

**CURRENT COMMENT.**

The Young Men's Christian association, which has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization, is established in 1,500 places, and owns property valued at \$20,000,000.

Two miles overhead there is a pleasant summer temperature, and 11 miles up it is 88 below zero. However, three balloon fatalities occurred last week, and that is about the average during the parachute season.

A swindler in New York made this confession: "If the post office department would let me alone I would have to hire a cart to carry away the money-laden mail. Let me promise 56 per cent on a fake and I can get rich." The many persons who are anxious to be soon parted from their money are under great obligations to Uncle Sam's protective postal rules.

A medical writer contends that a person's body is his most valuable property, and often gets the worst treatment of all belongings. "Let a man once get the idea," he says, "of classing his body along with the rest of his possessions, and it is only reasonable to suppose that he will at least take as good care of it as he does of his coat, his hat, his horse or his dog."

An Episcopal rector in one of the suburbs of Chicago turned his attention last Sunday to the influence of golf and other diversions in emptying church pews. He was inclined to take a gloomy view of the matter, assuring his hearers that they surely were "face to face with the definite and distinct causes which historians in years to come may give for the decline and fall of the American republic."

Miss Portia Knight, whose breach of promise suit will come up in the London courts, unless Papa Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, effects a compromise, has engaged as counsel one of the cleverest attorneys in all England, Sir Edward Clarke, the cross-examiner who badgered the prince of Wales on the witness stand in the bacarat scandal and browbeat Joseph Chamberlain in the house of commons.

Gradually the government is doing away with the distribution of rations to Indians. In five years the system will be practically abolished. There are now in the United States 268,000 Indians. Of this number 45,250 draw rations regularly, while 12,600 more are provided for at various times when they are unable to work or do not feel like it. In the latter class are included most of the Indians who have grown old and are deserted by their young relatives.

The ink was hardly dry on the issue of the tin can trust's stock certificates before it got down to business by announcing an increase in the price of its wares. It is estimated that the cost of living for each person who consumes canned goods will be increased to the extent of 50 cents a year by the increased price of cans. This will not be a heavy tax to the individual, but will run into millions of dollars in the aggregate; and every cent of it will be plunder.

The forty-third anniversary of the commencement of the most remarkable pastorate in the world has just been celebrated in London. It is remarkable because the man who has presided over the destinies of the church for nearly half a century has never drawn a cent of salary for his services in all that time. This most remarkable of ministers is Rev. Edward Schnadhorst, a man of independent means, who in 1858 dedicated his life to the uplifting of the poor in the east end of London.

Living on a big ranch of his own in Titus county, Tex., lives H. C. Thurston, and he stands seven feet eight inches in height in his stocking feet. He was one of the original '49ers, and went around the Horn and back across the isthmus in the days when the trip meant something. When the war broke out Mr. Thurston promptly enlisted in the confederate cavalry and served until the surrender of his regiment in 1865. His great height and towering figure made him a favorite target for federal marksmen.

The new town of Lawton, in the Comanche country, was named after Gen. Lawton, whose detachment captured the famous Indian desperado, Geronimo. This last of the Indian terrors is now a virtual prisoner at Fort Sill near the new town of Lawton. Lawton is a good name, representing the finest type of robust American manhood. Its owner fought battles where the chance of death and little glory attended combats with savages, and he rose with the same valor to the requirements of war on a large scale.

**SHOWERS IN KANSAS**

Heavy Enough in Several Localities to Do Good.

Forecast Sent Out Says Rain May Now Be Expected in Generous Quantities—Secretary Coburn's Hopeful Statement Regarding the Crops.

Topeka, Kan., July 16.—The outlook in drought-stricken Kansas was much more favorable last night. Rain fell in the state yesterday and a much cooler and more hopeful air pervades. The air shows that the intensely dry condition is gone. A forecast sent out covering the entire state says that rain may now be expected in generous quantities. Crops have been greatly helped, and distress has been relieved. Southern and eastern Kansas received the most benefit from the rain yesterday. In no case was it a hard rain, but much good resulted.

Coffeyville, Eldorado, Independence, Valley Falls, Wellington, Wichita, Wamego, Oskaloosa, Manhattan and Abilene reported good rains. In Wellington the rain was accompanied by a high wind, wrecking buildings and injuring some people. There the rain was too late to rescue the corn, but will be of great help to pastures, alfalfa and Kafir corn. In Valley Falls half an inch of rain fell, accompanied by some hail. A heavy rain yesterday morning extended from Emporia to Ottawa. A rain is also reported from Lawrence. The showers that occurred in the vicinity of Arkansas City and between Newton and Hutchinson are described as being too small to greatly benefit the crops.

F. D. Coburn, secretary of the state board of agriculture, does not share in the general opinion of the ruin that will come upon Kansas as a result of the dry spell. The damage to hay and corn has been serious, but the deficiency will be nearly made up by the great crops of Kafir corn and alfalfa that have been raised. Mr. Coburn states that there are over 900,000 acres of Kafir corn and alfalfa in the state, which has not been materially affected by the dry weather. In addition to this there are 40,000,000 bushels of old corn in the hands of the farmers. This of itself is nearly a fourth of the average crop. The farmer who has stored his corn for the last two years will not be seriously crippled.

**HE WANTS NO BOLT.**

W. J. Bryan Criticizes Ohio Democratic Platform, But Says State Ticket Should Be Supported.

Lincoln, Neb., July 16.—In extended comment on the platform adopted by the Ohio democratic convention W. J. Bryan criticizes the convention for its failure to reaffirm the Kansas City platform and for what he regards as the weakness of some of the planks it did adopt. Mr. Bryan insists that the convention made a mistake in making himself (Bryan) an issue, and says: "Mr. Bryan is not a candidate for any office and a mention of him might have been construed by some as an endorsement of him for office. The vote should have been upon the naked proposition to indorse the platform of last year and then no one could have excused his abandonment of democratic principles by pleading his dislike for Mr. Bryan."

Referring to the senatorial fight and the reported candidacy of John R. McLean, he says: "Did the leaders ignore the money question in order to please those who bled? Or does Mr. McLean want to be left free to affiliate with the republican financial questions in case of his election?" He concludes as follows: "If any of the Ohio democrats feel aggrieved because the reorganizing element of the party triumphed at the convention, let them not visit their disappointment upon the state ticket, but rather see to the nominations of senators and representatives who will select a trustworthy senator. Let them see to it also that the state platform is made at the primaries next time, rather than at the convention."

**PLEASED WITH HIS VISIT.**

Gen. Maximo Gomez Reaches Havana After a Political Visit to President McKinley at Washington.

Havana, July 16.—All day crowds lined the wharves awaiting the arrival of Gen. Maximo Gomez, intending to give him a grand reception when he landed, but owing to a delay of his steamer only his family were present when he disembarked. Gen. Gomez expressed himself as well pleased with the result of his trip to the United States.

**Cuba Practically Debt-Free.**

Washington, July 16.—Independent Cuba will begin business with a bonded indebtedness of only \$122,400, resulting from the clause in the new constitution pledging the Cuban republic to the payment of the bonds issued by authority of the revolutionary government during the war with Spain.

**HOMESEKERS FARING WELL.**

An Abundance of Water at El Reno and Prices of Food Reasonable—A Heavy Registration.

El Reno, Ok., July 16.—All records were broken here yesterday by the registration clerks under Gov. Richards, when 10,967 people were given papers entitling them to a number in the great drawing which will begin on July 29. This makes a total registration of 31,015 at El Reno. At Lawton there were 7,800 persons registered in the four days ending Saturday evening.

Homeseekers from different towns are arriving in companies equipped for every emergency. They bring boxes filled with fried chicken, boiled hams, biscuits, pies and pickles, cooked at home. It is impossible to get drinking water on the trains and passengers supply themselves with jugs and beer bottles filled with water. There is now an abundance of water here, barrels are kept filled in the streets, beds can be found for everybody and no man need go hungry.

The most surprising thing at El Reno is the absence of fighting and boisterous drunkenness. There has not been a disturbance sufficient to attract attention since registration began. Drunkenness is at a minimum.

**A DAY FOR PRAYER.**

Gov. Doekery Names Sunday, July 21, When Missourians Should Pray That Terrible Drought Be Broken.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 16.—No rain has fallen here and in different parts of the state since April 17, and crops of all kinds, except wheat, are almost failures. Gov. Doekery has received many requests to issue a proclamation calling upon the people to observe a certain day in fasting and prayer that the drought might be broken, and he has set aside Sunday, July 21, on which the people are requested "to assemble at their usual places of worship to invoke the blessings of Almighty God."

**Drought Worse Than Civil War.**

St. Louis, July 16.—Norman J. Colman, secretary of agriculture in President Cleveland's cabinet, takes issue with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson regarding the drought. "It is my belief," said Mr. Colman, "that the reports from the corn belt have not been exaggerated. I am firmly of the belief that to the farmers of Missouri this drought is a greater calamity, financially, than was the civil war."

**DENOUNCE BARTLEY PAROLE.**

Nebraska People Condemn Gov. Savage for Releasing Ex-State Treasurer Who Embezzled Nearly \$500,000.

Omaha, Neb., July 16.—The release on parole from the state penitentiary at Lincoln of Joseph S. Bartley, the defaulting state treasurer, reopened the bitter fight which marked the trial and is denounced as unwarranted by the great mass of citizens who rejoiced at the conviction of the former official. Already those who took sides in the feud which was a feature of the famous case are lining up for a renewal of the struggle. Nearly \$500,000 was lost to the state during Bartley's term as treasurer and it is hinted that the convict has agreed to tell what became of all this money as a condition of his release. While friends of the prisoner uphold the action of Gov. Savage, the majority of taxpayers fail to find excuse for liberating after four years a man they deem entitled to serve every day of his 20 years' sentence.

**TERRIBLE DEVASTATION.**

A Volcano in Japan Shoots Out Lava and for Fifty Miles Around the Country is Strewn with Corpses.

Tacoma, Wash., July 16.—Oriental advices give details of terrible devastation and loss of life caused by an outburst of the Kloeet volcano in northern Java. Torrents of lava and hot mud flowed amid showers of ashes and stones. Seven hundred natives and about a dozen Europeans perished. Several scores of great coffee estates were destroyed. For 50 miles around the volcano the country was strewn with corpses.

**NO ONE TO PROTEST.**

Kansas City People Take Little Interest in the Fight Against Frisco-Memphis Consolidation.

Kansas City, Mo., July 16.—The state board of railroad commissioners met at the Coates house Monday to hear protests from the shippers and people of Kansas City against the proposed consolidation of the Memphis and Frisco railroad systems. The most remarkable feature of the meeting was that no one appeared to protest and the railroad board openly said that the sentiment in Kansas City was apparently different from what it had been led to understand.

**Held for Scruggs' Murder.**

Kansas City, Mo., July 16.—Joseph Rousch and Harvey Ryan have been held to the grand jury in sums of \$5,000 or accessories to the murder of Thomas Scruggs by Thomas Redmond at Troost park June 23. Rousch and Ryan were with Redmond when the murder was committed.

**The Trust Problem.**

To a thoughtful mind, the trust problem is one of serious import. It must be firmly grappled with, for it creeps upon society before you are aware of its existence, in this respect much resembling the various disorders which attack the stomach, such as constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, liver and kidney troubles. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the one reliable remedy for all such ailments. Be sure to give it a trial.

**One of Dinah's Surprises.**

A Baltimore woman recently secured an old and typical southern cook named Dinah, whose unfamiliarity with city ways and her questions were a constant source of amusement to the family. One morning shortly after she arrived the door bell rang and Dinah answered it as usual. In a minute she came back with a surprised expression. "Missus," she exclaimed, "der am a man dere what wants 24 cents for de Sun." Mrs. Just gave her the money and she returned to the door. After the man had gone Dinah asked: "Does you want to pay for de sunshine here, missus? In Virginia we don't have to pay for de sun. It is just as free as de air of hebbun."—Baltimore Sun.

**Supreme Court Sustains the Foot-Ease Trade-Mark.**

Justice Laughlin, in the supreme court, Buffalo, has ordered a permanent injunction, with costs and a full accounting of sales, to issue against Paul B. Hudson, the manufacturer of the foot powder called "Dr. Clark's Foot Powder," and also against a retail dealer of Brooklyn, restraining them from making or selling the Dr. Clark's Foot Powder, which is declared, in the injunction of the court, an imitation and infringement of "Foot-Ease," the powder to shake into your shoes, now so largely advertised and sold over the country. Allen S. Olmsted, of Leroy, N. Y., is the owner of the trade-mark "Foot-Ease," and he is the first individual who ever advertised a foot powder extensively over the country. The decision in this case upholds his trade-mark and renders all parties liable who fraudulently attempt to profit by the extensive "Foot-Ease" advertising, in placing upon the market a spurious and similar appearing preparation, labeled and put up in envelopes and boxes like Foot-Ease. Similar suits will be brought against others who are now infringing on the Foot-Ease trade-mark and common law rights.

**An Emphatic Touch.**

The man who lives in a flat and is often annoyed by the violent piano playing of his otherwise agreeable neighbor of the floor below remarked to his wife the other day: "That Smith downstairs would make an elegant carpet beater." "Why?" asked his wife. "Oh, he has the regular carpet beater's touch," replied her husband.—N. Y. Times.

**Cruel Girl.**

"Your conversation, Mr. Hevman," said Miss Peppery, suppressing a yawn, "reminds me of some champagne." "Ah!" exclaimed Hevman, much pleased, "so sparkling as that?" "No, but it's extra dry."—Philadelphia Press.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Robbins, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

An Unkind Cut.—Tess—"Do you think the cut of my skirt pretty?" Jess—"Yes, indeed; very." Tess—"Do you, really?" Jess—"Yes; I had two like that when they were in style."—Philadelphia Press.

Don't you know that by too much zeal for a cause you may drive away a good many reasonable people.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

The judgment of the girl who sits sighing for a career while her mother does the household work is in need of mending.—Well-spring.

When you get out of humor with anybody, it is generally your own fault.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

Any place with just the right pair in it is as much of a paradise as was the Garden of Eden.—Good Cheer.

If there's anything that will make a fellow hot, it is to be told that it isn't the heat but the humidity.—Indianapolis News.

The hypocrite prays cream and acts skim milk.—Chicago Daily News.

The merit that leads great souls to emulation leads little ones to envy.—Ram's Horn.

A man is never so wretched that he forgets his bad habits.—Acheson Globe.

**THE GENERAL MARKETS.**

Kansas City, July 16.			
CATTLE—Beef steers	43.75	@ 4 10	
Native stockers	2.70	@ 3 90	
Western steers	2.00	@ 3 75	
HOGS	4.25	@ 6 10	
SHEEP	2.25	@ 3 50	
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	61 1/2	@ 62 1/2	
Do. 2 red	52 1/2	@ 53	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	40	@ 41	
OATS—No. 2	34	@ 35 1/2	
RYE—No. 2	58	@ 58	
WHEAT—Hard wh't patents	3.10	@ 3.20	
Soft wheat patents	2.75	@ 3.40	
HAY—Timothy	15.00	@ 17 00	
Prairie	15.00	@ 17 00	
BRAN—Sacked	80	@ 80	
BUTTER—Choice to fancy	14	@ 18	
CHEESE—Full cream	9	@ 10	
EGGS	9	@ 10	
POTATOES—New	75	@ 1 00	
ST. LOUIS.			
CATTLE—Native steers	4.00	@ 5 00	
Texas and Indian steers	3.25	@ 5 00	
HOGS—Packers	5.80	@ 6 00	
SHEEP—Native	3.25	@ 3 75	
FLOUR—Patents, new	3.35	@ 3 50	
WHEAT—No. 2 red	63 1/2	@ 65	
CORN—No. 2	51	@ 52 1/2	
OATS—No. 2	34	@ 35 1/2	
RYE—New	53 1/2	@ 53 1/2	
BUTTER—Dairy	14	@ 15	
DRY SALT MEATS	8 1/2	@ 8 62 1/2	
BACON	9.00	@ 9 50	
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Steers	3.65	@ 6 15	
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	5.85	@ 6 17 1/2	
SHEEP—Western	3.80	@ 4 00	
FLOUR—Spring patents	3.30	@ 3 50	
WHEAT—No. 2 red	62 1/2	@ 63	
CORN—No. 2	48	@ 49	
OATS—No. 2	33	@ 33 1/2	
RYE—July	50	@ 50	
LARD—July	8 57 1/2	@ 8 57 1/2	
PORK—July	13 95	@ 13 95	
NEW YORK.			
CATTLE—Steers	4.00	@ 5 50	
HOGS	6.25	@ 6 00	
SHEEP	3.00	@ 4 50	
WHEAT—No. 2 red	73	@ 75	
CORN—No. 2	52 1/2	@ 53 1/2	
OATS—No. 2	37	@ 37	

**ABSOLUTE SECURITY.**

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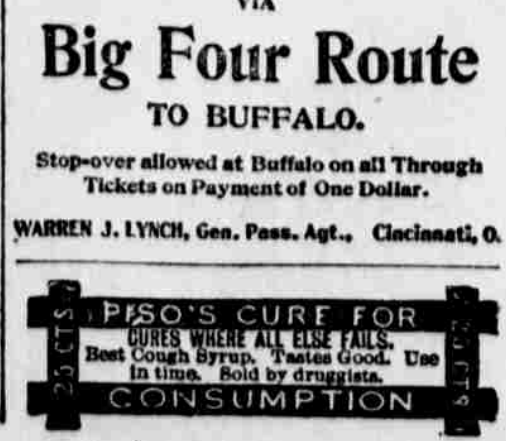
**PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.**

Tobacco is now grown in 45 counties of Wisconsin.  
Ocean steamers can ascend the St. Lawrence river 986 miles.  
A vessel going from Montreal to Port Arthur has to ascend 608 feet.  
About 1,000 fishing boats engaged around the British coast are named Mary.  
Americans are estimated to spend at least \$400,000,000 a year in vacations.  
Out of a single tree in Dyer county, Tenn., a citizen got four cords of firewood, three gallons of honey and five raccoons.  
An almanac 234 years old has just been sold in Boston for \$155. It was printed for the year 1667 by Samuel Green in Cambridge.  
According to the official census figures the population of the United States one year ago was 76,303,387, a gain in ten years of 12,937,088, or 20.7 per cent. It is now, according to the same ratio, over 77,600,000.  
Texas is five times as large as England and 34 times the size of the state of Massachusetts. The entire living population of the globe, 1,400,000,000 people, divided into families of five persons each, could be located in Texas, each family with a house on a half-acre lot, and there would still remain 70,000,000 vacant family lots.

**WONDERFUL CASE IN INDIANA.**

Buck Creek, Ind., July 15th.—Mrs. Elizabeth Rorick, of this place, had Rheumatism. She says: "All the doctors told me they could do nothing for me." She was very, very bad, and the pain was so great that she could not sleep at night.  
She used Dodd's Kidney Pills, and she is well and entirely free from pain or any symptom of the Rheumatism.  
"Are you still using Dodd's Kidney Pills?" was asked.  
"No, I stopped the use of the Pills some time ago, and have not had the slightest return of my old trouble. I am sure I am completely and permanently cured."  
Many in Tippecanoe County, who have heard of Mrs. Rorick's case and her cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills, are using the Pills, and all report wonderful results.

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