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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24 day of February, A. D. 1904.

Omaha's 501 year promises to be an epoch maker in substantial improvements.

Omaha's grain market is here to stay. The railroads might as well pack their minds to that first last.

It is not the May option so much as the August reality that interests the wheat growers of the United States.

New Mexico would not mind a few earthquake shocks if they would only shake down staledhood from off the tree.

South Omaha democrats are to hold their city primaries Friday and a most hilarious Keikennyet fight is anticipated.

It was not the talk in congress that influenced the vote on the canal treaty so much as remarks by men not in official life.

It may come as a surprise to many to learn that German socialists approve the action of Emperor William in expelling Russian anarchists.

With Washington's birthday marked off the 1904 calendar we will have to wait for St. Patrick to afford an excuse for another holiday celebration.

The explosion of an oil burning locomotive on the Santa Fe railroad is suggestive of the danger of petroleum for steam making as a substitute for coal.

Whenever the attorney general of Nebraska wants an outing he manages to discover a case that requires his presence in Washington at the state's expense.

Having disposed of the Panama treaty the verbose senators will now begin the arguments which must precede the confirmation of Leonard Wood as major general.

The record of the Philadelphia factory in making seven locomotives in one day causes one to wonder whether the next transcontinental railroad would not be built in a month.

If the Omaha Civic Improvement league succeeds in extracting all the unused poles that now disfigure the streets of Omaha, it will be entitled to a big credit mark.

The battle for place between General Barry and Field Marshal Culver would awaken more interest were either warrior expected to lead his troops beyond the first encampment.

Alabama, although working in a bad cause, has the merit of having discovered a way to make a constitution which the supreme court of the United States resolutely refuses to pass upon.

A fool can ask questions a wise man cannot answer. That is probably why Chancellor Andrews will not answer all the foo. questions that are being put to him in connection with the alleged Rockefeller monument.

As long as the former Iowa auditor and his insurance examiner refuse to return to that state many people will persist in believing that Governor Cummins struck no false trail when he opened in that direction.

By placing the probable end of the war in August or September the Russians do not encourage the American farmer who thought to unload his surplus crop at good prices, but Russians are probably trying to impress the Japs that they need not be in a rush.

Edgar Howard declares he is glad John O. Yeiser has abandoned the popocratic combination and that he ought to have been put out long ago. It is hard to determine whether to charge this disrespectful allusion to a brilliant champion of reform up to ingratitude or to jealousy.

CANAL TREATY RATIFIED.

It has been well understood for at least a month past that the treaty with Panama would be ratified, but the vote on the convention was somewhat in excess of what careful observers expected, being six more than the required two-thirds majority.

President Roosevelt has selected a canal commission and it is presumed that there will be no avoidable delay in preparing to enter upon the great enterprise, the completion of which will probably require twelve to fifteen years and an expenditure on actual work of perhaps not less than \$150,000,000.

AS TO CHINESE NEUTRALITY. The reply of Russia and Japan to the American note suggesting recognition of Chinese neutrality and territorial integrity, while containing qualifications, are to be regarded as giving, under the circumstances, as reasonable assurance as could be expected of the belligerents.

Those who are most vitally concerned in the future growth of Omaha must, therefore, exert all their influence to prevent extravagance, wastefulness and jobbery in the management of the affairs of the city, county and school district.

Like all other organizations that obtain much publicity the Omaha Civic Improvement league is menaced by an intrusion of professional office seekers and political hacks who want to keep themselves in public view and grind their axes on public improvement grindstones.

It is thus apparent that Chinese neutrality rests upon a rather insubstantial basis, owing to the weakness and timidity of the government, strikingly manifested when the outbreak of hostilities between the dowager empress and court proposed to desert the capital of the empire and go where they thought they would be safer.

SUFFRAGE DISCRIMINATION. The supreme court of the United States has twice declared that it has no power to interfere with the suffrage clause of the new constitution of Alabama. This clause makes a discrimination against the colored race in the matter of registration.

The general public will not look upon the illegal action of some members of organized labor as typical of union principles any more than it will consider the action of absconding cashiers as typifying the American banker.

can take jurisdiction one of the first questions is what it can do to enforce any order that it may make.

Unless we are prepared to supervise the voting in the state by officers of the court, it seems to us that all that the plaintiff could get from equity would be an empty form. Apart from damages to the individual, relief from a great political wrong, if done as alleged by the people of a state and the state itself, must be given by them or by the legislative and political department of the government of the United States.

Half a century's experience has demonstrated that in hard times real estate values are the first commodity to decline and in hard times real estate is the last commodity to advance in value. That lesson has been strikingly emphasized by our experience with real estate values in Omaha.

A Tax on Intelligence. The American Newspaper Association has decided to take aggressive action against the International Paper company and the General Paper company, which constitute what is known as the Paper trust.

PERSONAL NOTES. William T. Evans, a former body servant of the famous Confederate General Robert E. Lee, is living at Ashbury Park.

Dr. Eduard Zeller, emeritus professor of philosophy in the University of Berlin, has just celebrated his 90th birthday, and Emperor William presented him with a portrait and an autograph letter.

Dr. Carl Aaron Swenson, the president and founder of Bethany college at Lindseboro Kan, and one of Milwaukee's Swedish-Americans in the United States, has just died in Los Angeles, Cal.

Representative Cooper of Wisconsin has been sending very warm notes to some of his constituents for a couple of years. Last week he received this letter: "Dear Mr. Cooper—I want to thank you very much for the seed you have been sending me. Please do not send any more, as my cornary died ten days ago. The bird did seem to thrive on the seed you have been sending."

Two or three members of the senate like brandy and are fastidious about the kind they drink. They found a hotel in Washington where several bottles of some labeled as of the distillation of 1811. This brandy cost 15 cents a drink.

The Real Direct Touch. Washington Post. There are some indications that those who were so anxious to make material contributions to Baltimore will have an

opportunity to do so through the medium of increased fire insurance rates.

Good Sign of the Times. Philadelphia Press. One of the most heartening signs of the times is the promptness with which the insurance companies have responded to the demand made upon their resources by the terrible destruction of property in Baltimore.

Grandmothers in Politics. Philadelphia Republican. Mr. Hearst's strongest appeal to the south is now said to be based on the fact that one of his grandmothers was a member of an old Georgia or Carolina family.

With Japan attacking Russia in the east, Great Britain intriguing in Tibet and about the Pamir Knot, it is of course the job of "localizing" the big war is not going to be the easy chore that some diplomats have led us to expect.

A Cuba and the Borrowing Habit. New York Tribune. Cuba's \$5,000,000 loan just taken by a single banking concern shows that its credit in the money markets of the world is high on the edge, anyhow. It will no doubt pay and borrow again and go on the way until it overworks the particle.

Keamy Journal: It is announced, and it is not a secret, that Hon. J. B. Dinsmore of Sutton, Clay county, is a candidate for governor of Nebraska.

Ratio of Profits and Losses an Instructive Study. Philadelphia Record. In view of the Baltimore losses, the statement of fire insurance business in the United States in 1903, compiled by the Spectator, is unusually opportune and interesting.

Perhaps some of the state house deputies who are seeking places on the state ticket may be willing to compromise on an assurance that they will continue to hold the jobs for which they are now drawing salaries.

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THE GOVERNORSHIP.

Pawnee Republican: There are five or six candidates already in the field for the republican nomination for governor. Among them are W. H. Harrison of Grand Island, formerly of this county.

Central City Nonpareil: With four or five candidates for governor in the race, the republican nomination promises to be a rather strenuous affair. Up until a week ago the political situation was in a state of delightful calm and it looked as if the coming convention would be little more than a ratification meeting.

Western Wave: In view of the numerous candidates popping up for governor it may be in order to remind the leaders that if the republicans want to lose the state of Nebraska this fall, let them turn Mickey down.

Wood River Sunbeam: The quietude that has been hovering over Nebraska politics since the late broken and cancelled election is appearing on the surface thick and fast.

Lake Balkal is no mean body of water. It is the largest fresh water lake in the world, with the exception of the Victoria Nyanza.

When the air holes close in the ice, as is frequently done, there is an explosion that can be heard for miles. The surface of the ice becomes a volcano, and huge mountains of ice shoot upward, fall and disappear in the water.

There are two little seaports on an island off the Atlantic coast which may yet play a very important part in the Russo-Japanese war, for they supply a large part of the fuel burned on the Mikado's warships.

These ports are situated on the island of Hokkaido, or Jesso, which adjoins the island of Nippon—the largest of the empire—in the north. Mororan is on the southern coast, on the shore of Volcano bay, so named from the number of volcanic peaks which overlook it.

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WAR SCENES AND WARRIORS. Gossip About Men and Places Prominent in the Row. Admiral Alexieff, chief representative of Russia at the seat of war, is 61 years of age.

SMILING REMARKS. Mrs. Jenner Lee Oudigo—You are observing Lent, of course? Mrs. Oudigo—Yes, we buy parties—Chicago Tribune.

LENTEN PIETY. Town Topics. The Lenten diet is much in vogue. Her modest dress is seemly black; but just to add a charm, the rouge has pinned on violets black.

All Who Wear Glasses. Should have their eyes treated at intervals, even if they are not troubled with them. Some people go on for years wearing the same glasses.

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