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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, A. D. 1901. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

The first Christmas of the century will be remembered as a model of climatic perfection.

The treeless prairie states seem, nevertheless, to produce some of the best cabinet timber.

The army or navy officer without a reprint in his pocket has reason to complain of being slighted.

It is estimated that Chicago consumed 1,500,000 turkeys Christmas day. It must be preparing to gobble up a few more suburbs.

Iowa has not yet managed to plant a favorite son in the presidential chair, but it is succeeding pretty well in preempting the top rounds of the ladder.

The sewer pipe manufacturers have formed a combination, with a capital stock of several million dollars. How do they ever expect such a combination to hold water?

The World-Herald's exclusive tip on the pardon that was to have been Bartley's Christmas present was doubtless only another case of the wish being father to the thought.

Forker and Hanna have buried the hatchet and the threatened political prize fight which was scheduled for New Year's day at Columbus will not be pulled off as advertised.

Weather sharks are greatly disturbed by the appearance of sun and moon "dogs." As they are well behaved dogs that never howl, there appears to be no good reason for objecting to their presence.

The session of the city council as a board of equalization is ten days off. That ought to give time enough to the representatives of the Real Estate exchange to formulate a strong showing against the tax shirkers.

The Civil Service commission has notified Historian Maclay that nothing in the law interferes in the least degree with his dropping the laborer's shovel and hammer and devoting all his time and attention to literary effort.

A bill is to be introduced in the New York legislature providing for a censorship of the drama. If it eliminates some of the "New York successes" which float out this way a suffering public will welcome its speedy enactment.

Candidates for the position on the district bench about to be vacated by Judge Baker still have two days in which to present their claims to the bar. These candidates should not overlook the fact that the court balliffs may have something to say.

Every man appointed on the committee to devise a plan for settling peacefully disputes between labor and capital has accepted. It is too much to hope that serious differences can be done away with entirely, but the makeup of the committee would seem to justify the belief that it can accomplish something if the members will devote their talents and energies to the task before them.

The regular mid-winter Indian war scare comes this year from Indian Territory. Evidently the fight-with-desperado story has been worked out in that section and correspondents are forced to go back to the old original. The Indians in the territory have accumulated a large amount of experience in past years and are not likely to seek any more instruction at the hands of the soldiers.

SECRETARY GAGE'S SUCCESSOR

The financial and commercial interests of the country will be well satisfied with the appointment of Governor Shaw of Iowa to succeed Mr. Gage as secretary of the treasury. He brings to the office the same preparation for its arduous duties that Mr. Gage possessed—practical experience in financial affairs and a very thorough knowledge of the science of finance.

Secretary Gage has made a record that places him in the very front rank of finance ministers. His administration has been singularly by the enactment of the gold standard law of March 14, 1900, the eminently successful financing of the Spanish war and the enhanced credit of the government.

MAY CONSIDER PANAMA PROPOSAL

Washington advises say that congress may consider the Panama company's proposal to sell. The correspondent of the New York Times says that if the Frenchmen come to the United States prepared to trade according to American methods and really offer this country a bargain it is the prevailing opinion that there will be a possibility of a sale.

Other correspondents, however, say that the action of the Panama company shareholders is not expected to make any appreciable change in the program in regard to the passage of the Nicaragua canal bill.

It is now appears probable that an earnest effort will be made to secure consideration for any reasonable offer the Panama company shall make, but it is doubtful if further negotiations will avail anything, so strongly committed are a majority of congressmen to the Nicaragua route.

COUNTY TREASURERS' BONDS

The costly experience of the state and the various cities and counties of the state which have sought to recover from the sureties of defaulting treasurers the sums lost or embezzled has brought about a general abandonment of the old system of individual sureties for custodians of public funds.

Because of the strict provisions of the depository law, which requires city, county and state treasurers to account for the interest received from the deposit of public funds, the income of the treasurers is positively limited, in no case exceeding \$2,500 a year.

The proprietors of the Denver pool rooms and bucket shops and the Denver Mining and Stock exchange have been notified by the sheriff that they must discontinue business at once or be arraigned for violating the criminal code of Colorado.

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A Mexican newspaper, referring to the return to the United States of a member of our delegation to the Pan-American congress just as important questions are coming up for consideration by the congress, says "it is now coming to be believed that at Washington there is discontent over the fact that the Latin nations do not show docility in accepting the leadership of the United States."

This country has not attempted to assume leadership of the Latin nations. All it has undertaken is to bring about closer political and commercial relations between the republics of this hemisphere.

The United States stands upon an equal footing with the other countries represented in the congress, with the same privilege of suggestion and recommendation that is enjoyed by the other republics.

It will be noticed that Marconi used the old-fashioned practice of hanging the Indianapolis girl whom he is to wed.

Jerry Spills the Cream. Philadelphia Ledger. Jerry Simpson confesses that most of his popularizing in a novel suit brought about—everybody outside of Kansas suspected at the time.

Schley and the Prize Money. Indianapolis News. The Treasury department has sent to Admiral Schley a check for \$3,354, the share of the prize money for the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago.

Concerning "Penny Postage." Philadelphia Ledger. Henry C. Payne, the new postmaster general, is quoted as saying in an interview that he favors "penny" which probably means one cent—postage and will do all in his power to bring it about.

A Royal Tip from Siam. Philadelphia North American. The king of Siam deigns to notify the government of the United States that it is his royal pleasure to visit this country.

Omens that Failed. Cleveland Plain Dealer. There has been a general hunting up of ominous precedents in connection with English coronations, enough at least to give King Edward a bad quarter of an hour.

THE PRESIDENT "RUNS THINGS." Good Results Likely to Follow His Attention to Detail. Minneapolis Journal (rep.). It is reported that the members of the cabinet find President Roosevelt a hard man to get along with.

Roeseberg and Roosevelt. Philadelphia Press. Lord Roeseberg's new doctrine is that a nation, like a man, must hustle for all it gets.

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Jim Hill's Explanation

Portland Oregonian. President Hill's statement of the circumstances that gave rise to the Northern Securities company is a testimonial to the power of public opinion. As such no fault is to be found in it, for it deals with matters of which it is proper that the public should be informed. But it is also a revelation of weakness, of conscious weakness, on the part of Mr. Hill, his friends and his enemies.

One need not quarrel with Mr. Hill's statement of facts in order to see the fallacy of his insidious conclusions, though it is news that the Harriman people were first to attempt the capture of the Burlington system. But the Burlington having finally been secured for the northern lines and at least temporary control of the Northern Pacific having been obtained by the Union Pacific, seems no justification for the organization of a new corporation, the apparent purpose of which was to crystallize in permanent form the extravagant "values" that had been manipulated into certain railroad shares.

The fickleness of Cuban character could not be better illustrated than by the treatment of General Gomez, who is now touring the island in behalf of the candidacy of Senor Palma. The old general has given years to the service of Cuba, been the mainstay of its efforts for independence, and asks nothing for himself in return. Yet, because he is supporting a candidate who is unpopular in a particular regard, he is hoisted and hissed. Decent regard for the sacrifices of Gomez would at least suggest a respectful hearing.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK. Rippling on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. A widow from San Francisco residing in New York City appeared in court recently as defendant in a novel suit brought by a grafting specialist for services rendered. The defense of the widow revealed a somewhat common practice among society people in Greater New York, that of working as agents for various money-making schemes. The plaintiff in the case was a "somatopathist," defined as a practitioner who "corrects physical irregularities or diseases by manipulation and desensitization of the patient."

The widow had a few physical defects which the "somatopathist" manipulated with his hands. In her defense the widow declared he had agreed to accept in exchange for his services her introduction to her friends and acquaintances and in addition would induce them to patronize the manipulator. The plea satisfied the jury, and the defendant was known as "society grafting." Women are the chief workers. They are supposed to be people of influence. They go to a dealer in some commodity and suggest that if he will keep them supplied they will praise him to all the friends of the neighborhood. In many other cases they represent political pulls enjoyed by the criminals or their friends and used to defeat the ends of justice.

What is needed is the inauguration of a system which shall hereafter prevent the governors of states being regarded as the willing liberators of such criminals as chance to possess political influence or to arouse hysterical folk to foolish action in their behalf. Under the wise and generous laws which are a part of our English heritage the accused on trial in our courts possess every advantage tending to shield them from unjust conviction. Only when the proof of guilt is overwhelming is conviction possible and even then there are numerous technicalities available which constantly enable guilty persons to escape sentence. So apprehensive is the Anglo-Saxon spirit of inflicting wrong upon the innocent that the law is framed with peculiar generosity to the other extreme, making infinitely more difficult the escape of a guilty man than the condemnation of one wrongfully accused. For this reason those found guilty in our courts may well be regarded as having received their deserts, save, as stated, in those extremely rare cases where proof of flagrant miscarriage of justice demands corrective action. As things now go the pardoning power of governors is being worked overtime.

PERSONAL NOTES. W. S. Gilbert, who collaborated with Sir Arthur Sullivan in the writing of the operas, is conducting the final rehearsals for the revival of "Iolanthe" in London.

General Lew Wallace is spending the greater part of each day at his home at Gettysburg, Pa., at work on his autobiography. He hopes to complete the work within a year.

Count Tolstoy consumed five years in gathering historical material for "War and Peace," and the preliminary writings from which the book sprang are now in the Rumjanzoff museum, Moscow.

In connection with the appointment of Mr. Payne to be postmaster general it is recalled that with the general it was a maker no one since the civil war has served a full term in the position.

The memoirs of the late former Premier Crispien, showing that it was King Humbert who prevented Crispien from recalling the British fleet from Abyssinia, are causing the Adowa disaster, have created a sensation in Rome and the government is trying to suppress their publication.

Andrew Carnegie is to be given a banquet when he dedicates the laboratory of engineering at the Stevens Institute of Technology in February, at which the speaker will be cooked in a miniature blast furnace constructed by the students, and the ice cream will be molded to the form of a railroad spike.

There is a smart saying current in London that nowadays the percession are either actresses or Americans and that the members of the old aristocracy have all gone into trade. The latest recruit for the latter is the duke of Cambridge's daughter-in-law, Mrs. George FitzGeorge, whose husband is a colonel. She writes and starts a hygienic beautifying concern, and she starts of Mayfair, where she hopes to rid her fashionable friends' faces of wrinkles and other blemishes.

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