

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

It's a Busy Place.

We shall have to go into the gulf of Mexico with a shovel in one hand and a rifle in the other. It's getting to be a busy place since we started the canal.

One Consolation.

One gleam, and the only one, of consolation in those wretched Kentucky feuds is that they drive a lot of first-rate Kentuckians into other states which profit by it.

How Riley Beat the Tax Law.

In order to evade the inheritance tax law, William Riley, of Medford, N. J., put \$15,000 in each of four envelopes and directed that at his death one envelope be handed to each of his four children. This was done.

Plenty of Other Poetry.

School teachers at Scituate, Mass., have expurgated Kipling's poetry in order to rid it of its profanity so that pupils may recite it. The trouble might be more easily obviated by not reciting it. There is plenty of other poetry.

One Obstacle Removed.

Mrs. Cleveland distinctly denies that she said she hoped Mr. Cleveland would not be nominated or re-elected, or that she has expressed a dislike for life in the white house. Mr. Cleveland adds that he can recall no such domestic remark.

Adam Was the Real Thing.

Now another doubter has thrown reflections upon the existence of Adam. Yet there is the strongest kind of circumstantial evidence that Adam existed and was a real man. As soon as he got into trouble he blamed it all on the woman.

Further Elucidation Needed.

Mr. Roosevelt, in a characteristic maxim has laid down the rule that promises made on the stump should be kept just as much as any other promises. The president should now show how the campaign orator is to observe this rule and remain in the business.

Great on Sedatives.

The assurance that Senator Allison will write the platform for the republicans of Iowa will prove a political sedative of unquestionable efficacy. It is reminiscent of the remark of the late J. J. Ingalls that "Allison can walk over a tin roof with hobnailed shoes and make less noise than a cat on a moquette carpet."

She Might Try Solitude.

Youth and its fresh vitality are not proof against the modern affliction which, the Washington dispatches inform us, has seized upon Miss Alice Roosevelt after an unrelenting and remorseless social season not less trying than the vicissitudes encountered by her almost indefatigable father. Mr. Roosevelt has sought relief by waving us, the people, adieu occasionally and disappearing into the wilderness, but Miss Alice has not profited entirely by the system of her parent.

Humiliating, But Sensible.

In declining to make an aggressive campaign in Somaliland, the British government is making a humiliating confession, but it is acting a sensible part. The territory involved would not at present be of much value to England. In order to get control of it now she would need to send many thousands of soldiers there, under her best commanders, and this would involve many battles, the loss of perhaps thousands of lives, and the expenditure of tens of millions of dollars.

The Doubtful Mr. Jenkins.

Chairman Jenkins, of the house judiciary committee, does not think much of the "trust-busting" features of the act creating the department of commerce. In an interview he says the trusts will resent the publicity provisions of that act and undertake to withhold from Mr. Garfield's bureau of the new department the details of their business. He even contends that the federal government has no power to place any restrictions whatsoever upon interstate commerce.

A Frank Proclamation.

In his Fast day proclamation the governor of Maine said: "Wholly contrary to good sense and in spite of my own convictions, I do now appoint a Fast day, hoping nobody will observe it, feeling sure that it is a mockery and a farce, and wishing with all my heart that it might be abolished and thus enable me to keep a clean conscience." The good old Puritan day has certainly fallen far from its ancient honor and respect when the governor feels impelled to speak of it in such terms.

VOTES CAME HIGH.

St. Louis Transit Company Paid Dearly for a Bill.

As Much as \$150,000 Distributed to Missouri Legislators for a Franchise Four Years Ago—Excise Commissioner Scandal.

St. Louis, May 19.—Testimony before the grand jury yesterday was to the effect that \$10,000 was paid to defeat the bill to reduce the fees of the excise commissioner of St. Louis. This money, it was testified, was distributed in blocks of \$500. W. T. Carrington, state superintendent of schools, and R. P. Thompson, deputy excise commissioner, were witnesses before the grand jury. Despite the money used to influence members of the legislature against the bill, a compromise measure was finally adopted which gave to the excise commissioner only 40 per cent. of the income of the office. Just who paid the boodle money has not yet been divulged.

All other stories of boodling in the Missouri legislature so far brought to light fade into insignificance when compared with that relating to the passage of the street railway franchise bill in the session of 1898-99. Information so far obtained in relation to street railway legislation at the session of 1899, for the consideration of the present lines of the St. Louis Transit company, with its capitalization of \$90,000,000, shows that in the neighborhood of \$150,000 was paid for such legislation.

SMALL CYCLONE AT GUTHRIE.

It Struck the Western Edge of the City Last Night and Did Considerable Damage.

Guthrie, Ok., May 19.—A small cyclone struck the western edge of this city yesterday evening at seven o'clock and following the ridge blew down many trees and demolished several chimneys. No great damage was done so far as learned until the cyclone crossed the Cottonwood, going nearly due north. Here between the Cottonwood and the Cimarron rivers it blew down the story and a half new house of William Murray and also the old one near by. Mr. and Mrs. Murray escaped injury by going to the cyclone cellar just as the house left the foundation. There was one of the heaviest falls of rain Oklahoma ever experienced.

Ran into a Colorado Rockslide.

Grand Junction, Col., May 19.—West-bound passenger train No. 5 on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad ran into a rockslide near Palisade, killing Engineer George Stewart, of this place and Fireman W. A. Woods. The mail car plunged into Grand river where it lies submerged, and the two baggage cars were telescoped. The coaches and Pullman cars remained on the track and the passengers escaped with a severe shaking up. Woods came here from Kansas City a month ago.

Roosevelt Apsin on the Railroad.

Wavona, Cal., May 19.—President Roosevelt and party arrived here at 10:45 o'clock Monday forenoon, and after luncheon left for Raymond, where the president's train was awaiting him. The president spent Sunday night in the vicinity of Bridal Veil Falls, and joined his party there shortly before seven o'clock Monday morning. He is in splendid health and very enthusiastic over his short outing.

Criticized the Officials.

Topeka, Kan., May 19.—The report of the receivers of the Kansas Mutual Life association was made Monday. It says the surplus above indebtedness is only \$13,359. President Davis and his sons and sons-in-law, the receivers say, ate up the profits of the company in salaries. From 1883 to 1903 the salaries and expenses of five members of the Davis family aggregated \$167,956.

Shot into a Passing Train.

Fayette, Mo., May 19.—A Missouri, Kansas & Texas excursion train returning from Jefferson City was fired into by unknown persons near Estill, a small station near here. A passenger named Typton, from Hannibal, was dangerously wounded. The ball passed through his abdomen.

Trouble for American Troops.

Manila, May 19.—Numerous armed bands of hostile Moros from Bacolod and Taraca, Island of Mindanao, have appeared in the vicinity of Pantar, north of the lake, and made threatening demonstrations against the American troops. A clash is expected.

Vinso Will Not Hang.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 19.—The death sentence of John Vinso, of Lawrence county, who was to be hanged June 12, was commuted to life imprisonment in the penitentiary by Gov. Doekery.

Planting Big War Game.

Washington, May 19.—Portland, Me., is being put on a war footing in preparation for the joint army and navy maneuvers this summer, which will center around Portland harbor.

ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL.

Burlington Railroad Threatened with Dynamite Unless \$5,000 Was Forthcoming—Decoy Bag Placed in Position.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 19.—An effort has been made to extort \$5,000 from the Burlington railway officials here under a threat to blow up with dynamite one of the fast mail trains running between Kansas City and Omaha. A decoy in the form of a bag filled with rock was placed at a spot designated by the robbers, near the town of Watson, Mo. At midnight Sunday night the form of a man was seen to approach the bag, but rapidly disappeared upon discovery of a posse lying in wait. He was captured by the officers and proved to be J. H. Franklin, a young farmer. He declines to give the names of others in the plot.

Wants Mothers of Families Decorated.

Paris, May 19.—Senator Piot has written to Premier Combes proposing that the government accord decorations to mothers of families. The senator says the depopulation of France is a serious menace and urges that mothers of large families are entitled to equal consideration with firemen, gymnasts and others who have recently been decorated. M. Piot expects to propose in parliament the creation of a mother's decoration, consisting of a ribbon and cross.

Killed a Topeka Girl.

Topeka, Kan., May 19.—Mary Mahanna, one of the keepers of a resort in the east part of this city, was killed last night by some men seeking entrance to the place. The men had been there all the evening drinking and became so quarrelsome that they were ejected. Getting a Winchester rifle they returned, demanded admittance and, on being refused, shot through the door at Mary Mahanna. She died in a few minutes.

Reunion of Confederate Veterans.

New Orleans, May 19.—From present indications this city will contain within the next 24 hours the largest number of visitors in its history. They are all coming to attend the reunion of the confederate veterans. The reunion proper commenced this morning, when memorial services were held in Christ church in honor of Jefferson Davis by the Confederate Southern Memorial association.

Killed an Ex-Lieutenant Governor.

Thibodaux, La., May 19.—A shooting affray, which resulted in the death of ex-Lieut. Gov. Clay Knoblock, took place early yesterday morning on Main street. The shooting was done by James Gargault, a barber. Several witnesses of the tragedy have been found, but they refuse to talk further than to say that Gargault shot in self-defense.

Woman Protected Outlaw.

Guthrie, Ok., May 19.—W. W. Montgomery, who escaped from the county jail here last Thursday after killing the jailer, Jerry Emmerson, was recaptured yesterday underneath the residence of Mrs. Kate Wyeth here, who, it is alleged, became infatuated with the handsome prisoner, gave him a revolver and thus assisted him to escape.

Record Price for a Horse.

New York, May 19.—Hermis, the champion three-year-old of 1902, has been sold by L. V. Bell to Edward R. Thomas. The price paid is reported to be \$60,000. The price paid for Hermis is possibly the largest ever realized for a horse in training in the United States.

Will Not Aid Miss Stone.

Washington, May 19.—It is learned that the state department does not feel called upon to comply with the requests of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary kidnapped by alleged brigands, that an indemnity should be demanded at the hands of the Turkish government.

To Attend Miss Hanna's Wedding.

Cleveland, O., May 19.—President Roosevelt in a telegram to Senator Hanna has signified his acceptance of an invitation to attend the wedding of Miss Ruth Hanna and Joseph Medill McCormick, of Chicago, which will be solemnized in this city June 10.

A St. Joseph-Kansas City Railroad.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 19.—The St. Joseph, Parkville & Kansas City railway was chartered here yesterday, capital \$5,000,000. The company is to build an electric road from St. Joseph, Mo., to Kansas City via Atchison and Leavenworth, Kan.

Killed by a Train.

Liberty, Mo., May 19.—H. T. Bryant, about 20 years of age, a section employe of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad company at this place, was struck and killed presumably by a westbound train on that road a short distance west of the depot.

Terrible Accident at a Bull Fight.

Madrid, May 19.—During a bull fight Sunday at Algeciras, the amphitheater collapsed and 12 persons were killed and 50 were injured. Several women and children were gored by the bulls.

THE INTELLIGENT JUROR.

One Who Had to Inquire the Meaning of "Plaintiff" and "Defendant."

It is a common and natural practice of lawyers in addressing a jury to single out one member who seems to them the most intelligent, and to deliver their appeals to him. They usually feel that if they can impress him, his influence will be valuable in its effect upon the other members. If they make a mistake they rarely discover it, says the New York Sun. But the stenographer of one division of the supreme court tells an incident of a mistake that was found out.

All the testimony in a case had been taken, the lawyers for both sides had summed up, and the judge had charged the jury, when up rose the intelligent juror whom both counsel had singled out as the recipient of their impassioned appeals. He wanted the court to give him some information.

"I have been bothered a good deal," said the juror, "about two words the lawyers use here all the time."

"What are they?" asked the court, expecting to be called upon to expound res inter alios acta or a fortiori, or some other dead term.

"Why, 'plaintiff' and 'defendant,'" said the juror. "I don't just know what they mean."

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A Natural Effect.—"The stock market was rather feverish today." "What's the matter? Undigested securities?"—Puck.

Always look for this Trade Mark: "The Clean, Kool Kitchen Kind." The Stoves without smoke, ashes or heat. Make comfortable cooking.

Almost always the most indigent are the most generous.—Stanislaus.

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

We first make our habits and then our habits make us.—Emmons.

Putnam Fadeless Dyes do not stain the hands or spot the kettle, except green and purple.

Good nature is stronger than tomahawks.—Emerson.

Optim and Liquor Habits Cured. Book free. B. M. Woolley, M. D., Atlanta, Ga.

The outer act is the gauge-glass of the inner character.—Ham's Horn.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, WHEAT, CORN, etc., in Kansas City, Chicago, and New York.

CHICAGO.

Table listing market prices for CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, WHEAT, CORN, etc., in Chicago.

NEW YORK.

Table listing market prices for CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, WHEAT, CORN, etc., in New York.

HOUSEWIVES HEADACHES



You don't know why you suffer from headaches and you are apt to believe you have some dire female trouble, but its dollars to doughnuts that you are wrong. Women are prone to put off the duties of Nature to attend to the duties of the home and when they do get time to go, the feeling has passed.

Constipation results and then the awful racking headache. Take a spoonful of

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

every night before going to bed. Keep it up for a few weeks.

A. F. Klopff, of Troy, Ohio, miller at Harper's Distillery, writes under date of June 10, 1901: "My wife and self suffered off and on for three or four years with Constipation and Sick Headache, and we received almost instant relief by taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. The use of several bottles restored our digestive organs to normal condition, and although we are free from any gastric trouble, we do not consider being without a bottle for a minute."

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Advertisement for TOWER'S WATERPROOF OILED CLOTHING, featuring an illustration of a man in a raincoat and a woman in a dress.

Advertisement for Hires Rootbeer, featuring an illustration of a bottle and a man holding a glass.

A Possible Explanation.—"This painting," said the art dealer, "is worth \$5,000." "Well, well!" exclaimed Mr. Nurox. "Oh, I see; that there frame's solid gold, ain't it?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Why Don't You enter into the spirit of the times and progress? No better way to gain a few bright pointers regarding Indian Territory than by writing for the May issue of "The Coming Country," now ready. Address "Katy," 503 Wainwright, St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Clubman—"Will you be home early, Jack?" Mr. Clubman—"We-ell, yes; but don't wait breakfast for me."—Brooklyn Life.

Hope is a vigorous principle; it sets the head and heart to work and animates a man to do his utmost.—Collier.

What Everybody Says.

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