

## Persons, Places and Things

### WAITING FOR UNPUNCTUAL PEOPLE

Periods in Which Prof. Stillman Found Time to Read.

Although he is himself the acme of punctuality, Senator Depew has come to the conclusion that punctuality is a waste of time in Washington.

A few nights ago he was asked to appear before the select committee of the house of investigation of the Danish West Indies purchase. He was requested to be present at 10 a. m., but it was twenty minutes after that hour before the committee was ready for him.

"I have always made it a rule to keep my appointments to the letter," said he yesterday to one of the members of that committee, "but I am not sure it pays here in Washington. When I was at Yale I used to see Prof. Stillman in his library, which comprised a great many books. He told me he had read every book there, and that he had done it while waiting for people to keep their engagements with him."

### GYPSY ATTAINS REMARKABLE AGE

English Wanderer, Recently Dead, Believed to Have Been 105.

Recently a somewhat remarkable man passed away at Whitley Wood, Berkshire, England, one Frederick Draper, who claimed to be the oldest



gypsy in the world. Although there is no entry in the parish register, it appears to be beyond question that old Draper was born at Bix, near Henley-on-Thames, in June, 1797, and was therefore in his 105th year. He lived with his son, Wellington Draper, who was born the year Waterloo was fought. The power of "the evil eye" of the witch was fully believed in then. Draper used to tell of a witch at Farnham, who made the cows run wild and prevented them from giving milk; of another witch who lived at Henley-on-Thames, and who was thrown into the river and floated like a cork. The Drapers were typical van-dwellers, attending fairs all over England, selling baskets, clothes pegs and other articles of gypsy merchandise.

### Roosevelt Hears a Criticism.

President Roosevelt was once traveling in Idaho, and passed a book store in the window of which was a copy of his "Winning of the West." Going into the book store he inquired, "Who is this author, Roosevelt?"

"Oh," said the book seller, "he's a ranch driver."

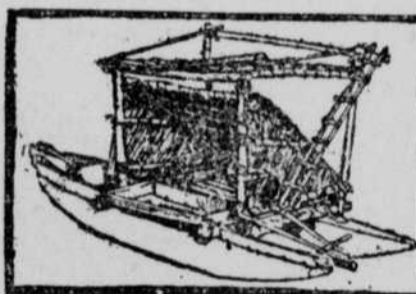
"And what do you think of his book?" asked the President.

"Well, I've always thought I'd like to meet the author and tell him if he had stuck to running a ranch and give up writing books he'd have made a powerful more of a success at his trade."—Woman's Home Companion.

### SINGULAR BOAT USED IN SAMOA

Extraordinary Vessel Which Has Now Passed Out of Existence.

In the accompanying picture is shown an extraordinary boat, which



was frequently seen in the waters around Samoa some years ago, but of which not now a single perfect specimen can be found. In boats of this type the Samoans used to journey to distant islands. Some of the boats were small, each being designed to carry only a single family. Others were so large that on one of them all the inhabitants of a village could easily find room. The exact manner in which these vessels were constructed is not clearly known, but it is supposed that each of the large boats was not, strictly speaking, a single vessel, but was composed of two or more small boats placed side by side and fastened together a la catamaran.

### Jersey Justice.

Jersey justice is making considerable of a name for itself these days. Isaac D. Ward, a justice of Perth Amboy, has decided that a parent can punish a child with any degree of cruelty, provided he does not leave a mark on the child's body. The Chinese know eleven ways of giving the death torture without leaving a mark on the body of the victim. There is a wide and useful field for a few Chinese coaches in the scope of Jersey justice.

## THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

### GEN. SCHOFIELD ON ARMY REFORM

Veteran Soldier Advocates the Formation of a General Staff.

Lieut.-Gen. John M. Schofield, U. S. A., retired, who has appeared before the Senate committee on military af-



airs in advocacy of a "general staff" reorganization of the army, as provided in the War Department's pending bill, is the only living retired officer who has held the rank of general in command of the army, and is one of the few surviving general officers of the civil war. Gen. Schofield was born in New York in 1831, was graduated from West Point in 1853, succeeded Gen. Sheridan in command of the army in 1888 and was retired for age on Sept. 26, 1895, after a continuous life of forty years to the service. In his memoirs Gen. Schofield devoted a chapter to the substitution of a general staff for the present organization.

### Could Tell a Good Thing.

Secretary Shaw is fond of telling of a dinner given by one of his friends to some rural gentlemen from Iowa. "He furnished them with the best of everything—terrapin and canvasback duck," says the secretary. "The climax of the feast was a watermelon, into which had been emptied two quarts of champagne. When the farmers began to eat the watermelon they smiled and smacked their lips and ate again. Then of one accord they slipped into their pockets a handful of the seeds. They wanted to raise some of the same kind of melon on their own farm."

### CHINESE BOY WINNING HONORS

Fourteen-Year-Old Follower of Confucius in an American School.

One of the brightest boys in the public schools of Trenton, N. J., is



William Mark Hong, a 14-year-old Chinese boy who has been advanced to the high school because of his excellent record in preparatory grades. He was born in San Francisco, and came east when he was 8 years old, shortly after the death of his mother. On his 11th birthday he was permitted to enter the Centennial School, where he was put in the first grade, and when examination time rolled around he took the third grade tests and skipped the second grade.

### PRESIDENT OF IMMENSE TRUST

E. C. Simmons of St. Louis Selected for Head of Hardware Combination.

E. C. Simmons of St. Louis, who has been selected for the presidency of the \$120,000,000 combination of hardware dealers, just formed, is the founder of the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis, one of the largest jobbing houses in its line in the world. He was for years the president of the company. Some time ago the older men withdrew from active participation in the affairs of the corporation and organized themselves into an advisory board, electing Wallace Simmons to the presidency to succeed his father. Since then E. C. Simmons



has acted as advisor to the officers of the company, allowing the younger members of the firm to attend to the details of management. Mr. Simmons is about 60 years old.

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

### RECALLS WASHINGTON'S GREATNESS

Monument Erected on Spot Where He Put Aside a Crown.

Perched upon the brow of a hill, about two miles southeast of Newburg, N. Y., stands a plain, unpretentious rubble monument, erected by the Historical Society of Newburg Bay, which marks the site of a building within whose walls occurred one of the most dramatic events of American history.

In 1782, owing to lack of pay, etc., discontent with their lot, distrust of a republican form of government had gained a formidable foothold among the rank and file of the army. Matters had reached such a pass, indeed, that a secret meeting was called, urging the army to appeal from the justice to the fears of the government, make demonstrations of power and determination, arouse the fears of the people, and so obtain justice for themselves.

The outcome was a letter addressed to Gen. Washington by Col. Nicola, an officer of the army, which, after a recital of fulsome praise of the commander-in-chief, said, in part: "Owing to the prejudice of the people it might not at first be prudent to assume the title of royalty, but if all things were once adjusted we believe strong argu-



ments might be produced for admitting the title of king."

Thus forewarned, Washington issued an order for a meeting of the officers at the Temple. Gen. Gates presided, and amid great solemnity the commander-in-chief arose and read his address, which was a masterly and eloquent plea for faith in the justice of their country, terming those who would overturn the government traitors, and finally emphatically declining to be made a king.

### A YOUTHFUL HEIR PRESUMPTIVE

Young Prince Michi Destined to Rule the Flowery Empire.

Only recently has Japan taken its place among the great nations of the earth, and still more recently did it gain the youngest heir presumptive among the leading royal personages of the world. This is because Prince Michi, grandson of the Mikado and destined to rule the "Flowery" Empire one of these days, was born only three-quarters of a year ago.

Prince Michi, whose imperial father, by the way, is Crown Prince Yoshihito, eldest son of the Mikado, and only 25 years old, unique in being the first heir presumptive of Japan to dress exclusively in European garments. Not a piece of his royal layette is made after the Japanese fashion. Except for the richness of his dress, the Japanese cut of his hair and the strictly Oriental look of his round



JAPAN'S ROYAL HEIR-PRESUMPTIVE

little face, the baby prince might be mistaken for the child of a well-to-do American family.—New York Press.

### HIS TEMPER WAS SORELY TRIED

But His Language Was Unbecoming a Pillar of the Church.

A Wyncoote man has a little fox terrier who, like Mary's little lamb, has a habit of following him everywhere. It followed him to church last Sunday and three times was ejected. Nothing daunted, it made a fourth attempt, and this time effected an entrance through a side door, whence it made its way to its master's pew. Just then the minister began to pray, and, thinking that a favorable moment for action, while the heads of the congregation were lowered, the man grasped the dog by the back of the neck and marched down the aisle. Half way to the door the animal let a howl that startled the congregation and nearly broke up the services. In the rear of the church were several cadets from the Cheltenham Military Academy, and when the owner of the dog re-entered, very red in the face, one of them whispered: "What did you do with him?" "Kicked hell—I mean I kicked the stuffin' out of him," replied the pillar of the church.—Philadelphia Record.

## NORTHWEST NEBRASKA.

Never Looked Better or Was More Prosperous.

OMAHA, Neb., April 19.—"Northwestern Nebraska never looked as prosperous and was never in as good condition as at the present time," remarked Major Buchanan, general passenger agent of the Elkhorn. "The entire Elkhorn valley looks like a garden and at this time the prospects are excellent for a big crop. There is plenty of moisture in the ground and the recent showers have started the grain to growing in fine shape. All along the line farmers are busy in the fields and making improvements in the way of erecting new cattle sheds, barns and houses."

"I stopped off a couple of days at Newport, a little town of 400 inhabitants, and drove into the country some twenty miles. There everything is flourishing. By the way, that is the greatest hay shipping point in the world. Last season from that point we sent cars of hay to every state in the union, the cut running into thousands of tons. The hay yielded from one and one-quarter to two tons per acre. This year the cut will be greater than last."

"In addition to the hay fields there are many fine ranches around Newport, on which herds of cattle from 500 to 1,500 head graze the year round. On every hand there is a flowing well, water being secured at from twenty to fifty feet. Land is selling at from \$10 to \$25 per acre and is in good demand."

### LEAPS THROUGH A WINDOW.

Fremont Burglar Spoils Plan to Capture Him.

FREMONT, Neb., April 19.—At 11:30 the other night the hardware store of L. F. Holloway & Co., at Sixth and F streets, was burglarized by a lone individual and \$50 worth of razors, shears and revolvers stolen. The thief escaped capture by jumping through a plate glass window in the front of the store after he had sent a sewing machine crashing through so as to make a hole large enough for his exit. Several men who were planning to surprise and effect his arrest saw him flee a block toward the west and turn a corner, and two others who happened to be passing along another street caught a glimpse of him as he darted into an alley. Nothing has been seen of the fellow since that time.

### Mullen Stays in Alaska.

Washington special dispatch: The nomination of Patrick M. Mullen of Omaha, which the president sent to the senate, for receiver of public moneys at Juneau, Alaska, was accomplished at the earnest request of both Senators Dietrich and Millard, who have labored indefatigably for Mr. Mullen's appointment ever since it was announced that the land offices in Alaska would be consolidated at Juneau. Mr. Mullen was receiver at Rampart City.

### Looks Like Falls City Man.

MANHATTAN, Kan., April 19.—William Scott, arrested here on a charge of grand larceny, committed at Sevanah, Mo., is said to fit the description of the murderer of the city marshal at Falls City, Neb., who was killed two years ago, and for whom a large reward was offered.

### Interchangeable Mileage.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 19.—The Trans-Continental Passenger association in committee of the whole, it is stated, decided to recommend interchangeable mileage on all roads west of Denver, Cheyenne and El Paso.

### Re-Elected Superintendent.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 19.—A. O. Thomas, superintendent of the Kearney public schools, was re-elected by the board of education at their recent meeting for the coming year at an increase in salary of \$100 per year.

### Editors to Meet in Omaha.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 19.—Omaha was selected by the National Editorial association as the place for holding the next annual convention, defeating Milwaukee and Asheville, North Carolina.

### New Bank for Henderson.

HENDERSON, Neb., April 19.—John Kroecker & Son are excavating for a new brick building and will organize a bank here with \$25,000 capital. The name of the bank will be the First National.

### School Boy Stabs Comrade.

LONG PINE, Neb., April 19.—While Charlie Castle and Guy Given were returning from school, young Castle stabbed Given in the spinal column. The victim is in a precarious condition.

### Serious Injury from Stalk Cutter.

PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., April 19.—While George H. Stoehr was cutting cornstalks in a field he fell in front of a stalk cutter and was run over, being seriously cut and bruised.

## ATTACK THE PURE FOOD LAW

Unlicensed Creamery Operator Makes Test Case.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 21.—The Nebraska pure food law is being vigorously attacked in the supreme court on the ground that it is unconstitutional. The chief contention is that the act is in violation of that section of the constitution which prohibits the creation of state offices by the legislature.

The case is one in which John C. Merrill of Sutton was convicted for operating a creamery without first having procured a license from the food commissioner. No question arises as to the facts, the only defense inposed being that the law under which conviction was had is void. The suit is being watched with unusual interest by manufacturers of both pure and imitation butter, dairy and vinegar products. The question involved is one of far-reaching importance, however, for it will affect not only the dairy interests, but those persons who come within the meaning of various other laws which have created or established new state offices.

### SCHOOL LAND NEARLY GONE.

Commissioner Follmer Finds Little Left to Lease.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 21.—When Land Commissioner Follmer fills a number of land leasing appointments he has made in Cedar Dixon, Dakota, Cass, Polk and Boyd counties, there will be not to exceed 1,500 acres of school land unleased in Nebraska.

Deputy Land Commissioner Eaton said that there is but little work yet to do in connection with the leasing of lands and the 54,300 acres unleased when Mr. Follmer took charge of the office will all be disposed of with the exception of the few acres mentioned. This includes school land in the sand hill district as well as in the more fertile portions of Nebraska. The last auctions will be held on May 25. During recent land leasings the tendency has been to higher values for contracts of all lands forfeited and released.

### CAUGHT IN STALK CUTTER.

Cass County Farmer is Fearfully Mangled.

ELMWOOD, Neb., April 21.—George H. Stoehr, a young farmer living two miles north and one-half mile east of Elmwood, was terribly mangled in a stalk cutter. He fell to the ground in front of the machine, which ran over him. He became unconscious and when he returned to a realization of things he was tangled up in the knives and the only way he could get out was to remove one of the wheels, and lift the knives off his body. This he did, putting the wheel back on, climbing on the machine and driving some distance to the house, when a neighbor went for a physician.

### Pass Rigid Saloon Ordinance.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 21.—At the meeting of the council an ordinance regulating booths or wine rooms in saloons was passed. The ordinance makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 to have any door, curtain or screen over or in front of any booth, wine room or other rooms built within a saloon. The ordinance is the result of an individual dealer refusing to remove the door and is not a matter remedying any general complaint.

### General Bates Visits Fort Crook.

FORT CROOK, Neb., April 21.—General Bates, commanding the Department of the Missouri with two of his aides, were at the fort to take part in and witness the examination of Lieutenant Bridges for promotion to a captaincy. The examination consisted of battalion drill, general formation and field exercises, which were very satisfactory.

### Aged Woman Falls in Cistern.

ELK CREEK, Neb., April 21.—Mrs. Deborah Lawrence, who is past seventy years old, fell through a trap door to a cistern in four feet of water. She was not badly injured.

### Orders Curfew Law Enforced.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 21.—Mayor Bartling has issued an order to the police to rigidly enforce the curfew ordinance.

### Barn and Horses Burned.

FRANKLIN, Neb., April 21.—A small barn in the west part of town belonging to Alf Nucklow was burned. Three head of horses were lost.

### Soldier's Remains at York.

YORK, Neb., April 21.—The remains of Joseph S. Oviatt, who died of tuberculosis at Salt Lake City last Sunday, arrived here. He had been in the service of the United States almost continuously since the first call for volunteers in the Spanish-American war. At the time of his death he was a member of Company D, Twelfth artillery. He formerly belonged to Company A of the First Nebraska.

## THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Cattle—There was the lightest flow of cattle that has arrived on a Thursday in a long while. Packers were anxious for supplies, so that prices were steady to strong, and if only a short time for sellers to dispose of practically everything they had on hand. There was a good proportion of beef steers in the receipts, and the quality was up to the usual standard. As high as \$4.85 was paid for some heavy export cattle that weighed 1,600 pounds. The heavyweight cattle that are good enough for export beef, and also good to choice lightweights, seemed to be in the best demand. The cow market was fully steady. Anything at all desirable met with ready sale at good, steady prices and in some cases sales were made that looked a little better. Butts, veal calves and stags sold in just about the same notches they did yesterday. The desirable grades were easy to dispose of, but common stuff was neglected. There were not many stockers and feeders on sale and the better grades sold without much trouble at just about steady prices.

Hogs—There was a moderate run and the general market could be quoted fairly active and steady to strong. The quality was exceptionally good. The good hogs sold at strong prices, and in some cases were as much as 5c higher. The light hogs sold in about the same notches they did yesterday and were neglected more or less, the same as usual. They were left until the last, when they sold at about steady prices. The heavy hogs sold largely from \$6.55 to \$7.10. Medium weights went mostly from \$6.90 to \$6.95 and the light hogs from \$6.50 down.

Sheep—There was not a very heavy supply of sheep, as the receipts presented show. Included in the offerings was a big string of feeders that were sold to arrive, so that the number of sale was limited. Packers all took hold in good shape and paid steady to strong prices for all desirable grades, so that the pens were practically cleared in good season. Some Mexican woolled lambs sold at \$6.75 and some clipped wethers at \$5.90. Feeders also sold at high prices. The lambs brought \$2.25 and the yearlings \$3.50 with the wool on.

## KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Butcher steers were steady to 5c lower; all other killing grades and stock and feeding cattle were steady; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$3.00 to \$3.05; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.05; western fed steers, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Texas 4-5 Indian steers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; cows, \$3.00 to \$3.05; native cows, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heifers, \$4.00 to \$4.15; canners, \$2.50 to \$2.75; bulls, \$3.00 to \$3.15; calves, \$4.00 to \$4.15.

Hogs—Market 5c higher; top, \$7.30; bulk of sales, \$6.50 to \$7.20; heavy, \$7.15 to \$7.30; mixed packers, \$6.50 to \$7.25; light, \$4.75 to \$4.90; pigs, \$5.75 to \$6.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Market strong to 10c higher; native lambs, \$6.50 to \$7.00; western lambs, \$6.40 to \$6.55; native wethers, \$3.00 to \$3.05; western wethers, \$3.50 to \$3.55; yearlings, \$2.20 to \$2.50; western clipped sheep, \$5.40; cows, \$5.00 to \$5.50; clipped grass Texans, \$4.75 to \$5.00; clipped Texas lambs, \$6.00 to \$6.50.

## CUBAN BILL PASSES.

Measure Giving Reciprocity to Islanders Goes Through the House.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The democrats and the republican insurgents rode rough-shod over the house leaders yesterday when the voting began on the Cuban reciprocity bill. They overthrew the ruling of the chair in committee of the whole on the question of the germaneness of an amendment to remove the differential from refined sugar during the existence of the reciprocity agreement provided for in the bill. The vote to overrule the decision of the chair, made by Mr. Sherman, was 171 to 130, republicans to the number of thirty-seven joining with a solid democratic vote to accomplish this result.

Having won this preliminary victory the amendment was adopted in committee—154 to 111—and later in the house by a still larger majority—199 to 105. On this occasion sixty-four republicans voted with the democrats for the amendment.

The bill was then passed by an overwhelming majority—247 to 52. An analysis of the vote shows that 124 republicans and 123 democrats voted for the amended bill, and forty-two republicans and ten democrats against it.

### To Send Bill to Conference.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—In view of the action of the senate last night in making the Chinese exclusion substitute an amendment to the pending bill, it is expected that the action of the senate will be disagreed to in order to send the bill to conference. By this parliamentary procedure the California members feel assured that the ultimate measure of exclusion can be no less than that in the senate bill at least.

### Farewell to Dr. Hopkins.

KANSAS CITY, April 19.—Rev. Dr. Henry Hopkins, president-elect of Williams college, was given a farewell reception by McPherson post No. 4 of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, in this city tonight. Many ex-confederates participated in the reception. Addresses were made by Dr. Hopkins, Major William Warner and others.

### Henderson's Lips Sealed on Subsidy.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—In view of published reports that Speaker Henderson was opposed to the ship subsidy bill, following the opposition of the Iowa senators, it was stated yesterday by those aware of the speaker's views that he has expressed no opinion and has reached no conclusion on the subject thus far, preferring to wait until the committee in charge of the measure has formulated action and made public their views.