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GEO. B. TZSCHUCK, Notary Public.

Bryan has been so silent lately that there is suspicion that he is really thinking.

Primary elections in St. Louis are not so tame after all. Even Chicago must admit this.

It's a mighty poor yellow journal that can't turn at least one somersault each day.

Reports from England are to the effect the belief is common that the Boer opposition is on its last legs.

If St. Valentine could only read some of the frightfully constructed verses which adorn the missives sent in his name he would certainly regret that he was ever canonized.

General Lee is quoted as saying that he was suited with Omaha.

Nebraska has its representatives in the list of claimants against China on account of the Boxer uprising.

Mrs. Nation announces she will smash no saloons elsewhere until all the joints in Kansas are wiped out.

What some of the correspondents do not know about the senatorial situation at Lincoln would fill several newspapers.

President McKinley is finding out that the available supply of men willing to wear shoulder straps is far from exhausted.

Senator Burton of Kansas says that Mrs. Nation is nothing but a molehill in Kansas and cannot see why the people of other states make a mountain out of her.

One of the most lonesome persons in earth is a king out of a job.

Bills to prevent appeals to the supreme court, to amend the exemption and collection laws and those of similar import should be closely scanned before enacted into law.

The German farmers are clamorous for higher duties on agricultural products.

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GERMANY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEM.

The German government is confronted with a serious economic problem. The farmers are vigorously agitating for more protection to agriculture and demanding especially that the government shall not grant the same tariffs to the United States as to other countries.

The explanation is found in outside competition, through commercial treaties which granted very little protection to the home producer, as in the case of those with Russia and Austria-Hungary.

The German farmer demands a change of policy. He asks to be given such protection as will enable him to obtain for his products the profits of former years.

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The revenue bill will go to conference, but with what result cannot be confidently predicted.

DEATH OF JUDGE MAXWELL.

The death of Samuel Maxwell removes a notable figure in Nebraska history. For more than a third of a century Judge Maxwell was prominent in the public life of this state.

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Why doesn't the Court de Castillane make a clean sweep by trying Kapteyn?

Down This Way, Too.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand lobsters have escaped from a Maine lobster pot. Some of them seem to have strayed down this way.

A Weak Point.

There is some impression among the average newspaper readers that Mr. Bryan's conduct in the case of the ball game and other sporting features.

Weak-Minded Fanatics.

Carrie Nationalism is becoming a serious disease, and unless strenuous efforts are made to suppress it, it is reasonably certain that all the weak-minded fanatics in the country will be rioting against one thing or another.

Senator Allen Seeking Light.

In endeavoring to ascertain between different sections of the District of Columbia in the matter of illumination, Senator Allen is liable to stir up a controversy which will make the Alaskan boundary question pale into sickly insignificance.

Only a Matter of Time.

One evil effect of the abolition of the caucuses is seen at Fort Porter. The withdrawal of beer and light wines from sale will so reduce the income of the post exchange that it must be closed and a decent place where soldiers were wont to congregate will be put out of existence.

Wild Cry of Alarm!

Has the coming woman come into the new century with a hatchet? Has she abandoned moral suasion and will she secure reforms by smashing things? These are questions which must shortly be considered.

Cost of a Strike.

The cost of last year's strike, and the loss have been tremendous on both sides. They amount to many millions of dollars.

What Marshall Day Means.

The observance of Marshall day in Georgia brought to light the fact that much of the state rights idea underlies the political beliefs of the extreme south.

Born Before Reformers.

The Illinois Central Railroad company celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on Saturday night.

Microbes and Free School Books.

The sanitary objection to free school books is urged against the bill introduced in the Indiana legislature.

Running to Cover.

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Chicago's Tax Problem

To the taxpayers the finances of the city of Chicago are a Chinese puzzle. In the face of constantly increasing tax collections the city government is expected to care for this greatly enlarged territory and population with only \$1,089,143.94 more than it had in 1888.

The growth of the city and the enterprise of the work done within its limits with three-tenths of the revenue. To this fact may be attributed the straitened condition in which the council and the city officials find the city treasury on the eve of a new fiscal year.

It is not generally understood that the city of Chicago performs seven-tenths of the work done within its limits with three-tenths of the revenue.

There are great inequalities in taxation in this city. That the total burden of taxation in Chicago for all purposes is high in proportion to the taxation in other cities by no means established.

The total tax levy in 1888 amounted to \$1,681,040.45, and in 1899 the total taxes had increased to \$2,675,601.23, being an increase of 58 per cent and an amount of \$9,994,560.78.

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Thus in the period during which the city has been increasing its population and area, the city of Chicago has only secured an increase of 13 per cent in general taxation.

HAZING AND ITS FINISH.

Cincinnati Commercial Tribune: Briefly, the congressional committee concludes that Booz would, in the natural course of human events, have died if he hadn't been hazed.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: Those religious and secular journals which have been assuming that Booz was "murdered" should now prepare to terminate the practice of hazing as insolent in the very promise they submit, by including in it a defense of the evil.

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most unique and interesting reports the Washington Post.

Many years ago Senator Jones, then president of a bank in San Francisco, started to ride home on a street car.

This remark was reported in the presence of Judge Goodwin of Salt Lake City, who started a subscription to purchase the nickel-holding case.

Philadelphia Press: "Ah, yes!" sighed the lovelorn youth, "I'm passionately in love with Miss..."

Philadelphia Record: She—Yes, I know you love me, but I am too young to marry. He—But, my dear, you will grow older.

Detroit Journal: The university, under-stand, owes its foundation to the munificence of the president of the Pickled Pigs' Feet Trust.

Chicago Record: As corporal punishment has been abolished in the schools of Chicago, perhaps kissing in the schools is the punishment the teacher is able to inflict in order to preserve discipline.

Chicago Tribune: By order of Pope Gregory XIII, when he saw Dame Trouble appear, he was at work reforming the calendar.

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