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Notary Public. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, A. D. 1900.

The goat raisers of Kansas and Oklahoma have formed an association. This ought to make a strong combination.

If there is a deputy in the state house at Lincoln who is not aspiring to succeed his chief, his name has escaped observation.

The great trust-smashing attorney general wants it distinctly understood that he has several political skyrockets still in reserve.

To the Secretaries of the State Board of Transportation: "If you are too busy to write, please make signs.—Norfolk Business Men."

Of course as police commissioner W. S. Poppleton would be in better position to serve his Anti-Saloon league friends than he would as mayor.

After one week of revolutionizing the world Editor-Precator Sheldon will probably be surprised to see things going on much as they have done in times past.

England evidently wants the world to understand that the trouble down in South Africa is a family affair that will be settled without the "advice or consent of any nation on earth."

If the Douglas County Democracy insists upon pushing a man for secretary of the state committee against the wishes of Colonel Bryan there may be some more stings of ingratitude distributed around.

The next thing we know Governor Poynter will be commissioning a new set of judges to set up a municipal court for Omaha in place of the municipal court that was knocked out by the supreme court decision two years ago.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago always attends the meetings of the city council. The game of politics in Chicago is much like a session at the poker table in the same city—it is dangerous to take your eye off the table as long as there are chips in sight.

The various candidates for office in the recent city election are engaged in the amusing diversion of explaining how much they spent in electioneering and for what purposes. Of what practical use this information is to the public has not yet been disclosed.

The faithful chronicler of that Kearney rabbit hunt participated in by Governor Poynter and his retinue, including the chairman of the State Barbers' Examining Board, failed to say, unfortunately, how many jackrabbits escaped the deadly gubernatorial gun.

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The Bee favored the use of Jefferson square for an auditorium site at the time the project was on the point of materializing a few years ago, but some enterprising obstructionists went into the courts and secured a decision that the park could not be used for any such purpose. As long as that decision stands it is useless to discuss the Jefferson square site.

The local popocratic organ cannot conceal signs of exultation in announcing the defeat of Mayor Emsor in the South Omaha democratic primaries by "plain Tom Brownman, ex-chief of police under Mayor Emsor and a packing house watchman." We think this is an unbecomingly exhibition of the sting of ingratitude after Mayor Emsor had been enjoined into making a pilgrimage all the way to Lincoln to urge upon Governor Poynter the appointment of the defunct candidate for U. S. S. at the time Senator Allen carried off the palm.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Governor Poynter has taken it upon himself to appoint a board of fire and police commissioners for the city of Omaha. Where does Governor Poynter get his authority for such action?

On January 2 Governor Poynter made this declaration: "I have no right to appoint a police commission for Omaha. I certainly shall not attempt to resurrect an old law that has since been declared unconstitutional. It would be just like appointing a deputy insurance commissioner now that the 'Water act' has been declared unconstitutional."

How can Governor Poynter justify the appointment of a police commission for Omaha in the middle of March, in the face of the declaration made in the beginning of January? If he had no right to make such appointments ten weeks ago, where does he get it now?

If a governor can with impunity set aside the decisions of supreme courts under any pretext he can with equal impunity disregard the plain letter of the constitution and become a law unto himself.

Before William A. Poynter assumed the office of governor he took the oath to support the constitution of Nebraska and execute the laws enacted in conformity with it. By that solemn oath he was also bound to accept and carry out the interpretation of the laws as enunciated by the supreme court.

It is not for the governor to impugn the motives of supreme judges or question the soundness of supreme court decisions. They might in his opinion be wrong in principle and at variance with all precedent, but they are for him, as they are for every citizen of the state, the basis of official conduct.

Before he affixes his signature to the alleged commissions of the pretender police commissioners let Governor Poynter ask himself the question, By what authority?

The secretary of the Root to the Cubans was timely and proper and what he said will be approved by the American people without distinction of party. He declared that the promise of the United States to Cuba would be fulfilled and that the Cubans could absolutely rely upon this government.

The secretary of war, representing as it unquestionably does the position of the administration, ought to silence all question as to the absolute determination of the administration to conform unquestionably, in its dealings with Cuba, with the promise of the United States in regard to that island.

The secretary of war, in assuring those people that they shall have independence, could not, in the nature of things, determine just when self-government could be established there. That is a matter that depends almost absolutely upon the Cuban people themselves.

The reassurance given by Secretary Root should have the effect and undoubtedly will of stimulating the Cuban people to a purpose to put forth their best efforts toward obtaining the independence for which they have been struggling for many years.

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The outgoing council will certainly make a mistake if it passes the claim of Police Judge Gordon for a salary at \$2,500 a year in face of the fact that the charter fixes his salary at \$1,200 a year.

to a salary of \$2,500, while a successor would be entitled to only \$1,200. It has been pointed out that under this arrangement he could hold office perpetually because should a successor be elected he could get him to refuse to qualify and simply split the \$2,500 salary in two, giving each of them \$250 more than they could possibly get under the charter provisions.

NO INTERVENTION.

The British government, replying to the American note in regard to mediation in the South African war, has most distinctly and unequivocally declared that no intervention will be accepted from any power in the settlement of South African affairs.

It is not an extraordinary or unexpected attitude for the British government to assume, as shown by the utterances of Lord Salisbury at the very outbreak of hostilities. It was then the clearly defined policy of the British government not to submit to any intervention and in the event of the conquest of the Boer republics to make their territory a part of the British empire.

Such being the case, our government, in common with every other power, is absolutely estopped from all efforts to interpose in the South African war, unless willing to invite a serious complication with Great Britain.

Unless present plans miscarry the popocratic state officers do not propose to remain far away from the public crib after their present terms expire. While the two-term rule bars most of them from running for the offices they now occupy, each one has picked out something which he thinks will just suit him.

The Hague peace treaty has not yet been ratified by a single government. It might possibly be well to postpone ratifications until the several nations have each of them adjusted some long-standing differences.

The son of William J. Broatch has been given a lucrative commission in the army by President McKinley as a recognition of his father's republicanism, while the father himself is given an appointment on a pretender police commission by Governor Poynter as a recognition of the zealous work he has been doing in the cause of fusion and against the republican party.

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Of course the California congressman set himself against the current of sentiment in the house, but he was, in the main, right. Favoritism has no proper place in pension legislation.

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We would like to see a reform in this matter, accompanied by an increase of the pensions of the totally disabled. If Congressmen care to attempt in cases where it is in many cases, an exposure of personal favors conferred by means of a bill and constituting a flagrant abuse of the taxing power.

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due to very much better prices. They reflect also the greatly improved financial condition of the farmers, who hold their grain in spite of largely enhanced prices.

PROSPERITY OF BOOKSELLERS.

A competent judge estimates that about three times as many books were sold in the United States in 1899 as in any year since 1893. Culture is ambitious, but, like every other good thing, indulgence in it is a matter of financial ability.

UNWARRANTED INDIGNATION.

Lord Roberts' protests, in the name of humanity to Presidents Kruger and Steyn because a quantity of explosive bullets was found in General Cronje's camp by British troops.

MORE WAR IN THE AIR.

One of the New York yeggmen who secures more trouble in a day than develops in a year, says that he has just received notice of the "award" of the proposed naval and military expedition to Cape Nome.

The congressional committee on public lands, after the hearing on the bill to saturate with gold, there began a rush from the nearby Klondike, and many hurried up from California and Oregon.

The situation has been made known to the War and Navy departments and Brigadier General Randall has been put in charge of a force of 1,200 troops and 100 ships to patrol the beach and try to keep the peace.

MAGNITUDE OF THE EXTENDED AND SANCTIONED BY CONGRESS.

On Friday last the house of representatives passed ninety-seven pension bills, special acts for the benefit of individual applicants. In the course of a debate started on the provisions of one of these bills.

The court holds in substance that the title to the bed of the lake rests in the state as trustee for the people, and everything must be done in its behalf to its interests.

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ECHOES OF THE WAR.

Rear Admiral George C. Remy, who is to succeed Rear Admiral Watson in command of the Atlantic squadron, is said to be the best possible candidate to assume the vast responsibilities whirled on Uncle Sam by Dewey's guns.

The Philadelphia Ledger reports that a committee has been formed, of which Hon. Charles N. Drexler, New York, formerly secretary of the interior, is chairman.

The popularity of Admiral Schley is not limited by the boundaries of the nation whose flag he has defended with proven skill and courage in many a naval contest.

On the evening of the 23d of January Admiral Schley and his officers were publicly entertained at Prince George's hall, which was profusely decorated with bunting, flags and garlands.

On a small table was a handsome case containing as a token of recognition for the guest of the occasion an album of Argentina, valued at \$1,500, bound in gold and silver.

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BRITON AND BOER.

The Boers are looked for another trek. Britons must feel "at home" in the capital of the Orange Free State. It is a blooming garden.

Letters from officers say that neither British shells nor those of the Boers do so much mischief as was anticipated, and that the best defense of an entrenched position is not cannon, but rifles.

A statement of British losses in the South African war which was issued a few days ago in London made the total about 10,700. Over 1,000 had died of disease.

Colono, the town in which the British forces have been operating, and which has figured frequently in the dispatches from the seat of war, is named after Dr. Colenso.

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SCARING THE GOLD GRABBERS.

Possibility of the Destruction of the Mines at Johannesburg. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

From time to time there come rumors and reports from various sources of an intention on the part of the Boers to blow up the Johannesburg district in the event of being driven back into Pretoria.

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of a man who must shut to save his own life. And a people who face an attempt to wipe them out from among the nations as a political entity can have, in the last resort, little respect of fear for international opinion.

The employment of dynamite in the Rand mines can be made to work a havoc and destruction which will require years of labor to undo.

If the millionaire element which provoked this wicked conflict would save itself from such a possible and even probable calamity, it will do well to plead with the British government to stay its hand at just the point now reached.

THREE IRISH ANECDOTES.

Mike was new at the plow, and the first attempt was anything but successful.

An Irishman arriving in Cincinnati one night found it impossible to get a bed to himself, but was permitted to share one which had been engaged by a barber.

Pat wanted to get from Washington to Norfolk, says the Washington Post, but had no money. His story excited the sympathy of a shipmaster, who finally agreed to let him work his passage.

Baltimore American. Eminent Actor.—At one time I was a stage hand.

Washington Star. "They say Nell Washington has married a man with eight children."

Chicago Tribune. "Because you think I am a bum, the steady applicant for charity said to a charitable lady, 'You are a bum, you would do me down hard, you would be afraid to do that, sir, if I were a real bum!'"

Chicago News. "Did you ever get stuck on a counter? Well, I did. I had a pile of bills in my pocket and my wife appropriated it."

When folks observed that his arm was weak, Keeney's steady company. Most everybody said that it was his arm, but it was his arm.

"Daisy Queen" A fragrant perfume, rich in the sweetness of field and forest. Delicate yet lasting. Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Kuhn & Co.