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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 1905.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.

Who will appeal from that cigarette decision? Does anybody know?

The early bird catches the worm and the early Christmas shopper gets the pick of the flock.

Because the county jail graft has lasted so long is no good reason why it should last any longer.

General Weyler's recent anger must be more pronounced since he cannot at this time place his enemies "inco-municado."

An Omaha department store without a bank attachment will soon be as unique as a public building without a clock tower.

There is no indication that President Roosevelt is in the least disposed to let up with the prosecution of the public land grabbers.

When Governor-Senator LaFollette gets his deep bore anger in operation, we may look for an exodus from Wisconsin to join Andy Hamilton.

If the bill to protect foreigners from lynching becomes a law the "race problem" may have to be solved by the negroes taking out citizenship in some other nation.

The crusade in the "milky way" seems to have run amuck of the Dairyman's association, which insists that the dairy fluid is like Mary's lamb, whose fleece was white as snow.

Judging by the delegation which has just reached San Francisco on its way to Washington Filipino seem to have learned the meaning of the verb "to lobby."

Secretary Hitchcock is evidently of the opinion that while "a man and his wife are one" they are not always the one which has the headright when a white man marries a squaw.

"It is no crime under the anti-cigarette law of Nebraska to roll a cigarette, in your mouth," declares Judge Kennedy. "A Daniel has come to judgment," cries the cigarette trust.

In the suggestion of a general staff for the navy, the fact is overlooked that the last great victory of American seamen was made after the cables between Washington and the fleet had been cut.

The introduction of the Eech-Townsend bill is pretty conclusive proof that Senator Forsaker failed to win favor for his compromise in quarters absolutely essential to the accomplishment of his purpose.

"No Irish need apply" promises to become as well known in British politics as it once was in America; but reports from Dublin indicate that the Irish have no intention of "applying" at the present time.

Mr. Her's proposed pipe line to his artesian wells on the Missouri bottom should have been submitted to the Water board, so that it might appoint a special attorney to test the constitutionality of an artesian water supply in the federal court.

In the name of the Civic federation, Elmer E. Thomas has filed protests with the police board against several disorderly saloons. But why not protest against all that are within the proscribed district? Why make flesh of one and fish of another?

JOINT STATEHOOD.

The recommendation of President Roosevelt that the four territories seeking statehood be admitted as two states will very likely end discussion of the matter and be an early day favorably acted upon by congress.

So far as Arizona and New Mexico are concerned, however, popular opinion is still overwhelmingly against joint statehood. This feeling is especially strong in Arizona, whose people are most unwilling to lose their political identity and are also apprehensive of the subordination of the interests of that territory to New Mexico through the superior voting power of the latter.

New Mexico is opposed to the territorial expansion which joint statehood involves. Such being the situation, it appears probable that the people of both territories will reject joint statehood and decide to remain for a time longer as they are. As to Oklahoma and Indian Territory, it is likely they will accept the proposition to come into the union as one state.

It is understood that Senator Beveridge, chairman of the senate committee on territories, who has persistently urged that two states should be made out of the four territories, will early in the session introduce a bill for this purpose and press for action upon it.

Backed by the recommendation of the president the measure probably will not encounter serious opposition.

THE BRITISH CABINET CHANGE.

The liberal party is again in power in Great Britain and its governmental program will be awaited with no little interest. There are some very interesting questions before the British people.

That of fiscal reform occupies a leading place. With a large army of unemployed in the United Kingdom and conditions steadily growing more distressing, the advocates of a change from the free trade policy ought to rapidly make converts to their cause by urging that such a situation would not exist if there was some protection for British industrial and agricultural interests.

The new premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, is one of the most pronounced opponents of Mr. Chamberlain's plan of fiscal reform, so that the cabinet will form will do what it can to discredit the proposed reform.

Now it transpires that Cathers' main object in enjoining the merger of the county and city treasuries is to knock out the entire charter. Whether this is with the deliberate design to create confusion or anarchy, or to force an extra session of the legislature, has not yet transpired.

The new premier is 69 years old, a man of the highest personal character, an impressive orator, an experienced parliamentarian, having been a member of the house of commons for thirty-seven years, and he enjoys great popularity among the liberals of the old school.

PROPOSED TRADE COMMISSION.

The establishment by congress of a trade commission is proposed, such a body to investigate market conditions throughout the world and make such recommendations as will promote the export of American manufactured products.

The author of the measure, Senator Overman of South Carolina, thinks there is strong need of such a commission, because of the poor showing made by our exports of manufactures as compared to our exports of raw material.

He points out that the south exports more than 7,000,000 bales of raw cotton, which are made into cotton goods in England and sent back to South America, where \$52,000,000 were sold to Argentina alone last year.

That a commission might prove of value in promoting our export trade is not to be doubted, but the question suggests itself whether the service could not be as well performed through the Department of Commerce and Labor, and at considerably less expense, if congress should authorize that department to send out experts to investigate foreign market conditions.

It is understood to be one of the functions of that department to promote exports and in order to do this it should send special agents abroad. Unquestionably something needs to be done to increase our exports of manufactures. We are producing more than the home market re-

quires and unless there is a material growth in the foreign demand there will have to be a curtailment of production. This would be unfortunate and a reproach upon our enterprise as a people.

No practicable plan intended to promote our foreign commerce should be discouraged. The extension of trade is a matter of prime importance, which should have the earnest consideration of congress. If a commission is needed to help advance our commerce abroad there should be no hesitation or delay in providing it.

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THE PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT.

Never in its history has Omaha been so thoroughly imbued with the progressive spirit as it is today. And yet it is greatly to be desired that every one interested in Omaha's growth and prosperity, who has not yet caught the spirit fully, should enter into it for the coming year without reserve.

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PARCELS BY MAIL.

Express Lobby Prevents Proper Action by Congress. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Last year the fourth assistant postmaster general suggested that the rural delivery carriers be authorized to carry packages of merchandise up to five pounds weight on the prepayment of postage at 2 cents a pound.

Germany parcels are delivered by mail for 4 cents that would cost 17c in the United States, and would have to be subdivided to gain admission to the mails at all.

Colonel W. H. Michaels, the new United States consul general at Catania, will start for his post shortly after the new year.

Senator Redfield Proctor gave a Thanksgiving dinner to more than 1,000 families. He fed nearly the whole village of Proctor, Vt.

There is no need for any Omaha shopper to go out of town to make Christmas purchases. Omaha shops offer a range of choice and price this year that can not fail to satisfy any one who has not made up his mind not to be satisfied.

Paris professes to think the trouble with Turkey at an end; but the French should not withdraw their ships from the international fleet until the representatives of the powers are performing their duties in Macedonia.

The annual report of Secretary Shaw would indicate that congress must do more than talk if Uncle Sam is to avoid finding himself in the position of one who has failed to cut his expenses to fit his income.

King Edward's appreciation of the American quality of "hot air" can no longer be doubted since Colonel Cody has been named as instructor in military ballooning at Aldershot.

Reducing the Bulk. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Japan has taxed the car \$25,000,000 for taking care of the Russian prisoners. What-

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

State of National Campaign Fund in Recent Years.

Recent testimony in the life insurance investigation regarding contributions made by these companies to political campaign funds gave temporary interest to the old question, "How much money is collected and used in national campaigns?"

The statement that more money was collected and expended in the election of Cleveland in 1892, than in the election of McKinley in 1896, will cause many people to insist on the Missouri's prerogative for a showing. The Post complies in these words: "But the 1896 fund was not the biggest ever raised in the history of a presidential candidate."

Coming down to last year's contest the Post says: "It is possible to give not only the size of the fund raised for the republicans last year, but also to present a recapitulation of the manner in which it was disbursed. Two items consumed nearly two-thirds of the entire fund, namely, literature and assistance to state committees."

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STATE PRESS COMMENT.

Central City Nonpariel: The railroad funders are perfectly willing to "compromise" with the president if he will surrender all his plans for rate regulation and accept those promulgated by the railroad men.

Beauregard Express: Those who predicted that Burkett would not have the courage to go contrary to the wishes of the Thompson machine can now look at the dumping of Green and Kennard from the Lincoln lead office and change their minds.

Fullerton News-Journal: The supreme court has knocked the new jury law in the head. It was so full of bats that no one could tell what was really meant by its author.

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It is not, and we must readjust our ideas of right and wrong and put ourselves in shape to believe that a rich cattlemen is not liable to as severe punishment for a great offense as the poor bootlegger is for the trivial one. It seems correct believe that big, rich criminals who have a good "strong pull" ought to be treated with much greater leniency than the little fellow without friends, "pull" or wealth.

Grayce—If you had a figure like mine, what would you wear at the fancy dress ball? Maye—A balloon.—Cleveland Leader. "It's true I drink a great deal, and always have; but it never hurt me. In business there are plenty of men who can't hold the candle to me. They're afraid they'll get your breath on fire."—Kansas City Times.

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