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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 24 day of January, 1906. (Seal) J. P. 9211, Notary Public.

If Chief Redell has to go the business men of Omaha will want to know the reason why.

If China can float a loan of 100,000,000 francs the United States ought to be able to borrow all the money it needs.

A decision of the State Board of Transportation in the Omaha union depot case ought to be handed down this week.

Ex-President Harrison should have included in his engagement announcement a statement to the effect that leap year had nothing to do with it.

Well, there is no particular reason why an ex-president should not remarry if he is so inclined and the party of the second part is perfectly willing.

Glance over the list of bills introduced into the Iowa legislature and you will imagine you are reading the old calendar of the late Nebraska legislative session.

The populists are the most hopeful people on earth. Their national executive committee entertains no doubt that the populists will carry nine states for their presidential ticket.

The people who say war is a good thing because it helps business are the same people who welcome a halfstomper because it gives the glazers plenty of work to do mending broken window panes.

The taxpayers who have undertaken to give advice as to where and how the tax rate can be reduced must not forget that under the law the tax levy must be made at the first regular council meeting in February.

The fact that the Nebraska supreme court, working with the assistance of the supreme court commission, is still nearly two years behind on the regular docket is the all-powerful argument in favor of the proposed constitutional amendment increasing the number of supreme court judges.

According to the official combine organ, the greater part of the force in the city engineer's office has been laid off for economy because there is nothing for the city engineer's employes to do. We suppose the \$2,000 assistant city engineer has been hired also for economy to assist the city engineer in doing nothing.

Senator Vest insists that he is a good democrat in spite of the fact that he is a rampant free silver advocate. Suppose the democratic convention should come out squarely against free silver, would Senator Vest still remain a democrat and go back on free silver, or would he go back on the democratic party and stay by his convictions?

It will now be seen whether the successor to General Campos will be able to cope more successfully with the Cuban revolutionists. If his efforts do not bring better results for the Spanish government the censure that has been bestowed upon General Campos will be lightened by just so much.

The Cubans, too, will have an opportunity to show whether or not they can meet all opponents with the same fortitude.

Recent public officials are never at a loss for an excuse for appropriating public funds and the blind party organs will adopt any sort of an excuse for attempting to cover up all such transactions.

Yes, but how much worse is it when a purchasable organ seeks publicly to apologize for and defend a derelict public officer of an opposite party faith? This is what the alleged democratic World-Herald has been doing in endeavoring to palliate and cover up the crimes chargeable to the late embazzling republican city treasurer of Omaha and his associates.

Prof. James Bryce, the eminent English statesman and publicist, who has just returned from a visit to South Africa, is quoted as saying that the gold production of the Transvaal mines promises to be so large as to ultimately require a change in the ratio between the yellow and white metals.

A PAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION.

It is to be hoped the announcement is well founded that a permanent commission, to be composed of ministers to the United States from the Central and South American republics, will soon be created, with the object of bringing about closer political and commercial relations with this country.

It is understood to be a principal object of this movement to bring about some sort of reciprocity treaties between the United States and the other American republics and also to establish an arbitration board for the settlement of minor differences which may arise and to maintain the peace of the various republics.

As to the southern republics, it would seem that no argument or persuasion is necessary to convince them of the expediency, if not the necessity, of establishing closer political and commercial relations with the United States.

The senate foreign relations committee will inquire whether the West Indian islands belonging to Denmark—St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John—can be purchased by the United States.

The events of the next thirty days in Cuba are likely to be of very great interest. The acting captain general has announced that he will try no experiments, political or military.

It is urged that the acquisition by this country of one or all of these islands, especially St. Thomas, which has one of the finest harbors in the world, would be of great importance to this country in providing it with a needed naval station in the West Indies.

The property owners of Omaha must organize for their self-protection unless they are willing to submit to the continued imposition of almost unbearable burdens. The movement begun by Mr. Herman Kuntz and other heavy taxpayers may result in a spasmodic re-employment and economy, but affords no protection against a renewal of the raids by which the treasury has been looted for the benefit of taxpayers.

There is no question that the islands which Secretary Seward endeavored to secure would give the United States a valuable naval station. It is said that the harbor of St. Thomas would be easily defended. It is thought that Denmark would probably dispose of these possessions for a consideration of \$10,000,000, which would not, perhaps, be an extravagant sum if the United States were going into the business of buying naval stations.

The only way to check such lawlessness is by legal proceedings instituted in the name of some taxpayer or taxpayers. No individual taxpayer feels called upon to shoulder the expense and responsibility of a suit in which he is no more interested than thousands of others. It takes lawyers to prosecute lawsuits and competent lawyers are not practicing in the courts for their health.

into a policy, developing a national appetite for territorial aggrandizement that might in time become very embarrassing and troublesome, both in its bearing upon our domestic peace and our international relations.

What effect the retirement of General Campos from the command of the Spanish forces in Cuba and the appointment as his successor of a soldier who, it seems, is celebrated for making war as bloody and relentless as possible will have upon the cause of the insurgents time will disclose, but it appears probable that they will be given a stronger taste of war than they have yet had.

It seems to be the plan of the projectors of the motor line between South Omaha and Fort Crook via the Thirtieth street boulevard to extend the line to Bellevue and Papillion. Should this be done the feasibility of county tramways could soon be demonstrated to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Another attempt is to be made in the present congress to reduce the expenses of conducting the federal courts by readjusting or abolishing the fee system. This abuse, if such it may be called, is not confined to any particular part of the country, but seems to have been the general practice.

Some of the eminent lawyers in congress express hopes that with the inevitable changes in the personnel of the supreme court in the near future the income tax law will be revived and its constitutionality affirmed on another appeal to the court.

Police Commissioner Palmer was one of the men who berated the old police commission before the late legislature for not making active war upon the gamblers and for tolerating the social evil. Since the advent of the Churchill-Russell commission gambling has become more and more obtrusive and the inmates of the social evil district have been encouraged by the remission of fines and the cessation of arrests.

The proposition to spend \$2,000 in grading an outlying street west of the park is at this time most ill-advised. Waiving the right of the council to take money from the street repair or road funds for such purpose, the necessity for the improvement must indeed be very great if interested property owners demand the work to be done in mid-winter.

St. Louis papers are criticizing the vote cast by Tobias Castor, the democratic national committeeman from Nebraska, in favor of locating the democratic national convention at Chicago just as if it were cast by Secretary of Agriculture Morton.

It goes without saying that prisoners in the county jail have no right to receive visitors. When the latter are admitted it has always been with the discretion of the law officers charged with the responsibility of the safe keeping of prisoners.

Admitting a lot of counselmen are tarred with the same stick, the thing is to turn in and knock the tar out of them.

One hundred and seventy-six Armenian towns have been looted out and still the European powers insist on calling their fleets engaged in spying each other a concert.

Provisions are being in Havana to enormous prices. As the Spanish exchange is a bad condition it may be that the Spanish army will be obliged to evacuate on account of the expense of living.

Senator Lodge's plan for raising \$100,000,000 by a coin loan to provide for coast defense work may not be the best plan for accomplishing that object, but there can be no question that it is an important one, or that it will cost quite as much as the amount provided in the bill.

United States, inflicting enormous injury and ruining almost a whole generation of vessels. This country is poorly enough provided in the matter of defensive armament, but its defensive equipment, aside from New York and San Francisco, is almost wholly wanting.

It is not unlikely that when the angel with one foot on the sea and the other on dry land starts to proclaim that time shall be no more he will find Morgan somewhere on the shore discussing finance and refusing to be interrupted.

The governor of the new state of Utah is a Mormon, and the legislature are Mormons. The constitution prohibits polygamy and the establishment of a state church.

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Madness is epidemic in Chicago. The female student of the famous pianist gave vent to their feelings with such expressions as these: "O, look at that girl! How I would like to kiss her!" "Look at his beautiful hair, like spun-gold. I shall write him and beg for a lock."

IN THE GUBERNATORIAL FIELD.

Crete Viletta (rep.): Major's boom has done good business.

Gandy Pioneer (rep.): Congressman Meiklejohn has announced that he is a candidate for governor of Nebraska.

Well, Hardly, Milwaukee Sentinel. The governor of the new state of Utah is a Mormon, and the legislature are Mormons.

Thus far in 1906 the net gold exportation has been about \$1,000,000. The net gain in the corresponding time in 1895 was \$6,500,000, and in 1892 \$2,000,000.

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THE TRANSMISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION.

Friend Telegraph: Omaha is making a strike for an exposition in 1908. Nebraska can put up a show that will astonish those who attend and do more toward advertising the great northwest than any other thing.

Columbus Argus: The Transmississippi exposition to be held in Omaha in 1908 is worthy of the unqualified support and encouragement of every county and every individual in the state.

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