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Subscribed in my office and delivered to me this day of September, A. D. 1902. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Any more final curtains to be dropped on the great Transmississippi exposition?

We are waiting for the school board to challenge the city council to a match game of ping pong.

With fads running to the antiques, an old-fashioned wood pile is likely to come into great favor again.

Omaha is soon to entertain thousands of visitors. First Impressions go the furthest. Help make Omaha look attractive.

As a stopping place between trains Washington still manages to maintain its place as the official residence of the president.

It seems that there was something more than merely well-defined rumors in St. Louis. That is the strong contrast between St. Louis and Omaha.

Fusion has gone a-glimmering in Colorado. That's always the way whenever the democrats reach the point that they believe they do not need the populists to win.

Two thousand Mormon missionaries are said to be spreading the gospel of the Mormon church in continental Europe. Presumably this is part of the American peril.

Omaha got \$45,000 out of Our Dave's omnibus building bill, while the District of Columbia came in for \$2,125,000. That's the way that wonderful chairmanship works.

Whatever else they may bring back, the American generals enjoying the hospitality of Emperor William will bring home with them some tall stories about royal entertainment.

Italy now proposes to suppress dueling as part of the code of honor of the army officer. It may take some time yet, but eventually dueling will be found only on the code of dishonor.

New national bank circulation outstanding at the present time exceeds that of any period in American history. Totals are just now at top notch in everything that goes to make up the sum of national prosperity.

Governor Stone of Pennsylvania should not be discouraged in his efforts to secure a settlement of the coal strike. It may turn out that the differences can be adjusted without waiting for the aid or consent of J. Pierpont Morgan.

St. Louis is simply indulging in a little municipal housecleaning preparatory to its great Louisiana Purchase exposition that will hold the boards in 1904. Every exposition city has a housecleaning party in anticipation of such an event.

Only fifty persons will be invited to participate in the dinner given to President Roosevelt during his visit to Omaha. That means that several times fifty will be wanting to know who is responsible for the omission of their names from the chosen list.

Only six Nebraska cities will be favored with stops when President Roosevelt swings round the circle. But that will not prevent the entire populace along the line from turning out at every station to speed the president on his way as the train passes.

Union Pacific strikers say they are satisfied the way things are going. Now if they are also satisfied the way things are going, everybody ought to be satisfied except the general public and the patrons of the road.

HOW IT WOULD OPERATE.

It cannot be too often pointed out that the individual manufacturers of the country, who compete with the combinations, would in all probability suffer very much more than the trusts if the proposed policy of taking the tariff duties off trust-made goods should be put into effect.

A paper that has strongly urged trust regulation and supervision is not favorable to high protection. The New York Journal of Commerce, points out that the protective system is not the only, or the necessary, cause of industrial combinations and attempted monopolies.

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The individual manufacturers are numerous. They are doing business in most of the states, have in the aggregate hundreds of millions of capital invested and employ an army of labor.

FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, under republican administration of the government, the country has become so familiar with large treasury balances that little attention is given to the regular reports of the condition of the financial department of the government.

THE STOCK OF GOLD in the treasury is being added at the rate of from \$200,000 to \$300,000 a day, with no immediate prospect of a cessation in the rate of deposits. This condition is said to be eminently satisfactory to the treasury officials, who regard it as the best possible evidence of prosperity and of confidence in the financial stability of the country.

OUR SITUATION AT PANAMA. The government has an interest in the situation on the Isthmus of Panama, where the revolutionists appear to be practically in control, that does not grow entirely out of relations to the canal.

THE REVOLUTIONISTS, but this is a danger to be apprehended. The revolutionary party in Colombia has been reported to be rather adverse to the United States in regard to the canal and as it is making a pretty formidable contest against the government, with more than a possibility of being ultimately successful, it may prove a serious obstacle to canal negotiations.

THOSE PERTINENT QUESTIONS. Although Congressman Mercer has been invited to address nearly every ward meeting that has been held in Omaha since his return on his every-other-year visit, people are still waiting for replies to the very pertinent but unanswered questions originally propounded to his champion, William F. Gurley, and repeated again and again to our nonresident congressman himself.

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EVERY CONGRESSMAN is entitled to draw \$100 a month for clerk hire and every house committee has a salaried secretary. The secretary of the committee on public buildings, of which Mr. Mercer is chairman, receives \$2,000 a year for his services.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

MINOR SCENES AND INCIDENTS SKETCHED on the Spot. An uncommonly dull summer at the national capital is drawing to a close. The feeling of languor which spreads over the town when congress closes shop grows as the season advances and vacations multiply.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT: All the bootlers took an oath never to divulge any facts connected with their bribery operations and called upon "Almighty God" to witness their fidelity. After the bootlers served their terms in the penitentiary they should be taken to an asylum for moral idiots.

CHICAGO CHRONICLE: There is reason to believe that the St. Louis bootlers were doing a more lucrative business than some others of their kind in other cities. The fact that the average price of an alligator skin is \$2,500, and that a franchise worth a million is \$2,500 may not be far from the mark, but the small fry probably get no more than \$500 each, while the gentlemen of "influence" get \$10,000 or more.

CHICAGO INTER OCEAN: St. Louis is entitled to the hearty congratulations of every citizen in this country that is cursed by a bootling combine. The prospect ahead of the world's fair city is certainly bright. It has seldom fallen to the lot of an American municipality to be burdened as St. Louis has been with such a powerful gang of conspirators.

DETROIT FREE PRESS: There are two things in connection with the expose that are surprising even these days of official corruption. One is the number of citizens, a large proportion of whom were rated as responsible and honorable citizens, should combine for a purpose that is criminally fraudulent and should holdy meet in the city hall to perfect their schemes of blackmail and robbery.

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UNION OF THE SECTIONS.

MANIFESTATION OF POPULAR SENTIMENT on President's Southern Trip. Kansas City Star (Ind.). The large gatherings and marked enthusiasm that have characterized President Roosevelt's tour through West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina are new and gratifying evidences of the patriotic union of the United States.

IT IS TRITE and often out of place to relate the affairs of the spirit, but it is still appropriate to comment on the fact that while the presidents for many years have been chosen from the north, the south has been conspicuously loyal, generous and hospitable toward the chief magistrates who have visited that section. Even now, when there is a general feeling of discontent as to the advisability of selecting the next democratic nominee for the presidency from among the southern statesmen, the idea has more encouragement in the north than it has received in the south.

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