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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1910.

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The ticklish question of the day is the newly frozen ice.

A word to the wise: Lay in supplies for "watch parties" in advance.

One can almost hear the leaves rustling in anticipation of being turned over.

If poetry is immortal, still it would not necessarily give a poet a clinch on eternal life.

Atlanta claims to have no growlers. Why should it, with state-wide prohibition in force?

Prof. James' spirit was the last scheduled to "come back," but thus far it has not arrived.

Mr. Bryan's letter is dated from Mission, Tex. At any rate, the peerless still has a mission.

When Los Angeles despairs of making herself heard by other means she touches off a new bomb.

Did you ever notice that when a bank fails there is always a crash? Must be the noise of falling money.

There is one class of men to whom the old saying, "Carve your fortune," should always apply—the surgeons.

It now develops that the Japanese invaders have not yet besieged California and there is no hope of saving the coast.

China probably would make greater progress with her new dispensation if she did not have so many Tonga in the fire at once.

In making your New Year's resolutions why not take inventory of the old ones you did not keep and simply rebuild them.

Still, the Brooklyn couple that became engaged in an airship can hardly expect to maintain the lofty ideals of their betrothal.

"Will you walk into my parlor?" said the spider to the fly. "Will you come into my caucus?" says the wet democrat to the dry.

The Bath Tub trust offers the novel plea of clemency. "Please, Mr. Judge, have mercy on us as we have had mercy on the public."

Another reason why men were not giving \$10,000,000 for world peace a century ago is that none of them could spare the money.

Lucky Baldwin's rabbit foot evidently was buried with him, for the regulation post-mortem scramble for his estate waxed furious.

Never mind, "Brother Charlie" will be on the ground at Lincoln to see to it personally that the democrats start their legislature off on the right foot.

Nearly everybody has resumed business at the old stand, trying to make enough in the coming year to pay up old Christmas bills and prepare for new ones.

"Big Tim" Sullivan fed 5,000 hungry mouths on Christmas day. But "Boss" Murphy still has a few smacking lips stuck up to him for that sensational pie.

Dulled Personal Honor.

The predicament in which Adams county, Ohio, finds itself as a result of years of vote buying and selling has its serious and comic sides, but the serious side is far the more conspicuous. It simply reveals a shocking condition of political morals.

Political corruption like this cannot consistently be laid to any particular system of nominating or electing candidates. Rather it is an exhibition of degraded morals among the people, reflecting a dulled sense of personal honor, a general lack of integrity and no fine-spun theories can get around that primal fact.

The machinery of politics in Ohio is not much different from the general machinery of politics over the country and, therefore, contained the key to self-reform. When the community awoke there were enough guiltless ones to compose a court, prosecuting counsel and a grand jury to lead the way out.

Preventing Mine Disasters. The wisdom of creating the federal bureau of mines is being vindicated in the government's discovery of some of the prime causes of such disasters as those at Cherry and other great mining centers.

Automobile Regulation. Our incoming secretary of state, Addison Vail, who will be charged with the administration of the law for registering and regulating automobiles, proposes some changes in the Nebraska statute, which by all means should be made.

NOT A SHOWING OF POVERTY. Prosperous Condition of Railroads Shown by Official Reports. The statistics of American railroad operation for the year ended June 30 last which are contained in the report of the Interstate Commerce commission fail to substantiate the argument of the roads for higher rates.

A Trust Asking Quarter. If, as reported, the so-called Bath-tub trust makes the plea for clemency as its defense against the charges of violating the anti-trust law, it will be fairly good evidence that the government has not been pursuing an innocent party.

Our Birthday Book. December 31, 1910. Wade H. Ellis, formerly utility general of the state of Ohio and later assistant United States attorney general, was born December 31, 1862, at Covington, Ky.

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Some folks have mighty peculiar ideas of what a policeman's duty is. If the police were to make a raid every time a telephone call came in with an unknown voice the patrol wagon would be kept busy persecuting innocents more often than guilty.

Over Mountains in Airships. Army officers are said to have become enthusiastic over Aviator Hoxsey's scaling Mount Wilson in his aeroplane as an illustration of what aeroplanes may mean to the wars of the future.

By tearing aside the beauty of the illusion and looking the subject squarely in the face, the army officers who exulted over the Hoxsey achievement must admit that Mr. Hoxsey is, thus far, in a woful minority. And he has no more than barely scaled this one peak himself.

A Disappointing Lead. Indianapolis News. By dismissing its civil suit and devoting its attention to the criminal prosecution of the members of the meat trust the government must make the packers feel that the game is not being played according to the well established rules.

Breaking the Fell. St. Paul Pioneer Press. Senators Aldrich, Hale, Burrows and Money, all retiring from the senate, are retaining their positions on the monetary commission at salaries of \$7,500 a year. Evidently some lame ducks are not going to endure much hardship.

From Gay to Grave. "Christmas Skaters Drowned," "Three Murders Result from Christmas Spruce," "Death in Christmas Candle," "Mistakee Berries Kill Six," and so on. We may have to take a leaf from the book of the Fourth of July and agitate for a safe and sane Christmas.

The Unarmed Policeman. Philadelphia Record. American policemen will learn with no little astonishment that London policemen are not allowed to carry revolvers.

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When our primary is opened still wider an error can help nominate candidates on all parties' tickets, every candidate will, of course, be permitted to seek nomination under each party label and pay but one filing fee.

Mr. Bryan writes to those eastern democrats that he could not think of attending their banquet for fear of striking a discordant note. In other words, he serves advance notice of his determination to stand by Bryanism and the last platform it put forth as the fundamental principle of democracy.

In Other Lands

Side Lights on What is Transpiring Among the Near and Far Nations of the Earth.

Advancing democracy is steadily loosening the grip of the powers that be in the old world. During the year several notable strides toward the goal of human rights have been taken.

China the movement toward constitutional government is progressing steadily. The pressure of the preliminary national assembly for a more advanced date than 1913 has been favorably considered by the throne and the announcement of an earlier date is expected with the Chinese New Year.

Portugal has expelled a king and proclaimed a republic and the new government is drafting a constitution to meet the changed conditions in the general empire which will be removed and the struggle of a century ago home rule in Ireland will come to a successful close.

Reports from American consuls in eastern Africa show that the last section of 100 miles of the Cape-to-Cairo railroad January 1 last, had a notably successful traffic year. The line extends from Khartoum to Wad Madani.

An epidemic of strikes in Portugal is causing uneasiness to the government authorities, as well as to the business community. A correspondent of a London journal, writing from Lisbon, says that the strikes arise from a discontent which is becoming dangerously widespread.

The German organ of cremation, Die Flamme credits the report that the pope is preparing a decree to authorize cremation, asserting that Pope Pius, X, is personally greatly in favor of cremation and that as Cardinal Sarto he made strenuous representations to Leo XIII, in order to procure the toleration point, Dr. Ubrich, a noted Bohemian physician, recently addressed a petition to the pope in which he set forth his reasons for praying that cremation might receive the official assent of the supreme pontiff.

An American consular report notes that the new commercial directory of Sicily has only three thin printed pages devoted to Messina, which formerly commanded the bulk of the directory. Commercial activities among the Sicilians are, though considerable life animates the place.

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Dr. H. E. Martin, physician and surgeon, was born December 31, 1882, at Council Bluffs, and was also educated in Creighton medical college. He makes a specialty of diseases of children.

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CRIMINAL LAW REFORMS.

Recommendations for Improvements in American Procedure.

The recommendation made by the special committee of the American institute of criminal law and criminology, appointed to investigate English criminal procedure, are not very radical, it appears. The investigators, John D. Lawson, dean of the law school of the University of Missouri, and Edwin R. Keedy, professor of law in Northwestern university, spent four months in England during the last year, attending the sessions of the criminal court of London, from the lowest to the highest, and witnessing also the sessions in one of the largest of the provincial cities.

Yet, in conclusion, the report presents to the American bar and people the following recommendations concerning possible improvements in American procedure: 1. All objections to the indictment should be made before evidence is heard, and errors in matters of form amended at once.

2. The presenting attorney and counsel for the defense should before trial confer and discuss the qualifications of the individual members of the jury panel and agree to the dismissal of any one clearly incompetent to be a juror.

3. The voir dire should be limited to the asking of questions strongly tending to show incompetency or bias in the present trial.

4. All prisoners on trial upon indictment, who are unable to employ counsel, should be furnished with legal assistance throughout the trial, including the arraignment.

5. The prosecuting attorney, instead of being a partisan, should investigate the case from a nonpartisan standpoint, and should make an impartial prosecution of the evidence to the jury.

6. The fee system wherever it exists, for the compensation of prosecuting attorneys, should be abolished.

7. Counsel for the prisoner should defend him by endeavoring to disprove his guilt, and never by injecting error in the record.

8. The trial judge should not be a mere presiding officer, but should take an active and controlling part in the trial. He should restrict counsel to the asking of relevant questions. He should promptly overrule and discourage technical objections. He should never permit counsel to intimidate or improperly to confuse a witness. He should sum up the evidence to the jury and direct them as to the law applicable thereto.

9. New trials should never be granted for technical errors, but only to prevent miscarriage of justice.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

In size and business the Illinois jackpots easily outclass any yet discovered in Adams county, Ohio.

In the opinion of a Tammany leader, any man who can sing "The Star Spangled Banner" without provoking a shower of cabbage, is fitted to break into politics.

Edward M. Shepard, candidate for United States senator from New York, announces that he stands against everything embodied in the new nationalism of Roosevelt.

Four of the newly elected governors have dodged the social blight of inaugural balls, for the reason, as given by Madam Grundy, that they are too homely to hang gold clothes on.

Governor-elect Wilson of New Jersey is slowly discovering that the task of controlling party bosses and the sacredness of political promises is harder one than any he bucked against at Princeton.

The towns of Cranston, R. I., has an attractive exhibit for a political museum. Mayor Sullivan refused an appropriation of \$1000 for his services. The honor of serving as first mayor of the town was all the compensation he wanted.

An Indiana woman of republican sympathies bet and lost on Beveridge and paid the bet like a true sport. The winner, a mere man, was given a full-fledged team, a theater party, taken to a picture show, a song recital and a carriage ride to his home. If the winner is a bachelor his fate is settled.

The first Ohio man known to have declined a public office is Granville M. Mooney, a former speaker of the house of representatives of the Ohio legislature. President Taft offered him a job in Porto Rico, but his family balked on going away from home and Mr. Mooney raised it up. Political Washington is shocked by the waning patriotism of the Buckeyes.

In a simple, unassuming way, the Ohio court which is dealing with the traffickers in votes in Adams county is disposing of the hundreds of indicted persons. The judge sits on one side of a plain table, the victim on the other, and this conversation usually follows: "How about it, John, are you guilty?" asked the judge. "I reckon, I am, Judge," is the usual reply. "All right, John, I'll have to fine you \$10 and you can't vote any more for five years. I'll just put a six months' workhouse sentence on top of that, but I won't enforce it as long as you behave." "All right, Judge, you've got the goods on me."

They were looking up at the noble figure of justice that adorns the courthouse. "Anybody would know this was the work of a man," said the woman of the party. "Just see how much to full he's out work skirt!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"That bad actor we saw the other day is sick, and wants a doctor." "Well, tell the butcher." "The butcher?" "Yes. Doesn't he know how to cure hams?"—Baltimore American.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again." "The road to hell is paved with pity reformer." "But a lot of aviators are liable to get hurt trying to keep her going."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

LAUGHING GAS.

"Are you going to make any good resolutions this year?" "Yes, one, and I am going to keep it." "What is it?" "Not to make any."—Baltimore American.

Upgradation—You are going on a journey next week without any idea where you will stop or how long you will be away? That sounds crazy. "At least I know it; I'm going to take a trip on the water wagon."—Chicago Tribune.

"Place your order for an automobile yet?" "Got an engagement today to examine the 1911 models in house mortgages."—Washington Herald.

"You're the waiter, aren't you?" "Yes, sir." "Well, you'll lose your job if you don't take care. I've been waiting here longer than you have."—New York Times.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light, The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new; Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient hatreds, petty strife; Ring in the nobler moods of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out, my mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowness of grief; Ring out the thousand wars of peace, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kinder hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Start Your Bank Account. It is not necessary to wait until you can make a large deposit. Make a beginning with ANY AMOUNT. Once started you will want to make it grow. Equal care and attention is given to every account, whether large or small. Come in and let us talk it over. Paying by Check is the Safe Way to Settle All Bills. First National Bank of Omaha. Thirteenth and Farnam Streets. Kearney Military Academy. Military Training combined with Academic and Business courses.