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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

**Uncle Sam's High Credit.**  
Uncle Sam's new two per cent. bonds are quoted at 104, which establishes a record of high credit never reached by any other nation.

**Gen. Cronje's British Nephew.**  
Gen. Cronje has a nephew studying for a professional career in London who has become a British subject and whose sympathies are all with his new country.

**America Can Supply Them.**  
It is suggested that agricultural missionaries be needed in India to put an end to the famines. America can supply the best men for the purpose and the best machinery.

**Did a Woman Write It?**  
Prof. Harrook, a Berlin theologian, has come forward with the startling theory that the epistle to the Romans was written by a woman, probably Priscilla, whom Paul mentions in one of his letters.

**Always a Fighter.**  
Gen. Arthur MacArthur, who will succeed to Gen. Otis' place in the Philippines, is like Gen. Miles in that he never graduated from West Point. He began life on the battlefield when most boys are at school.

**United States Supreme Court.**  
The chief justice of the United States supreme court is Melville W. Fuller. The associate justices are John M. Harlan, Horace Gray, David J. Brewer, Henry B. Brown, George Shiras, Edward D. White, Rufus W. Peckham, Joseph McKenna.

**So It Could Not Be Misunderstood.**  
A. A. Putnam, an electrical engineer of Rochester, talked his last will and testament into a phonograph a few days ago. Then with a hot copper wire he signed his name on the wax roll of the phonograph, the witnesses doing likewise, and the "document" was thereupon completed.

**Lighter Work for Drug Clerks.**  
Gov. Roosevelt has signed a new law which provides that no drug clerk in New York city shall work more than 70 hours a week, less than one hour for each meal, less than one full day off in two weeks, or sleep in any store or apartment not approved by sanitary inspectors.

**Plenty of Tickets This Year.**  
In 1896 the prohibition presidential nominations were made on May 27, the republican nominations on June 18, the socialist nominations on July 4, the democratic nominations on September 3. This year there are two socialist parties and there are to be two populist national conventions.

**The Wealth of Europe.**  
The total wealth of Europe, personal and real estate, is estimated at \$235,000,000,000. From the point of view of the absolute riches of the world, the principal European countries range in the following order by billions: England, 59; France, 50; Germany, 40; Russia, 32; Austria, 22; Italy, 15; Belgium, 5; Holland, 4.

**Great Fortunes for Youngsters.**  
The son of William Waldorf Astor, who lives in England, is 19, and will get the bulk of his father's fortune. At the present time it is estimated that fortune is \$200,000,000. John Jacob Astor, of New York, while not so rich as his brother, has over \$75,000,000, most of which will go to his nine-year-old son, a bright youngster.

**Enjoys a Waltz at 91.**  
Mrs. Ann Bartholomew, of New Rochelle, N. Y., got home from a visit to her son in Illinois last week just in time to run over to Derby, Conn., and take part in a dancing party given in her honor by her granddaughter, Mrs. Bartholomew sees no reason why a woman should not enjoy waltzing just because she happens to be 91 years old.

**To Concentrate the Volume of Fire.**  
Artillery experts are convinced that a far greater concentration of fire has become necessary in front attacks. It is consequently proposed to organize a brigade with 480 3-inch howitzers, each gun capable of throwing 14 pounds of shrapnel three miles. With this volume of fire it is believed that any position can be rendered untenable, and that such a body of artillery would be equal to 100,000 men as now handled.

PIONEERS OF EVANGELISM.

Dr. Post Tells the Ecumenical Conference the Importance of Good Physicians in the Work of Missions.

New York, May 1.—The general topic for discussion at the morning session of the Ecumenical conference in Carnegie hall Monday was "medical work." In a paper by Rev. Dr. George A. Post, professor of surgery in the Syrian Protestant college, he said: "We believe that the first aim of medical missions should be the relief of suffering from motives of brotherhood. Medical missions are the pioneers of evangelism. They can be planted where no other branch of evangelized work is possible. They are founded on a need which is universal, and felt by all. The doctor, therefore, has immediate and welcome access to vast numbers who neither wish nor will have any intercourse with other missionaries. Were the offices of the doctor merely a bribe to induce men to listen to the gospel they would lose their power to draw men to Christ. We believe them to be a necessary outcome to the humanity which Christ taught and loved."

SUNDAY NIGHT CONFERENCE.

At the Sherman House in Chicago W. J. Bryan Was Assured a Solid Delegation from Illinois.

Chicago, May 1.—At a private conference here Sunday night at the Sherman house between W. J. Bryan, J. G. Johnson, chairman of the democratic national executive committee; Willis J. Abbot, editor of the Bulletin, and Mayor Harrison, the latter assured Bryan that Illinois would send a solid Bryan delegation to the national convention. The four men also discussed the situation in Illinois and throughout the country. When asked if the bid of Admiral Dewey for the presidential nomination was discussed the members of the conference said it was not. It was also agreed, it is said, that anti-expansion would be made as prominent an issue in the campaign as any other question.

SMALL IN COMPARISON.

Losses by the United States in the Philippines Dwarfed by the British Casualties in South Africa.

Washington, May 1.—In comparison with the casualties suffered by the British troops in South Africa, those sustained by the American forces in the Philippines seem very small. A statement just compiled by the war department shows that since July 1, 1898, when American troops reached Manila, until April 27, 1900, these deaths have occurred: Killed and died of wounds, 43 officers, 552 men; died of disease, 26 officers, 1,635 men; total, 69 officers, 2,187 men. Grand total, 2,256. Several thousand men have been wounded, but only a small percentage have died of wounds, and most of them have returned to duty.

NO SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

The Senate Monday, by a Vote of Twenty For to Twenty-Nine Against, Defeated the Resolution.

Washington, May 1.—By a vote of 20 to 29 the senate Monday refused to consider the resolution of sympathy with the Boers introduced by Senator Mason of Illinois. The detailed vote was as follows:

Yeas—Allen, Bate, Berry, Chandler, Clay, Hale, Harris, Heltfeld, Hoar, Jones, (Ark.), Kenny, McCumber, McHenry, Martin, Mason, Pettigrew, Ross, Teller, Turner, Vest—20.

Nays—Aldrich, Allison, Bard, Carter, Clark (Wyo.), Davis, Fairbanks, Foster, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hawley, Jones (Nev.), Kean, Lodge, McComas, Morgan, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Pettus, Platt (Conn.), Platt (N. Y.), Sewell, Shoup, Stewart, Sullivan, Warren, Wolcott—29.

Gov. Pingree's New Hope.

Detroit, Mich., May 1.—Gov. Pingree asserted in an interview here that the hope of the people in this year's general elections is the democratic party. The governor has always hitherto been an independent republican. Speaking of the increasing power of trusts, Gov. Pingree said: "There is no use in hoping that the republican party will do anything with them."

Gen. Cronje Views St. Helena.

Jamestown, St. Helena, May 1.—Gen. Cronje and his wife, accompanied by the general's private secretary, were permitted to attend religious services Sunday at Deadwood camp, after which they had their first ride around the country, an experience which seemed to give Gen. Cronje much pleasure. The famous Boer commander was received with cheers.

Found 40 of His Steers Dead.

Goofs, Kan., May 1.—William McKibben, a farmer near this city, turned 50 head of fat steers into his feed lot and yesterday morning 40 of them were dead. Indications are that they were poisoned by some malevolent person.

A Protest from Manila.

Washington, May 1.—Congress will receive a memorial soon from the American chamber of commerce at Manila, protesting vigorously against the excessive taxation exacted by the United States military government.

Conferees Unable to Agree.

Washington, May 1.—The conferees on the Porto Rico bill providing for the appointment of temporary officers in the island were unable to agree Monday and it was determined to report a complete disagreement.

CHICAGO CHEERS DEWEY.

The Admiral Received a Great Ovation Upon His Arrival There—Military Ball Monday Night.

Chicago, May 1.—Amid the booming of cannon and the cheers of hundreds of people, Admiral George Dewey arrived in Chicago yesterday. For the next three days he will be the guest of this city and the programme for his entertainment will take up nearly every moment of his time until his departure Thursday morning for Jacksonville, Ill.

Never in the history of the great Auditorium has there been within its walls a sight more beautiful than that revealed last night when the great ball given in honor of Admiral Dewey was at its height. There have been festive occasions without number in the great hall; dances for charity; balls in honor of illustrious civilians, famous soldiers and distinguished foreigners, but last night was the first time that Chicago has had within her gates as a guest a distinguished representative of the American navy, the first time she has been permitted to pay her tribute of honor and respect to the victor of Manila bay, and she utilized the opportunity to the full. There was nothing wanting. It was a decisive success from first to last in all details, from the decorations on the walls to the reception proper, which was tendered to the admiral. Fully 2,000 people were present.

HANNA'S PREDICTION.

The Ohio Senator Says That McKinley Will Be Re-Elected and Gives His Reasons.

Cleveland, O., May 1.—The Leader received from its Washington correspondent last night the first statement from Senator Hanna, who is chairman of the republican national convention, concerning the outlook for the coming presidential campaign from a republican standpoint:

As a result of a careful study of the situation I feel perfectly safe in making the prediction at this time that McKinley will be re-elected. There is no way of figuring how the republicans can lose in the coming contest if they put their shoulders to the wheel and are not imbued with a spirit of over-confidence in the success of the ticket. The price of the victory will be much harder and more constant effort from the time the campaign opens until election day. The republicans should make the same kind of a fight they did in 1896. In going over the list of states that cast their electoral votes for McKinley, four years ago, I do not see any which will not do the same thing this year unless it be Kentucky. That state I am placing in the doubtful column, although we certainly purpose making every effort to carry it. I regard Maryland, which the democrats are claiming already, as reasonably certain to remain in the republican column. Besides holding our own in practically all the states that we carried in 1896, we have reason to believe that the republicans will carry Kansas, South Dakota and Washington, which went for Bryan four years ago, while our chances are excellent. I am informed by Senators Shoup and Carter, of winning Idaho and Montana, the states they represent in the senate.

INTERESTING DECISION.

United States Supreme Court Knocks Out State Law Compelling Trains to Stop at County Seat Towns.

Washington, May 1.—In the supreme court Monday an opinion was handed down in the case of the Big Four railroad vs. the state of Illinois. The case involved the constitutionality of the state law of Illinois requiring all trains to stop at county seats in the state and the proceeding originated in the form of a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the Knickerbocker "special" running between New York and St. Louis to stop at all county seat stations. The case was decided in favor of the state by the Illinois supreme court, but Monday's opinion reversed that judgment on the ground that the law in this case is a direct and unnecessary burden on interstate commerce.

A Gift of Twenty Million Dollars.

New York, May 1.—Mrs. James J. Coogan, the wife of the president of Manhattan borough, received from her mother, Mrs. William Lynch, a gift of \$20,000,000. It consists wholly of real estate and was conveyed to Mrs. Coogan in consideration of \$1. It is probably the largest single transfer of property ever recorded in this city. Mrs. Lynch is 80 years old, and having a horror of litigation after death, concluded to dispose of her property during her lifetime.

Secretary Long Has Chadwick's Reply.

Washington, May 1.—Capt. Chadwick called at the navy department Monday and delivered to Secretary Long in person a letter in response to the department's communication which called his attention to a certain newspaper publication attributing to him remarks derogatory to Admiral Selley. Secretary Long refused to give the nature of the letter, saying he had it under consideration.

Had Wrecked Too Many Lives.

Chicago, May 1.—Standing before a mirror in her room at the Palmer house yesterday, Minnie M. Wray, a beautiful young woman, shot and killed herself. Scraps of a torn letter found and put together said the writer had "wrecked too many lives already and must cease."

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

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

After a brief debate on the 25th the senate agreed to the conference report on the Hawaiian civil government bill. A resolution was adopted calling on the secretary of the treasury as to the number, location and cost of public buildings being constructed. Consideration was begun of the agricultural appropriation bill. As reported it carried \$3,350,120. The bill after some amendment was passed. The house considered the post office appropriation bill, the provision for the pneumatic tube service being stricken out. Mr. Moody (Mass.) creating a sensation by assailing the methods of the Pneumatic Tube company in making presents of blocks of stock to certain influential persons whom he would not name.

Almost the entire session of the senate on the 26th was devoted to the consideration of the light of Nathan B. Scott (W. Va.) to retain his seat. The case finally went over without action. Senator Mason (Ill.) introduced a joint resolution requesting the president to withdraw the forces of the United States from Cuba so as to turn the government of that island over to the Cubans by the next Fourth of July. After four days of discussion the house passed the post office appropriation bill. The bill to increase the salary of the director of the census and of supervisors of census was passed. The final conference report on the Hawaiian government bill was presented but not acted upon owing to the absence of a quorum.

The senate on the 27th voted on the resolution declaring Nathan B. Scott to be entitled to his seat from West Virginia. The number of votes in the negative was only three. The Alaskan civil code bill was then taken up. The house broke all records by passing 91 private pension bills. Among them was one to pension at the rate of \$40 a month the widow of the late Col. John M. Stotsenberg, of the First Nebraska, who was killed in the Philippines. The conference report on the Hawaiian government bill was also adopted.

Senator Pettigrew (S.D.) on the 28th called up in the senate his resolution of sympathy for the Boers in their war with Great Britain, but on a call for a vote on a motion to refer it to the committee on foreign relations it was found that there was not a quorum and an adjournment was taken. Previous to that a resolution was adopted providing that the exercises appropriate to the acceptance from the G. A. R. of the statue of Gen. Grant, to be erected in the capitol, be made the special order for Saturday, May 19, at four p. m. The house passed a number of bills of more or less importance. The bill for a commission to adjudicate the claims of American citizens against Spain consumed considerable of the session, but it was finally recommitted.

In the senate on the 30th Senator Pettigrew (S. D.) tried to get his resolution of sympathy for the Boers up for consideration, but the motion was defeated by a vote of 29 to 28. The conference report relating to the administration of civil affairs in Porto Rico was agreed to and then the Alaskan civil code bill was taken up. The house passed the Lacey bill to enlarge the powers of the department of agriculture over game and birds. The bill for a constitutional amendment to disqualify polygamists for election as senators and representatives and to prohibit polygamy, was referred to the committee on judiciary, after meeting with opposition from both sides of the house. The house agreed to the conference report on the Porto Rico bill.

Room for All.

A bland and patronizing New Yorker was passing through a raw and new hamlet in the west, which its proud founders had dubbed B. City, and were sure would soon become a thriving hive of human beings. Addressing a lank youth who was lounging at the door of one of the rude shanties that passed for a "shoe emporium," the New Yorker inquired, sarcastically: "Who is that important-looking gentleman in the red flannel shirt?" "That's Sam Peters," was the proud reply. "He's just opened the new post office."

"And the tall person with no collar?" "He's Long Mike. Just opened a grocery store."

"And the plump individual with the bald head?" "Handy Jim. Owns the new hotel."

"Indeed?" said the New Yorker. "Your city seems to be pretty well started. I should suppose there was nothing left for a stranger like myself to open."

"Oh, I dunno!" drawled the lanky one. "We aint got no loonatic asylum yet. You might start that."—N. Y. Tribune.

Wedding Eccentricities.

Invention has to be taxed in order to provide something entirely new for wedding festivities, if one really desires to be original; but that there are minds adapted to that task, may be guessed from the following real occurrence: A couple in one of the New England states had recently an ambition to begin their married life under decorative circumstances. The ordinary devices were too old. So, instead of a floral bell, there was to be seen above the happy pair the borrowed legend: "United we stand." The quotation has not yet been finished. Still later comes another anecdote, equally true, which seems to embody the modern spirit. Two happy young persons, named, perhaps, Harriet Corson and John Eames, stood up to be married. Above her head was an elaborate floral device, with her name in small electric lights. Above the bridegroom appeared a similar decoration, save that it was his name that sparkled there. All through the ceremony the lights burned brilliantly, but at the words, "I pronounce you man and wife," "Harriet Corson" was turned off!—Youth's Companion.

**Caution to Broom Corn Raisers.**  
Farmers would do well this coming season if they intend to plant broom corn to contract with some responsible broker or manufacturer before planting if they do not wish to lose their entire labor, as an immense crop will be planted, causing the bulk of it to be unsalable for several years to come.

**Victory Assured.**  
He was a candidate for aldermanic honors. "A speech! A speech!" yelled the crowd. In response to the popular clamor he mounted an empty beer keg and said: "Boys, I thank you. All hands step inside and have something."

It was a brief specimen of oratory, but it touched the spot.—Chicago Evening News.

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