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CHARLES E. ROSEWATER, General Manager, subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24 day of December, 1907. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN: Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Just now the Christmas bundle is the white man's burden. The lawyer will appreciate a new suit as a Christmas present.

The Christmas cigar is just the campaign cigar parading in a new box? The need of an elastic currency will become positively pressing right after January 1.

Attorney Connell has again established the fact that his legal acumen is of higher order. Thomas W. Lawson has been elected president of a Boston gas company.

There are no surface indications that Santa Claus suffered any severe losses during the recent near-panic. In the republican camp the contest appears to be between the logical candidate and a field of favorite sons.

While bear meat has been served at the White House, lamb is still the choice item on the bill of fare for Wall street. Only 15,445 jackasses are being taxed in this state.

The United States looks upon the cruise of the battleships as a perfectly harmless affair. It will be wise for other nations to view it that way.

If Governor Hoggett of Alaska is seriously hunting for a lid lawyer, the Omaha Retail Liquor Dealers' association can give him the address of several.

The express companies have won a single point in their litigation with the state, but not one that seriously involves the main issue, which will be tested later.

Governor Hughes, it is asserted, will have no difficulty in securing the support of the New York delegation in the republican convention, leaving Mr. Cortelyou as a near-favorite.

Congress will adjourn tomorrow until January 6. Remember the important measures that were demanding "immediate consideration" when congress met on December 2?

Prof. Fatten of Pennsylvania says the vest should be compelled to keep its money away from New York. The west is not going to have to work very hard to follow the professor's advice.

Mr. Hearst's newspapers are now clamoring for the construction of more battleships to "make the republic equal and unafraid among nations."

"America is ruled by five plutocrats" says Bourke Cockran, and he proceeds to name them as "Rockefeller, Harriman, Morgan, Hill and Armour."

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The license board is going to the bottom with a vengeance, apparently determined that no matter what else happens, no occasion for complaint that the board did not sufficiently investigate the qualifications of applicants can be made.

The New York Commercial reports that "many western merchants are in New York ready to offer spot cash for

CHILE'S ELASTIC CURRENCY.

One of the most prosperous of the South American countries is furnishing an illustration of the dangers that may follow attempts to inject the element of elasticity into a rather rigid currency system. Practically on a gold basis, Chile has had a better financial rating in the money centers of the world than any other country in South America.

Details of the situation in Chile are not at hand, but it is known that the government, in face of the protests of leading bankers, yielded to public clamor and issued a large volume of unsupported treasury notes. The effect was immediate and disastrous.

While Americans generally are not particularly interested in Chilean affairs, the lesson of that country's financial distress may find local application. It simply demonstrates that however much elasticity may be desired in a currency system, it cannot be secured except upon the most substantial basis.

THE UPPER BERTH'S VICTORY. The hated upper berth of the sleeping car has found a champion in the supreme court of Wisconsin, which holds that it is unconstitutional, illegal, contrary to public policy and against the good will and peace of the community.

One Ray Nye, a member of the Wisconsin legislature, bought a lower berth for a ride from Superior to Madison one hot July night. The upper berth had no tenant or claimant, and he asked that the empty berth be closed so that more air might be allowed to reach the lower one.

THE RETURN OF THE FLEET. Eastern newspapers and naval experts have hardly waited for the battleships to get out of sight on their way to the Pacific before entering upon a discussion as to the length of time the vessels will be allowed to stay in the Pacific, and whether they shall return over the route taken on their way to San Francisco or come back through the Suez canal.

It may be accepted as certain, we feel confident, that the present cruise of the fleet is but part of the consummation of the program discussed for years to make the United States the dominant force in affairs of the peaceful Pacific. The lesson of world and commercial history of the last ten years makes the maintenance of an American squadron in the Pacific a logical necessity.

It is becoming more and more apparent that the Pacific is to be the scene of the world's greatest shipping development and activity in the future. With this change of front has come a change in America's relations to the world. Trouble is no longer probable, or hardly possible, on the Atlantic. It is not prospective on the Pacific, but it must come from that direction, if at all.

A YEAR OF READJUSTMENT. Whatever else may be said of the year 1907 as entitling it to importance in American history, it will stand out pre-eminent as a year of readjustment. During the twelve months now nearly ended business affairs of the United States have largely been put on an entirely new basis.

THE PROSPERITY OF THE RAILROADS. Though the orders placed by the trunk line railways for steel rails for the next year do not attain the size of those for the current year they are larger than was expected up to a month ago. With orders for 2,300,000 tons in sight the rail mills will have no reason to curtail pay-rolls.

STRESS OF STORM ON THE SEA. The stories of last week's crossing of the north Atlantic by the liner seem to dispose of the belief that the great turbines of the Cunard company, by reason of their unprecedented size, could ride steadily through the gales and furious seas of a December storm.

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The showing made by the managers of the several state charities for the first six months under the new appropriation is very encouraging. Each institution has been kept well within the limit, proving that economy and efficiency can easily be united where the determination to do so is sufficiently strong.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK. Hipples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Announcement was made at a late meeting of the Board of Education that New York City is 704 school teachers short of present needs.

Overcrowding the Canneries. If a fair proportion of the 1,255,500 immigrants could have been debarred in Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas, instead of in the slums of the eastern coast cities, it would have simplified the situation.

Put Up the Money. Possibly some of the women-to-whom their Christmas shopping early-are in a frame of mind by this time to suggest, in the way of retribution, that a little pressure might be brought to induce father to come down with the cash early.

Prosperity of the Railroads. Philadelphia Record. Though the orders placed by the trunk line railways for steel rails for the next year do not attain the size of those for the current year they are larger than was expected up to a month ago.

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GREAT PUBLIC WORKS. Progress of the Reclamation of Arid Lands. A work of present and future importance in the whole nation, which is converting one-half of the total area of the United States from an arid or semi-arid state to a well-watered richness, should give Mr. Roosevelt's name an enduring place in history.

Public Opinion as a Cleanser of Graft in Government. Pittsburgh Dispatch. District Attorney Langdon of San Francisco, whose success in cleaning out the corrupt city governments there has made him famous, says in a newspaper interview, with a decided tinge of optimism, "You can clean any city of grafters if you go about it in the right way."

When there are too few tenants to go around it is not unusual for landlords of downtown office buildings to steal them away from other buildings by holding out various and substantial inducements, capped by the offer to take over unexpired leases.

PERSONAL NOTES. The Santa Claus letters will now get there, but it is doubtful whether all the orders will be filled. Tammany has about concluded that since the past business is no more, Denver is a long way from the Bowery.

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To You! Mrs. Christmas Piano Buyer: Why Don't You Accept Our Liberal Cash Offer? DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY. IT IS SOMETHING FOR NOTHING! Remember every dollar you pay as first payment counts double, and it is absolutely your gain.