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GEO. B. TZSCHUCK, Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 27th day of December, A. D. 1900.

Omaha will have no cause to cover up the inventory soon to be completed of its record for the last year of the closing century.

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In his able argument in support of the shipping bill, Senator Hanna said that the measure, if it becomes a law, will be widespread in its benefits. He declared that it is not aimed at any class or any particular industry, but is one of those measures the influence of which will permeate every industry and every class in the length and breadth of the United States.

This must be apparent to any one who will give the subject intelligent and unprejudiced consideration. The creation of an American merchant marine equal to the requirements of our great foreign commerce means the enormous extension of our shipping industry, to the benefit of numerous other industries.

This would be created an additional demand for a vast amount of capital and labor, the employment of which would necessarily contribute to the general welfare and prosperity. The idea that only the seaboard would derive any advantage from a merchant marine for the ocean-carrying trade and that the interior would not be benefited, is utterly erroneous.

Great as has been the growth of our foreign commerce, it is not to be doubted that it would have been greater had we possessed the facilities of transportation instead of being dependent upon foreign ships. This dependence has been a handicap and its continuance will be more damaging to us in the future than it has been in the past.

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At the Jeffersonian banquet to the late idol of democracy the editorial pen-wielder of our local popocratic contemporary exulted in the Lincoln Journal for its shameless course toward Mr. Bryan during his twelve years' residence in that city.

He pictured Mr. Bryan as having come to Lincoln poor and unknown to fame and, by virtue of his possession of qualities men most admire, having won a place as the leader of one of the great political parties of the nation.

We have no doubt but what "the castigation" is richly deserved, but it would fit with equal snugness on the World-Herald, for over two such twin offenders in the same degree could not be uncovered in a census of the entire news-paper population of the country.

The same spirit of petty smallness which has actuated the Journal's aggravating meanness toward Bryan, in its refusal to accord him decent treatment or give him credit for what he has done, is exhibited constantly in the World-Herald in its malignant and malicious misrepresentation of its political opponents and its narrow-visioned opposition to public enterprises whose guiding spirits it regards as personally or politically obnoxious to it.

If Bryan were a republican residing in Omaha he would without doubt have encountered in the World-Herald an exact counterpart of the vicious abuse and miserable maligning from which he has suffered at the hands of the Lincoln Journal.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The census of nearly four years ago showed the Russian empire to contain about 129,000,000 persons. No census has been taken since, but a computation has been made of the yearly excess of births over deaths, as about 2,900,000, so that the population has by this time risen to 135,900,000.

It is well known that General Doves of France lay the claim of being the only condition that he should be left unmolested on his farm. The offer was refused and his farm buildings were burned. That was an expensive transaction for England.

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