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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 1909. M. T. WALKER, Notary Public.

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If Mayor Jim is not careful some Chautauque booking agency will lasso him.

By resorting to the use of a hand organ New York suffragettes will get a hearing at last.

Half a dozen men are said to control the meat supply of the country, but who cares if they will only put it over the plate?

Crop conditions are reported better than a year ago and Nebraska is up with the leaders, which will help matters along some.

Wonder if Edgar Howard is going to run his obituary notice of the death of "Popular Government" in Nebraska as a serial story?

Those charging lions in Africa could learn something to their advantage by consulting certain members of congress at Washington.

Sioux City has just opened a new auditorium, with a seating capacity of 2,500 people, erected at a cost of \$70,000. We congratulate Sioux City.

Thirteen men signed the call for the reorganization of the free trade party. No wonder they wanted to get somebody else in when they counted noses.

A Columbia professor says there was a time when man had six fingers on his hand. That must have been before the cannon cracker was invented.

Illinois is starting agitation for another primary law, which would indicate there was no intention to permit the state supreme court to get out of work.

A former French deputy slapped one of the cabinet members for accusing him of lobbying. Those French lobbyists are much more sensitive than our own.

Western railroad officials are smoother than their eastern brothers—they own the coal mines themselves instead of letting the railroad companies own them.

A Chicago judge has ruled that merely calling a man a grafter does not entitle him to recover damages. Possibly it does not detract from one's reputation in Chicago.

Reports from York are that the temperance workers on gathering there found themselves all at sea. We trust they had a full supply of seasickness medicine with them.

The Missouri river will still be open in December for any delegations to the waterways convention at Omaha who may want to show that the way to navigate is to navigate.

Omaha used to boast that it was one of the best paved cities in the country. We regret to report that we are not doing our full share these days in making good on that boast.

Tariff Bill to Conference.

The senate has passed the tariff bill and refusal of the house to concur in the senate amendments, has sent it to conference, where the final tariff measure will be agreed on.

The hue and cry raised by the democratic press has doubtless led many to believe all the tariff revision up to date has been upward instead of downward, but such is not the case.

One aspect must not be lost sight of and that is the necessity for revenue, which renders imperative duties on some articles which need no protection and higher rates on others than would otherwise be justified.

Promise of Currency Legislation.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the senate committee on finance and also of the joint currency commission, states in a public interview that he is confident the commission will be ready to report at the opening of the regular session of congress in December and that currency legislation will be taken up at once.

That our currency system is weak in many places and inelastic is generally conceded, and foreign financiers particularly are of the opinion that nothing but the tremendous resources of the nation have prevented disaster.

The legislation following the 1907 panic was admittedly only a makeshift and intended to continue in force only until the commission of which Mr. Aldrich is chairman could investigate and report and congress act with the light of that report.

Failure of Speaker Cannon to name the banking and currency committee for the house also beclouds the differences as between the ideas of Congressmen Fowler and Vreeland. Wall street financial papers have it that a central bank will be recommended, while some well-informed observers insist that the commission will favor asset currency to be issued as bank notes are at present, by any bank which puts up the required security.

Straightening the Map.

When Omaha was first surveyed as a townsite the streets were laid out according to a regular plan in the area comprised in the original town site. It stopped at that time at Twentieth street on the west. Since then the city has grown in all directions, with additions tacked on platted to suit the convenience of those interested in selling the property, and with little regard to the interests of the future Omaha.

The most flagrant example of this irregularity is to be found in the block from Twentieth street to Twenty-fourth, which has no cross streets whatever from St. Mary's avenue on the south to Dodge street on the north. Along the three east and west streets that are in the path of business development there is an uninterrupted stretch of four squares, with no connecting streets running north and south. In several other parts of the city this situation is repeated, although the urgency for opening up cross streets may not be so great.

same mistakes are paying a high price for their experience. They are opening thoroughfares and straightening or widening streets often at colossal outlay. If Omaha would avoid repetition of such costly undertakings it will go to it at once to perfect its street plan, and be fully prepared for the era of material growth and expansion which is immediately in front of our city.

The July Crop Report.

The July crop report of the Department of Agriculture, coinciding as it does with the information gathered by railroads and private parties, is most encouraging. The one note of reserve in the predictions of financiers and manufacturers has been the crops. Without exception these men have predicted not only a continuance of present business activity, but a still greater expansion in case the season's crops prove good.

There are several reasons why the session of the Georgia legislature promises to be a short one. There is no cash in the state treasury to pay salaries. The other reasons need not be mentioned.

Tom Johnson's Dream.

Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland has another scheme, this time not original with him, but borrowed. A charitable inclined man of wealth is donating \$25,000 a year to aid in uniting all the various "reform" movements into one, and Mayor Johnson proposes to raise more money and when the isms have been cemented tie them onto the democratic kite.

Lesson of the Slaughter.

For purposes of comparison bear these figures in mind: In the war with Spain the total number of officers who were killed in battle or died of wounds was twenty-seven; the total number of enlisted men who were killed in battle of wounds was 215—in all 242. In the battle of Santiago, lasting two days, there were 281 killed and 1,283 wounded on the American side. These losses were the price of a nation's independence. They came in the course of desperate warfare. Set them alongside the peaceful celebration of the "Fourth" and read the lesson.

AN EXAMPLE NEEDED.

The notable feature of the Roosevelt administration was the emphasis placed on law enforcement against rich corporations. President Roosevelt was inconsistent in his handling of the question, but, none the less, he emphasized with great accuracy the danger of corruption in high places.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A German specialist has prescribed beer for E. H. Harriman. Probably he did not have the heart to recommend champagne when he thought of the bill he is fixing up.

Prof. John Morse Ordway, widely known as educator and chemist died in his home at Saugus, Mass., at the age of 95 years. Prof. Ordway was ill only a few days and death was due to his incident to age.

President Eliot of Harvard (emeritus), is the only living American who could possibly rival Ambassador Bryce as a holder of university degrees. Dr. Eliot's last LL. D. made six of that sort gathered since 1869.

A beautiful drinking fountain to cost \$20,000 is bequeathed to the University of Pittsburgh by the will of the late Mrs. Eleanor Mason, in memory of her husband, Senator Christopher L. Mason. The will stipulates that the memorial fountain is to be erected in the new grounds of the university, if the trustees sanction the offer.

In Other Lands.

Side lights on what is transpiring among the West and Far West of the North.

The revolutionists of India are copying the methods of the revolutionists of Russia, who regard assassination as the only means of averting real or fancied wrongs. The murder of a British army officer and political agent in London by an East Indian anarchist parallels similar crimes in Russia and represents deep rooted indignation to existing government.

South Omaha has a new home rule police board made up of three non-partisan democrats appointed by the democratic governor at Lincoln. But the 8 o'clock closing law is doing business in South Omaha just the same.

Astronomers assert that on the shady side of the moon the temperature is 200 degrees below zero. If the man in the moon is able to stand that he would be just the person to send on a polar expedition.

Chancellor Von Buelow finds the task of separating himself from office a difficult one. The Kaiser wants certain revenues increasing public revenues pressed through the Reichstag. The Reichstag has pruned the taxing bill of some of the chancellor's cherished methods.

The making of the platforms in the next political conventions will be a most interesting feature. Or will anybody care what the planks are made of as they are to be disregarded anyhow?

The order just placed by the Harriman lines for 5,300 steel cars, at a cost of \$5,000,000, follows closely the placing by the Pennsylvania railroad of an order for some 10,000 cars constructed of that material.

The amazing thrift of the French people is strikingly shown in the variety and extent of their investments in home and foreign securities. According to an estimate recently published in Brussels the sum extracted from the French stock in the last two years to be lent to foreign states and cities reached the pretty total of four thousand million francs, or 180,000,000.

Writing about the forehandedness of Duesseldorf, Germany, Frederick Law Olmstead says the city "has established a special land fund to be used with a credit of \$2,500,000 furnished by city bonds. It is the business of this department to acquire land against the future needs of the city. It has power to sell and lease, and it is required to pay the interest on the bonds issued on its account out of the proceeds of this department in a fair and square in the real estate business. Whenever any other department of the city needs a piece of land held by the land fund, the lot is transferred and its value paid over to the fund by the department in question. Just how many European cities are in acquiring and holding aggressiveness in acquiring and holding land for miscellaneous purposes I cannot say, nor can I say whether the policy has had much influence as yet upon the physical plan of the cities concerned. But if it is pursued with tolerable intelligence and is supplemented by the already notable tendency of systematic city planning to bring about a reasonable, convenient and equitable distribution of playgrounds, squares, parks and sites for school houses and other public buildings."

In Europe it is generally held that men from the rural parts of the country, make the best soldiers and that the townsmen, who are better educated but have also a clearer perception of the dangers and discomforts of war, sponge when in their throes up the money of the state. The opinion there is no use in continuing the fight. The famous Boer guerrilla leader, Christian de Wet, thinks differently, and in a speech he made to some South African soldiers the other day he gave very striking evidence in favor of educated school learning because he had never had the chance, but that during the three years of the war he had gone through the bravest and most trustworthy soldiers were those who had received a good education. At the end of the war 80 per cent of those who still remained under arms on the Boer side were men of learning. Nearly all the prisoners of the back-seller had abandoned the struggle and gone home. That, said De Wet, was his experience, and therefore he rejoiced in the spread of education in the Transvaal.

Three months ago Japan discovered a case of corruption in which members of the Diet and directors of the Japanese Sugar company were snuggled together. The directors of the Sugar company were forced to resign, the shares of the company dropped sixty points in the market and now twenty-three public officials, former and present members of the Diet, have been sent to jail for complicity in the scandal.

When Paris does anything, it does it on a grand scale. The municipality of Paris is preparing to expend \$100,000,000 in improving and beautifying the city. Of this about \$100,000,000 is to go in the way of improvements and the purchase of additional parks and playgrounds, and the other \$100,000,000 is to be spent in adorning the city.

DEMOCRACY'S GREAT NEED.

True Leadership and Principles Insure New Life. New York World (dem.)

The correspondent of the World who asks if the democratic party is going the way of the old whig party is representative of a large and dependent class. He would be a wise man who could forestall the fate of any political party, but it is not probable that democracy will pass as did whiggery.

American whigs were in fact democrats

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with broader views of national powers and like present day republicans, inclined to mix business with politics. Whigs had a few distinctive ideas involving finance, economy and internal development which were hostile to the old democratic creed, but as to fundamentals there was little difference between whigs and democrats.

SUNNY GEMS.

"Did you spend a quiet Fourth?" "Oh, yes, Jimmy's toy cannon exploded and blew off two fingers, and Willie accidentally set the house on fire, but otherwise we had very little excitement, considering the day."—Baltimore American.

"The smell of smoke certainly does make me ill." "Then why do you allow your husband to smoke so much in the house?" "I might as well. When my husband isn't smoking the chimney he's—Baltimore American.

"I'm a night watchman."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"That unfortunate person I'm not at home," said the man who takes debt.

"That's what he told me to tell you," answered the janitor. "He says your home is somewhere else, and here's your notice to move."—Washington Star.

Thackeray, with a few rapid strokes of his pen, had just killed Colonel Newcome. "At last," he said, "I've got even with them."—BAYOLL NE TRELLE.

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What did Willie do on the Fourth? Dandified Chauncey, with groomed finger tails; Sweet, gentle Chauncey, whose very heart quails; At the boom and the bang, the slip and the tix; Well, Chauncey, dear boy, the startling fact is— Went screeching around at a pretty swift rate; His hat was a preceptious gait; And the reason he ran, you will please bear in mind— A great nigger-chaser was there close behind.

Look Cool. To keep cool, look cool. It's half the trick in hot weather. Half-lined serges fill the bill completely. There are two-piece fancy mixtures in light weight worsteds and other tropical weight fabrics here in full variety. Our display of soft summer shirts and summer underwear are most attractive. Bathing Suits Are Ripe. You'll be wanting a bathing suit very soon now. There's lots of pleasure in tossing and tumbling about in the water, if you're inside a good bathing suit. One of Your Own. Not one ordinary rented affair. We've all styles—plain or fancy colors, \$1.00 to \$3.50. Just Arrived. Some new white negligee shirts, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Browning, King & Co. CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS AND HATS, FIFTEENTH AND DOUGLAS STREETS, OMAHA. R. S. WILCOX, Mgr.