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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3d day of March, 1908. ROBERT HUNTER, 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.

Inventor Holland of torpedo boat fame has devised a flying machine—so he says.

New York is to have the largest restaurant in the world. Prices will doubtless be in keeping.

United States Senator-elect Bradley of Kentucky has lost his whiskers. It was a close shave for him.

Wu Ting-fang, the human interrogation point, has returned to the United States for a period.

"That Balkan status is critical," says a New York paper. That is the normal condition of the Balkan states.

Senator Knox weighs but 119 pounds. He will have to gain four pounds to get into the one, two, three class.

"In South America I can get fruit for a song," says a returned traveler. Caruso can do that even in cold countries.

"Is Jerome a fallen idol?" asks the Minneapolis Journal. The real complaint appears to be that Jerome has fallen idle.

Leslie M. Shaw says he has not authorized anyone to use his name as a candidate for the presidency. Whom does he suspect?

"What would America do in case of war between Japan and China?" asks the Boston Post. Bell arms and provisions to both sides.

The attorney general may discover cause for action against Secretary Taft. He is rapidly acquiring a monopoly of delegates.

What distresses the democratic World-Herald most is that Nebraska republicans show no signs of irreconcilable factional fighting.

There should be a sharp advance in the price of disinfectants. The Hartje divorce scandal is to have another airing in the courts at Pittsburg.

Countess Sechenyi has transferred \$2,000,000 worth of bonds from New York to Budapest. The count told all America that it was a pure love match.

"What has become of the Foraker presidential boom?" asks the Detroit Free Press. At last reports it was still in the emergency ward at the political hospital.

Winter may be over, but there is another storm coming. Dr. Parkhurst declares his intention of discussing public affairs in mid-week sermons until the campaign is ended.

Physicians assert that Harry Thaw can never be fully cured of his insanity, although he may be fixed up so he can re-enter his accustomed place in society without creating special attention.

Nebraska opticians are to be barred from calling themselves "doctors" because it tends to confuse them with practicing physicians. It remains for the opticians to make the public see it that way.

New Orleans is celebrating its Mardi Gras carnival, but it no longer has a monopoly of such spectacular displays. King Ak-Bar-Bee makes carnival week in Omaha easily a match for King Rex's celebration in New Orleans.

ANOTHER CASE OF BIRDSIGHT.

It has been clear for some time that the direct primary law is open to criticism for its failure to provide for the direct election of party committees. The system as it stands means that while the people control nominations, the same old ringsters may by a little effort retain control of the party machinery.

The trouble with most critics is that they are always ready with complaints, but nowhere to be found when they might help to prevent the evils they complain of, and that their birdsight is better than their foresight. There is no question but that the most responsive party organization is that which is built up from the bottom directly on the full membership of the party.

For the original direct primary bill presented by Representative Dodge to the legislature of 1905 the editor of The Bee drew the section governing party organization providing for this very thing. It provided that the voters in the various precincts should choose their precinct committees, who should constitute the county committee, and that the county committee should choose the members of the various state and district committees to which they might be entitled.

When the primary bill came up in the legislature of 1907 the editor of The Bee once more pressed this plan of party organization, but found that the scheme of appointment by nominees was substituted in committee in the senate. With others he entered remonstrance and went so far even as to urge friends of the direct primary in the house to nonconcur in this section in order to get reconstructed in conference committee.

But while the appointment of committees by nominees could, doubtless, be improved upon, it is by no means so bad as the fault-finders would make believe. It is practically a continuation of the convention system because the nominees always controlled the conventions that nominate them and, in fact, made up the committees in substantially the same way that they do now.

POSSIBILITIES OF WINDMILLS.

Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, has an idea which he is willing to pass on to our American farmers without charge and with the evident conviction that they can all make money out of it.

Accompanying the suggestion is a collection of tables, based on scientific observations and tests, showing that the average windmill, with but little infraction of the eight-hour laws, furnishes power enough to generate electricity in quantities sufficient to run the feed-chopper, heat the house, furnish fuel for the kitchen, and do most of the laborious chores that now fall to the farmer's wife or the hired man.

It would be an ill windmill that blows nobody any good.

FOREIGN TRADE AND REVENUES.

While exports from the United States were surprisingly large in January, the completed records show that the imports were less in the aggregate than for any January since 1904. Students of commercial and trade conditions welcomed this condition at first, as it increased the balance of trade in favor of the United States and removed the danger of any call being made from Europe for a return of the gold imported to the United States during the financial depression in the last months of 1907.

The total imports for January were valued at \$85,693,704, as compared with \$126,356,944 for January of 1907, a falling off of 32 per cent.

continued for any considerable period, promises to be serious. It is estimated that the loss of duties in January, based on the average imports, was fully \$9,000,000. Continued for a year this would cause a shrinkage in the government revenues of more than \$100,000,000, or enough to embarrass the government, inasmuch as the estimated revenues for the coming fiscal year are less than the probable appropriations in present session of congress.

Experience has usually shown that these estimates of imports are too low. Predicted deficits generally fail to materialize, but the evident slackening of trade, with a lessening of American purchases abroad, indicates that the recovery will be slower than usual and that congress will do well to prune appropriations to the vicinity of necessities.

THE EAGLE AND THE MOTTO.

Another effort is to be made to have the St. Gaudens coins repaired and improved to suit the artistic taste of those of us who are rather fastidious about the appearance of their \$10 and \$20 gold pieces.

The discussion of the motto question has developed the fact that St. Gaudens is not wholly to blame for the misfit appearance of the coins. His original design was purely classic. The head for which Mary Cunningham posed was Greek in outline and there was a simple wreath in the original drawing.

Our amiable democratic contemporary should go slow in its fulsome praise of Ig. J. Dunn. Before it knows it, it will have strong ambition built up that will aim at the \$7,500 a year and perquisites of its own congressman-editor.

OKLAHOMA REPUBLICANS.

While election returns show that the new state of Oklahoma is democratic, there are about 100,000 republicans in the state who are evidently determined that the party shall be kept in an aggressive, fighting condition, and not permitted to degenerate into the condition too common in the south of leaving control to a federal office holding brigade.

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Illinois has adopted the violet as its state flower. It is hard to see how the Illinois politician can be persuaded to adopt the modest, shrinking violet as a model.

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Getting ready for the first time for such an appraisal of their property is naturally laborious, but once done it should come easy for succeeding years.

Secretary of State Junkin is said to favor a law requiring all corporations to file annually lists of their officers and stockholders in his office and pay a snug fee for the same.

The action of the Lancaster county democrats endorsing Ig. J. Dunn for national convention delegate and George W. Borge for governor at one and the same time shows what kind of a lemon was handed to Mayor "Jim" in the alleged compromise between the Dahlanites and the Jacksonians.

Both Senators Knox and La Follette have introduced employers' liability bills and are sparing to see which can get his measure up for consideration.

The oldest weather man in the United States lives in Washington, where weather conditions are designed to promote guessing.

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MINOR SEEN AND INCIDENTS SKETCHED ON THE SPOT.

Advices received by President Roosevelt from the governors of the states give advance assurances that the May conference called to consider plans for the conservation of the country's national resources will be a notable gathering of public men.

Senator Foraker and Senator Overman were discussing civil war experiences, and Senator Foraker told how, while he was marching through the south, he took occasion to question a number of stragglers from his own army.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

"Tell the truth, even if it is inexpedient." Mrs. Hoty Green denied in Boston that her daughter Sylvia had become engaged to Matthew Astor Wilks of New York.

Joseph Chamberlain, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain, has left London for the Riviera. They will remain there for several months.

Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, whose health continues poor, has made definite his resignation of the pastorate, which was postponed from March last year.

Professor of Mathematics Edward T. Rawson, the second ranking officer in that corps of the navy, was placed on the retired list on account of age.

Vice President Fairbanks will speak at the dedication of the monument erected by George Middleton of Chicago to the memory of union soldiers of Jefferson county, Indiana, in the city of Madison, the latter part of May.

The Duchess D'Uzes says that she did not have time to see much of America on account of the number of teas she attended.

George A. Robertson, one of the oldest and best known newspaper men in Cleveland, died last week, aged 65 years.

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Karo Corn Syrup advertisement. For Goodness' Sake Get Karo Corn Syrup. A Treat That Makes You Eat. Karo Corn Syrup is more than "goodness"—it's a food so valuable in its properties that authorities class it high among food products.

DIGNITY OF LABOR.

Honest Tribute to the Man Who Really Works. Boston Globe. That manual labor is as dignified as mental labor, and that the highest labor is that which makes demands upon the qualities of head and hand, of heart, brain and body, formed the theme of President Roosevelt's interesting address to the delegates of the National Educational association in Washington.

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