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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 13th day of November, 1909. M. F. WALSH, Notary Public.

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It does not look quite so serious for the Syrians.

What the disarranged Poe lock at the Soo needs may prove to be a cryptographic key.

The train-robbing industry will not be quite so popular in this vicinity for some time to come.

Dr. Elliot appears to consider it a part of his new religion to scuttle the Alaskan coal pirates.

It only remained for the Land of Steady Habits to add a dash of nutmeg to tickle the presidential palate.

Governor Shallenberger has released his Thanksgiving proclamation. It is up to Mayor "Jim" to join loose.

"Mary Jane's Pa," having gone on the war path, the rival forces seem to be doing a Savage dance to the strains of Dixie.

With "Bob" Burdette back in good health in his pulpit, Los Angeles may renew its claim to being a land of perpetual sunshine.

Assignment of a surgeon to command the Solace should not be taken by the line officers that there is no solace left to them.

The fight over the division on the reward for the capture and conviction of those train robbers will next occupy the center of the stage.

Mr. Bryan is going to South America to find out whether the voice of the people calls him to run for United States senator in Nebraska.

From the vigorous punishment inflicted on Michigan students for imbibing juice of the vine one may conclude that Ann Arbor is no grape arbor.

President Lowell of Harvard evidently believes that athletics is a form of life insurance, of which a man ought to carry all that he can stand.

Although seven females suffered from the excessive activity of the Cleveland bigamist, he was convicted and sentenced for mail frauds. More sex discrimination.

Now that they have buried the empress dowager, it is fair to assume that the lady is really dead, though one can't most always sometimes tell about these Chinese diplomats.

Coincident with the announcement that a "man higher up" has been caught in sugar frauds comes a boost in the price of sugar. Thus are the sweets of harmony maintained.

In architecturally adapting itself to its environment the big city church is departing from the ancient staidness of ecclesiastical construction. But why shouldn't a church be a skyscraper?

If the traffic officials are sincere in their announcement of a new faith that the roads will gain most by fair dealing with the public they will find that the public, like Barks, is willing.

This shoe family is getting to be ubiquitous. A little while ago it was Take-a-shoo, and now Guss Ingashu is leading up prominence clear from the African wilds. That's a long shoo-fly from the Arctic.

Governor Shallenberger says we have much to be thankful for. We trust he will be able to convince some of those who feed on democratic newspapers that would have them believe everything has gone wrong.

Character in the Immigrant.

Secretary Nagel's utterance, voicing his conviction of the Syrian's fitness for citizenship, that personal character and not racial antecedent should determine the reception we accord the immigrant, is sound philosophy that will commend itself to every thoughtful American.

Altogether too much attention has been devoted to other matters than character in seeking to devise ways to regulate the influx of immigration. Original nationality is not the true test; there are desirables and undesirable in every land. The possession of money cannot truly determine; the rascal often finds it easier to provide himself with sufficient funds than does his honest kinsman, and the head tax can be made to defeat its own purpose.

Personal qualities are the test of the man in every community. In his industrious, sober, honest, is he truth-telling, on the square? The answer to this question determines the welcome of the stranger. Rugged exterior, absence of book learning, should not prejudice against the newcomer, nor should the fact that the capital with which he must pay his way consists of a strong pair of empty hands.

Race for Naval Supremacy.

The recent panic of England concerning German preparedness for war acquires a new significance in the official announcement from Washington that the German navy has leaped from fourth into second place in actual fighting sea strength.

The burden of this race for naval supremacy is emphasized by the knowledge that, although our government is perfecting the heaviest naval program that it ever yet carried on, the tonnage involved is less than half of the amount of construction under way in either Germany or Great Britain.

For those who believe that it is the man behind the gun that counts there may be some comfort in reflecting that the United States as always leads all countries except Great Britain in the strength of official and enlisted personnel.

Despise Not the Old.

Recent experiences demonstrate that in the matter of transportation it is not wise to despise the old things utterly with the advent of the new, for necessity may impel us to return to the methods neglected if not discarded. The canal towpath, which became a stock subject for jest, has been enabled by the Suez and Panama undertakings, and in the present day of traffic complications is fast coming into its own.

The steam locomotive proves to have been extremely premature with its threat to relegate the canal to complete oblivion. Pokey thought that humble highway of traffic may be, the possibilities of its usefulness have only just begun to be discerned. Toledo and Chicago and the places between have extensive railroad facilities, and the proposed canal will cost a prodigious sum, but the need for additional means of transportation indicates that there is no limit to the value of a mode of commerce that not long ago seemed outdistanced and exhausted.

Interruption of News Channels.

The easy-going dismissal of personal worries over the silence of the absent, with the remark that "no news is good news," hardly applies in the case of interruption of established channels of intelligence. No news was bad news in the ominous silence that greeted the vain effort to raise Charleston after the earthquake, which the American people could for some time only wildly guess at. A similar lull preceded news of the devastation at Galveston, and cables were interrupted by the tremors attending the Martinique catastrophe.

It was a matter for grave concern, therefore, when the days extended into a full week with no tidings from Jamaica nor any ready means for obtaining information as to why the cables had gone out of commission.

In Other Lands

The industrial development of Germany in recent years is the subject of an enthusiastic sketch in the Review of Reviews, by Bernard von Schulse-Gaevernitz. The writer is justified in pointing with pride to national progress in this and other lines since united Germany succeeded a collection of rival states.

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The Visit of the Japanese.

Omaha is next on the itinerary of the visiting Japanese commissioners who are making a tour of inspection with a view to posting themselves on the conditions of agriculture, commerce and industry in the United States.

When the Japanese look over Omaha we believe they will find here more than anywhere else the typical inland city serving as the market town for a vast area of rapidly developing agricultural country.

As a railroad center they will find Omaha to be the gate city of the west, the main valve on the artery of trans-continental traffic.

If they inquire into our history they will find here a community of nearly 200,000 people, including the suburbs, which has grown up on the edge of the prairie within a little more than fifty years.

Our Japanese visitors will have covered a vast area and stopped at all of the most important industrial centers in the country, in each of which they will have been impressed with claims of superiority along particular lines. Notwithstanding this, Omaha may rest confident that their visit here will make them underscore Omaha on their maps and that they will take away with them many suggestive observations and ideas.

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ROYAL Baking Powder advertisement featuring an image of a tin and a basket of grapes. Text: 'Grapes—delicious, healthful—give the most valuable ingredient, the active principle, to ROYAL Baking Powder. Insures wholesome and delicious food for every day in every home. NO ALUM.'

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Senator Daniel of Virginia has seventy-two majority in the legislature, insuring his re-election. At the last round-up seventeen aspiring candidates for mayor of Boston were branded. Several mavericks are believed to be running loose.

BANKER J. KENNEDY'S LOYALTY

Recollections of Famous Harriman-Hill Struggle. The death of John S. Kennedy recently removed another of the fast diminishing group of old-time bankers and railroad men who were active in 1901, when he did much to develop the west and add to our banking connections abroad.

Mr. Kennedy figured prominently in the negotiations attending the organization of the Northern Securities company. His holdings of Northern Pacific stock were so large as to bring him the Morgan syndicate from the opposition forces in 1901, when efforts to wrest control from the Hill-Morgan faction led to the sensational "corner" episode of May 9 with the quotation of 1,000 for Northern Pacific stock.

Mr. Kennedy's own holdings were not disclosed, but in speaking to a friend of the tempting offers made, Mr. Kennedy said: "We could have gotten all kinds of prices for the stock, but not one of my friends would have sold me out to stick to Morgan and Mr. Hill. We got out to stick to them, and no offer, however tempting could induce us to sell our holdings at a time when to do so would have meant possible disaster for the Morgan side."

The prospects of an early general election in Great Britain draws attention to two factors in the contest who rarely pose in the spotlight. It is part of their political duties on the campaign trail, measure the trend of public sentiment and report to party leaders from time to time. J. Percival Hughes for the conservatives and Sir Robert Hudson for the liberals are regularly employed party managers, the first named receiving a salary of \$10,000 a year and the latter \$12,000. The duties are extensive, and very important to their parties. To them is committed the task of noting the public pulse, directing district agents, discussing reported political party finances, in a political crisis such as now impends, the reports of these managers largely influence the minds controlling the direction of affairs and the policies to be pursued in certain contingencies.

These cheery Austrians whose joy over the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina made a Viennese holiday are now sharply reminded that they who dance must pay the piper. The Austrian treasury has a large juicy deficit, and the finance minister proposes to do the usual thing in such cases—pile on more taxes. An increase in the tax on incomes, dividends, inheritances and spirits has been decided on, and two brand new ones proposed, one on backlogs of public service, and one on those who have no children. Truly the joy of working and striving in Europe nowadays must be limited to the precious few who can dodge the attention of the tax gatherer.

Nebraska Porkers in Oregon. Oregon Journal. Oregon saw a strange sight yesterday. Three carloads of Nebraska hogs arrived at Portland, consigned to the Union stock yards. They were not brought under contract, but were consigned by the Nebraska shippers to be sold in the open market at the yards. It is the first shipment of the kind in Portland, and probably the first to the coast. Nebraska hogs have been brought here under consignment to the purchaser, but not before under a consignment in which the shipment had to run the chances of a sale by competitive bidding. The lot went to Tacoma buyers.

Let the Tests Go On. Buffalo Express. In the International Congress on Alcoholism a lively debate arose over the question as to the effects of liquor when consumed in small quantities. As no agreement could be reached, it was concluded to postpone the subject for further investigation. In the meantime it may be assumed that multitudes of people will continue to practically study the question for themselves in all its aspects, without waiting for the decision of an international congress.

Two Grades of Judicial Law. Boston Globe. Judge Mills says that the papers in the Astor divorce case were ordered sealed for the sake of the children, but all the same the granting of the divorce in three minutes procedure in the court and the complete secrecy obtained tend to sustain the contention of those who declare that there is no law for the rich and another for the poor.

Wise Old Graybeard. Washington Herald. A Nebraska judge has decided that a kiss does not necessarily constitute a proposal. His honor does not propose that there shall be one sort of law for the seashore and another for the interior.

Just His Wax. Boston Herald. After all the others get through naming the new supreme court judge, the president will offer his suggestion.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

Brooklyn Eagle. "This call to arms appeared in a recent issue of the Commoner: 'Wanted—Men who dare to stand for the Jeffersonian doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none.' There is no limit to the number. The more the merrier, always providing that they concede the usual exception to the rule. In any event, it will be enforced at the next national convention, the only question being who shall have second place on the ticket. For this distinction the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none obtains until Mr. Bryan expresses his preferences. After that it is different."

PASSING FLEASANTRIES.

"Pedestrians do not meet with much more than contempt in this rapid age of trolleys and automobiles." "No, but there is no need to speak of them so disparagingly. I hate to have them run down."—Baltimore American.

"The touring car had turned upside down, burying the motorist under it, but the village official was not to be so lightly turned from his duty." "It's no use you hidin' there, sir!" he said severely. "I must have your name and address."—Utica Herald.

"Friend—What is the title of your poem?" "Poet—'O, Give Me Back My Dream!'" "Friend—And what did the editor write to you?" "Poet—'Take 'em!'"—Cleveland Leader.

"I will give you a pointer." "Is it a tip on the nose or on stocks?" "Neither; it's a dog." "That's good, and in return I'll give you a setter." "Is it a good bird dog?" "No; it's a hen."—Houston Post.

"That stuck up Mrs. Gaddam won't speak to all the neighbors. She says she has to draw the line somewhere." "She was drawing it on the back fence this morning. You know, she has to do her own washing in Baltimore."—American.

"Here's a picture of a witch, mamma. See—the book says she has an evil eye." "We don't say 'evil eye' now, darlin'. We call it mental malpractice."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Are you running your railroad for the benefit of a few stockholders?" "I'm no umpire," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "If we pay big dividends the public complain and we don't do the stockholders' kinks. I'm inclined to maintain neutrality as a high-salaried official and let 'em fight it out."—Washington Star.

"Tell me the old, old story," stammered the heffress. "Well, the duke, 'I owe about \$2,000,000.'"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I'll say this for Alfred," remarked the boy's father; "he's patriotic, and is doing all he can to reduce the government's postal deficit. Ever since he went away to school he has written to me about four times a week asking for money."—Chicago Tribune.

ENCORE.

Oh, whither, little Bumble-Bee, Fray whither have you flown; We strive to see the space usurped That once was all your own; We miss your lively little buzz; They miss your stings who get 'em. When they opened up the Evening Bee And glanced down to the bottom. We pray thee little Bumble-Bee Why go you off to hide? The answer came on his true, But it is warm inside; The coal man needs your prodding sting. The foot ball field does, too. And that old Thanksgiving turkey— His train is almost done.

You see, old Mr. Bumble-Bee You shouldn't seek your hole When that old scorpion gets on About the frosty pole; When Teddy has not reappeared From chasing his nut about four times a week asking for money."—Chicago Tribune.

Come back, oh, truant Bumble-Bee That furnace stink will soon arrive. The great Corn shuck will advance And take in every tin; Here are splendid targets for your stings. We pray thee do not slight 'em.

Not errant Mr. Bumble-Bee, 'Tis no time for suspension; Of duty for the weather man; Will soon need some attention; So hearken Mr. Bumble-Bee, And where'er you roam Just buckle on your harness And make a beeline for home. Omaha. —BATOLE NE TRELE

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