

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Cannot Beat the Game.

When one reads that the profits of the gaming table at Monte Carlo in the past 60 days are figured at \$5,000,000, the hankering to be pointed out as a "man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo" grows noticeably less.

In Due Time.

The sale of liquor has been prohibited among the Moros of Sulu. For the present the clouted warriors must be content with the exhilarating native beno. In due time, however, the advance of western civilization, kegged or bottled, will come in and do 'em to a finish.

Interesting Insurance Decision.

A Kentucky court recently ruled that when a member of the Modern Woodmen lodge suicides within two years after joining the order the widow can collect only the sum the deceased has paid into the treasury and that the order is not liable for the whole policy.

Tip for Speculative Bankers.

An Indiana bank official who tried to place money in the vaults of the institution by speculating in the stock market and who was sentenced to a term of ten years in prison has been pardoned. This ought to be very encouraging to those bankers who are disposed to speculate.

The Oldest Federal Judge.

Judge John J. Jackson, of West Virginia, has been a justice of the United States district court for 40 years. He has served as a judge longer than any other man in the history of the state or federal courts. He is now 77 years old and claims that he will die in the harness, an event, however, which seems to be far in the future, as he is still active and vigorous.

Throttling Beet Sugar Industry.

The spectacle of the sugar trust throttling the beet sugar industry, as it is manifestly trying to do in California, will not make the public more willing to tolerate legislation favorable to the trust when congress meets again. It was not for this that the United States government has been at such pains to encourage beet sugar production.

His Power is Absolute.

One of the most absolute of the world's monarchs is the shah of Persia, who is master of the lives and goods of all his subjects. The whole revenue of the country being at their disposal, recent shahs have been able to amass large private fortunes. That of the present occupant of the throne is reported to amount to \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000, most of it represented by diamonds.

Hot Weather Favors Boers.

The approach of spring in the Boer country makes the outlook for the British rather blue, so far as regards the chance of ending the war within the next few weeks. South Africa is now having its winter, which is unfavorable for the weaker side in a war like the present. When the grass, two months hence, begins to peep above the ground and vegetation in general begins to grow the food for man and beast will be more plentiful than it is now.

Helped Slaves to Freedom.

Jacob Pierce, a Grand Army veteran, who died a few days in Denver, Col., was known in Ohio in the years preceding the civil war as a director of the "underground railway," and through him many a slave was helped to freedom beyond the Canadian frontier. His principal work during the war was as wardmaster of all the union hospitals in Nashville, Tenn. In the line of his duty it fell to his lot to close the eyes of more than 1,000 boys in blue.

The First of Its Kind.

All the railroads, with four exceptions, centering in Chicago have accepted the proposed terms to build a \$40,000,000 union railroad station. It is to combine both passenger and freight facilities, and will be equipped to make it the finest structure of its kind in the world. There has always been a great desire among railroad men of Chicago to bring the eastern and western roads together in the same structure, and this union station will accomplish the object.

Food for Dime Novel Writers.

The story of the theft of \$320,000 worth of gold bars and bullion from the Selby smelter at Vallejo, Cal., with the probability that all will be recovered, invites the enthusiastic attention of dime novel writers. The most remarkable feature of the case is the fact that this robbery of 1,200 pounds of solid gold seems to have been the work of one man. The most dramatic part of the story is the fact that the successful plunderer gave up his rich booty, though it was hidden at the bottom of an ocean bay.

RACE WAR IS ON.

Murder of a Girl at Pierce City, Mo., Excites the Populace.

Two Negro Suspects Taken from Jail and Summarily Disposed of and Others Are in Danger—Negro Houses Burned.

Pierce City, Mo., Aug. 29.—Will Godley, a negro, was lynched by a mob composed of 1,000 armed citizens shortly after dark last night for the murder of Miss Caselle Wild, whose dead body was found yesterday in the woods near here. The mob went to the jail about nine o'clock and battered down the doors and threw ropes around the necks of Godley and Jean Carter, another suspect. Godley was hanged in front of the Lawrence hotel and his body riddled with bullets.

Carter was shot to death in the streets by the same mob a few minutes later. Neither of the victims is believed to have had any connection with the murder, but both of them bore very bad reputations and were lynched on general principles. Godley had just completed a term in the state penitentiary for an assault upon a white woman 60 years old in this vicinity some years ago.

Ike Carter's house, in which were Pete and Bob Hampton, two negroes of desperate character, was bombarded and fired. Several negro women who were in the house were fired upon, one being shot. The people are determined to drive all the negroes out of the town and surrounding country, and a regular race war is on.

Miss Caselle Wild, an estimable young lady of this city, was assaulted while going home from Sunday school by a negro, who, after ravishing her, cut her throat from ear to ear. The crime was committed at a bridge near the Frisco track, a half mile distant from the depot. The girl was crossing the bridge when the brute, who had been sitting on the rail, attacked her. A farmer in an adjoining field saw the assault, but hearing no outcry paid no attention to the matter. Later his suspicions were aroused by seeing a negro running down the railroad track. He gave the alarm and the mangled body of the girl was found lying in the weeds near the Frisco tracks under the bridge. At once a posse organized and set out in pursuit of the perpetrator of the foul deed. Two negroes were arrested.

STEEL MAGNATES GAIN.

Aggressive Work Being Done to Open Several Big Mills in Spite of the Strikers.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 29.—The United States Steel corporation made a series of gains yesterday in the restoration of properties crippled by the strike of the Amalgamated association and its sympathizers. The steel mills at Monessen, after a long period of inactivity, were partly put in motion by strike breakers gathered in some of the southern states; two more mills in the Painter plant were also started up and another large mill at the Clark property was operated for the first time. There was some disorder in the streets of Monessen during the day, but the local police never lost control of the demonstrative crowds and there was no serious trouble. The reopening of the Monessen mill is believed to be the first of a series of aggressive moves on the part of the steel corporation.

IN TEN FEET OF WATER.

Steamer Sank Near Paducah, Ky., During a Storm and 16 of Its Passengers Drowned.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 29.—The steamer City of Goleonda, plying between this city and Elizabethtown, Ill., was struck by a squall during a storm about seven o'clock last night as she was en route to Paducah and turned over in ten feet of water, six miles above the city, as she was going into Crowell's landing. Sixteen persons are reported drowned. The disaster occurred as supper was served and many of the 75 passengers were in the cabin. The wind struck the boat without warning and there was no time for those on the inside to escape.

Connecting Track Open.

Fort Scott, Kan., Aug. 29.—The first train was run over the Memphis-Frisco connecting track from Miami to Afton yesterday. It was the Miami local in charge of Conductor Durbin. The track is almost completely ballasted now and will be ready for through trains from Kansas City to Texas and Oklahoma in a few days.

Curran Hopes for a Union.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 29.—John H. Curran, secretary of the populist state committee, has not given up hope of a union of the people's and democratic parties next year. He believes that the rank and file of both parties will agree to support a ticket labeled "union."

FEW INCOMPETENTS.

Civil Service Commission Makes a Good Report of Those Who Have Been Appointed on Merit Alone.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The seventeenth annual report of the civil service commission, just issued, is cheerful in tone. While the commission has found violations of law, it says conditions are improving. Last year 47,000 persons took the examination, 35,000 passed and nearly 10,000 were appointed. From the beginning of the system's operation in 1883, more than 106,000 appointments have been made in the classified service. The appointments have been so satisfactory that only about two per cent. of those employed have been discharged for incompetency. The aggregate salaries of the positions now in the classified service, numbering about 90,000, and to be reached only through competitive examinations, approximate \$75,000,000 a year, while the salaries of all unclassified positions in the executive branch of the government, probably numbering slightly over 100,000, are estimated not to exceed \$30,000,000, of which over 60 per cent. is for the compensation of the 4,429 presidential postmasters and the 72,165 postmasters of the fourth-class offices.

SEEK WEALTH UNDERGROUND

Great Activity at Lawton and Vicinity in Prospecting for Oil and Minerals—1,000 Claims Filed.

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 29.—Parties from Lawton say that the oil excitement has superseded everything else there and over 100 oil claims were filed yesterday, bringing the sum total of mineral claims filed to date well up to 1,000, and about three-fourths of these are oil claims, but many who have been prospecting in the mountains are filing copper claims, and in two instances copper has been found so pure as to be valuable, and dozens of the oil claims cover the same ground, and conflict and litigation will follow.

Lawton Lots Sell the Highest.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The secretary of the interior has received telegraphic reports from Gov. Richards of the sale of town lots at the three county seats of the newly-opened reservation in Oklahoma. At Lawton 699 lots have been sold for \$286,370. At Anadarko 647 lots brought \$160,665, and at Hobart \$107,194 were paid for 652 lots. These prices are considered very good.

KANSAS SCHOOL MONEY.

The Semi-Annual Apportionment of \$203,560.90 Will Be Distributed Among 508,916 Pupils.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 29.—The state superintendent of public instruction is making the semi-annual distribution of the interest on the state school fund. The school population is 508,916, or an increase of nearly 5,000 since the February distribution. The sum to be distributed is \$203,560.90, and the per capita is 40 cents. Wyandotte county leads in school population and will receive \$9,139.60. Shawnee is next, with 17,623, and will get \$7,049.20. The other larger counties in order are Sedgwick, 14,232, \$5,692.80; Cherokee, 14,230, \$5,692; Crawford, 13,830, \$5,532; Leavenworth, 12,199, \$4,879.60; Cowley, 10,564, \$4,225.60; Atchison, 10,057, \$4,022.80. Stanton has the least school population of the 105 counties—95, and its allowance, \$38. Morton has only one more child of school age than Stanton—96—and its allowance is \$38.40.

THE SHELL EXPLODED.

One Soldier Killed at Fort Riley, His Head Being Blown Off—Three Others Dangerously Injured.

Junction City, Kan., Aug. 29.—A bad accident occurred at the artillery target range on the Fort Riley military reservation north of town Monday. Siege battery O was at target practice with its big seven-inch guns. While a gun was being loaded a shell exploded prematurely. One man was killed; his head was blown off. Three others were dangerously injured. Two or three men were blinded and several seriously wounded.

SAVED FROM AWFUL TORTURE

Indians Had Captured a Mexican Boy and Were About to Make Him Dance Over Cactus Beds.

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 29.—Juan Robeles, a Mexican boy, 16 years old, was saved from a horrible fate by a posse which went from here to a settlement of Yaqui Indians, where the boy was about to be put to death by torture for killing Agua, an Indian, for beating a squaw. The boy was found unconscious from pain, with hands and feet bound with tightly-drawn cords. The Indians were preparing to force Robeles to dance over beds of cactus, a mode of torture common among them.

A Kansas Town in Darkness.

Clay Center, Kan., Aug. 29.—Fire totally destroyed the city electric light plant here, valued at \$20,000, and this will leave the city in darkness for some time.



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The Modern Hotel. "Mr. Dash," said the waiter, "a man just lifted a silver spoon from the table." "Call the police!" roared the clerk. "The man is a thief!" "But he is one of our regular guests." "Ah, then he is doubtless a kleptomaniac. You needn't mention it, George." "And he pays \$5 per day on the American plan." "He does? Why, the gentleman is a souvenir collector. How dare you cast reflections on his character?"—Chicago News.

Begone, Dull Care! A Droitwich barber was just finishing lathering a customer and was talking volubly, as usual. "Yes, sir," he said, "there's no carelessness allowed by our employer. Every time we cut a customer's face we are fined a sixpence, and if we make an ugly gash it costs us a shilling." Then, picking up and brandishing his razor, he added: "But I don't care a rap to-day. I've just won a sovereign."—London Answers.

Friendship's Tribute. The man at whose funeral they were assembled hadn't drawn a sober breath during the last 15 years of his life, and had been noted for always being in trouble with his neighbors. "Well," said one of his old acquaintances, turning sadly away after the services were over, "he was a man of mighty regular habits."—Chicago Tribune.

A Good Spender. Gizzam—Who is that young millionaire stopping at the Seaside hotel? Gazzam—He's no millionaire; he's only a dry goods clerk on a ten days' vacation.—Ohio State Journal.

When a man has a clever wife, ever notice how he lets her run things? He is glad to get rid of the responsibility.—Atchison Globe.

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