

**WORK OF CONGRESS.**

In the senate on the 27th Senator Harris (Kan.) spoke at length on the oleomargarine bill. He supported the measure, but urged an amendment placing a tax of ten cents a pound on adulterated butter and regulating the manufacture and sale of renovated butter. Senator Quarles (Wis.) vigorously denounced the oleomargarine industry as a fraud. At the conclusion of Senator Quarles' speech a message from the president, recommending that provision be made for diplomatic and consular representatives in Cuba and announcing formally that the island would be turned over to the Cuban government on the 20th of May next, was read and referred to the committee on foreign relations. Senator Patterson (Col.) sharply criticised the methods by which Gen. Funston captured Aguinaldo and sought to show that Gen. Funston's statement that he had not violated the articles of civilized warfare was not accurate. The senate then went into executive session and soon afterward adjourned until the 31st. A genuine sensation was caused in the house by the presentation by Mr. Richardson (Tenn.) the democratic leader, of charges alleging the corrupt use of a fund of \$500,000 in connection with the sale of the Danish West Indies. The charges were contained in an alleged secret report of Capt. Walter Christmas to the Danish government, which declared that he had employed corrupt means to bring the negotiations for the sale of the islands to a consummation. The report mentioned the names of Abner McKinley and his partner, Col. Brown, C. W. Knox, who was described as "an intimate friend of Senator Hanna," Richard P. Evans, who was said to represent "Mr. Gardner and his friends in the house," and two press associations, the names of which were not given, as having been interested in the matter. The charges against members of congress were not specific. Mr. Richardson asked the adoption of a resolution for the appointment of an investigating committee of seven, which was carried and the committee appointed. Great excitement attended the whole proceeding. The army appropriation bill was subsequently passed and the president's message on the relinquishment of control of Cuba was laid before the house.

The senate was not in session on the 28th. The house passed 125 private pension bills. The president's policy with regard to the veto of bills to remove the charge of desertion from the records of soldiers came in for considerable discussion during the day. Early in the session a number of minor bills were passed. The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported and Mr. Cannon gave notice that he would call it up on the 31st. Mr. Goldfogle (N. Y.) introduced a resolution that the secretary of state be directed to inform the house whether American citizens of the Jewish religious faith, holding passports issued by this government, are barred or excluded from entering Russia and what action concerning such discrimination, if any, has been taken by the government of the United States. Mr. Sharfath (Col.) introduced a bill prescribing the size of the field of the United States flag and the arrangement of stars.

The senate was not in session on the 29th. The house devoted most of the day to the bill increasing the efficiency of the revenue cutter service, but did not complete its consideration. The Chinese exclusion act was made a special order after the disposal of the revenue cutter bill. The speaker then laid before the house the Miles correspondence.

During the entire session of the senate on the 31st the oleomargarine bill was under consideration. Three speeches were delivered. Senator Simmons (N. C.) making an extended argument in opposition to the bill and Senators Dillingham (Vt.) and McCumber (N. D.) speaking in its favor. Senator McMillin (Mich.) introduced a bill authorizing the construction of a union depot in Washington to cost \$4,000,000. Senator Hansbrough (N. D.) introduced an amendment to the army appropriation bill providing an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the construction of buildings for post exchanges. Senator Martin (Va.), from the committee of the District of Columbia, reported favorably the amendment authorizing the construction of a memorial bridge across the Potomac at Washington. It fixes the cost at \$5,000,000. The house began consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill, but little of the speech-making was pertinent to the bill. Mr. Payne (N. Y.), chairman of the ways and means committee, reported the Cuban reciprocity bill and Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.) introduced a pro-Boer resolution.

**Post Office Inspectors Not Excepted.**  
Washington, April 1.—The effort which has been made recently to except post office inspectors from the civil service rules has failed. It was authoritatively stated yesterday that the civil service commission never seriously considered the proposition, but to set at rest reports that such action would be taken they have agreed that no recommendation will be made looking to any change in the present method of appointment.

**Reckless Bicyclist Held for a Death.**  
Kansas City, Mo., March 28.—A coroner's jury, after investigating the death of Kate Clegg, who was killed at Fifteenth street and Prospect avenue Tuesday evening, found that she died as the result of being struck by a bicycle ridden by Charles Johnson. Information was filed against him by the prosecuting attorney, charging him with manslaughter.

**As in the Time of Nero.**  
El Paso, Tex., March 31.—Across the bridge at Juarez on Mexican soil will be held a contest the like of which has not been seen since the days of Nero. A monster lion from Africa will be pitted against a splendid bull and the two beasts will battle to the death.

**Box Factory Burned.**  
Kansas City, Mo., March 28.—Fire on the Missouri river front shortly after midnight this morning destroyed wholesale property of an estimated value of from \$40,000 to \$50,000, the property of the National Paper Box company being completely destroyed.

**JAMES TOOK A "PARILLA."**

**The Old Quaker Innkeeper Wouldn't Give Him Any More of the "Strong Stuff."**

The country immediately adjacent to Philadelphia is rich in quaint old taverns and inns, many of which have remained unchanged for a century or more. Each one of these has its own following, and it is quite the thing for the city patrons to get up dinner parties, ordering the dinner in advance, to secure good service.

The proprietor of one of the best known of these taverns, one much affected by the hunting set, is an old Quaker, who amid the incongruous surroundings of his bar still clings to the plain language of his faith. Occasionally he even dispenses liquid refreshments with his own hands, and it seems queer to hear his mild voice asking: "What will thee have?"

The other day there was a crowd in the bar, and one of the men had already been imbibing too freely. Nevertheless, he lined up at the bar with the others and loudly called for whiskey. The old man looked at him severely and remarked:

"James, doesn't thee think thee has had enough of the strong stuff? Thee had better take a 'parilla.'"

There was no appeal, says the Philadelphia Record, and James drank a glass of sarsaparilla.

**A GLASS-BOTTOMED BOAT.**

**Novel Provision of a Florida Hotel-Keener for the Entertainment of His Patrons.**

A hotel keeper at Nassau has elaborated the idea of the marine telescope in striking fashion. Any people who have been in the tropics are familiar with the "marine telescope," a long, wooden box, with a pane of glass at one end, which, being thrust into the water at the side of the boat, enables one to get a fairly satisfactory view of the animal and vegetable life at or near the bottom—when the bottom is not too far from the surface, says the Boston Journal. What the ingenious hotel keeper proposes is to make a big boat, which shall itself be a marine telescope, and so provide his patrons with an opportunity to watch the sea gardens of the Bahamas much more conveniently than they could with the glazed tube. The boat, which is now building at Palm Beach, Fla., is to be 45 feet long and for 28 feet its bottom is to be made of plate glass, clear and thick. Thus will the capacity of the surface ripples be avoided, while deeper immersion, increased steadiness and wider field of view are expected to give the passengers such a spectacle of submarine wonders as they never secured by the simpler arrangement.

**British Women in Politics.**  
The movement to make room for British women in the political and professional fields grows apace, apparently without much assistance from the opposite sex. At the annual meeting of the Birmingham Society for Promoting the Election of Women Guardians, one of the women speakers said: "The only complaint we have to make against men is that they are a little too retiring." Lieut. Gen. Phelps, who was present, somewhat gallantly replied: "Where women are so capable of doing the work it would be superfluous for us to intervene."

**Ten Years Building.**  
In the last ten years the government has built in its own yards four vessels of 19,389 tons, at a cost of \$7,200,000 and all these were laid down more than a decade ago.

**THE GENERAL MARKETS.**

Kansas City, April 1.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	45 25 @ 6 55
Native steers	3 00 @ 4 90
Western steers	5 00 @ 5 25
HOGS	4 00 @ 6 95
SHEEP	4 40 @ 5 25
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	68 1/2 @ 69
No. 2 red	77 @ 78
CORN—No. 2 mixed	58 1/2 @ 59
OATS—No. 2 mixed	43 1/2 @ 44
RYE—No. 2	59
FLOUR—Hard wh't patents	3 45 @ 3 65
Soft wheat patents	3 25 @ 4 00
HAY—Timothy	10 00 @ 13 50
Prairie	7 90 @ 12 40
BRAN—Sacked	85 1/2
BUTTER—Choice to fancy	18 1/2 @ 26
CHEESE—Full cream	10 1/2
EGGS	13
POTATOES	95 @ 1 10
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	3 50 @ 6 75
Texas steers	3 50 @ 6 10
HOGS—Butchers	6 75 @ 6 95
SHEEP—Natives	4 50 @ 5 50
FLOUR—Red winter patents	3 00 @ 3 80
WHEAT—No. 2 red	77 1/2 @ 78 1/2
CORN—No. 2	51 1/2 @ 60 1/2
OATS—No. 2	41 1/2 @ 42 1/2
RYE	57
BUTTER—Creamery	21 @ 23
DRY SALT MEATS	9 00 @ 9 12 1/2
BACON	10 00 @ 10 12 1/2
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Steers	4 25 @ 7 10
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	6 45 @ 6 50
SHEEP—Western	4 25 @ 5 85
FLOUR—Spring patents	3 20 @ 3 70
WHEAT—No. 2	77 @ 78
CORN—No. 2	57 1/2 @ 58
OATS—No. 2	41 1/2 @ 41 1/2
RYE—May	55 @ 55 1/2
LARD—May	9 70 @ 9 90
PORK—May	16 37 1/2 @ 16 60
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Steers	5 00 @ 7 00
HOGS	6 75 @ 6 85
SHEEP	3 00 @ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2	82 1/2 @ 83 1/2
CORN—No. 2	67 1/2 @ 67 1/2
OATS—No. 2	47

**Ask To-Day for Allen's Foot-Ease.**  
It cures swollen, aching, tired feet. At all Druggists and Shoe stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The Poet—"No, the editors never burn my poems." The Friend—"How is that?" The Poet—"I write them on sheets of asbestos."—London Answers.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Endsley, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

An agreeable man is one who consents to being taught things which he already knows.—Chicago Daily News.

**Stops the Cough and Works on the Cold.**  
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

"Don't say 'I told you so' to a man in up to his waist, or he will walk in up to his neck."—Acheson Globe.

Dropsy treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialists in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

The man who sprawls all over the street car would shrink like a 20-cent shirt if he had to pay two fares.—Baltimore News.

Sweat or fruit acids will not discolor goods dyed with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. Sold by druggists, 10c. package.

**ON VARIOUS TOPICS.**

Prof. Giles, of Cambridge, England, says women cannot learn to read and write Chinese.

The Broommakers' union issues a round million of labels each month for union-made brooms.

Senator Kearns, of Utah, carries a timepiece of the finest Swiss workmanship, which cost \$600.

An Australian has been swinging clubs for 12 hours a day for six days in succession at Edinburgh.

The pope recently received a petition to encourage the project of making a catalogue of all art treasures preserved in Italian churches and monasteries, to prevent their being purchased and exported.

**BRIGHT'S DISEASE CURED.**

Sullivan, Ill., March 31st.—Mrs. Kitty F. Seaney was very ill for months and notwithstanding the best possible medical attendance she got no better. The doctors said she had Bright's Disease, and gave her little or no hope of ever being well again.

She suffered great pain in her back, which nothing seemed able to relieve, till at last encouraged by the reputation Dodd's Kidney Pills have attained in the community as a cure for Kidney Diseases she began to use them.

The result was a surprise both to Mrs. Seaney and the physicians, for soon after the treatment was commenced her kidneys threw off large quantities of dark diseased matter and she improved rapidly. She used in all ten boxes, and has completely recovered good health without pain or symptoms of the Bright's Disease.



Mrs. Francis Podmore, President W. C. T. U., Saranac Lake, New York, Owes Her Health to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Read Her Letter.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For several years after my last child was born I felt a peculiar weakness, such as I never had experienced before, with severe pains in the ovaries and frequent headaches.

"I tried the doctor's medicines and found it money worse than wasted. A friend who had been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound advised me to try it. I did so, also your Sanative Wash, and I must say I never experienced such relief before. Within six weeks I was like another woman. I felt young and strong and happy once more.

"This is several years ago, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is my only medicine. If I ever feel bad or tired a few doses brings instant relief."—MRS. FRANCIS PODMORE.

**\$5000 FORFEIT IF THE ABOVE LETTER IS NOT GENUINE.**

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhœa, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

**Speaking of Goats.**

Johnny—When does a nanny's voice change?  
Ma—There's no change in a goat.  
Pa—Not even a scent?—Chicago Daily News.

**Earliest Russian Millet.**

Will you be short of hay? If so plant a plenty of this prodigally prolific millet 5 to 8 rows of rich hay per acre. Price 50 lbs \$1.90; 100 lbs \$3.00, low freight. John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis.

"It's very seldom," said Uncle Eben, "dat gittin' de best of an argumint will pay for de time you has to put in doin' it."—Washington Star.

Check Cold and Bronchitis with Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

Woman's love is like an ill-spent fortune—we never know its value till we lose it.—London Answers.

**A Failure.**

Mrs. Finnigan—An' did yer husband enjoy the celebration?  
Mrs. Hogan—Nivir a bit. T'ink av all thim whistles a-blowin', an' no wurruk to sthopt!—Judge.

**A Handsome Menu Card.**

It is a noticeable fact that the dining car department of the Grand Trunk Railway System is second to none on the American Continent, and new improvements and modern innovations are continually being made. The Cafe-Parlor cars which have been running on nearly all of the divisions of this great System are a constant source of praise from the travelling public. The company has recently altered the style of the menu cards used on all of the dining cars and cafe-parlor cars, and has gotten up a very handsome and neat bill of fare that appeals to the artistic sense.

Rashness is the faithful but unhappy parent of misfortune.—Fuller.

**Men of Affairs**

One may sail the seas and visit every land and everywhere will find, that men of affairs, who are well informed, have neither the time nor the inclination, whether on pleasure bent or business, to use those medicines which cause excessive purgation and then leave the internal organs in a constipated condition. Syrup of Figs is not built on those lines. It acts naturally, acts effectively, cleanses, sweetens and strengthens the internal organs and leaves them in a healthy condition.

If in need of a laxative remedy the most excellent is Syrup of Figs, but when anything more than a laxative is required the safe and scientific plan is to consult a competent physician and not to resort to those medicines which claim to cure all manner of diseases.

The California Fig Syrup Co. was the first to manufacture a laxative remedy which would give satisfaction to all; a laxative which physicians could sanction and one friend recommend to another; so that today its sales probably exceed all other laxatives combined. In some places considerable quantities of old-time cathartics and modern imitations are still sold, but with the general diffusion of knowledge, as to the best medicinal agents, Syrup of Figs has come into general use with the well-informed, because it is a remedy of known value and ever beneficial action.

The quality of Syrup of Figs is due not only to the excellent combination of the laxative and carminative principles of plants, known to act most beneficially on the system, with agreeable and refreshing aromatic liquids, but also to the original method of manufacture. In order to get the genuine and its beneficial effects one should always note the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package.

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