



The thirty-sixth annual national conference of charities and correction will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., June 9-16.

Mrs. Helen Kelley Gould was granted a decree of divorce from Frank J. Gould of the New York family of financiers.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of Walter E. Clark to be governor of Alaska.

Major General Daniel H. Rucker recently celebrated his 97th birthday. He lives in Washington with his daughter, Mrs. Phil Sheridan.

A New York dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "A negro and white man do not suffer equal humiliation in the eyes of the law for false arrest, according to the appellate division of the supreme court, which sustained an order of Justice Dugro, reducing the amount of damages awarded George Griffin, a Pullman porter, from \$2,500 to \$300. The negro was arrested in Montreal charged with stealing a pocketbook, but the charge was not substantiated. He brought suit against Daniel H. Brady, a New York manufacturer, who caused his arrest. In his order Justice Dugro said: 'While the negro, under the law, is just as good a man as the president of the United States, it would be bad argument to say that he is just as good in some respects. The damages in a case of this kind depends on a man's standing and circumstances. If he is colored, that fact should be considered.'"

The United Dry Goods company with a capital of \$51,000,000 was recently organized. John Clafin is the chief genius of this great trust. A New York dispatch to the St. Louis Republic says: "The retail stores in which the trade believes the Associated Merchants' company has an interest are as follows: James McCreery & Co., Twenty-third street and Twenty-fourth street, New York, and McCreery & Co., Pittsburg; O'Neill-Adams company, New York; Stewart & Co., Baltimore; Stewart Dry Goods company, Louisville, Ky.; J. N. Adams & Co., Buffalo; Hahn & Co., Newark, N. J.; Montgomery Fair, Montgomery, Ala.; Lion Dry Goods company, Toledo, O.; George W. McAlpin company, Cincinnati; Kline & Curtis, Reading, Pa.; Kline Bros., Altoona, Pa.; William Hengerer company, Buffalo; Joslin Dry Goods company, Denver; The Fair, Cincinnati; Castner-Knott Dry Goods company, Louisville; M. J. Connell company, Butte, Mont.; J. Bacon & Sons, Louisville; J. B. White company, Augusta, Ga.; Bedford company, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Whitehouse company, Spokane, Wash.; the Golden Rule, Louisville, Ky.; Root Dry Goods company, Minneapolis; People's Store, Tacoma, Wash. The Associated Merchants' company was floated originally with the aid of J. P. Morgan & Co., as bankers, and it is expected that the financial plans soon to be outlined will be approved and backed by this institution. An associate of Mr. Clafin said, when questioned regarding the significance of the incorporation of the new concern: 'We have about thirty stores in various cities throughout the west, which have been acquired by the Associated Merchants' company interests, some of which are known to belong to us and which are reported to have Clafin connections

and others that it is not known generally we have taken over. We never have announced these acquisitions publicly, but now are about ready to do so. The full details of the organization of the United Dry Goods company will be given to the public within a few days.'

Writing in the Buffalo (N. Y.) Times, Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic national committee, says: "Neither from the political nor the economic standpoint is there any excuse for the senate democrats who have gone on record against free lumber. Removal of the tariff on lumber was not only one of the planks of the democratic platform, but it is a vital element of broad democratic principle, coeval with the existence of democracy in this country. The offense is aggravated by the fact that fifteen republicans voted for free lumber. It makes a poor showing for democrats to line up with Mr. Aldrich on this issue, and it goes without saying that neither the democratic party at large, nor the constituencies of these senators will endorse such a recession from democratic doctrine. The question is larger than the limits of any merely partisan considerations. The demand for free lumber is a national demand, and in this day of high prices of building materials, not only are the people injured by the maintenance of tariff on lumber, but widespread disaster will be brought about to industrial enterprise. The one course of safety and loyalty for democrats representing their party in congress, is to stand by the party principles on which they were elected."

President Taft has accepted an appointment as a member of the board of trustees of the Hampton (Virginia) Normal and Agricultural Institute for the education of the negro and the Indian.

The United States supreme court reversed the judgment of the circuit court of Hart county, Ky., in the case of the Adams Express company vs. the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Justice Harlan, dissenting. Justice Brewer delivered the opinion of the court. It was contended that the Kentucky statute, as applied to the transportation of liquor from state to state, was in conflict with the section of the federal constitution giving congress control over interstate commerce. This contention was denied by the state court, and thus a question arose under the federal constitution decided adversely to the plaintiff in error. Justice Brewer said: "Liquor, however obnoxious and hurtful it may be in the judgment of many, is a recognized article of commerce."

John Hayes Hammond has declined to accept the ministership to China.

Five persons lost their lives and large property interests damaged from floods in Oklahoma.

A mob of one hundred men lynched a negro at Lincolnton, Ga.

A St. Petersburg cablegram carried by the Associated Press says: "Nicolai Selden has been sentenced to six months in the fortress on the charge of having published Count Leo Tolstoy's 'Thou Shalt Not Kill' and other political pamphlets. The magistrates refused to prosecute

Count Tolstoy, who wrote a letter to the court declaring Selden was a passive offender, and inviting the prosecution of himself."

A Mexican court released Finstand and Coughener, two Americans, convicted of murder.

The monument erected by congress on the Gettysburg battlefield to commemorate the services of the regular army was dedicated May 31. President Taft delivered the oration.

The railroad firemen in Georgia are on a strike, resulting in a complete tie up of railroad traffic.

At the Presbyterian general assembly in session at Denver, Dr. J. C. Steffen of Dubuque, Iowa, said "let Rockefeller and Carnegie alone; go into your own pockets for college endowments."

The next Presbyterian general assembly will be held at Lewisburg, West Virginia.

A Topeka, Kan., dispatch says: "Governor Stubbs today sent a pardon by long distance telephone to John Hays, thought to be dying at Pittsburg, Kan., from a mine accident. Hays had been paroled from the penitentiary by former Governor Hoch, but had his friends ask for a pardon, that he might die a free man. He was convicted of robbery."

Mrs. Anna Cleveland Hastings, sister of the late Grover Cleveland, died at her home in Hartford, Conn., aged 79 years.

Republican papers suggest that former Senator Joseph B. Foraker be nominated for governor of Ohio.

A New York dispatch says: "It became known today that J. P. Morgan & Co. are behind the \$51,000,000 dry goods combination incorporated in Delaware last night. The combination has purchased outright Hahn & Co., Newark; the Powers Mercantile company of Minneapolis; the William Hegener company of Buffalo, and the Stewart Dry Goods company of Louisville, according to those interested, and will later acquire other holdings."

Rear Admiral William P. Potter has been named by President Taft as chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department.

S. N. D. North, director of the census, has resigned and E. Dana Durand of California has been appointed to succeed him. An Associated Press dispatch says: "Mr. North's resignation is a direct result of his recent controversy with Secretary Nagel. The following statement in connection with the case was given out at the White House: 'Director North tendered his resignation as director of the census. It was accepted and the name of E. Dana Durant, now deputy commissioner of corporations, has been sent into the senate to succeed him. Mr. North's resignation was based on the ground that on account of conditions existing and likely to continue, his administration of the census office would not probably be successful.'"

Indictments were returned by the federal grand jury at Tulsa, Okla., in the Muskogee town lot cases against Governor Haskell and five others. An Associated Press dispatch quotes Governor Haskell as saying: "As a result of four government attorneys and an army of secret service men surrounding the grand jury and limiting the testimony to just what suited them, indictments have been secured against me. I am thoroughly satisfied that when the whole facts are made

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