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M. B. WINGFIELD, Notary Public.

To Union Pacific managers and employees: Get together.

Our summer resort managers should send a few complimentaries to the weather man.

Motto for King Edward's coronation greedy subjects: Don't holler till you are out of the woods.

The postponement of the coronation gives an extension of time to the popocratic poggins to shoot at Whitelaw Reid.

Nebraska's supreme court never knew how many friends it had among the railroad attorneys until it took up the pending railroad tax cases.

In 1900 the fusion state convention was a three-ring circus. In 1902 it has only two rings. By 1904 one ring will suffice for all the performers.

According to Admiral Dewey, loot had much more to do with prompting Aguinaldo and his followers to join the Americans against the Spaniards than did liberty.

We would suggest that our Commercial club excursionists change their name, and instead of calling themselves the "Rain Makers," try their hand at sunshine sorcery.

That long-winded platform promulgated by the Omaha populists and carried to Grand Island in the baggage car was evidently lost in the mazes between the two circus tents.

With due respect to his high rank in all capacities, we believe Admiral Dewey will admit that he shines brighter on the flagship bridge than he does on the congressional witness stand.

"Little Giant" Thompson has been trying to connect with official honors by the fusion route to these many years, but in vain. Unfortunately for him again, he has selected the wrong year to try for the executive mansion.

At the risk of being denounced as impolite, The Bee reiterates its opinion that the thirteen points of discrimination arbitrarily marked up against Omaha by the fire insurance rate makers are not founded on fact and justice.

Careful analysis of the reports filed with the secretary of state by candidates seeking nominations to state offices affords conclusive proof that the amount of money spent bears no standard ratio to the number of votes received in convention.

Friends of Trust Smasher Smyth charge upon the populist delegation from this county the responsibility for the misuse of his nomination for governor by the fusion state conventions. If this is the case, then perhaps the credit for making his nomination possible. Its an ill wind—

Ex-Governor Stone of Missouri thinks the Indiana democrats made a great mistake in not reaffirming devotion to the Kansas platform in their recent state-convention and does not hesitate to tell them so. As a Missouri product the Kansas City platform has a hold on Mr. Stone, but its grip does not reach over into Indiana.

You don't see anything in the editorial columns of the World-Herald discussing the railroad tax question or refuting the misstatements and fallacious arguments put in circulation by the tax bureau bunco men. The World-Herald reserves its force exclusively for the denunciation of republican officials and leaves it to others to fight out the battles of the people.

THE SITUATION IN CUBA.

The latest advices from Cuba indicate a condition of affairs there that is to be regretted. It appears that the industrial and commercial conditions of the island are very bad and that there is really a state of affairs that threatens serious trouble in the near future.

It is said that the Cuban government will seek to enter into closer trade relations with foreign powers, particularly with England, Germany and France. We do not think there is any serious danger in this direction.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S STATEMENT.

The evidence given by Admiral Dewey before the senate Philippine committee disposes conclusively of certain charges that have been made in regard to the relations of our military forces with the Filipinos at the time of the naval operations at Manila.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

The relations between the Union Pacific and the employes in its machine and repair shops have now become so strained that they present a serious situation.

HIGHER ASSESSMENT—LOWER RATE.

The work of the county commissioners as a board of assessment and equalization has progressed far enough to insure a material increase in the grand assessment roll of the county.

Good Advice.

Go west, young man; Kansas and Nebraska have a farm laborer famine.

Climate Versatility.

There is no limit to the possibilities of a country that can have snowstorms in June and sunstrokes in January.

A Temporary Annoyance.

The Nebraska volcano has erupted with no further effect than a disagreeable but transitory odor in the public affairs.

Fine Game in Sight.

Chicago News. Attorney General Knox has had sufficient rest after his historic rout of the Beef Trust to do his warpaint and take the trail of the Anthracite Coal Trust.

Joys of Summer Jankets.

Chicago Chronicle. The summer cruise of senate and house committees among the islands of our colonial possessions ought to be equal to half a dozen congressional funerals in alcoholic possibilities. The sergeant-at-

THE MEAT IN THE COCONUT.

A public document just issued from the government printing press purporting to give the information and opinions brought out by hearings on the land-lease bills before the house committee on public lands throws considerable new light on the influences that have been brought to bear to promote this legislation.

Political Possibility.

Washington Post. If there is anything in nomenclature in vote-getting, the Hon. John H. Macey ought to receive rain checks, it is less now that the affair is indefinitely postponed.

Kicking Against Progress.

New York Mail and Express. Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois is not a suave and pleasing person, but when he speaks he says things.

Vain Hope of the Aged.

Baltimore American. When the senseless Fourth of July is accomplished fact then will the patriotic among men rejoice to see the dawning of our national birthday.

Inconsistency of Bryan.

Portland Oregonian. Bryan comes back from Cuba with the conviction that self-government will be a failure there.

Harking Back to Steam.

Buffalo Express. Electricity as a motive power for high speed has been abandoned by the Prussian railroad administration in favor of steam.

Republican State Ticket.

Plainview Republican: Who is Mickey? He is not an old ringster at any rate.

Conclusive Testimony.

Admiral Dewey's Contribution to War History. Kansas City Star. Admiral Dewey made a valuable contribution to history in his testimony before the senate committee.

Bryanism in Nebraska.

New York World (dem.): Nebraska democrats and populists reaffirmed Bryan's old Kansas City platform recently and nominated Bryan for president.

Chicago Record-Herald (rep.):

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Springfield (Mass.) Republican (ind.):

The honors of the democratic and populist state conventions of the states were narrowly won by Mr. Bryan.

Philadelphia Press (rep.):

The Nebraska democracy represents accurately that element in the democratic party which advocates and believes in the creed which has come to be known as Bryanism.

Philadelphia Record.

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Chicago Chronicle (dem.):

The country is called upon once more to witness the immoral and degrading bargaining between the so-called democrats of Kansas and Nebraska and the populists.

Alma Journal.

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Railway Franchise Values

From the report of the Union Pacific Railroad company, filed with the auditor of public accounts, it may be seen that the earnings of that company in Nebraska for the year ending December 31, 1901, were as follows:

Table showing financial data for Union Pacific Railroad in Nebraska, including Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, and Passenger traffic.

Nebraska Independent.

A reasonable deduction for depreciation of property and necessary repairs. The Nebraska portion of the Union Pacific paid \$4,807,288.37 of net income last year; that "capitalized" at 4 per cent would make the value of the Union Pacific in Nebraska the sum of \$120,182,216.

But what about the franchise?

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But isn't necessary to rely wholly upon the net earnings to arrive at a fair conclusion as to the road's value as a "unit"?

As was shown last week, the selling value of Union Pacific stocks and bonds in the New York and London markets on the 3d day of June was the sum of \$10,044,222. These covered 3,083 miles of line—making each mile worth \$3,257. Accordingly, the \$47,105 miles in Nebraska would be worth \$154,909,536—or about \$7,000,000 more than our "capitalization" of net earnings.

Of course the Nebraska net earnings were really more than the report shows, for we never heard of calling taxes "operating expenses"?

But whatever you determine the value of the Union Pacific's holdings and franchises in Nebraska, you will find it in the neighborhood of \$120,000,000. And don't forget that it pays taxes on a trifle over \$6,000,000—on about \$6,467 valuation for each mile of line in Nebraska on the average. Just keep this in mind: Assessed value per mile \$6,467. Net earnings per mile \$4,711.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Plainview Republican: Who is Mickey? He is not an old ringster at any rate.

Valentine Republican: People generally and republicans particularly in this part of the state are well satisfied with the republican state ticket nominated at Lincoln last week.

Minden Gazette: The republicans at their state convention nominated J. H. Mickey of Osceola for governor.

Crete Vidette-Herald: Mickey is an old soldier. He was also one of Nebraska's pioneers.

Holdrege Citizen: The republicans have reason to be proud of the ticket they have nominated.

Bradshaw Republican: There has never been a time that we can now call to mind, when the entire republican press, from all quarters of the state, were so united in their support of a state ticket as they are at this time.

Falls City Journal: If the republican party ever "pointed with pride" it is justified in so doing when it considers the new state ticket and the one that it will ask the people to support at the polls next fall.

David City Record: It is conceded generally that the state convention nominated an excellent ticket.

Alma Journal: One could not attend the convention at Lincoln and not be convinced that the clean patriotism of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and McKinley was paramount in the hearts of Nebraska republicans.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

The vicissitudes of life at the national capital are strangely illustrated in the career of Hallet Kilbourne, whose mental condition necessitated his confinement in the Government Hospital for the Insane a few days ago.

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Representative Dalzell was sitting gloomily in a corner of the ways and means committee room, reports a New York World letter.

"What's the matter, John?" asked Representative McClellan. "You look as though you were in much distress."

"I am," replied Dalzell. "I have got to make a speech on this Philippine civil government bill and I am as nervous as a cat. I always have stage fright before I make a speech."

"And that reminds me," he continued. "Years ago President McKinley and I were waiting at a station on the coast of the United States when both announced to speak. Mr. McKinley sat calmly smoking his cigar, while I was pacing up and down just as I am now."

"Major," I said, "don't you ever get nervous before speaking? You are as cool as a cucumber, and I'm as nervous as the valdettarian of a young ladies' seminar."

"My dear Dalzell," he replied, "the difference between us is this: You have got your speech in your head and I have got mine in my pocket."

The most striking view to be obtained of the exterior of the new building says the Washington Star, is on a clear night under a cold, wind-swept sky.

Standing in the plaza to the east of the building, with the great white structure in chill outline against the dark background, its noble proportions seem more appreciable. The austere straight lines of the main building blend into the graceful curves of the dome that with a mighty sweep leap upward, as if by essaying to touch the keystone of the star-spangled vault overhead.

Dark, silent, brooding, the majestic pile dominates the scene.

From the terrace on the opposite side another striking picture is obtained. The eye sweeps over Pennsylvania avenue for a mile, over the bed of asphalt that shimmers like the surface of water beneath the twin rows of arc lights and the gaze fetters up against the columns of the treasury's south portico, diminished in the perspective, but yet stately. Southward of the thoroughfare lies a dark forest, the mall, studded with points of light where the arc lamps show through the trees. A shadowy outline on the western sky is the Washington monument, a ghost of a monument by which the main building still twinkling line of pin-point lights mark the cavalry camp at Fort Myer, where the army keeps watch and ward over the capital.

TART AND TICKLISH.

Chicago Tribune: Cholly—I'm going to spend my vacation on the broad plains of the west. I want to give my mind a chance to "Birdie-Going to have something done to your head?"

Detroit Free Press: "Your son will be a comfort to you in your old age," remarked the visitor.

"If that boy turns out as he promises, said the father, "I won't have any old age."

Washington Star: "Will you discuss the money question in your coming campaign?" "Of course," said Senator Borah; "but in the same private, heart-to-heart manner as usual."

Chicago Tribune: Doctor—You are all run down. You ought to quit business entirely. "Patient—I've run down I suppose I'll have to wind up."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I notice that somebody says that the pigskin has taken the place of the sheepskin for college diplomas."

"That ought to suit the rosters."

Chicago Post: "Do you believe there is really any danger in kissing?" he asked during the last 100 years.

"There may be," she answered, "if papa sees you."

Philadelphia Press: Miss Hoamy (copy) I dreamed last night that he caught me in a dark hall and kissed me. What would you say that was a sign of?

Miss Hoamy: "I should say that would prove at least that the hall really was dark."

Puck: Smith-Brown is the latest man on record.

Jones—How so?

Smith—When his wife asks him to water her flowers he says "I'll water 'em with my Newfoundland dog and then his hand in the middle of the flower bed and shake him!"

Detroit Free Press: Physician—Madam, your husband is suffering from overwork.

Mrs. W.—And will he be to give up his place under the government?

Physician—What's that? Is he a government official?

Mrs. W.—Yes, sir.

Physician—If I'm I'll diagnose his case again. He probably needs exercise of some kind.

PERSONAL NOTES.

It is a good rule that works both ways. The barbed wire that once fenced out the Boers is now to be used to fence them in.

Uncle Russell Sage says he does not know how to rest. Many of those who have had dealings with him feel the same way, too.

Commander Wainwright has asked to be relieved as superintendent of the Naval Academy and desires sea duty. It is possible he will be given a battleship.

Count Boni de Castellane is in trouble again. His election to the Deputies is in controversy and he will have to fight every man who voted against him.

Should Sir Michael Hicks-Beach remain in his present office for another four years, and thus bring his tale of budgets up to eleven, he will have equalled Mr. Gladstone's record and surpassed that of any other English chancellor of the exchequer during the last 100 years.

Andrew Carnegie wants no backyard neighbors overlooking the ground of his new mansion in Ninety-second street, New York. Therefore he has purchased a fat building in the rear and the tenants will have to move when the multi-millionaire begins the erection of his home.

In spite of the opposition of his famous mother, Maurice Bernhart has applied to the state council of Paris for permission to change his name to Maurice Clairin.

This is in order to conform to the usage which requires that children should bear the name of their father, not their mother.

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