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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1909. M. P. WALKER, 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.

For light entertainment, take in the electrical show. The score stands 11 to 11, with the rest of the game postponed by the umpire.

What's in a name? Three Shamo-kin girls have won fame in a musical way. At any rate, the tariff debate is demonstrating that the west is on deck.

Senator Aldrich says he intends to retire. Is the statement specific or advisory? Early house cleaners in Omaha made the mistake of failing to count on the dust storm.

Governor Shallenberger has issued a Mother's day proclamation. Is Mayor "Jim" going to let a chance like this go by? City Clerk Butler has an idea that he may have to serve as president of the council in addition to his other duties. Unlikely.

Unless hides go on the free list Mr. Roosevelt will have a nice bill to pay when he tries to get through the custom house on his return. It remains to be proved that golf players are good hands at beating carpet. But the season of the year is at hand when they may try.

A Boston actor has been convicted of killing his wife. Any of his colleagues could have told him it was easier and safer to get a divorce. On sailing for Europe "Boss" Croker announced that he was out of politics for good. That is more than he can say of his reasons for entering it.

While the total of hops packed since March 1 shows a decrease as compared with last year, take note that South Omaha gets in with a substantial increase. Some scientists are predicting earthquakes for the month of May. At times that might cause alarm, but here in the tornado belt we are prepared for anything.

Up to date Mr. Bryan has not congratulated Mayor Dahman. Neither has Mayor Dahman congratulated Mr. Bryan, but they have never had the occasion. Two Frenchmen recently engaged in a pistol duel and both were hurt. This thing is getting really so serious that tennis balls or something of the kind should be substituted.

If Nebraska is to be the experiment station for Bryanite legislation, it is only natural that Lincoln should become an experiment station for innovations in municipal legislation. Another man who went through the whirlpool rapids at Niagara in a barrel is dead. Many a man who has taken trips through the rapids by the barrel route did not fare half so well.

The Peace congress objects to the army and navy placards, glorifying war to attract recruits. Why not protest against the bill boards altogether? The army and navy posters are not the worst ones.

Appeal in Missouri Rate Case.

The determination of Missouri to appeal from the decision of Judge McPherson, declaring invalid the 2-cent fare law, must be encouraging to other states, including Nebraska, which have similar laws.

That states have the right to regulate rates and on the other hand that railroads are entitled to exact a charge which will produce a reasonable return on invested capital are points no longer contested, but on the contrary have been definitely settled in the affirmative long ago.

The problem of rate regulation is so complex that no wholly satisfactory outcome can be expected so long as two rate regulating bodies, the state and the nation, enable the railroads to play shuttlecock and battledore with the two classes of traffic in efforts at dual regulation.

Changing Immigration Laws. The United States senate has received and placed on file resolutions of the legislatures of Ohio and Pennsylvania requesting more stringent immigration laws.

That is certainly perspicuous. "The bonds will not be a tax." Of course not. If they were there would be no necessity of voting bonds, because the mayor and council would levy the tax.

That the water plant is a good investment is shown by the fact that its net earnings twelve years ago were \$28,000. The men who signed this circular knew that this is not "a fact," but merely an estimate, and never put out before except as an estimate.

This is a purely legal proposition on which lawyers differ. Everybody knows that a court may be "influenced" by the actions of the litigants, even though not incorporated into the evidence.

Unmistakable signs of the growth and development of the west are to be seen on every hand. The settlers' rates made by the railroads in the early spring brought thousands of people into the section between the Missouri river and the Pacific coast.

A most significant fact along this line was brought out in an interview in New York with a prominent railroad official whose road reaches Omaha regarding the character of the traffic now being carried over his line.

All these signs point to the fact that the western business man who has been preparing to reach out and the investor who is looking to the west has done more than carry its share of the load incident to the financial and industrial depression and is doing more than its share toward full re-

sumption. If the east will only catch the western spirit it will not be long until everyone will be so busy that the troubles of the past will be forgotten.

Reinforcing the Commodity Clause.

The administration has lost no time in making it plain that in case the commodity clause of the rate law, which has been declared inoperative, is turned to account by the common carriers to resume the evils at which it was aimed congress will be asked to apply the remedy.

It is up to the railroads to prove their good intentions and here is a chance for them to show whether their professions of reform are earnest or pretense.

"Thoroughly Investigated." The result of our recent bond election would indicate that Omaha will vote anything in the shape of a bond issue without respect to the purpose or consequences.

The attitude of the government toward the sugar trust officials is absolutely cruel. It proceeded against them civilly and recovered two and a quarter millions. Now the special attorney for the government announces that there will be criminal prosecutions.

Rumors that the battleship fleet was practically incapacitated for service by its trip around the world require official confirmation before acceptance. If it is true that "masts were sprung, plates were loosened, electrical machinery, including the fire control, was hopelessly out of order," as is reported, such facts constitute the most serious charge against the "system" of the Navy department that has yet been made.

With the close of Worcester's first year of no license the police liquor squad has made a report of liquor brought into the city by express companies; also the number of sales of liquor made at the license drug stores, of which there were seven until May 1.

The figures show that the shipments of liquor by express through wholesale dealers, who have an agreement out of the city for shipments, average 500 cases and 130 eight-gallon kegs of beer a day for 35 days. Sundays and holidays being eliminated. Added to these figures are 150 gallons of hard liquor, all being classed under the head of whiskey.

The Alps from the licensed drug store show that to persons who signed for the liquor to be used for medicinal purposes there were 116,000 sales, which the police say mean 20,000 quarts, 87,343 pints.

New York World: Now that the federal government has won the commodities clause case, how much is the victory worth? Philadelphia Record: The supreme court of the United States decides that the so-called commodities clause of the Hepburn law is entirely constitutional and perfectly enforceable.

Boston Transcript: The decision of the supreme court of the United States, sustaining the commodity clause of the interstate commerce act, which has been overruled by the district court, shows the sustained vitality of the Roosevelt policies. It may also indicate that the supreme court is not so conservative as it is used to be.

what would have happened if merely a casual inquiry had been made?

The World-Herald tries to make a point because the Bee has declared that had the voting machine been used instead of the paper ballot, the desire to re-elect Mayor "Jim" would have pulled the lever so fast as to make a clean sweep for the democrats.

Omaha whist players are cutting quite a swath in Boston. Presumably the people there did not imagine that such an intellectual game had penetrated so far into the interior of the country.

The impending passage of the census bill has turned all eyes on the plum tree. While frosts may nip many of the buds, there is certain to be a fair crop on trees in sheltered places.

The shah of Persia has promulgated a new constitution. The trouble with those oriental constitutions up to the present has been lack of sufficient vitality to survive the first summer.

Information Wanted. Charleston News and Courier. Does anybody know how the Hon. William Jennings Bryan settled "The Mystery of 1907"?

Judge Line of Courage. Kansas City Star. Judge Smith McPherson, who courts a full investigation by congress, unquestionably has the courage of his technicalities.

Rivals for Supremacy. Washington Post. Uncle Joe says backbone is the secret of success in the house, but it is the general impression that a good strong pull helps some.

Isn't This Awful. Philadelphia Record. The attitude of the government toward the sugar trust officials is absolutely cruel.

Witness in a "Dry" Town. Boston Herald. With the close of Worcester's first year of no license the police liquor squad has made a report of liquor brought into the city by express companies; also the number of sales of liquor made at the license drug stores, of which there were seven until May 1.

What the Decision Means. New York World: Now that the federal government has won the commodities clause case, how much is the victory worth? Philadelphia Record: The supreme court of the United States decides that the so-called commodities clause of the Hepburn law is entirely constitutional and perfectly enforceable.

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Wall Street Journal: For all practical purposes the anthracite carrying railroads may be said to emerge successfully from the long litigation over the commodities clause of the Hepburn law. Their direct holdings of anthracite and of stock in corporations which mine hard coal have unquestionably been acquired in times past in good faith, and in this respect the railroad companies are safely within the terms of the decision as read by Justice White.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: Wall street seems to take a very favorable view of the commodities clause decision, even though it is generally adverse to the contention of the coal roads. Some effort is apparently to be put forth to make it the occasion of such an outburst of speculative operations for the rise as will draw the public back into the stock market. It may serve such a purpose, but the position of coal road or other stocks will hardly be said to have been improved by this judicial deliverance.

Around New York

Whistles on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

The breadth and effectiveness of the fear instilled by the Black Hand organization was strikingly shown in New York recently. A theatrical benefit for the family of Lieutenant Petrosino, the New York police officer assassinated at Palermo, Sicily, last February, was only a partial success owing to fear of a Black Hand outrage during the performance.

The writers unions of the East Side of Manhattan are emulating Sampson before the Temple of Gaea. The unions, in their might have declared that tips must go, and that, instead of the waiter being dependent upon what he can work out of the customer, his employer shall pay him a minimum wage of \$50 per day.

It appears that James T. Williams, Jr., who has been named for civil service commissioner by President Taft, is a former correspondent of the Boston Transcript, who attended Mr. Taft in a confidential capacity during the presidential campaign.

The anti-big-hat bill in the Illinois legislature, directed against the "ungainly, unwomanly, preposterous, dangerous and dreadful" headgear now affected by the fair sex, seems to be popular with the members. Having been advanced on the house calendar by unanimous vote, evidently it is the intention to pass it and thus put the lid on the lid.

Mme. Olive Fremsted has been enjoying an ovation lately in Minnesota, her native state, where her Scandinavian countrymen have received her with open arms. In Minnesota, Governor John Johnson, who went to school with Mme. Fremsted in St. Peter, Minn., presented her with a silver laurel wreath at the close of her concert. At St. Peter, where the prima donna was born, practically the whole town met her at the station, heard her concert and escorted her back to the train.

"Hal" is dead. Suicide say the police. He jumped out of a window at 245 West Nineteenth street into the basement of the tenement house at 222 West Twentieth street. His neck was broken and the police say his suicide was due to grief.

While Hal was kicking the tenants of the house in the rear became alarmed. Several ran into the West Twentieth station next door, and told Policeman Hughes. Before the officer reached Hal the latter had accomplished his end.

The outcry among the clergy that New Yorkers are not bothering much about religion, is borne out strikingly by the figures from the building department for the last seven years, from 1882 to 1905, inclusive. Roughly speaking 299 churches have been built in the last eleven years to take care of a growth of population represented by 17,000 dwellings and 260 hotels. Each of the new faithhouses, 12,700 in number, contains an average of at least forty persons of church-going age—66,000 persons. Each of the 1,300 dwellings, most of them two-family affairs, holds, on an average, ten persons—40,000 in all. The 260 hotels, many of them skyscrapers, are estimated to accommodate 100,000 persons. Thus, the total increase in church-going population, according to the building department statistics, is about 700,000 persons. As against this there are 190 new churches, mostly comparatively small affairs, as is shown by their limited average cost.

Sincerity Clothes. We label all Sincerity Clothes to protect ourselves as well as you. We can't make a mistake of tailoring or a misjudgment in cloth without learning about it at once. A kick in time saves us from nine. A book about young men's fashions (and other men's) free for the asking. It's worth more. Kuh, Nathan & Fischer Co. CHICAGO

PERSONAL NOTES. "Mothers' Day," which takes place next Sunday, will have a wider observance than ever, we are told. Somebody ought also to say a good word for "dads' day."

WESTON, Ocean-to-Ocean Walker. Said recently: "When you feel down and out, feel there is no use living, just take your bad thoughts with you and walk them off. Before you have walked a mile (things will look rosier. Just try it!" Have you noticed the increase in walking of late in every community? Many attribute it to the comfort which Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes, gives to the millions now using it.

(SATURDAY) May Sale of WAISTS Brandeis Stores. When you buy Gold Medal Flour be sure it is Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal Flour. This is important.

A Remarkable Purchase AT A Remarkably Low Price! Holmes Music Co., Mankato, Minn., sold to Hayden Bros. their entire stock of Musical Instruments, consisting of Pianos, Organs, Piano Players, Player Pianos, Small Instruments, Sheet Music, and Talking Machines. This entire stock will be on sale Saturday at a enormous savings in price. Watch Daily Papers for Descriptions and Prices. Don't forget the day of sale, if you wish to secure a real, incomparable bargain— Saturday, May 8, 1909 Hayden Bros.