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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1910. M. E. WALKER, Notary Public.

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The stability of Mexico is also reflected in the strength of its tomatoes.

Senator Stone has a bad cold. Probably forgot and went out without his gum shoes.

Now, count the lame ducks in that army of applicants to judicial positions, if you can.

A Cincinnati reformer threatens not to rest until kissing is done away with. Oh, pretzels!

A St. Louis woman says her husband never told her a lie in his life. What, his whole life?

Lady Hamilton's biography is out, but public morals are fairly well fortified by the price—\$140.

Bishop Beecher is forcibly reminded that he is still in a life "where thieves break through and steal."

In spite of the steady literary output, bookmaking as a sporting proposition is still on the wane.

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During November the Philadelphia mint coined \$5,700,000. So that is where that new dollar came from.

Arizona's constitution contains only 16,000 words. Probably it thought to leave room for plenty of amendments.

Too bad President Taft could not have pleased the democratic organ of Omaha in his supreme court appointments.

We hope none of Colonel Waterston's campaign rosters gets mixed up in that flock of lame ducks at Washington this winter.

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal asks if a senator should be allowed to frank his typewriter home. If he can do it without his wife catching him, yes.

A paper that publishes an editorial comment on the president's message, three columns long is scarcely in a position to criticize the length of the message.

One of Chicago's most eminent thugs was recently betrayed by a handkerchief. He probably had embroidered his initials in it. Too much fancy work.

Governor Hughes probably knew what he was doing when he refused to respond to the popular clamor to shove his whippers in anticipation of becoming chief justice.

Philadelphia suggests that St. Louis be made the headquarters of the Tightwad club. Some Quaker youth probably was fitted by that 18-year-old maiden in the Missouri city who inherited \$30,000,000.

Lou Etter's promotion from the position of assistant to that of postmaster at South Omaha is a deserving recognition of a young man's ability. Mr. Etter has made good in his undertakings and will certainly make good as postmaster.

The Judicial Appointments.

President Taft in the appointment of a chief justice and two associate justices of the United States supreme court discharged one of the gravest duties devolving upon a chief executive, and it must be said that he has discharged it well, and with as much cause for general satisfaction as could reasonably be expected to follow such an important act.

Undoubtedly the president surprised many by not naming former Governor Hughes as chief justice, and yet the promotion of Associate Justice White would seem to be more in keeping with the natural dignity and character of the solemn tribunal. The office represents no additional power, but is a recognition of long and able service on the bench.

The appointment of Judge Lamar of Georgia gives the south four members—White, Lurton, Harlan and Lamar, and with Vandevanter added, the west has a fair representation. Of course, geography has never been a controlling factor in appointments to this court any more than has politics.

The political complexion is two democrats, Lamar and White, and seven republicans. Both the new members, Vandevanter and Lamar—whose appointments, it is assumed, will be confirmed by the senate—have had what might be regarded as special training to fit them for these high judicial duties, and both are eminent in the legal profession.

President Taft discounted the forebodings that he would take Commissioners Lane and Prouty off the Interstate Commerce commission and place them in the new court of commerce. This undoubtedly will gratify the shippers who have interests pending before the commission and feel that they would suffer had this change been made.

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Weeding Out Weak Banks.

The national banking system has made its greatest growth in the last ten years. It is a growth that has brought stability and security and paved the way to more substantial development. It is still subject to vital improvement. There are too many banks for one thing. This fact is recognized by the government and will be dealt with, and has already been dealt with to some extent.

We have had too much of the mushroom banking system, in spite of all efforts against it. It has shown itself in various forms and disguises, one of the latest of which is the bank guarantee, which invites a multiplicity of state banks without any actual protection that will stand a thorough test.

The Governor's Promise.

Governor-elect Aldrich paid a flying visit to Omaha on Monday and while here made two addresses, in each of which he made the same promise. It is practically the same promise that has been made by every governor who ever sat in the executive chair, and the easiest promise that anyone can make. The governor of the state cannot say less than that he will enforce the law as he finds it.

Some of Mr. Aldrich's statements are interpreted as applying especially to Omaha. If it is to be interpreted as meaning that Omaha requires special care and watchfulness on the part of the state executive the imputation almost amounts to a direct insult. The majority of the people of Omaha did not vote for Governor-elect Aldrich either at the primary or at the election, because a majority of the citizens of Omaha did not hold with him on certain of his pronounced views.

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Campaign Against Frauds.

Attorney General Wickersham presents a shocking list of frauds prosecuted, or to be prosecuted, by the government and discloses some very significant results in the form of penalties, but he admits by implication that his reasons is rather a sad commentary upon the disposition and policy of the people toward such matters.

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Army Gossip

Matters of Interest on and Back of the Firing Line Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

There has been a renewal of the discussion of the establishment of one or two additional schools of musketry for the army. The institution at the Presidio of Monterey, under the superintendence of Major George W. Melver, Twentieth Infantry, has reported in work of the greatest value.

We do not know that the jackass is a good symbol for the national democracy, but it certainly suits Tennessee—Charleston News and Courier.

That is what Tennessee gets for refusing to sanction murder; for electing as its governor a man whose only offense is being a republican.

The failure of the expedition to Washington is not going to be fatal to the Nebraska Postmasters' association, but may make that body a little more conservative. Its object should not be the perpetuation of postmasters in office.

Champ Clark continues to rail against the auto and declares he will not ride in one when he becomes speaker. If Champ wants to get right down to the real old Missouri simplicity let him ride a muley cow.

Governor-elect Aldrich may not please everybody by his appointments, but he will certainly be commended for some appointments he did not make—in connection with the office of food commissioner, for example.

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Fining a juror because he has accepted a bribe may purge the contempt of court, but it does not reach the bottom. The court should keep on until it gets the man who paid the bribe.

Now that a man has actually been wounded in a French duel we may look for even a stronger demand for the fists as the proper means of adjusting matters between gentlemen.

Opportunities Fettered Aways.

Mexico is very generous to Americans in the matter of concessions, and the dwarf variety of insurance now in progress there presents unusual possibilities.

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APPOINTED BY ALDRICH.

Beatrice Sum: Chief Aldrich's theory is to put the state institutions into the hands of competent men instead of turning the unfortunate wards of the state over to the care of political plugs.

Beatrice Express: The governor's selection for positions at the local state institution are very satisfactory to Beatrice and Gage county people.

York Times: Governor-elect Aldrich has already announced a number of appointments he proposes to make as soon as the time comes.

Kearney Hub: Entirely aside from any political consideration or a disposition to make suitable return for political support, Governor-elect Aldrich has done quite the right thing in announcing that he will retain Superintendent Manuel at the head of the State Industrial school in this city.

The War department authorities entertained the hope that the question of the type of army leggin had been permanently settled with the tentative approval of the recommendation from the infantry equipment board.

Rushville Recorder: Governor-elect Aldrich has already indicated his choice for many official heads of state offices, and so far as we can see, he has not lost much sleep over the matter.

It has been decided by the military authorities that the medical instruction camps which existed, to the number of five or six, last year should be held in alternating years so as not to conflict with the general maneuver camps held, for instance, this year and destined to occur again in 1912.

Under present conditions it is impossible to mobilize even one field medical organization at each camp, which situation makes it out of the question to give the best results to those who are in need of the demonstration or the instruction.

The War department has under consideration numerous requests from various cities for the assignment of troops to take part in tournaments.

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TWO-CENT FARES IN IOWA.

Rumors of a Concerted Attack on the Rate.

The eastern newspapers are publishing a story to the effect that a concerted attack is to be made on the 2-cent fare law of both Illinois and Iowa.

It is not yet determined whether the legislators in each state will be asked to repeal the 2-cent statute or whether an appeal for redress will be made to the courts. The broad ground to be taken will probably be that the 2-cent rate is confiscatory.

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PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

George L. Baer, chief of the anthracite coal unions, having heard from the courts that a hard coal combine was not visible to the judicial eye is justified in increasing the candle power on his halo.

Rev. Effie M. Jones, a Universalist minister of Iowa, is spoken of by the newspapers of Berlin as having made the greatest impression oratorically of all the speakers heard at the recent World's Congress of Free Christians and Religious Liberals.

W. C. Gladstone, the only grandson of the famous British statesman of that name, has been appointed secretary to Ambassador Bryce at Washington.

The portrait of Captain Daniel Edridge of Boston is to adorn with others, the "hall of heroes," a room in the new state capital of New Hampshire set aside for mementoes of the state's distinguished soldiers.

Upon returning from a palatial residence Wilfred remarked to his governess: "See, Mary, it was great! They had swell furniture and a brilliant career. In fact, everything in the house was swollen."—Judge.

"How did Billings save that high class comedy of his?" "By changing the scene of the third act to a chiropodist's studio."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SUNNY GEMS.

"I made five heads today," said the minister. "I married two couples before noon."

"That's only four. Where's the fifth happy heart?" asked the parishioner. "You don't suppose I married them for nothing, do you?"—Toledo Blade.

"What's the bearded lady so mad about?" inquired the armless wonder. "Somebody has sent her a Christmas catalogue of a safety razor factory," said the living skeleton.—Chicago Tribune.

"A man tried to pick my pocket yesterday on the street, but my wife prevented him. 'Did she grapple with him or just scream?'" "The latter. She wasn't there."

"Then how could she prevent him?" "She had been through my pocket first."—Baltimore American.

Neill—Hain't Mr. Felewatley proposed yet? "No,—no," but he has gone as far as to ask what time we have breakfast and whether mother is a good cook.—Chicago News.

"Do you and your wife agree?" "Oh, yes, always—at least, I do."—Cleveland Leader.

Knicker—Do you think women would vote for the best man? "Hooker—Certainly, the bridegroom wouldn't be noticed at all."—Judge's Library.

PETE'S ERROR.

Denver Republican. There's a new grave up on Boot Hill, where we've planted Kowdy Pete. He died one evening, sudden, with his leather on his feet.

He was Cactus Custer's terror with that work of art, the Colt. But somehow without warnin', he up and missed his hoit.

His favorite trick in shootin' was to grab his victim's right. Then draw his own revolver—and the rest was just good night."

He worked it in succession on nine stout and well armed men. But when a lookin' stranger made Pete's feet slip up at ten.

Pete had followed suit his program and had passed the fightin' word: He grabbed the stranger's right hand, when a funny thing occurred: The stranger was left-handed, which Pete hadn't figured out. And, afore he fixed his error, Pete was dead beyond a doubt.

It was just another instance of a flaw in work of man: A lefty never figured in the sun man's little plan. There ain't no scheme man thinks of that Dame Nature cannot beat—So his pupils are unlearnin' that cute trick they got from Pete.

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