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Calendar table for November 1902 with days of the week and dates.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Similarity in Languages.

There are 3,000 words which are used alike in French and English without change in spelling.

Little Light from Moon.

If the sky were filled with full moons the light would be no brighter than that of ordinary daylight.

Public Baths in Tokio.

Tokio ought to be the cleanest town in the world. It has 800 public baths, used daily by 300,000 persons.

Heavy Cost of Armaments.

The armies and navies of the nine largest European powers cost altogether over \$1,000,000,000 yearly.

Big Tea Drinkers.

Great Britain is still the greatest tea drinking country. The consumption is five pounds per head of the population. In Switzerland it is estimated at 1 1/2 pounds per head, and in the United States about one pound per head.

The Matter of Stability.

A resident of Manila says the first need of the Filipinos is a stable currency. In that particular there are many persons who can sympathize with the little brown brother and they are not overly particular about the matter of stability, either.

Much Cry Over Little Wool.

Compared with England's mining industry the anthracite business of Pennsylvania is a small affair to have made such a tremendous row. Our anthracite mines produce about 50,000,000 tons a year. Last year England exported to Hamburg alone 1,119,000,000 tons of coal.

Giant Tree of the World.

What is undoubtedly the largest known tree in the world has been recently discovered at Converse Basin, far up in the Sierras. The monster was measured six feet from the ground and it took a line 154 feet 8 inches long to encircle it, making it over 51 feet in diameter.

The Rush for Pensions.

Pension Commissioner Ware was surprised at the number of pension claims filed by members of the volunteer regiments in the recent Spanish war. He even finds it difficult to understand why a regiment like the Eighth Ohio, which saw no fighting, should file a quarter more claims than the Seventh regular infantry, which has a battle record of 34 killed and 99 wounded.

The First Steamboat.

A monument erected by Edward Longstreth, of Philadelphia, in honor of John Fitch, who was the first to apply steam to the running of a boat, has been turned over to the city of Warminster, Pa. It bears the inscription: "John Fitch here conceived the idea of the first steamboat. He ran a boat with sidewheels by steam on a pond below Davisville in 1785. Bucks County Historical society."

A Gigantic Bridge.

In order to preserve the steel of the monster Forth bridge in Scotland from the effects of the weather, it is repainted every third year, and the structure is so large that it takes three years for the workmen employed, about 35 in number, to cover the entire bridge, so that, being compelled as soon as they have reached one end to begin again at the opposite end, they are continually at work. The bridge contains 50,000 tons of metal, and is 8,295 feet in length.

Largest and Smallest Checks.

William K. Vanderbilt and Grover Cleveland received, respectively, the largest and smallest checks ever issued to individuals by the government. At one time Mr. Vanderbilt owned \$50,000,000 worth of government bonds and on this amount drew annual interest of \$2,000,000. At the close of Mr. Cleveland's second administration it was discovered that the government owed him one cent. A check for that amount was forwarded to him and it is probable that he preserves it as a curiosity.

CASH BALANCE BIG.

Its Magnitude Calls Forth Special Mention by Treasurer Roberts.

Per Capita Shows an Increase from \$27.98 to \$28.43 During the Year—Largest Increase Was in Gold—The Amount of Silver.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, in opening his annual report says that the magnitude of the available cash balance and the unprecedented holdings of gross gold are the striking features of the condition of the treasury at the close of the fiscal year 1902. The net ordinary revenues for the year were \$562,478,233 and the expenditures \$471,190,857, showing a surplus of \$91,287,376.

While the accounts of the public debt on their face show an increase of \$15,283,512 in the total of the debt, if allowance be made for the increase of \$57,624,400 in gold certificates, the national obligations will be shown to have diminished by \$42,340,888 during the fiscal year.

The growth in the volume of money in circulation during the year was \$74,082,589, carrying the per capita from 27.98 to 28.43. The element of gold coin and gold certificates was the largest part and the increase reached \$61,966,174 and advanced from 40.30 per cent. of the total to 41.73 per cent. In silver of all denominations, including certificates, there was an increase of \$25,266,146, of which \$6,486,014 was in subsidiary coin. The reduction in treasury notes of \$17,677,800 is due to their withdrawal.

The advance in circulation in the volume of gold, including certificates, within 12 years, by the large sum of \$433,703,510 is the measure of the greater strength of our circulation. The addition during the past fiscal year was \$61,986,174. The increase in the future can hardly be less than \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 a year.

There was a net increase during the fiscal year of 368 banks, 437 charters having been granted and 69 surrendered. The total number of banks chartered to June 30, 1902, was 6,325, of which 4,546 were in operation and 1,779 out of existence.

There was unusual activity in the movement of silver and minor coin to and from the treasury. The shipments of silver dollars reached \$40,404,325, exceeding all former records, and the returns for exchange were \$2,710,690 greater than the issues. The amount of subsidiary coin outstanding was increased by \$3,114,852 to \$82,814,940.

ROBBERS MAKE A BIG HAUL.

A Wealthy Flathead Indian Loses \$22,000 in Cash Stored in an Old Trunk in an Outbuilding.

Missoula, Mont., Nov. 4.—One of the biggest robberies that has ever occurred in the history of western Montana was enacted near Plains. A wealthy Flathead Indian named Matchell was robbed of \$22,000 in cash. Matchell was a visitor in Plains, and in his absence at night, a man dressed as a squaw visited his home on Camas prairie and engaged in conversation with Matchell's squaw. Mrs. Matchell noticed that the visitor was not an Indian squaw, but a white man, as he could not talk good Flathead, but she did not suspect anything wrong at first. Finally she saw two men run from an outbuilding carrying something with them. The wealthy had been stored in that building. The robbers leaped upon their horses, which were nearby, and the one that had been talking to her joined them. The three hurried away. Matchell is the wealthiest Indian on the reservation. He has large herds of cattle and horses and was always known to have money. Few people knew he kept it at home in an old trunk in an outbuilding.

MARRIAGE BOOKS OPEN.

Kansas City Court of Appeals Holds That County Officials Cannot Suppress Licenses for Even a Moment.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 4.—The Kansas City court of appeals decided that the county official who issues marriage licenses must make an entry in a book open to public inspection of each marriage license when it is issued. This decision is important because it will put a stop to the practice, so long followed in Missouri, of suppressing marriage licenses. It has been the custom of some recorders to suppress marriage licenses when the couple would pay a fee for it. The court's decision was made in the case of Hugh Stephens, editor of a newspaper in Jefferson City, against Osborn L. Moore, recorder of that county. Moore had a feeling of enmity for Stephens and would not let him have the list of marriage licenses for publication in his paper, but allowed rival papers to have them.

Twenty Men Dishonorably Discharged. Newport News, Va., Nov. 4.—The commander of the training ship Monongahela last night issued an order giving 20 of the men dishonorably discharges for "disgraceful conduct."

CIVILIZATION CAUSING DEATH

Natives of the Arctic Coast Dropping Off Like Rabbits Through Taking Up the White Man's Habits.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—Thousands of natives in Hoisehel island and along the Arctic coast are dying from the measles. The news was brought by the whaling steamer Jeannette, which arrived Sunday from a whaling cruise. Capt. Newth, of the Jeannette, said yesterday: "At least 25 per cent. of the natives along the Arctic coast have died from the measles. They are dying off like rabbits and there seems to be nothing to check the death rate. The march of civilization has increased the death rate from Nome north. Two years ago the devastation began and has continued ever since. When the natives began to wear civilized man's clothing and drink white man's whisky then began their decline. Diseases unheard of attacked them, and not knowing how to care for themselves they died off rapidly. Pneumonia, rheumatism, grippe and every conceivable malady made their appearance among them and spread all along the coast with appalling results."

A VICTIM OF LADRONES.

D. C. Montgomery, School Superintendent in Oriental Negros, Assassinated Three Miles from Bacolod.

Manila, Nov. 4.—D. C. Montgomery, superintendent of schools in oriental Negros, was murdered Friday by ladrones three miles from Bacolod. Mr. Montgomery was going to Bacolod for a consultation with the retiring superintendent and to assume control of the division. He had a large sum of money with him. Six natives armed with bolos and spears attacked the superintendent, quickly killed him and then mutilated and robbed him. The constabulary offered a reward for Mr. Montgomery's murderers and it is thought they will be captured. Robbery is understood to have been the motive for the crime. This is the first instance of a teacher in the Philippine islands being harmed while in discharge of his duty. Mr. Montgomery leaves a widow, who is a teacher in the island of Negros.

Mr. Montgomery was a resident of Wayne, Neb., and sailed for Manila on the transport Thomas, July 23, 1901, with the teachers who were sent out at that time.

TWO OUTLAWS KILLED.

Two Deputy Marshals Incognito Trap Bert Casey and Jim Sims and a Shooting Occurs.

Guthrie, Ok., Nov. 4.—In a battle yesterday afternoon at Cleo Springs, in Woods county, Ok., Bert Casey, the outlaw leader, and Jim Sims, one of his chief lieutenants, were killed, being shot to death by deputy United States marshals. They were surprised in a rendezvous near Cleo Springs, where plans were being laid to effect the release of another of their number, George Moran, on trial at Lawton for murder. Two deputy marshals incognito were with the outlaws and gave the tip at the proper time. The outlaws immediately showed fight, and after a few rounds were fired Casey and Sims were killed.

McGARVEY LEFT THE CHURCH

Well-Known Pastor at Lexington, Ky., Wouldn't Consent to Organ Being Brought into Church.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 4.—As the result of the decision of the elders of the Broadway church of Disciples of Christ here to submit to a vote of the congregation the question of installing an organ, Rev. J. W. McGarvey, president of the College of the Bible, founder of the church in 1870 and its first pastor, asked for letters for himself and wife that they might transfer their membership. His attitude has prevented the introduction of an organ for many years, but sentiment in its favor became so great that the vote was overwhelming. This congregation numbers over 1,200, and its action is regarded as a victory for the progressive element.

Demand for Land Grows.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The annual report of Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, shows that the public land disposed of by the government during the year aggregated 19,488,583 acres, an increase of 3,925,789 acres over the previous year. Of the aggregate 1,757,793 acres were sold for cash, 17,614,792 acres were embraced in miscellaneous entries and the remainder were Indian lands.

Government Receipts for Six Months.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The receipts of the government for the first four months of the fiscal year have been \$197,883,147, and the expenditures \$184,325,969, leaving a surplus of \$13,557,168. The withdrawal of this amount from circulation has been prevented by the purchase of bonds for the sinking fund, which, with premiums, has released cash amounting to \$21,726,657.

WILL HE BESNUBBED?

President Roosevelt's Coming Visit to Memphis Causes Agitation.

Local Paper Calls Upon Citizens to Refrain from Attending Banquet with a Man Who Dined with a Negro.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 3.—The reception which President Roosevelt will receive in Memphis when he comes here on November 20 in order to be present at the festivities in honor of the return of Gen. Luke W. Wright from the Philippines promises to be of a doubtful quality.

The Evening Scimitar, a local daily, has editorially called upon the people to refrain from attending a banquet with a man who has dined with Booker T. Washington, a negro, and a number of prominent citizens have announced that they will not go. The reception committee is at a loss to know how to proceed. The announcement that the president will visit Washington at Tuskegee, Ala., before coming here has made matters worse, and the conditions are critical. Local negroes are outlining a programme for the entertainment of the president while he is here. It is claimed by some that the president was invited before the citizens were consulted in regard to the matter.

ON A TURKEY HUNT.

President Roosevelt Enjoyed Rare Sport in Prince William County and Visited Bull Run Battlefield.

Manassas, Va., Nov. 2.—In the fitful glare of locomotive lanterns President Roosevelt at 4:30 Saturday morning stepped briskly from his private car in the railroad yard here and greeted cordially the little group of newspaper men, special officers and railroad men who had gathered to see him start on his hunt for wild turkeys. He was attired in a khaki suit with leggings and over this was a long heavy overcoat, and a black slouch hat was on his head as he alighted from the car. A servant handed to him a fine double barreled shotgun which he threw familiarly into the crook of his left arm. Secretary Root, who had preceded the president from the train, wore a canvas shooting suit, an overcoat and a golf cap. The president, after a quick survey of the starlit sky, remarked to Mr. Root that they were in luck as to the weather. The president and Secretary Root were joined at once by Surgeon-General Rixey, Secretary Cortelyou and J. T. Leachman, sheriff of Prince William county. Sheriff Leachman acted as the guide to the party on the turkey hunt.

A BREAK FOR FREEDOM.

Two Hundred and Fifty Boys in the New York Juvenile Asylum Run Off—Twenty-Three Recaptured.

New York, Nov. 3.—Two hundred and fifty boys, inmates of the New York Juvenile asylum, made a concerted break for freedom yesterday. The plot was devised several weeks ago. Fifty of the boys succeeded in escaping, but 23 of them were recaptured after two hours. Those at large range in age from ten to 16 years.

"Nothing will be done to punish the boys," said the superintendent of the asylum last night. "They were mostly idle, destitute, committed for their own welfare. If they were vicious they would have been sent to the reformatory. I suppose they wanted to take advantage of the fine weather and get out for a run."

Corbin Would Have Canteen.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The annual report of Adj. Gen. Corbin, to be made public shortly, contains a strong recommendation for the re-establishment of the army canteen. Special attention is called to the reports of general officers of the army showing the effect of the present system on the health and morals of the soldiers.

Big Fire at St. Pierre.

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 3.—The town of St. Pierre, Miquelon, has been devastated by fire. The governor's house, the government buildings, the courthouse, the building occupied by the ministry of marine, the Roman Catholic cathedral, the Presbytery, the schools and a number of other buildings were destroyed. The financial loss will probably reach \$500,000.

Grand Stand Collapsed.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—With a crash that could be heard for blocks, one of the temporary grand stands erected for the Wisconsin-Michigan football game collapsed Saturday afternoon, carrying down nearly 1,000 persons. Thirty-two persons were injured.

Monthly Coinage Statement.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The monthly coinage statement issued by the director of the mint shows that for the month of October the total coinage was \$4,459,550, as follows: Gold, \$1,890,000; silver, \$2,287,000; minor coins, \$282,550.

WORD FOR WORD.

The Reporters Complined to the Letter with the Wishes of the Speaker.

It is not a new plaint among legislative and other loquacious bodies that the shorthand report is not all that it should be, but if the reporter's side is less frequently presented it is not because there is nothing to be said. A member of a committee found fault, so the Christian Endeavor World says, with the way their speeches were reported; his own, in particular, were scarcely recognizable when seen in print. He did not want his speeches "cut," neither did he want them embroidered. He wanted them to come out in the paper exactly as he made them. So did the member who spoke next, whereupon the shorthand writers retaliated, with this telling result:

"The reporters—ought not to—the reporters ought not to be the ones to judge of what is important—not to say what should be left out—but—the member can only judge of what is important. As I—as my speech—as—as the reports—as what I say is reported sometimes, no one—no body can understand from the reports—what it is—what I mean. So—it strikes me—it has struck me certain matters—things that appear of importance—are sometimes left out—omitted. The reporter—the papers—points are reported—I mean—to make a brief statement—what the paper thinks of interest—is reported."

Puzzled the Expert.

"There is a strange body in your esophagus," said the expert manipulator of the X-rays. "Yes," said the subject. "I have felt it there for a week or two." "I cannot tell, however," proceeded the scientist, "whether it is your missing false teeth or one of your wife's biscuits."—Baltimore American.

Frisco System—New Observation Cafe Cars.

In addition to through chair car and Pullman Sleeper service the Frisco System operates on its trains out of Saint Louis and Kansas City very handsome Observation Cafe Cars, under management of Fred Harvey. These cars are equipped with every convenience, including large library observation room and platform; the former supplied with easy chairs, writing material, latest newspapers and periodicals. Electric lights and electric fans add to the comfort of the passengers. These trains leave Saint Louis and Kansas City daily via the Frisco System.

Some people seem to think that industry consists of telling other people what to do.—Indianapolis News.

Years of suffering relieved in a night. Itching piles yield at once to the curative properties of Doan's Ointment. Never fails. At any drug store, 50 cents.

It doesn't make any difference how some people do things, they always get them wrong.—Indianapolis News.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Possibly frankness would not seem so brutal if we were more accustomed to it.—Indianapolis News.

Diphtheria relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At any drug store.

Obscurity furnishes a good pedestal for lasting fame.—Raim's Horn.

Advertisement for Sawyer's Excelsior Brand Suits and Slickers, Rain Cant Touch, and Paxtine Toilet. Includes text: '20 MILLION BOTTLES SOLD EVERY YEAR.', 'CONQUERS PAIN', 'FREE TO WOMEN', and 'PAXTINE TOILET'.