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CHARLES C. ROSEWATER, General Manager.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 11th day of December, 1906. (Seal.) M. H. 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.

"Father John of Cronstadt" seems more desirous of posing as a martyr than as a saint.

Archbishop Ireland has cause to pray to be delivered from his friends—when they fall out.

Secretary Loeb can probably prove an alibi while the exchange is passing between Cincinnati and Washington.

Japan need not fear the United States will misunderstand its objects in sending warships to America next year, for by that time the object will be plain.

If you are going to do your Christmas shopping early, get busy at once. Christmas is daily coming nearer, and daily the crowds in the stores are getting bigger.

Postmaster General Cortelyou contends that railroads are paid too much for carrying the mails, and since the pass has been abolished congress may agree with him.

The noncommissioned officer of the dismissed negro battalion who served for twenty-five years should consider himself lucky in the light of Mr. Taft's comment on the case.

It is entirely in keeping with its course in other matters that the World-Herald should join with the fake reformers of Lincoln in the campaign against Douglas county.

Recommendations of the postmaster general show that clerks and carriers have lost nothing in the way of advocates before congress in being denied permission to maintain a lobby.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish's decision that American gowns are better than those made in Paris will have little effect upon those persons who find the chief attraction of their dresses in the price.

One of the hopeful indications for annexation is that in neither Omaha nor South Omaha are any committees tinkering with the charters. It is generally conceded that when the new charter is made it will be for a greater Omaha.

In casting about for means to lighten court work it might be well to establish the demurrer on the plane it held under English common law—an admission of facts not to be traversed after the law has been applied to them.

The report of the treasurer of the republican state central committee makes mighty interesting reading for some folks, but there are others who would just as lief that report had been kept locked up in the crypt at the state house.

The Railway Age says that it would have cost \$5,000,000 to have prevented the accident which killed President Spooner of the Southern railway. Subsequent action will test the opinion expressed by the paper that directors would willingly have paid the price had they known the penalty.

Efforts by the Commercial club to secure new industrial and commercial enterprises for the city are meeting with reasonable success. A promise of new institutions is likely soon to be fulfilled, and this fact is encouraging the club to greater efforts. Conditions all favor Omaha and the outlook was never brighter.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

No other officer of the state government has greater influence on legislation than the speaker of the house of representatives. His relation to the law-making body is such that it gives him practical control of all measures presented for consideration.

In the present session more than ever depends on the speaker of the house of representatives. The importance of the office will be accentuated by the importance of the matters to be brought before the legislature for consideration.

The corporations are already active in their effort to organize the legislature and to provide as far as they possibly can for thwarting the desires of the people for needed laws. Where they cannot absolutely prevent the passage of a law they will endeavor to secure such form of legislation as will minimize its effect and keep "the word of promise to the ear and break it to the hope."

Part of the railroad campaign is to align the state against Douglas county. Douglas county is expected to lead in the fight for a terminal taxation bill and to some extent on all the laws affecting railroad or corporate interests. Just at present every effort is being made to create sentiment against the delegation from Douglas county. The fake reformers are daily printing alleged interviews or making ridiculous assertions as to the attitude that will be assumed by the state.

Sincere and honest members of the legislature should be very careful as to what promises they make before going to Lincoln and gaining firsthand knowledge of the exact situation. The disposition of the champions of the shipping subsidy bill, who have presented so confident and imperious an attitude, to compromise indicates that the prospect is not rosy and an abandonment of the scheme to rush a wholesale measure through congress.

It would indeed be more satisfactory and statesmanlike if such projects could be disposed of on their merits, rather than appearing in the light of a struggle between conflicting interests grabbing for treasury largesse. But in the existing circumstances even their greed by mutually checking each other designs may be the best available insurance against extravagance.

Thinking men of all party labels will heartily agree to the point, on which Postmaster General Cortelyou in his annual report puts great stress, that no one thing will do more for the postal service than continued insistence upon the policy of substituting business for politics in the administration of its affairs.

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THE INCOMING LEGISLATURE.

The incoming legislature a long lecture on what it should do. The fact that the Pilot is approved by the railroad manipulators of Nebraska is the best reason why its advice should not be taken by the law-makers of the state.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. While investigating the claim of the consolidated Gas company that 80-cent gas would force the company into bankruptcy, William F. Burr, assistant corporation counsel, made a few discoveries.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

The only governor of New York before Hughes who had no experience in political office was Governor Morgan, but his was one of the best in the state's history.

The birthday of Elihu Burritt, the "learned blacksmith," linguist, educator, lecturer, author and consul to England, was observed in the schools of New Britain, Conn., yesterday. He was born in that city December 8, 1810, and died March 1, 1878.

Some friends have their compensations. Mr. Linn Bruce, who was candidate for lieutenant governor of New York, would have received \$5,000 had he been elected. As a consolation prize he receives an appointment for a year on the supreme bench and will draw \$750.

Congressman Cyrus Suloway of New Hampshire towers high over all his colleagues in the house, the disparity in stature being especially noticeable when the members rise for prayers. Even Vice President Fairbanks is compelled to look up when he meets the yankee sky scraper.

Spencer Cannon, who is nearly 70 years old, ran half a block for a street car in Washington. He caught it and, climbing aboard, was met by Senator Carter of Montana. "That's pretty good for an old man," Senator Carter said. "Oh, I'm good for a run any day," notwithstanding Mr. Gompers," the speaker said.

Notwithstanding the fact that she is the daughter of the president, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth will be expected to make first calls in Washington this year. The list of first calls for her to make will include the wives of senators, cabinet members, supreme court judges and of representatives who are seniors of her husband.

Some of the most noted Parisian artists have contrived to transform Edmond Rostand's country home, Arzacs, in the south of France, into a fairyland. The walls of his magnificent apartments, whose windows look out over the crests of the Pyrenees, are covered with the very delightful tales which Hans Christian Andersen and the Grimm brothers have immortalized.

Jeremiah C. Lotz, the oldest Indian in the government service in Washington, will celebrate his eighty-second birthday on December 15. For notwithstanding Mr. Gompers," the speaker said.

LOOKING INTO HARRIMAN LINE. Proposed Investigation by Interstate Commerce Commission. Wall Street Journal. There is a sharp distinction to be made between the proposed investigation by the Interstate Commerce commission of the Harriman system of railroads and the action taken by the government in 1901 against the Northern Securities consolidation.

The latter was a combination of competing parallel lines. The Harriman combination, except so far as the Southern Pacific may compete with the Union Pacific, does not stand in the same position. The Harriman expansion has been not so much for the purpose of absorbing competing companies as to widen out the scope of its territory, and Mr. Harriman's recent purchases carry his system across the country in two different directions—west to east and north to south.

Such expansion as this, while it may be unfortunate as bringing under one head too great a financial power, is quite different from the concentration represented by the Northern Securities company. Nevertheless the investigation to be made by the Interstate Commerce commission should be of great interest and possibly of large value. Annoying as it may be to the subject of governmental investigation, Mr. Harriman will have nothing to fear if he and his companies have done nothing that is contrary to law and the public welfare. On the other hand, these investigations, whatever may be their limitations, serve to keep things in better shape. It is a good thing to be stirred up once in a while, and this applies as well to railroads as to individuals.

THE COWBOY. James Barton Adams in New York Sun. The bawl of a steer to the cowboy's ear is music of sweetest strain, And the yelping notes of the gray coyotes To him are glad refrain. The rapid beat of his bronco's feet On the sod as he speeds along Keep beating time to the ringing rhyme Of his rollicking cowboy song. His eyes are bright and his heart is light As the smoke of his cigarette. There's never a care for his soul to be sad, No troubles to make him fret; For a kindly crown in the noisome town His saddle he wouldn't change— No life so free as his own we see. "Way out on the cattle range."

Hi-lo! hi-lo! for the range away On the deck of a bronco of steel, With his lasso and his trusty quirt And a dig of the rowled heel, And the winds may howl and the thunders growl, Or the breezes may softly moan, A rider's life is a royal life. Hi-lo! hi-lo! for the work he plays In the love of the cowboy's eyes. When his heart is light as the clouds of white, And his jolly song speeds the hours along He'll be thinking of the little gal, With the golden hair who is waiting there At the bars of the home corral.

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