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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1907. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

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

Colonel Colt has exhibited some horse sense by withdrawing from the senatorial race in Rhode Island.

Senator Dick of Ohio says he has nothing to say. Senator Dick's refusal to talk always evokes an encore.

King Edward has expressed a desire to meet Mark Twain. He probably wants Twain to explain some of his jokes.

In the meantime, all the big world dailies have assigned their war correspondents to report the peace conference at The Hague.

The republican elephant will view with alarm the report that Secretary Taft is going to make no further effort to reduce his weight.

The German ship trust sneers at the charge of conspiracy, says a cable item. A well regulated trust knows how to sneer in all languages.

Mayor Schmits of San Francisco says he has an incurable disease. A long period of quarantine at San Quentin might help him.

Some people are calling Governor Hughes of New York a czar, but he does not seem able to get the legislative duma at Albany off his hands.

This occasional talk about the Foraker presidential boom does not worry the Ohio senator a little bit. He knows that he can prove an alibi.

The duke of Manchester declares he has no use for American railroad work. The average duke has no use for railroad work or any other kind of work.

The city health department is about to start another weed-cutting campaign. The weeds that serve to hide unsightly billboards should be spared by special dispensation.

Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin says his election to the United States senate cost him \$3,856.71. The initiation fee to the Millionaires' club is not as heavy as it used to be.

Baron Mumm von Schwartzstein, who is to succeed Baron Speck von Sternberg as German ambassador at Washington, is said to be one of the most tactful men in official life. Extra dry, eh?

Dr. Miller has been re-locating Fort Kearny, which he located originally fifty years ago. This ought to give momentum to the prospective movement to have Fort Kearny preserved as a national military park.

The county board has completed its work as a board of equalization, but there may be a postscript to the program if Lincoln repeats its last year's performance as a kicker before the State Board of Equalization.

The three months' trial of the 2-cent fare law expires sooner in Nebraska than it will in Missouri because an earlier start was made here. That may explain why the railroads want to be in position to get the Nebraska law into the federal court first.

Mrs. Slocum, wife of the colonel of the Thirteenth cavalry, declares the Japanese are waiting only for a favorable opportunity to throw 60,000 soldiers into the Philippines and take possession of the islands. Well informed administration officials fear that Mrs. Slocum is mistaken.

MAKING A START.

The action of the county board in ordering tentative plans drawn for a new court house at least makes a start toward the erection of a modern county building in the event the people of Douglas county give the necessary authority by their votes at next fall's election.

While some diversity of opinion exists as to just what should be done to solve the court house problem, we believe the great majority of the taxpayers favor a substantial fireproof building at once serviceable for its purposes and architecturally imposing and creditable to the city, and favor its erection on the present court house square.

All great building enterprises of this nature necessarily move slowly and it is therefore none too early to make a start. The architect will doubtless require all the time at his disposal to present the drawings and make the estimates so they may be carefully examined and closely studied by every taxpayer and voter before election day.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY'S POSITION.

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There is no question whatever that the framers of the rate law of 1906 intended to include sleeping car companies in its provisions, the first section of the bill providing that "the term 'common carrier' as used in this act shall include express companies and sleeping car companies."

It has been the universal custom in this state for the sheriff to make contracts for the care of all prisoners confined in his jail aside from those of his own county and to collect for the same—Deputy County Attorney Magney.

The thread makers have given a forceful example of the profits that follow saving the pennies. A spool of thread costs so little, or did until the Thread trust got ready, that it hardly figured in the domestic expense accounts, yet the recent advancing of the price of thread by 20 per cent and adding 1 cent to the cost of each spool, has served to call attention to the enormous tax this extortion of the trust has placed on the consumers of this commodity.

The state school fund holds practically all the bonds issued by Douglas county and as a consequence is about to receive more than \$20,000 due as interest on the county's outstanding obligations. Inasmuch as the income from the school fund is redistributed among Nebraska school districts in proportion to the number of children of school age, the transaction is a profitable one for all concerned.

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thread has been advanced on account of the increase in the cost of all cotton and material entering into the manufacture of thread, and also on account of the exclusion of child labor from the thread mills.

Statistics indicate that while there has been an increase in the cost of cotton and materials used in thread making, the advance has been slight, furnishing no warrant whatever for the increase of twenty per cent in the cost to the consumer of the finished product.

DES MOINES MUNICIPAL PLAN. Under the permissive law, passed by the last Iowa legislature, Des Moines has voted to be the first northern city to adopt what is generally known as the Galveston plan of city government.

The telegraph companies seem a little slow in acceding to the demands of the operators, especially as they have already made arrangements to collect the amount from the public.

Brooklyn Eagle. "I never answer newspaper criticisms," says Secretary Wilson in the opinion book hearing. He must have Irish blood in his veins. Newspaper criticisms are precisely what he has been compelled to answer in the testimony above alluded to.

For Future Reference. Chicago Record-Herald. Dividends amounting to \$24,000,000 are to be distributed among the stockholders of the Adams Express company. We may assume that these stockholders are unalterably opposed to the proposition to have the government establish a parcels post.

Philadelphian Record. The state of Illinois in the opinion book refuse to their true interest to surrender to the federal government their best sources of revenue in taxation of incomes and inheritances. Seekers of popular favor will do well to govern themselves accordingly.

Present Policy One of the Glories of the Administration. Chicago Inter-Ocean. Congressman Mondell of Wyoming, at the opening of his land convention in Denver, spoke strongly against the president's public land policy.

ONLY WORKED THE OTHER WAY. Nebraska Sits Favorite Weapon of the Railroads. Pittsburg Dispatch. The application of the attorney-general of Nebraska for injunctions to restrain four leading railroads from disregarding the two-cent fare, anti-pass and commodity rate legislation of that state is termed by a contemporary "a new form" of government by injunction.

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dislike of the direct primary law and of direct primaries generally. The last democratic state platform declared expressly for direct nominations, but the democratic state chairman was never in harmony with the democratic state platform.

Prince William of Sweden says, that while he has been educated thoroughly in English, he cannot understand the American newspaper accounts of the base ball games. All of which proves that the prince is mistaken when he says he has been educated in English thoroughly.

Delegates to the peace conference at The Hague will be interested in reading the specifications for the two battleships of the United States, which are to be larger and deadlier than the British Dreadnaught.

As Old-Fashioned Campaign. Leslie's Weekly (rep.). The abounding property which the country has had for several years thus stands a chance to be interrupted in 1907, and if the interruption should come it might have an influence in politics.

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There Are Others. Harper's Weekly (Ind.). The one professing democrat who has never been overlooked by his party is Mr. Bryan, and it is natural enough that to a very considerable army of democratic voters it should seem that he is the only democrat for presidential dimensions that exists.

Give the Poor a Show. Baltimore Sun. If you are asked, "How would you like to be the leeman?" keep cool. Remember, this is the leeman's first real opportunity to figure prominently in the scene. It was one of his friends who asked the question.

ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE

Dominant Power of the West in Both Parties. Washington Herald (Ind.). It is a noteworthy symptom of the current political drift that the strongest sentiment for the re-nomination of President Roosevelt may be found in the middle-west—that great region which has wrested from the east and south dominion of the destinies of the republic.

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