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Subscribed and taken before me this 6th day of March, 1899. GEO. M. REED, Notary Public in and for Douglas County, Neb.

The legislative day of March 31, 1899, is one of the longest in the history of the state.

The Pennsylvania legislature has provided for Arbor day, but there is nothing in the bill that requires only plum trees to be planted.

The Filipinos may have the same characteristics as the natives of Missouri, but they cannot set up the claim that General Otis has been backward about showing them.

The metal of the western soldier is again being put through the fire test on the other side of the Pacific, but there is no danger of it coming out either depreciated or tarnished.

Wait till Uncle Sam's bill for telegraphic and cable tolls is made out and tabulated and you will have the most potent argument possible for the acquisition of a postal telegraph.

England, Germany and the United States, it is announced, have arrived at an understanding regarding the settlement of Samoan affairs. But where does the poor Samoan native come in?

The new librarian of congress, although called from Boston, secured the foundation of his library experience in Minneapolis. The growing ascendancy of the west in every field of national life only finds in this another illustration and confirmation.

From the hard straits to which the former ruler of the Sudan has been reduced and hampered as he is by a multitudinous following of females, it is a wonder he does not quit the khalfia business and devote himself entirely to the harem industry.

If it were put to a vote of the people the verdict would be almost unanimous that the loss of one American life would be a bad exchange for all the dead Filipinos who have been mowed down by American bullets since the trouble in the Philippines began.

If Aguinaldo and his Filipinos only knew what a choice collection of rations the Cubans and Porto Ricans were drawing from the United States commissary officers they would doubtless make haste to come in out of the jungle and line up on issue day.

It must be becoming dangerous to look like the president of France when a man bearing a resemblance to President Loubet was shot and killed by a man who imagined he was disposing of the chief executive. Others similarly favored had better take to the storm cellar.

The newspapers which broke forth in double column articles and the legislators who indulged in fierce denunciation of Colonel Stoenberg only a short time ago are putting in the time just now trying to forget. It is a question which is the more painful to them—the original spasm or reaction.

Iowa democrats are divided as to whether the state convention should be held early or late. The early date should be selected by all means. All the fun the democrats will get out of the election will be during the campaign and the committee should try to give them the worth of their money.

The South Carolinians who summarily removed a colored postmaster by shooting him full of holes and then burning the postoffice realize by this time that political activity of that description is not a paying investment. The federal grand jury has indicted a number of them and they must stand trial for murder.

The delegates from the Cuban assembly who came to Washington to secure recognition for that body and incidentally a few million extra of American coin are of the opinion they made a mistake when they looked at the calendar. According to the zodiac it is spring, but they found the atmosphere of the capital decidedly chilly.

EASTER.

No more fitting admission of the Easter season could be as appropriate as just now as the following contribution of the late Rev. John McQuoid of the First Methodist Episcopal church...

Among the great truths set forth in the New Testament there is one that is singled out from all the rest as possessing of matchless weight and unique importance. Upon it was laid the stress of an extraordinary emphasis by the early church.

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THE WAR ON MONOPOLY.

As we have heretofore said, to the republican party belongs the credit of having enacted the first anti-trust law—the act of 1890. The constitutionality of that law has been affirmed by the highest judicial tribunal, but it has been found ineffective so far as the trusts and combinations in restraint of trade, which it was specially intended to reach, are concerned.

It was made applicable to railway traffic associations by the supreme court of the United States, but all efforts to enforce it against the trusts have failed and according to the opinion recently expressed by Attorney General Griggs this law does not apply to most of the combinations. If to any, his view is that "the Sherman trust act does not give to the federal courts jurisdiction over any combination constituting a restraint and monopoly of trade unless such trade is what is known as interstate or international trade and commerce."

He points out that the diplomats of Europe are prepared for their careers from boyhood. The foreign office serves as a practical school for young Englishmen who are ambitious to pursue the diplomatic profession. They begin at the lowest rung of the ladder as unpaid attaches; later on they receive small salaries and are shifted from one post to another, so that by the time they are finally promoted to an ambassadorship they have gone through every grade of the service and are thoroughly equipped in languages, customs and court usages of various countries, and especially with information concerning those countries to whom in their position as ministers plenipotentiary.

Undoubtedly there is much to be said in favor of a school of diplomacy and possibly in the course of time such a school will be established, with the consent, if not under the control, of the government. But it cannot be said that as yet the United States has experienced any necessity for such an institution. It is unquestionable that men have been appointed to the diplomatic service who were totally unqualified for it and such men have brought more or less discredit to the government.

They were merely politicians, who performed their duties perfunctorily, knowing that their tenure of office would continue only during the term of the administration which appointed them. Such diplomatic representatives are admittedly a reproach to the country. But they have not been very numerous in our history and they did no very serious harm. Very few such have been accredited to the more important countries. With rare exceptions the diplomatic representatives of the United States to the principal European nations have been men of ability, dignity and high character, who performed their duties with credit to themselves and honor to their country, commanding the respect of the governments to which they were accredited. We think of but one representative of the British court in the last fifty years of whom this cannot be said, while our representatives at the other principal courts of Europe have been without exception capable and worthy. The ambassadors and ministers of other nations may be better trained in the arts and usages of diplomacy than are those of the United States, but no country today has in its diplomatic service men of greater ability or higher character than the men who are representing this government at European courts.

The people who keep the Central American states in a state of constant ferment and revolution are not incapable of learning some things once in a while. One of the leaders who has been making wholesale arrests and levying tribute on the natives, asked why he did not treat the citizens of the United States in the same way, replied that Honduras tried that game and got into serious trouble. There was a time when a different state of affairs existed in Central America and a few visits from war ships of this country, backed up by the administration at home, have evidently wrought a change. If the turbulent people of those countries could be made to cease their constant internal strife they might soon be among the richest on the globe proportioned to their population.

The University of Michigan has adopted a policy which will be watched with interest by those interested in college athletics. The policy is to abolish all admission fees to college games and provide the money necessary to defray their expense by adding \$3 to the tuition charges on each student. The action is taken because of abuses grown up making college athletics a money making scheme. In the hope of removing an evil which prevails to greater or less extent in all the large colleges and universities of the country.

St. Soun Tak has been appointed premier of the new Korean cabinet. It has been a mystery to people in this country how this distinguished statesman could have been kept in the background so long. The people of this country are fully as much in touch with the politics of Korea as they are with that of Hoopole township and are convinced that in

Reflection and Revenue.

We should reflect that if wicked people were to sell liquor and tobacco, good people would have to pay a larger tax on their bank checks.

There need be no fear that the reported "moral fallacy" of the maple sugar crop in Vermont will in any way affect the supply of "pure Vermont maple sugar" so long as the supply of glucose and New Orleans molasses holds out.

The activity of the iron industry in the United States, leading as it has to such a high price, is calculated with little activity in iron-producing countries, and for that reason has not yet operated to seriously check exports of iron and steel manufactures. The prospect of a continued foreign demand is the most encouraging feature in the future outlook of the trade.

The time is approaching when, in addition to locomotives, agricultural implements, bicycles and sewing machines, we shall build steamships to sell to the traders of other countries.

The worsted woolen trust recently took in the leading mills, for which it paid \$12,000,000. It was openly stated at the time that \$4,500,000 of that amount was water and given as a bonus, as the mills were really bought for \$7,500,000. The trust then figured up the business and the profits out of this so-called investment of \$12,000,000 have been so large that the trust has another squeeze. Forthwith it increased its capitalization from \$12,000,000 to \$11,000,000. Now there is an original investment of \$7,500,000 a watered capitalization of \$33,500,000 and the people using worsted goods will have to pay interest and dividends on the whole capitalization, nominal and real.

A notable step in the economy of railway operation is taken by the St. Paul & Atchison roads in deciding to keep locomotives constantly at work. Instead of being retired to the roundhouse after a trip to stay there twelve or twenty-four or more hours, they are kept busy and run up and down the line, and they will be expected to again. In this way the companies are started on their road with a much smaller supply of locomotives than is now necessary. It has been maintained that machinery needed rest as well as men, and that even the wheels of a steel rail were increased by relieving its particles, say once a week, from the agitation of constant use. So the defenders of Sunday observance have maintained on the strength of what some mechanical authorities have stated by this action of the western roads would indicate that they take no stock in such theories.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Chief Engineer of the New York fire department has issued some rules in regard to the best course to be pursued by persons in hotels when an alarm of fire is given. Of course they rest upon long experience. They suggest plans of action that would not readily occur to those who had given no special thought to the subject, and this probably includes a majority of people. The chief advises a guest who is suddenly alarmed by fire in a hotel to keep his door closed and to be careful that the transom above the door is closed and the door and transom of the room are closed the chances of escape are good if the strength holds out. The chief says in conclusion that it takes a swift fire to beat the race of firemen to any given height from the window sill. Nevertheless, his remarks emphasize the desire for fireproof buildings and an abundance of fire escapes easy of access and easy to descend.

High Resolves of Railroad Men to Abolish New Back. Kansas City Star. High officials of twenty-five western railroad companies held a meeting in Washington Thursday with the members of the Interstate Commerce commission to discuss the subject of the maintenance of freight rates. They assured the commissioners that rates have been rigidly maintained of late, and that there is such a strong determination among the railroad managers to put an end to the ruinous and demoralizing practice of cutting rates to get business that the prospects for the maintenance of stable and uniform transportation charges are brighter now than ever before.

This is good news for the great majority of freight shippers, but, in candor, it must be confessed that little faith is placed in the promises of the railroad managers. They have so long been in the habit of making special secret rates to favored shippers, to the great disadvantage of the mass of small shippers that it is difficult to believe that the practice can be brought to an end in a day. The Interstate Commerce commission, despairing of enforcing the law by legal processes, seems to have adopted the plan of using moral suasion, and the commission appear to have hopes that the anti-interest of the railroads—the desire to make as good a showing of net profits as possible—will be more potent in maintaining uniformity of rates than the danger of fine and imprisonment for violating the law.

The Interstate Commerce commission has found it exceedingly difficult to fix the charge of secret rate cutting against any particular railroad manager, even though the general evidence of such illegal practice might be indisputable. Failing to convict the offenders, the commissioners think, now, that by calling the railroad officials together occasionally and conferring with them and getting them to consult with one another and to periodically renew their promises to the commission, they will maintain rates, something may be accomplished, for the good of railroad patrons, even though the machinery of the interstate commerce law has been proved to be utterly ineffective to accomplish the main purpose for which it was adopted.

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Detroit Free Press: She—Will you speak to papa? He—Never, unless he speaks to me first. It would be unkind to you and to me, my dear, for he dropped me because I adored you. Any advice I can give the record so far has been about three months.

Somerville Journal: Miss Prudence—Do you see eye in long engagements? "Yes," answers the young man, "I do. I have seen it in the eyes of those who have been engaged for three months."

Washington Star: "A woman," read Mr. Muckton from the newspaper, "may argue, but she won't reason." "Yes," answers his wife, "and a man as a rule doesn't do either."

Chicago News: "I have just learned," she said, with a perceptible tinge of asperity, "that I am the ninth girl to whom you have been engaged." "Well," he suavely replied, "that ought to make you proud. I have had a record that counts more than weeks."

Chicago Post: "Did your new society actress make a hit?" "Did she make a hit?" echoed the manager. "She didn't make a hit, but she was a success. Did she make a hit? Why, she knocked down the old-fashioned ticket in the presence of five thousand people. She got two seasons at the very last."