

FEBRUARY—1900.

Calendar grid for February 1900 with days of the week and numbers.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A 16-year-old girl in the pulpit was the attraction at Holy Trinity Baptist church, Brooklyn.

The United States sells more than twice as much as it buys, Germany buys \$250,000,000 worth a year more than it sells.

Four American steamers designed for the Pacific trade are each to be 750 feet long, with a capacity of 22,000 tons.

Mrs. Ledoska Cooper, prominent in Des Moines (Ia.) society, has filed suit for divorce against John Cooper on the grounds of alleged inhuman treatment and persecution.

The New York Methodist preachers' meeting recently passed a resolution regarding missionary work which emphasized the need of Christian work directly at home.

Herbert Putnam, the new librarian of congress, has been taking stock of his great establishment. The library now consists of 850,000 printed books, 250,000 pamphlets, 26,000 manuscripts, 50,000 maps, 277,000 pieces of music, and 70,000 prints of photographs, etchings, and the like.

The foreign commerce of the United States, like most of the country's other activities, grows faster than its population. In 1869 the aggregate exports and imports of the country were \$776,000,000, while its population was 38,000,000.

Iowa probably will have biennial elections after 1902. The constitutional amendment providing for elections every two years instead of annually was approved by the last legislature and the body now in session looks upon it with favor.

A report to the state department from Consul Frankenthal, at Bern, records the progress of one of the greatest engineering enterprises of the century, which began November 13, 1898.

A plaster of paris design for an "Uncle Sam" hat—probably the largest in the world—containing within its crown practical models for upwards of 200 distinct styles of hats worn by 23 nationalities.

KENTUCKY'S MUDDLE.

Chaotic Is the Only Word That Will Describe the Situation.

MANY RUMORS FLOATING AROUND.

Gov. Beckham Waiting for the Election Commissioners to Decide on the Cases of the Secretary of State, Treasurer and Auditor.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 6.—Gov. Taylor last night made a distinct and positive offer to submit the merits of his claim to the gubernatorial chair of Kentucky to any three fair-minded men in the world.

Early in the morning it was positively asserted by the democrats and confirmed by a few republicans that the legislative session in London was about to be called off.

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Gov. Beckham has at the present time no secretary of state, no treasurer and no auditor. It will not be possible, of course, for him to transact state business until these officers have been seated.

An Agreement Arrived at.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 6.—Shortly after midnight the republican and democratic conferees in session at the Gray house came to an agreement. It is said the agreement is decidedly favorable to the democrats.

The agreement provided that, in order to leave no question as to the title of William Goebel and J. C. Beckham to the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, respectively the general assembly shall pass a resolution in joint assembly validating the acts on that subject since the legislature has been prevented by troops from holding its regular sessions at Frankfort.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

Proceedings of Our National Lawmakers from Day to Day in Condensed Form—Resolutions and Bills.

In the senate on the 2d Senator Pettigrew (S. D.) sought to have read a resolution embodying a document written by Aguinaldo upon the Filipino insurrection and containing his version of the alleged recognition of the Filipino republic by Admiral Dewey.

Senator Allen (Neb.) spoke against the recent transactions of Secretary Gage with the City national bank of New York in the senate on the 3d.

Senator Caffery (La.) on the 5th discussed the Philippine question in the senate. When asked what he would do with the Filipinos he said: "Turn them loose as soon as we can get rid of them."

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She Smoked. A patient of one of the leading specialists who treat polypi in the nose and throat is a woman well known for her work in Sunday schools in New York city.

"But you must promise to follow my directions," said the doctor, with the suspicion of a twinkle in his eye.

The lady grasped. Visions of what might happen if she were seen with a cigarette between her teeth by any of her pupils floated before her, and she almost fainted.

"It is a pity," said Miss Cayenne, "how chance destroys the harmony of things in this world."

AFRICAN WAR NEWS.

Gen. Buller Thought to Be Pounding Against the Boer Works.

GEN. FRENCH AFTER NORVAL'S POINT

Spencer Wilkinson Says the Tide Is Beginning to Turn for the British—President Steyn and Kruger Protest Against Destroying Farms.

London, Feb. 6.—Military opinion in London continues to assume, from very slender materials, that Gen. Buller is again throwing his army against the Boer works.

It is from the western field that more definite statements come. Large operations are apparently about to begin.

The Boers at Colesberg have been in danger of being surrounded by the largely reinforced and extending lines of the British.

The Boers are showing great activity in the Nauwpoort and Colesberg districts. Many of the guns hitherto facing Lord Methuen are believed to have gone to Norval's point.

The war office announces that 15 transports will be dispatched between to-day and Monday with 13,000 troops, including the Fourth cavalry brigade, militia battalions and 3,000 yeomanry, with 258 horses and six guns.

Sir Alfred Milner, in a letter written three weeks ago to former lord mayor of Belfast, said the war would last three or four months longer.

Sir Alfred Milner has sent most hopeful and encouraging reports to the government regarding the prospects of the campaign and it is understood that his views are shared by Lord Roberts.

The censorship seems to have completely shut down the correspondence at Spearman's camp. No dispatch from that point appears in this morning's papers and nothing has been allowed to issue since Sunday evening.

The Tide Beginning to Turn. London, Feb. 6.—Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "The tide is beginning to turn."

In the western theater of the war it looks as though Gen. French had been reinforced, perhaps by Gen. Chermise's brigade. This would be the beginning of a systematic direction of the campaign.

Boers Protest Against Destroying Farms. Cape Town, Feb. 6.—President Steyn and President Kruger have communicated with Field Marshal Lord Roberts, the British commander-in-chief, protesting against the destruction of farm houses and the devastation of property.

Two Barges Wrecked.

New York, Feb. 6.—The barges Wilson and Mary Tryon were wrecked and sunk in Huntington bay, near Huntington, L. I., yesterday, in a heavy northwest gale.

"Do Not Burn the Candle At Both Ends."

Don't think you can go on drawing vitality from the blood for nerves, stomach, brain and muscles, without doing something to replace it.



WHAT A FORMER AMERICAN SAYS.

Doubled Their Cultivated Lands and More Than Doubled Their Stock.

The following letter written by Mr. John Cummings of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, formerly of Washington, to a friend in the United States is only one of a hundred similar cases.

Dear Sir: You want to know how I got along since I came into Northern Alberta.

We located five miles northeast of Wetaskiwin; left Farmington, Washington, on the 29th of May, driving all the way.

We had time to build our log house the first fall and to make us comfortable for the family and stock.

I can go ten rods back of my house and count ten residents. I know all of their circumstances. Every one of them have doubled their cultivated land and doubled their animals.

My son bought two pounds of twine to the acre, and when we started to bind some barley, we found that instead of taking two pounds to the acre, it was taking nearly five pounds.

Hicks—"I wonder how the Tollers manage to get along. Why, I believe they owe everybody in town."

The baker gets crusty himself when his bread doesn't pan out well.—Golden Days.

Nervous Women

are ailing women. When a woman has some female trouble she is certain to be nervous and wretched.

With many women the monthly suffering is so great that they are for days positively insane, and the most diligent efforts of ordinary treatment are unavailing.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

comes promptly to the relief of these women. The letters from women cured by it proves this. This paper is constantly printing them.

The advice of Mrs. Pinkham should also be secured by every nervous woman. This costs nothing. Her address is Lynn, Mass.