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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, 1900. H. I. PLUMB, Notary Public in and for Douglas County, Neb.

This is the season of the year when Nebraska enjoys million-dollar rains every day.

Mr. Cy Clone is leaving his card around the country with a prodigality which is anything but pleasant.

What else could County Attorney Shields have expected when he allowed the gamblers' gang to name his deputies for him?

The bloated capitalist who is anxious to sink money in an Omaha base ball team has not yet made his appearance this year.

The first round in the anti-trust bout in Arkansas results adversely to the trusts. That is a good sign even if the fight is but begun.

The First Nebraska has had three colonels since it was mustered into service. There should be no complaint that promotion along the line has not been going fast enough.

Now that they have been given a good start, the natives in Samoa are doing a fair job of assimilating. Though it may not be of a strictly benevolent character, the victims are just as dead.

Omaha architects report increased activity in the erection of small dwellings and stores. Small dwellings for the accommodation of wage workers and people of moderate means are what make great cities.

Think of a prosecuting attorney who has taken an oath to observe the laws and prosecute criminals refusing to testify in a police court case on the ground that he might incriminate himself. Does protection protect?

Whenever you want anything kept out of the World-Herald apply to any member of the gang of blackmailers and hold-ups who have been dealing out protection to the gamblers and guaranteeing silence in their organ.

The gift of \$100,000 to Princeton university to endow a professorship of politics should not go long begging. If the place could be made available for a syndicate the political firm of Moose, Fanning, Herdman et al might be induced to accept it.

Postmaster General Smith has received the public mind by asserting that we are fighting the Filipinos in order to secure peace. If he expects this to put an end to the question, "What are we fighting for?" he is laboring under a delusion.

More men are being employed this year on railroad construction in Nebraska and the surrounding states than for several years past put together. Our poplaric friends will, however, be out next fall repeating the old story about employment being scarcer than ever.

Our old friend Ching Ling Foo has finally established the fact in court that he is an artist and not a laborer, and is therefore exempt from the operations of the Chinese exclusion act. Every one who visited the Transmississippi Exposition last year knew that he was an artist all the time.

It is to be hoped Boss Croker made provision for his successors should anything happen to him while abroad. An interregnum in the government of New York during which the mayor and other city officials might be at sea as to whom to look to for orders would be deplorable indeed.

Why is it that the local organ of the Herdman gang has not a word for its readers about the sensational scene in the police court where the principal deputy of County Attorney Shields refused to testify in a gambling case on the ground that his testimony might tend to incriminate himself? What better evidence could be wanted that a stand-in with the gang carries with it an assurance of the suppression of such news in their local organ?

INJUDICIOUS AGITATION.

In our judgment German-Americans are not contributing to the strengthening of friendly relations between the United States and their native land by raising an agitation respecting public sentiment in the two countries, proclaiming against an alliance between England and this country that nobody but themselves is seriously thinking about and proposing to "solidify" the German-American vote in support of certain ideas.

It is idle for anyone to deny that there is an element of the German people which is unfriendly to the commercial interests of the United States. Evidence of this is seen in the debates in the Reichstag and in the utterances of the newspaper organs of the agrarians. It is equally true that there is a feeling here that Germany has acted unfairly in its discrimination against American products.

The situation in the Transvaal republic has become acute and the latest advices indicate that a collision with England is imminent. It appears that the Boer government is very much irritated over the petition sent to the British government by the Uitlanders in the Transvaal, setting forth their grievances and asking for intervention to secure to them the same fair treatment that is accorded to the Boers when they become residents of countries more directly under the control of the British government.

While the Transvaal republic has been in the hands of the Boer government, the Uitlanders have not been realized, that industry is paralyzed by oppressive exactions, that the life and property of the Uitlanders are insecure owing to the inefficiency and hostility of the Boer authorities, that taxation is unequal and the whole power of the Boer government is directed to the injury of the classes that constitute three-fourths of the white population and one nine-tenths of the property of the Transvaal.

This is certainly a strong indictment of the Boer government and if well founded places that government in a position where it can expect little sympathy should the British government decide to intervene, and this it is very likely to do, for an appeal of 21,000 Englishmen for relief will hardly pass unheeded. According to the advices President Kruger is expecting hostilities and the sturdy Dutchmen of the Transvaal, who know how to fight, as they have more than once demonstrated, are preparing for the possible conflict.

It is to be noted that Governor Doynort, following in the footsteps of his predecessor, is in several instances appointing to places in the state institutions members of the legislature. This practice certainly was not contemplated by the constitution framers, even if they did not expressly prohibit it, because it not only vacates the seats in the legislature but endows members with salaries which they themselves voted to appropriate.

Some of the Iowa papers have expressed dissatisfaction in the past that the troops from that state now in the Philippines had not seen active service. Now that they are up on the firing line and the lists of dead and wounded are coming in the anxious faces at home are a sad reminder that war's glories are dearly bought and fortunate is the land which is not called upon to give up its bravest and best to the demon of war.

Om Paul Kruger does not propose to be caught napping in the event of trouble between the Transvaal and England. The Boers are a slow-going people, but England has found it its sorrow that pushing them too far is a serious matter. It is far easier to stop the country by means of immigrants than soldiers.

The Bee calls attention of its readers to the list of stockholders in the national banks of Omaha and South Omaha herewith printed, which shows that the institutions at South Omaha are practically branches of Omaha banks owned and controlled by the

NEBRASKA'S LOSS.

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Philadelphia Press: The serious exhortation with the Filipino forces near Malolos, in which the Nebraska troops suffered so severely, is most unpleasant news. No one doubts the task of bringing order out of chaos a particularly easy one, but the check our forces met in this particular case brings the difficulty in a particularly depressing manner. And yet another and easy advance without set-back is out of the question.

Chicago Journal: The death of Colonel Stoenberg while charging intrenchments at the head of his regiment will probably grieve all Nebraska. The Nebraska soldier is many a man of noble and soldierly qualities. It is a great pity they couldn't have been recalled before. The bitter and small-minded fight that was made against the officers, even as he took command of his regiment, was a disgrace to Nebraska, and he repaid it by leading Nebraska troops to more glory than any other volunteers have won in the Philippine Islands.

Indianapolis Journal: When Colonel Stoenberg was in command of the Nebraska regiment, he proceeded to take the soldiers of it. The result was that he became very unpopular, both with men and officers. From the Pacific coast, while yet there, among them came a storm of hostility, largely the result of their causing widespread indignation, as much so that the legislature foolishly passed resolutions of censure. Fortunately for the regiment, the disciplinarian fitted the men for the splendid month of his great credit on the equal in drill and discipline of any regular regiment in the service.

Des Moines Leader: The First Nebraska has been one of the most efficient regiments and has earned great credit on the state whose name it bears. The sentiment of the men rapidly changed also and when, just before his death, he came on the field from Manila, where he had been to see his wife, he was wildly cheered. It is not necessary for our soldiers to place themselves at the head of their troops when a charge is made and in all probability Colonel Stoenberg courted danger in order that he might show to his critics how unjust had been their accusations of him. One sentence in the resolution of censure must have cut the soul of this brave man to the quick and was thus to some degree the cause of his death. The Nebraska legislature, sanity returning, has expunged the resolution from its records and has passed a new resolution which held at the university which cheered the name of Stoenberg, but it is not likely that the victim of this unjust persecution ever knew that public sentiment had turned in his favor.

Not the Samoa Issue. Washington Post: In order to prevent international misunderstandings it is just as well to state that the "Rose, Sweet Rose" to whom Senator Thurston alludes in a poem does not refer to the German consul at Asia.

Blowing Off the Froth. Kansas City Star: If the United States can stand Captain Coghan's run for the presidency, Germany can afford to be amiable and not magnify the unfortunate incident.

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Utility of Fool Friends. Washington Post: There are a great many statesmen who would be in a bad way if it were not for their fool friends. Fool friends manage to suggest to great many mistakes in the course of a year.

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Philadelphia Plain Dealer: What a comment the story of Lt. Col. City and Palmetto is on our professions of "carrying the blessings of civilization" to the dark-skinned people of the Philippines!

Doors Clear Stamp. Philadelphia Ledger: It is the misfortune of many innocent dealers in cigars that they must suffer the confiscation of their stock which may be sold to be supplied with counterfeit stamps. This is an injustice in the law which should be remedied at the next session of congress. The government would be sufficiently protected by requiring the dealer in cigars to cover the cigars with genuine stamps, and would not be under the imputation of profiting by their misfortune, as it will if it confiscates their goods and sells them for its own benefit.

Credit Marks of the Brooklyn. Chicago Tribune: The story of the naval battle of Santiago, as told by the charts and the appendix to the report of the Admiral, is a really safe subject for recitations in case they are called upon to favor their auditors with entertainments of this class.

Foolish Talk of Treason. New York Evening Post: There is a great hullabaloo in the impetuous organs about "treasonable and seditious counsel" on the part of the country to the volunteers in the Philippines advising them not to renew, and terrible threats of "exposing the traitors." There is not the slightest attempt at irony about this matter.

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Features of the Campaign in Luzon Told by the Soldiers. Extracts from letters written by soldiers in the Philippines and published at their homes put the conduct of the war against the insurgents in a light that is not pleasing or creditable. It is said that in a desperate fight the savage instincts of men dominate their action and transform a human being into an animal.

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PRaises American Soldiers

London Paper Gives Them Credit for Remarkable Performances—Appreciates Difficulties. LONDON, April 27.—The Daily Mail, in reference to the American victory in the Philippines, says today: "The Americans are to be congratulated warmly on the victory which they have won at Manila. Now, at last, it looks as if the back of the Filipino resistance has been broken. Englishmen will be particularly glad of the fact, as they alone appreciate to the full extent the difficulties which their cousins have to contend with."

The victory is all the more welcome and all the more grateful to us because we have been watching with deep interest the efforts of a political party in the United States to humiliate the nation and the government by persuading them to a disgraceful and cowardly retreat.

The American people may well be proud of their soldiers. By the very nature of things volunteers enlisted for a short war, with a civilized enemy are not troops best fitted for work at a great distance from their country or for a tedious, protracted and harassing struggle with an uncivilized foe in a tropical climate.

Smiling Lines. Chicago Tribune: "Hello! You've been buying a lot of those jasper-mauve suits, hasn't you?" "That's all right. I have a corn that altho' it's a little sore, it's not so bad as it looks."

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