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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, etc.:
Dwight Williams, circulation manager of
The Bee Publishing company, being
duly sworn, says that the average daily
circulation for the month of December,
1913, was \$1.50.DWIGHT WILLIAMS,
Circulation Manager.Subscribed in my name and sworn
to before me this 24 day of January, 1914.ROBERT HUNTER,
(Seal) Notary Public.Subscribers leaving the city
temporarily should have The Bee
mailed to them. Address will be
changed as often as requested.The man who "has a nose for
everything" usually sticks it in other
people's business.With Dr. Hyde on trial for the
fourth time, life must seem natural
now in Kansas City.F. D. Coburn has something to
show for his twenty years of official
service to Kansas, too.What is this the county attorney
says, if they do it again he will prosecute
them? Oh, mercy!Senator Works of California is
working overtime to have the Hatch-
Hatch law unscrambled.The Mississippi is so low it can be
waded at some points, reports say.
And it is the father of waters, too.Women To Sign Petitions in the Sub-
way Tangle—Headline in Chicago paper.
They would probably need a few
dark lanterns.If the truth were known, the
colonel doubtless associates grape
juice bibbers in his mind with molly-
coddles.From the high prices commanded
by Swiss rodelers it seems strange
some of our American chautalkers do
not learn to yodel.The Philadelphia Public Ledger
speaks of the "disappearing progressives." The "passing throng," as it
were, for all Americans are progressives.Opponents of the "public de-
fender" plan pronounce it dangerous.
Possibly, but it certainly is not more
dangerous than some of the abuses it
is intended to correct.The way Wisconsin people are not
getting married under the eugenic
law may be taken as proof of the up-
ward popular demand the law
came to satisfy.Senator Martine demands that the
nation own the coal mines. Sure!
But why stop at coal? Why not in
the gold, silver and all the rest
while we are at it?Young Vincent Astor comes out
flat-footed with the statement that
he is not a socialist. There was
something about that boy all the
while that gave one that impression.A tract of ground less than 200
feet square in Chicago has just been
leased for a period of 198 years at
an average annual ground rent of
nearly \$75,000. Here is where the
Henry George single taxer comes to
bat.Speaking of South Carolina being
behind other southern states, its fire-
eating governor, Cole Blease, in a re-
cent official message, demanded the
exclusion from any public school or
state college of "any negro, Chinaman,
Cuban or other disagreeable or
incompatible race." Could there be
a more explicit reason?The Water board plans to spend
\$1,500,000, or \$500,000 a year for
three years, for betterments and ex-
tensions, and urges this as one rea-
son why rates should be higher than
otherwise required to meet fixed
charges and running expenses. It
sounds just like an argument from
one of the common, ordinary, every-
day privately-owned public utility
corporations.We trust Secretaries McDowell and
Houston, while giving preference to
Mr. Bryan's home city, will note that
Omaha's last week's bank clearings
amounted to \$18,977,000, giving us a
rank of sixteenth, as against a popu-
lation rank of thirty-sixth. And be-
sides bank clearings, there are several
scores of other reasons why, as Henry
Clews & Co. says, Omaha should be
a regional bank center.

Business.

Cheerful: "Steel trade hopeful. Orders
are still small, but prices give ground
slowly." "Textile Business Lively.
Woolen Mills Busy—Cotton fabrics keep
up." "Winter Crop Forecasting." "Easy
Money Talked About." These are some
of the headlines in a newspaper of recent
date. The kind that we like to see. They
sound a good deal better than the report
another publication of "One Hundred
Twenty Thousand Men Out of Work in Chicago,
Twenty Thousand in Detroit, Toledo and
Cleveland, Ten Thousand in Pittsburgh
and Thirty Thousand in Massachusetts."

Leslie's.

Evidently the country is not
alarmed even by the large number of
unemployed in so many cities, and
why should it be when so much of
this idleness may be traced to tem-
porary causes and the land is teeming
with new wealth? Undoubtedly the
prolonged extra session of congress
wrestling with new tariff and cur-
rency laws, creating so much uncer-
tainty in financial and industrial circles,
has had a good deal to do with
swelling the ranks of the unem-
ployed. Whatever the country may
think of these two new laws, it knows
now what they are and is therefore
relieved of uncertainty. So, though
congress is just about to begin upon
an anti-trust legislation program,
business is claiming the right to antici-
pate no further setbacks as a re-
sult of this law-making. With the
resumption of operations by those in-
dustries that reduced their forces to
await results, we may expect an early
and wholesome shrinkage in the idle
army.

Barring the Undesirables.

Secretary Wilson of the Depart-
ment of Labor essays a good work in
striving to keep out of this country
all undesirable immigrants inadmis-
sible under our immigration law.
Nearly 20,000 of these, after selling
all their possessions at home to come
to America, have been turned back at
our ports. They did not pass the
tests of our restrictions.

It is a good and necessary work
the secretary has undertaken. We
bid all immigrants from all lands,
who meet the requirements of our
laws, welcome and offer them every
encouragement, it is hoped, for suc-
cess but we are not supposed to admit
any truly "undesirable." That
does not get down to the meat of this
question. How came those unfortunate
people to dispose of their property at
home and migrate to our shores? They did not act on their
own initiative without advice.

Periodically agitation rises against
the culprits responsible for such out-
rages as this, but evidently the root
of the mischief has not been reached.
Secretary Wilson can perform an ex-
cellent service by persuading the ad-
ministration to devise such methods
as, with the co-operation of European
countries, the shameful abuse may
be stopped, no matter who it involves.

Religion and Its Fruits.

While the vice president is preach-
ing a return to the "good old-time
religion," exhorting ministers to lay
hold of it more earnestly in their pul-
pits, churchmen are complaining of
empty pews and many good folk im-
plementing apparent laxity in the seal
of worship, observant men must per-
ceive in the land at large an awak-
ened public conscience reflected in
greater concern and philanthropy for
the other fellow. If churches—
which are more numerous than ever
before—are less crowded, may we not
find some consolation in applied re-
ligion outside? May not the newer
and better organized efforts for dis-
pensing wealth and its benefactions,
for spreading the benefits of science,
for social service in innumerable
forms, a quickened civic conscience—
may not all these things come to us
as partial compensation for what may
have been lost in the ceremony of
worship?

For after all, it is the substance,
more than the form, of religion that
we are after, "the fruits of the
spirit," as it were. "Pure religion
and undefiled before God and the
Father is this," said Paul, "to visit
the fatherless and widows in their
affliction and to keep himself un-
spotted from the world." Men are
up and doing today, praying, too,
doubtless, but running as they pray
lest they lose step with the swift
current of recurring needs.

The question proounds itself,
How many, if any, of those in need
of relief in Omaha are in unfortu-
nate condition because of the tor-
rential havoc last spring? It cannot
be that the terrible scar left by that
storm has been completely healed
in a few short months.

Ah, the practical masculine own-
ers of that all-feminine Evanston
newspaper have decided to make it a
weekly instead of a daily, as origi-
nally contemplated, which, among
other things, will afford plenty of
time for talk between editions.

An Arkansas woman advertises in
a Kansas City paper for her husband,
who left home some forty years ago
and is now 80. The woman's name is
Mrs. Naomi Price, which recalls
somewhat of Ruth's undying loyalty
to Naomi of old.

A well known actor is quoted as
saying that "vile plays are as de-
grading to the actor as they are to
the public." That is one side of it
which the playwriter and manager,
with eyes glued to the box office,
never see.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago.

Here is part of a pen picture of the
roller skating fad painted by one of The
Bee's word artists: "Skating is a healthy
amusement, but it requires time and im-
patience to reduce your muscles. It is an
interesting study in anthropology to see
people fall: no two fall alike. One skater
will come down like a crack of doom; an-
other light as gracefully as a horse fly
on a spavin. One will tie his legs up in
bowknott and shashay on his left ear,
while another will send one foot on the
isthmus of Panama, and come in contact
with the floor like a stub and twist
doughnut with the hinge broken."

The young man who was calling on
the charming daughter of the house was
rather slow in proposing and the matter,
it seems, was talked over in the domestic
circle, which included Little brother
William, 7 years old.

The evening the young man called and
about 9 o'clock sister gently told the
youngster that it was time for him to go
to bed for the nocturnal root.

"Can't I stay up a little longer,
please?" pleaded Willie. "I want to see you
and Mr. Smith play cards."

"See Mr. Smith and I play cards!" responded
sweet sister with a look of surprise.

"We are not going to play cards."

"Oh, yes, you are," persisted little
Willie. "I heard mother tell you that
everything depended on the way you
played your cards."—Philadelphia Tele-
graph.

Twice Told Tales

Little Willie's Break.

One of the party at a recent social
session remarked that you can't be too
careful what you say before kids, all of
which caused a smile to flutter over the
features of Congressman William G.
Brown, Jr., of West Virginia. It re-
minded him, he said, of an incident that
happened in the happy home of a friend of
his.

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"It Was a Reduction."

Charles L. Simpkinson, a London advertising
expert, says the St. Louis Globe-
Democrat, was praising in New York the
change that has come over the advertise-
ment.

"In advertising, as in other things," he
said, "it has been found that honesty
pays, and today, throughout the world,
the successful advertiser is modest and
conservative in his statements.

"Advertising is no longer mistrusted.
Things are no longer as they were in
Phatt's day."

"You know Phatt, our 400-pound book-
keeper?" said one man in the street to
another.

"Yes. What of him?"

"Well, he saw an ad in the paper—
Fat folks reduced: 45¢ and answered it."

"Did he get any reply?"

"Oh, yes; it was just as advertised."

"That's good. And how much was he
reduced?"

"Why, just as the advertisement said
—45¢."—New York Times.

An Epitaph for a Trust.

"Miss the trusts," said Senator La
Follette at a luncheon in Washington.
"Yes, oh, yes, when the trusts go we will
miss them—well miss them like the
widow."

"A widow, at her late husband's funeral,
happened, during the burial services, to
drop her handkerchief into the open
grave."

"A young man gallantly offered to leap
down and get the handkerchief for her.
But the widow shook her head."

"No," she said, "leave it there. I have
done with tears now."—Washington Star.

The Judicial Committee of the Communi-
cal club was composed of these mem-
bers: Judge Fawcett, chairman; C. S.
Montgomery, J. H. Macomber, W. W.
Keyser, C. N. Powell, W. D. McHugh,
Warren Switzer, W. S. Poppleton,
George W. Ambrose.

County Commissioner George R. Wil-
liams received a telegram from Norfolk,
stating that his aged mother had died
there. He took the first train for that
city.

Hans Albert was showered with con-
gratulations upon the triumph of the
Omaha Orchestral society at the Boyd
under his able direction. It brought out
a large attendance and the little master
received generous evidence of approval
from the audience.

Peter Gisler, who worked at a commis-
sion house, got caught in an elevator
which tore off his scalp, causing ex-
cruciating agony, but physicians pro-
nounced it not a fatal injury.

The Board of Governors of Ak-Bar-Ben
held a meeting and decided to buy the
old Coliseum building for \$12,000. The
governor also decided to expand \$6,000
to put the old structure in safe repair, as
suggested by Building Inspector Wil-
liam, who had condemned it.

The eleventh annual banquet of the
Commercial club was, as usual, a distinc-
tive social affair. Major R. S. Wilcox,
president of the club, acted as toast-
master. Secretary John Utter presented his
annual report. W. S. Wright, newly
elected chairman of the executive com-
mittee, gave a worthy example in holding
a dinner for the 400 members of the club.

The first woman member of the school
board of Montclair, N. J., started off by
putting her foot down on a proposition to
spend \$60,000 for a high school building.
She thinks school extravagance has
reached the limit.

The democratic public printer at Wash-
ington concedes that he has promoted
thirty-nine democrats and reduced the
pay of thirty-one republicans. This ought
to keep Mona Lisa smile on the pic-
ture for while.

The esteemed Governor Blease of South
Carolina is beginning to doubt the effi-
cacy of his pardon treatment, since 82
per cent of the convicts pardoned are
back on their jobs. Didn't stay out long
enough to boost the governor's primary
vote.

Dudley Field Malone, collector of the
port of New York, sets a worthy example
in declining a public dinner and in the
method of doing so. He prefers to have
"no emphasis" laid upon either himself
publicly or privately, and adds: "The
strain on the private purses of citizens and
on the energies of public men, due to
innumerable banquets, has become so
great that I do not wish