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Subscribed to my presence and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, 1902. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

When it comes to politics they do some funny things in South Omaha.

If Governor Savage only pursued his good intentions more he would have to explain less.

The name of Governor Savage is not a thing to conjure with in republican primaries at Omaha.

No name should be placed on the republican state ticket for which an explanation or defense will have to be entered.

The republican state convention should steer clear of the dark horse. Past experience with dark horses has not proved satisfactory.

Hardly much likelihood of any fusion convention in Nebraska requiring more than 150 ballots to reach a choice as to candidates this year.

It is to be hoped that in the revision and equalization of taxes the Board of County Commissioners will not make flesh of one and fish of another.

Omaha still holds its position as the second pork packing center of America, and the prospect is that it will continue to hold it for some time to come.

Irrigation means more land for cultivation in the semi-arid regions and more land for cultivation means more settlers to consume the products of mill and factory, from which labor derives employment.

If State Treasurer Stuefer reads the temper of the rank and file of republicans right, he will relieve his friends by reasserting his determination not to accept a renomination at the hands of the state convention.

A comparative table of the amount of dog tax collected at Omaha, Kansas City, Denver and Council Bluffs reduced to per capita percentages may be looked for in the next bulletin to be issued by the railroad tax bureau.

County Commissioner Connolly proclaims an ardent desire to reform the county hospital management by taking it out of politics. This is a frank admission that the hospital management has been a football of politics right along.

Nebraska's contingent in Oklahoma keeps well up in the front of the federal pie counter. John Jensen, formerly a very active factor in Fillmore county politics, has just been reappointed as agent of four of five Indian tribes in Indian territory.

Later in the campaign, when the stream of literature under congressional frank begins to flow out of Washington, the people will understand better that most of the oratory with which congress is being regaled from day to day is intended solely for home consumption.

When it comes to selecting a candidate for lieutenant governor Nebraska republicans in state convention should not fail to realize the importance of the position. No one can foretell when the contingency may arise to impose upon the lieutenant governor the duties and functions of the governor.

In spite of the fifteenth amendment, which prohibits all discrimination on account of race, color or previous condition, the commissioner of internal revenue has just issued an order to tax compounds of lard and cow fat traveling under the label of home made butter whenever it is given an ochraceous color. If United States revenue officers can violate the constitution with impunity, what are we coming to next?

WANT AN INVESTIGATION.

Several prominent gentlemen have sent a petition to congress asking that a joint special committee be appointed to investigate conditions in the Philippines, past and present. They suggest that the committee be of sufficient size to command public confidence by containing representatives of both parties and advocates of all different lines of policy...

MERCER'S PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

The mist in which the Mercer campaign has been enveloped and enshrouded is gradually lifting and a glimpse of the chessboard on which our non-resident congressman proposes to maneuver for a sixth term nomination is furnished by the Omaha correspondent of the Lincoln Journal...

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Proposed Bank Combination.

Something akin to a bank trust is about to be organized, but it is fortunately no danger that it will gain a monopoly of the business. The present company, with a capital of \$5,000,000 and surplus of \$45,000,000, is not to engage directly in the banking business, but is simply to buy a controlling interest in banks throughout the country and direct their affairs in combination with the national party in New York and the officers of the corporation are to be the officers of the banks in the chief financial centers of the country...

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The Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce a few days ago adopted a resolution asking congress to pass legislation asking congress to pass legislation asking congress to confer upon the Interstate Commerce commission power to enforce its findings and it will ask all chambers of commerce in the United States to join with it in petitioning congress for this legislation. Undoubtedly there will be a favorable response from most if not all of these commercial organizations, which represent the shipping interest of the country and have in the past expressed themselves in favor of strengthening the authority of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Canada Experiences a Chill.

Consideration has been created in Canada by the proposed syndicate boycott against outside steamship lines running to Canadian ports. It is feared that immigration to Canada may either be obstructed by excessive charges or diverted by antagonistic solicitation through syndicate agencies in Europe and arrangements with trustees of railway in the United States. There is already talk in the Canadian newspapers of the maintenance of an efficient transatlantic passenger service, if it be necessary, by the aid of a government subvention.

Among the Fusionists.

Superior Journal: R. D. Sutherland tells us that he has withdrawn from the race for fusion nomination for governor. We give Mr. Sutherland credit for considerable worldly wisdom in making this decision. A state campaign is a very expensive luxury and his hope of election is an slight as it seems to be for any fusion nominee this year.

Crying 'Hold, Enough.'

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School Notices Banished.

Washington Post: Hon. William M. Stewart declares that when a state has money it doesn't need sympathy. This is sufficient to prove that the gentleman from Nevada has been able to rid his intellectual system of all the virus it absorbed from 'Cotnam's Financial School.'

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Candidacy of William Stuefer.

Center County Republican: There is said to be several candidates for state treasurer, which would indicate that there will be several delegates in the state convention who will not be for the renomination of Mr. Stuefer. Whether the opposition will be able to get together is another question. Grand Island Independent: The indications are that there will be no fight in the republican state convention excepting on the treasurership and governorship candidates. The delegation from Stuefer's own county was not instructed for him, it appears that he has some little trouble in giving it even a friendly appearance. On the other hand, there will be some pretty strong candidates against him, notably, Mr. Mortenson of Ord.

Tyranny of Corporations.

Watchers for fresh evidence of the clutches of the 'soulless corporations' upon the people's throat will roll as a sweet morsel under their tongues this order by the Pennsylvania system: 'All trains on all stations and ticket examiners in charge of the Jersey City exits will stop all persons from exchanging kisses upon the arrival and departure of trains in this station. This order must be rigidly enforced.'

Round About New York.

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The elevated places of amusement are by no means so well patronized as they were a very few years ago, and last summer a number of them were compelled to go out of business owing to a lack of patronage. Aside from the unquestioned disrepute into which the roof gardens fell, owing to the drinking feature, which was the cause of so many unpleasant scenes, their gradual effacement from the picture as contributory sources of amusement in New York during the summer months has been considerably hastened by the great increase in the number of well-cooled and well-conducted rathskellers and music gardens.

Secret of Longevity.

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