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GEO. B. TZSCHUCK, Notary Public.

A Christmas motto: Patronize home industry.

With still another disagreement of a jury former Mayor Ames of Minneapolis is finding the trials of life not a few.

We thought it was pretty near time for Pat Crowe to turn up again—and to make another get-away.

Now that St. Petersburg has its first American skyscraper it is up to the Russian capital to secure an American fire escape.

St. Joseph officers could not be expected to engage in a shooting scrape with a criminal of less importance than Pat Crowe.

Japanese report setting fire to the arsenal at Port Arthur, but little damage can have been effected if Japanese reports of the state of supplies at that place are correct.

Nebraska corralled over 500 awards, big and little, at the St. Louis World's fair. Nebraska takes no back seat in any competition where intelligence and enterprise counts.

The department store fire at Amsterdam, N. Y., should be a reminder to other cities to exercise more than ordinary care while retail houses are congested by holiday shoppers.

From now until after the Missouri legislature has made its choice of United States senator, Judge Lee Estelle will hope and pray for the consummation of the highest aspiration of Major Warner.

Bunau-Varilla has expressed his idea of the Panama canal and, like his celebrated treaty, Secretary Taft will have power to make necessary revision, which will insure the soundness of the ultimate work.

New York police have the satisfaction of having the "black hand" upon which to place blame for crimes which are not easily traced to their real source. This relieves the Gotham sleuths of much unprofitable speculation.

Sir Horace Plunkett, who is heavily interested in Omaha property, says he is well satisfied with his investments here. That's the kind of a nonresident property owner that does a community good instead of being a drag upon it.

Wall street traders do not like to admit that Tom Lawson is responsible for the decline in prices on 'change, but as long as the slump was in the direction indicated by the Boston revealer his reputation as a prophet is not dimmed.

Among the reforms that should commend themselves to the representatives of Douglas county in the coming legislature is the abolition of sinecures and double pay grafters. One office should be sufficient for one man at one time.

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President Roosevelt will have a popular plurality of more than 2,500,000. Yet it will be recalled that Colonel Bryan issued a pronouncement on the eve of election expressing his unshakable conviction that Judge Parker was about to be chosen president.

Everyone in Omaha who has friends or relatives in the teaching corps throughout the state should extend hospitality for the period of the State Teachers' association convention, to be held here the holiday week. Let the invitations go forth at once and the coming meeting will be a record breaker in the association's history.

FREIGHT RATE ABUSES.

According to reports from Washington, which appear to be trustworthy, President Roosevelt intends to press upon congress consideration of his recommendation that the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission be enlarged so as to give that body authority to regulate freight rates.

As heretofore noted, opposition to this attitude of the administration is becoming active. The men in the senate who are known as "railroad senators," and who exert a very strong influence in that body are counted upon to vigorously antagonize the efforts of the president to secure the legislation he has recommended.

While there is also in the house a considerable republican contingent which will doubtless be arrayed against the proposition to enlarge the power of the Interstate Commerce commission. But this opposition is not, it is believed, in a majority in either branch of congress and although it may be able to delay legislation, it is thought that it cannot prevent the ultimate carrying out of the executive recommendation, supported as it is by a practically unanimous public approval.

It is said that this opposition is already planning some measure which may appear to include the president's idea and will yet leave the railroads and the trusts a loop-hole of escape, but it can be very confidently assumed that the president will not accept any false pre-arranged legislation. Knowing that he has public sentiment behind him he will rely upon this to compel congress to act in good faith.

There are bills now pending in congress, introduced at the last session, designed to accomplish practically what the president has recommended. It is quite possible that final action upon these measures cannot be had at the present session, though a determined effort will be made to secure it. At all events it is assured that the question will not be ignored. The decisive stand taken by Mr. Roosevelt has started a discussion and agitation that is certain to grow and to eventually have a practical result.

THE TREASURY ESTIMATES. The estimates of the secretary of the treasury show that the financial department of the government will have no difficulty in meeting its obligations in the near future, even if congress should be rather more extravagant in appropriations than is now expected.

Another flurry in stocks. The flurry in the stock market last week, which approached the character of a panic, was repeated yesterday, with hardly less excitement than marked the previous occasion.

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MRS. CHADWICK AS SHE IS.

Picture of the Woman Who Worked Bankers for Money. A number of alleged photographs of the notorious Mrs. Chadwick, printed in the newspapers, represented her as far too loose and commonplace, buxom and slender, a youthful face creased with time's furrows, dressed gaudily and severely simple.

Mrs. Chadwick is neither large nor small, stout nor slender, neither repellent nor yet particularly fair to look upon. She is of about average height—say five feet six, with a well-rounded figure, full face, regular features and hair that has turned almost white.

Her hands, white and soft as the face, are well kept, these two also receiving the constant care of the maid, for Mrs. Chadwick is fastidious and, according to the maid, places the care of her person first in all her multitudinous affairs.

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MATTERS OF INTEREST GLEANED FROM THE ARMY AND NAVY REGISTER.

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ANTICIPATING THE LEGISLATURE.

Fremont Tribune: There is pretty good circumstantial evidence that J. A. Douglas of Bassett will coper the speakership when the legislature meets. He looks like a winner.

Stockville Republican-Paper: We hope that the legislature will start right by electing E. B. Berry speaker of the house. The people in this part of the state want him to be the speaker and will use all their efforts to elect him.

Wayne Herald: The Herald is glad to see N. D. Jackson of Neligh in the field for the speakership of the Nebraska legislature, and sincerely hopes he will receive the election. Jackson is able, just and level-headed and as a presiding officer we feel that he would do honor to the state and himself.

Fremont Tribune: Senator Jennings of Thayer county is announced as a candidate for the presidency of the state senate. Senator Jennings was a member two years ago, and proved himself to be one of the most trustworthy and intelligent members of the body, popular with all his colleagues.

Beatrice Express: Gage county has another candidate for the position of speaker in the person of Representative McMillen. Gage county is fortunate in its members of the legislature, as any one of them would be equal to the task of presiding over the legislature.

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UNCLE SAM, FINANCIAL GUANT.

Illustration of the Available Wealth of the Nation. Chicago Inter Ocean. The annual report of the comptroller of the currency gives in a few figures an amazing illustration of available wealth and financial strength of this American nation.

The banking power of the world—the capital, surplus, deposits and circulation of all its banks—its fluid wealth for the daily use of its industry and commerce—is closely estimated at nearly \$34,000,000,000.

Of this aggregate all the other countries combined have a little less than \$20,000,000,000. The United States of America alone has nearly \$14,000,000,000.

In other words, under the Stars and Stripes, which float over less than one-tenth of the globe, there is more money than in all the rest of the world combined.

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A MATTER OF HEALTH



thirteenth of the land area of the globe, and to which less than one-seventeenth of its inhabitants owe allegiance is two-fifths of the fluid, active, working wealth of the human race.

Notice that somebody says the American bill for one week's treatment of a patient—My dear fellow, if you knew what an interesting case yours was, and how strongly I was tempted to let it go to a post-mortem you wouldn't grumble at a bill three times as big as this—Chicago Tribune.

Do you ever have any difficulty in making your guests at ease in conversation? No, answered the hostess, "I always invite a pianist to my reception. As soon as the music starts the conversation is sure to follow."—Washington Star.

Franklin had just drawn lightning from the sky. "Huh! that's easy," said a meek-looking man, "just hit it with a rubber rod. As soon as the music starts the conversation is sure to follow."—Washington Star.

Wasting your time where the wine glass is apt to make you a cynical cuss. And tipping your stomach with fancy drinks is demoralizing and dangerous. Drinking it straight is just as bad. And can count for its victims a few? Have courage enough to say "No," my lad. I wouldn't do it if I were you.

There are ten commandments—count them—ten. The keeping of which is no soft snuff; if you don't clutter our minds and then you're really a most unusual chap. Some of us bend them just for fun. And some of us crack them clear in two; but remorse is sure to follow, my son; I wouldn't do it—IF I WERE YOU!

NO tailor knows enough about handling furs to make a fur-lined coat as it should be made. No furrier can be an expert tailor. But combine the two and you have a coat lined with fur, that for appearance and fit would make the reputation of a smart tailor. That's just what we have done. The result is a perfect fitting coat, one that does not mind, with a fine sweep that makes it comfortable for walking and driving.

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