

Calendar for January 1904 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Only 60 Miles Wide.

The isthmus of Panama is only 60 miles wide. That's the reason it was so easy to push Colombia off.

Plow Corn.

Between April and November a corn crop was raised in the United States valued at \$952,000,000. Digging gold is slow business compared with plowing corn.

Eventual Landing Place.

The London Times states that in 34 years 40,000 English children have been sent to Canada. Further investigation would show that most of them now reside in the United States.

Receiving Proper Attention.

A fine of \$100 now goes with the sale or loan of a toy pistol in Chicago. The dissemination of lockjaw on the days we celebrate is an evil that ought to receive general attention.

Accounted For.

At a recent prayer meeting in Breathitt county, Ky., three persons were killed by the shotgun route. This small number of deaths is accounted for by the light attendance at the meeting.

Why Panama Smiles.

Panama has no objection to a waterway in its midst costing \$200,000,000 of Uncle Sam's money. The improvement will be productive of all sorts of good, and no harm, to the new republic.

Must Crush the Boll Weevil.

It is estimated that 12,000,000 bales of American cotton will be wanted for export next year. The agricultural department will score a big victory if it wins its prompt fight against the boll weevil.

Where He Is Needed.

The mayor of Wyandotte, Kan., who declares under oath that he refused the offer of a \$5,000 bribe, ought to move to Grand Rapids, Mich., and run for office there. Grand Rapids needs a few officials who will refuse money.

He Is Built That Way.

Of course the sultan of Turkey apologizes. He has all the fine courtesy that characterized the participants in a western lynching, who, after hanging the wrong man, called on the widow and admitted the laugh was "onto them."

Where Canada Scores.

The best sort of Americans—skilled farmers—are going to Canada from the United States in large numbers; Canada sends us French-Canadian cheap labor and smuggled Chinese, and yet Canada says she never gets the better of us in a bargain.

That "Other Hand."

France has persuaded Russia to extend its right hand to Japan. Great Britain has persuaded Japan to extend its right hand to Russia. But neither Russia nor Japan has consented yet to take the other hand from behind its back.

Another Iowa Idea.

In refusing to grant New Jersey's request for the extradition of a man wanted for wife desertion, because of the wording and punctuation of the New Jersey law, Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, demonstrates that he has ideas on composition as well as on the tariff.

Near the Foot.

Casper Whitney, the famous eastern football authority and writer, has issued a review on the season's work and given rank to 32 of the leading teams of the United States. The Haskell Indians, at Lawrence, Kan., are placed as seventeenth. Kansas University is rated as twenty-second and Missouri twenty-ninth.

Loree's Big Salary.

In connection with the retirement of W. B. Leeds as president of the Rock Island and the selection of L. F. Loree, now president of the Baltimore & Ohio, as his successor, it was stated in Wall street that Mr. Loree will receive the highest salary paid a railroad president in the United States. Various amounts were mentioned among railroad men as the salary which Mr. Loree will receive, the estimates ranging from \$600 to \$100,000 a year.

A CAPITOL DAMAGED

The Northwest Wing of Iowa's State Building Burned.

The House Chamber Cannot Be Repaired in Time for the Approaching Session of Legislature—Books in State Library and Treasurer's Funds Saved.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 5.—Fire gutted the northwest wing of the state capitol yesterday, causing an approximate loss of \$500,000. The chamber of the house of representatives is a charred mass of debris and cannot be repaired in time for the approaching session of the legislature. The fire, which started about ten o'clock, was not extinguished until six o'clock in the evening. The origin of the fire is not definitely known and Gov. Cummins will order an immediate investigation. The supposition is that it started either from a lighted candle carelessly left burning or from an electric light wire. The fire originated near a shaft in a committee room and spread upward and around the ceiling of the house chamber.

The fire department was unable to fight the flames effectively on account of the height of the building and elevation of the capitol site. The only thing possible was to cut off the progress of the flames. The gallery of the house chamber fell with a crash, portions of the debris slightly injuring two firemen and endangering the lives of many. The valuable volumes of the state library, located near the fire, were removed and the state offices were hastily emptied. The funds in the state treasurer's office were loaded on a wagon and carried to a down town bank for deposit.

Gov. Cummins laid aside gubernatorial dignity and, clad in rubber boots and rough coat, engaged in the work of fighting the fire.

Last night the beautiful state capitol presented a scene of desolation. The marble staircases were covered with ice, the floors were flowing with water and the offices under the burned part of the building were flooded. The Iowa capitol is one of the most beautiful in the United States. It is built along the lines of the capitol at Albany, N. Y. It was erected at a cost of \$3,000,000. The state capitol commission, appointed for this purpose, had just completed the restoration and repair of the building at a cost of \$125,000, most of which had been expended in the chamber which is ruined.

PARALYZES BUSINESS.

The Closing of Chicago's Theaters Throws Many People Out of Work and Affects Hotels and Street Railways.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The closing down of Chicago theaters by order of Mayor Harrison has caused paralysis of business in many directions. Three thousand actors, stage hands and people who depend directly on the theaters for a living are idle, with no hope of employment for probably a fortnight. Restaurants that cater to the theatrical audiences have laid off many employees. The hotels are complaining and traffic on the street railways has fallen off at night.

After last night it will, for some weeks at least, be practically impossible to hold a public meeting of any kind in Chicago outside of churches. Building Commissioner Williams last night issued an order closing all public halls, dance halls and turnverein halls and all similar places of public assemblage until an inspection has shown that they are complying with all provisions of the building ordinance. As there are upward of 400 halls in Chicago, ranging in size from those that will accommodate 50 persons up to those with a seating capacity of 500, this order will affect probably as many persons as the theater closing order. Protests were numerous but the building commissioner was inflexible.

A VICTORY FOR DIETRICH.

Federal Judge Vandeverter at Omaha Sustained the Nebraska Senator's Demurrer to Charges of Conspiracy.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 5.—The trial of United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich, charged with conspiracy to violate the law by an alleged agreement with Postmaster Jacob Fisher, of Hastings, whereby the latter paid a sum of money for his appointment, began Monday in the federal court, with Judges Vandeverter and Munger presiding.

Judge Vandeverter sustained the demurrer of Senator Dietrich's counsel.

IN FAVOR OF GEN. WOOD.

Senate Committee, Seven to Two, Votes for Confirmation Despite Senator Hanna's Opposition.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The senate committee on military affairs Monday decided to report favorably the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general. The vote stood 7 to 2, the affirmative senators being Proctor, Warren, Foraker, Quarles, Alger, Cockrell and Pettus; the negatives, Scott (rep. W. Va.) and Blackburn (dem.). Hawley and Bate were absent.

HALE PRAYED FOR CHICAGO.

The Senate Chaplain Asked Divine Help for "the City in Tribulation and Trial."

Washington, Jan. 5.—Rev. Edward Everett Hale pronounced the invocation in the senate on the convening of that body Monday after the holiday recess. Dr. Hale was elected chaplain of the senate just before the holiday recess. He wore ecclesiastical robes and in the invocation referred to the recent death of Mrs. Hoar. The Chicago disaster also was touched upon in the prayer as "the city in tribulation and trial."

A bill to compel railroad companies to transport interstate freight was introduced by Senator Cockrell, of Missouri.

Senator Cockrell also introduced a bill extending to the Osage reservation in Oklahoma the provisions of a bill providing for the use of timber and stone for domestic purposes on certain Indian reservations.

Senator Burton, of Kansas, introduced a bill authorizing the taxation of arid and public lands, under certain conditions, for the purpose of settlement and reclamation.

At the opening of the house the chaplain prayed for peace between Japan and Russia. The resignation of McClellan (N. Y.) was announced.

A "CZAR" IN COLORADO.

Maj. Jeph T. Hill, in Charge of the Militia at Telluride, Seizes Telegraph and Telephone Lines.

Denver, Col., Jan. 5.—Under the proclamation issued by Gov. Peabody declaring San Miguel county to be in a state of insurrection and giving the military full power to use such measures as they deem proper to restore peace, Maj. Jeph T. Hill, commander of the militia at Telluride, has established a press censorship. He has notified the newspaper correspondents in Telluride that all articles must be submitted to him before they are sent out and has taken control of both the telegraph and telephone lines.

Union Miners "Shipped Out."

Telluride, Col., January 5.—Twenty-six men arrested here by the military authorities, including Former Attorney General Eugene Engley, counsel for the Telluride Miners' union; Guy E. Miller, president of the union and J. C. Williams, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners, were placed on board a northbound train and taken beyond the boundaries of San Miguel county under military guard. They will not be allowed to return to this district while martial law is in effect.

THE DEMOCRATIC POLICY.

David B. Hill Outlines a Platform for His Party in the Next Presidential Campaign.

New York, Jan. 5.—The policy of the democratic party in the next campaign, at least the eastern wing of the party, was outlined by David B. Hill in his address at the banquet given in honor of George B. McClelland, the newly-installed mayor of the city. Mr. Hill urged planks for "tariff revision which shall secure equal privileges to all; revenues limited to the necessities of the treasury, and an equitable adjustment of exorbitant duties," and adequate laws for the regulation and control of combinations of capital.

Cleveland Was Not There.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 5.—Former President Grover Cleveland was not present Monday at the banquet in honor of Mayor McClelland.

PORTO RICANS NOT ALIENS.

United States Supreme Court Says the Insular Natives May Enter This Country Unobstructed.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In an opinion by Chief Justice Fuller the supreme court of the United States has decided that citizens of Porto Rico are not aliens of the United States and that they are entitled to enter this country without obstruction. The opinion was delivered in the case of the Porto Rican woman, Gonzales, who, in 1902, was refused admission to the port of New York on the ground that she was likely to become a public charge. The decision was based entirely on the immigration act of 1891 and took the ground that the Porto Ricans owe allegiance to the United States and to no other government.

TAFT, WRIGHT AND IDE.

The President Nominates a Secretary of War, Governor and Vice Governor of the Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The president sent to the senate the nomination of William H. Taft, of Ohio, to be secretary of war.

The president also nominated Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, to be civil governor of the Philippine islands and Henry C. Ide, of Vermont, to be vice civil governor of the Philippine islands.

Col. Sidney Cooke Accepts.

Herlington, Kan., Jan. 5.—Col. Sidney G. Cooke has formally accepted the governorship of the National Soldiers' home near Leavenworth and will take charge next week.

WAR EVER NEARER.

World's New Year Dimmed by Cloud in Far East.

London Newspapers Paint Future in Gloomiest Hues and Declare England Will Be Dragged into Russia-Japanese Bitter Struggle.

London, Jan. 3.—No word has yet been received here tending to show when the Russian reply to Japan may be expected. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has informed Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, that he fears that the war party in Russia is in the ascendant and that he has faint hopes of Japan receiving a favorable reply. The weekly papers here share in the general feeling of alarm current in Great Britain. The Spectator says war draws ever nearer and adds: "If we are dragged into this war, as we may be, the country will not be divided in sympathy, dislike of Russia being as strong among the masses of our population as it was in 1855." The paper surmises that Russia may keep her ships in her harbors, as she did during the Crimean war thereby forcing land actions or a dangerous attempt by Japan to seize Port Arthur and Vladivostock. The Saturday Review adopts a somewhat similar tone, saying that the likelihood of Chinese intervention menaces the commercial interest of all Europe and of the United States.

Believe War to Be Inevitable.

Pekin, Jan. 4.—In the various foreign legations here the opinion is prevalent that war between Japan and Russia is inevitable. This opinion is based on the latest dispatches from Tokio and on the conviction that it is not a question of detail which separates Russia and Japan, but the vital principle as to whether Japan possesses the right to a voice in the settlement of questions connected with the Russian occupation of Manchuria. Russia all along has denied this right and unless her reply shows that she has receded from this position, which is not expected to be the case, it probably will provoke an ultimatum from Japan, whose determination to resort to arms in support of her claim is unquestioned.

Japan Urged to Open Hostilities.

Tokio, Jan. 4.—War with Russia is regarded here as unavoidable and the press is urging the immediate opening of hostilities. All of the banks are withholding funds and it is believed this is the result of official instructions. The government has completed and perfected arrangements for the transportation of troops and supplies and the people calmly await developments.

TO DECLINE HIS GIFTS.

Baptist Church and College Officials Assert That Rockefeller's Money Is Wrong from the Poor.

St. Louis, Jan. 3.—John D. Rockefeller has fallen into disfavor with prominent Baptists interested in educational work throughout the country, according to prominent Baptist educators well known in St. Louis. It is given out on good authority that hereafter no more gifts to Baptist theological and educational institutions will be received from Rockefeller. The high moral ground is taken that these contributions have been indirectly wrung from the poor people of the country by the systematic advancing of the price of oil whenever a gift is made. It is announced that the Baptist society has discontinued its relations with Mr. Rockefeller and that hereafter all benefactions to colleges and schools through the educational branch of the Baptist church will be from others than Mr. Rockefeller.

GEN. LONGSTREET DEAD.

The Noted Confederate Succumbs to an Attack of Acute Pneumonia After a Few Days' Illness.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 4.—Gen. James Longstreet, soldier, statesman and diplomat, the last lieutenant general of the confederacy, with the exception of Gen. Gordon, died in Gainesville, Ga., Saturday from an attack of acute pneumonia. He had been ill two days. Gen. Longstreet was a sufferer from cancer of one eye, but his general health had been good until Wednesday, when he was seized with a sudden cold, developing later into pneumonia of a violent nature. He was 83 years old. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. He will be buried in Gainesville, which has been his home since the civil war.

Has Mrs. Blair Deserted Her Husband?

St. Louis, Jan. 3.—Dr. A. C. Kimball has returned from Eustis, Fla., whither he went three weeks ago in attendance on James L. Blair. He confirms a report that Mrs. Blair is not with her husband. She went to New York a few days after their arrival and has not returned.

Ninetyth Fever Death in Butler.

Butler, Pa., Jan. 4.—The ninetyth death from typhoid fever occurred yesterday. Three new cases were reported.

Good News from Minnesota.

Lakefield, Minn., Jan. 4.—Mr. William E. Gentry of this place is one of the best-known and most highly respected men in Jackson County. For 45 years he has suffered with Kidney Trouble and now at 77 years of age he has found a complete cure and is well. His cure is remarkable because of the length of time he had been suffering. Cases of 40 years' standing might be considered incurable, but the remedy that cured Mr. Gentry seems to know no limit to its curative power. Mr. Gentry says: "I have suffered with misery in my back for about 45 years and had all the trouble'some symptoms of Kidney and Urinary disease. I tried various kinds of remedies, but all to no effect until I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. Now I have no pain in my back and feel quite well in every way. "I am 77 years of age and I feel better than I have for the last 40 years. I attribute it all to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Mr. Ireland—"This book on swimming is very useful in sudden emergencies." Mrs. Ireland—"Is it?" Mr. Ireland—"I should say so. If you are drowning, turn to page 103 and there you'll see how to save yourself."—Glasgow Evening Times.

The Oat Wonder.

The Editor must tell its readers of the marvel. It originated with the largest farm seed growers in the world, the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. It has stiff straw, stands up like a stone wall is white, heavy, and has long ears, filled to the tip with fat, plump kernels. It is a great stooier, 80 stocks from one kernel IF YOU WILL SEND THIS NOTICE AND 10c IN STAMPS to above address, you will get a sample of this Oat Wonder, which yielded in 1903 in 40 States from 250 to 310 bu. per acre together with other farm seed samples and their big catalog. [K. L.]

"Did Slickun's house catch fire from a defective flue?" "No, an effective one. He had it insured for twice its real value."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Advertisement for St. Jacobs Oil, featuring an image of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text includes 'At The Post', 'Up and doing, to live and help to live, the old reliable', 'St. Jacobs Oil is an universal benefactor in the cure of Hurts, Sprains and Bruises', 'Price, 25c. and 50c.'

Advertisement for Smith's Sure Kidney Cure, featuring an image of a muscular man holding a large kidney. Text includes 'IS YOUR LIFE WORTH 50 CENTS? If So Try A Bottle Of SMITH'S SURE KIDNEY CURE', 'We defy the world to produce a medicine for the cure of all forms of Kidney and Bladder troubles, and all diseases peculiar to women, that will equal Smith's Sure Kidney Cure. Ninety-eight per cent of the cases treated with Smith's Sure Kidney Cure that have come under our observation have been cured. We sell our medicine on a positive guarantee, if directions are followed, and money will be refunded if cure is not effected. Manufactured by Smith Medical Co., St. Louis, Mo. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial Sample mailed free. For sale by all druggists.'

Advertisement for Western Canada Farms, featuring an image of a cow. Text includes 'The FREE Homestead Lands of WESTERN CANADA are the Star Attractions for 1904', 'Millions of acres of magnificent Grain and Grazing lands to be had as a free gift, or by purchase from the Railway Companies, Land Corporations, etc.', 'The Great Attractions Good crops, delightful climate, splendid school system, perfect social conditions, exceptional railway advantages, and wealth and affluence acquired easily.', 'The population of WESTERN CANADA increased 100,000 by immigration during the past year, over 60,000 being Americans.', 'Write to the nearest authorized Canadian Government Agent for Canadian Atlas and other information, or address SUPERINTENDENT IMMIGRATION, OTTAWA, CANADA.'

Advertisement for Beggs' Cherry Cough Syrup, featuring an image of a man. Text includes 'GOOD, PERMANENT BUSINESS FOR RESPONSIBLE MEN', 'To responsible men, we will give territory covering two counties, furnish all goods without charge, pay all expenses. You must have a good team and wagon. It is a good and permanent business. Address: IOWA MEDICINE CO., Manufacturers of BEGG'S CHERRY COUGH SYRUP, Keokuk, Iowa.', 'BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP cures coughs and colds.'