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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 2d day of February, 1909. GEORGE B. TRZCHUCK, 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.

A dual tariff is now offered as a substitute for the tariff duel.

Much will be forgiven if February will quit this blowing about its record.

Only a few days left for additions to the "Mentioned-for-the-Cabinet" club.

The Mad Mullah has broken out again and is acting like a Nevada agitator.

The cold wave supply far exceeds the demand—barring ice men and coal dealers.

California is learning that common sense is the best antidote for Japophobia.

A New Jersey poet has been attacked by a bear. The poet is common prey.

Strange how many of our friends so long conceal the fact that they were crackerbox cronies of Abe Lincoln.

What else could be expected from a democratic legislature in which politics and patronage are the paramount issues?

A New Orleans patrolman arrested his wife by mistake. His only safety for a time will be to wear his uniform at home.

Kansas City has one cause for congratulation. Its Union depot was not damaged by either of the recent heavy windstorms.

Now that both houses have voted to give Mr. Taft \$12,000 for automobiles, the big stick may be displaced by the big "Honk."

Jack Binns has refused to go on the vaudeville stage or the lecture platform. Possibly he would like a place in the cabinet.

"Canada is literally saturated with American influence and the imperial sentiment is waning," says a London paper. Let it wane.

Senator Tillman has been unusually slow in congratulating California and Nevada on their efforts to make the race question a national issue.

Having failed to pass any anti-Japanese legislation, the California lawmakers may now turn their attention to the length of hotel bed sheets.

Secretary Cortelyou will at least break a precedent if he fails to go from the Treasury department to the head of some big banking house.

The report that the Japanese government had sent a "warning" to the authorities at Washington would be mighty important, if it were true.

A section of Pharaoh's heart showing signs of senile calcification has been exhibited in London, proving that there was good reason for the old comparison, "harder than Pharaoh's heart."

Mrs. Carrie Nation's assertion that she has been stricken dumb by the wickedness of London will be accepted with the usual allowance for exaggeration. A dumb Carrie Nation is inconceivable.

Whatever municipal bonds have been retired by Omaha have been paid off with the money brought in by the scavenger tax law, and the scavenger tax law is wholly a republican measure.

THE REVENUES AND THE DEFICIT.

While it is daily becoming more apparent that congress must soon make some fundamental changes in the revenue system without entire reliance upon customs duties and internal revenue collections, some opponents of tariff revision are endeavoring to use the present low state of the treasury as an argument against any reduction of the tariff schedules.

It is true that the income of the national treasury is running behind the outgoing. January ended with a deficit of \$15,000,000, bringing the total deficit to date up to about \$80,000,000. Secretary Cortelyou estimates that it will be about \$114,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

There is little prospect of marked increase in government receipts until the tariff bill shall have been disposed of at the special session, but the improvement ought to be rapid, so far as customs duties are concerned.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

King Edward's visit to Berlin, the first in twenty-one years, should be productive of good for both Germany and Great Britain. The jingoes of both countries have been and are now persistent and audacious in their attempts to ferment ill-will and provoke trouble.

The new deputy food commissioner has made a definite statement of his intentions to enforce the provisions of the Nebraska pure food law without favoritism or discrimination and at the same time to construe doubtful points in the law in a way to make it conform as nearly as possible with the provisions of the national pure food law.

This is in line with the position taken by The Bee for uniform state and federal food regulations instead of strained applications of our law at variance with the laws that apply to the same business in other states and to interstate business.

The manufacture and trade in foodstuffs is one of the most important branches of our national commerce and uniform laws governing this trade between the states is as important for both consumers and producers as uniform laws governing all our commercial relations, which would, as everyone knows, be seriously impaired if every state undertook to set up its own independent and conflicting standards.

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NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Hastings Tribune: Governor Schallenberger says he favors nonpartisan management of state institutions. Well, the governor has had the opportunity of putting his words to action and demonstrating to all Nebraska that he is sincere in his belief.

Columbus Journal: The "reform" legislature sent a junketing party of eighteen members to "inspect" the Norfolk hospital for insane. The "little excursion cost the state about \$50. There isn't any difference between a democrat and a republican when it comes to grabbing about the state spending the people's money foolishly.

Blue Springs Sentinel: Of course a lobbyist ought to be tagged. He ought to have little silver bells hanging from his ears so as to not only frighten away spoils, but as a means of alarm as he approaches the legislative member to awaken him from his sleep to get up and prepare for business. By all means let the tagging bill go through.

Culbertson Banner: The real test of the character of legislation to be had from this session will begin to show in the near future, when each house has before it the measures originating in the other and passed by the other body.

Beatrice Express: Constituents of members of the legislature would probably like to know whether they are liable to be arrested as unlawful lobbyists if they journey to Lincoln to look on and admire their lawmakers, and incidentally advise with them as a matter of form and to manifest friendly interest.

Stromberg News: If the present legislature does not soon get down to real law making the state will get the opinion that they are there merely for partisan purposes and spoils. Any lawmaker should be ashamed to possess the narrowness of introduction a bill to transfer a certain duty from another officer to the governor simply because it involves patronage and the governor is democratic and the officer who now has the patronage to bestow is a republican.

Hunch for Harvard Men. It is an extended and comprehensive tour of the country that President Eliot starts out upon today, covering as it will sections of the western and southern portions of the country.

Guarding Life at Sea. The bill introduced in congress making it mandatory for seagoing vessels carrying passengers to be equipped with wireless telegraphy ought to be unnecessary. Its point a means of saving life as this system has been used for the benefit of the world.

Sharp Competition in Prospect. It is said Mr. Harriman is laying his plans carefully to make the Panama canal look like 99 cents as a business proposition when it has been finished.

Start a Snowslide. If Admiral Evans is right in his prediction that Japan and Russia will soon again be at war, Nevada will have a Titanic job keeping Uncle Sam out of the scrap.

Through the Glass Darkly. The Japanese bugabo is seen drifting eastward. Nebraska is now seeing things.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

Mr. Taft's sentence officially confirmed, amounts to four years at hard labor. The name of the new lieutenant governor of Missouri, Mr. Gmelch, is properly pronounced by giving a short blurt just before saying "melch." In Missouri they will show you.

Secretary Cortelyou is now slated for the presidency of a New York gas company. He will be in agreeable working company. Mr. Cortelyou bears some resemblance to reliable gas meters. He talks rarely, but points out the result.

Most of the politicians interested in the approaching municipal campaign in New York City are up a tree as to whether the candidates should be business men or lawyers. Opinion seems to be about evenly divided on the subject.

It was a Washington newspaper man, Wolf Smith, who stumbled on to the constitutional impediment in the case of Senator Knox and the emoluments of his coming cabinet position. Newspaper men are usually awake while others sleep.

Politicians are sometimes the victims of queer tricks. One of the friends of Mayor Wittipson of Jersey City visited his honor's office one day last week and invited him to luncheon. In the course of their talk, while eating, the visitor made it known that the mayor said he was unable to provide.

William Leeb, jr., who in all probability is to be the collector of the port of New York to succeed Colonel Fowler, is 42 years old. He was born in Albany of German parentage. Like his predecessor, George B. Cortelyou, who was secretary to President McKinley, Mr. Leeb is one of the most efficient shorthand writers in the country.

NEW HONORS FOR KING CORN.

Everybody knows that corn is the chief agricultural commodity of this country and that the annual crop of about 2,000,000,000 bushels is one of our greatest sources of wealth. Through the combined efforts of scientists and practical agriculturists it has seemed as if the grain had been brought to the highest possible development, and all that remains is to induce all growers to take advantage of the methods which will produce the largest and best grain.

Nevertheless, if the claims of an "open letter" by F. L. Stewart of Pennsylvania are true "King Corn" must be given still higher honors. It depends entirely upon the will of the grower, Mr. Stewart declares, whether the corn produces grain or becomes a rival of the cane and beet as a producer of sugar, with valuable by-products.

Simply by the removal of the immature ear from the stalk at the proper time, according to Mr. Stewart, the corn plant becomes practically sugar cane. "The direct result," he says, "is an indefinite prolongation of the life of the plant, and a gradual but constant accumulation of sugar until it reaches a point when it equals the average in the sugar cane and the beet."

It is claimed that when so cultivated the cornstalk will contain 88 per cent of juice, with an average sugar content of 12 per cent, which would give a yield of from 150 to 200 pounds of raw sugar to the ton. In addition, the solid substance of the stalk yields an average of 20 pounds of refined

SAID IN FUN.

"Don't you believe in getting next to the soil?" "Sure, if you get next so as to strike pay dirt."—Baltimore American.

"The man acquitted of murder on the plea of insanity sat faithfully in the asylum. 'I guess I was crazy after all,' he said, 'although at the time I thought it a bluff. Anybody but a lunatic would have pleaded the unwritten law and gone about his business.' Philadelphia Ledger.

"Do your men to send any valentines this year?" said one young man. "No," answered the other. "Valentines always miss their object. A girl is almost sure to laugh at the sentimental ones and cry about the comical."—Washington Star.

"Have any of your farmers been uplifted as yet?" "Yes," answered Mr. Cortnessel. "Day before yesterday Sam Simling was hit from behind by an automobile.—Washington Star.

"She (complainingly). Before our marriage you said my pathway through life should be strewn with roses. He—Yes, darling, but you know roses have thorns and I didn't realize then what thin shoes you women wear."—Boston Transcript.

The lieutenant rushed to the bridge and saluted. "Captain," he shouted for the roar of the artillery was deafening—"the enemy has got our range." The captain frowned. "Curse the luck," he growled. "Now how can the cook get dinner?"—Cleveland Leader.

"Who is the neglected looking little boy with dirt over his face?" "He is the child of the noted astronomer who lives over the way." "Oh, is he. Come here, sonny. Run home and tell your father he doesn't need his telescope. I'll see spots on the sun."—Baltimore American.

"You refuse me because I have a title," said the count, bitterly. "But I will relinquish it. I will become a plain citizen." "How noble of you," responded the American heiress. "I too feel called upon to make a sacrifice. I will relinquish my fortune, and—why he's gone."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Country going to pieces? Not on your life! She's there, with the sunlight over her streaming hair, her hand on the engine's throttle, her banner above her brow; and she never has done much better. Than she's doing now!

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Don't you bother about her. She's climbing the hills all right, with dreams in her eyes of glory. A smile on her lips of light. Country going to pieces? Not on your life! She's fine. With the folds of her flag around her. Its stars ashine!

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