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Why Not Let In the Light?
Confronted with the problem of public or private ownership of its water works, a director of the Greater Des Moines Committee writes The Bee, asking for information about the operation of our Omaha water works. His letter starts out:

"We have made every effort to secure the following data from the Omaha water department or from any other source. We enclose a blank in hopes that you can supply the information we wish.

The figures requested are such as ought to be available offhand in the records of the Water board, and, of course, nowhere else; yet it seems plain that the Water board either cannot, or will not, furnish them.

Is there any good reason why other cities desiring to profit by our water works experience should not be accommodated when they make respectful and courteous request? Regardless of the law-making water works books and reports public documents, and giving the public full right to inspect them, why, if the claims of the management are well founded, should it not invite closest scrutiny, and help other communities oppressed by private water works monopolies to realize the beneficial and improved service and highly profitable investment which Omaha is enjoying? But merely on the score of reciprocity requests for information, such as coming from Des Moines, ought to be honored just as we expect Des Moines public officials to answer our questions when we have some municipal undertaking in which knowledge of what Des Moines has done may be helpful to us.

Some Facts on Alaska.
In his annual report the secretary of the interior devotes a very interesting chapter to Alaska, part of which has already been made public, together with some pungent comments on what should be done toward developing that country. He shows, for instance, that though we have owned Alaska for nearly fifty years, its population, owing to our failure of development, is less than 40,000, a growth of about 1,000 a year. To be sure, the peninsula was purchased from Russia originally as a protection against foreign aggression, and we were not familiar with its resources for a long time.

But inaction can no longer be excused on this ground. We know that, despite our inattention, the country has yielded in these forty-six years an aggregate wealth from its mines, fisheries and furs of \$500,000,000, and that this enormous sum would have been multiplied several times had the federal government exercised a systematic hand in the development. We know, also, what experts have told us of the inexhaustible coal supplies, and that they are needed, not only for the promotion of industry in Alaska, but to relieve an economic stress in the United States. It is shown that individual fortunes have been made out of Alaska, even under such unfavorable governmental influences, equal to the amount we paid for the territory. Who would attempt to estimate the fortunes that might be made from its maiden soil, as fertile for agriculture and horticulture and as prolific of mineral wealth as any upon the continent?

It is to be hoped Secretary Lane may succeed in bringing about some actual progress toward the proposed commission form of government which, as President Taft urged, he has again proposed to congress through the president.

On Spotting the Demagogue.
Did you ever know a demagogue who did not proclaim his undying devotion to the people?
The fact that they all do it is one of the confusing factors that makes it hard, sometimes, to distinguish a demagogue, off-hand, from the real thing, because, of course, real statesmen also devote their talents to the interests of the people. But, after all, there is medium of distinction, just as there used to be in the days of old between the genuinely true-hearted and the Pharisees, who liked to stand on the street corners to be seen and heard of men. And this also is true and gratifying, that once the people find the line of demarcation they make the cleavage sure and deep.

Lincoln was nowhere as near to the truth as the author of the old adage that while you may fool some of the people some of the time, you cannot fool all of them all the time. Folks, happily, seem to be getting their eyes open in these latter days, even to some of the most skillful of the fakers.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
Compiled from Bee Files

JANUARY 14.
Thirty Years Ago—
At the meeting of the Board of Trade the following communication signed by George Francis Train was read: "Two decades ago you invited me to an oration, thank you. (I did not accept.) I have mailed Bernie (in reply to Rosewater's telegram) history of Omaha, Credit Mobilier, Union Pacific. Omaha should subscribe for 100,000 copies to be sent to Commos."

Twenty Years Ago—
John T. Clarke returned home after a protracted stay in the east.
H. G. Straight of the firm of J. H. Felbach & Co. of Cincinnati was attending the commission merchants' convention then in the interests of Omaha dealers.

Ten Years Ago—
Overturning all the "dope," including the report that Everett Buckingham would land the job, came the announcement from New York of W. H. Bancroft of Salt Lake City as the new general manager of the Union Pacific. He was formerly general manager of the Oregon Short Line.

People and Events
William Haas, after an absence of 23 years, dropped in the other day to visit his sisters in Fort Wayne, Ind. They thought him dead years ago.

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The Bee's Letter Box
The "Mission" of the Church.
OMAHA, Jan. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: These two lines of your editorial comment attracted my attention. First a question was made: "The Church of God may be oppressed; it can never be suppressed." And the editorial comment added: "So says a religious teacher and writer. Never so long as it keeps to its mission."

"The mission" of the church, well, that was a spiritual remark. In view of the fierce attacks on the ministry that seem to be the daily bread for ministers in our city, attacks on almost every conceivable program, and on every man, but that extreme worldliness that makes the hardened worldly servant of the church, in view of these caustic, wild attacks so characteristic for our city, what is the "mission of the church?" If it preaches the true word of God, in its Christ-fulness and apostolic power, it is scorned because of its history, its intellectual stupidity, its inability to be the tail-end of the times-spirit. If it engages in a charity activity, it is lashed and hounded because it fails to turn all its energy, the whole of its machinery, into the making of "the bread that perishes." If it externalizes sufficiently to be barely much else than a medical dispensary and a soup-kitchen, a social service committee, a cheap ecclesiastical imitation of the amusement halls, then the snobs of culture lift their high brows upon it and pass by it. It is too "common," too tawdry, too "popular." Should it make earnest of the scripture's charge to live holily in this present world, to draw a line between the safety of the world and the joyful sanctification of the church of the World-Redeemer, then it is "making a fool" of itself.

In Defense of Man
Chester T. Crowell, in the Independent.
I am tired of hearing my sex abused and misrepresented. I feel that the feminist movement is running amuck; that women are being dangerously underrated and men most ridiculously overrated. I am in favor of woman suffrage. I am in favor of higher education for women. I think it is time for organized effort to raise them to a higher standard of efficiency. I think that they are at least as fit for the ballot as were the pioneers in this country who first enjoyed its privileges and that they will learn by use to exercise those privileges wisely. I am conscious of the fact there is an ever-growing number of women in this country who have time and wealth at their disposal and who feel free from the multitude of false responsibilities that assail the women in poorer financial circumstances. It is a choice with these women between the turkey trot and cigarette or doing something worth while. I am not unappreciative of the healthy choice they have made in voting their influence toward the feminist movement. I believe that in time these favored women can be the leaders for those of their sex who are not so favored and weld womanhood into a strength for the good of society and the nation.

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CHEERY CHAFF.
"Father," said the small boy, "what is a lobbyist?"
"A lobbyist, my son, is a man who is so afraid there will be a mistake made in legislation that he is willing to spend large sums of money to prevent it."—Pittsburgh Post.

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Here's the Food for Backbone and Muscle
Haven't you often wondered at the wonderful strength and vitality of the Italian race, their chief food at home is spaghetti—a food that is rich in gluten—the element that goes to make muscle and flesh. We can follow this example with benefit. A 10c package of
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