

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

One of the Country's Triumphs. At the beginning of the century English was spoken by 21,000,000 people and now it is used by 130,000,000.

Mississippi River in the Future. The Mississippi river at some future day will be one of the world's most famous ship channels, and the time is at hand to press on with its improvement steadily.

Has Had to Fight Its Way. The Irish potato has had to fight its way into general favor. When they were brought into Russia first, in 1789, they were called "Devil's Apples," and caused fearful riots.

The Most Beautiful Woman. The pictured face of Miss Maud Woods, of Charlottesville, Va., as that of the most beautiful woman in the United States, will appear on the medals of the Buffalo Pan-American exposition.

Only a Racial "Peculiarity." All but 12 of the 1,500 Indian girls trained at the Carlisle school deliberately chose to go into housework, and said they preferred it, which is a remarkable instance of racial peculiarity.

Why America Gets the Contracts. Americans offer locomotives for service in India at \$6,300 each, to be delivered in six months. The British bid is \$7,720; time required, nine months. As a matter of course the contract comes to this country.

Eighty-One Trips Around Cape Horn. Capt. Holmes, 76 years old, has arrived at San Francisco from New York, having completed his eighty-first trip around Cape Horn. His first trip was made in 1857, and his latest breaks all records in the number of individual voyages around the stormy point.

The Best Emergency Ration. So far the best emergency ration is one devised by American army officers. It consists of one pound of raw lean beef and one pound of bread, seasoned with salt and red pepper, eaten dry without cooking. One pound of the mixture sustains a soldier in good condition for 24 hours.

Canada's Remarkable Record. The annual report of criminal statistics of Canada shows that there were only 25 indictments for murder in the dominion during 1899. This is a remarkable record for a country of over 6,000,000 inhabitants.

Supreme Judges and Tobacco. Of the nine members of the United States supreme court, five are tobacco chewers. When the chief justice and associate justices visited the house to attend the Washington centennial celebration, no cuspidors had been provided.

More Males Than Females. Taking the Australian colonies in the aggregate, there are only 75 unmarried females for every 100 unmarried males. In New South Wales alone, according to the last census, there are nearly 100,000 more unmarried males than unmarried females.

On the Road to Statehood. The life of Porto Rico as a territory of the United States has begun. Undoubtedly the inhabitants of that island have good cause to thank fortune for their luck in becoming part of the population of the great republic.

Five Generations Were Present. Nearly 30 descendants were present to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, of Seattle, Wash., on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary. Five generations of the family were represented in the group about the dining table at the anniversary dinner.

MINING EXPOSITION.

Business Men of Spokane Plan One for That City in 1902—Congress Will Be Asked for \$250,000.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—At a meeting presided over by Mayor Comstock and attended by 30 business and mining men it was decided to hold an exposition in Spokane from June to November, 1902. A committee was appointed to develop the necessary details.

SMALLPOX IN THE EAST.

No Less Than 25,000 Cases of the Dread Disease and It Is Spreading at an Alarming Extent.

New York, Dec. 24.—Smallpox is epidemic throughout the eastern half of the United States to an extent that is alarming, to say the least. There has been an effort to suppress the facts, and newspapers and physicians in many cities, from a false sense of duty, have deceived the public.

HIGH OFFICIAL KILLED.

F. H. Morris, Auditor of War Department, Shot By a Distinguished Clerk, Who in Turn Killed Himself.

Washington, Dec. 24.—F. H. Morris, of Ohio, auditor for the war department, was shot at 2:15 Saturday afternoon in his office by Samuel McDonald, formerly a disbursing clerk in the office. Morris was shot through the heart and died almost instantly.

WILL AWAIT DECISION.

No Attempt at Legislation for Porto Rico and Philippines Until Supreme Court Fixes Status of Islands.

Washington, Dec. 24.—"No attempt at general legislation for Porto Rico and the Philippines," said Representative Cooper, chairman of the insular affairs committee, "will be made until the constitutional question as to the powers of congress has been passed upon by the supreme court.

NOT GOOD INDIANA LAW.

Appellate Court of the Hoosier State Overturns the Old English Rule That "Man and Wife Are One."

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—The appellate court of Indiana decided that a man and his wife are not one. The decision was rendered in a suit brought by Alvira Dailey against her husband. He had made her a verbal promise that if she would join with him in a deed conveying his farm, valued at \$5,000, he would give her his note for \$1,000.

Americans Attack Filipino Rebels. Manila, Dec. 24.—Advices brought yesterday by steamer from southern Luzon say that a lieutenant and 60 men of the Ninth United States cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents near Guinobatan, province of Albay.

Explorer Baldwin Fully Equipped. Evelyn Baldwin, the Arctic explorer, will take with him 400 Polar dogs and 15 Siberian ponies, together with the largest transport train in the history of Arctic exploration.

ROOT GIVES WARNING.

Secretary of War Tells Why the Army Reorganization Bill Should Be Passed by Congress.

Washington, Dec. 24.—At the last meeting of the senate committee on military affairs, the proceedings of which have just been made public, Secretary Root made a strong presentation of the necessity for immediate legislation for the relief of the army. He stated broadly that if congress did not at once increase the army in substantial accordance with the recommendations of the war department the United States would be obliged to abandon a large portion of the Philippine islands.

LABOR LEADER'S VIEW.

Says Strikes Will Never Solve the Social Problem—Advises Workmen to Have Something to Say About Making Laws.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—"You can never solve the social problem by strikes; that is my opinion after 20 years' experience in the movement," said Peter Curran, chairman of the General Federation of Trades' unions of Great Britain, in speaking to the workmen of Chicago yesterday at a meeting held under the auspices of the Building Trades' council.

More Mules and Horses Wanted.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Capt. Heygate, of the British army, has returned to Kansas City to purchase 50,000 more mules and cavalry horses for use in South Africa. He came here more than a year ago to buy horses and mules for the British army, but he was ordered home a short time ago because it was thought that the Boer war was over.

Two Costly Steel Bridges.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad will build costly steel bridges across the Black river at Blackrock, Ark., and the Tyronza river at Marked Tree, Ark. Each bridge will be three spans in length, and as the streams are navigable for small craft, one span will be constructed as a draw.

Improvements to Cost \$1,500,000.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—During the year 1901 the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road will spend the enormous sum of \$1,500,000 in improvements, including new locomotives and car equipment, new and heavier steel rails on many miles of track and wooden bridges will be replaced by permanent structures.

Archbishop Ireland Denies a Story.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Archbishop Ireland returned to St. Paul yesterday and took occasion to deny the statements telegraphed from Duluth that he was to visit Cuba and Porto Rico as a special commission appointed by the president to settle the disputes in regard to church property.

Bryan Behind in Texas.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—The state canvassing board Saturday finished counting the vote cast at the recent election for state officers. The results show that W. J. Bryan ran 35,444 votes behind the democratic state ticket. Bryan's plurality was 146,259. In 1896 his plurality was 202,914.

Monument to a Gettysburg Heroine.

Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Women's Relief corps of Iowa has decided to erect a monument in this place to honor the memory of Jennie Wade, the heroine of the battle of Gettysburg. For the past 37 years this little grave has been unmarked, save for a small stone.

A Tornado Down South.

Macon, Miss., Dec. 24.—News was received here yesterday that a tornado passed through the eastern edge of Noxubee county and the western part of Pickens and Sumpter counties, Ala., Saturday night, doing great damage. Telephone news is meager.

Dr. Parker's Christian Daily Fell Flat.

London, Dec. 24.—Rev. Dr. Parker's experiment with the London Sun on the lines of Mr. Sheldon's Topeka adventure concluded Saturday and is felt, even by his friends, not to have been by any means a success.

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SISTERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Use Pe-ru-na for Coughs, Colds, Grippe and Catarrh—A Congressman's Letter.



In every county of the civilized world the Sisters of the Good Shepherd are known. Not only do they minister to the spiritual and intellectual needs of the charges committed to their care, but they also minister to their bodily needs.

The Peruna Medicine Co., City: Gentlemen—I have used several bottles of Peruna and feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head, and feel encouraged to believe that its continued use will fully eradicate a disease of thirty years' standing.



The Commercial Instinct. Mania—Tommy, do stop that noise. If you'll only be good I'll give you a penny. Tommy—No; I want a nickel.

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee.

Her Pointed View. Chappie (blaise)—Don't you think society is an empty thing? Miss Fuller—I think there are lots of empty things in society.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, FLOUR, WHEAT, etc., in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Chicago.

A Parting Stab. "Sarah," said the lady of the house, breaking the news gently to the new servant girl, "we shall have to get along without your services after the first of the year."

Too Refined. "No," said Farmer Meddlergrass, "that Boston fellow that come here to run the paper doesn't seem to get along very well. Our folks ain't much for style, an' when he referred to a skin game as 'an epidermal pastime' they thought he was becomin' a little too highfalutin'."

The history of mankind is an immense volume of errors.—Chicago Daily News.

From Bryan's Own City.

Comes a Startling Story. An Open Letter that will Cause a Sensation.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24, 1900 (Special).—At No. 2115 O Street, this city, is the B. & M. Wall Paper House. "B. & M." are the initials letters of the proprietors, Mr. A. C. Bonsor, and Mr. O. E. Myers.

I have suffered untold misery and pain for over ten years. My kidneys were diseased. I tried many so-called remedies, but they did me no good. I saw an advertisement of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I bought some, and commenced to use them at once.

Yours truly, A. C. BONSOR, No. 2115 O Street, Lincoln, Neb.

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