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CHARLES C. ROSEWATER, General Manager.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1907.

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.

"Where will woman stop?" asks a New Mexico paper.

Speaking of the dearth of good fiction, how about that story of two men dying of sunstroke in St. Louis?

Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco says he is being pursued by grafters.

It will be up to Mr. Bryan to decide pretty soon whether he is in favor of ultimate or penultimate government ownership of railroads.

Pennsylvania is preparing to get behind Senator Knox's presidential boom in earnest.

Anyway, the purchaser may have the consolation of seeing straw hats and hammocks make their first appearance at "summer clearance sale" prices.

The lecture business has proved so profitable for the editor of Bryan's Commoner that the associate editor is also working his way onto the lecture platform.

The census shows that there are about 14,000,000 women bread-winners in America.

The Kansas Druggists' association reports that its members make a profit of less than 2 per cent on their sales.

The museum managers might as well give up looking for their desired attraction in the person of a speculator who has not made less than an even \$100,000 in wheat this spring.

The peek-a-boo shirt waist has been debarred from one of the churches in an Ohio town.

A large proportion of the pioneers of Nebraska were veterans of the civil war.

Congressman Birdsall of Iowa declares that President Roosevelt is really the only great man ever born in New York City.

Fashionable tailors need not build any air castles on the strength of the report that Hetty Green is developing a passion for dress.

Whether or not Mr. Harriman has done anything that will subject him to criminal prosecution, he has certainly transformed the Union Pacific railroad since he took its remnants out of the hands of the receivers.

A young man has been arrested in New York for unloading upon a trust-fund Wall street broker \$55,000 worth of securities so worthless that they make the common garden variety of watered stock look like Standard Oil shares.

THE SPIRIT OF REPUTATION.

The Bee would have Omaha compel every franchised corporation enjoying concessions at the hands of the city to fulfill every obligation and bear every responsibility growing out of its special privileges.

In dealing with the franchised corporations, however, Omaha should apply the same rules of fairness and reciprocity which would be applied in business dealings between private concerns.

The most flagrant example of this reputation idea is found in the treatment of the Omaha Water company. Notwithstanding the fact that the water company was operating under a franchise, stipulating a maximum schedule of rates to be paid for a period of twenty-five years, the Water board summarily issued an order reducing the water rates below the schedule and sought to enforce its order in the courts.

Notwithstanding the disastrous experience of the Water board in its attempt to repudiate the rate schedule in the water works franchise, the mayor and council propose now by ordinance to make it a misdemeanor to charge more than \$1 per thousand cubic feet for gas in the face of the franchise held by the gas company.

While it is not likely that any effort of the city to evade the obligations of a valid contract will be successful, such attempts cannot fail to prove disastrous to the reputation and credit of our city.

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confederate soldiers in the field. Southern women were cutting up their carpets to make blankets for the soldiers and the cobs were ground with corn to supply the meal which was the staple and almost the sole article of food on the southern soldier's bill of fare.

EXPOSING THE "NATURE FAKERS." President Roosevelt has taken a pot shot at the camp of that little coterie of writers who have been flooding the country for several years with stories of wild animals and their habits and accounts of daring exploits in hunting wild game in the Rockies.

In reviewing these fake animal stories the president takes them up seriatim and points out their defects. Jack London's story of a bulldog putting up a stiff fight with a wolf is declared by the president to be "the very sublimity of absurdity—a closest production."

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free delivery has almost put the campaign-spellbinder out of business. Audiences will no longer sit by the hour listening to paid political orators and life is too short for the average voter to waste time reading speeches reprinted from the Congressional Record.

Of course, there is a class of voters who read neither the newspapers nor the campaign committee publications. Their "education" it is suspected, is carried on through other channels by all political parties.

DANCING TOWARD THE ALTAR. Progress agents of the "International Academy of Choreographic Composers and Teachers"—the French alias for dancing masters—have been engaged in the illuminating task of procuring statistics to prove that Pope knew what he was talking about when he declared: True ease in wooing comes from art, not chance.

This Parisian head of the world's dancing masters has been conducting a series of investigations to ascertain how much of a factor dancing is in the promotion of matrimony. It appears that the 4,000 professors who are members of the academy questioned 1,500,000 pupils in a diplomatic manner, and the London Times has been allowed to print the result of the inquiry.

That Japan has been allowed to purchase \$12,000,000 worth of steel rails, cars and locomotives in this country seems pretty tough when we remember the repeated declarations that our present tariff are not large enough to prevent a freight congestion every now and then.

The world is young—4,000 years young. Science and invention are in their infancy. Mystery still surrounds us on every side. There is plenty for the mind of man to learn. When one thinks of the possibilities of discovery during this century, he can but wish that he could live to see its close.

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Colonel Bryan's Commoner thinks it necessary to say that Mr. Bryan never discussed with anybody the possible candidacy of Thomas Fortune Ryan for the United States senate, for the presidency or for any other position. It is careful, however, not to say whether, if he were to discuss the question, he would or would not encourage Mr. Ryan.

Every reference to Senator Stephenson, recently chosen to represent Wisconsin as the successor of Senator Spooner, explains that he is a follower of LaFollette. There is no telling, however, which will follow when both sit as equal colleagues in the senate chamber.

A former governor of Nebraska immediately on his retirement from office transplanted himself to a lumber mill in the state of Washington. When Governor Sheldon reaches that country along with the Omaha trade excursionists the people up there will see the difference.

Senator Hopkins of Illinois says the republican platform next year will contain a plank favoring tariff revision. Senator Hopkins has his own way of knocking the Cannon presidential boom.

When a genius like Edison says: "I calculate that we know one seven-billionth of 1 per cent about anything." How pitiful seems the egotism of the rest of us, boasting of the knowledge we have gained.

Attorney General Bonaparte's firm adherence to his interpretation of the pure food law puts an end to the large traffic in rectified whisky for the general product of the distillery.

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SERMONS BOILED DOWN. There is no sanctity without service. The thoughtless never are harmless. Large sorrows come from little sins. The heart is bankrupt when it has no love to spare. Lazy folks lose a lot of energy telling how busy they are. It takes a brave man to be willing to be called a coward. The worstest people are those who are running from duty. You never taste the wine of life until some of its fruits are crushed. It's a great pity that the people who invent troubles do not patent them. In the temple of a great and good life almost all the bricks are small. Conscience never makes cowards of us until we turn our backs on it. Many a man goes back by being too anxious about putting up a good front. True religion deals with men as in the sight of God and with God as in the sight of men. There is only one way to happiness, and that is found by looking for chances to help other folk.—Chicago Tribune.

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