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Subscribed in my personal name and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, A. D. 1902. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

President Schwab of the steel combine denies that he intends to resign. Men who draw salaries the size of his do not generally resign voluntarily.

If the captors of Miss Stone and those who are striving to ransom her cannot get together in Turkey, they are reminded there is a first-class location out on the Center street road.

It is given out that a large number of actors are soon to go on strike. If due discrimination is used in selecting the strikers the public will not grieve if the differences are never settled.

The steamship companies have combined to raise passenger rates to Europe. As long as the street car fare to Cutoff lake and Manawa remains at the usual figure, the majority of Omaha people will not suffer.

The amount of gold in the treasury has reached the record-breaking figure of \$648,831,805. That is different from the days of democratic treasury deficits when the redemption fund was constantly in danger.

China is said to intend to secure an American to reorganize the finances of the country. There is a wealth of governmental financiers in this country which it would gladly loan, but no guarantee goes with the goods.

Jim Younger is still importuning the governor of Minnesota to allow him to return to Missouri and get married. Twenty-five years in prison has doubtless created an incurable desire in him to be under some restraint.

The new German imperial loan of 300,000,000 marks has been oversubscribed sixty times. What has become of that terrible conspiracy of the plutocrats to make money scarce and dear, loans hard to get and interest high?

Admiral Sampson will be retired from active service this month. Admiral Schley is already on the retired list. Now, if all parties concerned will only retire the Sampson-Schley controversy, the public will cheerfully honor a requisition for a vote of thanks.

The two rival glass combines have started a novel war on each other. They are each raising the wages of their men as a bid for public support and incidentally to secure the best help in the market. The workmen are making no complaint and are perfectly willing that the war should go on.

The fusion papers of the state, or at least many of them, take up the cry of Meeserve that his prosecution is mere politics. Contrast this with the opinions of republican papers when republican crookedness has been exposed and then form your own opinion as to who are the real reformers.

The debate is still in progress whether the college woman can work out her destiny best as a self-supporting spinster or a man-supported wife. Strangely enough no one has suggested the third solution of sacrificing herself for the benefit of a wife-supported husband. Here is a chance for a postscript to the discussion.

County Commissioner Connolly wants to know how any self-respecting democrat can take an appointive position secured by the votes of the republican members of the county board. Mr. Connolly seems to forget that his own seat would never have come to him were it not for the votes of republicans that elected him three years ago. No democrat was ever known to refuse a job because republicans helped him get it.

CAN THE PEOPLE BE TRUSTED.

The prospective popular edict directing congress to call a national convention to revise the constitution of the United States as a sequence of the action taken by the legislatures of seven states, demanding the submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote, has produced profound alarm in plutocratic circles.

The special champion of the trusts, the New York Sun, makes a frantic appeal to the legislatures of the various states now in session to head off this menace to the privileged classes.

The most dire calamities are predicted for the American people in case they should decide to throw open the constitution to general amendment, and we are admonished that the safety of the republic demands that all resolutions looking toward a national convention ought to be killed as soon as they make their appearance in any legislature.

The question that naturally suggests itself is, can the people be trusted? The framers of the federal constitution wisely reserved for the people the right to revise that instrument without the consent of congress.

In Great Britain the House of Lords has time and again been forced to yield to the demands of popular reform emphasized through the House of Commons. In this country the popular demand of two-thirds of the states, emphasized repeatedly by the house of representatives through resolutions that received more than the necessary two-thirds of the votes of the house, has been spurned and pigeonholed by the peers.

There is absolutely no danger to be apprehended for republican institutions from a convention of representatives of the people chosen to revise the national constitution. Every state would naturally select its most eminent and conservative citizens to represent it in such a body.

When the present constitution was adopted 133 years ago, the population of the United States was less than that of the state of Illinois. Travel and traffic between New York, Philadelphia and Boston were carried on by stages, wagon trains or sailboats.

The industrial revolution of more than one hundred years affords within itself the most unanswerable argument for the revision of the constitution. The product of the eighteenth century sages must be adapted in the near future to twentieth century conditions.

The bill introduced by Senator Spooner as a substitute for the Nicaragua canal bill authorizes the president, among other provisions, to secure the necessary concessions from the republic of Colombia, these to include the perpetual control of a ten-mile strip of territory from the Caribbean sea to the Pacific ocean.

THEY HAVE THEIR EYES UPON THE SURPLUS.

"They have their eyes upon the surplus in our treasury," observes that paper, "and are simply figuring out how much of it they may get, to place it where they know it will do the most good."

More or less opposition to the proposed legislation is to be expected, but while it is true that in every emergency these countries will endeavor to get all they can for the concessions our government should ask, we shall probably in the end be able to make our own terms, since the United States will be disposed to be fair and reasonable in dealing with these republics.

There appears to be some question as to whether the Panama company can give a satisfactory title to its property, but the friends of the company assert that there is not the slightest shadow of doubt as to its ability to transfer the property with a clear title.

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A very interesting and important question has been raised as to whether the treaty-making power, lodged by the constitution in the president and senate, involves the right to make reciprocal trade agreements with foreign governments affecting duties without any action on the part of the house of representatives.

A NEW MILITARY MEASURE.

The bill introduced in congress to increase the efficiency of the national guard and create a trained military force that will be immediately available in time of war, if it become law, give the United States a disciplined body of men ready for any emergency.

It provides that the organization, armament and discipline of the organized militia in the several states and territories shall be the same as that now provided for, for a period not exceeding prescribed by law, for the regular and volunteer forces of the United States.

The Illinois senator declared that the treaty-making power is not derived from a law of congress and cannot be modified or limited by a law of congress. He did not regard the constitutional provision requiring that all measures for raising revenue shall originate in the house as making necessary the submission to that body of a reciprocity treaty before it becomes effective.

OMAHA THEN AND NOW.

People interested in the welfare of Omaha must judge the prospects of the future by reviewing the progress of the past. A glimpse into the Omaha of other days cannot fail to foreshadow the horoscope that is to come.

Omaha was a revelation to me. It was the first genuine western city I had struck. It presented an unobscured appearance, with its rambling lines of houses, and here and there a three or four-story permanent building, with every conceivable size and style of shanty sandwiched between them.

At a recent sale of breeding draft horses in Iowa, twenty-four head sold for an average of \$903 each. This is said to be the highest average price ever paid for such animals at a public sale.

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LAND OF LONG AGO.

There's a dear old home in the Far Away, Aft, some place where the children play, A realm of rest where the old folks stay, In the Land of the Long Ago.

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On the north and south are the joy and rest, Of a sister's smile and a mother's breast; And a father's love to the east and west, Of the Land of the Long Ago.

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Calinness is the mark of true courage. Godliness is true and eternal greatness. The only dumb religion is a dead one. A conspiracy of silence is usually one of sin.

Only those whom the cap fits will criticize its cut. Daily drudgery may be the door to divine delights. Dark days make a good background for bright lives.

SEVERAL SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Bishop Potter's summer house was entered and despoiled by a gang of burglars the other night, but there is nothing to indicate that the bishop suspects any prohibitionist.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Brooklyn Life: "I wish, my dear, he had made his money instead of inheriting it. He would make you a better husband."

PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN.

"Were there any pretty girls in the play?" "Oh, yes. The poor deserted wife, who had to take in sewing for a living, suffered agonies in a lovely white gown, with chiffon ruffles and a dream of a pearl-colored plush opera cloak, lined with white fur."

PHILADELPHIA PRESS.

Tess—Miss Brusk didn't hesitate to give his age as his reason for refusing old Murphy. Tess—Told him to his face he was too old, eh? Tess—Not at all. He swore he "would love and cherish her till death," and she told him he was too young.

CHICAGO POST.

"Love," sighed the old maid, in a grand, sweet tone. "But I never could appreciate music," asserted the crusty old bachelor, hastily.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

"Suppose," said the girl with the Gibson girl neck, "you had never cared for men at all, and you fell in love with a young man at first sight?" "Well," said the girl with the Julia Marlowe dimple, "I engaged myself to him."

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