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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1903.

The weather clerk is entitled to a handsome Christmas gift from the retail trade.

The Paris strike, like the Paris hat, seems a rather noisy affair without much inside it.

The democratic press, in booming Senator Hanna, may fool some persons, but not the senator himself.

When Circuit Prosecutor Folk comes to Omaha he will make his plucky imitators here look like 90 cents.

The council insists on having both the fattive and the referendium in the appointment of the city electrician.

St. Louis would rather walk than do without something Chicago has had—hence the proposed strike of trolley drivers.

Germany suspects Great Britain will fight in Japan's cause. If Japan could but feel certain that the fun would begin in twenty minutes.

Minister Buchanan having reached Panama and taken charge of the American interests, the United States consul there will feel duly relieved.

With its Auditorium completed Omaha will be able to entertain the various state conventions this year with accommodations unsurpassed anywhere.

Another "law partner of Abraham Lincoln" has just died in Illinois. The martyr president had, it seems, almost as many law partners as he had anecdotes.

Perhaps the voters had a sweet Christmas for city employes in view when they allotted two seats in the council to distinguished representatives of the candy trade.

Governor Mickey has had a call from a crank. That would indicate that Governor Mickey is rapidly rising to the high plane of other governors and even of presidents.

Mr. Schwab should not complain of his counsel, for goodness knows, that worthy is doing all he possibly can to prevent the court's learning what it needs to know.

Mayor Moores wants the gasoline lighting company to pay a royalty as a condition precedent to securing the proposed contract. A rebate will answer the same purpose.

Having disclaimed the alleged interview in which exception was taken, General Merriam may consider himself exonerated, but at the same time cautioned not to do it again.

Now that Colonel Bryan has a souvenir from the car in the form of an autographed photograph, he will be polite enough to lower his voice when he resumes his denunciation of imperialism.

Nebraska banks make a good showing for the year, which is enhanced by comparisons with the showings made by banks in other states.

It is to be hoped the example of the woman who killed a man at Helena, Mont., for refusing to pay a bill said to be owing her will not become contagious.

The Miles will case has been decided again, but as it is an estate valued at over \$2,000,000 the chances are that the lawyers will not allow it to stay decided until after the supreme court shall have refused to grant the last rehearing.

THE PUBLIC LAND TRAILS.

Washington dispatches state that the secretary of the interior has taken extraordinary precautions to secure secrecy as to the facts developed and the evidence adduced in the investigation of alleged land frauds...

The secretary is of course correct in not disclosing the work of investigation that is being prosecuted, except as results are reached...

What the public is chiefly interested in knowing is whether the department is carrying on the investigation with proper zeal and energy...

Thus, for example, the mayor and council were elected last spring on pledges of municipal ownership of public utilities...

While the city employs an inspector of weights and measures to prevent grocers, butchers and bakers from giving thirteen ounces for a pound...

It is not to be expected that the dividends at the opening of the new year will aggregate as much as a year ago...

Among current financial items, it is noted that Wall street awaits with a great deal of interest the reports of life insurance companies...

The Interstate Commerce commission is giving a hearing on the question of requiring railroads to file schedules of their rates on merchandise imported from abroad...

The shipping trust magnates deny that they had any fraudulent intentions in their manipulations of the stock of the purchase of absorbed plants...

The celebration of another forefathers' day emphasizes the importance of the work done by the original colonists as well as their absolute incapacity to appreciate the significance of what they were doing...

It had declared that the contemplated improvements were abandoned because the money was not in sight.

Because the noise on the proposed grain exchange for Omaha has subsided somewhat, no one should delude himself that the project is not being steadily and vigorously pushed.

The deadlock between the mayor and council over the appointment of a city electrician will not cost the electric light company any inconvenience in the collection of its monthly bills...

Colonel Cody has succeeded in financing his Big Horn canal scheme, which contemplates an expenditure of \$3,500,000.

It has not yet been publicly announced just how many of the eminent gold democrats who have been recalled from exile by the Jacksonians have planked down their money for a place at the club's annual feed.

Knockers of Progress. Chicago Inter Ocean. In the matter of obstructing everything that looks like progress the grand old democratic party stands today where it always has stood.

Thank of the Saving. Washington Post. New Hampshire's governor is charged with holding four positions and drawing four salaries. Just think what he is saving the state in desk room.

Three Another Phil. Detroit Free Press. After reading Attorney General Knox's argument in the Northern securities case, Wall street must have been more confident than ever that President Roosevelt is an unsafe man.

But They Feel It. Chicago News. By an oversight mail carriers in passing a civil-service examination are not required to answer questions as to what they regard as the duty of a first-class Santa Claus.

Truth Will Prevail. Baltimore American. The vindication of Captain Dreyfus in his appearance again at the head of a regiment will be a striking tribute to the fact that in the higher civilization of the world right is beginning might.

A Few in Each Hill. Indianapolis Journal. Senator Chauncey M. Depue, an unquestioned authority in all that relates to plutocracy and its attributes, estimates that there are 100,000 millionaires in the United States.

That Will Hold Him. New York Tribune. A Texas court has sentenced a criminal to a thousand years of imprisonment for a crime which the laws of the Lone Star state did not make punishable with death.

Running for a Licking. Indianapolis Journal. If Senator Gorman should succeed in making the administration's policy in the Panama affair an issue in the next campaign, as he seems to be aiming at, he will be badly beaten.

Good Thing for Parker. Philadelphia Press. General Weaver of Iowa, who was once probably his country's greatest hero, is being deposed as a candidate for president himself.

What Would Randolph Say? Philadelphia Ledger. We wonder what John Randolph of Roanoke would say could he know that little children by the name of Dalmy have been deposed almost to a white school in Virginia...

SALE OF FIREARMS. Reasons Why the Business Should Be Restricted. New York Mail and Express. That the constitution of the United States guarantees to "the people" the right "to keep and bear arms" is generally understood...

Omaha Jacksonians Bid for Good Company. Chicago Inter Ocean. The Jacksonian club of Omaha, one of the first democratic organizations of the west to support Mr. Bryan's aspirations...

Even in Nebraska the democrats are taking this way, because they see that only this can they make their party respectable and re-assert its reputation for sanity.

It is high time that the sale of firearms and other weapons was regulated more carefully than it is now; and there are constitutional methods of regulating it.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Congressman Ollie James of Marion and David Highbaugh of Hodgenville are called the David and Goliath of the Kentucky delegation in congress.

Christmas trees, according to the Chicago health department, have no place in flats. Flat dwellers are subject to arrest any way if they try to be happy.

William C. Rodgers, chief of the Cherokee, will probably be the last to hold that position. He has little Cherokee blood in his veins, being nearly white.

General Lee Wallace of Indiana stoutly denies reports that he is under obligation to give the people the best possible service at the lowest possible cost.

Parliamentary Has No Place in Rural Free Delivery. Indianapolis Journal. A curious illustration of how "everything runs into politics" is afforded by the discussion regarding rural free delivery which occurred in the house of representatives on Tuesday.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Chinese reformers and reformed Chinamen are to launch a newspaper in New York City early in 1904.

The work of publishing a Chinese newspaper will be appreciated when it is known that there are 50,000 separate characters in that language, each word having a symbol for itself.

"New Yorkitis," the victim of which is imbued with an overbearing sense of the importance of New York City, is a very common disease, but another malady, which may become even more prevalent, has made its appearance.

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was said to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000. The widow herself gives a clue as to how this was spent. "When the summer came around and he was tired," she said, "he would ask me if I wouldn't like to go on a fishing trip. I'd be glad, of course, to take his vacation with him, and then he'd go out and charter a yacht for \$3,000 or \$5,000, and by the time we got back he'd have little or nothing left and would plunge into work to get money for the next great extravagance."

Creighton News: Omaha seems now to be assured of a grain market, and matters are being pushed rapidly for the permanent establishment of the same.

Hastings Tribune: It is to the interest of the state that capitalists push the grain business within its boundaries, especially if true with regard to every farmer, Nebraska is situated favorably for successful production of most of the grains, and these can just as well be handled within the state, and put into condition, to supply home demand.

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Novels current literature. "The Well-Kept Undercurrent Literature." Detroit Free Press.

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