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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 27th day of December, 1917.

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

James Hazen Hyde cables from Paris that he will not return to the United States.

Only a few days more to decide on the subjects to be included in those good resolutions for the New Year.

Tom Lawson says he is not going to make any more effort to save the country.

Michigan democrats are said to be divided over the support of Bryan.

Political tailors are busy taking measurements for "favorite son" suits.

Mayor "Jim" confides to his closest friends that he is still a candidate for governor.

It should be noted that Mr. Cortelyou did not break his policy of silence until Senator Platt had endorsed him for the presidency.

A Philadelphia clergyman says that Speaker Cannon should be removed.

Mr. Bryan says he cannot undertake to referee all the differences between leaders of his party.

Senator Bailey denies the report that he is going to resign.

The longest persons in the country just now are the members of that Wall street literary bureau that started in to prove that the Taft boom is "dying out."

Former Senator Blackburn says he did not see eight mosquitoes in the eight weeks he spent at Panama.

A Kansas banker has made a bid for a Carnegie hero medal.

It is announced that a surplus of Christmas trees has been left on local dealers' hands.

The United States is already planning to make a display at the Japan exposition in 1912.

Tom Johnson is going to deliver an address in New York and tell "Why Bryan Must be Nominated."

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NEXT YEAR'S BATTLEGROUND

Chairman Thomas Taggart of the democratic national committee has declared in favor of conducting next year's campaign of his party from Chicago.

It is evident that Chairman Taggart has not forgotten the experience of 1904, when, as nominal chairman of his party, he found himself tied, gagged and helpless in the committee headquarters in New York.

The suggestion that Chicago be made the campaign headquarters is, however, timely, as the battleground will be in the west and in the south.

The republicans carried Missouri in 1904 by 25,137, while the democrats carried Kentucky by 11,813.

The battleground of 1908 will, as Chairman Taggart says, be in the west next year, but the outlook holds no great encouragement to the democrats.

EVADING THE CHARTER

An ordinance introduced into the city council by apparent agreement of a majority of the democratic councilmen seeks to evade one of the plain provisions of the city charter intended to prevent just such treasury raids as this ordinance contemplates.

It is proposed to set aside and appropriate \$5,000 out of the unappropriated remainder of the general fund for the purpose of grading five designated streets and alleys.

To use language expressive, if not elegant, the members of the democratic council behind this scheme are arranging to steal \$5,000 from the sinking fund in defiance of the charter.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The Prussian government presents the remarkable spectacle of attempting by eighteenth century methods to destroy the modern results of Polish subjects in the light of twentieth century civilization.

Since the foundation of the German empire by Prince Bismarck systematic efforts to Germanize Prussian Poland have resisted successfully.

The measure expropriating the land of the natives and settling Germans thereon. The proposed bill, however, does not meet the approval of the Diet and have been modified to the extent of vesting in the Diet the right to say what land shall be taken by the state and limiting expropriation to certain districts.

It serves to show, however, the character of the scheme to strip the Poles of homes and lands and make them exiles from the land of their birth.

Religious bodies of France which applauded the government for abolishing the concordat and taking over church property are taking stock of the results of one year's experience under the new dispensation.

The six principal sources of revenue of New York state are the tax on corporations, tax on organization of corporations, tax on transfer of decedents' estates, tax on transfer of stock, liquor tax and mortgage tax.

The government has undoubtedly struck pay dirt in the exposure of the deliberately contrived frauds in weighing sugar at the port of New York.

About four years ago some British engineers were very busy looking for the most feasible route for a railroad to tap the commerce of the red basin of eastern Sechuen.

Charles Denby, the United States consul general at Shanghai, furnishes a brief account of the initial trip over the newly completed portion of the Shanghai-Nanking railway.

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IS OMAHA AN IMITATOR?

Globe Trotter Asseves We Copy from the Old World. New York Tribune.

Retrenchment was the subject of discussion in a down town restaurant, and as a shining example of the signs of the times one of the debaters spoke of the "check your cigar" signs which had been placed in front of the restaurant of an Omaha theater.

Vocal assurances are given by Denver that the purse hung up for the democratic national convention does not contain a gold brick.

Senator Foraker balked at departing from Washington on track 12, train 23. The senator is not superstitious, either, but if he should dream that a large man recently returned from a long journey was destined to make trouble for him perhaps he would believe it.

Hon. Arnold C. Sheer has become an aggressive candidate for nomination next year as governor of West Virginia.

Former Resident—How things have changed here in twenty years! I wouldn't know the town. What has become of Floggus, who used to have notes and lend money at 2 per cent a month?

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SUNNY GEMS.

"Do you think there are any great orators left?"

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "My observation is that great orators are nearly always left."—Washington Star.

"That fellow Busby never seems to have anything to do."

"He's very busy now, he tells me."

"Getting his right-of-way for a wireless telephone company."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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