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Omaha Looking Ahead. Omaha has closed the books for 1916 and is well pleased with the showing. Elsewhere in the Bee this morning are printed figures that eloquently tell of the material progress the city has made within the twelve-month period just ended.

Views, Reviews and Interviews. HOW NEW YEAR'S customs change! Now almost all of the celebration comes on New Year's eve and centers about the hotels, restaurants and dance halls, where boisterous parties gather and signalize the turning of the calendar leaf with merriment and dissipation.

Thought Nugget for the Day. This narrow isthmus 'twixt two boundless seas, The Past, the Future—two eternities, —Moore.

AROUND THE CITIES. More than one-fifth of the entire population of Gloucester, Mass., is actively engaged in fishing work. A snow storm which dropped three inches of the beautiful in Minneapolis pulled \$5,000 out of the city treasury for the cleanup.

CHEERY CHAFF. First Girl—So you met Mr. Blank, the famous writer, at the reception. What do you think of him? Second Girl—Not much. His clothes are quite old-fashioned, and I understood that he was celebrated for his style.—Boston Transcript.

Happy New Year! Ring out the Old! Ring in the New! To the Fourth Nebraska: Welcome home again! Health, prosperity and happiness to all who strive for them throughout the year.

To the Fourth Nebraska Regiment. The Bee welcomes the soldiers of the Fourth Nebraska regiment home from the Texas camp, and bespeaks for the members of that organization the fullest consideration.

Wishing the coming year may realize for you your fondest hopes of Health and Happiness, Peace and Prosperity. Victor Rosewater

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN. Women now hold all the municipal offices in Omaha, Ore. A bill is before congress to make women eligible as rural mail carriers.

INFORMATIONAL POINTERS. Copper mines in the upper peninsula of Michigan employ 25,000 men. England's most noted institution for the higher education of women is Girton college, which will soon complete its first half-century.

NEW YEAR'S EVE. Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

One thousand miles of new road constitute the railroad building record for 1916. The country's store of available scenic routes is about exhausted. Crude oil is taking its annual spin on the price escalator and gasoline hops along merrily.

What's the Matter With the Lawyers? The sharp controversy of our friends of the bar over the proposed "anti-shyster" law shows that the lawyers, themselves, are still in dire disagreement as to what is "unprofessional" and to what extent misconduct should be disciplined and penalized.

Watching the workmen tearing down the old Tilden houses on Douglas to make way for the new telephone building, I see the destruction of some of the landmarks in the central section of the city that are so fast disappearing.

THE DAY IN HISTORY. 1720—Charles Edward Stuart, who was known as the young pretender, born. Died in Rome January 31, 1788.

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Omaha's 1916 death roll is an ominous list. It is a reminder that the pioneers who laid the foundations of the city are fast passing from the scene of their glorious activities. Welcome the diplomatic muzzler. The previous "leaks" and subsequent "breaks" surrounding the administration's peace note gives the glad hand to silence as a "poultice for the blows of sound."

Let us repeat again that in Nebraska, at any rate, it is not lack of a law prescribing penalties that is responsible for letting crooked lawyers flourish with impunity, but lack of backbone among the reputable lawyers (and the reputable lawyers constitute the vast majority) to go after the crooks and drive them out of the profession as they deserve.

People and Events. The Sunday tabernacle in New York City will cover almost a block and a half and cost \$50,000. Back in Glencair, Ill., three bachelors consented to being raffled off at a Christmas dance.

Some 1917 Centennaries. Frederick T. Froelich, one of the founders of the republican party, United States senator from New Jersey, died at Millstone, N. J., August 2, 1817.

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Our amiable democratic contemporary keeps hammering Mr. Hughes because, having returned to private law practice, he has several substantial fees in prospect. Why continue knocking after the election is over? Are the democrats afraid Mr. Hughes may again be a candidate for some high office?

Divorce and Its Causes. Judge Day has just furnished an interesting analysis of his inquiry into the causes that led to 281 suits in which he granted divorce decrees within a year. His showing may occasion some revision of opinion as to why married couples ask the courts to dissolve the bonds that unite them.

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Hustling for business continues a proper exercise of legal talent in Nebraska. The State Bar association vote underscores the point. The idea of sitting around an office looking wise and waiting, Micawber-like, for something to turn up, may become elders, but for energetic youth action alone staves off ossification.

Corn Bread and Mixed Flour. Removal of the tax from mixed flour, for the purpose of letting down the price on wheat flour, may not hit the mark. Mixing corn meal with wheat flour is much like stirring milk and butter together—it increase the bulk, but does not improve the quality.

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