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GEO. E. TEBELUCK, Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 1904.

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

It may take an arbitration commission to find out just what ruined the democratic party in this state.

It is up to Mr. Tibbles to write the next volume in that endless series that began with "The First Battle."

The siege of the court house, by the place hunters will now eclipse the siege of Port Arthur by the Japs.

The normal power electric light are lamps have become more visibly normal in darkest Omaha since election day.

What has become of that municipal paving plant we have heard so much about? Has it, too, been electrocuted?

What unnecessary trouble Judge Parker went to to proclaim that he would not be a candidate for a second term in the White House.

Japan does not object to the coaling of Russian ships in neutral waters probably because it counts on getting the greater part of the fuel before it reaches Port Arthur.

Governor Mickey's Thanksgiving proclamation was not issued until after election and the governor undoubtedly joined the spirit to the letter in the administration to citizens.

South Omaha election officers who twice sold assignments of pay may find that money is not the most desirable possession—but this will be little consolation to the fee buyers.

New that Russia reports the death of General Kuroki the Japanese western army may resume activity—General Kuraki has never been so active as when he was reported out of action.

Republican spellbinders are to have a banquet at New York this week, but the spellbinders must admit that the men who didn't talk had a good deal to do with the result of the election.

The Nebraska legislature will not convene for almost two months yet. That gives plenty of time for the evolution of as varied a lot of political pipe dreams as were ever smoked up.

West Virginia should make its recent republicans vote good by retiring from the list of feudist states. There is nothing compatible between a majority for Roosevelt and armed camps of outlaws.

The democratic doctors seem to be agreed that the fusion corpse in this state is beyond resurrection, but each insists that the coroner's jury bring in a verdict laying the blame on the other fellow.

Wyoming objects to the action of Nebraska men who purpose to place a large tract of western Nebraska land under irrigation and still Nebraska is not ready to repeat the attempt of Kansas to control the headwaters of its streams.

When Fred Nash turns in the tax schedule for his electric lighting monopoly, the figures will have shrunk materially from the valuation put upon the plant in his recent speeches to improve-ment clubs.

Kentucky has indicted Berea college under a law making illegal the education of whites and negroes at the same school. The existence of the law would indicate that Kentucky had rather preserve race prejudice than acquire wisdom.

We are glad to know on the authority of the World-Herald that The Bee is not to be charged this year with responsibility for the republican knifing of Governor Mickey in Omaha.

The World-Herald knows, because the republican knife-wielders were working hand in glove with that paper and its democratic proprietor-congressman.

SIMPLY CONJECTURE.

It is most natural that there should be more or less conjecture as to what President Roosevelt will do during the four years after March 4 next, and it is not surprising to find opinions that he will make some radical departures from the course pursued since he became president.

Those who regard Mr. Roosevelt as an "unsure" man are fearful that he will do something inimical to the peace and welfare of the nation, while others who opposed his election and accepted the false accusation that he had made a bargain with the corporations, are doubting whether he will continue to pursue the policy of enforcing the law against illegal combinations.

No one need borrow any trouble in respect to these matters. It is perfectly safe to predict that President Roosevelt will not depart in the least from the course he has followed during the last three years. There will be no action of the administration, it can be said, with confidence, that will imperil the peace of the United States.

The foreign relations of the country will be conducted in the same just and honorable lines that have characterized them for the past eight years and which have given this country the greatest prestige in diplomacy it ever enjoyed.

We think there is no doubt on the part of any corporation that is not complying with the law as to what may be expected of the administration if the unlawful conduct of such corporation shall be disclosed.

It has been most clearly defined and has received the overwhelming indorsement of the people. That it will be faithfully and fearlessly maintained there is every reason to believe.

VALIDITY OF THE WATER BOARD.

Having befogged the municipal ownership issue during the recent campaign, the Omaha newspapers-for-revenue-only are now seeking to create a false impression concerning the proposed proceeding to test the validity of the water board by giving it out that it is designed to delay or frustrate the purchase of the water works.

As a matter of fact, the proceedings now under way for the acquisition of the water works cannot in any way be affected by any judicial process to determine whether the water board is a legal body or an illegal body.

The proposed action to test the validity of the water board and the law by which it was created is purely in the interest of the taxpayers of Omaha.

Such action was contemplated and discussed immediately after the passage of the bill, but deferred because it might have been construed as an effort on behalf of the water company, when, in fact, the compulsory purchase bill and the board has been eminently satisfactory to the water company.

The water board was created under the pretense that such a body was absolutely necessary to manage the water works. Presuming this to be true, there is no excuse for the existence of a water board so long as it has no water works to manage.

The members of that board, with one single exception, are not in need of a sinecure, but even if they were there is no good reason why the tax burdens of Omaha should be needlessly increased by the extension of the pay roll.

The consensus of opinion among able lawyers is that the act creating the board is unconstitutional and full of holes, but they also concur in the opinion that no relief from the dilemma in which Omaha has been placed through its mischievous operation can be had either by its repeal or by having it set aside, except so far as it relates to the saving that would be effected by lopping off the sinecures.

It will be remembered that The Bee denounced the law when it was first introduced and has since repeatedly pointed out its unconstitutional and damaging features. Summed up in a nutshell, before the enactment of the law the city was in position to do one of three things:

1. It could take the works by process of eminent domain, with seven appraisers appointed by the mayor and the council, with the privilege of rejecting the appraisement in case it were deemed excessive.

2. It had the option to negotiate a purchase of the existing works at a reasonable price, or to build works of its own, taking its water supply either from the Missouri or Platte rivers.

3. It had the privilege of acquiring the works by arbitration of three appraisers, which every intelligent observer regarded the most risky and least advantageous proceeding.

While the compulsory purchase bill did not absolutely compel the city to accept the three-appraiser plan, it was used by the water company as a wedge to force an appraisement on its terms.

All the hue and cry raised by the demagogues and mischief makers that the water company is adverse to the pending appraisement is flatly contradicted by the fact that it allowed the bill to be

PHILIPPINE TARIFF REVISION.

As already noted in our Washington correspondence, the president in his annual message will recommend to congress a revision of the tariff regarding the Philippines, and it is the belief of those who are giving attention to the matter that congress will make the changes which the president will suggest, or at any rate go so far in that direction as to materially modify the existing tariff.

There is no doubt that this is necessary in order to promote the industrial and commercial growth of the Philippines, which is of the highest importance in order to render the people of the islands satisfied and contented.

It is understood that Secretary Taft, who has always favored a liberal policy toward the Philippines, will have his recommendations to this effect approved by the president, and in that case there ought to be no doubt as to the result.

The country has decided overwhelmingly in favor of retention of the Philippines. There is no sentiment of any consequence among the American people in support of the proposition that we should abandon the archipelago.

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LESSONS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

The lessons of the last campaign all make for conservatism and citizenship. They do not contain the complete sum of political wisdom, but it is to be predicted that future campaigns will be better handled because of the impress this year's mistakes have made on the popular mind.

What the People Voted For. Chicago Record-Herald. The people have not voted for a do-nothing policy, and the election is not to be construed as an expression of entire satisfaction with existing conditions.

Look to Your Walk. Success. Look to your walk. It is more to do with your success or failure than you, perhaps, dream of. Don't strut. Don't wobble. Don't shuffle. Don't stomp. Walk like a man who is determined to play a man's part in the world.

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JUDICIOUS ADVERTISING PAY.

Triumph of a Massachusetts Man Over Great Obstacles. "How Advertising Won a Governorship" is an appropriate title for the story of a man whose achievement which newspapers are printing with professional pleasure. It is the story of W. L. Douglas, shoemaker and democrat, and governor-elect of Massachusetts.

Republicans and democrats alike have covered somewhat from their astonishment over the election of a democratic governor by a plurality of 5,710 in a state which went for Roosevelt by 8,279, and everywhere were trying to tell each other how it happened.

But after making all allowances for the political errors of Governor John L. Bates, who was a candidate for re-election, the fact that the United States Mr. Douglas' stupendous victory is very largely due to the fact that no other man is so familiarly known in this state as the Brockton shoe manufacturer.

Republicans say Bates lost because of these things: His veto of the overtime bill, which made every labor union his enemy; his veto of the bounty bill, which alienated every Grand Army veteran; his appointment of Judge Emmons as chairman of the Boston police board, which was particularly annoying to a large part of the city, and his evident hostility to the state Board of Agriculture, which turned the farmers against him.

But after all these surface causes for the overwhelming triumph of Mr. Douglas is the foundation of the feeling of personal acquaintance which everybody has toward him.

Born fifty-nine years ago, a poor boy, in the town of Plymouth, Mr. Douglas has a career which is successful. He began as a shoemaker's apprentice, learned his trade thoroughly, was careful of his earnings, and when he was 17 he began to initiate his methods, and to protect his growing business he adopted as a trade mark his own portrait. For many years now the leading newspapers and magazines of the country have contained his name in their advertising columns, and the business has grown until the demand for W. L. Douglas' shoes has built up the largest shoe factory in the world.

A thorough believer in newspaper advertising because he knows it has built up for him a business of \$500,000 a year, Mr. Douglas applied it to his campaign for governor. Years ago, before he ever dreamed of being a candidate for office, he was heard to say that even a candidate for office could well afford to advertise, that advertising would make votes.

In the campaign just closed nearly all the money he contributed to the democratic state committee was, by his direction, expended in advertising. All the daily papers in the state, and the other papers of the state, have contained full-page "ads," strikingly made up, and a great amount of advertising in a smaller way was done.

Of course Mr. Douglas never could have made use of the huge factories he operates had he not made good shoes. His plant is blessed by the most skillful shoemakers in the world. So good are his operatives that they earn an average of \$14 a week, against an average of \$9 in the other shoe factories of the state, and for seventeen years there has never been a suggestion of friction between him and his workmen.

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Yet this Finland is to be reduced to the Russian dead-level. Having forced it to give up the constitution, the process of oppression will be continued by the Russian satraps. All is to be "Russified" like Dorpat, once noted as a German university, is now "Russified" and made worthless. "It is the saddest spectacle of our time. Former emperors, however much they have wished to do so, have not dared break their oath to Finland; but our present careless and absolute indifference to present, has allowed the dominant reactionary clique about him to accomplish his own good pleasure. I put on record here the prophecy that his dynasty, if not himself, will be punished for it. All history shows that no such crime has been committed without receiving punishment."

Power of the Sea. Ralph Waldo Emerson in the Atlantic. On the seashore the play of the Atlantic with the coast! What wealth is here! Every wave is a fortune. One thinks of Esters and great projectors who will yet turn all this waste strength to account.

What strength and fecundity from the seasons, hugest of animals in the primary forms of which it is the immense cradle, and the phosphorescent infusories—it is one vast rolling bed of life, and every sparkle is a fish. What freedom and grandeur all this might! The seeing so excellent a spectacle is a creature to the land that all imaginable good shall yet be realized. The sea is the chemist that dissolves the mountain and the rock; pulverizes old continents, and builds new—forever redistributing the solid matter of the globe—and performs an analogous office in perpetual new transmuting of the races of men over the surface, the exodus of nations. We may well yield up for a time to its lemons. But the normal instinct, as I said, persists to drive us to fresh beds and pastures new. Indeed, the variety of our moods is a creature to the sea in the face of the world, and the sea drives us back to the hills.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE WAR.

Former American Officer Said to Be in the Japanese Army. It is reported among acquaintances of the officer at St. Paul that a former shining light in Iowa, Major J. B. Wasson, is now an important officer in the Japanese army. A quarter of a century ago he was a bright promising youth who had graduated at the head of his class at West Point, having gone there from a farm in Warren county, Iowa, and a republican Missouri.

He was liked by General Grant, who sent him to Japan as a military attaché. There he organized the mikado's engineering corps and was a military instructor at Tokio. In Japan Major Wasson met and married a daughter of Congressman Bingham of Ohio, who prosecuted Lincoln's assassin. Eventually the Bingham returned to America, and so highly was Major Wasson's ability appreciated that he was appointed paymaster of the United States Army. He gambled with money of the government, lost it, acknowledged the embezzlement, was convicted and sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

Now it is learned he is valiantly fighting with the mikado's army in Manchuria. "It was a matter of less than half an hour before the Japanese held the main ridge to the left, or west, of the village of Hwangshai, and the great fighting began over the hill and was ready to begin from the point gained, about 9 o'clock," says William Dinwiddie, special correspondent in Harper's Weekly.

"It was broiling hot and the glaring sun promised that the day would be a very hot one for the night. The dirty khaki uniforms of the stockily built soldiers were wringing with water, but they marched forward briskly and with no display of exhaustion, though they had been up all night and had already worked three hours in a sweeter heat."

"The fourteen hours' march made by that regiment of the Guards, in the flanking movement, would have killed off half the men in any European or American force before the Japanese had finished it, and were still keen to fight, and, notwithstanding this, the official report says that the left wing division did not do so well as was expected. Only salamanders could have survived the heat and toil."

"It was a marvelous performance and one which, at first blush, seemed impossible. It necessitated traveling beneath the crests of the mountains in order to be screened from the enemy. They moved ahead on mountain slopes whose angle was often 45 degrees. They toiled through thick underbrush and around the bases of rocky pinnacles 500 to 800 feet above the valleys. One would have believed the feat impossible for loaded men, let alone heavily laden packhorses. The left wing regiment marched six miles in this fashion and threatened to reach the base of the mountain at the rear of the main position, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon."

In an article under the title, "A Diplomat's Recollections of Russia" in the Century magazine for November, Dr. Andrew D. White, formerly president of Cornell university and minister of the United States at Berlin and St. Petersburg, throws an interesting sidelight on current history by his characterization of the present czar. "White's first impression of Nicholas II (before his accession) was that of a seemingly kindly young man, but of a seemingly going and off-hand manner assumed by the latter when he dismissed the subject of the famine, which had been a topic of conversation between them, 'appalled' the American minister. 'You are talking about the peasants of central Russia and Finland had been put; of the bread made largely of fern leaves, 'which it would seem a shame to give to horses or cattle,' his imperial highness, the heir to the throne, indignantly exclaimed."

His main characteristic was an absolute indifference to all persons and things about him, he never showed any application to business or a spark of ambition of any sort. He seemed to stand about listlessly, speaking in a good-natured way to this or that person, and he never seemed to do so, but, on the whole, indifferent to that went on about him. After his accession to the throne one of the best judges in Europe, who had every opportunity to observe him closely, said to me: 'He knows nothing of his empire or of his people; he never goes out of his house if he can help it.'

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POLITICAL SNAPSOTS.

Boston Transcript: Perhaps one meaning of the Douglas vote is demand for the removal of the duty on hides. Philadelphia Press: Congressman Kline, as the only democratic member of the Pennsylvania delegation, will be an exceedingly lonely figure. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: It is a great day for the fifth state in the union. All hail again, grand old Missouri, enlightened Missouri, republican Missouri!

Chicago Inter Ocean: Mr. Bryan's manifesto is a trumpet call of inspiration to the disheartened of the nation. It is also a trumpet call of warning to the republican party. St. Louis Republic: Hurrah for Judge Parker anyhow! He made a game fight under difficult conditions, preserved the respect of the country throughout, and lost like a man. New York Sun: Will the democratic party recover from these repeated blows? Yes, but it will be as a distinctively radical party, a substantially new political organization, of which Bryan will probably be the leader, with Watson as his lieutenant.

Springfield (Ill.) Republican: Independent voters, after all, are every year more numerous in this country. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island there were some 50,000 men who, after voting for a republican candidate for president, were capable of voting for a democratic candidate for governor. In Minnesota there were at least 50,000 more of the same sort, and they did business on Tuesday. It is discrimination of this sort that will make the republic live forever, if anything will.

STATE COMMENT ON ELECTION. Cook Tribune: The probabilities are that if President Roosevelt had "cut out" that Hooker T. Washington incident he would have carried the rest of the south. Oakland Independent: Dr. Swallow polled over 300,000 votes in the nation and probably 6,000 in Nebraska. The prohibition party has the element of persistence in a strong measure. Nebraska City Tribune: One of the most satisfactory results of Tuesday's election is the elimination of the Hitchcock-Metcock membership in the national house of representatives.

Stanton Register: R. B. Schneider has made good in his efforts to make Burkett senator, but he has not landed the royal prize yet, and that is his re-election to succeed Senator Millard. Roosevelt will succeed Millard if a republican is the lucky man. Ashland Gazette: The most pleasing feature of the election returns are the triumph of Governor Mickey and the retirement of Gilbert M. Hitchcock from congress. The libel received the approval of the people and the libel receives their condemnation. Truth and justice reign.

St. Paul Republican: Botted down to its final analysis, it was a republican victory upon the issue of the constitution and the individual workers, but Theodore Roosevelt is entitled to the lion's share of credit for taking Howard county out of the fusion column. Columbus Telegram: Another cause was the utter inability of Mr. Bryan to induce his loyal friends to support the candidate of that influence which had betrayed the democratic party in two campaigns. A million democrats believed the election of Barker would be taken as a victory for Dave Hill and Grover Cleveland. They felt that it would be better to give the government into the hands of a republican than to call to the national administration a set of men who would adopt a republican platform and throw a democratic cloak about it.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES. "Did your candidate run well?" "Like a Russian."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. "You can't convince me," said Uncle Eben, "dat dar ain't nothin' wrong wid da pairticulars of Cleveland." "Cleveland, dey headache de nex' mo'nin'."—Washington Star. "Shylock—I'll have my pound of flesh. Antonio—Go ahead, old man; the doctor says ye got to reduce my weight."—Town Topics. "Old Hunks is one of the crankiest and most disagreeable men I ever met, but they say he has a good deal of sense." "Well, it's true. He spends three-fourths of his time away from 'em."—Chicago Tribune.

"Towne—It's a shame! Wyomian blows his money so for boots. He's a good fellow at heart, too. Browne—There's the trouble! He heard somebody say he was a 'good fellow' once, he's been trying to live up to it."—Philadelphia Press. "Did you lose anything on the election?" "A night's sleep, seriously, eh?" "Took it pretty hard, didn't you?" "Yes, I did. I was an election judge and we didn't get all the votes counted until six o'clock in Cleveland." "Good imitation, you know, never die." "Said the man who was fond of quoting things in his own way. "Indeed," replied the other. "Probably that would explain why they're so seldom carried out."—Philadelphia Ledger.

PLAG SONG. Harriet Prescott Spofford. Out upon four winds blow, Tell the world your story; Thrice in heart's blood dipped before, They called you 'Old Glory,' Stream, Old Glory, bear your stars High among the seven; Dream a while on the dark, And make a sign in heaven! Mighty harvests did your plains, Mighty rivers bear them; Everywhere they find All the hungry share them; Blooms the wilderness for you, High above the clouds, Underneath your shadow go, Peace and love and light.

When from sky to sky you look, Vast horizons lost in light, Answer with loudness, Power, Peace and love and light. Blessed promise making, All your hills are hills of gold, And all your fountains are healing!

Sill to those the wronged of earth, Sanctuary tender; Dream a while on the dark, Within your sacred splendor! Stream, Old Glory, bear your stars High among the seven; Stream a while on the dark, And make a sign in heaven!

My! My! You are growing old fast! Too bad! And you know why, too. It's those gray hairs! Don't you know that Ayer's Hair Vigor restores color to gray hair? Well, it does. And it never fails, either. It stops falling hair also, and keeps the scalp clean. Sold for over sixty years.