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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 31st day of October, A. D. 1902.

It looks as if the Iowa idea were not cutting such a big swath after all.

The weather man should have an honorary membership in every campaign committee.

Whatever you do, don't let the election go by default. Go to the polls and vote your honest convictions.

If ex-President Cleveland doesn't quit making so many speeches he will have Colonel Waterson after him again.

That colony of Boers, when it gets fairly settled in Arkansas, will probably be exempt from shotgun politics.

Service in the army of school teachers in the Philippines seems to be as hazardous as service in the army of soldiers.

Every republican is expected to do his duty at the polls by his party and his country according to the dictates of his conscience.

The volcanic disturbance of Santa Maria has destroyed 200,000 hundred-weight of this year's Guatemalan coffee crop.

All the purchasable vote will be bought for Mercer. The Mercersites have money to burn, so our advice to rental voters is to insist on the highest market price.

Our nonresident congressman says travel is almost a passion with him. The voters of this district should see to it that he has ample opportunity to indulge this passion without neglecting any duties to his present constituents.

It is pleaded in extenuation of Schwab's sensational performances in Europe that he is crazy. If the plea is admitted in his behalf, it is rather rough on a lot of other Americans whose conduct is just as bad so far as their means go.

At all events, the two candidates on the judicial ticket in this district are not worrying about the returns. They have both been nominated by all political parties and can only compete against one another for the honor of polling the larger vote.

It is worthy of notice that the newspaper which calls itself nonpartisan always displays the most rank partisanship of any. The reason is that it is for sale to the highest bidder, and when it is bought it must go the whole length for the purchaser.

Of course it's only a coincidence that the same business men who have attached their signatures to the appeal to republicans for Mercer were also for the most part signers of an appeal in behalf of the democratic school board candidates last year. In what position are they to appeal to party loyalty?

The Board of Education is the only body that can add to the city tax rate without limit. The necessity of having men of integrity and business sagacity who will keep down extravagance and waste should not be overlooked by taxpayers citizens when they come to vote new members into the school board.

Omaha is of sufficient importance as the seat of an episcopal diocese of the Roman Catholic church to have a cathedral of creditable and imposing proportions. When the members of the church have progressed far enough to give assurance that the project is to be pushed in earnest they will find the public-spirited citizens of Omaha ready to assist without regard to denomination or creed.

A LAST WORD WITH REPUBLICANS.

It is sound doctrine and common sense that the concurrent will of a political party expressed by direct vote in primary elections and conventions is morally binding upon all loyal men of the same political faith.

Fraud violates all contracts. This principle applies as much in politics as it does in business.

It is an open secret that the nomination of David H. Mercer for a sixth term in congress does not represent the untrammeled will of a majority of the party, but on the contrary was dictated to and forced upon the party by the railroad corporations and their allied dependents.

From the local republican point of view Mercer has no claims upon the support of the active party workers past or present.

The plea that the re-election of Mercer is essential to republican supremacy in national affairs is groundless.

All indications point to the control of the next house by the republicans by a decisive majority without Mr. Mercer.

IOWA AND MUNICIPAL UTILITIES.

The recent decision of the supreme court of Iowa, so construing the constitution as to give free hand to cities and towns to own and operate public utilities, notwithstanding the 5 per cent limitation on municipal indebtedness, has been quickly followed by an equally important decision giving cities competent control over the service charges where public utilities are operated under franchises by corporations.

The supreme court of Iowa is to be commended for opening wide the door for relief to all the municipalities of the state in a series of consistent and thorough-going decisions.

LABOR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

In his report to the War department regarding conditions in the Philippines, the special commissioner, Mr. Jenks, recommends that employers of labor be permitted to introduce Chinese laborers into the islands under contract for a period of not over three years in each individual instance.

The Chinaman, on the other hand, is a steady, patient, trustworthy worker. In the Philippines he has taught the native to do nearly all that he now does respectably, while he is superior in other respects to the average Filipino.

It is understood that President Roosevelt will in his annual message urge upon congress the necessity of extending the land laws and the system of public surveys to the district of Alaska.

DEVELOPING ALASKA.

The common impression has been that Alaska is wholly without agricultural resources, but this is erroneous, the fact being that there is a considerable portion of the region in which agriculture can be successfully carried on.

INTERSTATE LAW AMENDMENT.

Two measures for amending the interstate commerce act are pending in congress. One is known as the Elkins bill "to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission."

A Teaching Proposition.

Ideal Benevolence.

Indianapolis News.

Hang His Gate on the Willows.

Profits of Cheating.

The Coming Busy Day.

LAND OF THE MAD MULLAH.

Peculiarities of Country Where Mad Mullah Carries the Prophet's Banner.

Recent dispatches from Egypt supplied a brief description from routine affairs by recounting the operations of another wild man not from Borneo, but from Somalia, widely known as the Mad Mullah.

There is a very strong and earnest public demand, more general, perhaps, than ever before, for amendment of the interstate commerce act so as to enlarge the jurisdiction and increase the power and authority of the commission.

In counting the vote election officers usually make a great deal more work for themselves than is necessary, thus delaying the tabulation of the returns and the announcement of the successful candidates.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A New York policeman is to be tried for selling himself for 50 cents. And probably he was dear at that.

Count Victor Czakowski, known as Mouzaffer Pasha, and a Catholic, has been made governor general of the holy land by the sultan.

Prof. Michael I. Pupin of Columbia university, inventor of the ocean telegraph, began his career in America as an attendant in a Turkish bath parlor in Brooklyn.

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SOMETHING IN A NAME.

Do the Names Given Children Influence Their Careers?

Judge Wofford, who has earned a reputation for quaint philosophy in Kansas City, asked the name of one of the girls of his probationary school, "Marie" she said, "Humph! No wonder you stole," returned the judge.

Process of Converting Stocks into Mortgages and Bonds.

Some of the figures, in the summary of railroad operations in 1901 just published by Poor's Manual, are rather noteworthy.

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Ayer's Sarsaparilla advertisement featuring a cartoon of a doctor and a bottle of medicine. Text includes: 'The doctor orders the medicine, the medicine aids nature, and nature makes the cure. Ask your own doctor about it.'