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GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK, sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 21st day of December, 1898. N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

The lumbermen's black cat is howling in St. Louis' back yard and it is howling in more different languages than St. Louis ever heard before.

The question of sinking funds naturally demands public attention when the figures representing overdrafts and deficiencies take the form of rising funds.

It is asserted 20,000 Omaha people are carrying swine virus around with them in various parts of their anatomies. No wonder the physicians are registering no complaints.

To use his own language, Judge Skipton seems determined to make the Skipton habeas corpus case go down into history along with the other celebrated trials for legislative contempt.

There is a mine of rich material in the batch of bills introduced into the legislature, but it cannot well be prospected until the senatorial situation has gone through the refining process.

The vote in the senate on the measure to amend the ballot law indicates that some fusionists are unwilling to adopt any reform ballot measure which does not give them the advantage.

After a careful analysis, Hon. John Vanamaker expresses himself decidedly of the opinion that the Quay senatorial boom has been so successfully embalmated that there is green mold on it.

We have yet passed no laws for the government of Hawaii, which is suggestive that it might be a good thing to pause long enough in our search after islands to set up in business those already acquired.

One of the speakers at the cattlemen's convention spoke of the untiring of the beef producers in a trust for mutual protection which would differ from all other trusts in that there was to be no water in the stock.

Visiting Nebraska editors are invited to follow their usual custom of making themselves thoroughly at home, even if it is necessary to draw the entire remaining supply of keys to the city stacked up in Mayor Moore's office.

While preparing to send delegates to the czar's disarmament conference, France has defeated a resolution to place its army on a defensive basis. Perhaps this is the French etiquette for a polite vote of lack of confidence.

From the manner in which the Venezuelan arbitration commissioners are being wined and dined it is evident the people over on the other side understand the fact that a man is in his most receptive mood when his digestive apparatus is working steadily.

Holdup measures are beginning to put in an appearance in the legislature. There is a determination on the part of a majority to watch such measures and squelch them in their incipency and if this gang could be sent home poorer than it came it would be not only a credit to the present legislature but a great help to future ones.

Councilman Stuh's resolution for a complete list of the employees of all the city departments and the salaries paid them is in order. It would be equally in order to have the list printed among the city's official advertising for the information of the taxpaying public, which should be just as much interested as the members of the council.

The present year bids fair to go down in history as the banner ship building era of this country. There are now in course of construction at the various ship yards in the United States sixty-five war vessels and 204 merchantmen, yachts and transports, while it is reasonably certain that work will be begun on forty-six more before the close of the twelve months.

THE COMMERCIAL ASPECT.

The president of the National Association of Manufacturers, in his annual report, considers the commercial aspect of territorial expansion, of which he speaks with a moderation which indicates that he is not among those who believe that our commerce would be amazingly increased by possessing territory in the far east.

But what good reason is there for this idea that we can develop a great trade with the Philippines? The expansionists urge that when we shall have civilized the natives they will wear more and better clothing, eat more and live better generally.

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The proposed legislation will bring about an adjustment of a long-standing controversy between the line and staff officers and settle questions that have been a source of no little ill feeling between these branches of the service.

The railroads have intimated they will have new viaduct plans ready for submission by the end of the month. There appears to be no good reason why they cannot be drawn in such a way as to be acceptable and not necessitate still further delay.

South Carolina proposes to suppress lynching and as a means to that end a bill is now before the legislature providing that no officer of the state shall hereafter assume the duties of the office to which he has been elected without first taking an oath that he has not engaged in a lynching since the first of January, 1899.

In case some of the dissatisfied Cubans take to the hills and adopt brigandage as a profession the United States will be prepared to give the people of that island another illustration of the difference between American and Spanish methods.

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Congressman Clark of Iowa has introduced a resolution providing that no one who practices polygamy shall become a member of either house and that no person guilty of that offense shall be allowed to take his seat.

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It is an everyday occurrence now to overhear talk of stocks on the street cars and in the theaters and other places of common resort. Evidence of the overflow of the gambling mania are found also in newspapers.

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We have heard a great deal about destiny with a big D of late, and yet there are many to whose minds the word does not convey a definite idea.

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FEEDING THE WORLD.

How American Farms Promote the Happiness of Mankind.

It required no table of statistics from the Treasury department to prove that the year 1898 was "the farmers' year."

But the extent to which American farms have furnished food for the world can only be adequately appreciated by reference to the comprehensive tables compiled by the statistical experts of the treasury.

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ECHOES OF THE WAR.

Origin of the "Breakfast Hat" in the Battle of Manila Bay.

Joseph L. Stickney, the correspondent, who was on the Olympia during the battle of Manila Bay from the bridge of the flagship, explains in Harper's Magazine the true meaning of the "hat for breakfast" and why that pleasant fiction was put in circulation.

"When we hauled off from the fighting line at 7:36 o'clock," says the correspondent, "the situation had become apparently serious for Commodore Dewey. We had been fighting a determined and courageous enemy for more than two hours without having noticeably diminished the volume of his fire.

"On the other hand, our condition was greatly altered for the worse. These rounds, which were fired from the Olympia only eighty-five rounds of 5-inch ammunition, and though the stock of 8-inch charges was not proportionately depleted, it was not enough to make the continuance of the battle for another two hours impossible.

When it is remembered that Commodore Dewey was more than 7,000 miles from a home port and that under the most favorable conditions a supply of ammunition could not be obtained in less than a month, the outlook was far from bright.

The commodore knew that the Spaniards had just received an ample supply of ammunition in the transport Mindanao, so that there was no hope of exhausting their fighting power by an action lasting so long.

"I do not exaggerate in the least when I say that we hauled off into the bay, the gloom on the bridge of the Olympia was thicker than a London fog in November.

For two weeks transactions on the New York Stock exchange have averaged about 1,000,000 shares a day and this at a fair estimate means that a daily stake of something like \$10,000,000 is wagered there.

Every intelligent person knows the corrupt effect of all this gambling. It weakens industry and blurs moral perceptions.

As I went off the men asked me what we were hauling off for. They were in a distinctly different humor from that which prevailed on the bridge.

They had done well, and that the other side had done likewise. The Olympia cheered the Baltimore, and the Baltimore returned the cheers with interest.

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with water will be American citizens, men and women of our own race and blood, citizens of our own country, speaking our own language, living in our midst, sharing our own advantages and burdens, and aiding to maintain our institutions of civilization and freedom.

"There don't seem to be any," answered Senator Sorghum. "I haven't had a present in six months."

Detroit Journal: Newspaper Correspondent.—The first step in your campaign is a mistake!

Commanding General.—Yes, my present plans provide for the first, tenth and seventeenth steps being mistakes.

Boston Transcript: Cuba is a land of desolation, but there will be no lack of real Havana cigars so long as the label factories hold out.

Indianapolis Journal: First Statesman.—What is your opinion of Aguinaldo? Do you think he is entitled to any respect?

Second Statesman.—Just between us, I am not prepared to say I don't know the size of the eyepiece that is backing him.

Puck: "Beauty" sighed the gazelle, "is after all only skin deep."

"Well, we pachyderms ain't kicking," replied the lion, "but we are a little more decided as to the motives of the people who started at her."

Cleveland Leader: "Yes," said the young doctor to his wife, "I felt greatly worried when the dimes were paid."

"Will be out soon?" "No," said the young doctor, "not until the day of the funeral."

Indianapolis Journal: Watters—Did you ever know a doctor who would take his own medicine?

Fotts—I did, once, an old backwoods fellow who prescribed whisky for nearly every possible complaint.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I thought the landlady charged extra for food taken from the table."

"She does." "Then how does it happen she permits the new boarder to carry away half his soup in his whiskers?"

Chicago Journal: "Women love to get together and gossip quietly about one another," he remarked in an irritating way.

"Yes," she answered, "it is very seldom that they take the trouble to call names in official documents and the newspapers."

Who do I love? And must I tell? Sweetheart, the whole list through. I love—now let me think a spell— I love—well, I love you.

Nay, don't protest, and hide your face— Doh! me! and blusher, too! And is it, then, a sad disgrace, My own, that I love you?

One day you came a-visitin' My heart; no doubt you knew my name; You entered without knock or ring, And stand, so I love you.

You're not so very large, and still I fear me, it is true; That in my heart no other will Find place while I love you.

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A glance in the mirror

Will show you a well dressed man, if we have had the pleasure of furnishing your attire.

We keep everlastingly at it, trying always to improve upon the products of our factory which we offer to you each season. No careless workmanship is permitted to pass our rigid inspection of every garment that goes out.

If you find a flaw, we'll admit the faults, and make it satisfactorily right.

Advertisement for Baking Powder. Includes text: 'Baking Powder', 'Absolutely Pure', 'Makes the food more delicious and wholesome', and 'BROWN KING & CO.' with a logo.