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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, A. D. 1904. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Hearst will be allowed to spend his money without let or hindrance.

Buffalo Bill really does not need that kind of advertising to keep him in the limelight of publicity.

Nebraska is approaching its fiftieth birthday anniversary without even the thought that it is time for it to take out life insurance.

The "mad" Mullah must be a monomaniac on the subject of war with England from the way in which he pursues that hobby to the end.

William of Germany would never have gone on his trip to the Mediterranean if he thought the war was as close to his door as the Balkans.

After all is said, the truth remains indisputable that the Nebraska National Guard is much more in need of privates than it is of brigadier generals.

Congressmen who did business with Mr. Beavers by word of mouth in place of writing letters are probably congratulating themselves on their wisdom.

It is no longer to say that the Congressional Record is safe to furnish the favorite reading for General Bristow—not while it indulges in offensive personalities.

French papers that profess to see a tendency toward monarchy in the United States must be provided with those peculiar optics which see things which do not exist.

It is greatly to be feared that neither our Russian nor our Japanese friends would recognize themselves in most of the war pictures in circulation without a formal introduction.

From the way in which Turkey is beginning to strut, the officials at Salonica must have captured more ammunition intended for the insurgents than has ever been made public.

Patriotic Americans will feel sorry to hear that the rule of Lord Curzon in India is not considered entirely successful. They had higher hopes of the efficiency of the American wife.

From the testimony given before the senate committee engaged in investigating the Dietrich charges it appears that they have factions within the republican party at Hastings, too.

Southerners can never forget that Cleveland was the only leader who had the power to place the brigadiers in the saddle, and it is not unnatural that they remember him with pleasurable regrets.

Those Cuming county farmers who own 870-acre land are in a position to realize the value of the advice given by Horace Greeley for the young men to go west and grow up with the country.

Gregorian chants are no doubt beautiful, but there is room for apprehension in the minds of the priests that with the banishing of women from the choirs, the choirs may become too attenuated for use.

"The Cossack of the Sea," as Admiral Makaroff is called in Russia, may have to learn that warships are not as easily provided as Cossacks of the Don; neither do they forage upon the country so easily.

The committee appointed to investigate the charges in the Bristow report reflecting upon members of congress will start to work immediately. A complete three-ringed circus will occupy the boards at Washington.

First-termers in congress escape all mention in the odious Bristow report. They appear not to have been invested long enough with an official pull to have gotten in their work with the late Post office department crooks.

OBSERVING NEUTRALITY.

President Roosevelt has very properly admonished those in the civil, military and naval service of the government not to give expression to anything which might cause irritation to either Russia or Japan during the continuance of the war between them.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota made the statement that the interests of the United States, England and Japan, in the far east, are in the nature of the case one, that they are all in favor of maintaining the "open door" as against Russia and whatever power may be associated with her.

Senator Hale took the Minnesota senator to task for this statement, saying that he did not agree that there is any such common interest as the senator asserted and declaring that "when it is said that we have today a common interest with Japan and with England with reference to Manchuria, that is a statement that the government of the United States and its interests and its tendencies are against Russia and in favor of Japan."

TO PROMOTE FOREIGN TRADE. Every practicable plan looking to the promotion of the foreign trade of the United States should receive encouragement. Our continued industrial development, the interests of our agricultural producers and the welfare of labor, all require that we shall secure increased markets abroad for our products.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR. The correspondents in the far east appear to be getting into closer touch with military operations and there is reason to expect hereafter more interesting news from the seat of war than has been coming for the past week or two.

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