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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 15th day of September, 1902.

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

In the midst of the cornsheller will be found the popular air for Nebraska.

Presumably the annual smashing of the machine has again been duly effected.

And society at Newport goes right along as oblivious as if it never read a newspaper.

No one seems to have suggested to Speaker Henderson and his constituents to arbitrate their differences.

An effort is on to get Cola Harvey and General Coxy together in Arkansas and the effort is universally endorsed.

Already the friends of ex-Governor Boies are planning a presidential boom for him. This is a little sooner than was expected, but it was sure to come.

With the colleges and universities again open for business at full blast, the problem what to do with the young man has at least temporary solution.

Manufacturers of fine paper are taking steps to tighten up their trust. The demand for new bonds, stocks, debentures, etc., has doubtless encouraged them.

Although those new McKinley postal cards have not yet been called in, they ought to be. A more ungodly product of postal art was never inflicted on the public.

President Roosevelt says he believes emphatically in organized labor. That is another reason why the great corporations do not believe implicitly in President Roosevelt.

Not only is the cost of living higher than in democratic days, but living itself is higher—a fact not mentioned in the democratic campaign book, but none the less appreciated by the American people.

No tariff tinkering is needed to reform the bicycle trust. Although organized only two years ago, the mills of the gods have already ground it up very fine, and a receiver has been appointed to do the rest.

Colonel Bryan had hardly got out of Missouri before Senator Cockrell, in language similar to that of ex-Governor Boies, characterized free silver as "a dead issue." If this sort of thing goes on the Commoner will have to keep its epithets standing in type.

The building rule in London is that no structure shall rise above the pavement higher than the street in front of it is wide. Skyscraper tower buildings are therefore unknown in London.

A building rule like this in our American cities would, we believe, be useful without imposing any undue restriction on property owners.

It will not hurt legitimate business seriously if some of the speculative bubbles Wall Street has been blowing should burst. Such fakes are really detrimental to the legitimate concerns of business.

If some of the inflated speculative enterprises should now collapse it will prevent more people from putting their good money into them.

Attention of readers is called to the advertising columns of this number of The Bee, which contain announcements of a more than usual number of representative business houses and proprietary articles.

The pressure upon our advertising space affords best evidence of the high standing of The Bee as a medium of publicity, and in turn we can testify to the reputable and responsible character of our advertising patrons.

Read the advertisements—it will pay you.

MERCKE'S RENOMINATION.

The allied corporations have brought about the renomination of David H. Mercker for congress for a sixth term through the machinery of the republican party.

A nomination secured by such methods would not be binding, even if Mercker had not forfeited the support of honest and self-respecting republicans by his indefensible treachery to the party two years ago.

Conceding Mercker's efficiency as an appropria-tion trollyer and legislative tader, The Bee cannot and will not stultify itself by recommending him to the republicans of this district.

His defensive and offensive alliance with the railroad corporations makes him simply the candidate of those corporations rather than of the republican party, and the stolen republican label gives him no claim upon the support of any self-respecting republican.

PAYING THE PENALTY.

Some of the combinations that were overcapitalized and were organized without much regard to sound economic principles have recently been paying the penalty, suggesting that drastic experiences may be in store for others of like character.

Two of the three members of the state board admitted on the stand that they had made no effort to appraise the roadways, improvements or rolling stock separately or that they had made any rational inquiry into the value of these assets or sought to arrive at any rational basis of assessment by the earnings of each system, as is done in every other state.

Advocates and friends of tax reform will not be content to drop the issue because the court has refused to come to their assistance. The taxing citizens of Nebraska will not tamely submit to inflated tax rates on their property for the benefit of the railroads.

THE ROMANIAN NOTE.

The appeal of our government to the European powers for just and humane treatment of the Jews in Roumania is not without precedent. As stated in the note, the United States in 1872 remonstrated against the persecution of the Jews under Turkish rule.

Having relegated the whole question of railroad taxation to the people, the issue must be met squarely at the ballot box, not on party lines but on broad lines of justice and equity.

AMERICA'S NAVAL POSITION.

American pride in our navy will not be affected by the official statement that it ranks fifth in the number of ships, though doubtless much stronger in the matter of efficiency. Great Britain is still mistress of the seas.

What appears to be the greatest need of the American navy is more officers. This matter, manifestly of great importance, is discussed in a magazine article by Lieutenant Commander Smith.

Choice of Life Positions.

Max O'Rell, who has been asking questions of everyone he meets, reports that he has found an enormous majority of women who would elect to be men and only a very small minority of men who would elect to be women.

Where the Shoe Pinches.

The mine owners declare that they are certain to win, and with equal emphasis the striking miners assert that their winning is just as certain. In this conflict of opinion nothing is more certain than that the consuming public has been the loser from the outset.

BLASTS FROM HAM'S HORN.

Fashion may hide the scars, but it cannot heal the disease of sin. The wolves always applaud when the shepherd whips the sheep.

It is easier to be eloquent over the faults of others than to be peevish over our own. The devil is willing that you should be called the driver so long as he holds the reins.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

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IN FAVOR OF SCHOOL.

Protest against Forced Mental Efforts in Primary Grades. Philadelphia Record.

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WANE OF THE NATIVE BORN.

The general decline of the birth rate during the last half century has often been commented upon. The phenomenon is most noticeable in the case of the peoples that stand highest in the scale of civilization.

The recent census returns for England show a birth rate of only 31.67 per thousand, as compared with 28 per thousand thirty years ago. Another noteworthy fact in the population statistics of England has been the decline of immigration during the last decade.

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