## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Emperor William Plays a Flute. Emperor William's latest fad is that of playing the flute. He has been taking lessons on that instrument and is jubilant over his progress.

### That Aching Vold.

Work on the gold mines in South Africa is opening up, but it will be some time before the British will fill the aching void of \$500,000,000 spent for war expenses.

## They Are All Sick.

Lord Stanley, of the British war of-South Africa, of which number 14,-000 are sick (physically). The other 237,000 are sick of their job.

Its Economic Advantages.

#### The Chicago millionaire who has deeided to go among his employes and

live as they do, thinks that scheme presents economic advantages over the plan of having men live as he does. Pays the Biggest Dividends.

A New York paper says the biggest industry in that state is the public school system, with 1,209,574 pupils and 34,096 teachers. It is the one, at least, that pays the biggest dividends.

#### Interesting to Know.

The latest scientific conclusion is that man has existed on the earth for 280,000 years. It would be mighty nteresting to know what he was doing the 274,000 years before he began writing history.

## One of the Queerest Streets.

One of the queerest streets in the world is in Canton, China. The street is occupied exclusively by dentists and apothecaries. It is entirely roofed over with glazed paper and contains more signs, cards and billboards than any other street in the worlda

## Accomplishments of a Princess.

Princess Maud, Queen Alexandra's favorite daughter, can bind books and nurse a sick patient scientifically; she can also sail a half-rater, ride a bicycle, spin and sew, play chess, and converse in five languages, including Russian. She vies with her mother in being an expert photographer.

## Pointer for Porto Rico.

The Detroit Journal kindly points out that the Porto Ricans, if deprived of the privilege of indulging in cockfighting, can amuse themselves by docking their horses' tails. They can also allow their children to use airguns and giant firecrackers. There are plenty of civilized ways of being barbarous.

# Has Lost Its Energy.

A thunderstorm is defined as a rapid gyration or eddy in the overpowering cool flow of air, by which it is impelled forward, and often enabled, as a mighty engine, to cut its way through the giant hot wave or roll its overheated masses far away. That from every direction by rail and cool flow of air in the west of late seems to have lost its energy.

# College for Washerwomen.

A college for washerwomen has been opened in New York by the charity organization society. The course is 12 daily lessons and the students receive 60 cents a day and luncheon. Instructors teach the nature of fabrics and the best methods of cleansing them, and exercise a strict supervision until the pupil receives a certificate.

# Too Much Smoking.

"Billy" West, the minstrel, may never again appear on the stage. Announcement was made a day of two ago that West is suffering from cancer of the mouth and throat, brought on by excessive smoking. His physicians told him months ago that he would have to stop smoking. He did for a time, but resumed the practice until the disease took a firm hold upon

# Arithmetic Reform.

Common sense is to have some part in the teaching of arithmetic in the Philadelphia public schools, when they open next month. Children of nine to ten years in that city will not struggle hereafter with bewildering problems in "compound interest," "customs" and "partial payments." Or. Brooks, at the head of the school system in the city, is satisfied also that not one child in 1,000 will ever have occasion in later life to use the rules designated.

# Pulpit and Pew.

In the current number of the Interior, Luther Laffin Mills takes up the cudgels in behalf of the ministers of the country, who, he says, do not receive the support and assistance they have a right to expect from the great body of laymen in the pews. The attitude of the pew towards the pulpit is, in the opinion of Mr. Mills, too likely to be critical and censorious, while it should be helpful and inspiring. In the wide spread of this feeling he finds reason for the comparatively slow march of the church.

#### ARE EAGER TO LEARN.

Reluctantly the Little Porto Ricans Left Their Books When Vacation Began -A School for Teachers.

San Juan, P. R., July 23 .- Much interest is manifested in school work in Porto Rico by teachers and scholars alike. In schools in the United States, as a rule, the students look forward to the closing days of the spring term and hail the first day of the long summer vacation with delight. In this Porto Rico children are different from their northern cousins. Here the rising generation reluctantly left the schoolroom on the last day of the term and such a demand was made for all-summer schools that arrangements bave been made for them in several

Ground will be broken next week for a complete professional school to train teachers at Rio Piedras, About fice, says there are 251,000 troops in 500 teachers and prospective teachers have signified their intention to attend this summer school. By the time for the autumn term to open more than 30 new schoolhouses will have been completed. But even then there will not be accommodations for half the children of school age, Extra buildings in all towns will have to be retired, as it is quite probable that the school attendance next year will

#### A CENSUS BULLETIN.

The Bureau Gives the Population by Sex, Nativity and Color of the Third Group of States.

Washington, July 23.-The census figures giving the population by sex, nativity and color of the third group of states, including Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and the Indian territory, the results being as follows:

Indiana-Males, 1,285,404; females, 1,231,058; native, 2,374,341; foreign, 142,121; white, 2,458,532; colored, 57,-960. Of the colored 207 are Chinese, 5 Japanese, 243 Indians and the remainder negroes.

Indian territory-Males, 208,952; females, 183,108; native, 387,202; white, 302,680; colored, 89,380. Of those classified as colored, 36,853 are negroes, 27 Chinese, 1,107 Indians taxed and 51,397 Indians not taxed.

Iowa-Males, 1,156,849; females, 1,-075,004; native, 1,925,933; foreign, 305,-920; white, 2,218,667; colored, 13,186, including 12,693 negroes, 104 Chinese, 7 Japanese and 382 Indians.

Kansas-Males, 768,716; females, 701,779; native, 1,343,810; foreign, 126,-686; white, 1,416,319; colored, 54,176, including 52,003 negroes, 39 Chinese, 4 Japanese and 2,130 Indians.

# ALL RECORDS BROKEN

#### Monday 14,556 Homeseekers Registered at El Reno-Total to Monday Night, 118,591.

El Reno, Ok., July 22.-All records in the registration of homeseekers were broken yesterday, when the clerks in the eight booths in El Reno added to the list 14,556 names. The total at El Reno is 93,048; total at Fort Sill, 25,543; grand total, 118,-

The crowds yesterday poured in wagon, and it is estimated that at three o'clock in the afternoon there were 50,000 people in the city of El Reno, which has a natural population of 5,000. Thousands left on the afternoon and night trains riding on top of coaches and in box cars.

The Rock Island at five o'clock sent north the longest passenger train ever seen in the territory. There were ten coaches, six box cars and two Pullmans loaded inside and out. Several incoming Rock Island trains from the north quit taking passengers at the Kansas line.

# THAT LETTER OF BRYAN'S.

#### Leader of the Ohio Democratic Bolters Says Nebraskan Did Not Disapprove of the Movement.

Cleveland, O., July 23.-George A. Groot, who has been most active in inaugurating the movement to hold an independent democratic state convention, owing to the failure of the regular convention to stand by the Kansas City platform, said that neither he nor anyone else interested in the matter had been discouraged by Mr. Bryan's letter bearing on the subject. Mr. Groot declared that as a matter of fact, Mr. Bryan did not express disapproval of the movement.

# Mrs. Nation Fined and Sent to Jail.

Topeka, Kan., July 23.-Mrs. Carrie Nation was yesterday fined \$100 and given 30 days' jail sentence by Judge Hazen in the district court for disturbing the peace and dignity of the city by a Sunday joint raid last March. There is no appeal and the noted woman must serve her time in prison.

# Went to the Wall.

Kansas City, Mo., July 23 .- After paying out \$20,000 profits yesterday morning the Traders' Grain and Provision company, with offices in the Exchange building and branches in a dozen towns throughout Missouri and Kansas, went to the wall. The current report is that \$150,000 would not cover the losses.

### SACRIFICING LIVE STOCK.

Cattle Rushed to Market at an Unprecedented Rate and Market Is Dropping Rapidly.

Kansas City, Mo., July 23 .- Cattle receipts at the stock yards Monday aggregated 25,000 for the day, the heaviest on record and nearly 5,000 greater than at Chicago. The highest previous record was on October 9, 1900, when 21,615 arrived. If the railroads are able to supply the demand for cars, the receipts Tucsday may be fully as heavy, or ever greater. The heavy movement is due to the drought and the attractive prices paid last week by exporters, as shown by the fact that nearly two-thirds of the arrivals were beef cattle. Prices opened 10 to 25 cents lower and closed 25 to 40 cents lower.

Frightful Conditions in Iowa.

Burlington, Ja., July 23.-Iowa has never known such frightful conditions of heat and drought as are now existing. No record has been preserved of such intense heat and such witheringly hot winds. Several thermometers in the downtown districts showed 112 degrees. One thermometer placed in the sun burst the tube and flowed out at the top.

#### Corn Soars to 60 Cents.

Chicago, July 23 .- With the western cornfields withered and no rain in sight traders at the opening of the market Monday made desperate attempts to buy the yellow cereal in this market. Opening bids were wild, ranging from 57 to 59, or 174 and 2 to 3% and 4 cents over Saturday's close.

Presages Total Fallure of Corn. Lincoln, Neb., July 23,-All day the hot winds from the south have been blowing presaging practically a total failure of the corn crop. The crop has been tasseling the past week, and these have simple been cooked by the

#### intensity of the heat. Kansas City's Scorching Heat.

Kansas City, Mo., July 23 .- Monday was the hottest day Kansas City has ever experienced, the mercury at four o'clock standing at 106. The weather bureau offers no relief from the terrific heat.

## TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES.

Many Economical Reforms to Be Made in the Army of Occupation in the Philippines.

Manila, July 23.-The conferences Chaffee, recently held here, will probably result in radical economical and administrative reforms in the army of occupation. It is estimated that the total cost of maintaining the the total cost of maintaining the American army in the Philippines can be reduced by 60 per cent. in the course of one year. The principal change will be the reduction of the present force to between 20,000 and 30,000 men. The abolishment of the present army districts is contemplated and three brigades, with permanent headquarters at Manila, Dagupan and Iloilo or Cebu, will be instituted in their stead. The troops will be concentrated at three points selected, abandoning all minor posts. These changes will result in an enormous saving in the transportation of supplies and the paying of rental for barracks for the soldiers. At present in most towns the troops are quartered in churches, convents and publie and private buildings, for the use of which considerable rentals are

# SUN'S RAYS FATAL.

More Deaths in Kansas City on Account of Heat-Thermometer Registered 106, Breaking All Records.

Kansas City, Mo., July 23 .- There were nine deaths from the heat in this city yesterday and 14 prostrations. The names of those who died are: Richard P. Taylor, Marcus Clark, T. Clark, Mrs. Allie Baughman, Mrs. Marguerite Boyle, John Brennan, James Williams, Mrs. Maria Ewing and James A. Peterson. For the fifth time this season Kansas City heat yesterday broke all records. At 2:20 o'clock in the afternoon the unparalled maximum of 106 degrees was reached. Last night there was a slight shower.

Posts for Military Instruction. Washington, July 23.-Secretary

Root speaks in high terms of the possibilities of Rorts Riley and Leavenworth as posts for military instruction. He says Fort Riley is an excellent post for one of the big military camps of instruction and maneuvers contemplated by congress; also that troops to the present capacity of the quarters at Jefferson Barracks and Forts Riley, Leavenworth and Sheridan will be stationed at these posts.

# Ex-President Kruger Depressed.

Amsterdam, July 23.—Former President Kruger, of the South African republic, is very depressed as a result of the death of his wife, but his health is unaffected. On the contrary he has thrown himself into his work with more than his usual energy. Press comment on the death of Mrs. Kruger is sympathetic. The newspapers do not attach any political significance to the event.

woth Had One,

An enthusiastic Louisiana fisherman had great luck while fishing on the Hlinois river recently. During the day be wired his wife: "I've got one, weighs seven pounds and is a beauty." He was considerably surprised to receive the following reply from his wife: "So have I. Weighs ten pounds. He isn't a beauty. Looks like you."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## No Great Loss.

Innkeeper (after wagonload of hunters has departed)—Silas, did you find room in their wagon for them six cases of beer and the case o' whisky?

Silas—Yes, get everything in—er—gash all benlick! I fergot to put in their guns!

"What! ye dad-vummed—oh, well—they'll never miss 'em!"—San Francisco Bulletin.

Men with Weak Intellects. The captain on a Canarder forced a "skin" gambler to give up his gains. The gambler, of course, regards it as an unjust discrimination, as a man who does not read the papers enough to keep away from steamboat poker is pretty sure to give his money to the first bunco man be meets after he goes ashore.—Washington Star.

"It's kind of discouraging, Ethel," said Mr. Cumrox; "kind of discouraging." "What is, father?"

"It's nearly a month since you read your graduation essay, and they haven't taken your advice on how to run the government yet."—Washington Star.

## Bloodshed Avoided,

Jones—What would you do if your burglar alarm went off in the night?

Brown—Well, in the dark, you know, it would take me a good while to find my shoes and my pistol, and that would give the burglar time to get away.—Detroit Free Press.

Insignificant. She-I don't believe you're telling the He-You are most annoying sometimes suppose you think you can read me like

a book.
"O! no. Like a paragraph, I should say."
- Philadelphia Press.

## A Balloon Ascensionist Killed.

A balloon ascensionist was recently killed while making one of his daring trips. Life is too valuable to trifle with in fool-hardy adventures. It is better to employ ourselves in peaceful pursuits, where we may be secure. Then if we take care of our health, we can live to a good old age. The best means of promoting health is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This medicine cures dyspensia indigestion constination flature. dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, flatu-lency and insomnia. Be sure and try it.

## Discovered There Were Others. He (sadly)—I can remember when you used to say I was all the world to you.

She-Perhaps; but I've studied astronomy since!-Puck.

## Best for the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. Cascarets help nature,

# That's Different.

When a full grown man robs a bird's nest, he is not in the same category as the small boy. He is alluded to as an ornithologist.—Washington Post.

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mean to say you believe in divorce?"
Thingumbob—"Well, I do in the case of the man who is wedded to his opinions."—
Philadelphia Press.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infalli-ble medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Don't swear at the mercury. May be it has been climbing up to find a coot place.
-Indianapolis News.

Mirth is nature's best remedy for ills.—Chicago Daily News.

# THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, July 23.

Rations City, July	MARY.
CATTLE-Beef steers\$4 35 @ 5	75
Native stockers 2 80 @ 3	65
Western steers 3 10 @ 5	05
HOGS 4 50 @ 6	05
SHEEP 3 10 @ 3	40
WHEAT-No. 2 hard 67 @	68
No. 2 red 67%@	68
CORN-No. 2 mixed 60 @	63
OATS-No. 2 mixed	41
RYE-No. 2	66
FLOUR-Hard wh't patents. 3 10 @ 3	20
Soft wheat patents 2 75 @ 3	
HAY-Timothy 8 00 @13	
Pratrie 8 00 @13	- Table 1
BRAN-Sacked	85
BUTTER-Choice to fancy 14 @	
CHEESE-Full cream 10 @	
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ST. LOUIS. CATTLE-Beef steers ..... 4 15 @ 5 65 SHEEP-Native ..... 2 50 @ 3 30 FLOUR-Patents, new ..... 3 50 @ 3 65 WHEAT—No. 2 red. 683½60 CORN—No. 2 59 60 OATS—No. 2 40 90 RYE 61 60 
 RYE
 61 @ 63

 BUTTER—Dairy
 13 @ 15

 DRY SALT MEATS
 8 124@ 8 624

 BACON
 9 60 @ 9 50

CHICAGO. CATTLE-Steers ..... 4 25 @ 6 20 HOGS-Mixed and butchers, 5 80 @ 6 00 

40 57

RYE-July ...... LARD-July ..... PORK-July ..... 14 374 NEW YORK. CATTLE-Steers ..... 4 50 @ 5 85 HOGS ...... 6 15 @ 6 25 SHEEP ...... 2 50 @ 4 25 

### THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

St. Petersburg, Russia, is discussing a \$100,000,000 overhead railroad.

France bought \$809,200 worth of toys of Germany in 1900.

Residents in England have £110,-000,000 invested in mortgages in foreign countries.

Holland has 10,100 windmills, each of which drains 310 acres of land, at an average cost of 25 cents an acre-The exportation of beer from

France has increased in ten yearsfrom 947,421 gallons to 2,144,030 gallons. At a meeting of the National Poul-

try Organization association it wasstated that the annual consumption of eggs in the United Kingdom averages 130 per head of the population.

### JOHNSON AT WORK AGAIN.

Racine, Wis., July 22nd.-John Johnson, of No. 924 Hamilton Street, this city, is a happy man.

For years he has suffered with Kidney and Urinary trouble. He was sobroken down that he was forced toquit work. Everything he tried failed, till a friend of his recommended a new remedy-Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Johnson used them, and the result surprised him. He is well as ever he was, completely cured, and working away. every day.

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