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DWIGHT WILLIAMS.

Circulation Manager.  
 Subscribed in my presence and sworn to  
 before me this 1st day of June, 1911.  
 (Seal.)

ROBERT HUNTER,

Notary Public.

Subscribers leaving the city tem-  
 porarily should have The Bee  
 mailed to them. Address will be  
 changed as often as requested.

The senate has the ball.

Why does Castro persist in being  
 lost? Who cares?

The weather man's popularity bar-  
 ometer is again rising.

A good rule of reason for the trusts  
 to act on is to get out and stay out of  
 politics.

Jack Johnson was our only titled  
 American at the coronation and Jack  
 earned his.

"Long live the king." But he would  
 not if he had many coronations to go  
 through with.

Evidently the coronation served to  
 promote the popularity of American  
 dollars in London.

Presumably, a man may keep his  
 coat on when dining in a restaurant  
 and still be a gentleman, too.

Ice bills 25 per cent to 35 per cent  
 bigger than they ought to be may help  
 explain the high cost of living.

The outlook is for a long, busy and stren-  
 uous session—Sioux City Journal.

We have not noticed the Outlook  
 advocating such.

If the water bonds should by any  
 accident miscarry, be ready to hear  
 a terrific noise like a marooned  
 mariner.

Now that the king is crowned, you  
 may fire that democratic gun in Par-  
 liament whenever you are ready,  
 Johnny Bull.

Folks may poke fun as they will at  
 Dr. Osler, but in England he is now  
 called "Sir" instead of plain "Doctor."  
 Advertising pays.

Salina, Kan., is running Yuma,  
 Ariz., a close race for the "other  
 place," having scored 114 points in  
 the shade Sunday.

A Kansas City couple has walked to  
 Washington. Which, meteorologically  
 speaking, looks like jumping out of  
 frying pan into the fire.

This game of catching auto speed-  
 ers is one that may be overplayed if  
 all the surrounding towns and villages  
 invest in motorcycles, too.

Chicago is said to be using gas  
 meters of fifty years ago. Evidently  
 gas meters and dogs are not alike  
 about learning new tricks.

Anselmo Bramcamp has been  
 elected the first president of Portugal.  
 His name sounds like a summer resort  
 in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The Missouri mule probably recalls  
 the sinking of the Maine with consid-  
 erable self-satisfaction, since it put  
 him in his heyday of popularity.

The duke of Westminster fractured  
 his collar bone. We trust the duke  
 was not the gentleman who mistook  
 our "Mistah" Johnson for another per-  
 son.

If the police want to make them-  
 selves solid with some mighty fine  
 people, let them get after the young-  
 stars who put percussion caps on  
 street car tracks.

A contemporary remarks that John  
 Hammond will take off his knee  
 breeches when he reaches Broadway.  
 He will run the risk of getting ar-  
 rested if he does.

State Senator Grady of New York  
 has a bill providing that every editorial  
 writer sign his own articles. Per-  
 haps it would suit the senator as well  
 to write the editorials himself.

If the legislature had not exempted  
 the Water board from the commission  
 form of government, does anyone im-  
 agine we would be holding a special  
 election at this time to vote \$8,250,  
 000 water bonds?

## Alaskan Development.

Although only an insignificant part  
 in number of the Alaskan claims al-  
 leged to be fraudulent, the thirty-  
 three Cunningham claims finally  
 thrown out as void constitute the pit  
 of the whole array of coal land cases  
 and with them out of the way the gov-  
 ernment should have little difficulty  
 in proceeding, as, indeed, it announces  
 its intention to do, to a simple disposi-  
 tion of the other claims numbering  
 up in the hundreds.

When all these claims are deter-  
 mined as to their validity or invalidity,  
 then it is to be hoped the government  
 may get down to solid rock in the  
 matter of shaping some kind of satis-  
 factory plan of development for this  
 rich peninsula. That, of course, will  
 involve the formation of a new  
 method for governing the territory.  
 But no matter what method is  
 adopted progress can be made easier  
 now that so much has been done to  
 get the alleged Guggenheim influence  
 into the background at least for the  
 present.

Congress has arranged for a joint  
 house and senate committee to visit  
 Alaska and report on its physical and  
 political needs. It is very unfortunate  
 that the personnel of this committee  
 is such as to invite the criticism of  
 its pro-Guggenheim proclivities. It  
 would have been far better, for all inter-  
 ests concerned, could a committee  
 have been appointed against which  
 such a charge would not have been  
 made. Surely the country has frittered  
 away enough time listening to  
 cirmiculations and recriminations about  
 Alaska. It ought to demand action now,  
 and we believe it does. This joint  
 committee was named by the retiring  
 Sixty-first congress, and, as showing its  
 dissatisfaction with it, the Sixty-  
 second congress has named another  
 one and on top of this Secretary Fisher  
 of the Interior department proposes  
 to follow both committees to Alaska and  
 get first-hand information himself.

## The Test for the Bench.

Our old friend, Edgar Howard, must  
 be dreadfully excited to devote nearly  
 two columns of his valuable space to  
 waging off a new menace threatening  
 the palladium of our liberties. "It is  
 true," he asks, "that in choosing a  
 man to occupy the almost sacred office  
 of supreme judge of Nebraska his fitness  
 for the place must be determined  
 by his attitude regarding the white  
 slave traffic?" And explaining the  
 cause of his alarm, he declares that  
 on a recent visit to Omaha in company  
 with Judge Albert, who is suspected  
 of having a design to stand as a candi-  
 date for the democratic nomination,  
 he was informed by some nameless  
 statesman that no man could be  
 elected to the supreme bench who was  
 in sympathy with the Albert law.

Which moves Edgar in his indignation  
 to declare that if Judge Albert would  
 only signify his willingness to run, "all Hell  
 and all Omaha could not prevent  
 his nomination and election."

In a nutshell, our old friend, Edgar  
 Howard, protests, and protests rightly,  
 against making opposition to the Albert  
 law a test of fitness for the supreme  
 bench, and then, reversing himself, in  
 the same breath insists that "it is high time that the  
 democratic party in Nebraska should cast  
 about for candidates who hold Judge  
 Albert's views on this important  
 question."

Now a void on the supreme bench  
 may be yawning for the author of the  
 Albert law, and he may have qualifications  
 to fill it, but we submit that if he were  
 elected supreme judge, and the question  
 of upholding or annulling the law  
 which bears his name should come  
 before the court, all the rules of  
 professional etiquette would require  
 that he be removed from the bench  
 and then, reversing himself, insist  
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 democratic party in Nebraska should cast  
 about for candidates who hold Judge  
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 question."

This is the character of quarrel  
 that Mr. Bryan desires to raise he ought to be  
 many enough to call names. If there were  
 men, trusted by the party to conduct the  
 battle, who proved faithless it ought to be  
 known. To make a general charge is to  
 besmirch the whole committee and slander  
 men who made every personal sacrifice  
 of which they were capable to land in the  
 presidency.

Until Mr. Bryan designates the treacherous  
 and then produces some proof, we  
 shall take it for granted that there is  
 not a word of truth in the statement and that  
 it was prompted by intolerance and anger  
 to the discovery that democrats are  
 becoming weary of his attempts at dictation  
 and his implied threats to visit disaster upon  
 those who challenge his right to go to Washington and demand of  
 congressmen that they subordinate their sense  
 of duty and obligation to his will.

Mr. Underwood's reply to Mr. Bryan's  
 strictures upon the action of the ways and  
 means committee voiced the sentiment of  
 nine-tenths of the democratic members of  
 the house, and we, believe, of three-fourths  
 of the membership of the democratic party.  
 With but one or two exceptions, the leading  
 democratic newspapers of the country  
 have expressed the most positive ob-  
 jection to Mr. Bryan's course. The  
 individuals and newspapers which have raised  
 the issue of his attempted dictation may  
 include some that were not friendly to his  
 political fortunes, but they certainly in-  
 clude nearly all that during all the cam-  
 paigns he led gave him earnest and ag-  
 gressive support.

Mr. Bryan's custom of denouncing those  
 who do not agree with him as creatures  
 of monopoly or special interests is one of  
 the most offensive phases of his dema-  
 gogy. If he thinks he can palm off on the  
 public his fads and remnants of populism  
 and tongue-lash the party leaders and the  
 party newspapers into acquiescence, it is  
 time he were learning better. He is just  
 one individual in the party, entitled to his  
 views and to express them, just as any other  
 individual is, and no more. There  
 is not a single democrat in the United  
 States under any sort of obligation to accept  
 Mr. Bryan as the repository of party  
 wisdom and faith, and when he commands  
 me charged with official responsibility to  
 accept his dictum as the sumnum bonum  
 of the party faith, he is exceeding his  
 rights, and he is going to evoke their criti-  
 cism and resentment whenever he attempts  
 to do it.

Paste This in Your Hat.

With all their previous promises  
 and prophecies gone to pot, it would  
 naturally be supposed that our Water-  
 boarders would be chary about making  
 new predictions, but such is not the  
 case. Here are the pledges made  
 by the mouthpiece for the Water board  
 to be effective as soon as the bonds  
 are voted:

1. Take possession of the water plant AT  
 ONCE.

2. Make necessary improvements and ex-  
 tend service IMMEDIATELY.

3. Take steps to improve the quality of  
 the water WITHOUT DELAY.

4. Avoid typhoid and other epidemics.

5. Secure lower water rates IN THE  
 VERY NEAR FUTURE.

6. Take care of the interest on the bonds  
 and gradually pay off the principal WITH-  
 OUT HAVING ONE CENT IN TAXES  
 IMPOSED.

This is certainly taking the people  
 up into the mountain. If you think  
 it worth while and expect to live long  
 enough, cut this list out, paste it in  
 your hat and check each item off as  
 the goods are delivered.

N.B.—Note that we have purposely  
 refrained from directing attention to  
 these new promises until now in order  
 not to prejudice anyone against the  
 water bonds.

It looks as if the democrats were  
 going to try to keep up the fusion  
 masquerade again this year in Ne-  
 braska by filing their candidates a sec-  
 ond time disguised as populists. Every-  
 time a rock-ribbed democrat takes  
 oath that he affiliates with the popu-  
 list party he not only seeks to get  
 votes by false representation, but he  
 commits downright perjury.

The Albert law has apparently  
 emptied the proscribed district in  
 Omaha, but its former occupants have  
 not all moved out of town. Far be it  
 from us to suggest that any of our  
 law-respecting real estate men are  
 careless about the character of the  
 tenants whose money they take.

Ice is delivered in Beatrice for 35  
 cents as compared with 50 cents ex-  
 austed in Omaha. But, of course, the

weather was much more favorable for  
 ice-cutting last winter in Beatrice than  
 it was in Omaha.

That gas controversy threatens to  
 make life uncomfortable for a lot of  
 our city councilmen. It calls for unusual  
 exertion to keep dodging all the time, especially in warm weather.

A Blooming Wonder.  
 Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Well, the world does move. Great Britain  
 goes through the coronation fust without an  
 ope from Alfred Austin.

Whetting the Cutlery.  
 St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mr. Bryan makes it known again that  
 he would not support Harmon. With such  
 notes in tuning up what is the opening  
 overture likely to be?

Going Some.  
 Boston Transcript.

The Mexican revolution has not ceased  
 to revolve yet, if we may credit the state-  
 ment that the state of Guanajuato has had  
 fourteen governors in seven days.

Judging with the Bark On.  
 Chicago Record-Herald.

A New York judge has exonerated a  
 man who whipped another for rocking a  
 boat. The action of the Judge was all  
 right as far as he went, but he should  
 have recommended for a hero medal the  
 man who did the whipping.

Jolted on the Junket.  
 Cleveland Leader.

It is real mean of Postmaster General  
 Hitchcock to announce that he believes it  
 possible to save \$90,000 of the annual ex-  
 pense of transporting mail by the railroads  
 just when so many of the railroad maga-  
 nates are attending the coronation.

Fundamentals of Domestic Harmony.  
 Baltimore American.

A western divorce court has been giving  
 some good advice to husbands and wives  
 in the way of avoiding his court. As  
 he recommends husbands to make presents  
 of flowers and candy to their wives, take  
 them to the theater or other amusement  
 every week and kiss them every day, the  
 women will recognize him as a Daniel  
 come to judgment, and if his advice is  
 taken great will be his fame throughout  
 the land.

MR. BRYAN LOSES HIS TEMPER.

Pertinent Remarks on the Conduct of  
 the Peers.

Houston (Tex.) Post, edited by R. M.  
 Johnston, member of democratic national  
 committee.

The criticism to which Mr. Bryan sub-  
 jected himself when he went to Wash-  
 ington and attempted to bulldoze Chairman  
 Underwood and the democrats of the house  
 is not relished greatly by our itinerant  
 statesman. He turns upon all his critics  
 and intimates they were men who were  
 treacherous to his cause during his three  
 campaigns for the presidency. He es-  
 pecially charges that some of his commit-  
 tee did not labor zealously for the  
 success of the ticket, and goes so far as  
 to assert that some of them were in ac-  
 tive co-operation with the opposition.

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 known. To make a general charge is to  
 besmirch the whole committee and slander  
 men everywhere. He builds up a great  
 wall of popular fallacies of govern-  
 ment in coming out flat footed for policies of  
 candidates, and has criticized Senator Brown  
 because he has said he will not assume  
 to dictate who shall be the candidate of  
 Nebraska republicans for the presidency. So  
 far there are three democratic candidates  
 for the senate for next year, and of  
 the World-Herald, editorially, comes out flat-  
 footed for its favorite candidate, the  
 Nebraska democrats have warm places in  
 their hearts both for Thompson and Shallenberger  
 as a candidate for senator. Some will prefer one and some the other.  
 Still others prefer a third. Such a stand  
 is refreshing. It leaves not the slightest  
 doubt as to which candidate the World-  
 Herald stands for.

Holds a High Rank.  
 Hartington Herald.

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 anniversary Sunday by issuing a spec-  
 ial number containing an interesting his-  
 torical sketch of the growth and develop-  
 ment of the paper since its origin; cut of  
 its present large staff of workers and  
 of the city and county officials and other  
 prominent persons.

The Bee is a great newspaper and  
 maintains a very high literary and  
 journalistic standard. Congratulations  
 were received from President Taft and  
 Governor Aldrich.

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