deposits.")

Five per cent, to be maintained eventually with the reserve bank, is	$2,866,447
The total for the reserve city banks at the same date was $64,921,953	
Six per cent, to be maintained eventually, is	2,295,317
The total capital and surplus of all the national banks was 34,623,080	
Three per cent of which is	738,692
Total	$6,900,456

which total confirms the figures in the circular.

The circular also states that these reserves are not subject to withdrawal except under special regulations and penalties.

It also states that any federal reserve bank may receive from member banks, as reserves, "eligible paper" not exceeding one-half of the installment.

This seems to cover everything stated in the comments your correspondent reported.

The payments under the Owen bill were made much easier than that under the Glass bill, and the time was still further extended under the bill as it finally passed, but no change was made that would affect the figures.

HENRY W. YATES.

LINES TO A LAUGH.

She—O horrors! Our son has married the cook.

He—Thank heaven! Now we are sure of keeping her in the family.—Baltimore American.

"How is your new maid?"

"I guess she is all right; she has the baby out at present. But she had a nerve."

"How was that?"

"She wanted to take Fido along, and she is almost wholly unknown to us!"—Houston Post.

"I made a big mistake when I asked pa to put a set of furs in my stocking Christmas."

"No, you did the right thing."

"How so, if I made him angry about the stocking hint?"

"Didn't you put your foot in it?"—Baltimore American.

"I met your wife just now and she told me she had just bought a pinhead check suit."

"Well, I was the pinhead and the check was there, all right."—Chicago Post.

"We've stopped every kind of graft in our city," remarked the confident reformer.

"Good," replied the boss. "Having shown your ability to enforce the rule, you can now begin to collect assessments for the privilege of being exceptions."—Washington Star.

"The nights are very long now," he said after they had been silent for a long time.

"Yes," she replied, "it seems almost a week since you came in."—Chicago Record-Herald.

JOY.

Margaret Widden, in New York Times.

I went to look for Joy.
I sought for her among the dancers.
"Surely," I said,
"She sways, flung back against some young man's arm,
Deep-flushed and panting, laughing wildly,
While the unending current of swift music beats
Across the room where she is lingering."
But she was never there.

I went to look for Joy.
I sought her in the stillness.
"Surely," I said,
"Here, where the sorrows of the world lie down
And sleep themselves to death, my Joy should be;
Here is white silence, and a holding still
Of earth's own breath; and where no sorrow is
Should Joy not be?"
But she was never there.

Yet I found Joy.
Like a little dead white child,
Far under wavering bronze-translucent water,
She lay deep down, and the sea swung her slowly,
Lifting her hair like sea-kelp,
Over her lax hands
Whirled little colored Hours
Like dead, drenched butterflies,
Like crushed wild berries and arbutus flowers. * * *
And then my own voice said,
Speaking as if it judged a careless, alien thing;
"Here is your Joy,
Your little lonely Joy of childhood-time,
The only face of Joy that you shall know.
But very many years she has been dead."