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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

**Ground for Home Cost \$2,500,000.**  
The ground upon which J. Pierpont Morgan's new house in New York will stand cost him \$2,500,000.

**But Times Have Changed.**  
There was a time when a visit to the pope would have cost Edward his throne, his head and a lot of other personal property.

**Report Due from "Hayseed."**  
George Gould has made a favorable report on the growing crops. Mr. Hayseed will soon submit a report on the physical condition of the railroads.

**An Overripe Melon.**  
The original syndicate that underwrote the steel trust deal has just cut a \$50,000,000 melon and disbanded. And there are persons who wonder at workmen organizing and demanding more pay.

**Figuring on the Surplus.**  
Prospects are that the surplus accumulations of the national treasury for the current fiscal year will reach the sum of \$50,000,000, having already passed \$35,000,000 with two months more to be counted in.

**Stability of Europe's Stomach.**  
As King Victor Emmanuel kissed King Edward four times and King Edward returned the kisses with great gusto we may assume that the peace of Europe is assured. We can hardly feel the same assurance of the stability of Europe's stomach, however, unless Europe has seen so much of this man-kissing business as to be hardened to it.

**Electoral College of 1904.**  
In the presidential contest of 1904 there will be 476 electors, the number of senators (90) added to the number of representatives, 386. In the two previous presidential elections, 1896 and 1900, the number of electors was 447. In 1892 it was 444, the addition being made by the admission of Utah as a state. In 1884 and 1888 there were 401 electors. In 1876 and 1880 there were 369.

**Private Telephone System.**  
The Chicago Great Western railway began the construction of a private telephone system between its three terminal points, Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City. The first line will be from Chicago to St. Paul, where the general offices of the company are. The Kansas City line will connect at Delwein, Ia., with the Chicago-St. Paul line. The cost of the telephone system will be about \$150,000.

**The Big St. Louis Fair.**  
One may get an appreciation of the magnitude of the St. Louis world's fair by comparison. The centennial exposition covered 236 acres, the last Paris exposition 336, the Columbian exposition at Chicago 533, while that at St. Louis will cover 1,180 acres. The total cost of the Columbian exposition, the greatest the world has ever seen, was \$27,250,000; that of the St. Louis fair will be \$40,000,000—this exclusive of state appropriations.

**Troubles of the Millionaires.**  
W. K. Vanderbilt married a woman who had been married before to two of his chums. He is paying now, and must pay as long as she lives, to his former wife, who is Mrs. Belmont now, \$250,000 a year. She uses the money to support a new husband she has discovered. The new husband she discovered shortly after her divorce is O. H. P. Belmont, whose brothers have nothing to do with him because he allows Vanderbilt to give his wife \$250,000 a year.

**Four Pastors Felt Cheap.**  
A practical joker or a man of unsound mind made victims of four churches in Brooklyn, mailing to each pastor a check for \$5,000 drawn on the First national bank of Brooklyn. All four pastors received their checks on Friday and informed their congregations of the good fortune that had befallen their churches at the Friday night prayer meeting. All checks were presented for payment on Saturday. All of them were returned to the depositors marked "No account."

DEATH IN THE FLOOD

Streams in Kansas and Oklahoma Greatly Swollen.

**Near Concordia Mrs. Louisa Stueden Was Drowned While Trying to Save Cattle—In Comanche County, Ok. Two Women Lost Their Lives.**

Concordia, Kan., May 12.—Extremely heavy rains not only in this section, but at all points above on the Republican river have caused a serious flood in that stream and its tributaries, the lowlands all being under water, ruining wheat and corn. The Missouri Pacific has abandoned all Central Branch traffic west and north of this city, owing to washouts and submerged tracks.

News of three casualties as a result of the flood reached here yesterday evening. Near Randall, Mrs. Louis Stueden was drowned in Buffalo creek while trying to save some cattle. A phone message to Sheriff Moore from Jamestown says Patrick Murray and his son were crossing a bridge over Cheyenne creek with a team when the bridge gave way and the men and team were drowned.

**Washouts in Iowa.**  
Sioux City, Ia., May 12.—The Chicago & Northwestern railroad's main line lost 600 feet of track by a washout at Bronson, ten miles east of here, and the Omaha road has a bad washout inside the city limits. Country roads are utterly impassable, great damage having been done in towns by the flooding of basements, and the corn already planted is generally washed out. Streams are swollen out of their banks and numerous washouts are reported.

**Rain Doing Good in North Missouri.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., May 12.—For 16 hours rain has been falling over the northern part of Missouri in the main doing great good to crops of all kinds. Last night the rainfall was much heavier than during the day and the temperature is higher. Truck gardeners declare the warm rain will bring out many crops that were at first believed to be killed by the frosts of a week ago.

**Heavy Rains Throughout Oklahoma.**  
Guthrie, Ok., May 12.—General heavy rains are falling throughout Oklahoma and rivers and creeks are rising rapidly and threatening damage. This is the longest period of heavy rains since the flood times in Oklahoma in 1897.

**Two Women Drowned in a Creek.**  
Oklahoma City, Ok., May 12.—As a consequence of the swollen streams Misses Minnie and Cordia Briggs lost their lives yesterday while attempting to ford Big Beaver creek in Comanche county.

**Planned to Kill 300.**  
San Francisco, May 12.—Two of the four Chinese highbinder societies' presidents, arrested for alleged complicity in the killing of Tom Yick, a member of the Chinese Educational society, on Friday night, have signed confessions in which they admit that a conspiracy existed among the different ramifications of the powerful See Yup society to put out of the way 300 members of the educational organization.

**Hitchcock in Oklahoma.**  
Guthrie, Ok., May 12.—The trip of Secretary Hitchcock through Oklahoma is a wet one. He came into Oklahoma City early yesterday, leaving then for Chickasha, Lawton and Ardmore, where matters relative to the Comanche-Kiowa and Wichita affiliated tribes of Indians were gone over with Col. Randlett, the Indian agent. At Oklahoma City extensive arrangements to entertain him were made.

**Not Enough Water for Warship.**  
Washington, May 12.—Lieut. Chester, one of the watch officers of the monitor Arkansas, arrived at the navy department yesterday from Ste. Genevieve, where the vessel is lying, and reported that in his judgment it will be impossible for her to make her way down the Mississippi till next spring unless an unexpected and unseasonable flood rise occurs.

**A Matter of Conscience.**  
Kansas City, Mo., May 12.—The Kansas City court of appeals decides that a member of a church congregation is not liable in law for the payment of the pastor's salary and that a minister of the gospel must depend upon the good consciences of the members of his flock for his pay and has no legal hold upon them for it.

**Want a Non-Fluctuating Dollar.**  
El Paso, Tex., May 12.—The railroads of Mexico are bringing pressure to bear upon the government for a stable dollar, worth at least 50 cents in the world's markets. The Mexican Central's earnings for the fiscal year are 25 per cent. greater than the year before; yet, by the depreciation in silver, \$1,000,000 was lost.

**Dropped Dead While Playing Whist.**  
Webb City, Mo., May 12.—James R. Ellis, a pioneer citizen of Jasper county, dropped dead yesterday evening while bent over a whist game.

SAW THE BIG TREES.

President Roosevelt Had a Delightful Visit at Felton and Other Places in Santa Clara Valley.

Pajaro, Cal., May 12.—The presidential train left Del Monte at eight o'clock Monday morning. A detachment of the Fifteenth infantry, commanded by Capt. Swett, accompanied the president from his hotel to the train.

From Pajaro the president went to Santa Cruz, a picturesque city and seaside resort on the northeastern shore of Monterey bay, where the party remained until noon. Several thousand people thronged the streets. On his way to San Jose the party made a brief stop at Felton to visit the grove of redwood trees which has made that part of the Santa Cruz mountains well-known to travelers. At San Jose, which was reached during the afternoon, the president was tendered an ovation. He was shown the most famous orchards and vineyards of that section of the state and warmly expressed his appreciation of the Santa Clara valley. At Santa Clara the old Jesuit college was visited, and at Campbell, where a large number of fruit-growers and farmers had assembled, the president spoke a few words.

**Alleged Anarchist Arrested.**  
San Jose, Cal., May 12.—Clay Taylor, alias Prof. Plutte, was arrested by Detective Pickering yesterday afternoon for supposed designs upon the life of the president. He has served three terms in prison. It is alleged that he wrote to the president advising him not to come here. He is accused of recent anarchistic utterances.

NEARLY ALL RECOVERED.

**An Express Messenger Takes Detectives to a Cellar and Digs Up \$19,800 Out of \$20,000 Stolen.**

Philadelphia, May 12.—Detectives yesterday received all but \$200 of \$20,000 in currency stolen from the safe of the United States Express company in transit from Pottsville, Pa., to this city. William J. Murphy, an express messenger in the employ of the company, who was arrested Saturday on suspicion of having some knowledge of the mysterious disappearance of the valuable package, admitted his guilt and accompanied detectives to the house of a friend, where \$19,800 was found buried in the cellar.

NOT FOR CLEVELAND.

**Senator Stone, of Missouri, Objects to the Princeton Man for President—Attitude of National Committeemen.**

St. Louis, May 12.—United States Senator Stone gave out a carefully prepared "question and answer" interview yesterday, expressing his utter opposition to former President Cleveland as a democratic candidate. Of the democratic national committeemen who have been interviewed on the Cleveland candidacy, only three favor it, 17 are outspoken in their opposition and eight prefer to "sit on the fence" until they know more of the situation.

**Afraid to Exhibit at St. Louis.**  
New York, May 12.—Apprehension that American manufacturers will copy the new ideas in British exhibits of industries and machinery at the St. Louis exposition and then, by the aid of the tariff, undersell them in America, may prevent the British industrial exhibit at St. Louis from being as liberal as expected, says Col. Watson, secretary of the British commission to the St. Louis exposition, who arrived on the Ivernia yesterday on his way to St. Louis.

**War Department Thanks Capt. Pershing.**  
Washington, May 12.—Secretary Root yesterday sent the following cablegram to Gen. Davis, commanding in the Philippines: "I congratulate you on the work done in Mindanao. Express to Capt. Pershing and officers and men under his command the thanks of the war department for their able and effective accomplishment of a difficult and important task."

**An Office That Pays.**  
Chicago, May 12.—Charles F. Gunther, retiring city treasurer, says his net income in salary and fees for the past two years aggregated \$133,736, more than the salary of the president of the United States. Gunther says he put up \$35,000 for campaign expenses in 1901.

**Gas Struck at Dexter, Kan.**  
Dexter, Kan., May 12.—A strong flow of gas, estimated to be about 5,000,000 feet, was struck yesterday morning in a well being drilled by a former Southern Kansas conductor, and a prospector from Independence. The flow was struck at a depth of 600 feet.

**Canal Region Dangerous to White Men.**  
Washington, May 12.—Gen. Haines, a member of the isthmian canal commission, who has just returned from the isthmus, says that fever is prevalent there and that it is quite dangerous to white men.

A TRAGEDY CLOSED.

Stern Law Avenges the Killing of Mrs. Clara Castle.

**Kansas Supreme Court Decrees That Jessie Morrison Must Serve a 25-Year Sentence for a Crime Committed Three Years Ago.**

Topeka, Kan., May 11.—The supreme court Saturday affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of the state vs. Jessie Morrison. Jessie Morrison was declared guilty of killing Mrs. Olin Castle three years ago at the Castle home in Eldorado. The decision means 25 years' imprisonment.

The decision was written by Justice John C. Pollock, others concurring. The court says in part: "Upon the theory of the tragedy as maintained by the state, the murder was a butchery of such savage and vicious nature as is rarely equalled, never excelled in criminal history of a civilized world; that search for a parallel so shocking must be instituted among the traditions of the Aborigines."

Miss Morrison has been out on bail and is visiting a brother at Enid, Ok. A month ago it was reported that she intended leaving the country, and she said: "I have been living here happily but it seems that my contentment causes distress among my enemies. They wish to create a prejudice against me in order to affect me in the courts." Miss Morrison is the daughter of H. M. Morrison, of Eldorado. Olin Castle was remarried last month and is now living in California.

NO CHANGE OF OFFICIALS.

**Frisco Road Will Retain Its Independence and President Yoakum Continue to Conduct Its Policy.**

New York, May 11.—The identity of the Frisco railroad will not be lost on account of its purchase by the Rock Island. It has been definitely decided that the Frisco will be conducted independently. B. F. Yoakum, it is stated, will continue as president of the Frisco. He also will guard the interests of former Frisco officials by his position on the board of directors of the Rock Island directorate.

Pendleton Will Have to Go to Prison.

Topeka, Kan., May 11.—The supreme court has affirmed the sentence for bigamy of James S. Pendleton, alias Coda S. Morris, the Missouri man who went to Oklahoma, wrote to his wife over an assumed name that her husband was dead and had a cake of ice buried in a coffin as Pendleton. Then he went to Emporia and married a young girl. He was found out and convicted of bigamy.

Occupation Only Temporary.

Pekin, May 10.—The official at New Chang who sent Friday's news of Russia's alleged action at New Chang and elsewhere in Manchuria, telegraphs that the occupation of the forts at the mouth of the Liao river was temporary and that the Russians have now withdrawn.

Did He Kill Marcum?

Lexington, Ky., May 11.—The capture of Curtis Jett, charged with the assassination of J. B. Marcum, in Jackson last Monday, was accomplished without bloodshed at three o'clock Sunday morning. He is now in the Clark county jail in Winchester.

\$20,000 Reward for Kidnaped Boy.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 10.—George Wells, son of Martin Wells, of East Pittsburg, who has been missing for about a year, is alleged to have been kidnaped. An offer of \$20,000 reward for any information as to his fate has been made.

Black Smallpox at Hutchinson.

Hutchinson, Kan., May 10.—Mrs. Rolla Bean, wife of a baker, died here of black smallpox. Mrs. Bean's neighbor is very ill of the disease also, and there have been a half dozen other cases.

Cervera a Life Senator.

Madrid, May 10.—Admiral Cervera has been gazetted a life senator. Cervera is about the only Spanish commander in the war with America who escaped public censure.

A Kansas Editors' Excursion.

Topeka, Kan., May 11.—The Kansas State Editorial association will have a five days' excursion to Colorado over the Santa Fe. The party will leave Topeka June 5.

Killed 13 Christians, Wounded 19.

Constantinople, May 10.—Thirteen Christians were killed and 19 wounded, and three Musselmans were killed during the recent outbreaks at Monastir.

Horse Kicked the Infanta Isabella.

Madrid, May 10.—The Infanta Isabella, King Alfonso's aunt, fell from her horse and was kicked in the mouth. Her lip was also badly cut.

Old Indian Fighter Dead.

Dallas, Tex., May 10.—Postmaster W. M. O'Leary, soldier and newspaper man, died here last night. He served with Custer's cavalry in many Indian fights.

LOVES THE PRAIRIES.

Miss Anna Gray Is Delighted with Her Western Canada Home.

Anna C. Gray is a young lady, formerly of Michigan. She is now a resident of Western Canada, and the following published in the Brown City (Mich.) Banner are extracts from a friendship letter written about March 15 to one of her lady friends in that vicinity. In this letter is given some idea of the climate, social, educational and religious conditions of Alberta, the beautiful land of sunshine and happy homes. Over one hundred thousand Americans have made Western Canada their home within the past five years, and in this year upwards of 50,000 will take up homes there.

Miss Gray took her leave for Didsbury, Alberta, the home of her sister and other relatives and friends on Jan. 10 last, and after a two months' sojourn in her western prairie home, she writes of it as follows: "I know I shall grow to love the prairies. We have a beautiful view of the mountains, and it seems wonderful to me to see home after home for miles, and it is becoming thickly settled all around us. With the exception of the last few days, which have been cold and stormy, we have had beautiful spring weather ever since I came. The days are beautiful. I call this the 'land of the sun,' as it seems to be always shining, the nights are cold and frosty. On arriving here, I was so greatly surprised in every way. Didsbury is quite a business little town. All the people I meet are so pleasant and hospitable. They have four churches in Didsbury—the Baptist, Presbyterian, Evangelical and Mennonite. The Evangelicals have just completed a handsome church, very large and finely furnished, costing \$2,500. They have a nice literary society here, meets every two weeks. They have fine musical talent here.

"Your friend,  
"ANNA C. GRAY."

If you would predict a man's future get the proper focus on his past.—Chicago Daily News.

TIRED BACKS



Come to all who overtax the kidney. Don't neglect the aching back. Many dangerous kidney troubles follow in its wake. Mrs. C. B. Pare of Columbia Ave., Glasgow, Kentucky, wife of C. B. Pare, a prominent brick manufacturer of that city, says: "When Doan's Kidney Pills were first brought to my attention I was suffering from a complication of kidney troubles. Besides the bad back which usually results from kidney complaints, I had a great deal of trouble with the secretions, which were exceedingly variable, sometimes excessive and at other times scanty. The color was high, and passages were accompanied with a scalding sensation. Doan's Kidney Pills soon regulated the kidney secretions, making their color normal and banished the inflammation which caused the scalding sensation. I can rest well, my back is strong and sound and I feel much better in every way."

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