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

Nebraska's semi-centennial celebration May 31 next. Mark it down.

As the month of showers April is right up to the scratch in delivering the goods.

Nebraska still has 8,000,000 acres of grazing lands to offer to the pastoral homeseeker.

All roads will lead to St. Louis for six months, beginning with the formal opening of the Louisiana Purchase exposition next Saturday.

What a pity those census bureau mathematicians did not discover that colossal discrepancy in the Omaha census of 1890 fourteen years ago.

Admiral Skrydloff has expressed an intention of going to Vladivostok rather than to Port Arthur.

Colonel Joe Parker, the head of the populist national organization, is out for Hearst.

Heber Grant must be a candidate for a Carnegie here benefit.

In refusing to accept the resignation of Admiral Alexief the czar may have taken a suggestion from the minked and is making the punishment fit the crime.

"The world do move," but not quickly enough to prevent the arrest of base ball players for plying their vocation on Sunday in Brooklyn.

The boll weevil is said to have already made its appearance in Texas.

The statement that the majority of southern delegates will follow the lead of New York in the national convention will have to be verified before the Bryanites will believe it.

Judge Powers declares that the Utah schools are exceptionally good.

The Vladivostok squadron has successfully departed from that port and sunk a Japanese merchant vessel at Gensan.

It is to be noted that Washington county republicans in their convention proceeded to elect delegates to the congressional convention without first sending a conference committee to wait upon Tom Blackburn.

With the conventions of last week Hearst had captured 200 of 373 delegates to the Iowa democratic state convention.

It is given out that at the recent meeting of the congressional committee for the Second Nebraska district nearly all the members were present.

St. Petersburg has no knowledge of the fight on the Yalu, which, according to correspondents, cost the Japanese many men.

THE HEAVEN-ORDAINED RATIO.

William Jennings Bryan still clings with buldog tenacity to the "heaven-ordained ratio." In his scathing denunciation of the platform of the New York state democracy he lays great stress upon the fact that no reference is made in it to the measure now before congress to melt up nearly \$900,000,000 of legal tender silver dollars into subsidiary coin that is only a limited legal tender.

An honest dollar is a dollar that will come out of the melting pot worth as much as when it went into the melting pot and the 600,000,000 silver dollars emitted by the national treasury are not honest dollars when measured by that standard.

Inasmuch as it costs 2 cents to coin a silver dollar, the coinage of those dollars was a waste of \$10,000,000, and for all practical uses they might just as well have never been coined.

The recoinage of the silver dollars lying dead in the treasury into half dollars, quarters and dimes of less intrinsic value would not, of course, remove the incentive to counterfeiting.

There is nothing surprising in the report from St. Petersburg that the czar has refused the proposals of mediation or intervention said to have been presented to him from the rulers of Great Britain and Denmark.

In that event there is no doubt that Russia would be very willing to accept the mediation of Great Britain and the other powers, but at present, notwithstanding the disasters she has suffered in a naval war in the far east, Russia will not humiliate herself by accepting, or even seriously considering, any proposals for a settlement of the conflict with Japan.

Petitions are in circulation, which have received the signatures of a considerable number of more or less prominent men, that will be presented to the national convention of the two political parties asking them to declare in their platforms in favor of giving to the people of the Philippines independence upon terms similar to those under which Cuban independence was established.

It is altogether probable that the democratic national convention will give heed to this petition, expecting to thereby catch the so-called anti-imperialist vote, but it is not likely that the republican convention will do so.

The republican national convention of 1900 clearly stated the position of the party in regard to the Philippines.

It is said unofficially that Pope Plus purposes protesting against the visit of President Loubet of France to Rome on the ground that it would be the first visit paid to the king of Italy by the ruler of a Catholic country.

Now that Governor Mickey has issued his proclamation for the appropriate observance of the semi-centennial of Nebraska it devolves upon the metropolis of Nebraska to display its public spirit and patriotism so as to make the celebration creditable as well as memorable, not only to itself, but to the state.

The Lincoln Journal and its evening tender are revamping the points raised by The Bee two years ago in support of the demand for an increase in the assessment of railroads and its exposure

THE DECEPTIVE SO-CALLED DISTRIBUTION OF THE TERMINAL VALUES TO THE COUNTIES ALONG THE WHOLE LINE OF EACH RAILROAD.

The Bee is pleased to have made some converts among the old railroad organs and it is to be hoped they will not backslide on themselves before the state board of assessment adjourns.

Utah should understand that Colorado has all rights reserved on sensational mining strike troubles.

Work Aplenty at Home.

Philadelphia Record. Colonel Bryan is going to do what he can to save the country.

One Inalienable Right Left.

Chicago Post. Notwithstanding the frightful femina onslaught on the privileges of man, one inalienable right is left to us.

Make Way for Greater Omaha.

It was eminently proper for South Omaha to erect a substantial and commodious High school building.

America for Americans.

Chicago Tribune. The hold of Europe on this hemisphere relaxes slowly, but it relaxes.

War and Civilization.

Kansas City Journal. A few months ago there was some question as to whether Japan had a standing among the more enlightened nations of the earth.

Landscaping Advertiser.

Atlantic Monthly. The associated billposters of the United States and Canada now officially condemn the practice of printing signs upon rocks and other natural objects in picturesque landscapes.

PERSONAL NOTES.

F. D. Coburn, chief of live stock for the St. Louis World's fair, has resigned and will go south for his health.

Alexei Maximovitch Pleshov is the real name of Maxim Gorki.

On St. Petersburg authority it is said that the czar is costing Russia about \$9 a second.

Major George W. Evans, disbursing officer and chief of the division of finance in the interior department, has just reached the fortieth year of his service in the department.

Six members of the Missouri house of representatives and one state senator have applied for positions as bookkeepers clerks at the St. Louis fair grounds.

Chin Yung Yen has won a fellowship in Columbia, the first ever conferred by that university upon a Chinese student.

Justice Crane of New York city, when some artists were brought before him for violating speed ordinances, fined them \$5 each.

The death of Verestchagin, the Russian painter, at Port Arthur, recalls the story told of the late Count von Moltke.

Suppose that, as a result of this unfortunate controversy, Mr. Hill and Mr. Harrison should both decide to abandon the northwest.

SENATOR DIETRICH.

Senator Dietrich. The Lyons Mirror is still frothing at the mouth because President Roosevelt discharged District Attorney Sumner as a result of the Dietrich investigation.

Senator Cullom has served notice on the senate that he will deliver an address on the foreign relations of the United States today.

Matters of Interest Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

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Ayer's Sarsaparilla If you feel run down, are easily tired, if your nerves are weak and your blood is thin...