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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 1900.

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

The queen of Holland is reported to have advised President Kruger to have confidence in God.

Boss Croker has again been operated on successfully for a carbuncle.

Outgoing fusion state officials are kindly bequeathing several good-sized overlaps to their successors.

If the record of fines turned into the city treasury under the new police judge is kept up the city will be able to pay ex-Judge Gordon's back salary claim and still be money in pocket.

Nebraska voters who cast their ballots at the polls last month were certainly unaware of the number of speakers they were electing to preside over the lower house of the legislature.

Omaha's bank clearings continue to furnish conclusive proof from week to week that its position in the population scale, as recorded by the recent census, is far below its position in the business world.

In demanding more light on the operation of the Standard Oil concern in Nebraska the supreme court recognizes the fact that the corporation is in the illuminating business.

Kansas City jobbers never stop in their efforts to secure railway concessions that will help them out in the expansion of their business.

State Treasurer Meserve wants the rate of interest on state warrants reduced to 4 per cent.

The victory in Nebraska has been formally celebrated by republicans in Washington.

The state barbers' board has made its report, its financial exhibit balancing to a cent, showing that all the fees have been carefully distributed among the members of the board.

A combination is said to have been formed in congress by the states threatened with a decrease in congressional representation under the new census.

A state society of labor and industry is incubating under the patronage of the state labor commissioner, the chief object of which is to promote legislation in the interests of labor.

The best way for the theaters to avoid protests against objectionable bill-board posters is to do away with the bill boards altogether.

AN ILL-ADVISED RECOMMENDATION.

One of the recommendations of the outgoing populist state treasurer, in his biennial report just filed, is for a change in the law to permit the imposition of a 7-mill levy for the general fund instead of a 5-mill levy as at present.

We do not believe the taxpayers of Nebraska will fall in line with this recommendation. The taxes now levied in Nebraska make the state tax rate higher than in most of its neighboring states.

What the taxpayers of Nebraska demand in the form of revenue law revision is revision that will bring the tax rate down instead of sending it up. They want revision that will make the grand assessment correspond more to the real taxable wealth of the state and stop the exemption and evasion of taxation by the great classes of property that escape altogether.

WANT MORE PROTECTION.

The German agrarians have, it appears, declared war against the imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, who they declare has no heart for suffering German agriculture.

The government has to some extent favored them in the meat inspection law, but it seems indisposed to go very much beyond this.

The conflict between these elements makes a perplexing situation for the government in the matter of devising a fiscal policy and of negotiating commercial treaties.

The London correspondent of the New York Tribune says that the rejection of the treaty, or even an amendment in a spirit hostile to the Suez regulations, will be regarded as a sign that the American senate is bent upon ending rather than mending the Clayton-Bulwer convention, and upon doing this, moreover, in an offensive way.

The senate will vote next Thursday, according to present understanding, on the amendment offered by the committee on foreign relations providing for the policing of the canal.

The fact that an industrial convention composed entirely of southern men has adopted for its motto, "No politics, no sectionalism, but business," shows a great advance over former years.

By What Right? Boston Globe.

That the Nicaragua canal shall be free to all nations at equal rates in time of peace, and shall be treated as part of the open sea during war, is the minimum of the British demand, according to the London Post.

Our trade with the islands with which we have a new commercial treaty has increased largely since 1897.

Proposa of the proposition of the controller of the currency to limit the borrowings by national bank directors of the funds of their own banks is noticeable.

Whatever the senate may think, whatever any future administration may say or do, Mr. McKinley and his advisers are committed to take no step, in the way of canal building, in contravention of this.

This would not be the only consequence of the failure of the new treaty. The spirit which causes its rejection by us would not be without its effect upon the governments of Europe.

It is true that you cannot make bank officers honest and of good judgment by law. But by a supervision thoroughly enforced you can limit the plunder and bad judgment of those who are dishonest and of bad judgment.

The Right Spirit.

New York Sun. A treaty negotiated with Nicaragua or Costa Rica concerning the ultimate control of an interoceanic canal to be built, owned and operated by the United States would be consonant with the Monroe doctrine.

Faith on Little Foundation.

Baltimore American. The easy way in which some men lose their faith in the future of this great republic reminds one of the story of the clerk in a bookstore who called down the speaking tube: "Say, you, send up some of Manning's 'Confidence in God.' 'Can't do it.' 'What's the reply?' 'Manning's 'Confidence in God' is all gone.'"

Cart Before the Horse.

Philadelphia Ledger. The establishment of a United States court in the Philippine islands would mean permanent control of those islands and the administration of their affairs in accordance with American laws and customs.

THOSE SUBURBAN ROADS.

While all projects for suburban electric roads running out of Omaha are just now in a quiescent state, the popular demand for this much-needed improvement is as imperative as ever.

The agitation of the question has convinced the people of this city that the construction of a suburban railway system would promise as much, if not more, than any other one thing for the upbuilding of local trade and cementing friendly relations with the surrounding towns and villages.

Beginning of a Possible Plague.

New York Tribune. A new contagious disease west proposed to cross Belgian hares with the common jackrabbit of the prairie, and in that way to provide an almost boundless supply of food for every hunger-stricken American.

Good Grounds for Contest.

Kearney Hub. Some queer things are developing in the legislative contest here in Douglas county. For instance, in one voting precinct in South Omaha forty-five republican votes were thrown out by the returning board because they were marked with a black lead pencil instead of an indelible pencil, and in other places the ballots were forced to show totals that the tally sheets contradicted.

Heavy Price to Pay.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. In his farewell order to the troops in South Africa, announcing his resignation of the army in the field to General Kitchener, Lord Roberts said that during the campaign 14,300 officers and men have died from wounds, disease and privation.

A CENTURY OF EXPANSION.

Big Four Among Nations Spreading Over the Earth. New York World. In the year 1800 the territory of the United States was 315,244 square miles; in 1900 it is 3,768,321 square miles.

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Germany is a brand new empire, which dates from 1870 only, and now embraces territory that aggregates 1,023,840 square miles.

If the world is regarded simply as a big landed estate, these four nations—the United States, Russia, Great Britain and France—own 23,000,000 of its total area of 51,000,000 square miles.

The total value of our exports during the last fiscal year was \$1,294,482,682. Out of this total no less than \$1,004,187,763 went to the countries of Europe.

It is to say, 74.6 per cent went to Europe and less than 25.4 per cent to all the rest of the world.

That is to say that there was a large increase in our exports to other parts of the world; that is to say, there was a large percentage of increase.

During the same time our exports to Europe increased 56.6 per cent. While the rate of increase in the European trade was comparatively low, the absolute increase was \$356,500,000, or more than our total exports last year to all the rest of the world, which amounted to \$354,300,000.

Yet our republican statesmen persist in making commercial curbs of Europe a significant angle of the poverty-stricken peoples of other parts of the world.

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HONESTY THE BEST POLICY

Buffalo Evening News. Honesty in newspaper work is its reward in the more or less well and woefully wet as well as elsewhere.

where. A notable evidence is found in the fact that The Omaha Bee, which has depreciated the "black-washing of candidates," and every form of faking throughout the campaign, sold over 68,000 copies in a city of 102,575 the day after election.

The demand indicated by these figures is a natural consequence of straightforward enterprise and fair dealing with readers.

WHAT THE CENSUS FIGURES SHOW.

Crete Vidette. The census shows Nebraska to have a population of 1,668,539, an increase in ten years of only 9,829.

People and money as a general thing do not rush into a populist state. It will be quite different in the next ten years.

Friend Telegraph. The census indicates a falling off in several Nebraska counties that of ten years ago, yet the vote at the November election indicated a much larger vote than has ever been recorded in these counties.

While the census of ten years ago may have been somewhat padded, yet the vote would indicate that in the enumeration of last June several had been omitted.

Kearney Hub. The showing of less than 1 per cent increase in the population of Nebraska during the last ten years is the result of the census padding by nearly every city and town in the state in 1890.

Had it not been for this the state would easily have shown a 10 per cent increase. During the next ten years the gain will be 25 per cent.

Stanton Register. The census returns that have just been published are very disappointing to the people of Nebraska.

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PROSS POINTERS ON POLITICS.

Grand Island Democrat. The republicans seem to have all the rest of the earth and we should hate to deprive them of such a little thing as the Nebraska governorship.

Crete Vidette (rep.). The supreme court has declared the law forming the State Board of Transportation unconstitutional.

The Omaha Bee rendered the same decision ten years ago. Now watch old laws hike it for some other snap.

Beatrice Express (rep.). The World-Herald is probably responsible in some measure for the republican victory in Nebraska. Its yellow methods got the intelligent readers rattled and they voted the republican ticket.

A great editor who tries to imitate the New York Journal is taking serious chances.

Beatrice Democrat. There is one commendable thing about Mr. Dietrich and his method of doing business and that is as soon as he makes up his mind to appoint a man he publishes the fact and ends the matter.

This relieves the thirty-seven other fellows who are applicants, but it will have a tendency to lessen the attendance at the inaugural ball.

Aurora Sun (dem.). The Sun is not in favor of unseating the governor elected by a majority of the people on a technicality. Let the majority rule. The people have voted the railroads and corporations into power in this state and the mere matter of illegality by contribution to an assailing wing (the mid-republicans) is of so little importance in such a vastage of error against the interest of the common people that no attention should be paid to it.

Schuyler Quill (pop.). We favor letting Dietrich have his gubernatorial ouster. A majority of the people have voted for him and they all know what manner of man he was when they did it. They know he had violated the anti-bribery law by giving Moriarty, a mid-road populist, \$25 for his influence and that he did not live up to its provisions in many ways.