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CHARLES C. ROSEWATER, General Manager.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 31st day of December, 1906.

W. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily...

The lawmaker who keeps himself above suspicion at Lincoln will have to explain to do when he comes home.

If the French people are to settle the question of church and state at the ballot box...

After perusal of the state press, former Governor Mickey may be moved to apply for a pardon...

That Philadelphia bomb throwing episode is an indication that Iowa is making "physical force" politicians as well as those who depend on their lung power.

The lawyers have gone to Chicago to take some more depositions in the taxpayers work purchase litigation.

Governor Sheldon's inaugural message has struck a popular chord. What is more, the people have every confidence that he will make good...

Reports from the winter wheat fields of Nebraska indicate that the old idea that heavy snow is essential to success has joined the notion that Nebraska soil cannot raise fruit.

The report that Rainald has taken to the mountains may be accepted as evidence that he thinks a live bandit is better than a dead patriot.

In its new rule to curb the demands of lawyers upon estates in litigation, the Nebraska supreme court has taken another long step in the direction of reducing the size of its docket.

The complaint of the British imperialists that the Boers are to gain by the ballot what they lost by the bullet might be a valuable tip to the Filipinos who have a desire to take to the warpath.

Senator Bailey will perhaps find more work in Texas than in Washington during the present session of congress.

It would be ungentlemanly to suspect cause and effect between the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation and Mr. Harriman's illness.

If Mr. Harriman's illness prevents him from testifying before the Interstate Commerce commission long enough the commission may get all the facts about the Harriman octopus without his aid or consent.

The postoperative World-Herald is already specializing on how much reform will come out of the present Nebraska legislature.

It must not be forgotten that there are several acres of politics to the square inch over in Iowa, as well as in Nebraska, just at this particular time.

Each of the Iowa statesmen seems to have difficulty to determine whether he wants to be a United States senator, a cabinet officer or merely a president.

RAILROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

The commerce commission's investigation, caused by multiplying frightful train wrecks, has proceeded far enough to show the unreliability of existing precautionary signal systems...

Corporate influence is certain to resist legislative remedy in this respect, as it first resisted enactment of the law requiring automatic car couplers...

This investigation, like other investigations of various phases of transportation, throws into prominence the fact that carrier corporation management, concentrating its energies for selfishness, neglects public duties.

The increase of expense for efficient safety equipment will be the real ground of hostility to the appropriation called for and the legislation aimed at...

Ordinarily crop realization would now be returning funds to the east in sufficient volume to relieve materially the severe money stringency...

Moreover, it is becoming apparent that no small amount of the currency absorbed by the interior was required for financing high prices...

There is, therefore, no such easing of the eastern money market as was expected to occur with the turn of the new year...

With slow returns from the west, repayment of treasury deposits and the impounding of cash, there would be important restriction of the money market...

The precedent set by Governor Hughes by giving publicity to the indorsement on which he made his first important appointment...

The admission of a block signal operator that signals are habitually ignored makes imperative a derailing device to accompany each red light.

Moreover, the certainty that indorsement for important office would be exposed to public knowledge and judgment might tend materially to enforce upon all a sense of responsibility.

At the last legislature a bill to create the office of county auditor for Douglas county fell by the wayside owing to complications in the final stages of its enactment.

Our county board has improved a pretense of a position known as county auditor, who, however, has no legal standing and no authority which he can enforce.

The failure of a Goldfield trust company, which has been actively floating mining shares, proves either that the "suckers" are not biting as well as usual...

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This is, of course, the day of the young man, but judging from the way railroad men are being treated...

Another instance of the manner in which the present methods of judicial procedure are used to foster delays and effect a practical denial of justice...

The fact that a large number of letters received by Senator Burkett protesting against the bill to limit the hours of railway employees...

The suggestion that because Robert Cowell did not take the oath of office as state railway commissioner at the same time as his colleagues...

Senator Bryan will be out of the state for a month or more. By the time he returns affairs should have so shaped themselves at the state capital that he will be in position to read the minority members of the legislature...

Speaker Nettleton promises several surprise parties when his list of committee assignments is made public. The surprise should be upon the members with corporation strings attached who have been scheming to smuggle themselves into important committee places...

at these corporations after they have gotten beyond the reach of the political pugilist's arm. But when they were really at his mercy he tapped them gently with a feather duster.

Members of the democratic city council have been having trouble in figuring out the apportionment of the funds at their disposal to correspond with one another.

Governor Sheldon is said to be besieged by office seekers. The place hunters must have forgotten that Governor Sheldon volunteered for service in the war with Spain...

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It is in an era of whiskey? Chicago Record-Herald. James McCrea, the new president of the Pennsylvania railroad...

Tom Johnson's strenuous life. Minneapolis Journal. Laying tracks at midnight, tearing others up by moonlight...

Death of Justice. St. Paul Pioneer-Press. Another instance of the manner in which the present methods of judicial procedure are used to foster delays...

The railroad pay roll. San Francisco Chronicle. It is estimated that the pay rolls of the railroads of the United States for the year 1907 will aggregate fully \$1,000,000,000.

Suicide and divine law. Voluntary self-murder a coward's deed. Cardinal Gibbons in the Century. Voluntary self-murder is not only a violation of the divine law...

Making block signals safe. One way of enforcing obedience in train operation. Chicago Tribune. In a secret effort to put to proof the carelessness and inefficiency of its engineers and train crews...

Social burdens in Washington. Cleveland Plain Dealer. Apropos of the recent discussion in congress of the proposition to increase the salaries of the national legislators...

THE PITTICAT IN POLITICS.

Activities of American Women in America's Public Life. Leslie's Weekly. Pitt is it that President Roosevelt's name was coupled with the Hellmyr Storer-Vaticardinal intrigue...

Dolly Madison, as mistress of the White House during the eight years when her husband was secretary of state under the widower Jefferson...

Stephen A. Douglas's second wife, the daughter of James Madison Cutts, actively promoted her husband's conviction in the race for the White House...

Probably when Jackson called his friend, General John H. Eaton, who had just married the fascinating Mrs. Timberlake ("Peggy" O'Neil)...

The Storer irruption lacks the serio-comic tumultuousness of the Mrs. Eaton episode. It is, however, it shows that the intrigues of the party are an excellent person for public men to shun.

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Railway self-advertising of the desirable kind comes with the reputation that a company gains when it builds artistic stations. The tendency is to make the new terminals designed for great cities examples of monumental architecture...

Chicago Tribune. In a secret effort to put to proof the carelessness and inefficiency of its engineers and train crews...

Chicago Chronicle. In view of the fact demonstrated time and again that the Englishman is the hardest, meanest loser in the world, it is surprising that American college oarsmen should have anything to do with the Henley regatta...

MICKY'S MANY PARDONS.

Madison Chronicle: Governor Mickey has certainly established an enviable reputation among the ex-convicts and their friends.

Aurora Sun: Governor Mickey is putting in his best days during the last few days of his administration, liberating about all of the worst thugs that are left in our penitentiary.

Crofton Journal: The latest stunt of The Bee is to show up twelve pardons and sixty-five commuted sentences granted by the governor to penitentiary convicts during his four years in office...

Crete Democrat: With Mickey as governor a few more years, Nebraska would need a penitentiary. Mickey will pardon the people who may be glad of it.

Chappell Register: Such abuse of the pardoning power as has been practiced by Governor Mickey is a strong incentive to mob law.

Senator Spooner of Wisconsin takes most pride in the fact that he has never taken part in a congressional junket of any kind, and next to that, that he has never been shaved in the senate barber shop...

William E. Quinby has relinquished the editorial management of the Des Moines Free Press. He was one of the pioneers of modern journalism, having associated himself with the "Free Press" in 1861.

Senator Knox, one of the most successful members of the cabinet of Governor Mickey, has been a successful lawyer, successful cabinet officer and one of the most influential members of the senate...

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EFFECTIVE PENALTIES NEEDED.

No Adequate Punishment for Railroad Sluggishness. Indianapolis News. Thirty-three people were killed on the Rock Island road Wednesday.

It was the old story of an operator who failed to perform his duty. He was instructed to hold one train till another had passed. He did not do it. As usual, the train met on "a sharp curve," and the harvest of death followed.

They ought to be compelled to develop their facilities as their business develops. It was estimated at first that forty-nine people were killed. However, the railroad insisted that only thirty were killed.

General Leonard Wood is booked by army opinion in Washington for the post at Governor's headquarters. He is to be in the service, upon the retirement of Major General Wade.

Secretary Cortelyou is a master in the art of listening. An admirer says that "he could give the sphinx six easy lessons by mail that would make that somewhat effeminate creation think herself hitherto a phonograph."

Don Louis M. Lafleur, the newly appointed minister to the United States, has arrived in Washington. He is about 60 years of age and is one of the most prominent politicians of his country.

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Philadelphia Ledger. The railway magnate pondered. Then to his pals he said: "We've got to cut the service. Or dividends are dead. So just as a beginning I'll stop our daily ads. For in the course of time they've cost us many acres. The public will not like this. Then we can save some money if we don't print our tables in papers any more. Put on a rubber sole. So floors will last the longer. And carpets, too. Then we can spend a billion to build a station here. And here and there a billion. To please some friends of mine. This sounded pretty good, they thought. While patrons cursed them loudly. Four Bessetras and Dana.