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Subscribed in my presence and before me this 1st day of January, 1905.

M. B. HUNTING, Notary Public.

RESTRICTING COTTON PRODUCTION.

The cotton convention at New Orleans the past week advertised that there be a reduction of the acreage planted to cotton this year of 25 per cent...

But would it be a wise policy to restrict production? That is a question which the planters ought to very seriously consider...

A leading commercial paper, in referring to this matter, points out that it is generally calculated that the present manufacturing requirement of the world is for 11,500,000 bales of American cotton...

While it is undoubtedly desirable to do whatever is practicable to secure a better adjustment of supply and demand and through that greater stability of value...

HUMBU AGAIN TO THE FORT.

The success that has attended the salt-water statesman in pulling the wool over the eyes of the people of Omaha has emboldened him to make another attempt at the game of bunco...

1. The Dodge bill is merely amendatory to the old Gilbert-Howell bill. It only enlarges the power of the water board, transferring to it the power now exercised by the council...

2. Under the bill the board may reduce rates which the council has refused to do. The council will no longer confer judgment for hydrant rental, as it has done...

3. The council will be unable to use the proceeds of bonds issued for other purposes to pay rentals, as it has done.

4. The council's present power relating to the matter of water supply in Omaha is transferred to the board and the bill stops there, neither curtailing nor enlarging that power.

5. If the bill passes the city will speedily acquire the plant and reduce rates. If it does not the people may suffer from burdensome water charges for years.

date of Judge Munger by which the city was ordered to pay not only the back hydrant rental, but also 7 per cent interest and the costs of the suit.

The suggestion is made that popular petitions and appeals be directed to Senator Elkins and Congressman Hepburn as chairmen of the committees having to do with the regulation of railroad legislation in the senate and house, respectively...

As an advertising medium The Bee still stands peerless in these parts, judging from the pressure for space from unfriendly patrons who appear anxious for publicity in a paper of known circulation.

It cannot be too often repeated that the city of Omaha is merely a corporation, in which the citizens are the shareholders and the mayor and council the officers and directors.

A woman in Indiana is testifying against her divorced husband, whom she accuses of murder. Just what effect subsequent divorce should have on privileged communications between husband and wife may be an interesting question for courts to decide.

Foreign residents of St. Petersburg say the present calmness is that which too often precedes worse trouble, but at this distance the impression is growing that the Russian revolutionists made the mistake of touching off the fuse before the bomb was loaded.

It is asserted that there are 70,000 members of fraternal insurance societies in Nebraska. If so, they ought to be able to get about anything they want in the shape of legislation...

Relief for the Oppressed. The statehood bill and the Swayne impeachment proceedings were in the nature of a godsend to the United States senators sitting on the fence on the question of railroad rates and rebates...

Senator Smoot's Defense. Senator Smoot seems to be coming out of the imputation at Washington without credit. It is said that he had to make a speech to the members of the church with which he is associated...

Give Russia Time. Looking to the future, twenty years would not be too much to convert Russia into a self-governing country. Such a period is nothing in the life of a nation.

Automobiles and Trolley Cars Keep People on the Jump. The people of the cities, who are weighed down and oppressed by the ever-menacing prospect of a new tax, are not surprised in the fact that the residents of the country districts are also the victims of an increasing danger of a kindred nature.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Every lover of one of the great American institutions will hail with joy an event which demonstrates the unwavering patriotism of United States senators...

When congress abolished liquor selling in the senate and house restaurants the man who has the restaurant contract walked that he would lose money. He did lose money, he says. Then it was decided to simplify the bill of fare...

"It was due to the cleverness, energy, and enthusiasm of a lot of bright girls of Evanston, Wyo., that the town came very near going unannouncedly republican in the last election," said Dr. J. M. Wilson, president of the State board of sheep commissioners...

"Evanston is the home of our honored Senator, Hon. C. D. Clark and is a small little city of some 3,000 souls. During the campaign a club of even fifty of its smartest young women was formed, every member of which was going to cast her ballot for the republican candidate."

W. J. McConnell of Idaho, a witness at the recent trial, is said to have hastened the retirement of George F. Edmunds from the United States senate. There is a tradition in that body that a new member ought to wait at least one session before making a speech...

When Senator Stone was making his speech directing the investigation into the charges of election frauds, which was under discussion in the senate this week, a well known member of the house was sitting in the gallery with his little son...

Emblem of a Swift Era. Because it is quick the telephone is peculiarly adapted to the needs and temperament of the American people and though now finding general employment abroad it has reached its highest development in the country which gave it birth.

Will They End in Airst? Reports about the probability and improbability of railroad rate legislation at this session are becoming suspiciously like the preceding rumors about tariff revision.

Jollies Outside the Breastworks. The way the democrats are jollying the president along by his policy is so gratifying to him that he can hardly help regretting that they do not cut more free.

The citizens of Washington who have the arrangements for the inauguration of President Roosevelt in charge are all torn up by dimensions as to where the grand parade shall take place.

The idea of erecting the principal reviewing stand on the ellipse is being combatted vigorously. It is argued that the march around the grounds, a matter of about five-eighths of a mile, will be too severe a task on the soldiers, particularly the civil war veterans.

STATE PRESS OPINIONS.

Button News: Colonel Bryan admits that the president is right on the railroad question. Some thousands of democrats arrived at that conclusion last November.

Pender Republic: Senator Shreck's bill providing for local option by counties has been promptly knocked in the head. Our present law regulating saloons and the sale of liquor is a good one and far better than the system proposed.

Crete Vidette-Herald: The Omaha Bee has given a tabulated list of the assessment and taxes of the entire state for the years 1903 and 1904. It seems as if the comparison of the railroad taxes ought to settle the question...

Norfolk News: It is not so much a question of whether the railroads can stand a regulation of rates by the government as it is whether the people will longer submit to their complete and absolute dictation in matters of public interest.

Friend Telegraph: According to the report of the game and fish commission for the past year that splendid luxury has cost the state \$25,249. Of this there has been collected in license fees on game and fish and for fine of the sum of \$1,330 and in order to square accounts the state must put up out of treasury the neat sum of \$3,900.

Getting Well by Laughing Away Melancholy. A lawyer of prominence in New York, who has no patience with any form of faith cure, ascribed his recovery from a prolonged and bitter siege of dyspepsia to auto-suggestion...

Whittled to a Point. "You don't take any pains with your writing." "The deuce I don't! Why, man, I've got written 'crap'." "Cleveland Leader."

Solomon explained why he came to take a "rag" in New York. "Suppose 3,000 wives ordered you to take it up when you moved, says he. Comprehending the wind to do for him he excited universal envy."—New York Sun.

"Oh, yes," Mr. Staylate was saying boastfully, "I've never felt the least bit unstrung. My nerves are always steady as a clock." "As a what?" asked the weary girl. "As a clock,"—Philadelphia Press.

Chicago Chronicle. Come away, come away, away. From the pleasant days of lawn and the structures that beetle and frown. To the reaches of plain and the wind and in the rain. Where the glorious sun goes down.

Where the cranes and the curlews fly And the wolves and the coyotes cry And the stars makes glide and the prairie dogs hide And the cattle go thundering by.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The Baltimore police captain who a jury has awarded \$1,000 damages against a woman who called him a puppy, among other things, may, perhaps, be described as a lucky dog without giving offence.

District Attorney Jerome says he will prepare a chart of the gambling houses in New York, locating exactly where the tiger is to be found. This will prove a great convenience to the respectable business men from the small cities who make an annual trip to the metropolis.

Baron Gautsch, the new premier of Austria, is practically self-made, and naturally is a man of ability and force of character. He attained his present eminence without the aid of long descent and social influence, which perhaps is more difficult in Austria than in any other country.

An effort will be made to establish a \$10,000 endowment for President Scott, who has had active charge of Franklin college, La Porte, Ind., for thirty-six years. He has served as college president for a longer term than any other college president in the United States.

After all, there's something at stake in Russia, for the present case is held to the fortunes established by the Most High and Mighty Ivan Vastilich, Emperor of All the Russias, Great Duke of Volodimer, Muscovy and Novgorode, Emperor of Cassan and Astrachan, Lord of Piskie and Great Duke of Smolensk, Tveraski, Yvgoraski, Vermland and Oubliaski.

According to newspapers published in the far east General Stoessel, defender of Port Arthur, is of Jewish origin. His grandfather, Abraham Stoessel, a goldsmith by trade, went to St. Petersburg from Moravia about 1835.

Some Indians from the southwest went on a sight-seeing tour of Washington in one of the big automobiles devoted to that purpose. They listened gravely to the man with a megaphone as he described the many places of interest.

"You know," said Miss Kreech, after her solo, "I intend to go abroad to finish my musical education." "Why not care what you say but I'm mighty particular about what you leave out,"—Washington Star.

"Did Lushman really build that house? Well, well; I didn't think he could do such good work. No cranks here or staid ways there." "You see, when Lushman built that house he fully intended to occupy it himself. He paid particular attention to the stairs."—Philadelphia Press.

Caller—I believe that you're the man that answers questions. I want to know why members of a legislature are called "Solons." Information Editor—It's an account of a fancied resemblance to a lawyer of old. There's no real reason, sir.—Chicago Tribune.

Chicago Chronicle. Come away, come away, away. From the pleasant days of lawn and the structures that beetle and frown. To the reaches of plain and the wind and in the rain. Where the glorious sun goes down.

MAKES YOU ACHE ALL OVER.

Chilly? Just coming down with a hard cold? Where do you suppose it will settle? In the throat? That means hoarseness, sore throat, tonsillitis.

In the chest? Then bronchitis, pneumonia, consumption. Do not let your cold settle. Break it up! Drive it out! Ask your doctor the best medicine for this.

If he says Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, take it at once. If he has anything better, take that. Made by Dr. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Ayer's Hair Vigor—For the hair. Ayer's Pills—For constipation. Ayer's Sassafras—For the blood. Ayer's Ague Cure—For malaria and ague.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It is the best medicine for coughs, colds, and all the ailments of the throat and chest.

Ayer's Hair Vigor. It is the best medicine for itching scalps, dandruff, and all the ailments of the hair.

Ayer's Pills. It is the best medicine for constipation, indigestion, and all the ailments of the bowels.

Ayer's Sassafras. It is the best medicine for the blood, and for all the ailments of the system.

Ayer's Ague Cure. It is the best medicine for malaria and ague, and for all the ailments of the system.

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