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Not daily average 2,162. GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK, Subscribed and sworn before me this 1st day of January, A. D. 1900.

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. The boarding members and ex-members of the school board should move to Montana and run for the legislature.

Where is the oldest inhabitant? Has he ever known a month of January in these parts with fogs and April mists?

It might be inferred that the banana peels were scattered thickly throughout South Africa from the frequency with which British generals fall down.

It may be too late this year to introduce the Ohio idea in non-partisan municipal elections, but it is a reform that will soon make its way across the continent.

A New York man proposes to pass a bill limiting inheritances to the sum of \$100,000,000. The great majority of men would certainly be satisfied with that amount.

Why can't the Commercial club take up the question of suburban electrical motor lines? That would do more to build up Omaha's local trade than any project in sight.

If the telephone wires had been crossed between the office of the surveyor of customs and the office of the new supervisor of census perhaps an interesting conversation might have been overheard.

Kentuckians are pressing the Texans closely on the record for effective use of the revolver. Fifteen out of a possible eighteen bulls-eyes made in the last exhibition shoot in Kentucky is a record hard to beat.

If the Venezuelan government is going to use the army for the purpose of securing a loan from the banks the latter should be provided with a navy to enforce collection according to approved modern methods.

A three million-dollar will contest is a windfall for the lawyers who are able to take a twist at the last testament, but there is such a thing as overdoing the work of legal fiction and manufactured testimony.

If we are to have an expansion of the investigating business it should not be confined to the city hall. There is a man's nest in the office of the former clerk of the district court which would yield a paying hole if the shaft were sunk right.

Several miles of worn-out wooden block paving ought to be replaced with substantial material the coming season. As the intersection paving fund is limited the property owners who come in first with their petitions will have the right way.

Jay Burrows was the father of the populist party in Nebraska and did all in his power to bring it up properly. It was one of the sorrows of the later years of his life that the offspring conducted itself so badly that the father was compelled to disown it.

The revised salary list adopted by the county board for the year 1900 promises no relief to the taxpayers. It would be interesting to compare this list with the county pay roll of 1890, when there was more work in every one of the county offices than there is at present.

Chicago has again demonstrated that it is too swift for St. Louis. While the Missourians were talking about an injunction to restrain the Chicagoans from turning the river in their canal into the Desplaines river the people on the lake broke the dam and turned it in.

The unpaid claims against the exposition are to be made the basis for a grand graft on the part of the lawyers who are trying to milk the cow. The bankruptcy of the exposition is deplorable, but it will be still more deplorable if lawyers are to appropriate all the proceeds of its assets.

PACIFIC CABLE PROJECTS.

There are three distinct propositions before congress for a Pacific cable. One of these provides for a cable to follow the route already surveyed by the navy engineer and to be laid by vessels and officers of the navy, in order to reduce the cost.

It is said that the first of these measures, introduced by Senator Hale, is most favored, the general feeling in congress being that a Pacific cable should be a government affair. This is also the view of Secretary of the Navy Long, who was before the committee on naval affairs Tuesday.

On the 6th day of March Omaha will elect a mayor, city treasurer, comptroller, clerk, tax commissioner and nine councilmen. In other words the impending municipal election involves the entire government of the city for the next three years and intimately affects the interests of the taxpayers and future growth and prosperity of Nebraska's metropolis.

It is quite probable that this plan will prevail, though it is not unlikely that there will be some controversy as to the route, there being advocates of a line from Alaska which they claim would cost less than by the proposed route surveyed by the navy and would have other advantages.

The arrival in New York of an agent of the Danish government, said to be charged with the sale to the United States of the West Indian possessions of Denmark, appears to confirm the reports of negotiations between the two governments looking to the transfer to this country of the three Danish islands for a consideration of several millions of dollars.

The supporters of the shipping subsidy bill, intended to promote the building up of a merchant marine for the foreign carrying trade, express confidence that it will become law at this session of congress. The senate committee on commerce and the house committee on merchant marine are giving hearings on the measure and these expressions of opinion have been for the most part favorable to the bill.

The school board seems favorable to a proposed change of the commencement exercises of the High school whereby the graduating class performers are to be supplanted by some prominent speaker invited to deliver an address upon an instructive educational topic. After doing away with the essays, orations and declamations a rare barring the exhibition of floral tributes will be in order.

The beauties of the iron fence which separates Omaha's two railway stations which face one another and force passengers to take the viaduct route to transfer a few rods from one to the other are impressing themselves upon travelers and tourists. A tunnel under the tracks should be provided without making the public wait for it as long as it had to wait for the passenger stations.

Just when the free silver wing of democracy is congratulating itself that its troubles in New York were at an end the gold democrats proceed to gain control of the congressional delegation of the party and oust one of Bryan's followers from the campaign committee. The troubles of the democracy are born with astonishing frequency and in most cases are twins.

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Should they decide to go it alone the affair would be as lonesome as eating a holiday dinner in a strange land.

One of the first lessons of the home patronage movement instituted by the Commercial club should be for home merchants and manufacturers to patronize the advertising columns of home newspapers that are always called on to battle without price or other reward for every public enterprise and every public improvement.

There may be a hundred men in Omaha qualified to select good men for municipal office—men who would administer the affairs of the city in the interest of the taxpayers. But how many are there who can insure the election of such men? A river never rises to a level higher than its source.

Senator Blackburn at a recent banquet spoke on "Kentucky and Its Relation to the National Democracy." A large and influential section of the party has filled a cross-bill to the position of present leaders for a consolidation of interests and has succeeded in making a pretty good showing.

All the World On. St. Louis Republic. When lovely woman stoops to folly she is generally unsuspected beforehand, but the whole world seems to have a tip on the impending fall of Lady Smith.

Warning to the Weak-Kneed. Washington Post. An Iowa democrat who was trying to mount the Chicago platform fell down and was run over by an automobile. This should be a warning to all those who feel disposed to weaken.

A Political Gold Mine. Philadelphia Press. Two United States senators are to be elected by the Nebraska legislature next year, and some politicians seem to think being a member of the Nebraska legislature will be just about as good as owning a gold mine.

Stretching the Limit. St. Louis Republic. If Barrett goes far enough back he can blame George Washington for the Philippine insurrection. It is certain that if Washington had not fought for American independence the United States would never have been assailed by the Filipinos.

Awful Tragedy of the Deep. Philadelphia Press. Few more terribly dramatic tragedies of the sea have ever been recorded than that of the steamer that went down in St. Mary's bay, Newfoundland, last week.

New Experience for British Officers. St. Louis Republic. The British officers are going through an experience for which their previous service, no matter how long and how constant, has not prepared them, and it is an experience as new to Roberts and Kitchener as it was to Buller and Methuen.

Sure Sign of Prosperity. Chicago Tribune. Newspapers in several Iowa towns chronicle a scarcity of dressmakers. The women are spending their money on dancing, receptions and sociables, while their husbands are giving them money with which to have clothes, but the scarcity of dressmakers is forcing many women to make their own gowns.

Logic of Some of the Queer People of This Queer World. Cleveland Plain Dealer. When the improvements in the Canadian canal approached completion and a miniature of the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company of America and Canada was assured there was rejoicing in Canada, as it was believed a large proportion of the export grain of the west and northwest would be diverted from New York to the Canadian ports to the St. Lawrence route.

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BRITON-BOER ARGUMENT.

English papers present the assertion that an army of 160,000 men in South Africa the military strength of England is well-nigh exhausted. But England proper is a small part of the empire in area and population, though exceeding the rest in wealth.

A list of guns in possession of the Boers has been published on what is said to be trustworthy authority. According to this account, the Boers have eight 7.5 cm. Krupp snipers, seven 7.5 cm. Creusot guns, eight or nine Maxim-Nordenfild field guns, twenty-four 3.7 cm. automatic Maxim guns, eight 12 cm. field howitzers—four from Krupp and four from Creusot—four 3.7 cm. Krupp mountain guns, four 15.5 cm. Creusot guns, and a number of other arms.

The Tugela river, where the hottest argument is supposed to be on at the present time, is a treacherous stream. Tugela, translated, means fear. It is a mountain stream and shows as lively a tendency to swell up as does the Ohio in early spring. It has been known to rise forty feet in a night and fall with like rapidity.

A British statistician, writing about the South African war, does not indulge in the usual cant about humanity and civilization being bootled by the raid upon the two Boer republics. He considers the venture as a cold-blooded commercial transaction, the benefits of which he measures by the standards of pounds, shillings and pence.

It sounds gruesome, writes Julian Rath from Orange river, "to liken the sending out of an army to the return of 'dust to dust,' and yet if the reader could see an army of a number of soldiers in khaki out on the veldt he would at once think of the simile. South Africa looks now as if it were the dust bin of creation. Its vegetation, animals and insects are nearly all of different shades of dust color.

Germany has twenty-three boats of over 17,000 tons capacity. Berlin, Germany, is to construct an underground railway costing \$2,000,000. The firm of Stahl & Straub, a Philadelphia concern that failed recently, showed liabilities of \$1,223,398 and assets of \$5,000,000.

Another Pacific Cable. Philadelphia Ledger. If the several trans-pacific cable projects should be pushed to completion we shall not lack means of communication with the far east, which may now more properly, perhaps, be called the far west.

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A BODY WITHOUT POWER.

Interstate Commerce Commission. Tests of Exits It Cannot Remedy. Chicago Record. The Interstate Commerce commission for several years has been asking congress to confer upon it the powers necessary to enable it to prevent discrimination and to exercise some real control over the railroad rate situation.

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TALE RECORDS MADE IN '99.

The aggregate bank clearings of the year were \$2,000,000,000, an increase of 37 per cent over the record of 1898. What a tremendous volume of business these figures represent!

We raised nearly 2,500,000 bushels of corn, of which the average price was 3 cents per bushel. The highest price we raised was 34 cents per bushel. We raised 34,000,000 bushels of wheat and 9,000,000 bushels of cotton.

All tonnage handling records were broken at Ashshabla, O., on April 27, on the Lake Shore railway, when an eastbound coal train of 1800 tons, carrying 2,000 tons, was hauled by one locomotive.

The moving of thirty-four miles of trains in one day over one division of the Pennsylvania railroad has never been broken. This was the Pittsburgh division and 1,800 cars were moved.

We sold and exported \$1,252,500 worth of our domestic products, and our total export and import trade for the first five months of 1899 exceeded that of 1898. In the total of our exports, manufactures appear to the value of \$275,000,000, an increase of \$85,000,000 over 1898.

Noting Serious. Detroit Free Press: "Are you curious or meddlesome?" "Not in the least, but when I come to analyze the matter I have to find out what is inside of it or die."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Don't you think Mrs. Plumber is too stout for a rainy day skirt?" "Well, it depends a good deal on the point of view."

Chicago Times-Herald: "Have you ever noticed any signs of insanity in him?" "No, he has the clearest mind I ever saw."

Brooklyn Life. Ch. I am weary, heart and hand, And warped and worn and strained, So tired of entertaining and Of being entertained!

So prostrate is my weighted soul With dainties, luncheons, teas, Or ever weary of my life, To get away from these.

And with what joy I'd walk about In hourly greeting, If no one came to ask me out Or ever weary of my life.

Oh, what delight to sit and gaze Over the wastes of snow, Quite sure no form would cross the space Either of friend or foe.

I'd ask of woman, man or child, For the dear old-fashioned ways, Just to be let alone.

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