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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, A. D. 1900. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Latest market report—Stocks have gone up.

The automobile Santa Claus is the most recent creation of the picture book makers.

Uncle Sam's Christmas cornucopia must now be large enough to shake out good things for some 80,000,000 people.

If General Kitchener does not have a lively Christmas it will not be the fault of General Dewet and his associates.

Remember those who are too poor to provide themselves with Christmas cheer.

Governor Poynter has the consolation, at any rate, of being the first official tenant of the executive mansion.

Governor Pingree is to have a try at a citation for contempt proceedings. No little thing like that, however, can freeze Pingree.

A farce-comedy performer has just been sued in the courts here for \$5,000 damages. What a farce it would be if judgment were given.

Night Watchman God of the state capitol is not an expert marksman. If the doors and windows had not been tightly closed it is doubtful whether he would have hit the building.

The lawyers all favor a supreme court commission and the bigger the better. A commission that would provide berths for all the would-be commissioners would have nearly as many members as there are lawyers.

If those who advocate the abolition of the canteen in the army could be forced to take a drink out of that outside saloon keepers call the "Soldier bottle" it might work a change in their opinions, if they ever recovered from the dose.

A new political party has been formed in the Philippines. Bryan should hasten to lay the wires for an endorsement. If he is ever to be elected president he must have the nomination of at least four more parties than he has thus far been able to gather into the fold.

The London Times still insists that England will not and cannot accept the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty. It must be remembered that the Times is not a member of the British cabinet and has several times of late hoisted a storm signal when the weather was clearing.

The smaller powers of Europe are getting their eyes open. Rumania has declined a Russian loan, not because it does not need the money, but the great powers have a habit of foreclosing such loans and leaving on the independence of the country as the only asset in sight.

Herr Krupp objects to the Turk making the American missionaries preferred creditors and insists upon the payment of a long overdue bill for modern, high power civilization furnished the Turkish army. This will probably afford the sultan the opportunity he has been looking for to defer payment again.

Germany is complaining of the growth of trusts crowding out its smaller industrial establishments and the same tendency is manifest in other European countries. But Bryan and his echoes will continue to explain the trust as an outgrowth of the protective tariff and prescribe free trade as the infallible remedy.

Heavy purchases in this country of cavalry horses for use by the British in South Africa are again reported and the purchasing agent is quoted as saying that more than 100,000 head of horses and mules have been bought in the United States by the British government and shipped to the Boer land since the war broke out. If it did not have America to draw on for horses on which to mount its forces the British would be in sore straits to cope with its enemy.

CHRISTMAS.

Again, from all the steeples in Christendom, the bells are ringing out the return of the day on which the Christ was born. Again, from humble chapel and stately cathedral, the swelling tones of the organ blend with the sweet voices of white-robed choirs in anthems of rejoicing which fill the frosty air with the vibrations of sweet harmonies.

Probably there is no one who would wish to have it otherwise. It is well that a few days are set apart for a cessation from the strenuous life—days in which the unfeeling calculations of the heartless world of business have no part and on which the minds of men are susceptible to the softening influences which make for a higher and better manhood and womanhood.

The lesson of the Christmas time can be embodied in a single word—Love. On this is based the works done by the Savior and it will be by virtue of love, if not equal to His, that the world will some day be lifted to a higher plane of thought and action.

The law surely would not recognize a consent to take the money gotten by such a threat. The title to the money remained in Cudahy after he left it by the lantern, and when the abductors took it from the place where he left it they stole it, and as they view the matter he sent to the penitentiary for seven years, if the court sees fit to fix the maximum sentence.

Whether or not a court of law would look at it the same way, this is an ingenious piece of reasoning. We suppose the abductors could also be convicted of impersonating an officer because they pretended to be deputy sheriffs from Sarpy county and possibly subjected to several other charges for various links in the chain.

How the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica will regard the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty is a question of hardly less interest and importance than that as to the view that will be taken of it by the British government.

There will be no legislation by congress of importance in regard to Porto Rico or the Philippines, according to Washington advices, pending the decision by the supreme court of the cases involving the political status of the islands.

Those who contend that the prosperity of this country is enjoying is only a part of the general prosperity noted in every country should study the foreign market reports. English trade shows a falling off and many industries are in a demoralized state.

The year's statistical summary of traffic through the Sault canal at the head of the Great Lakes shows a business of 25,643,073 net freight tons.

MOROCCO CAME TO TAW.

Morocco's payment of the just claim of the United States without waiting for the arrival of a war ship as a collecting agent

is a judicious act. The example is earnestly to be commended to the consideration of the Sublime Porte.

The new century will begin with the republican party in control of all departments of the government and the greatest general prosperity the country has ever known.

The Philippine laws are to be in English. This may put the Filipinos to some temporary inconvenience, but they can avail themselves by observing the code in any language.

Like to be an Old Roman. Boston Globe. Mr. Cleveland is like one of the old philosophers of Rome before the downfall of the Roman Republic.

England realizes that the Monroe doctrine does not run beyond Eastport, Me., and it wastes no expectation on any protection for its Canadian possessions through the city of Montreal and the following modern long-range guns.

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Notable Family of Business Men. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The call attention to a remarkable family of Irishmen.

King Cotton's Luxurious Throne. Boston Transcript. King Cotton has resumed his scepter. It has been a great year for the south, as well as for the whole country.

Arts and Sciences No Check to War in the Nineteenth Century. Philadelphia North American. Is man becoming more civilized? A glance backward at the great battles of the closing century is likely to convince one that in progressing in the arts and sciences man has at least remained stationary in the matter of settling his quarrels.

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Hon. Edward Rosewater stands out prominently as one of the ablest men in Nebraska. The Omaha Bee, unquestionably the cleanest and best newspaper published between Chicago and the Pacific coast, and The Bee building, the largest and finest newspaper building in America, it is not to the whole world, are among testimonies to his capabilities and achievements.

The people of Nebraska have entrusted the republican party with stewardship and the tenure of that stewardship depends entirely upon how the party conducts itself. If honesty, economy and wisdom shall prevail the republican party will remain in power for many years.

Philadelphia Press: Dewet is clearly the hero of the Boer war. Such a clearly has never been seen before.

Philadelphia Record: If the picturesque story from Bloemfontein of Dewet's escape be true—and there is no reason to doubt its substantial accuracy—the success of the Boer commander in breaking through the British lines must have been due to the military inefficiency of his adversaries.

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The republican party has been reinstated in Nebraska with the object in view of improving conditions. If it shall fail it has no reason to expect clemency.

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BETTER THAN EVER.

A little better than usual is the illustrated Christmas number of The Omaha Bee.

The Omaha Bee. It is a complete magazine, printed in colors, and the beauty of it lies in the fact that there are no Fifth Avenue or unimpeachable metropolitan airs about it.

Washington Star: "What is a family tree?" asked the young person. "A family tree," answered Miss Cayenne, "is much like other trees; very sturdy near the trunk and becoming more and more frail and untrustworthy as it branches out."

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