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The Industrial Center Idea.
The announcement by one of the big railway systems converging here of a plan to develop a series of industrial centers along its tracks, while affording gratifying evidence of Omaha's growing importance, at the same time prompts a little thought on a subject which is having the serious attention of other cities.
The question is, How far should a community undertake to restrict industrial plants within a given territory, or permit mills and factories to be located at pleasure regardless of the character of the neighborhood?
Every live and progressive city must have industrial establishments just as it must have wholesale houses, financial institutions, office buildings, retail stores and dwellings for all its inhabitants. The symmetrical development of a city, however, does not mean the intermingling of shops, stores and residences over all its area but, as everyone will admit, it approaches the ideal better by territorializing these different activities each in an industrial center, a retail and financial district, a wholesale section, separate and distinct to and great an extent as possible from the strictly residence portions. A number of eastern cities, notably New York, are making a beginning in working toward this end, despite the many difficulties and high cost due to the fixedness of long accepted conditions in old communities, not apt to be so strong in newer places. The impression prevails, too, that much more will be accomplished along these lines in the near future.
Omaha wants new industries and should omit no proper inducement to get them. But that should not stop us from also looking ahead, with a view to having our industrial centers suitably located relative to the areas that are to be used for other activities.

Views, Reviews and Interviews
By Victor Rosewater
"BUFFALO BILL" carried the name and fame of Nebraska, if not to the ends of the earth, at least to all the great capitals of Europe, to say nothing of every nook and corner of this country. Without question, he had more plaudits, faced larger and more audacious men and more world potentates and distinguished men and women than any other man who ever went forth from this state, not excepting "Bill" Bryan—this because "Buffalo Bill" was a continuous performer and kept at it almost without interruption for thirty years. Colonel Cody's popularity and success sprang from the application of a new idea for public entertainment, that of portraying life on the frontier, with the original actors going through the picturesque performance, for the benefit of people who had only read of life on the plains in story books and who could never have a chance to see it in reality. But the Cody idea never lost sight of the educational factor, of instructing as well as amusing. The Wild West show exerted a powerful influence for drawing attention to the resources of the west and stimulating western immigration and investments.

Health Hint for the Day.
Ingrown toe nails can be avoided by allowing the great toe nail to grow long so that the pressure of the shoe will not come in contact with the toe, but will cause the nail to grow upward and prevent it from growing in.

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DECEMBER CIRCULATION
53,368 Daily—Sunday 50,005
Dwight Williams, circulation manager of the Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of December, 1914, was 53,368 daily and 50,005 Sunday.

In the Dead of Winter.
Now is the very time of year when the Frost King is drawing his hold tighter around the earth, and nature seems dead indeed. But even in the dead of winter is provided something to compensate for the discomforts of the season's rigor. In fact that very rigor has a tonic quality, and when not endured too long the snappy cold is bracing to the body. The healthy glow that ensues from a brisk walk in the open air these days is proof of this. And when that brisk walk can find some interest beyond the stimulus derived from the exercise itself, the benefit thereof is doubled, for the mind as well as the body is served.

One Year Ago Today in the War.
Austrian troops captured Cetinje, the Montenegrin capital.
Russians made great drive against Austrians in Bessarabia region.
Fleet of allied torpedo boats bombarded Turkish forts at Dardanelles.
Heavy rain storm prevented all but isolated artillery, hand grenade and mine operations on western front.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.
The third annual charity ball was held at the Exposition building. Over a thousand tickets were sold for the event and the music was furnished by the orchestra of the Grand Opera House. The grand march was led by Mayor Boyd and Mrs. Wheaton, with General Wheaton and Mrs. Boyd as second couple.
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Coffman celebrated their wooden wedding at Metropolitan hall. The supper was served in Baidoff's best style, the napkins folded in a face of wooden shavings and the menu printed on dainty veined wood.

From this wonderful Indian congress, the credit for whose inception and execution as part of our exposition belongs to my father, came the inspiration for the striking picture, "The Conquest of the West," painted by Irving B. Bacon, which elicited approval and admiration during the time it was on exhibition in the court of the Bee building, presenting, as it did, an allegory of the advance of civilization across the prairies. The artist, who was making a special study of western subjects, through my father's suggestion got in touch with Colonel Cody, who gave him several sittings on the canvas. The central figure on horseback leading the column of prairie schooners that is driving back the Indians and the buffalo is none other than "Buffalo Bill" himself. A reproduction of this painting is the centerpiece of the official history of the Trans-Mississippi exposition and the picture itself was afterwards purchased by Colonel Cody for a wall piece in his new hotel at Cody, where, I take it, it now hangs, for that is where we shipped it.

Will a Canadian Spear Ireland's Dragon?
The most promising of recent moves toward a settlement of the age-long Irish question centers in the Montreal report that Lord O'Shaughnessy, the only Canadian member of the British House of Lords, is to be entrusted with the task. John Collan O'Shaughnessy, staff correspondent of the Chicago Herald, substantiates the report, which is generally credited in the Canadian city.
The move accords with Lloyd George's way of doing broad and big things. He has now the power to accomplish that in which he failed last summer. But not through fault of his. He had effected a settlement satisfactory to the nationalists and the Ulsterites, only to have it ditched by the implacable Tories of the coalition cabinet. What could be more politic now than seeking a man wholly free from Irish factions, unidentified with London political intrigues and possessing the ability and impartiality of North American freemen.

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Laws and the People.
Governor Harding of Iowa, in his inaugural address, touched a note that may well be sounded in Nebraska. It is the relation of the laws to the people, of the enforcement of the laws, and of the respect for them that is vitally essential to the preservation of good order without continual interposition of the executive power. Says Governor Harding:
"If I have any skill to read the public mind, it seems to me that men and women in every walk of life feel heavily the burden of our too many laws, and that there is practical unanimity against the tendency which has filled the statute books with hastily-drawn and half-digested measures of every sort. There is a feeling that governmental activities touch the individual almost daily in innumerable petty ways without having produced any substantial betterment in living conditions or in standards of conduct. What the people of this state want is fewer laws, plainly written, easily understood and well enforced."

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People and Events
The banking department of New York state notifies national banks that they must not designate a department of their business as "savings banks." The designation belongs to state institutions, and nationals are warned to keep on their own preserves.
Now and then an item bobs up which lends support to the claim that Americans take their medicine cheerily and pay liberally for it. Herbert E. Bucklen, a pioneer in the patent medicine business, is dead at Elkhart, Ind., leaving a fortune of \$6,000,000.
Homer Rodeheaver, the cheery curtain-raiser for Billy Sunday, was pulled up at Wellesley, Mass., for fracturing the auto speed limit. "Rody" unfolded a solemn tale of innocence to the court and the judge brightened his corner by telling him to go and sin no more.
For years before and since the war William H. Robinson, a patriotic Philadelphian translated to France, conducted a liquid oasis in Paris and maintained a special table at which guests were not allowed to pay for replenishing their tanks. The ravages of war increased taxes put the free-for-all table out of business and henceforth international and local pickers must dig up in "Gay Paree" or go dry.
"All the comforts of home"—and some over—are to be had in the "cozy corner" of Chicago's domestic relations court. Plants, flowers, canary birds, canned music and soft draperies decorate the room, into which the judge sends heart-broken couples. Amid these cheery surroundings the judge bids them spoon once more, kiss and make up and hike homeward happily. The treatment works in many cases.
The holder of an accident insurance policy in Chicago attempted a touch of the insurance treasury by playing the blind man act. Instead of coughing up on demand the company's ferrets pulled off before the blind man's eyes a tandem parade in fashionable short dresses. The spectacle drew from the "blind" man a low rakish whistle and his peepers peeped as never before. The scenery broke his reach for \$5,500.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPITS.
Washington Post: "If a dollar was hung the other side of hell, the Yankee boy would dive after it," says the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis. Has Dwight been on the wrong side of the market again?
St. Paul Pioneer Press: As it stands, the Christian church scarcely touches 60 per cent of America's population. To be effective either as a religion or a social institution it must reach the masses, and to reach the masses the church must abandon its traditional reactionism on economic questions and make itself a helpful and intelligent force in solving the social problems of this age.
New York World: Billy Sunday now finds that American colleges are "rotten" and the colleges of New England "the rottenest of all." Surely the modest and temperate evangelist must except from this sweeping condemnation those colleges at which he has preached and from which he has driven out the devil of unrighteousness. Or have they all remained proof against his persuasive appeals to hit the trail?
Baltimore American: Beyond question, had the church been united prior to the outbreak of the war, the captains of strife would have been curbed and the costliest blood to the influence of Christianity since the days of its Founder would have been avoided. Let one hold as he will to his own view of the motives behind the proposed movement by the chief bishop of the Roman church, the fact is that it may prove to be socially, philosophically and ethically well based. If Pope Benedict can have a wider vision of the element of validity in the orders of the ministry than Leo XIII, he will go far toward paving the way for the general reunion. There are many in the Episcopal connection who freely accord validity to the orders of various other Protestant bodies, and in any scheme of union that is validly accorded the great trunk line of Protestantism would carry validity to the legitimate branches of these trunk lines. The question is a big one and full of pregnant interest because of the fundamental facts of the immediate future that actuate the bishop of Rome to enter upon his initiative for union.

HERE AND THERE.
A total of 315,321,452 cigars was manufactured in Tampa last year.
Schools in the United States were attended by 23,500,000 persons during 1914.
In Switzerland only the men attend funeral processions, and they usually follow the hearse on foot.
Live fish have been found in the bottom of a Transvaal gold mine, in a vertical shaft 3,800 feet deep.
Dietetic experts have pronounced plum pudding highly nutritious and worth three times its weight in roast beef.
According to the tax estimate, the Grand Central station is the most valuable single property in New York City. Its value is estimated at \$21,500,000.
A man who is instantaneously killed by a bullet never hears the report of the rifle that kills him, for the reason that the bullet travels more swiftly than the sound of the firing.
It has been discovered that parrots have an extraordinary faculty for anticipating the approach of aircraft. Before an aeroplane has come within range of the human eye, the feathered albatross becomes violently excited and shrieks incessantly.
Most people have noticed how different things look on a return journey from what they did on setting out. Taking this fact into consideration, the trained army scout makes himself familiar with both points of view and keeps looking back as he advances, so that on the return journey he will in no sense feel lost.
An expert workman in one of the great needle factories, in a test of skill, performed one of the most delicate feats imaginable. Taking a common sewing needle of medium size, he drilled a hole through its entire length, the opening at the point being just large enough to permit of the passage of a hair of the finest texture.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.
"What a distinguished looking man your father is! His white hair gives him such an aristocratic look."
"Yes," said the distinguished looking man's disappointed son, "he can thank me for that."—New York Times.
"Henry, how much did you give that girl in the cloakroom?"
"Only a dime, my dear."
"I don't say so, dear," said her ever seen one of those odious creatures smile the way she did for less than a quarter.—Brooklyn Eagle.

DEAR MR. KABBLE, MY FRANCIS ADMIRE MY NICE TEETH, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW THEY ARE FALSE—SHOULD I TELL HIM?
—MAGGIE.
"YES—AND IF ALL GOES WELL, TELL HIM ABOUT YOUR HAIR!"
—SWISS.

THE GATES OF PARADISE.
"I see you gave your sister a muff for Christmas."
"Yes."
"How many girls would give a sister a present like that?"
"I had to do it to stop her from borrowing mine."—Louisville Courier-Journal.
"My dear sir, what you are suffering from is merely a benign growth."
"You don't say so, doctor? And to think I've been grouchy all this time about a pleasant little thing like that."—Baltimore American.

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