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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, 1904.

President Roosevelt will press the button next Saturday and President Francis will do the rest.

English railroad men find it easier to praise American railroad management than to emulate it.

It is safe to conclude that when Admiral Alexieff starts home he will go by the all-land route.

Arbor day is come and gone. Tree culture, however, is not for a day, nor for a year, but for all years.

Utah is apparently as anxious to hold "Mother" Jones as Colorado was to drive her from the state.

The sad fate that befell Chicago's dime novel heroes threatens to put a damper, for a while at least, on youthful yellowback exploits.

An echo from Bunnings is due when Henri Rochefort scores members of the French Parliament for accepting free passes to the race tracks.

Here is more work for Attorney General Knox. Senator McComas and Judge Powers of Utah have decided that the Mormon church is a trust.

If a 640-acre homestead will not fetch them, western Nebraska will add an additional cash prize for new settlers to grow up with the country.

The divorce proceedings between Nordica and her husband promise several different kinds of music, not all of which are in the prima donna's range.

Unreasonable weather has checked the purchase of straw hats, but the trade in Florida strawberries is as brisk as ever it is in the showery month of April.

Since the best that the latest Russian mine explosion could do was to destroy a steam launch, it must be that the squadron at Port Arthur is almost out of service.

Senator Patterson's opinion that the Philippines are able to govern themselves is more easily understood when one knows what kind of a government they have in Colorado.

If London can succeed in suppressing the divorce detective and his running-mate, the divorce court lawyer, there is some hope that in the course of time the reform may extend to America.

With the Panama canal opened and several rail routes to the gulf from the northwest projected, brokers on the Atlantic coast may as well begin looking for offices west of the Mississippi.

Had French ecclesiastics in Rome been more far-seeing they might have started on spring vacations before the president of the republic arrived and thus saved the head of the church some perplexity.

Two dead and sixteen injured firemen at Newark, N. J., is the latest strong argument in favor of a strictly enforced fire ordinance against the storing of explosives in warehouses in the cities.

As long as the European correspondents cannot determine whether it is illness or pique which is causing the German emperor to shorten his trip through the Mediterranean, it is safe to say that his majesty's life is in no danger.

If the farmer, the merchant and the home owner are to pay taxes based on the full selling value of their property, we also must the railroads and the other privileged corporations. That is axiomatic for every principle of equality and uniformity recognized universally as the prerequisites of just taxation.

MEN WITH A GRIEVANCE.

During the recent trial of a libel suit in which \$25,000 damages were sought to be recovered from The Bee and the jury awarded \$1.05 to the plaintiff...

At every stage of the career of The Bee there have been men with a grievance, whose rancor could not be appeased even when they knew that the blows that made them smart were struck in the fearless discharge of duty.

Way back in its infancy The Bee turned the searchlight of publicity upon the purchase of a United States senatorship, the appointment of corrupt and incompetent men in the federal service...

Later, when the searchlight was turned upon the state house, the "centenary and the insane asylums, when a frightful state of venality and corruption was disclosed and exposed, when legislative committees confirmed the charge that convicts were being tortured by brutal keepers by the use of the thumb screw...

When the famous Holly water works fight was on here in Omaha, and the conspiracy to saddle the city with an inferior water works plant at an exorbitant price was frustrated by The Bee's publicity, the city hall was full of men with a grievance and they also sought to set themselves right by proclaiming that they had been out-roughly libeled because they would not do the bidding of the political dictator in control of The Bee.

More recently still, when a deadly blow was struck at Omaha by a paid corporation lobby that succeeded in mutilating its charter and preventing the enactment of a law that would compel the railroads to pay their just proportion of municipal taxes and barred the city from exercising the right of eminent domain in the purchase of land for parks, the exposure and denunciation of the conspiracy brought forth a number of men with a grievance who have ever since been sworn enemies of The Bee, trying to justify themselves with the plea that they have been victims of malice and satanic persecutions because they would not bend the knee before "the little editor on the hill."

Some men have grievances by inheritance. A few years ago the editor of The Bee filed a complaint with President McKinley in substantially this language: I would respectfully, but earnestly, remonstrate against the appointment of the office of consul general in the revenue for these reasons: 1. He is in his dotage and cannot perform the functions of his office.

Although every word of this was gospel truth, the son of this man has had a grievance ever since and never loses an opportunity to throw little darts at the editor of The Bee through a weekly paper he emits for the enlightenment of Omaha society. But an editor who would falter in the fearless and conscientious discharge of duty would be totally unfit to be either a molder of public opinion or a political leader.

PROTECTING AMERICAN CREDITORS. Our government proposes to protect citizens of the United States having claims in San Domingo and has so notified the government of that republic.

In the event of any foreign power attempting, as has been threatened, forcibly to effect a preferential settlement of its claims against San Domingo, the United States will take charge of all the custom houses of San Domingo in the interest of American creditors, this being regarded as warranted by the recent decision of The Hague tribunal. It is assumed that the action taken by our government was intended to notify the European creditors of the republic that the privilege of repeating the course pursued against Venezuela will not again be granted.

It is not surprising to find in connection with this matter a demand for the annexation of San Domingo. An eastern paper remarks that the ultimate inclusion of that republic within the colonial dominion of the United States is unavoidable and thinks the declaration of purpose made in regard to customs administration is a step in that direction, adding: "The republic can neither protect its own people nor protect the foreign interests for which

governments everywhere are responsible to each other. Years of independence have taught no lesson save that, if left to their own devices, these people are unteachable. We must care for San Domingo because the inability of San Domingo to care for herself is an always increasing international annoyance."

MAY RETALIATE. There appears to be no doubt that our Chinese exclusion policy will be maintained. This is shown in all information coming from Washington, those who are disposed to favor some modification of it being a very small minority.

There is a considerable feeling that China may adopt some form of retaliation after the expiration of the treaty, as unquestionably she would be justified in doing. The Washington Post says: "We make no secret of our fixed determination to exclude certain classes of Asiatics and we set up an official machinery for realizing that purpose. Why, then, may not China enjoy an equal privilege and why should we exhibit resentment at the slightest tendency in that direction? There are Americans in China quite as obnoxious to the natives there as any Chinaman can possibly be to us."

It is by no means improbable that the government of China has given consideration to the question of adopting a retaliatory policy and it is clear that we could not consistently object if it should adopt such a policy, having ourselves set the example. Another thing to be apprehended is that we may lose a great deal of trade, for we may be sure that our commercial competitors will do all they can to promote Chinese displeasure with our exclusion policy.

TRIBUTE TO CONSULAR SERVICE. Our people are so accustomed to criticism of the consular service of the United States, the critics alleging that it is for the most part inefficient and that our consuls generally do not properly look after our commercial interests abroad, that a tribute to the service from a German source is exceedingly gratifying, especially in view of the fact that Germany's consular system has been regarded as a model for imitation.

In a recent debate in the Reichstag the declaration was made that if Germany wished to maintain its place in the world's commerce it must follow the example of this country in improving its service of information abroad and in establishing chambers of commerce in foreign cities. The German consular system was criticized in terms similar to those employed by critics of the American service. Referring to this the Philadelphia Ledger remarks that the German praise, so far as it is founded on accurate knowledge of the facts, may justly be appropriated by the president and Secretary Hay, whose efforts to put the United States consular system on a business basis are beginning to bear fruit and win recognition abroad.

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PRIZE FOR AMERICA. Lieutenant Bilse evidently finds the interior of German prisons more endurable than the interior of German barracks, for he announced his intention of writing another novel after he is released from the incarceration which followed his first successful attempt. Perhaps he thinks he can be recommissioned before he has time to fight the three duels which are waiting his release.

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men of the class who came here should have found in this any cause for astonishment, since it is commonly assumed that all intelligent foreigners are aware of the American people's boundless interest in popular education. Yet it is a fact that they were astonished at what they found in this respect and it is significant that the commission connects the American belief in education with the prosperity of the country, though regarding it as the effect rather than the cause of prosperity.

THE HIDDEN HEROES. The establishment of Mr. Carnegie's fund for the recognition and reward of men and women credited with acts of heroism has occasioned no little comment throughout the country, but, while the motive of the endowment and the praiseworthy object of the donor have received words of favor, opinion differs decidedly as to whether the results will be such as to meet the expectations of the originators of the plan.

Smoke Means Wasted Fuel. Smoke means waste. The science of smoke prevention and the science of perfect combustion are equivalent terms. Once made a factory owner realize this and he is won over to the cause, for if he has intelligence enough to manage a business he must know that perfect combustion of fuel means no waste.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. One blast of warm air does not make a spring. Keep your woollens on a noodle trust is under way. Should all the eligible seek admission the ground floor will be crowded.

Under such circumstances it will be the less deserving who push themselves forward for Mr. Carnegie's bounty, while the most heroic will be content with the credit mark of a clear conscience. Unless we misjudge human nature, the man or woman who comes forward to present a claim against the Carnegie fund will, unless absolutely dependent upon such assistance, fall noticeably in the esteem of the public, no matter what tributes the act of heroism may have originally called forth.

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apparent as the senatorial investigation proceeds. Nebraska will have no state building at St. Louis, but its exhibit of agricultural products and resources will loom up in front of every sight-seer to impress him with the importance, the productivity, the progress and the prosperity of this state.

It is not to be expected that the warfare between the rival telegraph companies which has begun in New York over the control of the aid fund will go to the length of reducing the tariff on messages.

Puffed Up Greatness. Washington Star. Thanks to the industry of his friends no one can now urge in any part of the country the objection that Judge Parker is a comparatively unknown man.

The Only Valuable Testimony. Detroit Free Press. General Fred D. Grant's testimony in behalf of the army candidate is obviously valueless, because it is based on experience. To know all about an army candidate one must never have seen a candidate.

Opportunities for Study. Indianapolis Journal. The newspaper correspondents who are prevented by the Russian and Japanese authorities from going to the front will have ample opportunity to study the customs of the people and perhaps learn two or three foreign languages.

Give Misery the Cold Shoulder. Atlanta Constitution. Never mind whether or no misery likes company. When you see him hanging his hat up and feeling around for a chair all you have to do is to tell him it's your day to go to hell and you've only three minutes to catch a train and get the job filled.

Say Nothing, but Saw Wood. Philadelphia Record. The few lingering adherents of Bryanism ask: "Why does not Judge Parker speak out on current political issues? Here they are in the desert, the chief of the mischievous effects of too much talk? But the democratic national convention and Judge Parker will speak to the country on fitting occasion.

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SECLAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Chicago Record-Herald: Young John D. recently said to his Bible class: "A man who is proud and puffed up is sure to fall."

PRIZE POEM ON PROFANITY. (A prize of \$5, offered by a Washington man for the best poem on profanity, limited to sixteen lines, was awarded to the writer of the following poem. After the decision was rendered, the judge learned that the writer was Maurice Francis Egan, a professor in the Catholic university.)

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