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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 8th day of March, A. D. 1903.

Young Carter Harrison now wears the smile that won't come off.

Governor Miley's turn at the appropriations not only comes last, but is beyond appeal.

President Roosevelt may now take his rest in the Yellowstone to get primed for his excursion through Nebraska and Iowa.

If the corporations accidentally fall down in getting what they want from the council, all they have to do is to call on the courts.

The corporations and their agents are always active. The people must be awake to the issue if they would protect their interests.

After the lighting monopoly is again spiked down for the Thomson-Houston company it is possible something may be doing for the auditorium.

When will the managers of the electric lighting company and of the gas company allow the city council to hold a meeting? Will it be this year or next year?

A legislative body has the advantage over most of us in the privilege it possesses of prolonging its existence after the time set for its life's extinguishment.

It is not often that a bill goes through the legislature over a governor's veto, but the present Nebraska legislature insisted on making a record in that direction also.

Returning members of the Douglas delegation have the satisfaction anyway of knowing that they still have Tom Blackburn's testimonial to their honesty and ability.

Omaha retail merchants are to be congratulated on the fine displays of Easter goods they are presenting to their patrons. When it comes to enterprise the Omaha retailers lead the procession.

Former Lieutenant Governor Tillman of South Carolina probably realizes by this time that murdering newspaper men for criticising his official acts is not the pleasant pastime he once imagined.

It is not to be expected that newspapers supplied with free electric light, free electric power and free telephones would see anything improper in the attempt of the allied corporations to subvert self-government in Omaha by the use of boodle and the coercion of employees.

Remember that the constitutional convention call was carried through the legislature only by the votes of Douglas county members, who, after speaking against a convention, voted for it. When the bills have to be paid for this piece of treachery to Omaha's interests, remember where the responsibility rests.

And now California is struggling with the question whether the use of the bible in the public schools is a contravention of its constitutional provision against sectarian instruction. For some reason or other, the Californians do not seem to be disposed to take the opinion of the Nebraska supreme court on the same matter as conclusive.

The Straiton will contest has been settled by compromise payment of \$350,000, nearly half of which, it is said, will go to the lawyers. The contesting bar doubtless came to the conclusion that if he kept his fight up, he would in the end owe his lawyers more than could be realized on the whole estate if he secured indefeasible title to all of it.

PHILIPPINE ACHIEVEMENT.

Undoubtedly the so-called anti-imperialists will find something to criticize in the president's statement of what has been achieved in the Philippines. Portions of it they must admit. It cannot be successfully denied that the Filipinos are enjoying a greater degree of freedom than ever before in their history.

These are unquestionable facts, yet the anti-imperialists will point to the sporadic disturbances created by a few ladrones as showing that our rule has not given contentment to all the natives and will further harp upon the severity alleged to have been practiced as a re-approach to this government which no results can atone for.

There is of course no good reason why in the country at large the republican party should not be as strong now as it was at the last presidential election. The country is as prosperous now as it was then, labor is as fully employed and receiving better wages and everything we are producing finds a ready market.

Our government is doing a work in the Philippines that is most distinctly in the interest of civilization. The islands have had since our occupation an unfortunate experience financially and commercially.

Whether or not we shall ever be repaid what possession of the Philippines has cost is a question that time only can determine. There is no accurate information in regard to the resources of the islands and no certain opinion can be formed as to the value to this country of their development.

The battle royal between the allied corporations and the people of Omaha is on. Five members of the city council, including its president, have been captured and made voluntary prisoners by the franchised corporations.

The conspiracy to break the quorum and prevent a regular session of the city council was hatched in the offices of the Milwaukee railroad and the Thomson-Houston Electric Lighting Company.

A more high-handed and scandalous proceeding had not been witnessed in Omaha since the Holy water works boodlers were overthrown by the spontaneous uprising of its citizens.

In the annals of Nebraska this deliberate attempt to strangle local government has only one parallel and that is the successful abduction by the paid railroad lobby of a member of the state senate while that body was in regular session in 1893.

That the citizens of Omaha who do not yet wear corporate manacles will assert their rights can scarcely be doubted. The majority of the present city council may stay bought, but no candidate will be elected to the next council who is not known to be free from corporate trammels and will stand up and make an unqualified pledge that

he will vote to submit an electric light bond proposition as soon as it can be done at special election, and if the corporations dominate the special election, then again at next fall's general election. The people of Omaha will either own and control public utilities or they will be owned and governed by them.

THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

The elections just held, insofar as they are indicative of political conditions, give cause for republican satisfaction. In most of the municipal contests, of course, local issues were paramount, so that the results are not conclusive as to the attitude of a majority of the voters in these communities in regard to national questions.

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This is a fair sample of what they call anti-machine reform. It is interesting to note that while the American steel industry has been growing steadily, the British steel manufacturers have also been increasing their products both for home and export markets.

THE CANDIDACY OF JOHN N. WESTBERG.

"The only safety for municipal corporations is to make frequent changes of their auditors." That is the conclusion of Herbert Spencer, the foremost political scientist of modern times. But John N. Westberg, who has now served three terms as comptroller of Omaha, differs most radically with Herbert Spencer.

John N. Westberg is not a man to hide his light under a bushel. For years he has managed to keep himself before the people by explosive self-laudation, not in keeping with his record either as a business man or as a city comptroller.

But even if the statute of limitations had run against all his honest debts and every hour of his time had been devoted to the duties of his office, John N. Westberg has barred himself from the support of the taxpaying citizens by his manipulation of the charter by which the salary of the comptroller has been raised \$1,200 a year.

Those are excellent commercial maxims that the late status quo has inflicted upon him—even if they carry with them a somewhat selfish flavor. One of the lot, however, is quite good enough for general use.

JOHNSON'S RENEWED PRESTIGE.

The re-election of Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, by an increased vote, will doubtless renew his prestige as a leader. This was somewhat damaged last year by his course in the state election, he having boldly and vigorously antagonized the McLean faction of the democracy, and had the election Monday gone against him his political star would have probably experienced a complete eclipse.

democratic national convention of next year. He is one of the "regulars" and so far as known has no sympathy with the movement for democratic reorganization which is being promoted by some of the eastern and southern leaders. As now believed he will endeavor to secure a delegation from Ohio to the national convention favorable to the Kansas City platform and it would not be surprising if he succeeded.

ANOTHER SAMPLE OF SHAM REFORM.

On the night of Friday, April 3, Robert J. Walker, a western stockman, was shot in Garrity's saloon in the prescribed district. Walker died the next day and a coroner's jury after due investigation brought in a verdict that Walker came to his death from a pistol shot fired by Patrick Henry Jackson.

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THE SECOND UPSET.

Philadelphia North American. The Asphalt trust is to be sold at auction, and the court fixes \$5,000,000 as the "upset price."

INSINUATION OF ENVIRONMENT.

Baltimore American. Already the demoralizing influence of the United States senate has shown itself in the case of Senator Clark of Arkansas, who, after a week or two in the national deliberative body, went home to Little Rock and whipped a congressman.

WHAT ROOSEVELT STANDS FOR.

Baltimore American. President Roosevelt stands for hope and enthusiasm. If anyone can name two better things that a president of the United States could represent in connection with unqualified patriotism, let him speak quickly or forever hold his peace.

LITTLE, BUT OH, MY!

San Francisco Chronicle. It is definitely stated that the grip microbe is only sixteen one-thousandths of an inch in length. It is not the size of the microbe that worries the sufferer from grip, but the power for mischief which it possesses.

GOOD MAXIMS FOR ALL.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Those are excellent commercial maxims that the late status quo has inflicted upon him—even if they carry with them a somewhat selfish flavor.

COME DOWN OF RAILROAD OFFICIALS.

Springfield Republican. As soon as the New Haven railroad officials decided to turn the "high and mighty" attitude early adopted toward their complaining employees and began to talk and confer with the latter on a common level the trouble at once began to disappear.

STENOGRAPHY AS A STEPPING STONE.

Indianapolis Journal. Mr. Roosevelt's private secretary, Mr. Loeb, is naturally brought into prominence these days, and it is worth while for boys looking out for a career to remember that he began life as a stenographer and made his way gradually to his present position.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Hipples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

The vast number of "grafting bills" pending in the state legislature and the probability of the passage of some of them has for a closer watch on measures sent to the governor for approval near the close of the session. The situation presented recalls the methods pursued under like circumstances a few years ago.

"A phase of the New York character not often touched upon," says a Pittsburg dispatch letter, "is its provincialism. This was brought sharply to the front during the week of the Philadelphia conference."

Five thousand dollars to see a king! This is a pretty good price for four of them according to our national game of poker. An Englishwoman now in New York is advertising the blessed privileges of beholding good King Edward. She is a professional chaperone and a considerable belle here to introduce unacquainted Americans with plenty of money into the best English society.

New York's dream of rapid transit is at last to be reduced to a tangible thing. The subway contractor definitely promises a service to Harlem by January 1 of next year. This means "to Harlem in fifteen minutes." Up to the present time \$24,480,000 of the contract price of \$38,500,000 has been paid by the city to the contractors.

PERSONAL NOTES.

King Edward was pelted with rose leaves at Lisbon Saturday. This is a distinct improvement over the fashion of throwing bombs.

When the authorities of Hoboken decided to tax Hetty Green \$2 for her dog they probably did not know that they doomed the dog.

Sir Cheng Fung Liang Cheng, Chinese ambassador, has arrived in Washington. His is a name that ought to ring down the corridors of time.

Bishop Conaty, the retiring rector of the Catholic University of Washington, will be given a banquet by prominent residents of the district on Easter Monday.

Dr. Julius Doeckelman, German physician and scientist, who went to Patagonia eight years ago to study the conditions of the country, says the Patagonians will be extinct in a few years.

The Rev. Dr. Funk, famed as the editor of the dictionary, says he has communicated with the spirit of Henry Ward Beecher. In the bright lexicon of Funk is there no such word as "Subduer"?

George Washington Tuttle, one of the founders of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, died at Bath, N. Y., on Friday. General Edward Marinda of San Diego, Cal., is the only survivor of the original seven.

Rear Admiral George W. Melville, the engineer-in-chief of the United States navy, who reached the retiring age a couple of months ago, is to be retired on active duty as chief of the bureau until January 10, 1904.

Public memorials to engineers are not very common. One in honor of St. Joseph Bazzalgere, placed on the face of one of the pedestals of the Victoria embankment, was recently unveiled in London. It consists of a handsome mural monument wrought in veined Sicilian marble, containing a portrait bust in bronze of the eminent engineer.

When the new liquor tax goes into effect in New York there will be no more 10-cent whisky in Sixth, Seventh and Eighth avenues. Even the Brewery is to boost the price to 15 cents. But the may jump to 10 cents a "sh" and saloon keepers are threatening to raise the "growler" to 15 cents.

If you chance to see when on a New York street car the conductor goes up to a man and pass him a yellow ticket about three inches long and an inch and a half wide, don't make the mistake of thinking that the railroad company has changed the color of its tickets.

You are violating the law against spitting. You are subject to a fine of imprisonment. By order of the Board of Health. E. J. LEDEBETTER, President.

Every time a person sits on the floor of the car it is the duty of the conductor to step up, without a word, and hand him one of the cards. It will not only warn the passenger of his crime, but it will notify every other passenger in the car that the individual has just offended against the law and against decency.

THE OLD RELIABLE ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

USEFULNESS OF "A BIG STICK" ENORMOUS CROPS DRIVES PRICES TO THE LOWEST ON RECORD.

"Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far." The president quoted this old adage at Chicago the other night in connection with our naval policy and the Monroe doctrine.

"A thoroughly efficient navy," and that seems to be the settled purpose of the American people. Since the work of constructing modern ships was begun under President Arthur and Secretary Chandler by the building of Chicago, Boston, Atlanta and Dolphin, there has been no halting.

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How SHE DRESSED. A blossom of some kind crowned her head. Her bonnet was of the American make. It just grew out of the life she led.

Don't Wait. Until Saturday to make your Easter purchase. We take it for granted you intend to make one. If it's a top coat, a suit, a pair of trousers or a waist coat, there might be some slight alteration to be made.

Browning, King & Co. No clothing fits like ours.