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Subscribed in my office to before me this 1st day of February, A. D. 1902.

There is still hope that the people of this country can be kept busy. The watch factory was not burned in the recent Waterbury fire.

If the supreme court will lend an ear to all of Omaha's local contentions, it will have no difficulty in keeping that ear busy nearly all the time.

A Michigan man who has just died held the office of postmaster continuously for fifty-three years.

General Kitchener telegraphs that he has captured Dewey's last gun. For all that, it will be just as safe for British soldiers in that district to keep their heads below the skyline of the kopjes, as usual.

Judge Keyser has held judicially that Mayor Moore is not a police magistrate. People who are wont to hurl epithets at the mayor should take due notice that it would be libelous to call him a police magistrate.

A bill is pending in the Iowa legislature to cut down the width of public highways to the necessities of travel.

The reduction of farm mortgages in Saunders county, Nebraska, during the past month amounted to \$29,000.

It is not always safe to bank on expressions of confidence of interested attorneys as to what a court will hold in a pending case.

Congress has just completed in committee the January legislative appropriation bill, but it still awaits action in the house.

European nations are having a great time in trying to prove which of them blocked the efforts to prevent the United States from engaging in war with Spain.

The imposition practiced on city and county by surrounding towns that undertake to unload upon us their indigent victims of contagious disease requires the serious attention of the authorities.

Omaha cannot afford to have a fire coroner if the expenses of this new office are to be borne by the taxpayers.

LOOKING BACKWARDS.

A man's hindsight is always better than his foresight. It is always much more difficult to forecast than to look back. It is easier to tell what might have been if—than it is to tell what will be without an if.

IRRIGATION WILL COME NEXT.

The irrigation bill will be taken up for consideration in the United States senate as soon as the Philippine tariff bill is disposed of, which should be within a week.

TARIFF AND COMMERCIAL TREATIES.

The subcommittee of the senate committee on foreign relations has concluded that the power to make commercial treaties lies with the president and the senate.

LEASING INDIAN LANDS.

Great care should be taken in the leasing of lands in Indian reservations that the rights and interests of the Indians are given just consideration.

A Day of Reckoning.

The order that government employees must not pester the politicians for appointments seems to be an appendix to the effect that the politicians must not pester the employees for contributions.

Where We Plant the Coals.

Mr. Tillman certainly made a great sacrifice of exactness for oratorical explosion when he declared we were engaged in money-grabbing in the Philippines.

The Rising Generation.

The limit of precocity seems to have been reached in Chicago, where a 13-year-old girl found her long-lost mother and gave the latter a fortune.

Quite a Healthy Infant.

It is a real pleasure to note the continued prosperity of the steel trust. A little while ago we had a report covering nine months of the concern's existence, and now we have one for ten.

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