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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circuit Court Clerk.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3d day of January, 1914. ROBERT HUNTLEY, Notary Public.

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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 near-great.

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 Jimhamlewis 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.

If so, it will be because of the difference in personnel and not form of government. At least that has been the experience everywhere else.

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.

He has even gone further and told deputy factory inspectors to put the "soft pedal" on certain factories and above all to abstain from making any political speeches.

These definite charges against a state official, made by a member of the Central Labor union of Omaha, are far too grave to be ignored or lightly passed over. They involve not only Mr. Pool, but Governor Morehead. If the governor did not know the situation before, he knows it now, that is, if it exists, as these men say it does. And knowing it, what is this governor going to do about it?

Central Labor union leaders say when running for governor Mr. Morehead came to Omaha and sought their support and ought now to enforce the law so vitally affecting them. Yes, but he ought to enforce it on the broader ground that his oath of office obligates him to.

Mr. Pool may be playing cute politics in having his deputies "abstain from making any political speeches," but before he rounds out his campaign for the democratic nomination for governor, he may learn that it is better to incur the displeasure of a few big voters than many little ones.

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. That is as it should be.

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—to direct its police department. If there is to be any office seeking the man, let the man be the servant of the whole people, who need him most. When we are through with Governor Goethals in the Panama— if we ever should be—maybe we can use him in Alaska.

Meantime, what is the matter with our "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.—Proverbs.

Blessed America! What, then, lack we yet, with our Louie Brandelises, Norm Hapgoods, Doc Woods Hutchinsons, 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 "the 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. Whereon hangs, incidentally, another little pie story.

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

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FEBRUARY 2.

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." First class hearses and carriages will be furnished whenever desired.

G. Hass Hazen arrived in Omaha, and assumed the duties of assistant at the government signal service office, succeeding Mr. Hatfield.

Manager McKelvey of the Union Pacific base ball team has returned from the western association meeting at Rockford, and hopes for a splendid series of games this season.

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.

D. Gill, 314 South Tenth street, offers a reward for the return of a lost Newfoundland pup, with four white toes, and a white spot on the breast.

Councilman Charles Kauffman left for Hartford, Conn.

The young people of the Congregational church gave a delightful tea party last evening.

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. It was running with fifty-five hands and could employ twenty more if they were available.

George B. Dandy, jr., son of General Dandy, fell heir to an appointment by President Cleveland to cadet-at-large from Omaha to West Point. George was 20 years of age and said he expected to enter school in June.

Chas. Markel, of the Nebraska Irrigation association called on Commissioner Uitt of the Omaha Commercial club and arranged for the holding of the irrigation convention in this city in March.

The Douglas County Fair association held a meeting at the Board of Trade building and appointed W. N. Nason, E. H. Walker and E. H. Schroeder a committee to select a place for the next fair.

It was announced at Union Pacific headquarters that the fact that Receiver Trumbull of Denver & Gulf had been flirting with the Burlington and Rock Island for a basis of passenger traffic agreement did not disturb the Union Pacific, and that if the agreement was formed the Union Pacific would not seek retaliatory measures.

Ten Years Ago—

Mr. Paffenrath, assistant manager for J. E. Markel, said Mr. Markel had no notion of taking over the eating houses along the Union Pacific, as report stated, for his business interests were in such shape as to enable him to drift along smoothly without worrying with the task of these eating houses.

Lillian, the little 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Baughman, 811 North Twenty-fifth avenue, was burned to death and Vernon, 3 years old, was burned slightly, as also was the mother, by a fire that broke out in the house.

Kimley Billings, who had been in Cuba for several years, was in town visiting his father, A. S. Billings.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Christian Endeavor was celebrated with a banquet at the Delmonico Hotel. Arthur Chass, state president, acted as toastmaster and Judge W. W. Slabaugh, Rev. E. A. Potter and Mrs. E. A. Garlow, state secretary, were the principal speakers.

W. B. Backus of Bonesteel, S. D., an attorney interested in the open up a large part of the Rosebud reservation, stopped in Omaha en route from Washington, where he had been pushing the bill for that purpose. He said it had rosy prospects and everything looked fine for the Rosebud.

Over Land and Sea

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

Eighty aeroplanes were seen in flight at one time in Spain at a meet.

Norway and Sweden are adopting electric elevators in apartment houses.

Austria, from September 1, 1912, to July 31, 1913, produced 516,966 gallons of beer.

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.

The coal trade enjoyed a year of phenomenal prosperity. The iron and steel industries also flourished, and in shipbuilding Great Britain maintained its supremacy.

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. Schwalbe's Medical Directory for Germany for 1914, the number of physicians in Germany in 1913 was 24,126. Compared with the population, 68,335,000, this gives 3.11 physicians per 10,000 inhabitants.

Mauritius, forming with its dependencies, a British crown colony, is about 330 miles east of Madagascar and sixty-five miles northeast of Reunion, and had, on December 31, 1912, 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 total estimated revenue of Switzerland for 1914 is \$20,000,000. The total estimated expenditure of the government is \$21,000,000. By far the heaviest item of expenditure is the army, which calls for \$9,100,000. Trade, industry and agriculture call for \$2,325,000 and the home office for \$2,225,000.

A Precious Laynet.

Boston Transcript.

The Colorado hen that drank from a radium spring and now gives her master two eggs per diem against old Omar's eggs 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 true 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.

Tough Steak.

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—the remark of the waiter.

To a waiter who was under notice to leave a guest said in a restaurant: "Waiter, confound 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.

Bluff Called.

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."

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 purse in the Blumenstrasse requests the loser to call at his house at a convenient day."

From Many, One.

"This is our most valuable fowl," said the amateur hen farmer.

"A fine bird," remarked the visitor, trying to look wise.

"Yes, indeed. We have named her E. Pluribus Unum."

"Why the name?" the visitor questioned.

"She came from the only egg that hatched of fifty in the incubator."—New York Times.

Editorial Snapshots

Brooklyn Eagle: Japan is surely on the way toward occidental civilization. If its navy officers can wring graft money out of German firms in return for contracts, it has precious little to learn from any of us.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The girl who begins life with the name of Mary Jane will not encounter so many obstacles in the way of becoming a good cook as one who happens to be tagged Teasle and Almousine.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Sweden is alarmed at the Russian menace. Peter the Great once had the Te Deum sung because three Russians had been able to stand up against one Swede. But there are now over twenty-five Russians to one Swede.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: That while meat-producing animals have decreased in number in this country, they should increase in total value, while horses increase in number despite the growth of motor vehicles, indicate the economic puzzles that facts sometimes present. Anyhow, raising meat-producing animals ought to pay.

Philadelphia Ledger: The German crown prince is learning the tricks of his trade, for whenever a European monarch wishes to increase his popularity he has himself attacked by a man apparently insane. And then everybody shouts, "Long Live the King!" The crown prince has touched the button and the populace is now doing the rest.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The Panama canal is to be fortified for protection in case the navy is swept from the sea, and now it is proposed to fortify Hawaii in order to protect the canal fortifications. And in order to protect the Hawaiian fortifications—which are to protect the canal fortifications—shall we be obliged to fortify Alaska?

New York World: That the meat-producing animals in the United States should during the last year have decreased in number though increasing in value, while the number of horses should have increased despite the competition of motor vehicles, presents a contrast of facts sufficiently interesting to be worth study as one of the minor paradoxes of economics.

Here and There

A clock which was presented to Northwestern university in Evanston, Ill., stopped recently after thirty-four years' constant running. After slight repairs it was started and promises to run as long again.

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 been 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. Now the Russian empire yields only about 28 per cent as much oil as California alone, and not much more than Oklahoma.

In a new hotel in Worcester, Mass., there will be a clock set into the floor of the lobby. The dial will be of glass one inch thick and will be twenty-four inches in diameter. The clock will be run entirely by electricity and regulated daily by telegraph.

Buntal straw, which is extracted from the leaf-stem of the opened buri leaf, comes chiefly from Tayabas province and upper Luzon, Philippine Islands. A peculiar feature is that farmers who raise these palm trees frequently sell or rent them to persons who extract the fibres for hatmaking purposes.

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. The Caro apron belonged originally to Major P. Slade of New York, who was made a Mason in 1794 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, 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?

Elise—Up-huh.

Mabel—Talk about anything?

Elise—Uh-huh. About four hours.—St. Louis Republic.

"I wish the foolkiller would get around here some time!"

"I hope if he does I'll have an advance notice of it."

"Think 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 skilet as a t'wined 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 would 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

Thanks for the Lobster.

OMAHA, Jan. 29.—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 RALEDISO.

Union Pacific Policy.

OMAHA, Jan. 30.—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. On the same page, we read Union Pacific orders 5,000 freight cars from the east.

It is a fact that the McKean 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. 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: Appropos 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—Troy'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 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 Desver.

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 Boston, 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.

THESE GIRLS OF OURS.

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Mrs. Young-wedded (snapping her eyes)—Oma's darling.—Boston Transcript.

"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