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Subscribed and sworn before me this 1st day of February, A. D. 1900. M. H. HUNTING, Notary Public.

Great Britain might offer to mediate between the Kentucky warriors.

What a serious blow it would be to the Kentucky belligerents if whisky should be declared contraband of war.

The ground hog is due today, but it is a wise farmer who reaps his harvest without regard to the shadow of the ground hog.

In honoring requisitions for the return of persons charged with criminal offenses in other states Governor Poynter draws the line at divine healers.

It is only fair to state that the reported decrease in the revenue of the school board during the year 1899 had no reference to the income of certain individual members of the board.

Iowa proposes to get along hereafter with an election every two years instead of every year. This will have the effect of reducing the record of defeats on the political stick of Fred White.

So long as Attorney General Smyth carries those annual pastebards there is no danger that he will attempt to dismiss any of the do-nothing secretaries of the State Board of Transportation.

Legislators down in Kentucky must be a queer lot. When informed they could enter the state house if they had passes not one was able to produce. Catch a Nebraska legislator without a pocketful of passes.

One of the candidates elected on the fusion state ticket last fall has received an appointment as attorney for the Union Pacific. That ought to enable him to ride on a pass without being accused of accepting a bribe.

Senator Pettigrew is not adding to his prestige when he sets up the word of Aguinaldo against that of Admiral Dewey. It will require some one of better standing than Pettigrew to convince the American people that it is Admiral Dewey who has lied.

The necessity of an enlargement of the police force is not to be longer evaded. A city of the size and area of Omaha cannot have adequate protection from a mere handful of patrolmen, not enough in number to form a single platoon to head a street parade.

While The Hague peace treaty is under consideration in the senate the members of that body might individually subscribe to the terms of the document. There is danger unless some of the pending differences can be arbitrated a state of open hostilities may ensue.

When Mayor Harrison looks down the list of Bryan's traveling companions on his New England tour and strikes the name of Altgeld he cannot be expected to endorse the campaign of the Nebraska man. All the stings of ingratitude were not planted in Nebraska by any means.

Senator Clark of Montana is to take the stand in his own behalf in the senatorial investigation. While the committee has the opportunity to secure the opinion of an expert on the value of legislative votes it should improve it. Nevada quotables are no longer considered reliable.

In refusing to honor the requisition of the governor of Iowa for the person of Divine Healer James, Governor Poynter raises a very intricate question—whether the governor of one state has a right to interpret the duce of another state, even though it conflicts with his own conception of justice.

Those who have used the Monroe doctrine as a reason for opposing the administration in the Philippine matter are the very ones who are calling most loudly for the president to intervene in the South African war. The secret of both moves is not love for either the Filibusters or the Boers, but a set determination to antagonize the administration on every possible occasion.

ANARCHY IN KENTUCKY.

The situation in Kentucky is one of anarchy. For this state of affairs the Goebel democrats are primarily responsible, but the other side is not wholly blameless. At the election last November the republican candidate for governor received a plurality of the popular vote. This was so clearly shown on the face of the returns that the democratic election board, after a most careful canvass of the vote and hearing both sides to allegations of fraud, gave a certificate of election to William S. Taylor and he was duly sworn in and installed as governor.

The Goebellites had brought all possible influence and pressure to bear upon the election board to secure a decision in their favor and having failed it was thought for a time they would accept the situation. But they had no such intention. The Goebel law afforded them another chance to override the popular will. They could carry the contest to the legislature, with its democratic majority, and they proceeded to do so.

The first test of the Goebellite strength in that body showed that the conspirators were able to carry out their purpose of having Goebel declared governor and the success of the plot to overthrow the popular verdict became assured, so far as the legislature was concerned.

Thus a most exasperating and dangerous situation was created. The emergency called for decisive action on the part of those in authority to preserve peace and order, but in strict observance of the laws. If Governor Taylor believed it to be necessary, to prevent an outbreak of violence, to order the militia to Frankfort, he had an unquestionable right to do so.

When armed citizens were pouring into the capital of the state, with the manifest purpose of making trouble, it was for the governor to judge and determine what should be done to avert the danger. Had he continued the use of this military force to preserving the peace no reasonable fault could be found with his action, but there can be no excuse or justification for his employment of this force to prevent the assembling of the legislature.

Governor Taylor unquestionably committed a flagrant usurpation of authority in proclaiming the legislature adjourned and directing that it should reassemble elsewhere than at the state capital. He had no legal right to do this under the circumstances, and in using force to carry out this usurpation he committed the gravest possible offense against the law and against republican government.

As to the statement signed by members of the legislature declaring that Goebel and Beckham were elected governor and lieutenant governor, it will hardly be questioned that it is without legal force. The boards that heard the contests did not report to the legislature in session, as required by law, and the signatures to the statement were obtained when there was no session, so that in no respect were the legal requirements complied with.

Consequently the swearing in of Goebel and Beckham clothed them with no authority and the orders issued by the former are worthless, from a legal point of view.

What will be the outcome of the state of anarchy in Kentucky cannot be foreseen with certainty. It is a very grave and dangerous situation, in which the struggle between reason and passion appears to be in favor of the latter.

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Deposits in Nebraska state banks increased \$3,440,930.98 during the past year. As the state banks are almost exclusively located in the smaller cities and towns of the state the showing indicates the measure of the prosperity which has come to the farming communities during the year.

Reserve oil in Kentucky is worth more than it did a few weeks ago. But then, consumers are sure of getting a Standard article.

Smooth Politics. Kansas City Star. The disposition of the title to let the Kentuckians fight it out among themselves will not weaken the conviction that he is a mighty amorphous politician.

Exchange Them for Chips. Chicago Inter Ocean. The investigation into the Montana senatorial case reveals the fact that \$1,000 bills are by no means unfamiliar to the simple-minded people who inhabit the kop country adjacent to Helena and Butte.

Not Yet Invented. Detroit Free Press. No one cares to deprive Mr. Bryan of these moments of rapture and hopefulness. The role of holdover presidential candidate has enough of heaviness and depression; the quadrennial aspirant enjoys himself while he may.

Senators by Popular Vote. Philadelphia Times. The senate is rapidly becoming the rich man's club of the nation and when it is not engaged in the most intelligent and reliable work, it is engaged in the most unimportant and unproductive work.

A Magnificent Showing. The exports of manufactures in 1899 foot up to a grand total of \$389,000,000. This is a magnificent showing. It is an increase of 25 per cent over the exports of 1898. It is over \$100,000,000 a day. In fact, we are taking in as much for manufactures as we are paying out from day to day for federal taxation.

Dangers of the Spoils System. Harper's Weekly. Pinar and rice are said to be the national Filipino diet. They are easily cooked, and cooked anywhere—on the street corner, in the courtyard or the corner of a hall, on a charcoal stove or a bundle of sticks.

Wily Boer Spiders. British Fly Cheerily Walks into the Burglar's Parlor. New York Tribune. When One-Eyed Jake, the terror of the redskins, had to take a river with his hardy band of pioneers, he generally found a canoe or dugout which had apparently drifted to the bank just where he wanted it.

NOT DISCERNIBLE. Short-Lived Expressions of the Malcontents in Nebraska. J. Sterling Morton's conservative. Fifteen years ago in Nebraska there were a thousand pairs of moccasins worn by its inhabitants to one pair of boots.

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British government. But this flour could not possibly be contraband, because it is a neutral port. It is as if England had shipped flour to St. Thomas or San Domingo during the recent Spanish war. This insolent message is sent to the United States without a word of apology or regret.

The behavior of England to this country, for which she has pretended friendship, contrasts most singularly with her attitude toward Germany under similar conditions. She has not only refused to accept a cargo of American flour, shipped to a Portuguese port, is subjected to the vicissitudes of a prize court.

PERSONAL POINTERS. That opera bouffe claimant, Don Carlos, still appears to think the throne of Spain is worth fighting for.

The controversy between Count Boni Castellani and the renowned editor of Figaro is carried on by cable.

Inspector learns that ten internal revenue inspectors have found within its limits 2,071 more liquor saloons than the 2,435 city policemen have reported.

Representative Roberts of Massachusetts is playfully known among his friends in the house as "the other Roberts" to distinguish his name from that of the recent claimant from Utah.

Despite the continued absence of Aguinaldo and the diligent search that is being made for him, South African war news is now printed on the first page of the Manila Free-press and gets the biggest headlines.

The appointment of General Bernardo Reyes as minister of war of Mexico is generally taken to mean that he will be the successor at the end of the next few years.

NOTHING SERIOUS. Indianapolis Press: Wattle—I notice that as I grow older I don't see so much fun in jokes.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. Chicago News: The meager the man the more unwilling he is to assume a small obligation.

SOME LATE INVENTIONS. Doors can be rightly held in any position by a new clamp having a spring-controlled piston, the upper end of which is attached to the door frame.

SEIZURE OF AMERICAN FLOUR. Great Britain's Treatment of the United States and Germany. Baltimore American. Many weeks have passed since the unwarranted seizure of American merchandise on the high seas by British cruisers.

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Senator Allen's long distance record for talking proves mighty handy in his present business. Senators know all about it and wisely refrain from doubting it or provoking a repetition. A few days ago, according to the Washington Post, Senator Allen believed that his resolution calling upon Secretary Gage for copies of the correspondence between him and President Hepburn of the National City Bank of New York would be opposed. He was primed to meet all comers.

The cruelest blow of all has fallen upon the horse. Man's favorite steed of other days was slowly regaining his former place in public esteem, and watching with equine emotion the waning popularity of the bicycle, when the automobile appeared on the track and sorely jarred the monarch of the turf.

The automobile took after the runaway, and after a pretty race as was ever seen on the lake shore animal power succumbed to electrical power. The automobile, a spectacle calculated to provoke a riot in the horse family, resented the intrusion of the motor vehicle and fled from the harrowing spectacle. He cut a hole as he was funnelled through the forest, developed the boulevard, and touched a two-minute gait for a mile or two.

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