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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 14th day of January, 1910. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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To the farmer: Be sure your seed corn is up to test.

As a weather prophet the ground hog is evidently subject to occasional relapses.

Mr. Bryan says that we in Nebraska have a high license law which is "one of the best of its kind in the union."

Claimants for that train robbery reward money are still coming in. It's a great lottery, and the worst anyone can draw is a blank.

It was not the fault of Governor Shallenberger and his democratic legislature that they did not get the scalps of the members of the State Normal board.

After paying \$600,000 back duties to the United States government the sugar trust will be more apt to revive the old doctrine about honesty being the best policy.

A go-to-church campaign is about to be started in Omaha. Results may throw new light on the question why so many people prefer to stay at home or go somewhere else.

Too bad Mr. Roosevelt has not been told about the number of the wolves in northern Italy, which have become so dangerous that troops have been sent out to kill them off.

Now that the old market house is removed from Capitol avenue, it will be in order for an enterprising railroad to reach out and take possession of the street thus vacated.

The Dahmians are talking about organizing a flying squad to attend the democratic valentine party at Lincoln. Just remember in Lincoln it's after 3 o'clock all the time.

The efforts of President Gomez of Cuba to muzzle those newspapers opposed to his administration would indicate that the administration may have something to cover up.

Because Peary has given that check for \$10,000 to the fund for the discovery of the south pole is no reason why it will become epidemic to treat \$10,000 checks as recklessly.

It now looks as if congress might stretch the \$1,000,000 for Missouri river improvement over the whole stretch from the mouth to Sioux City. That would be decidedly better.

So long as the numerous investigations into the cause of the high price of living do not stop short of the facts and do not last longer than a generation, we are not going to find fault.

We still insist that as a devoted follower of Mr. Bryan, Edgar Howard, whose loyalty has never been suspected, should not be accused by the Commissioner of "trying to make him the laughing stock of the country."

G. M. Hitchcock has sold a building for \$2,000. It's not that he is a bully senatorial campaigner. He speaks for the first time—Western Laborer.

Not so fast. When G. M. lets loose of his \$50,000 he will expect to enlist more than fifty boosters with it.

The report now is that the Nearman, insurgent general retreated toward the enemy. This mistake will probably account for the fact that there has been a riot fought in the Central American battle.

Taft Stands Firm.

The address delivered by President Taft before the New York Republican club at its Lincoln day anniversary banquet rings out clear and unmistakable. Mr. Taft stands firm by the pledges made in the republican national platform, upon which he was elected, and he shows no signs of weakening before the pressure of those who fear his program will disturb business or departing from the path he mapped out in order to follow extremists advocating more radical measures.

Mr. Taft serves definite notice on the trust magnates and Wall street gamblers that he does not intend to shape his course to meet their desires, but on the contrary that if prevailing methods of corporate finance and corporation management conflict with the restrictions imposed by law these methods must be changed to conform with the legal requirements and persistent offenders will only invite prosecution and punishment.

If Mr. Taft was expected to say something that would reassure Wall street and allay its restlessness his pronouncement may be disappointing in some quarters, but it will have vigorous applause from the people as a whole and should have the cordial approval of all who are engaged in legitimate business and who have nothing to fear from a sensible and rational enforcement of the laws against combinations in restraint of trade, fraudulent stock watering and evasion of just obligations to the government.

Mr. Taft's speech before the New York Republican club is almost in the nature of an accounting for the first year of his administration, and reassertion of his determination to make it the keynote of his administration "to clinch the Roosevelt policies," to use his favorite expression. As such it will be accepted as proof positive of his good faith and fixedness of purpose.

Haskell in Hot Water.

Governor Haskell of Oklahoma is again brought into the limelight on a charge of irregularity in handling state funds. A trial is in progress in Guthrie to determine the legality of certain state expenditures and the employment of certain men on private work at state expense. One of the men, O. T. Smith, a personal private secretary to the governor, was mixed up with him, it will be remembered, in the Muskogee township bond deal.

Ever since the organization of the state of Oklahoma has been a scandal of some sort, being aired in its courts, on charges of graft and irregularity on the part of the state officials. Governor Haskell has had his hands full most of the time defending himself, and several times since his election he has faced serious accusations. Last winter he was brought into the public eye for harboring in Oklahoma certain characters who were wanted in Texas and Arizona for criminal offenses of various degrees of seriousness, and he turned them over only when forced to do so by federal authority.

Shortly after the last presidential campaign Governor Haskell found himself indicted for participation in townsite frauds, and while demanding trial on the merits he had behind every possible technicality of the law. That he would allow the suspicion to stand and not insist on being vindicated could reflect little glory on the Oklahoma executive.

Oklahoma has been under democratic control since its admission to the union. That particular fact would not ordinarily be considered more than a mistake, but for the succession of rows, investigations, indictments, lawsuits and what not, involving the honesty and integrity of the governor and associated officials. And it is not to be forgotten that Governor Haskell was slated to be secretary of the treasury had the fortune of politics in 1909 turned in favor of the democratic candidate for president.

Canada and the Mother Country.

"If England is attacked," said Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian premier, recently, "we are liable to attack, although I do not say that we shall all be attacked, nor that we shall take part in all the wars of England. In that matter we shall have to be guided by circumstances upon which the Canadian Parliament will have to act."

In this statement Sir Wilfred Laurier has almost said that in case of a war between England and any other power Canada will use her own judgment as to acting as an English ally or as a neutral. That this would be the case if war broke out between England and the United States is hinted as strongly as Sir Wilfred, under existing circumstances, could well do. That he wishes to indicate that peace on the North American continent is of paramount interest to Canada is very evident.

It must not be thought that Canada is not loyal to England, for that is not true. A spirit of loyalty toward England is more evident in Canada now than ever before. But Canada is fast developing into a great nation by herself and her great men, realizing that fact, are not going to jeopardize the possibilities of that development by rash acts in the defense of policies for which Canada is not responsible. Canada will not strike for independence from England so long as relations with the mother country are as kindly as they are. It could have its independence if it wanted it, for Canada is a powerful country in resources and in men, and England could hardly prevent it. But it wishes evidently only to work for the best inter-

ests of Canada under the very satisfactory existing conditions and exercise the greatest concern that its progress may not be interrupted.

Again the False Prophet.

Republicans who have been giving aid and comfort to the democrats with any expectation that the democrats will accord them appreciative recognition or reciprocal favors by extending a helping hand to republican insurgents should take heed of the notices repeatedly served through Mr. Bryan's Commonsense, of which this is the latest: Let it not be forgotten that the fight to be waged by the friends of popular government is against the republican party. This party has been in power so long that all sorts of official corruption have thrived under its administration. That party must be driven from power if popular government is to be preserved.

This does not sound very much like a prelude to the democrats taking the republican insurgents into their bosom, but rather as a warning that the democrats are lavishing encouragement on so-called insurgents simply to use them as stepping-stones, later to be kicked aside.

It sounds very much like some previous democratic fulminations from the same source. In 1896 we were told that the republican party must be driven from power and 16 to 1 free silver be substituted for the gold standard or the country would never regain prosperity.

In 1900 we were told that the republican party must be driven from power or the gentle McKinley would become a military dictator and the bogie of imperialism would uproot all our free institutions.

In 1904 we were told that the republican party must be driven from power or Theodore Roosevelt would be a second "man on horseback" and the odious trusts would dictate to him his every act.

In 1908 we were told that the republicans must be driven from power, and the slogan, "Let the people rule," nailed to the mast or the ship of state would founder and the shipwreck would leave no salvage.

On each of these occasions the people declined to be intimidated by such threats from false prophets, and the country has gone steadily forward under republican administration enjoying unprecedented prosperity and correcting industrial evils and governmental abuses as they have arisen.

It will be up to the people to say whether there is any more call now for turning to the democrats as saviors of popular government than there has been since they heaved a sigh of relief when the last democratic president went into retirement after four years of panic and calamity.

The First Six Months.

At the close of Cleveland's second administration democratic leaders made the excuse for the terrible condition in which national affairs were found to be, that the principles of the democratic party had not had a fair trial to prove by practical application that they were good. It is evident from the criticism of democratic leaders that they have not been willing to give even six months, in which to let the Payne tariff law demonstrate its superiority over the Dingley law. This in consistency is well pointed out by President Taft in his speech in New York when he says:

"The amount of misrepresentation to which the tariff bill in its effects as a downward revision bill was subjected has never been exceeded in this country, and it will doubtless take the actual operation of the tariff bill for several years to show to the country exactly what the legislation and its effects are."

Six months' time hardly affords a fair trial for a new revenue law, especially when every known influence has been brought into play to deceive the general public as to the changes made and their actual working effects, and yet the figures computed to show the first six months' receipts under it are decidedly creditable to the claims of the new tariff law. As a matter of fact democratic leaders would cry "bad faith" no matter what tariff law were enacted, so long as it retained protective duties, or even if it adopted democratic ideas on the subject of the tariff. The effort to hold the new tariff responsible for the high cost of living is a similar piece of insincerity which the president quickly puntes.

Who Are the Losers?

Guggenheim copper stocks depreciated \$10,000,000 in five hours the other day owing to a raid that is alleged to have been made by E. Morgan because the Guggenheims had refused to take his advice in connection with the formation of the much talked of copper merger. Don't make the mistake of supposing that the Guggenheims are the ones who will lose the \$10,000,000. The loss will be sustained by a lot of people who did not have money enough to enable them to cling to copper stock which they had bought before the raid was started. It may be difficult, therefore, for the layman to understand how the Guggenheims were punished, but what right have laymen to expect to understand these things, anyway?

Wholesale and Retail Prices

Marked Difference in the Price Up-Shift in Both Lines. Indianapolis Journal. In the figures sent to the Senate by the Department of Commerce and Labor showing the percentage of increase in wholesale and retail prices of staple articles of food between the years 1909 and 1908, only four out of the thirteen articles mentioned show that the percentage of increase in the retail price has been greater than the percentage of increase in the wholesale price, viz: Butter—Wholesale, 24%; retail, 30%; Creamery, extra, 25%; dairy, 24%; retail, 30, no quality mentioned. Coffee—Wholesale, 30%; retail, 5. Dressed Mutton—Wholesale, 24%; retail, 25. Ham—Wholesale, 21%; retail, 25. The other nine articles show greater increases in the wholesale price: Bread—Wholesale, 21%; retail, 48. Cheese—Wholesale, 25%; retail, 25. Eggs—New laid, wholesale, 34%; retail, 35. Lard—Wholesale, 63%; retail, 22. Beef—Wholesale, fresh, 114%; salt, 45; retail, 145. Bacon—Wholesale, 45%; retail, 59. Milk—Wholesale, 30%; retail, 31. Potatoes—Wholesale, 11%; retail, 25. Wheat Flour—Wholesale, spring, 43; winter, 28; retail, 24; no quality indicated.

If to the ordinary buyer for domestic use some of these figures appear rather conservative—in meat products, for instance—it must be remembered that these are 1908 prices, which were considerably lower than the prices of 1909. This is shown by Bradstreet's commodity index, which in 1909, ranged between 8,299 on January 1, which was the low point of the year, while the index number for January 1 of this year was 9,250, the highest point it has ever attained.

Washington Life

Some Interesting Phases and Conditions Observed at the Nation's Capitol.

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SAME OLD STORY.

Another Marriage for Title Scandalizes Americans. Chicago Inter Ocean. Vienna witnessed on Tuesday another of those spectacles which make all decent Americans think of the "international marriage" as a national disgrace.

It was the raiding by halliffs of the residence there of Prince Miguel of Braganza, an unsavory offshoot of the reigning family of Portugal. The interest and the disgust of Americans in what would be otherwise only the adventure of a European profiteer with his lawyers—how as the wedding day approached he was found to be in pawn at a hotel and his future mother-in-law had to pay his bill and send him railroad fare—how his progress to the altar was one continuous dodging of sheriff's officers.

Now comes this spectacle in Vienna, for the scandal of which European public opinion holds the American wife to blame. Has she not millions, and is it not her duty, from European viewpoints, to pay her husband's debts? On what other consideration has the American girl been allowed to call herself "Princess of Braganza?" And more scandals are promised. It seems that there is a "syndicate" of Prince Miguel's creditors, who say that they are agreed to pay them 20 per cent, of \$1,000,000, out of the "dowry" of \$5,000,000 received, and that he has not paid. In other words, it seems that Prince Miguel has capitalized and promoted and underwritten for the marriage market and the promoters are threatening to go to law to recover their vendor's commissions.

Laugh! What utterly disgusting affairs are all these "alliances" between American women of wealth and European "men of title" sooner or later turn out to be! What outrages upon every sense of American decency with respect to the marriage relation and the considerations out of which it should arise they are!

Hot Race to South Pole. Philadelphia Bulletin. If the National Geographic society's project to send an expedition to find the south pole shall materialize in accordance with the suggestions of Peary, the feature which will be apt to attract the most popular attention will be the fact that this enterprise will be conducted in virtual rivalry with a British scheme to achieve the same end. While scientists scrupulously the undertaking as an important step in research, the average man will probably view it chiefly as an interesting race between the two nations for the lower pole.

An Offset. Washington Herald. President Taft's complaint that "nobody ever drops in at the White House" is nicely balanced by Emperor William's complaint that everybody seems bent on stopping in at the royal palace in Berlin.

Our Birthday Book. February 14, 1910. Judge Smith McPherson was born in Indiana, February 14, 1848. He located at Red Oak and became district judge, and then member of congress, being appointed United States district judge for the southern district of Iowa by President Roosevelt in 1909.

"Moggy" Bernstein is 34 years old today. His official title is chief probation officer and his real name is Moses. "Moggy" started out as a newsboy, and in charge of the newspapers for The Bee, but has branched out into various lines of business and is now himself a publisher in the person of the Moggy Publishing company.

Philip Potter, manager for Nebraska of the American Surety company of New York, was born February 14, 1845, in Baltimore. He was educated at Hobart college and Brown university, and was in the mercantile business before he located in Omaha in 1866.

Henry Hiller, proprietor of the Hiller Liquor company, is celebrating his birthday today. He is a native of Germany and lived in Red Oak before locating in Omaha. "If it comes from Hiller's, it must be good."

A VALENTINE. S. E. Kiser in Judge. A valentine I wait for you; In balling form, you wrought. Its graces may, alas, be few, But with my dearest hopes 'tis fraught. If he be lame in theme or plot, Condemn me, for the fault is mine; But pity my unhappy lot— Oh, please accept my valentine!

There may be others, it is true. That please your friends and have not Such faults as mine present to view. The laden postman may have brought A thousand and a hundred more; Each voicing hope in every line; But let this token all unguish— Oh, please accept my valentine!

If there are any rhyme askew Or any "it" that lacks a dot, O'erlook the fault, I pry thee do! For I have done my best, God wot! In love's sweet service men have fought, Nor more have battled, I opine. For true sweet words are hard to find— Oh, please accept my valentine!

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