

CURRENT COMMENT.

In Savannah, Ill., the city attorney's salary was reduced to a figure where no lawyer would accept it and James Ryan, a saloonkeeper, was elected to the place. He is probably the only saloonier who practices at two bars at once.

The pastor of a negro church put up this petition recently: "Lawd, ef you thinks we hez had rain enough, please tell de rain ter quit rainin'; but ef you don't think we's had enough, please forgive us fer lookin' grum and growlin'."

Manila's military prisons are fast emptying. Every day or so Gen. MacArthur hands the oath and a swift kick to a thousand snarled-off patriots. We may arrest them later on for getting drunk, but at present they are free and independent.

Another of George Washington's servants has died in Georgia. By and by there will not be any of that interesting collection of attendants left and then we will have to gather up the people who waited on Abraham Lincoln when he was a boy.

To give his readers an idea of why there are so many successful patent medicine concerns in the world a Missouri editor has figured that there are 2,400 separate and distinct disorders incident to the human frame, independent of chronic thirst.

The sultan of Turkey maintains at Constantinople a special workshop in which more than 50 men are employed in making the various objects which he gives away as presents. He usually examines the designs of the articles, and sometimes makes suggestions.

According to a law in Ohio which has been declared constitutional a county in which a lynching occurs must pay \$5,000 to the heirs of the person illegally executed. The demand for wild justice in that state is not likely to be insisted on by "taxpayers in masks."

The latest fad among rich women of England is to have a silver model of their pet dogs and cats. The model is made small for an ornament while the pet is alive, or after its death a life-size and exact model is made of silver, and this takes the place of the stuffed and mounted pet formerly popular.

The way to obtain health under the new theosophical method is as easy as slipping down a greased pole. All you have to do is to bring the physical system into complete harmonious relations with the vortex spiral vibrational action of the astral mechanism. Just think what a saving of expense for drugs and doctors.

In Montgomery county, Ind., a few farmers bought a switchboard and telephones for their own use, paying \$3 initiation and 25 cents a month. Tolls from nonsubscribers met the salary of the operator. This system has been extended until it serves 40 towns with 6,000 telephones. In a Massachusetts county 300 farmers provide their own telephone facilities for \$6 each a year.

The most costly state funeral which has ever taken place was perhaps that of Alexander the Great. A round million was spent in laying Alexander in a coffin of gold, filled with costly aromatics, and a diadem was placed on the head. The funeral car was embellished with ornaments of pure gold and its weight was so great that it took 84 mules more than a year to convey it from Babylon to Syria.

Prince Henry, the consort of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, made a serious mistake when he gave his word of honor to his clamoring creditors that he would pay up in 90 days after his wedding. Wilhelmina is not so childish and fresh as she looks and she told her husband that he will pay his own debts out of his own separate allowance and must not come around teasing her for money. Henry made a bad break in accepting a queen in wedlock and the daughter of a pork packer.

The announcement that X-ray slot machines are to be distributed about the streets, by dropping a nickel in which a man may get a view of his interior anatomy, is most terrifying. As a general rule men who are not experts on the subject are happier the less they know about the condition and appearance of their internal organs. The average man would probably imagine that he was afflicted with at least forty terrible diseases after taking a single peep at himself through one of the five-cent slot machines.

SWORN TO MURDER.

Awful Atrocities Perpetrated by Oath-Bound Filipino Society.

Helpless Men and Women Carried to a Rendezvous Where They Were Stabbed and Thrown into Graves—Leaders Sentenced to Death.

Washington, June 18.—A Philippine mail brings to the war department the records in 11 cases wherein Filipinos were tried by military commissioners on charges including murder, rape, kidnaping, assault and battery, burglary and violation of the rules of war. An especially notable case arose out of the operations of a famous oath-bound band of Filipinos called the society of the "Sandathans." The principal officers of this society, next to a triumvirate of chiefs, are a chief executioner and assistants and a requisite number of grave diggers who participate in the self-appointed work of the band. The leaders select their victim, capture and carry him away in the night to a secret rendezvous on a sandy beach covered with very tall grass, where the diggers already have prepared the grave. Here, in the presence of the assembled band, helpless men and women from time to time have been stabbed to death and tossed into the graves. The members of the band then disperse, and trust to the rise and fall of the nearby waters to hide the evidence of their ghastly work. Ten members of the band, including two of the chiefs, were tried before a military committee and eight of them were sentenced to be hanged.

TO REPEAL THE TARIFF.

Special Session of the Porto Rico Legislature Called for July 4 Will Abolish Customs Duties.

Washington, June 18.—Dr. Jose C. Barbosa and Dr. Jose E. Gomez Brioso, members of the executive council of Porto Rico who are in this city, have received cablegrams from Porto Rico calling them back to attend a special session of the legislature called for July 4. Although they are not informed of the purpose of this extraordinary session they believe that it is called to take action upon the question of the abolition of the tariff duties between the United States and Porto Rico. They say that Treasurer Hollander has made a report showing that the receipts of the island will be sufficient to carry on the administration of the government after the new Hollander law goes into effect July 1, and that this being the case the legislature can request the United States government to suspend the further operation of the Foraker law.

THE DEADLY CONCENTRADO.

During the Month of May 98 Beer Men and Women and 318 Children Died in British Camps.

London, June 18.—Replying to questions in the house of commons, Mr. Broderick, the war secretary, said there were 40,239 persons in the "concentration camps" of the Transvaal and Orange River colony. The deaths in the camps for the month of May numbered 98 men and women and 318 children. The announcement of the mortality was received with groans from the Irish members and cries of "scandalous." Mr. Broderick added that the authorities were arranging for the release of the women and children who had friends to receive them, but the government would not undertake to feed them in isolated positions.

Jury to Try Jessie Morrison.

Eldorado, Kan., June 18.—At 11 o'clock Monday the twelfth juror to try Jessie Morrison for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle was secured. The lawyers were 4½ days securing a jury, which is composed of nine farmers and three laborers. The last man challenged by the defense was Mart Willis, a negro.

Throws 7,000 Out of Work.

Newport News, Va., June 18.—The striking machinists in the employ of the Newport News Ship Building & Dry Dock company did not return to work and the immense plant was closed down at six o'clock Monday night. This throws 7,000 employes out of work.

Burned 25 Fine Horses.

Joplin, Mo., June 18.—Hallerott's livery stable was burned with 25 fine horses, many fine buggies and a large quantity of hay. The fire spread to the buildings in the vicinity, and the Hallerott and Dennis residences were also burned.

Again Making Kansas Twine.

Lansing, Kan., June 18.—The Kansas penitentiary twine plant started again Monday and will be run to the fullest capacity the next ten days. Twine will be shipped out to fill orders that have accumulated.

First Dividend Since 1891.

New York, June 18.—At a special meeting of the Missouri Pacific directors Monday a semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent. was declared. This is the first dividend declared by the company since 1891.

MARVELOUS AFRICAN TALES.

An Englishman Tells of a Region Stocked with Game and Inhabited by Ape Men.

London, June 18.—Sir Harry Hamilton Johnston, special commissioner for the Uganda protectorate, has returned to London after an absence of two years. He brings stories of Uganda rivaling Henry H. Stanley's description of "Darkest Africa." Sir Harry relates that the country surrounding Mount Elgon is totally depopulated as a result of inter-tribal wars and is consequently marvelously stocked with big game that are as tame as English park deer. Zebras and antelopes can be approached within ten yards and there is no sport in killing them. Elephants and rhinoceros are also abundant and, according to Sir Harry, lions in Uganda are too busy eating hartebeeste to notice a passing caravan. The prehistoric giraffe has been discovered in this country by the commissioner, who proposes to maintain the region referred to as a national park. He photographed a race of ape men in the Congo forest differing entirely from Stanley's pigmies and secured phonograph records of their language and music. He says that 12 varieties of rubber trees are found in this country in inexhaustible supply.

New Regiments Nearly All Filled Up.

Washington, June 18.—The new regiments organized under the reorganization law are about completed. The two regiments farthest behind are the Thirteenth cavalry at Fort Meade and the Twenty-eighth infantry at Vancouver, but the enlistments of last week amounted to over 500 and it is expected that those of the present week will practically complete all the new regiments.

Princes to Be Tried in October.

Kansas City, Mo., June 18.—Therases of C. W. Prince, Will Prince and Bert Prince, father and brothers of Lulu Prince Kennedy, charged with being accessories to the murder of Philip H. Kennedy, were called before Judge Wofford Monday. By agreement all were put over until the September term, which means they will be called again some time early in October.

Unprecedented Rains.

Omaha, Neb., June 18.—The unprecedented rains which have fallen through Nebraska and western Iowa during the past week were climaxed by a downpour of nearly two inches which fell during yesterday and last night. The average of precipitation for the state for the week has been about 4.5 inches, and in the Elkhorn valley over five inches of water has fallen.

"Sooners" to Be Expelled.

Anadarko, Ok., June 18.—Orders from the secretary of war were yesterday received by Capt. Sayers, post commandant at Fort Sill, to take sufficient cavalry, with rations for two weeks, and proceed to expel every "sooner" and miner from the Kiowa-Comanche and Wichita reservations and give positive orders for them to stay out of the lands to be opened.

Brazil Pays America for Mob's Work.

Washington, June 18.—A cablegram received at the state department yesterday from United States Minister Bryan at Petropolis announces that the Brazilian government has paid the indemnity requested for the destruction by a mob of a Baptist chapel in the province of Nietheroy, maintained by the American Baptist mission.

Allison Says He Is "Not in It."

Washington, June 18.—Senator Allison, of Iowa, speaking of Gov. Shaw's telegram urging him to enter the presidential race, said he had already announced that he would not be a candidate. "I have not changed my mind," said he. "I am not in it."

Kearney Cotton Mill to Close.

Kearney, Neb., June 18.—It has been decided by the owners to close the Kearney cotton mill. For some time past, particularly since the closing of the Asiatic markets, occasioned by the Chinese war, the mill has been operated at a loss.

Large Cargo of Sugar from Hawaii.

San Francisco, June 18.—The steamship Hawaiian, which arrived yesterday from Honolulu, brought the largest cargo of sugar ever sent out of the Hawaiian islands. It consisted of 8,600 tons, valued at \$750,000.

Will Burton Oust Leland?

Topeka, Kan., June 18.—To take care of George W. Finlay, Senator Burton will seek to dispossess Cyrus Leland of the office of United States pension agent and that is what the senator has gone to Washington for.

Earl Russell Charged with Bigamy.

London, June 18.—Earl Russell was arrested Monday on a charge of having contracted a bigamous marriage in the United States. The nobleman appeared to be quite unconcerned.

Loomis Transferred to Portugal.

Washington, June 18.—Francis B. Loomis, minister to Venezuela, has been transferred to be minister to Portugal, vice John N. Irwin, of Iowa, resigned.

RAILROAD AGREEMENT.

The Dream of J. Pierpont Morgan for a Community of Railroad Interests Established in Chicago Lines.

Chicago, June 17.—The Tribune says: That the Harriman combine has secured control of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and that a composite agreement has been made to protect a community of interests among roads with tracks enough to twice belt the globe is generally accepted in railroad circles. It was asserted last night that all the roads west, northwest and southwest from Chicago to the Pacific coast will be controlled in future by the following interests: Lines west of Chicago to the Pacific coast by Harriman, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Rockefeller; lines northwest from Chicago by Hill and Morgan; lines southwest from St. Louis by Gould and the Rockefellers; lines southwest from Chicago by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, to which probably will be added before long the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific. J. Pierpont Morgan and E. H. Harriman, however, will be the real directors and direct the policy to be pursued by these companies, thus establishing the "community interests," which has been the dream of Mr. Morgan.

SHOW GREAT INCREASES.

Live Stock Receipts at Five Principal Markets for Four Months Are 359,417 Greater Than 1900.

Washington, June 17.—Leading movements in the domestic commerce of the United States are now being made the subject of monthly reports by the treasury bureau of statistics. In western territory, live stock and cereals are leading factors of domestic trade movements. The live stock receipts at the five principal markets of Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and St. Joseph during 1901 show remarkable gains over last year, both as regards April and the four months ending with April, the official receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep in the four months just ended showing an increase of 359,417 head, as compared with the corresponding months of 1900. The rise in the price of corn is pointed out as being largely responsible for this increased movement of live stock to market, it having become more profitable to sell corn at 25 per cent. above last year's price than to keep the stock on such high-priced feed.

CAILLES TO SURRENDER.

Noted Insurgent Chief Who Has Resisted American Authority Tenaciously Has Had Enough Fight.

Manila, June 17.—Cols. Infant and Guivara, representatives of Gen. Cailles, yesterday signed the name of their principal to an agreement to surrender. Under the terms of this agreement Gen. Cailles is to assemble his men at Santa Cruz, Laguna province, as quickly as possible and there surrender himself and his command to the American authorities. The exact number of his force is uncertain, but there will probably be more than 500.

Filipinos Punished.

Washington, June 17.—Secretary Root has received from Gen. MacArthur at Manila the reports of the proceedings of military tribunals in the Philippines since April 23. The report shows that 43 natives were tried and convicted, 21 were hanged and 27 sentenced to serve terms ranging from ten years to life imprisonment. Not one of those tried escaped punishment.

DOWIE'S ALLEGATION.

The Leader of the Zionists Declares That Chicago Physicians Want to Kidnap Him.

Chicago, June 17.—John Alexander Dowie announced at his meeting in Zion tabernacle yesterday that certain physicians of this city had formed a plot to kidnap him, lock him in a detention hospital and beat him on the head and back till he should lose all his reasoning powers and become really insane. He said that the kidnaping might take place that night and after his service he called a special private meeting of the male members of Zion to take steps to help the Zion guard in protecting him.

SUMMONED TO WASHINGTON.

Judge S. R. Peters, of Newton, Kan., Likely to Succeed H. Clay Evans as Pension Commissioner.

Washington, June 17.—Interest in the retirement of H. Clay Evans, pension commissioner, was revived here Saturday by a report that the president would, this week, announce the appointment of a new commissioner. Accompanying this report was another that in all probability Judge S. R. Peters, of Kansas, would be named. The arrival Saturday night of Senator Burton and Representative Curtis was pointed to as an indication that Mr. McKinley would appoint the Kansas Judge Peters was yesterday summoned to the white house.

TEN YEARS IN PRISON.

Jury Trying Lulu Prince Kennedy at Kansas City Renders Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree.

Kansas City, Mo., June 17.—According to the verdict of 12 men in the criminal court Lulu Prince Kennedy committed murder when she killed her husband in the corridor of the Ridge building the evening of January 10. The verdict is that she shall spend the next ten years of her life in the state penitentiary.

The jury was out not quite 12 hours, the case having been placed in its hands at one minute to ten o'clock Friday night and the verdict being rendered just before ten o'clock Saturday morning.

When the verdict was read the crowd seemed to expect that the defendant would break down. Those who had looked squarely in the cold determined eyes and noted the set, firm chin, did not. Mrs. Kennedy listened to the verdict just as every one else did. There was not a shudder, no exclamation, no suggestion of a tear. If there was surprise or disappointment her demeanor did not show it.

From the first the jurors were in favor of punishing Mrs. Kennedy. On the question of sanity, ten of the jurors voted that she was sane and two that she was insane. Just before retiring Friday night the jury took a ballot on the degree of guilt. This resulted in ten for second degree murder and two for manslaughter in the fourth degree. The first ballot Saturday morning was unanimous for second-degree murder.

FROM EQUATORIAL AFRICA.

Savages from Ashanti, Dahomey, Senegal, Quita and the Congo Form Strange Colony at Buffalo Exposition.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 17.—There has arrived here what is perhaps as strange a crowd as has ever passed through the hands of the officials of Ellis island. They are natives from the heart of equatorial Africa, to people the African village, a midway feature of the Pan-American exposition. Sixty-two of them arrived on the French line steamship La Lorraine, and about 40 more are expected by a later vessel, to complete the colony. They are drawn from Ashanti and Dahomey, from the Loango, Gaboon and Senegal, from Quita and the Congo. They own as chief Lo Obendaga, a proud old negro, who sat with three of his wives apart from the rest of the group. At home he has 52 more wives awaiting his return, for he is head of the Ogove tribe, a small but fierce band which has waged war successfully on weaker neighbors.

NO MORE SICK BENEFITS.

Modern Woodmen Strike This Provision from Its By-Laws—Favors Fraternal Society Building at St. Louis.

St. Paul, Minn., June 16.—The Modern Woodmen of America head camp adopted resolutions favoring the building of a fraternal societies' building at the Louisiana purchase exposition at St. Louis, and changing the woodmen memorial day from the third to the first Sunday in June of each year. The report of the law committee was then again taken up. The insurance commissioner of New York having ruled against fraternal insurance societies providing sick benefits, that matter was stricken from the bylaws of the national organization.

WILFLEY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Missouri Man Given a Responsible Place by the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands.

Manila, June 16.—The Philippine commission has appointed the following supreme court judges: Chief justice, Cayetano Arellano; Florentino Torres, ex-attorney general; J. F. Cooper, of Texas; Gen. James F. Smith, of California, formerly collector of customs; Charles A. Willard, of Minnesota; Victorina Mapa, of Iloilo; Fletcher Ladle, of New Hampshire. The commission has appointed L. R. Wilfley, of Missouri, to be attorney general. His assistant and solicitor will be natives.

PHILIPPINE REVENUES.

An Increase of \$40,515 for the First Three Months of 1901—Total Revenues Aggregate \$2,199,394.

Washington, June 16.—An increase of \$40,515 in the customs revenues of the Philippine islands for the first quarter of 1901, as compared with the same period of 1900, is set forth in a statement by the division of insular affairs of the war department. The revenues for the first quarter of the current year amounted to \$2,199,394.

A Tornado at Dorchester, Neb.

Lincoln, Neb., June 17.—The village of Dorchester, 30 miles west, was caught by a tornado Saturday afternoon. Buildings in the center of the town were picked up bodily and hurled into the streets, barns were unroofed and demolished and trees uprooted. None of the inhabitants were injured.