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Notary Public. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, A. D. 1902.

J. Pierpont Morgan caught a cold and the catch was followed immediately by a slump in stocks.

The up-to-date Thanksgiving turkey that desires to improve its figure will try to acquire a foot ball form.

The Omnibus statehood bill is the next automobile vehicle that will attempt to complete the trip through congress.

President Mitchell seems to make as good a witness as he does a diplomat. Versatility is one of his strong points.

For some unexplainable reason Captain Christmas' fairy tale did not even survive the Danish island treaty negotiations.

Betting on weather forecasts is about as hazardous at this time of the year as banking on the Mercer democrats in the last election.

President Roosevelt will have to find a surer field of sport for the huntman if he wants to lure Emperor William over to join him in the chase.

Central Kansas has experienced a slight attack of terrestrial jinnjams which some people in those parts imagine to have been the fog end of an earthquake.

Uncle Sam's team will line up to tackle the trusts, as soon as President Roosevelt returns to Washington to assume the position of center rush.

It is observable that under the operation of the new Iowa law the prohibition counties still contribute their full quota of inebriates to the insane asylums.

One army that is not being mustered out is that of the rural free delivery service, in which under republican policies 11,000 carriers have been enlisted in four years.

It isn't fair to keep on poking fun at Herbert Spencer for his vegetarian fad after he has honestly explained that he was very young and a good deal of a crank at the time.

What about the dangers of early matrimony besetting the young officers in the navy? Are the graduates of Annapolis more immune than the graduates of West Point?

You always have to go away from home to hear the news. Down in Lincoln they are constructing a new \$400,000 railroad organ for Omaha, but they have not indicated yet where it is to be set up and who is to work the bellows.

As a cabinet maker and a cabinet builder King Alphonso of Spain has no equal among the crowned heads of Europe. His average has been one cabinet a month ever since he has been permitted to warm the seat of his pantaloons on a throne.

General Chaffee is right about the sultan of Jolo. It is nonsense to be treating with that fellow as if he were an independent sovereign. The thing to do is to send out and bring him in the same as if he were a blank Indian who had got off his reservation.

The Canadian press and government will be wise to refrain from undue excitement over boundary questions. They will be settled in due time and the boundary fixed exactly where it belongs. But they ought to understand by this time that they cannot make successful their old scheme of claiming a lot of United States territory, or of disputed territory, and then trade it off for concessions in other directions.

REACTION FROM STOCK JOBBING.

Too much stress cannot be put upon the fact that the financial straggle in the east is the result of gambling and not of legitimate business operations. This fact was early perceived by the country notwithstanding the clamor of stock jobbers, promoters and birds of prey generally, and recent developments bring it out in clear light.

The root of the trouble is the prostitution to purely speculative and gambling purposes of the genuine utilities of business consolidation by modern methods. That the latter is potent for important economies is an indisputable fact, and to that extent it is healthful and conservative.

At a time when the whole circle of stocks and securities had been pushed either by the excited sanguine spirit of the times or by deliberate manipulation beyond or beyond the warrant of earnings, present or prospective, and just as the judgment of the public was beginning to appreciate that fact, it was found that innumerable groups of speculators and stock jobbers and syndicates of promoters, banks, trust companies and controllers of large interests had still on hand a prodigious total of inflated securities, representing merged and combined properties, which had not yet been disposed of to the public.

The good sense of the American people, braced by the conservative judgment of European financiers, has called a halt. The movement marked in the records of the New York stock market is simply a remedial process whereby prices are being restricted to values and speculative as well as business calculations to the line of earnings. It may be severe on those who have too far transgressed that line, but it is none the less on that account necessary and beneficial.

THE TROUBLESOME MOROS. All recent reports regarding the Philippines show that with the exception of the territory occupied by the Moros peace prevails and the functions of civil government are being fully exercised. Vice Governor Wright has said that there is a degree of peace and safety in the Philippines now that was never reached under the Spanish rule.

MANNING THE NAVY. "To provide battleships and cruisers and then lay them up," said President Roosevelt, "with the expectation of leaving them unmanned until they are needed in actual war, would be worse than folly; it would be a crime against the nation."

EXPERT EVIDENCE. It is remarkable that the chief lesson of the Mollinex trial is the utter worthlessness of the evidence of so-called "handwriting experts" in such cases. These were so contradictory in their opinions that the court regarded this evidence as of no value and it was largely for this reason that the jury promptly acquitted the defendant.

REFORM BY CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. One of the St. Louis prosecutions for bribery and corruption has just ended in the conviction and sentence of the guilty man to the penitentiary for a term of three years.

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Several recent fires in eastern skyscraper buildings above the line where fire-fighters can do effective work to ward off extinguishing flames come as pertinent reminders of the dangers of excessively high construction.

Expert evidence has come to be so generally suspected and discredited that no great amount of importance is now given it by courts or juries.

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