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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of September, A. D. 1902.

GEO. B. TSCHUCK, Notary Public. Even Des Moines is to have a horse show. Omaha may get to it in time.

Perhaps we ought to enact a law to the effect that only musicians are privileged to pass criticism on band music.

President Roosevelt is back from the south. The boundless west will be honored as the destination of his next trip.

Board of Trade speculators are not having half the excitement they usually enjoy at this season. Crop scares are scarce.

Of course the Iowa democrats are for free trade or for any other kind of a trade that will help them in the congressional districts.

It would be a relief if Mount Pelee would do one thing or the other instead of keeping people in a chronic state of apprehensive suspense.

There is a good deal of difference between Dave Henderson and Dave Mercer—in fact, the only point of resemblance is in their first names.

If Chicago could only pick itself up and move over from Lake Michigan to the banks of the muddy Missouri, it wouldn't have to boil the water.

The horse race from Deadwood to Omaha for the amusement of the president has been called off. The president does not want to be amused that way.

King Coal may be a merry old soul, but his subjects would be more merry if he did not try to emulate the high leap of the cow that jumped over the moon.

Colonel Bryan is kept busy nowadays trying to keep his party from striking out the first word in the famous phrase, "Immediate, free and unlimited coinage of silver."

As the time for a decision from the supreme court in the railroad tax case approaches, the railroad tax bureaucrats are buckling down again to business. They must be expecting something to drop.

It's hard to get democratic candidates in Iowa to stand. The latest to decline is H. M. Sharbo, democratic nominee for auditor in Hamilton county. But nobody blames him, as he has stood for it twice before.

George J. Gould has come and gone without manifesting any desire to mix into the Union Pacific strike. All the other roads that are having no trouble with their employees are quite willing to let well enough alone.

Great Britain finds that the treaty of peace with the Boers still leaves several puzzling problems to be solved. We found that out, too, with reference to our new island possessions after our treaty of peace with Spain was executed.

Contention is already on at St. Louis as to which political party can rightfully claim the credit for exposing the seditious hoodlums who have been operating in that city. The belief evidently is that there is not glory enough there to go round.

The death of an Omaha woman who had for years been a leading member of the teaching force of our public schools discloses an estate valued at \$15,000, accumulated from her own unaided earnings. Persistence, coupled with ability, wins success in any calling.

BYRAN DISCUSSING TRUSTS.

Mr. W. J. Bryan is again discussing the trusts. He has been doing this for several years and he has not been particularly successful in impressing his views upon the public mind. It does not appear probable that he will be better able to do this now than in the past and for the simple reason that his views are of that narrow and prejudiced character which renders them unacceptable to intelligent, thoughtful and conservative men.

Of course Mr. Bryan can see nothing meritorious in the views of President Roosevelt respecting the combinations. The president believes that publicity would operate to remedy some of the trust evils, but he does not stop at that. Publicity is simply the first step. He also favors legislation that will subject the combinations to governmental supervision and regulation.

It is needless to say that the chief Bryan remedy is to take the tariff off all trust-made goods. Of course this could not be done without affecting individual manufacturers whose goods compete with those of the combinations. This would mean, as we have heretofore pointed out, the inevitable destruction of the former.

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VALUE OF THAT CHAIRMANSHIP.

The only plea for the retention of David H. Mercer at Washington to represent this district that takes the form of an argument is that we must submit to a nonresident congressman in order to keep the chairmanship of the public buildings committee.

If all we wanted in a congressman was a man to make trades for a slice of the pork, this sort of talk might make some impression, but even then the champions of the nonresident overdo the thing and grossly exaggerate the value of that chairmanship.

Without disparaging the eminent services and high character of Benjamin Harrison, we think there is a decided difference. William McKinley succumbed to the murderer's bullet while in office, whereas Benjamin Harrison died a natural death in private life.

Tom Johnson should remember that when it comes to jockeying for place Colonel Bryan has had a great deal more experience than he has had.

The Pennsylvania legislature may induce Mr. Baer, to modify his divine right ideas to the extent that he will render under Caesar the things that are Caesar's.

If Pennsylvania anthracite is to make way for the oil which is the suggestion that is thrown out by Expert Hayes of the Geological Survey, that is another argument in favor of the prompt settlement of the strike.

Very probably the cowboy race from Deadwood to Omaha, the finish to occur during President Roosevelt's visit to the latter city, would not have been anything very terrible in its imposition upon the endurance of either men or horses.

Pittsfield is chagrined that its good reputation has been put to the blush by the presidential agent, and moves in the direction of a municipal housecleaning.

It is expected that the bill which passed the senate last January, creating a department of commerce, will be taken up in the house early at the next session.

A subcommittee of the house committee on Interstate and foreign commerce, of which Mr. Hepburn is chairman, was given charge of the bill, with the understanding that during the recess of congress it would conduct a thorough inquiry as to the necessity for such a department.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

William F. Howe, the noted criminal lawyer who died last week, is said to have nullified more criminal statutes and secured the acquittal of more law breakers than any lawyer who has practiced in the big city in a generation.

Long-ago missionaries, whose chronologies were a little bit confused, declared that Buddhism was a palpable imitation of, if not a deliberate steal from Christianity.

Of the many heart tragedies of a great city, working out to the end in Bellevue, few are more pitiful than one which came to the attention of the police recently.

Improved methods have crept into the panhandling business, reports the New York Sun. A family man who was leaving his Park row office for home the other night was accosted by a typical tramp.

Four per cent on \$1,000,000 is the sum Charles M. Schwab, the steel king, is to pay annually for an unfurnished apartment of seventeen rooms on the sixteenth floor of the Ansonia, Broadway and Seventy-second street, New York.

The condition of United States Senator Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut was not improved as was hoped for when he left Washington about the middle of the last session of congress and went to his summer home on Long Island sound.

As Mayor Johnson is certain to be the most discussed democrat in the country for a time, it is entirely proper to inquire into his antecedents. He was born in poverty and it is now several times a millionaire.

In his will the specifications for his funeral were set down minutely. There was to be a casket covered with black cloth, to cost \$50; \$5 were to be paid for laying him out; \$35 for his cremation, \$10 for a hearse, \$5 for one carriage, \$1 for ferry tickets, \$3 for removal of body, \$1 for "four gentlemen porters," \$4.25 for Board of Health permits, total, \$118.25.

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THE HARD COAL CINCH.

Philadelphia Press: The man with the empty coal bin—and that is pretty nearly every man in the country—is unanimous in demanding that the strike be settled. His voice is getting so loud and determined that it must be heeded.

Detroit Free Press: A few weeks ago it looked as though a compulsory arbitration bill was too heroic a measure to adopt under any circumstances. Now the coal operators have succeeded in making such a measure look silly.

Boston Globe: Only people of minor comprehension can be made to believe that the advocates are led into risking such great losses on the basis of mere blind passion. In most cases the strike has bettered their condition, as statistics amply prove.

Chicago News: "I am a strong believer," said the sour-looking old maid, "in single blessedness." "The bride of a month replied, "how dangerous it is to judge from looks alone."

Army and Navy Journal. The General raised the devil with the kernel, so he said. About a little hitch in the formship at parade.

Democratic Leader. Indianapolis Journal. Tom L. Johnson, mayor of Cleveland and autocrat of the democratic party in Ohio, announces himself as the great trust, monopoly and corporation smasher.

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Advertisement for FRIDAY shirts. Includes logo with 'BK' and 'FRIDAY' text. Text: "our special will be Shirts. All of our \$1.00 colored negligee shirts, and broken lines of \$1.50 qualities, will be sold Friday from 9 a. m. and as long as they last at 55 cents each."

fact, since those who denounce millionaires as robbers who have taken from labor the millions they possess are more or less socialists and those who were the most earnest supporters of Mr. Bryan in 1900. All these in Ohio and many elsewhere who are now expressing admiration for Mayor Johnson because he is a monopoly smasher ought to be interested to know by what means he attained millions of dollars in twenty-five years. It may surprise them to know that no man in this country is a millionaire so entirely because he has been a monopolist as is Tom L. Johnson. He is a man of brains, quick to see an advantage and to grasp it. Therefore, nearly every patent affecting the construction and running of street railways that had value he secured. During the years that he was proaching free trade he owned the patent for a rail for street railways under which he manufactured and sold such rails at an exorbitant price. The Tom L. Johnson street rail was the most complete and one of the most profitable monopolies the world has witnessed. With that rail and other facilities he became an owner in part and the controller of street railways in several cities—a street railway magnate, in fact. By the manipulation of such properties he became a millionaire. As was stated a few days ago, he came very near selling to the people of Detroit for \$16,000,000 a street railway system which could have been duplicated for about \$4,000,000, in the estimated value of which he counted as worth several millions a franchise for which not a dollar had been paid. The swindle was headed off. During several years Mr. Johnson has been turning his street railway properties into bonds and other properties. While Mr. Johnson was entirely engrossed in the business, he did not advocate a single penny of stock ownership until the Detroit affair. Probably few individuals in this country have realized more from straight 5-cent fares than has the democratic autocrat in Ohio, who goes forth wearing the self-gilded halo of monopoly-smasher and who is the democratic candidate for president in 1904.