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Dwight Williams, circuit and clerk of the Court of the County of Douglas, do hereby certify that the average daily circulation for the month of December, 1913, was 52,148.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 13 day of January, 1914.
ROBERT HUNTZEL, Notary Public.

Good morning, Mr. Ground-Hog!
We take no stock in the rumor of Huerta financing the Federal league.

John Lind may not inspire as many songs as Jenny, but he does not strike many false notes.

"Murphy said to me, 'You'll be a hell of a governor,'" says Sulzer. Murphy was right.

Sun or no sun, winter isn't likely to run much longer than six weeks under worst of conditions.

The trouble seems to have been the failure of the head brakeman to apply the Frisco brakes in time.

Considering that he rose from Kokomo, Senator John W. Kern deserves to be ranked among the neargreat.

Metcalf ought to make a fine evangelist for the Panama. He has the optimism of Little Bishop Sunbeams.

Much excitement over the fact that the president of Hayti fled. What did they expect him to do, stand and be shot?

It is a little early for forecasts, but we are reckless enough to predict Texas goes for Wilson by a safe majority.

If Ak-Sar-Ben's plan for a "home-coming" works out, what a wonderful gathering of good fellows we will have in Omaha in October.

Yes, British government stopped the strike in South Africa. It also interrupted a strike in our own province once, now see the result.

Does the esteemed double-ender think it as bad for a democratic state official to refuse to enforce a law as for a republican city official to fail to do so?

The water boss' chief organette figures out that the excess daily collected from patrons of the water plant is exactly \$777 a day, which is surely enough.

Describing a funeral, a rural contemporary says the pallbearers came out of the church "with slow and solemn tread." Evidently they did not emerge dancing the tango.

Omaha thinks a lot of the old Union Pacific, but not much of the eastern auditors' policy that deprives faithful employees—some heads of families and home owners—of work in the midst of winter.

They say Editor Pendell is just the man for Russian ambassador. Possibly, but here is a guess that the president will not get Jimhamlewin to write letters the next time he goes to meet an ambassador.

Getting ready for the grand jury is occupying much time in certain circles in these parts just now. What the public hopes for is that the grand jury will get down to bottom facts on the list of rumors it will be entertained with.

Superintendent Ryder's last night as head of the police force was devoted to showing one way of solving the problem that is now before Superintendent Kugel. If the proprietors go to jail, it won't be long until lifting is very unpopular in Omaha.

Also, when Kansas City has its responsible commission form of government such ordinances as those of the Society for the Suppression of Vice will not be "indefinitely postponed." The city administration will meet. It issues fairly and squarely and give reasons for its actions. —Kansas City Star.

Coming True.

Another of the dreams of the founder of The Bee seems to be coming true. At all times he was an advocate of government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines. Twice a delegate to the International Postal congress, and once especially charged by the postmaster general to make personal investigation of the telegraph and telephone systems of England and France, Edward Rosewater was thoroughly familiar with all the phases of the problem. Publicly and privately, through his paper and before committees of congress, he advocated governmental ownership of all means of transmission of messages. And now, for the second time within three years, a postmaster general has recommended the acquisition of control of the wires by the general government.

Others of the great policies advocated by The Bee have been taken up and put into effect; why not this one?

Up to Pool and Morehead.

Labor Commissioner Pool has absolutely refused to enforce the laws here regulating the employment of female labor.

We of the Central Labor union here know that Commissioner Pool knows that the law regarding the employment of women is being violated in Omaha and we know further that he has refused to enforce it.

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Canal Keeps Goethals.

The man who built the canal will stay to start its operation. Goethals remains on the job as governor of the Panama.

Young Mr. Mitchell will have to play another card and trust to the galleries for the trump. New York has worried along thus far and may get through the rest of the way without George W. Goethals—who never had any experience in that line of work.

There is to be any office seeking the man, let the man be the servant of the whole people, who need him most.

Meantime, what is the matter with "let George do it" suggestion? Make Mr. Perkins chief of police in New York and be done with it.

A Multitude of Counsellors.

Where no counsel is the people fall; but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

What, then, lack we yet, with our Louie Brandelises, Norm Hapgoodes, Doc Woods Hutchinsones, Doc Wilers, old Doc Conks, Doc Anna Shaws, Collier's, little Ben Lindsay, Wisconsin's eugenic experts, Mr. Bryans and young Mr. McCormicks, not to speak of the chief mortician of our minds and morals now instructing foreign nations and a few other multitudes of wise and willing counsellors?

If it takes a multitude of counsellors to keep a nation from falling, we certainly ought to be secure on our feet. We are 'be more advised nation in the world and all our advisers are experts, and many of them well paid, showing that, whether safe for us or not, it is mighty profitable for them.

Babel had nothing on the confusion of tongues wagging around our befogged heads today.

A Case of Spoils.

The biggest sensation Washington has known for some time comes from the explosion of that bomb under the Treasury department, divulging a state of dismal confusion and incompetency, which, it is believed, will result, as it should, in radical official changes.

A firm of certified public accountants has just completed an investigation, reporting not only utter incompetency, impairing the efficiency of the entire department, but jeopardizing the safety of the public funds.

The head of the department is former Governor John Burke of North Dakota, "treasurer of the United States." He was appointed, not because of his known skill and excellence in finances, but as the man who delivered the North Dakota delegation to the Wilson forces at Baltimore.

He had already been a Bryan favorite and was supposed to be Bryan's choice for vice president. This is the tale

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files

Thirty Years Ago—

Another first class undertaking establishment has been located in Omaha under the name of Hunn & Co., corner Fifteenth and Capitol avenues.

Mr. Hunn, the senior partner, comes to this city with an experience of thirty-five years as an embalmer.

There is no doubt but that the ground hog has crawled back in his hole, as any hog, that came out of the earth today could not help but see his shadow.

The "Siberia" company closed its engagement by Boyd's tonight with the largest business ever done at that house with three successive entertainments.

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Twenty Years Ago—

Vice President Cowell of the Kilpatrick-Koch Dry Goods company, said his factory at East Omaha was laboring under the embarrassment of more orders than it could conveniently fill.

A couple of days later appeared the response, which, although courteous, had an elusive air, to say the least: "The recognized gentleman who picked up a brown paper bag in the Blumenstrasse requests the user to call at his house at a convenient day."

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Over Land and Sea

Constantinople is spending \$4,900,000 in city improvements.

Norway and Sweden are adopting electric elevators in apartment houses.

The importation of a German embroidery machine in Fanebel, capital of Madeira, has caused great uneasiness among the 6,000 hand embroiderers on the island.

Remscheid, a city in Germany with a population of 78,000, has installed a new municipal bath, and during the present year the attendance has averaged more than 2,000 bathers daily.

According to Prof. Schwabbe's Medical Directory for Germany for 1914, the number of physicians in Germany in 1913 was 24,136.

Mauritius, forming with its dependencies, a British crown colony, is about 830 miles east of Madagascar and sixty-five miles northeast of Reunion, and had, on December 31, 1913, a total population of 218,477, of whom 28,022 were Indians.

Budapest, Hungary, has a new regulation which stipulates that general shops be closed from 3 o'clock in the evening till 5 o'clock in the morning, and provision shops from 2:30 p. m. to 5 o'clock in the morning.

Even little Switzerland is crying out against the increasing cost of the military arm of government.

The Colorado hen that drank from a radium spring and now gives her master two eggs per diem answers old Omar's sage old conundrum: "I sometimes wonder what the chickens eat one-half so precious as the eggs they lay."

Twice Told Tales

Frankly Fearless.

The late Frank Simmons, the famous American sculptor who recently died in Rome, was an exponent of the frank, naturalistic method.

"How much more amusing the truth is than the ideal," he said one day in his studio to a correspondent. "Take the case of the little girl."

"My dear," the little girl's mother said, "don't you think you're getting too old to play with boys?"

"The little girl frowned in scornful astonishment. "Why, no, mamma!" she cried impudently. "The older I get the better I like 'em."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A noted New York architect said of a recent criticism of skyscrapers: "This criticism is not fair. It is prejudiced. Hence it will do more harm than good—like the remark of the waiter."

To a waiter who was under notice to leave a guest said in a restaurant: "Waiter, I found it, this steak isn't tender enough."

"Not tender enough?" the waiter snarled. "Ah, what do you expect. Do you want it to jump up and hug and kiss you?"—New York Sun.

The following exchange of courtesy was recently chronicled in a German paper's advertisements: "The gentleman who found a brown purse containing a sum of money, in the Blumenstrasse, is requested to forward it to the address of the loser, as he is recognized."

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Here and There

A clock which was presented to Northwestern university in Evanston, Ill., stopped recently after thirty-four years' constant running.

By the introduction of automobiles, the French army officials have been enabled to serve fresh meat to the soldiers instead of the canned meat which has hitherto issued to them in the form of rations.

Not many years ago Russia was a strong rival of the United States in the production of petroleum.

In a new hotel in Worcester, Mass., there will be a clock set into the floor of the lobby.

Buntal straw, which is extracted from the leaf-stem of the opened buri leaf, comes chiefly from Payabas province and upper Laguna, Philippine Islands.

The claim of Frank Williams of New Orleans that he has the oldest Masonic lodge in existence—one 115 years old—is disputed by Slade Lasselle of Caro, Mich.

Major F. Slade of New York, who was made a Mason in 1784 and remained one for seventy-five years. Since then it has been passed from father to son.

The Bee's Letter Box

These Girls of Ours.

Young-wedded (arriving home)—Why, dear-est, you have been weeping. What is it, pet? Mrs. Young-wedded (snapping her eyes)—Oma's darling.—Boston Transcript.

"A woman can exercise a tremendous influence over a man." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I have observed that when a woman insists that her husband is no good, he generally finishes by trying to vindicate her judgment."—Washington Star.

Mabel—Was Will at the house last night? Elsie—Up-huh. Mabel—Talk about anything? Elsie—Uh-huh. About four hours.—St. Louis Republic.

"I wish the foolkiller would get around here some time!" "It's hope if he does he'll have an advance notice of it." "Thank you'll be able to escape, eh?" "Not that, I shall want to get some mourning ready."—Houston Post.

"There's one thing I will say for my first two husbands." "What's that?" "They always paid their alimony promptly."—Detroit Free Press.

"She has a complexion like tinted porcelain." "Yes, I know she took lessons in china painting."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mrs. Darkun—Dat ol' man o' zohs is a purty good provider. Aunt Chloe—He shows his sense. He wants to keep me busy occupin' dis here skillet as a utensil insid of a weapon.—Washington Star.

"Shall we have a eugenic marriage, dear?" he asked. "Well, for my part," she replied, "I don't think it is necessary. I've been operated on for appendicitis, I've been treated with antitoxin, and I have a vaccination mark that is as big as a quarter."—Judge.

"Miss Butt, how do people in your house ever know what time it is?" "Why, while, dear, what a question! By the clocks, of course." "But I heard ma tell pa, the other evening, that he never stop a clock."—Baltimore American.

"Do you expect this romantic turn of yours to bear any practical fruits?" "I do. I have now a date with a peach, who is the apple of my eye, and with whom I expect to make a pair when I'm married."—New York Sun.

"Thanks for the Lobster." OMAHA, Jan. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: Congratulations and best of well wishes to the Beaver City Times-Tribune and Tekamah Journal, for their splendid words in re "Order in Omaha."

Wouldn't it be nice to frame such articles and have those deeply interested read it, for their morning prayer. FRANK RALEDIS.

Union Pacific Policy. OMAHA, Jan. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: The article in this evening's paper, of the editorial section, Union Pacific Retrenchment, is timely, and interesting to all employees of the Union Pacific shops, and to persons of Omaha, who are dependent on these employes.

It might be noted, that the Union Pacific has one of the best equipped rail-roads in the country. That in the past they have built steel cars, and also engines in the Omaha shops, and now we read in the newspapers that the Union Pacific lays off hundreds of men.

It is a fact that the McKee company are building cars in Omaha, with success. The same might be said of the Omaha Street Railway company, and it is certain that it pays said companies or they wouldn't do it.

Now why can't the Union Pacific build some of those 5,000 cars and keep all of their men at work in the Omaha shops? EX-SHOP EMPLOYEE.

Buying County Supplies. OMAHA, Jan. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: Apropos of an article, which appeared in the News of last evening, I wish to suggest that on the county bidding blanks for groceries, while we enumerate certain classes of goods or their equal, for instance—Fry's baking powder or equal. This is done for the express purpose of giving dealers an opportunity of submitting prices on Royal baking powder, Calumet or any other good brand. This not only applies to baking powder, but also applies to a number of other items on the bidding blank. When the contract is awarded it will be expediting and completes in every detail, enumerating distinctly the quality and brands of the various items, and so far as a substitution is concerned you can say for me that nothing of this kind will be permitted. What they have been permitted to do in recent years will have no bearing whatever upon the future, and everyone bidding will be given the same consideration and will also be given to understand that they must live up to the letter of their contract. Mr. Rogers, the new superintendent, will see that the goods delivered are strictly in accordance with the contract, and neither the cook or anyone else about the building will be permitted to make any other arrangements.

The article as it appeared in last evening's News is misleading and unjust, and will not be long in ascertaining that supplies bought for the county hospital will be done on a business basis, or not at all. HENRY E. McDONALD.

People and Events

Mrs. Virginia Bland, widow of Silver Dick Bland of Lebanon, Mo., a resident of Ivywood, a fashionable suburb, has been given a clerkship by President Wilson in the office of Mark Skinner, internal revenue collector at Desaver.

Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, the Helen Gould of other days, emphasized the first anniversary of her marriage by supplying the necessities for a full-fledged feast for 1,000 down-and-outers in New York City, besides lodging for 600 of the homeless.

Mrs. Agnes K. Mulligan, one of the first women lawyers of New York city, is really annoyed because a man court ordered her to pay back to an estate, of which she is administrator, the sum of \$7,000, which she paid as lawyers' fee to her husband. The worst of it is that Mulligan spent the money.

The will of Miss Mary P. Semple, of Pittsburgh, stipulates that the income from half of her estate, valued at \$100,000, be used to provide vacations for women who work for their living or who are ill. Other funds she left to foster church music.

While Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Lee of Phoenix, Colo., were in Denver on their honeymoon last week they received through the mail a wooden postcard two feet long and more than a foot wide decorated with instruction to newly wed couples.

have picked a few plums, unless she hands me a lemon in the meantime."—Baltimore American. "What was the most interesting thing you saw while you were abroad?" "An American woman who wasn't at all anxious to get a glimpse of royalty."—Cincinnati Enquirer. "What's this?" asked the lawyer. "It's the bridge I signed on the first of the year," replied Mr. Higgins. "I'm too conscientious to deliberately break it, but I wish you'd look it over and see if you can't find a flaw in it."—Chicago Post. "Have you seen 'Fine Feathers'?" "What do you mean?" "It's a play. A drama that you see at the theater." "I've been seeing fine feathers at the theaters for years. I generally get behind one."—Cincinnati Enquirer. TO MEET OR OTHERWISE. Thomas Hardy. Whether to sail and see thee, girl of my dreams, Or whether to stay And see thee not? How vast the difference seems! Of Yes from Nay Just now! Yet this same sun shall alight its beams On our two minds, and then what will the difference weigh? Yet I will see thee, maiden dear, and make The most I can Of what remains to us amid this brake Cimberian Through which we grope, and from whose horns we ache! While still we scan Unlight the scene, By briefest meeting something sure is won: It will have been: Nor god nor demon can undo the done; Make muted music be an unbegun, Though things be terrible, Groan in their bondage till oblivion supervene. So, to the one long-sweeping symphony From times remote Till now, of human tenderness, shall we Supply one note, Small and untraced; yet that will ever be Somewhere afloat Amid the spheres, as part of sick Life's antidote.

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