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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 8th day of March, 1905. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Chicago, just to show its stable character, is airing its usual spring labor trouble in public.

That election in Chicago is pretty good proof that the municipal ownership idea is still a pretty live one.

Before going any further into its discussion of "the yellow peril" that San Francisco newspaper should ascertain how Corea likes it.

It is now up to some other big life insurance company to pull off a fight between stockholders' factions just for the free advertising.

Having disposed of all the bills before him Governor Mickey can seal up his veto pen and leave directions for its use by his successor.

Governor Folk contemplates the enforcement of the Sunday observance law at St. Louis and one can now see why he vetoed the "home rule" bill.

Things are getting so settled in Colorado that a public gathering can arrange to confer with the governor without fear of addressing the invitation to the wrong man.

If the program of Chicago's new mayor is carried out municipal ownership will have a fair test in the metropolitan of the west in the very near future.

Governor Magoon, who is to live on the Panama canal strip, will be in a position to realize what he has lost in the way of climate by exile from Nebraska.

The car was absent from the review of his own particular regiment at St. Petersburg. Distrust of the power of Russian troops must be reaching high quarters.

Turkey is preserving the "balance of power" in Europe by authorizing a loan with Germany one day and with France the next. Here is a possible basis of one Franco-German alliance.

Revelations in the matter of the Fredonia postoffice which was managed by a New York congressman, now a judge, indicates one reason for part of the deficit in the postal department.

The Rockefeller incident has at last reached a stage where nothing but a question of fact remains between the parties—still those who really know the facts have so far maintained silence.

Falling to land on the supreme court commission, an aspirant has done the next best thing by taking a place on the Nebraska commission for the Portland exposition as a consolation prize.

Paris police have discovered a revolutionary plot, but since they cannot tell whether it is to be carried out in France or in Africa it would seem within the jurisdiction of a writer of comic opera rather than of a court.

Not content with turning things upside down at its recent municipal election, Lincoln is to have another election within a few months to choose seven new councilmen. Politics is a continuous vaudeville at the state capital this year.

The first thing the council ought to do in its paving campaign is to order paved all the street strips within the 3,000-foot limit of the court house that are subject to the council's jurisdiction without petitions from abutting property owners.

Chairman Shonts of the Panama Canal commission says that "business methods and no politics" shall be the keynote of his work at the head of the board. The chairman should begin in sufficient time to prepare for the congressional inquiry which is almost certain to follow the execution of such a plan.

ANGLO-FRENCH FRIENDSHIP.

There is perhaps nothing more reassuring for the peace of Europe, and therefore for the peace of the world, than the evident cordiality between England and France. The alliance between those countries that was effected a year or more ago is regarded as one of the most important diplomatic events of recent years and so unquestionably it is. It brought together in close relations two countries which for many years had been estranged and between which the feeling of hostility had been very intense.

That feeling seems to have been utterly dissipated. The latest visit of King Edward of England to France, characterized by the utmost cordiality toward the British sovereign, can only be regarded as an assurance that the French government and people have forgotten their old antagonism to Great Britain and are more than anxious today to be on the best possible terms with the greatest of the naval powers. There can be no doubt about the popularity of the British sovereign in France. He is unquestionably recognized there as a friend of the republic, who is ready if an emergency should arise to do whatever might be necessary to preserve the integrity of France. Under present conditions it is not difficult to understand why France should cultivate the alliance with Great Britain. She has nothing to expect from Russia. That ally is powerless to help her in any international controversy. Beaten in eastern Asia and having all she can do to take care of her domestic troubles—her military prestige terribly crippled and her financial credit almost ruined—Russia is a worthless ally and while France will not renounce the alliance she cannot fail to realize the necessity and expediency of keeping absolute faith with the nation of greatest naval power—the nation that by reason of that power is today the arbiter in European affairs.

In this is to be found the explanation of the cordiality so enthusiastically shown to King Edward in France. For the first time in nearly a century the French understand and appreciate the advantage of being on friendly terms with England and equally Great Britain realizes the policy of being on the best terms with France. This mutual good feeling between the two great European powers is in the highest degree reassuring in its bearing upon the peace of Europe.

PERVERSION OF FACTS.

Acting on the principle that a lie stuck to would serve its purpose better than the truth, the World-Herald has the audacity to print a garbled report of the language used by Judge Troup in rendering his decision refusing the injunction asked for by the World-Herald to prevent the publication of the second scavenger tax list by the county treasurer. In this, as in its contention against the publication of the first tax list under the scavenger law, the World-Herald seeks to befog the issue involved and makes claims and pretensions of violated rights that have no basis. A summary of the facts must convince any fair-minded person that the World-Herald has not been the victim of injustice, but, on the contrary, has been the beneficiary of partisan conspiracy.

THE SQUARE DEAL DEFINED.

It is to be presumed that the American people understand absolutely what is meant by a "square deal," so that when President Roosevelt uses that term everybody knows its significance. It means more today than perhaps it did at any time in the past and yet it is something that every citizen can afford to think about and apply, if you please, in his every day affairs. It is a magnificent proposition and one that ought to be universally recognized.

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