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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, 1905. Notary Public.

"Fawnee Bill's" buffaloes seem to be a better advertisement than Buffalo Bill's "Fawnees."

The gospel of good seed corn ought now to be pretty well spread throughout the corn belt.

The people of Omaha are not disposed to favor boosting official salaries unless they get a new charter.

Spring has come and the council has begun planting a few more electric lamps in out-of-the-way places.

In announcing its tentative terms for peace Russia has evidently forgotten what has happened in Manchuria.

Minister Dawson seems to be a better manager than Minister Bowen, but then he is not working so far from home.

If those explosions continue in the subway New York will soon have simply a street railway in a sunken garden.

That rural free delivery division headquarters is now a sure thing for Omaha. Give Senator Millard a credit mark here.

The most taking April fool joke that can be played on the people of Nebraska is for the legislature to close up shop on April 1.

Let residents of Ohio beware! Mrs. Chadwick now has a certain number of papers in a cigar box, and Nebraska knows just what that means.

Raisoull has been invited to meet the German emperor. The Moroccan may be able to tell the Kaiser how to make an "American invasion" profitable.

It looks as if the biennial elections bill might go through the legislature and the Douglas county beneficiaries save their \$5,000—if they ever had it.

Base ball fans will say goodbye to Decoration day games. A law is enroute to the Nebraska statute book putting such desecration of the day beyond the pale.

With revolts in Persia, Russia and Arabia it begins to look as if the eastern question, which will require the real attention of the powers, might lie closer than Japan.

Now that all members of the Panama commission have been asked to resign, the real work of constructing the big ditch will probably begin, and unless all signs fail Nebraska will be largely interested in the matter.

On the subject of the Rockefeller gift the American Board of Foreign Missions and the state of Nebraska seem to have reached an understanding which will not replenish the pockets of the donor to the extent of the contribution.

Admiral Douhaissoff has been made aide-de-camp on the staff of the czar for his work on the North sea inquiry. Russia should have higher honors than that for the only officer who has been able to fight a draw for his country.

By indicting a man for interfering with a witness who is to testify before a grand jury those Chicago inquisitors show that they believe the quality of truth should not be strained—at least not through a prejudiced strainer.

Should Judge Munger decide to make the injunction permanent the water board will exclaim, "We can't do anything for Omaha. Our hands are tied." But they will not be tied so tight as to prevent them from drawing their salaries with monthly regularity.

From the astounding ignorance of how the business is run manifested by the managers of the big packing houses when called before the grand jury, the only wonder is how they manage to hold their jobs with employers who demand the best business talent.

THE PROMISE OF PEACE

Very indefinite are the reports regarding the promise of peace in the far east, but they indicate that the matter is receiving serious consideration at St. Petersburg, whatever may be the case at the Japanese capital. But while it appears that the Russian government, under both home and foreign pressure, is about ready to consider peace proposals, it is evident that these must come in a form that will not add to the humiliation which that government has already experienced and it cannot be confidently assumed that Japan will offer terms which Russia can accept without a further loss of prestige and a sacrifice of national dignity.

SECRETARY HAY

The country will learn with great satisfaction of the improving health of Secretary Hay, who, while still far from well, there is good reason to hope will be fully restored to health in the salubrious climate to which he has gone. Whether or not Colonel Hay will ever be able to resume the arduous duties of secretary of state is a question of no little interest to those of his countrymen who have a just appreciation of his great ability and his distinguished services to the country.

LOOKING FOR ORIENTAL TRADE

It is stated that the Southern Pacific and the Great Northern railways are sending expert agents to the orient to study out the means of expanding the markets in China and neighboring countries for American manufactured goods. China is importing \$80,000,000 worth of these manufactures annually, only one-tenth of which is taken from the United States. It is remarked that meantime raw cotton is being shipped by both routes from the southern states to Japan to be manufactured into cotton goods there which enter into competition with American and other foreign manufactures in the oriental markets.

SHALL THE BILL PASS?

The bill abolishing off-year elections, which properly might be denominated "a bill to extend the terms of several hundred county officers and judicial officials," has reached the stage of final passage, and the question is, Shall the bill pass? On broad-gauge principles The Bee would answer most emphatically "No."

WHY ARE THEY SURPRISED?

Members of the Omaha Water board are said to have expressed much surprise over the restraining order issued by Judge Munger enjoining them from attempting to meddle with established water rates. Why should any member of the water board be surprised? Was it not a foregone conclusion that the water company would invoke the power of the courts to intervene whenever the water board attempted a reduction of water rates?

HOME GROWN INDEPENDENCE CHAFED

Under military discipline. Respecting the heavy percentage of desertions from the United States army and navy it is probable that there is some basis for the explanation offered by a rear army officer who attributes such desertions to "an abnormal claim, view and development of personal independence" on the part of the American enlisted man afloat or ashore.

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and the bad should be dispensed with as soon as possible. While the investigating into the alleged \$5,000 hoodlum charges has not definitely disclosed a downright attempt at bribery, it is an open secret that the pressure brought in favor of the biennial election bill and the petitions with which the legislature has been flooded have emanated from the beneficiaries of the bill who expect to profit by the extension of their terms. It is to be hoped that the bill will not pass, but if it should pass, Governor Mickey should discharge his duty fearlessly by the use of his veto pen.

THE WIZARD OF WIZARD

Members of the legislature who voted for the anti-pass bills are all very particular to correct any mistaken impression that would put their names in the list of the opposition. It is plain that the pass question already interests several constituencies and it is dead certain that still more of them will be interested before another legislative session convenes.

CHICAGO TO ADJUST ITS NOTES TO THE AREA OF THE HALL

The musicians who love art for its own sake and not for the money that it brings in, cannot be induced hereafter at any price to furnish more music than a dance hall will conveniently hold. They are told upon the authority of those who speak for the profession that the number of musicians will be reduced by the number of square feet in the hall, although it would be even more gratifying to learn that the output of music was to be regulated by the number of cubic feet of space between the floor and the ceiling.

YOUNG AMERICA AS A SOLDIER

The verb "to chadwick" is likely to be spotted in the dictionary along with "to boycott." Opponents of the proposed mortgage tax law in New York state have coined the former phrase. Mr. Carnegie, it is alleged, said that if the bill were passed he was prepared to invest from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in mortgage securities.

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