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

Governor Peabody of Colorado evidently has no intention of running for re-election.

A remonstrance against the weather clerk is now in order. He should stop April fooling.

In the meantime Nebraska populists are eyeing their former democratic allies with growing suspicion.

Japanese are proving themselves to be as successful in stopping war news as they are in stopping Russian ships.

Russians are probably beginning to hope that the Japanese admiral will become a past participle rather than continue as an infinitive.

General Ma should keep a slippery hand. It is reported that the Chinese soldiers are restrained with difficulty from attacking the Russians.

Not even the gold democrats can have any objection to a speech by Mr. Bryan at Chicago as long as he hires the hall and pays all expenses himself.

The Russian board of strategy must have been reading the casualty list from America when it decided to introduce automobiles as instruments of war.

Pennsylvania democrats have taken a strategic position in the national convention. By going uninstructed they need have nothing to regret over the result.

The editor of the Nebraska Crop Bulletin might permit the farmer to thaw the frost out of his whiskers before he begins to tell him how far he is behind with his spring work.

The fact that Judge Parker is to have the solid vote of New York's delegates to the St. Louis convention for him by instruction, does not seem to endear him to Colonel Bryan one whit more.

With the Rosebud reservation opened July 1, Fairfax, S. D., will probably hold the most enthusiastic celebration of the natal day of the United States of all the places under the folds of the flag.

If the new tariff duties of Great Britain do not make the taxpayers "smoke" they will certainly make the smokers heavy taxpayers, as it is proposed almost to double the tariff on tobacco.

No matter. Mr. Harriman, by concentrating his efforts on developing the Union Pacific and making it the transcontinental road par excellence, can still give Mr. Hill a good run for his money.

The passage of the New Mexico-Arizona and Oklahoma statehood bills forebodes the addition of two double stars on the field of blue of Old Glory before the present congress passes into history.

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BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.
The British government is facing a financial condition which promises to give it a great deal of trouble and which more than anything else endangers the continuance in power of the present ministry. The statement made in the House of Commons by the chancellor of the exchequer can hardly fail to have a depressing effect upon the country, since it means more taxation, and already the burden of taxes is a heavy one. As is always the case when more money is to be raised in England the income tax is to be increased. It had been thought that this tax had about reached the limit, but it can doubtless stand another raise, since most of those who pay it will be able to get the increase out of the people, for it is really an indirect way of taxing the people. The most objectionable feature to Englishmen of the proposed plan for raising more revenue is that of increasing the duty on tea, the people being great tea drinkers and therefore naturally opposed to having the price of that article increased.

NOT INCONSISTENT NOR ILLOGICAL.

As has been pointed out Mr. Rosewater's position with respect to the nomination of a United States senator is both logical and inconsistent.

For one thing he has appealed through The Bee for a direct vote in the election of United States senators. It is clear that so long as the same half bars the way this plan can never be brought about.

The nomination of candidates for senator is the nearest approach that can be made to the plan he has so long and vociferously demanded. A nomination would be the first step if senators were to be chosen by direct vote. Mr. Rosewater objects to taking this step, and yet it is one that would have to be taken if the plan he has so long urged should become effective.

It is the important step. The manner of the election is entirely subsidiary; it is perfunctory. In a senatorial caucus the selection of the nominee is the important thing. The voting for him in open session of the legislature is merely routine. The nomination determines whom he shall be.

When Mr. Rosewater is offered more than half a loaf he rejects it. He prefers to go without any bread.—Fremont Tribune.

With all due deference to our Fremont contemporary, which has as much right to its opinion as we have to ours, we see nothing inconsistent or illogical in expressing a doubt of the wisdom or expediency of a state convention nomination of a candidate for United States senator. And this does not necessarily involve a conflict with the principle of popular election of United States senators by direct vote.

A convention nomination cannot deprive communities in representative districts of the privilege of sending men to the legislature who voice their choice and their local interests even though in conflict with the decree of a majority of the convention. The assumption that members of the legislature who do not owe their nomination to the state convention and do not regard themselves as subjects to its instruction will always surrender their individual choice and that of their immediate constituents is at variance with political experience. If members of the legislature who sign a caucus paper can with impunity bolt the caucus because the candidate with predominance in the caucus does not conform to their ideals or standards would not the same thing happen to the nominees of a state convention?

To talk a little more plainly and specifically, if it were known and certain that the coming state convention would nominate David E. Thompson for United States senator, would the Fremont Tribune and other papers that justified the bolt of 1901 be now championing the new departure recommended by the state committee? Would not they and their friends repudiate the state convention nominee and would they not pledge the members of the legislature in their respective districts to prevent his election whatever the consequences might be? It would be altogether different, however, if the senatorial election were left to the people and the ballots cast in November were final as the basis for his credentials.

We realize that the election of senators by popular vote will be impossible until the federal constitution is amended by a convention called for that purpose under the section of the constitution that authorizes the calling of such a convention through the legislatures of the several states. This reform has been strenuously advocated by The Bee and it has not switched or receded from its position. The state convention nomination scheme does not in our opinion offer any material improvement over the old system, but on the contrary is liable to jeopardize the election of a republican legislature and thus cause the loss of a United States senator to the party.

According to its report to the State Board of Railroad Assessment, the Burlington paid out \$500,000 in taxes in the year 1903, but that represents a few days ago Mr. Patterson of Tennessee assailed Theodore Roosevelt "the candidate," endeavoring to show that he has been inconsistent and that he is altogether a very dangerous man at the head of the government. The Pennsylvania democrats agree with the view of the Tennessee representative and doubtless this is the view of democratic generally.

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While the publication of the investigation into the council inquiry into the Board of Public Works' methods in the preparation of paving specifications may prove of some value to the coming grand jury, it is doubtful whether 3,000 copies of that document will be needed.

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