

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A Veteran of Waterloo.

John W. Gillon, who died recently at Weymouth, Mass., in his ninety-eighth year, was a veteran of the battle of Waterloo, and, so far as known, the only one in this country.

Entombed 13 Days Without Food.

Four miners were entombed for 12 days in the Matsuyasu colliery in Japan lately. They did without food all the time, and for most of the time without light, and were none the worse when dug out.

Schley Not for Arbitration.

Admiral Schley believes in war. "Arbitration," he said recently, "is the fad of the moment, but war, though it endangers business for the time, gives a strong and hardy race most likely to endure."

Appear Partial to the Imitation.

Oleomargarine, according to data sent to congress by Secretary Gage, is 32 per cent. lard, with less than one per cent. of genuine butter. Yet 53,000,000 pounds of the compound were sold last year.

Another Frank Passes Away.

Thomas Muncey lived 90 years and never saw a railroad train, never smoked, chewed tobacco or drank liquor. He died last week at his home in Little Creek, N. J. A widow, eight children, 25 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive him.

Presidents and Military Titles.

Twelve of our presidents had military titles won on battlefields. Washington and Grant were commanding generals of the American army; Jackson, William H. Harrison, Taylor and Garfield, major generals; Pierce, Hayes and Benjamin Harrison, brigadier generals; Monroe and McKinley, majors; Lincoln, a captain.

Wears Two Victoria Crosses.

Nineteen years ago Lord Roberts received the thanks of both houses of parliament for his march from Cabul to Kandahar. He is the only man living entitled to wear two Victoria crosses. His own he wears on his left breast, but the cross earned by his son he is not only allowed but commanded to wear on the opposite side.

Favor Election by Direct Vote.

Following is a list of the states which by action of their legislatures have approved election of senators by the people: Nevada, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, North Carolina, Montana, Arkansas, Idaho, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Roosevelt and Wife-Beaters.

Gov. Roosevelt being in favor of the whipping post for wife-beaters, a movement is on foot in New York state for the passage of legislation authorizing such punishment. Years ago Mr. Roosevelt, when a member of the legislature, introduced a bill with this object in view, but it was defeated. The feeling in favor of such a measure is stronger now and with the governor's aid a whipping post bill might be passed.

Bishop Taylor's Eventful Career.

Bishop William Taylor, who is now on the superannuated list of the Methodist Episcopal church, has had a most eventful career. Previous to his retirement from active life four years ago he had preached continuously for 53 years. He began as a street preacher in California and then went to work in foreign missions. He has worked in Africa, Australia, India, South America, Asia, and in most of the islands of the south Pacific.

"The Book of the Century"

The New York Observer makes Voltaire's prediction that the end of the nineteenth century would see the Bible forgotten the text of an article to show how, on the contrary, "it has never been remembered more carefully than it is to-day; it has never been circulated more widely, nor has it wielded so potent an influence as in the century about to close. Instead of being forgotten or out of date, it has been and it is preeminently the book of the century."

Lives to Upset All Theories.

Married men are said to live longer than bachelors, while it is generally admitted that men who use tobacco and liquor have a greatly diminished chance of life. Now comes Noah Raby, 128 years old, of New Jersey, to upset and laugh at all the theories. He has smoked and chewed tobacco for considerably more than 100 years. He has been a regular, though moderate, drinker of whisky for nearly as long a time, he has never been married, and he has been a farm laborer all his life.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Three Business Sessions Held Yesterday—The Temperance Question and the Ban on Amusements.

Chicago, May 29.—With three business sessions yesterday the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which for a month past has been sitting here considering great questions affecting the welfare of that denomination, practically came to a close. The actual adjournment does not take place until to-day, but to-day's session was expected to be but little more than a formality and many of the delegates left for their homes last night. Much important business was transacted yesterday, including the settlement of two of the most interesting questions brought before the conference—the reports of the committee on temperance and the committee on the state of the church in regard to the ban on card-playing, theater-going, dancing and other amusements. A strong political color was given the discussion on the temperance question by the bitter arraignment of President McKinley because of his attitude on the anti-liquor law, but after some decidedly warm debate the conference refused to criticize the attitude of the chief magistrate by striking out by an overwhelming vote all reference to any action on his part or that of Attorney General Griggs. The minority report on amusements, accepted Saturday, was, to the surprise of many, laid on the table, which action leaves the paragraph in the book of discipline exactly as it was before the question was considered. The afternoon and night sessions were devoted to hearing reports from committees on business heretofore crowded out.

THE SUN'S ECLIPSE.

Observers Fortunate in Southern Section of Country—The Photographic Data Obtained by the Scientists.

Washington, May 29.—Advices received at the naval observatory from its agents in various points in the south show that favorable weather prevailed for observing the sun's eclipse yesterday, that the contact occurred very close to schedule time and that the programme arranged was carried out without a hitch. Three parties were sent out from the observatory, viz.: one to Pinehurst, N. C., in charge of Prof. Aaron N. Skinner; one to Barnesville, Ga., in charge of Prof. Milton Updegraff, and one to Griffin, Ga., in charge of Prof. Stimson J. Brown.

In Washington the weather was slightly cloudy, which somewhat marred the opportunities for getting a satisfactory observation of the eclipse. The eclipse arrived just a few seconds ahead of schedule time, but the irregularity was so slight that an ordinary observer could not have discerned it. The trained star gazers claim that the contact came from five to eight seconds before it was due, but the difficulty of telling just when the actual contact began was so great because of a cloud which passed that even they cannot quite agree among themselves. They do agree, however, that it was one of the most remarkable predictions in the history of astronomy, it being doubtful if ever before the time of the arrival of an eclipse was so accurately announced in advance.

Unofficial reports which have reached Washington indicate that the eclipse was visible to a greater or less degree in its entire path of totality. Particularly fortunate were the observers in the southern section of the country where the weather seemed to be unusually favorable for securing the photographic data which the scientists were so anxious to obtain.

SAYS IT WILL BE LONG.

New England Republicans Confident the Secretary of the Navy Will Secure Second Place on the Ticket.

Washington, May 29.—As a result of a canvass of the republican national sub-committee it appears reasonably certain that the vice presidency is not yet settled upon. It is believed the elimination of Roosevelt and Woodruff has been made final—the governor because he will not take it, and the lieutenant governor because he will not be permitted to take it. Joe Manley and other New England men say it has been settled that Secretary Long is to be the nominee for second place, and as such is to have a working nucleus of 73 delegates from New England, with 72 from New York, 64 from Pennsylvania and 20 from New Jersey, or a total of 234 to start with.

Hudson Retires from the Topeka Capital.

Topeka, Kan., May 29.—Gen. J. K. Hudson, who has been editor of the Capital for the past year, and his son-in-law, Dell Keiser, who has been business manager of the paper 16 years, retired yesterday, the stock held by Mr. Keiser, being purchased by Messrs. Popewoc, Babize and Chase, the other stockholders. It is understood that there has been some friction of late between Hudson and the majority stockholders.

NEAR JOHANNESBURG.

Lord Roberts Said to Be Within a Day's March to the City—The Boers Are Panic Stricken.

London, May 29.—Lord Roberts is now within a day's march of Johannesburg and Gen. French and Gen. Ian Hamilton fought the Boers from noon until evening Monday, with what result is not known here.

H. J. Whigham, in a dispatch to the Daily Mail, dated May 28, says: "The demoralization of the Transvaal is remarkable. Panic and confusion prevails everywhere. Everyone is weary of the war and full of fear as to the coming of the British. Operations were being carried on for encircling Pretoria with telegraphic communications. Fourteen points in the line of defenses were connected with headquarters and with the Staats artillery, but this apparently was the only defensive measure adopted. There were no other visible preparations."

Last Dispatch from Lord Roberts.

London, May 29.—The war office, just before midnight, published the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Klip River, Transvaal, May 28.—We marched 20 miles to-day and are now 18 miles from Johannesburg. The enemy had prepared several positions where they intended to oppose us, but they abandoned one after the other as we neared them. We pressed them so hard that they had only just time to get their five guns into train and to leave as soon as some of the infantry dashed into it. French's and Ian Hamilton's forces are apparently engaged with the enemy about ten miles to our left, as firing has been heard since noon. H. J. Whigham has just returned to Lourenzo Marques from Pretoria, where he went disguised. He wires that Kruger has all the arrangements made for flight, presumably to Holland. A special train, provisioned, is always ready, with steam up. The train waits some distance from Pretoria. The farmers near our line of advance are surrendering with their arms and horses."

Kruger's Warning.

London, May 29.—The Morning Post has the following dispatch from Lourenzo Marques, dated Monday: "President Kruger has issued a public proclamation warning all people to leave Johannesburg or to remain there at the peril of their lives, as it might become necessary to destroy the town and the mines."

TWENTY THOUSAND MEN.

State Grain Inspector Says Kansas Will This Year Harvest 85,000,000 Bushels of Wheat—Summer County's Record.

Topeka, Kan., May 29.—State Grain Inspector McKenzie, who has just returned from the Kansas wheat belt, says the state will harvest 85,000,000 bushels of wheat, and that harvesting will begin in southern Kansas by June 12. Nothing can occur now to injure the crop, except destructive storms, as the earth has been regularly soaked with timely rains. Inspector McKenzie and grain men say the greatest danger threatened is a dearth of laboring men to harvest the great crop of wheat. Summer county alone, which has an acreage of 294,000, will have to import at least 1,000 men to assist in saving the crop. The same condition exists in 20 other counties. Where the 20,000 extra men will come from necessary to save all the Kansas wheat the farmers do not know, but they declare such number will be needed. It is stated that about 2,000 harvesters will come from Oklahoma, following the harvesting season north as it progresses.

DENIALS FROM ST. LOUIS.

Union Labor Is Unanimously in Favor of the Fair Bill—No Meeting of Representative Taxpayers Held.

Washington, May 28.—Ex-Gov. Francis, of Missouri, who is at the head of the St. Louis fair delegation in Washington, received the following telegram bearing upon the telegrams received by Speaker Henderson on Thursday protesting against the passage of the fair bill: "No representative meeting of taxpayers was held to oppose world's fair. On the contrary, the taxpayers have subscribed upwards of \$4,000,000. Thirty thousand union workmen have subscribed upwards of \$200,000. Organized labor is unanimously in favor of the fair.—Henry Blakemore, president building trades' council."

Women as Republican Delegates.

Philadelphia, May 29.—An interesting feature of the coming convention has been announced. Women are to get seats as delegates for the first time in the history of the party. The women who will be admitted are Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. J. B. West, of Lewiston, Ida. They have been elected as alternate-at-large and their credentials are in proper form.

Alaskan Civil Government Bill Passed.

Washington, May 29.—Yesterday was a dull day in the house considering the near approach of the final adjournment. The Alaskan civil government bill was passed and some odds and ends of legislation were cleaned up.

ROBBED BY ONE MAN.

Bold Holdup of a Pullman Sleeping Car Attached to a Missouri Pacific Train Near Verdon, Neb.

Omaha, Neb., May 29.—One Pullman car on the Missouri Pacific express from St. Louis and Kansas City, due here at 6:15 o'clock Monday morning, was robbed between Verdon and Stella by one man about three o'clock this morning. The robber forced the conductor to go through the car ahead of him and to draw back the sections of each berth. A traveling man from Kansas City, A. J. Frederick, resisted and the robber shot at him, the bullet grazing Frederick's head and imbedding itself in the window frame. Then Frederick gave up his money and a gold watch. James W. Orr, general attorney of the Missouri Pacific railway at Atchison, gave the robber \$10 and gently explained that his pass book was of no use to anyone except himself. The robber therefore allowed him to retain it. In addition to the passes it contained \$60 in currency, a fact which Mr. Orr forgot to tell the highwayman. A. S. Sprague, traveling auditor of the Missouri Pacific, was not so fortunate, as the robber took his pocketbook, containing passes and about \$10 in cash.

THE POSTAL SCANDAL.

Gen. Wood Receives a Satisfactory Report from the Auditors on the Treasury and Customs Departments.

Havana, May 29.—Gen. Wood received yesterday a report from the auditors who have been investigating the treasury and the customs departments. The auditors say that they have not finished their work, but believe that everything so far as they have gone is satisfactory. At all events the method of keeping the books is perfect and does not present any difficulty to the examiner. The auditors are not Havana employes, but have been brought especially from the United States because of their records as experts. Although the investigation has not been completed much gratification is felt by the officials at the provisional report.

It is now believed that scandal does not touch any other branch of the service than the postal.

The postal department investigation is proceeding. Reeves, as soon as his services are no longer required, will be removed to jail or placed under bail. This may take place almost immediately.

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report to the National Convention at Detroit Shows Wonderful Progress Has Been Made in Heathen Lands.

Detroit, Mich., May 29.—Foreign missionaries are having the floor during the closing two days' session of the Baptist missionary anniversary. The twenty-eighth annual reports submitted by the American Baptist Missionary union showed that the union has to-day in foreign countries 472 American missionaries, 3,480 native preachers and other workers; 596 self-supporting native churches, 1,507 out-stations, 12,021 baptisms last year, 296,746 church members, 1,436 mission schools, 36,317 pupils, 1,500 Sunday schools, 100,000 scholars; growth in results in the past decade: 396 native preachers, 246 native churches, 115 self-supporting native churches, 54,104 net gain in church members. In the past decade there have been 130,000 baptisms on heathen fields and in Europe. The receipts of gifts for the past year were \$543,000; the total appropriations, \$599,700.

A CAR DYNAMITED.

Two Officers Injured in the Strike at St. Louis—State Labor Commissioner Wants Arbitration.

St. Louis, May 29.—A car on the Bellfontaine line of the Transit company was partly wrecked by an explosion of dynamite placed on the tracks by unknown parties at New-house avenue and Twentieth street late yesterday afternoon. Officer O'Keefe sustained a fracture of the right leg above the knee and Officer Stellaine was badly bruised and shaken up.

State Labor Commissioner Rixey has sent letters to President Whitaker, of the St. Louis Transit company, and Chairman Edwards, of the strikers' grievance committee, requesting each to appoint two arbitrators to act with himself, as chairman of the board to settle the present strike.

NOT A SUPERIOR FORCE.

United States Supreme Court Decides Bounty Claim of Admiral Dewey and His Men Adversely.

Washington, May 29.—The United States supreme court in an opinion read by Justice Harlan decided the bounty claim of Admiral Dewey. It held that the statutes must be strictly construed and that, excluding the shore batteries and submarine mines, his force was not opposed by a superior force. The bounty is therefore only \$100 a man.

REPORTERS ADJOURN SENATE.

How a Couple of Breezy Newspaper Men Ran the Illinois Upper House.

"Well, that bumps me," said the colonel, as he began fanning himself with a Panama hat, relates the Chicago Inter Ocean. "I know that the cheek of these newspaper reporters is always in full flower, but I didn't know that they assumed to legislate for the state." "All I know is," asserted the judge, again, "that two newspaper reporters once adjourned a session of the Illinois senate." "How'd they do it? Choke the speaker with copy paper?" "No; they were very civilized about it. It was one day when everybody expected a dull session, and only two of us senators put in an appearance, counting Dave Litterer, who was in the chair." "I want to get an interview with Litterer when this thing's over," said one newspaper man. "So do I," said the other. "I move that we adjourn," he shouted at Litterer. "I second the motion," said the first reporter. "It is moved and seconded that we now adjourn," said Litterer, solemnly. "Those in favor will signify it in the usual manner." "Aye!" shouted both of the reporters. "Carried!" said Litterer.

The Vicious, in Boston.

"Yes," replied the Boston parent, "a boy soon acquires vicious habits if he is suffered to mingle with street boys. Once I thought otherwise, and permitted our Emerson to choose his playmates as chance should throw them in his way. It wasn't a week, sir, until that boy, in spite of his hereditary tendencies and the careful home training he had received, was asking me hypothetical questions that simply reeked with casuistry!"—Puck.

Binder Twine at Low Prices.

If you want a special inside price on binder twine, either Sisal, Standard or Manila, cut this notice out and mail it to Sears, Roebuck & Co. (Binder Twine Department), Chicago, stating about how much twine you will require and how soon you will want it, and they will save you money by quoting you a price that will either secure your order or compel the party who supplies you to sell to you at a lower price than he otherwise would.

The Proper Term.

The Maid—Marriage is promotion. The Bachelor—You mean commotion, don't you?—Chicago Evening News.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn?

Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes Feel Easy, Cures Corns, Itching, Swollen, Hot, Callous, Smarting, Sore and Sweating Feet. All Druggists and Shoe Stores sell it, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

A Girl's Estimate of Men.

A girl may have ten brothers, but her opinion of men is derived from reading of those in novels.—Atchison Globe.

Remember that Glenn's Sulphur Soap presents all the advantages of sulphur baths. Try it. Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye, Black or Brown, 50c.

Comedian—"They laughed very heartily at my jokes to-night." Critic—"Ah, yes. Any old humor passes for good humor if the audience happens to be in good humor for laughing."—Buffalo News.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Promo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Love may laugh at locksmiths, but then, later on, not inquisitely, so does the wolf at the door.—Puck.

You can't expect a bag of wind to stand up straight.—Ram's Horn.

How Much You Eat

Is not the question, but, how much you digest, because food does good only when it is digested and assimilated, taken up by the blood and made into muscle, nerve, bone and tissue. Hood's Sarsaparilla restores to the stomach its powers of digestion. Then appetite is natural and healthy. Then dyspepsia is gone, and strength, elasticity and endurance return.

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