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GEO. B. TSCHUCK, Notary Public. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 20th day of June, 1902.

If most of this superfluous rainfall were only being stored in reservoirs until needed.

The Winnebago land grabbers are beginning to feel uncomfortable. They cannot stand the searchlight of publicity.

Chicago is waging relentless war on the smoke nuisance. In Omaha the anti-smoke ordinance remains a dead letter.

The sultan of Zanibar is dead. Anybody who wants his job must apply without delay to his royal majesty, King Edward VII.

To use a homely expression, the Wisconsin state convention has put Senator Spooner in a position where he will have to fish or cut bait.

Governor Savage and his party of Nebraska colonels are seeing Chinatown. And Chinatown is also seeing the governor of Nebraska and his colonels.

King Edward's coronation has been definitely fixed for August 9. But the postponement to midsummer has already taken all of the starch out of the function.

Germany need not be alarmed over the prospect of a meat famine. Uncle Sam will be glad to honor requisitions accompanied by the market price, whenever Germany relaxes its exclusive regulations.

New regulations and rules are to be promulgated by the Omaha Board of Health, which are said to cover some thirty pages of typewriting. The first rule to observe during all seasons of the year is, keep your head cool and your feet warm.

Mr. Mooncall has taken his revenge. He now declares that the president was absent from Washington when the editor of the Bee was his guest at the temporary White House. Mr. Mooncall is a genius and was by nature designed as chief factotum of a fakery.

Another prince is to invade the United States. This time it is Prince Chen, who was to have represented the great dragon in the coronation midway procession that failed to come off on schedule time in June, owing to the interference of meddlesome British surgeons.

If we are to believe the strike breakers, all is serene at the Union Pacific shops and all along the line from Omaha to Evanston. If we are to believe the strike makers, all is confusion in the shops and everything is out of gear on the line of the road between Omaha and Evanston.

A belated search among his papers has uncovered the Tilden club banquet invitation that was addressed to Colonel Bryan, about which there has been so much dispute. The only regret now is that Mr. Bryan did not receive the document soon enough to send a prompt response, while his ire was at the fever point and he could have done fuller justice to his ruffled feelings.

Consul General Bragg may have been indiscreet in describing the impressions made upon him by the Cubans in a letter to his wife in his blunt and honest way, but that should scarcely furnish sufficient reasons for his recall as consul general of Havana, where he is nothing more nor less than the commercial agent of the United States. But the old commander of the Iron Brigade ought to have known that a woman can't be expected to keep a secret even if she has been married forty years.

TRADE CONDITIONS HEALTHY.

The fact that in the fiscal year just closed our exports declined and imports increased, thereby reducing the trade balance is not to be regarded as a serious reaction from the conditions that have prevailed for several years and given this country an enormous advantage in the international trade account.

Those who carefully study trade statistics find no cause for alarm in the apparent loss to this country of \$185,000,000 as compared with the figures of a year ago. The falling off in exports was due to a considerable extent to the partial failure of the corn crop last year, there being a decrease of \$62,000,000 in the exports of corn, or about three-fifths of the total decline as compared with the previous year.

On the whole, therefore, it is apparent that foreign trade conditions, notwithstanding the changes as compared with a year ago, continue healthy and there seems to be nothing in the situation at present to disturb confidence. The promise for good crops is favorable and our exports of breadstuffs and provisions during the ensuing year are likely to be at least as large as those of the past year and perhaps larger.

A LOSING DEAL.

The recent purchase for the state school fund on a 3 per cent basis of \$268,000 twenty-year Douglas county bonds, just refunded by the commissioners of this county at 3 1/2 per cent interest, is a losing deal for the taxpayers.

A NEW ANTI-TRUST SUGGESTION.

The suggestion reported to have been submitted by the Russian minister of finance to the British government and the powers that signed the Brussels sugar bounty convention, proposing the consideration of means to protect international commerce against the artificial depression of prices, by the processes of trusts, is novel.

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COMING HOME (D) AT LAST.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(Special)—Congressman Dave Mercer of Omaha returned tonight from Atlantic City and will leave for home tomorrow. He will visit the supervising architect in the morning and see what can be done toward hurrying the work of constructing for the new Indian warehouse at Omaha, for which an appropriation of \$75,000 was passed on the last day of the session of congress.

According to reports from St. Louis, negotiations are in progress for the absorption by the company which owns the present terminal facilities centering in the Union station in that city of the proposed new St. Louis Belt & Terminal Railroad company, the consideration amounting to more than \$20,000,000.

The City of Venice has decided to tax itself \$200,000 for rebuilding the collapsed Campanile, that stood in the square of St. Mark as a monument of Italian art. It will take several years, however, before the Omaha Board of Education will spend \$50,000 for the lone tower that looms conspicuously on paper over the roof line of the new High school building and was to have been made such a striking object of admiration for all tourists.

Missouri Lights the Way.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The renewal of the triple alliance is regarded in Belgium as a decided diplomatic victory for Germany, whose allies have been compelled to subordinate their economic interests to their political necessities.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

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REAL OPPONENT OF TRUSTS.

Operation of the Inflexible Law of Supply and Demand. New York Mail and Express. The enactment of legislation to control "trusts" is a task so formidable that we doubt whether it can be successfully accomplished at this time, when the public mind has yet to regard them in more friendly light than "necessary evils," and the trusts themselves have still to work out their own commercial destiny.

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FLASHES OF FUN.

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