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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A Reminder for Carnegie.
Baron Mount Stephen has given \$200,000 to the Presbyterian church of Scotland. This is merely to let Mr. Carnegie know that there are other Scots who have.

Justice Moves Slowly.
The government has taken the first step to secure a part of the money embezzled by Capt. Carter. It was considered of the government to wait until Carter's relations had ample time to bury the loot in the backyard.

Another Funston Needed.
Aguinaldo had his Funston. Whom is Malvar to have? Gen. Sumner is chasing the new Filipino leader, and is so close behind him that he captured Malvar's breakfast, still hot. Similar incidents attended the pursuit of Aguinaldo. We were always capturing him, but never getting nearer than his breakfast, or a few barrels of Mrs. Aguinaldo's clothing, until Hero Funston took the case in hand.

Too Much of a Good Thing.
Times do change, even in England. Hitherto certain of my lords and gentlemen have insisted on their ancient and admitted right to kiss the monarch at coronation, but Edward draws the line at having a quantity of tobacco-smelling whiskers rubbed against his countenance. It was time to make this reform. The spectacle of a couple of fat, elderly persons of the same sex making love in a church arouses qualms.

Tubing on a Man's Body.
An averaged-sized man has, as some statistical crank has figured it out, about 2,500 inches of skin on his body, and in each square inch there are 2,800 sweat glands. There are over 3,500 glands in the palm of the hand, while the number on the entire surface of the body is about 7,000,000. Each of these sweat glands is about a quarter of an inch long, therefore the average man has something like 28 miles of tubing in his skin.

More Boys Than Girls.
It is a remarkable phenomenon that although in the civilized parts of the world the women outnumber the men, there are actually more boys born than girls. According to the figures of the most reliable statistics the distribution of the sexes in premature births is as 159 boys to 100 girls. In cases of still births the boys outnumber the girls at the ratio of 130 to 100. As to normal and living children born there are 105 boys to every 100 girls.

Heat Has Some Compensations.
The jokes made during the hot spell about the weather being so warm that it would be possible to cook dinner on the stone sidewalks, are not so far fetched as generally imagined. Down on the sun-baked soil of Arizona the people actually cook without fires, and bread, fish and coffee are cooked without any signs of stove, range or similar service. In Arizona the coal man would have as much chance of making a livelihood as the ice man would up in Greenland.

Not So Decadent After All.
France is the only great nation in Europe that has had the strength of mind and of purpose to establish a republican form of government. It is the only nation on earth which has made successful attempts to solve the problem of the unequal distribution of wealth, based upon the unequal distribution of land. Its percentage of pauperism is the lowest in Europe, its percentage of individual efficiency in production is the highest among the great nations.

The World's National Debts.
A comparative study of the debts of all the nations shows that the national debts of the world now aggregate \$31,800,000, or ten times the sum owed by the nations a century ago. Wars and the maintenance of great armies and navies have been chiefly responsible for this increase, but in some cases the debt represents investments in railways and other public utilities. Germany owns most of its railways. Two-thirds of the railways of Russia are owned by the government.

SIXTY SALOONS IN LAWTON.

Most of Them Have Been Set Up on Woods' Claim—Lots at County Seats Sell Well.
Lawton, Ok., Aug. 13.—Fifteen hundred people were gathered in front of the auctioneer when the sale of town lots opened yesterday morning. The rain which had been falling slowly for an hour beat down upon them, but prices rose and a half dozen inside lots brought \$900 each. Forty-six lots were sold yesterday and they brought \$42,980. Not a lot sold for less than \$600, and the highest price paid was \$2,000, for lot 1, block 41, by Andrew W. Gillespie, of Enid, Ok. This lot is located just north of the land office.

Summary of Sale of Lots.
Washington, Aug. 13.—A telegram received at the interior department gives a summary of the sale of town lots in the newly ceded portion of Oklahoma for the first five days of the sale as follows: At Anadarko, 397 lots at \$103,430; Lawton, 279 lots at \$64,070; Hobart, 274 lots at \$42,180.

Saloons on Woods' Claim.
Fort Sill, Ok., Aug. 13.—Lawton has 60 saloons in full blast. Comparatively few of them are located in the townsite. A favorable location is on the homestead of J. R. Woods, whose indignation knows no limit. Cold storage plants have sprung up as if by magic on Woods' claim and frame houses have been built for storing bottled goods. Woods' attorneys have appealed to the civil authorities and their application for troops to eject the trespassers has been referred by ex-Gov. Richards to the secretary of the interior.

WILL TEST THE LAW.

Oklahoma Convicts in the Kansas Prison Do Not Think They Can Be Legally Sent Out of the Territory.

Lansing, Kan., Aug. 13.—The 240 Oklahoma prisoners now in the Kansas penitentiary are contributing funds to hire a lawyer to attack the law which sends them outside the territory to serve their sentences. The movement is being pushed principally by Clyde Mattox, the noted Oklahoma bandit now serving a 12-year sentence for killing a man. If the law is knocked out, all the convicts will be sent back to the jails where they were convicted, as Oklahoma has no penitentiary. The Oklahoma jails are poorly constructed and escape in many instances would be comparatively easy. At the prison chapel exercises Sunday morning Warden Jewett gave the convicts permission to contribute to the fund to make the contest, but gave it as his opinion that the courts would not disturb the present methods.

FROM PRISON TO SALARY.

Gov. Yates, of Illinois, Stirs Up Trouble by Appointing an ex-Kansas Convict to Office.

Watska, Ill., Aug. 13.—When Gov. Yates appointed Charles H. Payson, of Watska, to be president of the state board of claims he aroused a bigger political stir in this (Iroquois) county than eastern Illinois has ever known. An investigation shows that in 1880 Payson was convicted at Winfield, Kan., of cheating Mrs. Lena McNeil and sentenced by Judge A. M. Jackson to five years in state prison. After 18 months in the penitentiary he was pardoned by Gov. St. John, presumably through the influence of Judge Payson, his brother, then a member of congress from Illinois.

"Coin" Harvey Attacks Jones.

Rogers, Ark., Aug. 13.—W. H. (Coin) Harvey has openly declared war on United States Senator James K. Jones. He denounces the chairman of the democratic national committee as a very incompetent campaign manager, attributing Bryan's two defeats to the weaknesses of party leaders.

St. Joseph Robbers Kill a Man.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 13.—Adolph Morey was shot in the back of the head in Ballard's saloon last night by masked robbers and died. Three men were in the saloon when the two robbers entered, wearing masks. Morey sat at the table and did not obey the order to throw up his hands.

To Buy Islands Off Cuba.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Germany certainly, and probably France, are striving to upset the Monroe doctrine by trying to purchase Cayo Romano and Cayo Cruz, two of the islands of the Greater Antilles, just off the northern coast of Cuba. Both islands are very fruitful.

Bryan, Davis and Stone.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 13.—William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation extended to him by the industrial council of Kansas City to speak at Electric park on Labor day. William J. Stone and Webster Davis have accepted like invitations.

Sampson's Successor Appointed.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Rear Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson, commandant of the Port Royal navy station, has been selected to succeed Rear Admiral Sampson as commandant of the Boston navy yard on account of the latter's ill health.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Proceedings to Oust the Company from Forest Park Knocked Out—An Appointment Made.

St. Louis, Aug. 13.—Officials of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company were jubilant yesterday over the outcome of the proceedings brought to oust the world's fair from Forest park, which were knocked out. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the executive committee, which gave direction to the general counsel to look into methods of procedure necessary to secure by condemnation the 300 or more additional acres of ground needed outside of the Forest park site.

President Francis announced yesterday that John Barrett, formerly United States minister to Siam and now delegate of the United States to the International Congress of American States, had been appointed and had accepted the position of commissioner general to Asia and Australasia for the world's fair.

WIPES OUT HALF A CROP.

Government Crop Report Shows the Poorest Prospect in the History of the United States.

Washington, Aug. 13.—From 650,000,000 to 850,000,000 bushels of corn were wiped off the crop of 1901 by the drought and heat of July, according to the government report on crop conditions. The first authoritative statement of the effect of the drought, compiled from the reports of 12,000 correspondents of the department of agriculture in all the corn producing states of the union, show a more deplorable condition existing on August 1 than had been realized. The general average of 54 shows a decline of 27.3 points during July and is the lowest August condition in the history of the country, 15.1 points lower than the August condition in 1894, the year of the last great crop failure, when 1,212,770,052 bushels were raised.

NOT GENERALLY OBEYED.

President Shaffer's Strike Order Brings Out Only About Sixty Thousand Steel Workers All Told.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 13.—The struggle for mastery between manufacturers and men in the steel industry is now fairly launched and on the first show of strength advantage is with the former. The general strike order issued by President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated association, has so far been obeyed by only about 14,000 men, according to the best figures obtainable here. The first two preliminary calls were answered by about 45,000 men, so that the total number now out is in the neighborhood of 60,000.

AN ESCAPED CONVICT?

John Winters, the Self-Confessed Smelter Thief, Thought to Be Former Inmate of Kansas State Prison.

Lansing, Kan., Aug. 13.—John Winters, the man who stole the \$280,000 gold from Selby smelting works at San Francisco and then confessed, is thought to be an escaped convict from the Kansas state penitentiary. The records show that John Winters escaped from the institution June 6, 1899, while working on the prison farm. He was sent up from Cloud county for burglary and had four weeks to serve.

Cafe, Saloon and Cigar Store Burned.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 13.—Fire destroyed the cafe and saloon of J. A. Johnston, 804 Delaware street, yesterday morning. The loss on stock and fixtures is about \$30,000, protected by only \$12,000 insurance. The damage to the building, which is owned by George Huling, is about \$3,500. Niles & Moser, wholesale cigar dealers at 806 Delaware, suffered a loss of \$20,000, due to the fact that 600,000 cigars which were stored in the basement are floating in four feet of water.

Gov. Stanley Proclaims Labor Day.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 13.—Gov. Stanley has issued a proclamation designating Monday, September 2, as Labor day in Kansas. He urges its observance as a public holiday by employers and employees alike, "that the first Labor day of the twentieth century may be marked by the most friendly and cordial relations between capital and labor."

State Geologist for Missouri.

St. Louis, Aug. 13.—E. B. Buckley, assistant superintendent of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History society and instructor of commercial geography in the University of Wisconsin, was appointed state geologist to succeed Adam Gallagher at a meeting of the Missouri geological board, held here yesterday.

A Good Peach Crop.

West Plains, Mo., Aug. 13.—The peach crop of south Missouri is now ready for the market and along the line of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railway hundreds are picking and packing the fruit. The recent rains have improved the fruit wonderfully and the famous crop of 1897 will be eclipsed.

STAKES WITH A SURPLUS.

Comanche County, of Which Lawton is the County Seat, Wants the Finest Courthouse.

Fort Sill, Ok., Aug. 12.—Two thousand men and women stood under a pitiless sun in the open prairie Saturday afternoon and bid against each other for business sites in Lawton till the price of corner lots was forced to \$75 a front foot.

A movement has already been started to expend \$45,000 in a courthouse. The expenses of the county for the first year will be less than \$50,000. There are comparatively few costly bridges to erect, and it is certain that the sale of lots will give the county not less than \$300,000. Comanche county therefore presents the altogether novel situation of a big surplus—there is an assessor, and without any taxes being levied. It is all nonsense to squander \$10,000 in a temporary structure, the prospective residents of Lawton declare. They want the money spent in paramount improvements and the best courthouse in Oklahoma in which to begin business the second year of the county's history.

AN "UNBELIEVER'S" GIFTS.

Churches at Paris, Mo., Received \$500 Each from a Man Who Had Opposed Them in Life.

Paris, Mo., Aug. 12.—Joseph West, who died near here, left \$500 to each of the churches in Paris—Christian, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist. His bequests are a surprise, as he was a superstitious man and believed in witches and enchantments. He said church people had been good to him. He gave his small farm to a negro who had long been a faithful servant. He was an old bachelor.

CENSURE FOR EVANS.

The Rear Admiral Gets a Reprimand for Criticizing Secretary of the Navy Chandler in His Book.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The navy department has reprimanded Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, acting upon the complaint made by Former Secretary of the Navy Chandler, for criticisms of the latter in Admiral Evans' book, "A Sailor's Log." The letter of reprimand refers to his act as reprehensible and censures Admiral Evans for "this breach of the obligation imposed upon him as an officer of the navy of the United States."

To Reduce the Army in the Philippines.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The war department is making preparations to reduce further the military force in the Philippines. Officials at the department said that notwithstanding the occasional reports of the guerrilla operations and the lawlessness of robbers, it is clear that a condition of approximate quiet and good order prevails throughout the archipelago, and that the need of the army for garrison purposes is considerably lessened.

How a Revival Service Was Stopped.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 12.—A special from Jackson, Miss., to the Constitution says: In Tunica county John Littlejohn, a deacon in a negro church, was engaged in prayer at a revival service when he was shot and instantly killed by a member of the church named Charles Jones. In the confusion that followed Jones was stabbed and killed by Samuel Jackson and this broke up the meeting.

Ex-Italian Premier Dead.

Naples, Aug. 12.—Signor Crispi died yesterday evening. He was surrounded by the members of his family and several intimate friends. The news was immediately telegraphed to King Emmanuel and Queen Helen. The evening papers assert that the body will be conveyed by steamer to Palermo, where the municipality will arrange for a great public funeral.

Washington Has Abundance of Feed.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 12.—Eastern Washington farmers are preparing to take advantage of their abundant harvests by importing cattle and hogs from the drought-stricken states of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. They will be brought in carload lots and fed upon wheat, barley and corn, of which this state's yield will be the greatest known.

Dold Plant at Wichita to Be Rebuilt.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 12.—Whistles were blown and bells rung Saturday night when a telegram was received from the directors of the Dold Packing company, in session in Buffalo, that the plant here would be rebuilt. It burned a few weeks ago. Men here offered the company a bonus of \$150,000 to rebuild.

Gigantic Coal Mining Corporation.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Plans are said to be well under way for a gigantic combination of the coal mining business of Illinois, the consolidation of all the principal mines into one corporation, capitalized at \$100,000,000, with headquarters in Chicago, from which point the entire business is to be operated.

MECCA FOR BEER AGENTS.

Citizens of Lawton Seem to Have a Well-Developed Thirst—Woods' Troubles Increasing.

Lawton, Ok., Aug. 10.—The auction sale of town lots continues briskly, and the average price each day exceeds the previous day. Thursday's average was \$300 for 55 lots, while yesterday the average was \$365.

This town is the Mecca for brewery agents, and as the saloons are wide open and doing a rushing business the sale of beer is equal to the capacity of the brewery agents to supply it. Notwithstanding the open saloons good order is being preserved, and there is little indication that the introduction of whisky has made any material difference in the work of the peace officers.

Mr. Woods, who drew claim No. 1, is having his troubles these days. Not only are there a number of contests filed against his claim, but there are several hundred squatters on various parts of the land, who claim their right to the property. These squatters refuse to leave, and Woods is having notices prepared warning all of the claimants that they are trespassers and will be prosecuted.

Fitzgerald Buys Land for a Colony.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Aug. 10.—P. H. Fitzgerald, of Indianapolis, has closed a deal whereby he becomes the owner of the Camp Supply reservation, a solid tract of land comprising 36,000 acres in Woodward county, Ok. The land is fine rolling prairie covered with bluegrass and excellently watered. The water courses and belted with timber. Mr. Fitzgerald will turn the lands over to a colony he will organize on the same principle adopted by the old soldiers' colony in Georgia.

ROOSEVELT'S OUTING.

Cordill Welcome Given to the Vice President at Victor, Col.—A Mine Inspected.

Victor, Col., Aug. 10.—Victor made full reparation yesterday for the discourteous treatment of Vice President Roosevelt during the political campaign last fall, fully 10,000 giving him a most enthusiastic welcome. The vice president and party arrived on a special train over the Short Line road. They were greeted by blasts of giant powder and hundreds of steam whistles from shaft houses all over the district. The party was met by a Victor committee and escorted to Portland mine. The road was lined everywhere with a cheering throng. After an inspection of the mine workings, 1,000 feet below the surface, the vice president was taken to the Gold Coin club for lunch, where he responded to a toast. A public reception was followed by a carriage drive about the district. The party then went to Cripple Creek, where they were entertained, returning to Colorado Springs in the evening.

MISSOURI JOINT SMASHED.

Twenty Women at Mendota, Putnam County, Take the Law in Their Hands for a Few Moments.

Unionville, Mo., Aug. 10.—Twenty-five ladies of Mendota, this county, called at the joint there yesterday to persuade the keeper to desist selling booze in their midst. They were politely informed to go away and attend to their own affairs. They made an attack on the establishment, completely demolishing the front, and began to destroy the liquors, when Ed Duffy, who was at the time in charge, promised to quit the business, but would not speak for the proprietor, John Murray, who was absent. The ladies then let up but will make it interesting for Murray if he again opens up there. There have been no arrests and more than likely there will be none.

Seed Crops Benefited by Rains.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 10.—Heavy rains were reported last night as far west as Hutchinson and Newton; over an inch of water fell and in Osage county 2½ inches. In Shawnee county a heavy rain fell, lasting nearly an hour. Seed crops will be greatly benefited and the situation for the stockmen is greatly improved.

Eighteen Buildings Burned at Caddo.

Caddo, I. T., Aug. 10.—Fire started in the post office building on the north side of Buffalo street and spread to the new building of G. E. Green, then spread east to the corner occupied by Arnold & Attoaway, then north to the residence of Mrs. P. L. Russell. In all, 18 buildings are gone, with over \$100,000 loss.

Heir Apparent to Pretendship.

Saigon, French Cochinchina, Aug. 10.—Price Henry of Orleans is dead here. He was the "royal democrat" of France, and heir apparent to a pretendship. He was on his way to the United States when stricken.

Carrie Nation's Husband Wants a Divorce.

Medicine Lodge, Kan., Aug. 10.—David Nation has brought suit for divorce against Mrs. Carrie Nation. He alleges that her recent crusade against saloons has brought ridicule upon him.