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Specious Plea Against Municipal Control.
The bill to take from Omaha (and other Nebraska cities, too) the power of control and regulation of its public utilities is being urged in a way that indicates something back of it more than mere sentiment.

Yet, in an appeal for support of the present bill, one of its promoters has the brassiness to declare that "the men who are opposing this bill and what it stands for are the men who are in charge of publicly-owned utilities. The taxpayers of the city, who want their business managed along business principles, are not opposing this measure and will never oppose it when they understand it."

With the situation in the smaller cities and towns, whose public service troubles are confined to telephones and electric lighting, we are not so familiar. The telephone service is already subject to the railway commission and, perhaps, properly so, being as much state-wide as local, but that does not apply equally to the others.

While no one blames the public service corporation for preferring to be relieved of local control, no sound reason has been advanced why their patrons and the public generally should acquiesce.

Germany Take No Needless Risks.
The thoroughness of German preparations for war is shown by the reports now coming out of the condition of interned ships. While the managing director of the great Hamburg-American line expresses his utmost confidence in the integrity of the United States, it is apparent that the heads that guide the course of German arms felt that safety could be found in making assurance doubly sure.

One of the most regrettable results of the break with Germany is the suspension of humanitarian work carried on by the United States in the war zone. Since the beginning of the war it has been the privilege of this country to represent the belligerents on either side, and to look after the prisoners held by each, whether of war or merely interned aliens.

Steps are being taken to transfer the control of relief work for the Belgian and French civilians to Spain, owing to the fact that the United States must give over its active participation in the great enterprise. At the matter stands, the suspension of transport service threatens to be the occasion of much suffering in the parts of France and Belgium occupied by the Germans.

Unrestricted passage for relief ships should be required of all belligerents, as no exigency of war can be admitted to prevent free travel of neutral agents bent on errands of mercy only.

State Forestry Makes Headway.
Debate in the legislature over a bill to permit the establishment of communal forests or groves shows the growth of an idea. Opposition to the measure in question was directed along the line that its operation would withdraw fertile land from cultivation to create public parks.

War usually stops the payment of dividends and interest between combatant nations. Were this rule to follow in case of war at this time, German people would suffer materially, whereas Americans would suffer but little.

The proposal to return to the plan of electing county commissioners by the voters of the commissioner's district, instead of by the voters of the whole county, is another backward step and just as much so as the choice of school board members by wards.

It takes almost a column of double-shot editorial space for our amiable contemporary to tell why it is closing the door on the free and unlimited publication of letters discussing the war.

Common Colds
U. S. Public Health Service

The most prevalent illness in the United States is the common cold, a disease group included under one name and considered of such minor importance that vital statistics do not record the enormous number of persons who annually are subjected to suffering, inconvenience and economic loss thereby. Remarkable as it may seem, the widespread familiarity with this condition has bred a contempt which hides its seriousness, yet when the sun total of the ravages committed by common colds is made, it becomes evident that instead of being a group of trivial affections, common colds must be classed as serious diseases.

The word "colds" means an acute infection of the lining membranes of the nose, tonsils, throat and larger bronchial tubes. The process may be even more extensive and amount to a general infection of the entire body. All of the breathing apparatus excepting the smaller terminal portions in the lungs may be involved, and as a matter of fact the disease may, and often does, spread to these, thus producing pneumonia.

The causes of colds are multiform and not entirely understood. In every case, however, they are dependent upon the growth and activity of living germs which are always received from other people. It is true that almost everybody harbors disease organisms in the mouth and nose, and that these under favorable conditions will produce a cold in the host. But these germs in every case were received from some other person. In other words, colds are infections.

The germs of colds leave the body in the secretions of the mouth and nose. They enter the body through the same route. Thus a careless sneezer and the person who does not cover his mouth and nose when he coughs are breeders of these infections. The little living bodies which cause colds are so small that a million could rest on the head of a pin.

It is an obligation on the part of persons having colds to see to it that they do not spread these colds to somebody else. The person who sneezes to cover his nose and mouth when he sneezes and coughs, the careless spitter, the person who permits his germs-laden discharge to remain in things which are going to be handled by other people is a menace to the community.

Since colds are a serious condition they should be treated as such. A great many people think they have an infallible remedy for breaking up a cold. This may be harmless in itself but usually it is not and consists of a combination of harmful drugs and alcohol, the latter usually preponderating. The sufferer takes these preparations in large quantities and if he is strong enough he may survive them and eventually get the best of his cold.

Scotbluff Star-Herald: Senator Spink has introduced a bill in the state senate, tending toward the reorganization of the State Board of Health, and curtailing the powers of the board of secretaries. Judging from the amount of grief this bunch of secretaries have caused themselves and the general public, this curtailing operation should have been performed several years ago.

Beatrice Sun: It is now apparent that print paper, one of the raw materials of newspapers, has been altogether too cheap. Doubling the price has tended to bring about some economies, but paper is still unduly wasted.

TODAY

Health Hint for the Day.
Do not take a hot bath after a meal, as the blood is all drawn away from the digestive organs just at the time they need it most.

One Year Ago Today in the War.
Germans renewed vigorous attack on French trenches northeast of Neuville. Gorman and Turkish consuls and thirty others indicted by federal grand jury in San Francisco for alleged conspiracy to wreck munitions plants and to furnish supplies to German war vessels at the commencement of the war.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.
At a meeting of the Lily Division, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, General J. E. Smith was elected first knight commander; J. C. Kang, sir knight lieutenant commander, and Fred Race, sir knight herald.

Little Roy Brush, son of George Brush, residing at Twenty-first and Harney, was buried in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Postmaster Coutant has returned from Grand Island, where he has been in attendance upon the Masonic commemoration.

This Day in History.
1815—An American brigade landed in the rear of Fort Bowyer to frustrate a threatened attack on Mobile by the British.

1872—Earl of Mayo, viceroy of India, assassinated at Port Blair by a convict.

The Day We Celebrate.
Albert C. Kugel, city commissioner, is 39. He is a plumber by trade and was once city plumbing inspector.

John W. Eggers, himself a "made-in-Germany" product, dates back fifty-one years today. He is now making boxes as president of the Eggers-O'Flynn company.

Baron Rothschild, head of the English branch of the great family of financiers, born in London forty-nine years ago today.

Dr. Ruesh Rhee, president of the University of Rochester, born in Chicago, fifty-seven years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.
Dr. Maurice F. Egan, American minister to Denmark, is to sail from Copenhagen today for a two-month visit to the United States.

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Why Stand for It?
Omaha, Feb. 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: What's the matter with Omaha? Where is the proverbial bravery and resourcefulness of the men of the west? Tut, tut and again sounds!

Where the Blame Belongs.
Omaha, Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Permit me sufficient space to briefly answer the letter in your most valued paper captioned "Why Girls Go Wrong" and signed by an expert on the subject, "A Traveling Man."

Heat and Nutrition.
Omaha, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: The scientific philosopher of The Bee gives out good mental food for readers who wish to Groh in wisdom from day to day; but he recently set out a dish that contained nothing but calories. A person can't live on calories.

First—Grant to woman economic, social and political freedom.
Second—One standard of morals.
Third—Industrial democracy, wherein the producers of the wealth of the world get that wealth and thereby permitting every man an opportunity of marrying and supporting a family as it should be supported.

Picture Sale at Hospe's
One Dollar Buys Hand Colored Prints
in handsome mats.
Portraits by Millias, Gainsborough, Raeburn, Reynolds and others.

Perfect Health is Yours
If the Blood Is Kept Pure
Almost Every Human Ailment Is Directly Tractable to Impurities in the Blood.

A Word to the Women
I want the women to know that there is a doctor in Omaha who treats diseases and disorders of their sex, and does not advise operation in all cases, as many do.

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