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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, A. D. 1904. M. B. HUNTER, Notary Public.

Nebraska seems aspiring to be known as the mother of vice presidents.

There is plenty of work in Omaha for the Civic Improvement league to do if it will only proceed to get busy.

The public will be in doubt as to the mining of the Lalo Yang river until a few Russian ships have been blown up in that neighborhood.

It is to be hoped that the proposed Asiatic alliance which Japan is said, by its enemies, to be fostering, does not include the unspeakable Turk.

Russia is making a strong bid for sympathy by joining Austria in its decision in the merger case may lead to a great deal of hostile litigation against other companies.

If there is anything else in sight of prospective that our Lancaster county republican friends want they should not be bashful about asking for it.

The fact that three German officers have been sentenced to prison for fighting duels is evidence that the emperor of Germany is really on a vacation.

Instead of raising the ante or calling the bluff, the arch-Bryantite for Douglas county has laid down his hand on the first deal and pulled out of the game.

If the South American republics knew how hard Uncle Sam was trying to avoid interfering in San Domingo they would not be so fearful of absorption.

The evacuation of Boston by the British, celebrated in that city yesterday, had no reference to the recent visit of the Ancient and Honourable Artillery corps.

General Kouropatkin is to have his headquarters on a railroad train, but whether for the purpose of traveling rapidly in a forward or backward direction is not stated.

If the Russian squadron sails out of the harbor at Port Arthur a few more times the Japanese commander should have no fear of mines, as they will all have done their duty upon Russian ships.

There will be less objection to a uniform rate of commercial insurance in the cities of the country if the companies only indicate a disposition to line up on some city which does not have the highest rate.

This is the time when a little moisture for the soil is just what the farmer most wants. If showers will help insure big crops for the farmers, the townspeople will gladly stand the muddy inconvenience.

England is getting ready to oppose the right of search which Russia is exercising upon neutral vessels near the Suez canal. A war with the United States would have been averted had England taken such a position in 1812.

Building Inspector Withnell evidently had good reasons for failing to appear before the council investigation committee. Had he appeared and refused to testify on statutory grounds it might have been decidedly embarrassing.

When he was on the bench Judge Sullivan was sure that the tax on gross receipts of insurance companies embodied in the new revenue law was in the nature of a license tax that did not contravene the constitutional provisions requiring the uniformity of assessment.

Now that he is retained by the insurance companies as their special pleader he is sure that the gross receipts tax is unconstitutional. If he could only be a judge on the bench and an attorney at the bar at one and the same time, what fun he could have reconciling these divergent opinions.

FOODSTUFFS AS CONTRABAND.

What position our government will take in regard to the Russian classification of foodstuffs as contraband of war has not yet been disclosed...

Of course there is a qualification in Russia's manifesto, to the effect that foodstuffs shall be contraband if they are sent at the enemy's cost or order...

TAXATION OF CREDITS.

The State Board of Equalization has formally adopted the interpretation placed by the attorney general on the definition of credits subject to taxation under the new revenue law.

NO CRUSADE AGAINST BUSINESS.

There is said to be some apprehension in eastern financial circles that the decision in the merger case may lead to a great deal of hostile litigation against other companies.

It is a wholly mistaken view that President Roosevelt wants to make war on all corporations engaged in interstate commerce, regardless of what the consequences to business might be.

There is absolutely no warrant for assuming, as some do, that Mr. Roosevelt is indifferent to the business welfare of the country and to the maintenance of that confidence which is necessary to the continuance of the conditions that make for prosperity.

For several years avaricious paving contractors, bent on securing a monopoly of all the paving done in the city, have by manipulation of city officials and councilmen, or appeals to court interference, blocked all street improvements completely on the theory that if they cannot have the work no one else shall.

Tom Kennard is quoted as relating "an incident in history showing that in an early legislative Governor Mickey voted for the bill fixing the capital at Lincoln," and this historic incident was used to reinforce the plea for the endorsement for the governor.

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The outlook for labor this year may not be quite so promising as could be desired, but if industrial peace can be maintained there appears to be no good reason why 1904 shall not compare favorably with the preceding year in the employment and rewards of labor.

When the railroads shall have decided upon their rate for transportation and the mine operators fixed their basis of profit, the general public will have some idea of the cost of bituminous coal, as the price for mining has been fixed for two years, thanks to John Mitchell.

CRUEL KNOCK OF ALL.

The socialists are now claiming that Mr. Hearst is their creation. This is the hardest blow that socialism has ever received.

KEEPING OUT OF TROUBLE.

Admiral Dewey did not call on President Morales of San Domingo because fighting was in progress about the city at the time of his visit, which shows that the admiral is wise enough not to look for trouble when there is nothing to be gained by it.

A RARE STATESMAN.

In short, Mr. Dewey loves everybody. He speaks with malice toward none, with malice for all. Why can't the rest of the republican party of New York catch that peaceful, tolerant spirit, that harmonious disposition to get along with everybody whose friendship may be desirable?

TRYING ANOTHER SALARY GRAB.

Senator Gallinger's bill increasing the pay of members of congress to \$5,000 a year should have the support of every senator and representative who either needs the money or thinks he does.

EASTERN VIEWS ON THE DECISION.

The man who laid out the scheme and principles of the Northern Securities decision is the same man, you will notice, who can tell you offhand just what will be the outcome of the war in the far east.

A GREAT VICTORY.

A more complete legal triumph Attorney General Knox could not have expected to win. The act of 1890, so long the sport of combinations which evaded it, is by this decision given a force and scope no one anticipated, and which most lawyers have denied.

RAILROAD LAWYERS CHECKED.

If the Northern Securities merger had been sustained, another instance would have been furnished of the ability of clever lawyers to push their clients beyond the reach of the statutes; for, though the projectors of the merger denied any monopolistic purpose, the machinery they had evolved, if permitted to stand, would have made legally possible the consolidation under one control of all the railroads in the country.

JUDGMENT COMES.

Nevertheless, it is the judgment, not the opinion that counts, and by whatever reasoning the judgment may have been reached, the supreme court by a majority of one sustains the circuit court in holding that not merely an unreasonable restraint of interstate commerce, but even the possession of the power to restrain commerce and to monopolize trade, constitutes in itself a violation of the federal anti-trust law.

DISSENTERS IN ERROR.

It is noticeable that while the majority opinion, relying entirely on the statute, declines to take into consideration the question whether the purpose of the combination was "unreasonable" or intended to suppress competition, the dissenting opinion relies mainly upon the contention that its purpose was not to prevent competition. This is a question of fact, and therefore the public is at liberty to assert that the learned dissenting justices are in error.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S POSITION.

Democratic Opinion on the Effect of the Merger Decision.

Politically, the effect of the decision can hardly be exaggerated. It will greatly strengthen President Roosevelt as a candidate.

It cannot now be said that the republican party is owned by the trusts. It cannot now be said that Mr. Roosevelt is controlled by them.

The president did what public opinion called for. The law itself was framed because public opinion demanded it.

It is Public Opinion and the People's Will that has triumphed, as in the end it must always triumph, in the court of last resort.

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