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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1906. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have their mail forwarded to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

With a Nebraska convict taking a \$25,000 prize in a guessing match, honest people will wonder what the use.

Washington dispatches intimate that there are still sufficient members of the Knights of Labor to create a disturbance.

If the packers succeed in maintaining their contentions at Chicago it will be interesting to watch developments at Washington.

The fact that Mormons go to Mexico to practice polygamy would indicate a feeling on their part that the Woodruff manifesto was not a joke.

Wonder if Mr. Bryan averted the impending conflict between the Colorado champion of silver and the democratic caucus when he took to tall timber in Luzon?

M. Taigny should remember that American statesmen have lost their reputations, as well as their places at the pie counter, by talking Venezuelan affairs out of school.

In advocating a lighter penalty for hazing the president evidently wants to secure more fighting sea captains from the school which produced most of the naval heroes of the past.

Those public school teachers who are dissatisfied with the new salary schedule because the pay increases are not big enough should console themselves with the thought that they might have got less.

Senator Tillman declares himself an admirer of the character of Abraham Lincoln. No one remembers hearing the senator from South Carolina express admiration for some republican who is not yet dead.

The transfer of the discussion of the railroad rate bill from the house to the senate may be expected to have just about as much effect on opinion in the nation at large as in the halls of congress.

Omaha is just now entertaining several state and interstate organizations of business men. It bids all visiting members welcome and hopes they will have such a good time that they will want to come again.

While the mere fact that the government crop reports are satisfactory neither to the farmer nor to the speculator would ordinarily confirm their correctness, this is an example where the rule does not prove up.

If South Omaha can scrape up over 100 people who want to take a chance at nomination for municipal office under the new primary law, how many aspiring statesmen may we expect to file for Omaha's municipal primaries?

Having returned from his tour of inspection of big eastern life insurance companies, Deputy Insurance Auditor Pierce can relieve an anxious public by telling how much of that \$35,000 charged up against the New York Life by the inspection committee comes to Nebraska.

Germany evidently fears that disagreement at Algiers would place it in the position of being deceived as to the sentiment of the powers before it asked for the meeting—a most unpardonable state of affairs in international politics, where the "jury" is always supposed to have made up its mind before it hears the facts.

THE CASAL INVESTIGATION.

The investigation of Panama canal affairs by the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals has not so far developed much of practical value. The opinion of the chief engineer in favor of a lock canal is of course important and there appears to be no longer any doubt that that will be the type adopted.

It is pointed out that letting the work by contract would imply that the eight-hour law would be thrown to the winds, that probably Chinese labor would be employed and that in general efforts would be made to pursue the most expeditious system of construction.

What the country desires is that the questions regarding the canal which await congressional determination should be acted upon with the least possible delay. While the administration of affairs on the isthmus has admittedly not been faultless, the evidence is conclusive that there has been no venality in the conduct of affairs and that on the whole the best has been done that could be accomplished under the circumstances.

THREATENED COAL STRIKE.

There are strong indications of another formidable strike of coal miners, involving both the anthracite and bituminous operatives, to be inaugurated at the beginning of April.

It is very much to be regretted that an arrangement satisfactory to both sides could not be effected. Such a strike as now appears to be practically certain cannot fail to have serious results.

HAZING AND THE PENALTY.

President Roosevelt's opinion of the law relating to hazing at the Naval academy will be very generally approved and his recommendation that it be promptly amended should receive the immediate attention of congress.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives in relation to the penalty of hazing at United States academies, the purpose of which is to give to the trial board a discretionary power that at present is lacking.

is no question that the custom of hazing should be banished. The disclosures at Annapolis show that the practice is accompanied in many cases by a great deal of cruelty, injuries of a serious nature and frequently resulting from it.

LOCATION OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The problem presented by the division of the work of the State university between the original campus and the state farm on the outskirts of Lincoln, alluded to by The Bee not long ago, in connection with the dedication of a new agricultural hall at the farm, has called attention to the immediate need of the adoption of some general policy for guidance of the institution's material growth.

In a letter to the Lincoln Journal Prof. Bessey, who has several times served as acting chancellor and who, more than anyone else connected with the canal, said if the work should be let by contract the man in charge should be permitted to get his labor in China, Japan, India, Spain or where he pleased.

What more and more of the work now done on the campus will be moved to the farm as buildings are provided there, and then there will come a sudden break by which the departments belonging to the scientific and literary colleges will be housed on the farm campus, leaving the city campus to the colleges of law and medicine and probably also to the work in music and fine arts.

It is this what is ahead of our State university. It would be far better for the university authorities at once to recognize the situation as it is and govern themselves accordingly. This is particularly true with reference to the investment of more money in the erection of new buildings on the old campus, which cannot be taken along to the farm and whose value would be greatly depreciated whenever the university picks up stakes and moves.

There is no danger of starving. The smallest farmer, if he exercise thrift, may live on food that the poor man in the city would dream about. The funny men of the newspapers joke grimly concerning the long and short of the matter, although they themselves are drudges.

It is in the eternal fitness of things for the former democratic sheriff and the new republican sheriff to join forces in fighting for a continuance of the 75-cent per day feeding fund for state prisoners kept in the county jail after sentence to the state prison.

The transccontinental railroads have decided not to enter into a racing competition to score points of fast time against one another in playing for the overland mail contracts.

It means that although the individual senators are not bound by the action of the caucus, the caucus is not for the treaty can bind ten other senators whose advice is for the treaty, but who, nevertheless, under the two-thirds principle of caucus dictation, imposed a mere majority vote necessary to withhold the advice they would otherwise give and substitute for it the advice which is not their own, but the advice of the twenty with whom they differ in opinion.

It has been the glory of all great parties since our government was instituted that in matters of foreign policy, and particularly in the performance of the senate's high function as a part of the treaty-making power, the party whip has been absent at least in name.

The authorities at the Nebraska State university are said to be considering the establishment of a school of social science. The first task that the students will be set to will be to devise a way of increasing legislative appropriations for the university and making them come easier.

The Real Estate exchange is on the right track in backing up the building inspector in his campaign against tumble-down shacks. In the past some of

the real estate men have themselves been responsible for the perpetuation of shanties that should be torn down, but which are maintained, despite their dangerous condition, because they bring in a few dollars of rent. If the exchange means business it may yet have to discipline some of its own members.

Thoroughly Peaceable, But—

Just to show how thoroughly peaceable his intentions are, Japan will adopt the popular policy and materially increase the strength of its navy.

Touching a Tender Spot.

Count Castellane is said to be heartbroken over his wife's threat to leave him. The count has never been very successful in keeping himself supplied with meal tickets.

Cripped by Indirection.

While it is possible that the rate bill may be talked to death in the senate, it is more likely that it will be talked into an enfeebled condition, in which it can do no great harm to anybody.

Elements of Fact.

The report that the Union Pacific railroad has bought the Illinois Central seems to be well founded. Neither E. H. Harriman nor Stuyvesant Fish denies it, though if they had said the story was "absurd" the public could feel absolutely confident that it was correct.

Million Bushels of Wheat Wasted.

G. R. Metcalf in Technical World. During 1906 the railroads of the United States ordered new locomotives to the number of 5,300, together with 3,500 passenger cars and 30,000 freight cars.

In spite of these great orders and in spite of the best efforts of the railroad managers, a pile of corn has heaped up on the ground in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska for want of storage room or transportation facilities.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

One of the most infamous swindlers of recent history was a broker of the managers of New York a few days ago when the final dividend of 13 cents on the dollar was paid to the 3,000 victims of the Franklin syndicate.

There was bad news from Albany for New York millionaires who maintain fine establishments in New York City and escape the tax on personal property by declaring that they are nonresidents.

The ferry boat service of New York gives employment to upward of 16,000 men on the boats and in the ferry houses.

There are more ferries on the East river than there are on the North river, and they carry a larger number of passengers.

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TWO DISTRICTS NOT IN FAVOR.

O'Neill Frontier: As long as one set of federal officers can handle the business, why divide the state in two judicial districts? We seem to be getting along pretty well with one court and as long as that is true it is folly to incur a double expense on the tax payers.

Alinworth Star-Journal: The proposition to give Nebraska two judicial districts is meeting with as much favor as it should, but there are many objections to using the old Platte river as a dividing line.

Schuyler Free Lance: The movement to divide Nebraska into two federal districts and have two federal judges, two district attorneys, two marshals, and double as many deputies, etc., is simply a move to create more offices for a bunch of political leeches.

Central City Record: Senator Burkett is endeavoring to have Nebraska divided into two federal districts, with the accompanying two sets of judges, attorneys, marshals, deputies, etc. Nebraska at the present time has about as much use for two federal districts as a cat has for two tails.

Major and Minor Graft. Transportation of Mail Matter and of Bullion and Coin. A few days ago a minor graft in congress was exposed by some of the republican members in a debate over an amendment to the urgency deficiency bill.

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Almost Beyond Belief! The average, everyday, frank citizen would scarcely believe that acquaintances, friends and even relatives, who were virtually under obligations would secretly accept a commission for influencing him to buy a Piano from a certain place. The idea is repulsive and quite beyond his belief.