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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, 1908.

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

Chile has demonstrated, by its reception of the American battleships, that there is nothing in a name.

It might help some of the Kentucky feudists, instead of killing each other, would unite against the night riders.

It should encourage republicans to learn that the party is large enough in Florida to be divided into factions.

The English have paid \$100,000 for the ransom of Sir Harry MacLean. His photographs contain no hint that he is worth it.

One of the new submarine boats has been named "The Viper." The next two should be named "Malefactor" and "Undesirable Citizen."

If the "Jims" and the "Jacks" have done nothing else, they have certainly added a bit of interest to what would have been a very dull period of the year.

The Kansas populists admit that they do not expect to carry that state this year. The Kansas populist has gained wisdom as he has lost whiskers.

The fire losses in January reached the record-breaking mark of \$30,000,000. It is idle to talk about panics when we have that much money to burn.

Fleider Jones has signed with the Chicago team and Ty Cobb has about come to terms with the Detroit management, so who cares when the tariff is revised.

Another change has been made in the management of the government printing office. The president is giving a number of them a chance at the pie counter.

It may come yet to that pass where individual morality will be the test in business as well. A double code of ethics or morals is not likely to lead to permanent success.

Notwithstanding the apparent republican interest aroused in Florida, there is slight prospect that the state will cast its electoral vote for the republican candidate.

It is asserted that Chauncey Depew will not make any speech at the Chicago convention. It will hardly seem like a republican convention without a verbal cloudburst by Depew.

Speaker Cannon says that Seno E. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, knows all there is to be known on the tariff question. It is evident that the speaker has been talking unreservedly to Mr. Payne.

With Nebraska republicans arranging for expressions of presidential preference at the primaries and Nebraska democrats dodging them, the war cry of the double-end, "Give the voters a chance," loses much of its potency.

Somebody in Wisconsin has subscribed \$1,000 to the La Pollette campaign fund. Smaller contributions are said to be coming in to an encouraging extent and there seems to be at least local enthusiasm behind the movement—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

That may also explain some of the "local enthusiasm" behind the La Pollette movement in Nebraska.

GUARANTEEING BANK DEPOSITS.

The Oklahoma law providing for a levy upon state and private banks to create a fund for the guaranty of depositors against loss through bank failures seems to have outrun the popularity which greeted its promulgation.

When all is said and done, Morse did no more than other manipulators of inflated stock companies have done. He started on a false basis, used false means to accomplish a false end and failed.

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT. The democratic fracas, which now seems billed for good in Douglas county unless one side or the other gets cold feet and backs down, should disclose who's who and what's what in Douglas county democracy.

It goes without saying that the Dahlmans, headed by the redoubtable Mayor "Jim," have the whip hand so far. Mayor "Jim" is the only democratic candidate for mayor able to win out in this city in sixteen years and he is no slouch in the game of politics.

On the other side, the Jacksonians have an ancient and honorable, though mold-encrusted lineage to defend. Mayor "Jim" calls them "high-collared renegades," which means that they are regular patrons of the laundries and which sends them below par with the common herd.

AIMED AT THE BILLBOARD. By a vote of 34 to 7, the city council of Milwaukee has passed an ordinance providing most drastic regulations for the construction and maintenance of billboards in that city.

Another Dash to the Pole. The starting gun for Captain Peary's next dash for the pole is advertised to go off on July 1, next. It is to be a two-year dash, as usual; one year to get started and one year to dash.

Room for Indefinite Extension of the Proposed System. If the government is to guarantee a bank's deposits against the bank's debtors; in other words, guarantee loans as well as deposits.

Then the farmer must be safeguarded. Why not guarantee his crops? Surely something should be done for the women. Should not there be a compulsory insurance backed by the government's guarantee?

There ought to be no "privileged" classes in this guaranteeing business; no invidious distinction as to whether a man is a democrat or a republican.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. The quarterly bulletin of the New York Department of Labor shows that 2,827 members of 92 representative labor organizations of New York City, were idle at the end of December.

Charles W. Morse, who once was proclaimed the ice king, marine king and real estate king, isn't king of anything any more. Today, says a New York Times letter, he is a fugitive from public opinion.

George Ade is going to the republican national convention as a Fairbanks delegate. It is now up to other aspirants now to get places on their delegations for Clyde Fitch, George M. Cohan and Lew Dockstader.

According to Kentucky dispatches, no complaint has yet been made against young Hargis, who shot his father, the king of the feudists. No reason for complaint exists. Everybody seems to be satisfied.

Douglas county democrats are doing the factional fighting this time, while Douglas county republicans are sailing along smoothly altogether. The political spy-glass men at Lincoln will please take note.

A bill has been introduced in the Kentucky legislature forbidding betting on horse races. That state is gradually moving to the point where it will pass a law against murder.

Hughes' Handicap. Chicago Record-Herald. Governor Hughes of New York has Welsh, Irish, Scotch, English and Dutch blood in his veins. How does he propose to get the German vote?

An Attractive Opening. It ought not to bother the so-called reactionary democrats if Bryan is called of the nomination; they can vote against him in the election as they have done before.

The Secret is Out. Cleveland Plain Dealer. Somebody asserts that the late panic was started by the gossip of two women. This should be a great relief to those persons who have had an idea that the cause of the trouble was either Wall street or Roosevelt.

Hoffstedt Retribution. Baltimore American. The former ice king of New York is said to be a fugitive. His vast fortune is believed to be practically wiped out.

Thurlow Weed Barnes was awarded \$381,666 by a jury in the New York supreme court last week. This is the largest verdict ever rendered in the supreme court in a product liability case.

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