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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 25th day of February, 1906. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Nebraska can smile through its deep snow while thinking how it is saved from the sleet which is damaging fruit in the south and east.

Now that Editor Perkins has captured the Iowa congressional delegation he will redouble his attention to the work of rounding up the common everyday Iowa voter.

Governor Cummins says he will mention no names when making his report on the Des Moines lobby. Reports of this character are not the kind which make lobbyists tremble.

It is estimated that it will require \$150,000 to pay the expenses of the oil, coal and railroad investigations by the Interstate Commerce commission...

Oklahoma may not be willing to stay out of the sisterhood of states until the war on the Mexican border is ended...

Some objection is made to the statement that railroads are represented on the floor of the senate...

The Independent telephone people from the reply they have made to the Omaha Commercial club...

The speech of Senator Newlands would indicate that a large number of democrats are willing to take half a loaf at the hands of a republican president...

The czar is said to have been amazed at the stories told by Russian Jews regarding recent atrocities...

It seems to be more a case of inelasticity of facts than of instructions which troubles the delegates to Algiers...

With a loss of nearly \$11,000,000 through the decision of the United States supreme court...

It is to be hoped the majority of the coal miners will be as deeply impressed with the president's letter as Mr. Mitchell seems to have been...

The people of Omaha have had all they want of the notorious Westberg in the city comptroller's office...

Commissioner Cockrell exhibits in a marked degree that Missouri quality of wanting to be shown, and those who know the former senator as a campaigner will be inclined to think the Standard Oil company might as well come to show down first as last.

POPULAR ELECTION OF SENATORS.

To couple the proposition of amending the constitution so as to require the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people with a proposition extending the terms of members of the house from two to four years...

Under the most favorable circumstances that can be conceived it will be a tedious process to incorporate in the constitution a provision for the popular election of senators...

Without waiting for this the people of many states have proceeded to go as far as they can toward electing senators by means of direct primary nominations...

THE MINE WORKERS CONVENTION. The tone of President Mitchell's address opening the convention of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis is conciliatory...

President Roosevelt's note sent to Mr. Mitchell, urging the convention now in session as a means for composing the difficulties, if any proof were necessary...

THE LOSSES AND EVIL CONSEQUENCES of a general strike to the operators and mine workers themselves are so far-reaching and fatal that the closer contemplation of them ought to move both parties to every effort to avert what President Roosevelt rightly describes as a public calamity.

PUBLIC OPINION AND RATE ABUSES. The power of public opinion, when aroused by flagrant corporation abuses, was strikingly illustrated at the Kansas City oil hearing...

It is reported on good authority that the Nebraska democrats will make no nomination for United States senator in their state convention, nor even attempt to get an expression of preference from the rank and file...

The Omaha Real Estate exchange is trying to grapple with the problem presented by the practice of real estate brokers accepting property listings where the same property is listed simultaneously with other brokers without limit...

The Woodmen of the World have acted wisely in deciding to make haste slowly in regard to proposed relocation of their headquarters...

the big transportation corporations. No community any more than Kansas has ever yet secured relief from such abuse by a passive attitude which says to the corporations: "By your leave."

NO LAND LEASING LEGISLATION.

The declaration in Washington by Congressman Kinkaid that he would oppose any and all special acts to provide for the leasing of public lands in Nebraska for grazing purposes...

A great transformation in the cattle raising industry in the northwestern part of Nebraska is evidently in progress and the exceptional advantages enjoyed by the great cattle corporations of former days almost at an end...

RULES FOR ASSESSMENT.

The new rules adopted by the State Board of Assessment for the guidance of county assessors cover a number of doubtful points that have been raised from time to time and open up new points of doubt, which will probably require court adjudication to settle.

While impressing upon the county assessors the necessity for them to do their full duty, the members of the state board should not forget that it is up to them, themselves, to lead the way by doing their full duty in the assessment of railroad, telegraph and car company property...

IMPERFECT AMENDMENTS.

The amendments thus far proposed to the Hepburn bill by the opponents are all calculated to leave the responsibility depending on litigation in a court...

During fifteen months, beginning with July, 1904, New York City maintained a mendicancy squad, which was a detail of policemen in plain clothes to work in conjunction with the charity organization in the arrest of street beggars...

Discrimination was made in the arrests; some were known to be professional beggars and were taken. The experience of the squad, it is said, demonstrated that the great majority of beggars in the street were habitual mendicants...

PERSONAL NOTES.

James J. Hill, the railway magnate, has offered \$7,750 in prizes for the best managed and best tilled farms in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Mrs. Hanna has decided to sell Glenmore, the beautiful country home of the late Senator Hanna, near Cleveland, O.

If the emperor of China is sick and all the leading doctors of the realm have been summoned, the rough draft of his obituary might as well be framed immediately.

A dressmaker who landed the other day from a transatlantic liner was found to be so wrapped up in her profession that she had \$5,000 worth of lace hidden away under her ordinary garments.

It has been noted as a curious fact that at the present time no party in the English House of Commons is led by an Englishman. The prime minister, the leader of the opposition and the leader of the labor party are Scots and the Irish and Welsh contingents, of course, have their own leaders.

F. Reins of Rutherford, Minn., claims to have discovered the cause of the various outbreaks in a letter to President Northrop of the University of Minnesota...

Having been converted to better ways of living, a former hobo has written to a western railway passenger agent specifying the number of his stolen journeys over the line and asking for a bill, which he proposed to settle as soon as possible.

Nicholas McDermott of New York City was very poor and in bad health. But there was a wife and two babies to think of. So Nicholas McDermott, facing life

fairly by the people of Nebraska and it cannot afford to be put in the position of trying to avoid contributing its fair proportion of the tax burden of government either here or elsewhere.

Postmaster General Cortelyou is to be invited to attend the annual meeting of the state organization of postmasters in Nebraska, which is to be held in Omaha in June.

Omaha will do a great deal of building in the next three years and will need a building inspector of experience as a builder of modern structures...

Opening for the Big Stick.

Mine operators cannot see why the president should but into the controversy. He represents nobody except the public.

No Argument Needed.

Major General Corbin says the recent outbreak of the Moros has no real significance, but it will be hard to convince the Moros of that after they examine their casualty list.

A Timely Shake Down.

The supreme court of the United States is deciding that "I-refuse-to-answer" replies "don't go." And it is proceeding thereby to smoke out the Tobacco trust and bring the Paper trust to book.

A Possible Clue.

It may be worth mentioning that of the 175,886 barrels of cotton seed oil exported from the United States to the great market of Marseilles in 1905 only 1,343 barrels were made of refined oil.

Slaughtering the Helpless.

A member of the Iowa legislature has attempted to get a hearing for the old idea of requiring physicians to take human life under certain conditions, which are commonly adjudged hopeless.

Dangling Dividends.

The magnitude of Standard Oil dividends makes the average man gasp. In eight years that company has paid to its shareholders \$32,000,000, or more than three times the amount of the par value of its capital.

His case is a type of many revealed in divorce courts, and his story related in court conveys a useful lesson. "If I had been a poor man," he said, "I would have been happily married, but being rich I have to bear all the ills the rich are heir to.

ROUNDS ABOUT NEW YORK.

James T. McQuade, a New York millionaire, is convinced by his own experience that money alone does not make life worth the living.

"Help, help!" screamed a woman. "The crowd cleared a circle, and behold, there was the smallest and grayest mouse ever seen (out of sight), head to wind, at Broadway and Thirty-seventh street; to be exact, on the west of Broadway, trying to make fast time across Thirty-seventh street."

"Where's the mouse? Where's the mouse?" The animal got to Thirty-eighth street on a bare sidewalk, crossed that thoroughfare and was well up to the Metropolitan opera house before the man in pursuit overtook him.

"Me mouse; me mouse!" shrilled the man, who eluded everybody in spite of his wail. "Oh, the rascal! There he is! Let me lay me hands on you again, and I'll teach you to run away!"

"The mouse did his best to escape from the tyrant, but in vain. The hand, a yard in advance of its owner, spread out like a trap, and Mr. Mouse was gathered in and deposited in an inside pocket.

It seems to be certain now that Chinatown, that squalid patch of lower New York embraced by Mott, Doyers and Pell streets, will soon be a thing of the past.

Better Than "Law Honesty." Something more than new laws is needed to restore a social conscience to those seats of finance and commerce from which it seems to have been driven.

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