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GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK, Notary Public.

"Is Cleveland still possible?" asks Leslie's Weekly.

It might have been more grotesque. Clementina was also an applicant for the Omaha postmistresship.

When all the sources of sensational detective work fall the redoubtable Pat Crowe always serves the purpose.

In the opinion of many, Arthur Pue Gorman holds the key to that deadlock in Maryland and at the proper time he will turn the bolt.

The mid-winter cold snap will prove highly gratifying to the coal dealers and the ice makers, but it will also send the poor man's savings up the chimney flue.

Chairman Hanna has selected a new sergeant at arms for the national committee.

With Uncle Joe Olinon at the helm of the house, the menace of a treasury deficit during the present fiscal year will not assume sufficient dimensions to frighten even the most timid financiers.

Democrats favorable to the nomination of General Miles as candidate for president have drawn analogy between the present general and "Rough and Ready." Shades of the last new army uniform!

The German Petroleum company will have a better understanding of the magnitude of one of the institutions of the United States when it places its \$5,000,000 capital in opposition to the Standard Oil company.

Chancellor Andrews has shattered that overworked populist statement regarding his relations with Mr. Rockefeller and Brown university.

The next Pennsylvania republican state convention, which represents nearly 700,000 republican voters, will consist of 325 delegates.

Now we understand Bryan's latest fulmination against Judge Parker. The judge accepted an invitation to dinner the other day from one of the representatives of the Wall street money power.

The cotton boom is not altogether a blessing in disguise. Whatever benefit the South may derive from the rise in cotton must be more than offset by the harm that has been wrought to the cotton goods industry, especially in New England.

According to the Lincoln Star the decision of the republican state central committee to hold only one state convention this year is in line with the very generally expressed opinion throughout the state.

FOREIGN ADULTERATIONS. The pure food bill passed by the house of representatives prohibits the introduction into any state or territory, from a foreign country, of any article adulterated or misbranded, within the meaning of the act.

Prof. Allen states that he learned from the authorities of the municipal laboratories of Paris that 60 per cent of the French wines and 80 per cent of their champagnes are either adulterated or imitations.

INDIFFERENT TO RECIPROCITY. According to one of the most zealous advocates of reciprocity with Canada, who keeps in close touch with public sentiment there, the feeling in the Dominion upon the subject of closer trade relations with the United States is that of indifference.

Prof. Allen says the Germans are perhaps doing more for their food supply than any other nation, in the way of studying methods to make it purer. They are serious about protecting the purity and quality of their food and there is reason to expect that their example will be followed by other countries.

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MISSOURI RIVER IMPROVEMENT. Members of congress representing states and districts adjacent to the upper Missouri have been repeatedly repulsed in their effort to secure appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of the Big Muddy, not because congress is parsimonious in voting away millions for river and harbor improvements, but because the Missouri has long ceased to be a navigable stream.

Not content with issuing injunctions and mandamus, our Nebraska supreme court is now appointing receivers for embarrassed institutions. We were under the impression that our supreme court not many years ago gave it out unofficially, if not officially, that it would not exercise original jurisdiction in any cases which the district courts were competent to handle.

THE NEW WAR SECRETARY. In a few days Governor Taft will succeed Hon. Elihu Root as secretary of war, his appointment to the position having already been confirmed by the senate.

Multipled by five, the railroad depots, depot grounds, right-of-way, trackage and terminal facilities within the city limits of Omaha would be assessed for \$661,550, while the two office buildings on upper Farnam are assessed together for \$987,500.

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well whether to give up a sure thing in exchange for a contingency. With the candidate for senator to be named in state convention as part of the party ticket, a hit or miss shot for congress and senator at the same time becomes an impossibility.

Japan does not regard Russia's promises as very binding unless they are incorporated in a signed and sealed treaty.

Philadelphia Press. The question of hotels in New York at the national convention has not been satisfactorily adjusted.

Springfield Republican. The meeting of the New York Merchants' association asks the legislature to pass concerning the use of trading stamps.

Philadelphia Record. The progress of temperance is promoted vastly more by the discrimination of railroad companies and other large employers against men who drink.

Chicago Tribune. But would not it be odd for the democratic party to nominate for its candidate in 1904 a man who voted for McKinley in 1896 and 1900, and who has been about as much of a republican as he has been democrat during the last twenty years?

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK. Rippling on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

While the automobile show in Madison Square Garden gives a perspective view of the marvelous strides of the industry and its popularity as a pleasure vehicle, it does not shine with equal brilliancy in heavy building.

New York today is gradually being metamorphosed. Dwellings costing from \$20,000 to \$50,000 have been razed to the ground.

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PERSONAL NOTES. General J. W. Wheeler has denied all intent of becoming again a candidate for congress in Alabama.

PASSING OF OLD COMMANDERS. Few Leaders Left of the Great Armies of North and South.

General John B. Gordon was the last, or the last but one, of the lieutenants of the confederate army.

Later all of these were promoted to lieutenant generals and the list was extended in the last year of the war.

Some of these senior officers were not older than many men in the ranks, not a few of them reaching the rank of major general at the age of 30 or 32.

Of course there is opposition to the renomination of the president, and it is as persistent and malignant as it is secret.

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PADS COST MONEY. Big Prices Paid for Little Things by Collectors.

Philadelphia Ledger. The cabled announcement from London of the sale at auction of a Mauritius postage stamp for the enormous sum of \$120 shows that what extravagance the passion for acquiring things rare and curious will carry the collector.

Wealthy collectors justify themselves for their investment of large sums in little things by the ability to pay, while less affluent members of the class buy with the expectation that their acquisitions will grow in value, a hope rarely realized.

Longstreet and Sherman were about the same age, Sheridan was only a year older than Gordon, only a year younger than Howard, and was no older than Schofield.

LAUGHING GAMES. "Oh, no; they're not at all fashionable. They had a call the other day that proves that."

Teacher—"What is this worth?" Tommy—"I don't know, ma'am. Teacher—"How much?" Tommy—"Well, if it is awake pa removes his shoes—Chicago News."

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NO SNOW AT ALL. S. W. Gillilan in Baltimore American. He sat upon the front-most seat, the show was to be had.

It was the same old rotten plot, the same old hamfat case. The same old melodrama of the dim and foggy past.

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