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Subscribed in my presence and before me this 24 day of February, 1909. (Seal) M. P. WALKER, Notary Public.

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

Mr. Knox will be secretary of state and the constitution still lives. Idaho has adopted local option and irrigation projects there will be more popular than ever.

Reports indicate that prohibition prevails everywhere in Tennessee except in the jury room.

Mr. Maxim has invented a noiseless gun, but no one has yet invented a harmless unloaded gun.

A Chicago man arrested for swindling offers the plea in abatement that he has twelve wives.

Japan believes that its next war will be with Russia, disappointing as that may be to California and Nevada.

It would be interesting to note what would happen in Tokio if a lot of San Francisco citizens were to locate there.

A warrant has been issued in Russia for the arrest of Maxim Gorky and Mrs. Near-Gorky on a charge of nihilism.

The report comes from Tacoma that ex-Governor Savage is making money out there. He didn't do so badly in Nebraska.

The California school houses are still open to the Japanese if the Japs "dib to know," as Hashimuro Togo would say.

Somebody has cause of action for damages. The Kearney Democrat marks George Rogers of Omaha up as a republican.

The Washington Base Ball club wants to change its name, but a change in the style of playing would help it more.

Mr. Taft saw the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, but he ought to come to Omaha during Ak-Sar-Ben week and see a real show.

Kansas City's dry goods merchant, Lawrence M. Jones, and Omaha's banker, Luther Drake, might hold a joint celebration.

"There will be no tariff revision," says Mr. Bryan, which is his way of admitting that there will be no adoption of his free trade fallacies.

The demand for better shows in New York is evidence that the decadence of the audience has not kept pace with the decadence of the drama.

Andrew Carnegie says that congress is not fit to prepare a tariff bill. That leaves the country in a bad way, as Mr. Carnegie is too busy to undertake the task.

The bank at Monte Carlo has just paid its semi-annual dividend of 30 per cent. High winds, drought and financial depressions never impair the sucker crop.

The mayor of Pittsburgh has appointed a commission to tell how to improve the government of the city. One plan would be to induce most of the present Pittsburgh officials to move away.

Governor Shallenberger is already beset by applications for pardons and commutations. If he wants to avoid trouble he will establish an ironclad rule against exercising executive clemency for any cause already passed on by the courts.

END THE CANAL CONTROVERSY.

Seven expert civil engineers of national and international reputation have unanimously and emphatically approved the plans now being prosecuted on the Panama canal.

Some members of the senate, notably Kittredge, Teller and Foraker, have been contending that the lock type is a mistake and that it is not too late to change the plans and build a sea-level canal.

Their report is a sweeping vindication of the administration's work and plans, the only criticism being that Colonel Goethals has been overcautious and has made the locks and dams stronger than necessary.

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Whatever reform has been accomplished in Omaha in these directions is sure to be lost if we are compelled to embrace an elective police commission.

Every fireman and every policeman aspiring to promotion who thinks one candidate more friendly to him than another will be pulling political wires in his behalf.

Every saloon keeper and every dive keeper, and everyone else who wants police favor will be in politics to show the members of the board that he has a power not to be ignored.

The Police commission may take an oath not to be guided by political considerations, but when questions come up as to fire and police department discipline, as to promotions and special assignments, the political pull, or the ability to take political reprisal, will exert an irresistible influence.

An elective police board will be much more inclined to play to the gallery than an appointive police board, and each member will be figuring all the time how his official action may affect his chances for re-election.

With an elective police board the places on it will be a maelstrom of local politics, and putting the fire and police departments back into politics will be a distinct step backward.

The same reason which the World-Herald urges against letting the State university professors participate in the Carnegie pension fund would apply to accepting any private donation for any public purpose by any state, city or other public body.

It is to be hoped the effort may succeed to secure authority for the sale of hydrogen gas, manufactured at the government signal corps station at Fort Omaha to private and aeronautic experimenters.

Congressman Kahn of California says he can see the time when the Chinese and the Japs will crowd the

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who filed a committee report in congress the other day, in which they declared their belief that the republican party would remain in power for at least eight years.

FOR A PACIFIC FLEET.

The senate's amendment to the naval appropriation bill, directing that in the discretion of the president half the entire naval force be kept on the Pacific coast, is a recognition of the advice of many leading naval experts and, incidentally, a step toward the pacification of some of the residents of the Pacific coast states who have professed to believe that trouble with Japan is inevitable.

The amendment adopted by the senate is merely in the nature of a suggestion, as the president always has discretionary power concerning the disposition of the army and navy forces and may keep them all on the Pacific or the Atlantic, as conditions may demand.

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white off the Pacific coast. If that's true, it is high time that the whites in that section should begin taking swimming lessons.

The proposed democratic deposit guaranty bill is supposed to provide an "immediate" payment of depositors of failed banks, but even at that it will not make good Mr. Bryan's story about "forty-eight minutes after the doors closed."

This sudden outburst of resolutions on the water works situation savors of emanating from one common source. Has anything changed recently in the status of the water works litigation? Or is it only public sentiment that is changing?

Attention is being called to the fact that the Farm Uplift commission worked without compensation. But think of the fresh eggs they got while visiting the farms of the nation!

Cuba has agreed to pay Spain \$200,000 for war materials left on the island. If there are any war materials lying around, Cuba is getting into a frame of mind to want them.

The Missouri legislature proposes to have lobbyists appear in uniform. The plan would save lobbyists the embarrassment of being mistaken for mere members of the legislature.

Banker Morse is said to have paid \$1,000,000 of his debts since he has been confined in prison. That might be construed into an argument for keeping him in jail.

What is the difference between Andrew Carnegie's proposal to fix monopoly prices by law and Jerry Howard's proposal to fix a minimum wage scale by law?

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Three plans are under consideration by the house of representatives designed to change the arrangement of the house hall.

In all of the plans it is proposed to do away with the desks the members now use on the floor of the house. In this way it will be possible to make the chamber much smaller, to bring the members closer together, and to make it less of a strain for them to follow the debate on the floor.

Certain descendants of John Marshall, residing in Kentucky, are trying to sell to the government some manuscript books which were originally the property of the chief justice and which possess much historical value.

There is also an army registrar of the troops under the immediate command of "His Excellency, George Washington, commander-in-chief of American forces" given by Mrs. Washington and Judge Bushrod Washington, General Washington's nephew and executor, to Chief Justice Marshall.

The bill includes Chief Justice Marshall's diary while in France as special evidence of the United States to that country, in 1797, the certain copies of all papers sent to the State department, and so forth, and Talleyrand's letters, in French; Timothy Pickens's (secretary of state, and so forth, of the United States), letters in English, and Chief Justice Marshall's observations in France from day to day.

Flashes of humor sometimes relieve the dead, dull monotony of congressional legislation. The other day the house had a good laugh over an objection raised by that prince of objectors, Mr. Mann of Illinois, against the payment of \$200 for a couple of horses confiscated by the government during the civil war.

But it is put upon the ground that the man could not be accused of disloyalty because he was weak-minded. The man probably was weak-minded. Then the committee produced two affidavits, one of the man, that his horses were worth \$200, and one of his committee, who had charge of him for fifty years because the man was weak-minded, that the horses were only worth \$200.

At this point Ollie James of Kentucky suggested that the committee went upon the idea that even a weak-minded man ought to know that two Kentucky horses were worth \$200. This brought a rejoinder from Mr. Mann to the effect that, in spite of the evidence, the committee assumed that a weak-minded Kentuckian knew more about the value of a law and will give brains in Kentucky. After some further banter, Mr. Mann said that he had \$50 worth of fun out of the incident and was willing to let the bill go through in its original form, although it took out of the treasury \$50 more than justice demanded.

Malcolm Kinnard, Simon Lassus, Ben Harmon and John Moore, all prominent business men of Columbus, O., started from there at noon last Saturday to drive to Washington in what is known as the old Governor Tod carriage, to attend the inauguration of President-elect Taft.

The carriage was used by Ohio's war governor. It was bought in Philadelphia during the war and cost \$2,500. The liverman who bought it traded it ten years later for a city lot. It's now owned kept it twenty-nine years and then sold it for \$20. Soon after it changed hands again for \$15 and its present owner, Mr. Kinnard, recently bought it for \$5.

President Grant, James G. Blaine and other prominent men rode in the carriage on visits to Columbus. George Crouthers, who drove a forty-horse team in a circus, is driving for the quartet. They expect to arrive in Washington March 2.

A statement has been made to the effect that President Roosevelt after accompanying his successor, Judge Taft, to the senate chamber and later on to the east portion of the capitol, where the new president takes the oath of office and delivers his inaugural, is not to return to the White House with President Taft, but it is to take the train immediately for New York City. Rarely, if ever, it is declared, has the outgoing president since war days returned to the White House on such an occasion with his successor. The custom has been that when the president and the president-elect leave the White House for the separate chamber and the east portion the outgoing president has not returned to the White House. On one or two occasions the outgoing president has done so, merely to touch his lips to a glass of wine and wish his successor "good luck and a prosperous administration," but it has not been the custom.

It is a good thing to be posted on the rules of the senate when you have to outwit an opponent. Senator Hale demonstrated this fact the other day, when he secured the confirmation for the second time inside of a week of Mrs. Alice Robinson to be postmistress at Muskogee, Okl. Mrs. Robinson has written stories about the strenuous life which pleased President Roosevelt. She is also a relative of Senator Hale. This combination served to win for her the nomination of postmistress at Muskogee. The Oklahoma senators professed in vain to be surprised. The nomination was promptly confirmed.

Senator Owen exercised his prerogative to have the vote reconsidered, hoping in this way to prevent action and thus kill the nomination. He left the city on business and on his return was surprised to learn that the nomination had been confirmed a second time. Senator Hale sprung a rule to the effect that after two days a vote could be had on any matter suspended by a motion to reconsider.

BANK DEPOSIT GUARANTY. Greeley Citizen: The bank guaranty law is to be drafted by Lawyer Albert of Columbus at a cost of \$500 to the taxpayers of the state—the first time, we believe, that such a course was ever pursued in Nebraska. But we live to learn of democracy.

O'Neill Democrat: It is indeed strange that Governor Shallenberger should urge the employment of Judge Albert to draw the bank guaranty bill when Arthur Mullen gave up his law business here on purpose to assist the governor along legal and judicial lines. "Sumptin's rong."

Sterling Sun: Having failed to find a democrat in the legislature capable and willing to draft a suitable bank guaranty of deposit bill, the democratic members have found a place for \$200 more of the people's money and made another place at the pie counter for a democrat by offering that amount to Judge Albert of Columbus to draft a bill.

St. Paul Republican: If the bank guaranty law causes so much trouble in the state, where the democrats have such a brutal majority, what kind of a chance do you suppose it would run in the national congress, where the senate would have been republican no matter what the result of the last election was? And there are those who do not believe that this piece of sophistry was for the mere purpose of catching votes.

Alnsworth Star-Journal: The present legislature has an elephant on its hands—the enactment of a satisfactory bank guaranty law. The banking committee of both houses have wailed with the problem and publicly announced that it is too much for them and Attorney Albert of Columbus has been engaged to prepare a bill. It is understood that he is to be paid a fee of \$200—just the sum that a member of the legislature gets for his services.

Wahoo Wasp: All the democratic politicians seemed to know all about a bank guaranty law before election, but when it came to the practical work of preparing a law that would be acceptable to the people they acknowledged their inability to prepare such a law and voted an appropriation of \$200 for a Columbus lawyer to go to Lincoln and help them out. There must be something the matter with the judiciary committee of the legislature if an attorney on that committee could not be found to draft a law so simple that it would not be "help up" by the state supreme court.

West Point Republican: During the recent campaign it was plain to be seen that every democratic spellbinder knew all about making bank guaranty deposit laws. In fact, it seemed to be as easy for them as rolling off a log. Now, after six weeks of "rasseling" with that matter, the confused legislators have called in a Columbus lawyer to prepare up a law and will give "Peerless" had given up the job and had taken a hike for the tall timber, Texas, or some other congenial resort—anything to get away from that hungry horde of plebeians.

Papillon Republican: The most dangerous thing that can be done in the world of finance is to put the banks into politics. That is what you do when you pass a law similar to the one in Oklahoma placing the banks upon a party and giving to the state an active part in the affairs of the financial institutions. The biggest bank failures in recent years have been those of "political bankers," men who have permitted politics to command a part of their attention when all of it should have been given to their business. The Oklahoma bank guaranty plan puts every banker into politics and that is about as dangerous a condition as one can imagine.

Ignorance as a Vehicle of Justice. Louisville Courier-Journal. A striking exhibit of some of the beauties of our much lauded jury system was seen at Nashville just now. Here, after long weeks and the sifting of thousands of men, a jury finally has been selected to try the cases of the men charged with murdering Mr. Carmack, and the dispatches inform us that of these several can hardly read or write, and hardly any of them ever read a newspaper. Now, there be surprise at any outcome of this trial!

Dear God of sleep, make me forget tonight The way I came, the world I learned to roam; Let me be dreamless till tomorrow's light Wakes me again at home!

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. The finest, most tasteful and wholesome biscuit, cake and pastry are made with Royal Baking Powder, and not otherwise. Royal is the only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar.

A DEMOCRATIC INSULT. Pennsylvanians Recent a Reflection on Senator Knox. Philadelphia Record (dem.). Whatever may be thought by democratic members of the house committee on the election of president and vice president regarding the constitutionality of the appointment of Senator Knox to be secretary of state, there was no excuse whatever for offering an insult to him in the minority report which they presented.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS. Giles—The man who makes those moving pictures bumped up against his first failure today. Miles—How was that? Giles—He tried to make a moving picture of two men playing a game of chess.—Chicago News.

"I know some highly thought of and respected ladies of our town who were quite put out at my first failure today." "You don't say? Who was it put them out?" "I am not sure, but I think it was the firemen."—Baltimore American.

"You must send Mrs. Friesleigh a card to your reception, my dear." "Isn't her husband a tailor?" "Yes, and I owe him for these pants."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"We had a fortune teller at our evening party." "What kind of questions did the guests ask of her?" "Most of them asked her what we were going to have for supper."—Cleveland Leader.

Sporting Reporter—Old boy, have you signed a contract to play in your regular position the coming season? Great Base Ball Player—I don't know yet; haven't seen this morning's paper.—Chicago Tribune.

Young Man—When do you advise Miss Smith to go abroad to study music? You know she has no talent. Old Man—Throat doctor to Miss Smith.—Town and Country.

"I should think there'd be no end drawn back about this noiseless rifle business." "What is that?" "How could it turn in any kind of a report?"—Baltimore American.

"There is very little real whisky," said the food expert, solemnly. "Perhans," answered the police magistrate; "but that doesn't convince me that the cases of intoxication brought to my attention are only imitations."—Washington Star.

THE RETURN. N. B. Turner in Youth's Companion. After long following of strange faces, After untired hills and over treacherous foam, After long wandering in alien places, Tonight I sleep at home.

To light the old house open tender arms To draw me in, in aweary, to its breast, While, slow, through of scarce-remembered charms, Weaves me a spell of rest.

Ab, nowhere else in all the world can dark Cune down so velvet footed through the air And spread its quiet tent, too dim to mark, In all the world, nowhere!

With slow, reluctant colors in the west, And spires outlined against the light, Crown'd like upon a lonely cedar's crest, The jeweled evening star.

Distant, a truant cow bell, lost and late, With soft reiterated silver word, Faint in the creaking tree beside the gate, Croon of a restless bird.

I shall lie down in an old, brooding room On ruffled pillows fashioned for my head, And watch with drooping eyes amid the gloom, Dear shadows by my bed.

And breathe a while the faint, familiar breath, Of dew-wet garden roses, half-aware, Of murmuring voices in the hall beneath, And soft steps on the stair.

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