

CURRENT COMMENT.

In order to get our new war vessels out of the dock it will first be necessary for Secretary Moody and Attorney General Knox to get them out of hock.

By undertaking to mix ten drops of half-way protection with 90 drops of colonial imperialism, Mr. Chamberlain produced a medicine that may upset the British cabinet.

Tesla's latest electric conception is to circle the earth with the wireless system. This inventor's runaway imagination has hitherto refused to work in terrestrial harness.

The presidency of the University of Virginia has no temptation for Mr. Cleveland. Another presidency, however, might possibly lure him from the privacy of his New Jersey retirement.

One of the Washington correspondents has unearthed a plot to drag Adlai Stevenson out as a candidate for the presidential place on the democratic national ticket. Adlai will be only on the verge of 75 when the next president is nominated.

It is said that George B. McClellan is slated for mayor on the Tammany hall ticket to make the race against fusion and Seth Low, in New York. McClellan is the son of the union general of the same name, and has been active in Tammany affairs for a number of years, having served several years in congress.

Although the vatican at Rome contains the colossal number of 11,000 rooms, it is no longer sufficiently large to furnish adequate accommodation for the papal court and to lodge all its inmates. It is on this account that Leo XIII. has opened negotiations with the Italian government for the purchase of the so-called Zecca or ancient mint.

According to estimates made in the weather bureau at Washington, the lives lost by flood and tornado in this country thus far in the present year number at least 1,250. Natural forces, therefore, have destroyed within a period a little longer than that of our struggle with Spain more than four times as many Americans as were killed in the battles of that war.

The \$30,000 in bills which figured in the bribery cases attending the election of Senator Clark by the Montana legislature still remains a part of the archives of that state. The man to whom it was given as a bribe never claimed it; the briber or bribers have not asked that it be returned and there is no channel by which the state can appropriate it as a part of the public funds.

Patriotic citizens who whooped vociferously for war with Spain are likely to scratch their heads at the information that 57,646 "invalids" of that conflict have already made application for pensions along with 8,390 "widows and orphans." As more people are killed and wounded every Fourth of July than succumbed in the whole Spanish war, it may puzzle the ordinary tax-paying citizen to account for this extraordinary pension list.

We sold abroad in the last fiscal year 4,000,000 pairs of shoes for \$6,000,000. This proves that the American shoe is more popular than it was in 1900, when European manufacturers began making plans to keep it out of the market. The growth of our shoe trade abroad has been one of the amazing features of our industrial development. Ten years ago our annual exports of shoes had a value of \$500,000. We now sell 12 times as many.

An indignant protest should go up at once against the iconoclastic decree of the superintendent of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad putting an embargo upon rice throwing in the railroad stations belonging to the corporation. This ill-tempered railroad official must be some crusty old bachelor and has no just appreciation of the beautiful custom of showering the departing bride and groom with rice—a custom handed down from generation to generation, so that no honeymoon can be started right without it.

It is remarked that in floods and many other forms of public calamity there is no insurance and that sufferers must face their losses unaided. As far as the United States is concerned, an important reservation must go with the statement. In case of a catastrophe public sympathy here instantly takes the form of material aid. The national government and state governments act with promptness. All Americans combine to lend a hand and in some state capitals tents and other relief material are kept on hand for emergencies.

APPEAL TO NEGROES

Afro-American Press Association Sees Perilous Times.

An Address Issued in Which Denial is Made That This is "a White Man's Country"—Mob Spirit Deplored.

Louisville, Ky., June 30.—At the annual session of the Afro-American Press association, held here yesterday, a strong address dealing with the race question was unanimously adopted for issuance to the country at large. The address calls on the people to enforce the principles of good government in "the present crisis in the history of the Afro-American people, when a systematic and thoroughly organized movement, begun in 1868, is working with malicious and malignant energy to utterly destroy the civil and political rights of those for whom we stand in some part as spokesmen. We re-resent the reiterated statement that this is 'a white man's country.' It was made in its inception and development by all of its people, irrespective of race, and the federal constitution specifically places all of its citizens on equality before the law.

"The persistent effort which has been made and is being made to nullify the suffrage guarantees of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the federal constitution is fraught with as much danger to the peace and security of the federal union as was the effort to hitch slavery upon the constitution of the country prior to 1860.

"We again direct attention to the effect produced by the license of the mob spirit; we do this not because we are the victims in most part of the license, but because it has become a national problem with which the nation in its public opinion and its laws must deal or ultimately go down to ruin in the mad overflow of anarchistic passion and fury. It is a national problem in which we have only co-ordinate interest."

MAN AND WIFE DROWNED.

Mrs. Nora Winfrey Jumped into the Blue River at Leeds and Her Husband Tried to Rescue Her.

Kansas City, Mo., June 30.—Mrs. Nora Winfrey, aged 19 years, the wife of George Winfrey, committed suicide last night by jumping from the bridge over the Blue river at Leeds, Mo., and drowning herself. Her husband was drowned in attempting to save her. He was 21 years old and had been married only a short time. The cause of his wife's tragedy is surrounded by a mystery, but it is thought that the act was the result of a quarrel and an ensuing spell of despondency.

Arranged for His Funeral.

South Bend, Ind., June 30.—Adolph Wuth, 53 years old, divorced two years ago from his wife, after having his grave dug, his picture placed therein and selecting his pallbearers, went to the residence of his divorced wife, coming up behind her while she was sprinkling the lawn and shot her with a revolver. He then shot himself near the heart. Mrs. Wuth crawled over the fence to a neighbor's house and gave the alarm. She died a short time afterward at the hospital. Wuth left a book with a written statement of his troubles.

Shooting Affray Over Religion.

Oklahoma City, Ok., June 30.—In a shooting affray yesterday evening at Capitol Hill, a suburb, Dave Lesser was fatally shot, G. F. Walker seriously and Frank Maxey, severely wounded. The quarrel which led to the shooting grew out of neighborhood troubles of a religious character. Frank Maxey, J. B. Rowlett and Albert Gilchrist are in jail.

A Big Wheat Crop in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., June 30.—Secretary F. D. Coburn, of the Kansas agricultural department, issued a comprehensive report yesterday, showing the condition of Kansas crops. He says the wheat crop will be prodigious, nearly 100,000,000 bushels. The situation as to corn is much complicated. Other crops, he says, promise well.

Bryan to Attend Harmony Meeting.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 30.—William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation from ex-Mayor Taggart to spend a week at French Lick early in July. Taggart will make an effort to bring some of the leading eastern and western democrats into conference at the French Lick resort in the interest of party harmony in 1904.

An Engineer Knocked from His Cab.

Muskogee, I. T., June 30.—W. H. Whitsell, a Katy freight engineer, was knocked from his cab by a bridge and killed Sunday night at Coal creek.

Machine to Harvest Sugar Beets.

Tecumseh, Neb., June 30.—H. M. Heilig, a Johnson county farmer, has invented a beet harvester which will top, pull and load the beets.

FAVORITISM TOO GLARING.

Postal Scandal Has Revealed a "Greased Route" System of Promotions That Disturbs President Roosevelt.

Washington, June 30.—Willful and glaring abuses of the civil service law disclosed by the postal scandal and the so-called "greased route" system employed to promote proteges from humble, unclassified stations to high-salaried, classified jobs in various departments are to be stopped by additional rulings, authorized by the president before leaving here, which are to be enforced by the civil service commission. The postal scandals revealed as never before how near the civil service law is to crumbling and becoming a mere paper law.

NEW PASSENGER AGENT.

The Rock Island Has Selected James A. Stewart to Represent Its Interests West of Missouri River.

Kansas City, Mo., June 30.—Effective July 1, James A. Stewart succeeds E. W. Thompson, assistant general passenger agent of the Rock Island lines west of the Missouri river. At the age of 35 years Mr. Stewart becomes the chief southwestern representative of the passenger department of the second largest railway system in the United States. With the change in the office is a change in the title. The duties and salary are the same as that of Mr. Thompson, but Mr. Stewart's title is that of general agent.

Pushing the Carthage-Newport Line.

Carthage, Mo., June 30.—The construction of the White river branch of the Missouri Pacific, between Newport, Ark., and Carthage, to finish the connection of a direct Memphis-Kansas City line, is progressing rapidly, and it is officially stated that but six months' additional time will be required to have the entire line completed and in operation, with a through Memphis-Kansas City service. Track-laying has been completed up the White river to Buffalo City, 100 miles north of Batesville.

Flood Victim Sues County.

Tecumseh, Neb., June 30.—Ephraim Zuhlke, a farmer whose wife and child were drowned by their wagon running off a bridge across the Nemaha river during the flood, has sued this county for \$10,500. When the accident happened the water was running over the bridge but Zuhlke contends that had the bridge been properly railed the driver would not have let the wagon run off.

Landslide Caused by Melting Snow.

Ouray, Col., June 30.—An immense landslide, 1,000 feet wide, came down from the main range into Silver Creek basin, beyond and between the Revenue and Camp Bird mines. The whole top of the mountain broke off and another section of the mountain looks as if it would break off. The slides are caused by the melting of the deep snow. No damage has resulted.

Looking for That \$5,000,000.

Washington, June 30.—Ex-Gov. Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, had a conference with Secretary Shaw regarding the release of the \$5,000,000 appropriated by congress for the exposition. The company has expended almost the entire \$10,000,000 which must be expended before the government appropriation is payable.

International Endeavor Convention.

Denver, Col., June 30.—Sessions of the international biennial Y. P. S. C. E. convention, which is to meet here in July, will be held in Tent Endeavor, which will be pitched near City park. The Rock Island and other railroads have made a one-fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale July 1 to 10, good to return August 31.

Another Mudraer Identified.

Leavenworth, Kan., June 30.—Arthur Hewett, prime leader in the federal prison mutiny, which resulted in the killing of Guard J. B. Waldrupe and several convicts November 7, 1901, has been identified as "Jim Cook," now serving a sentence in the Texas state penitentiary at Huntsville, Tex.

"Native Kansans" Day Wanted.

Topeka, Kan., June 30.—The Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas will ask the Kansas commission to set apart one day at the world's fair as "Native Kansans' day." The officers of the society believe that at least 2,000 native-born Kansans will be present on that day.

Transmississippi Commercial Congress.

Kansas City, Mo., June 30.—The Transmississippi Commercial congress will meet at Portland, Ore., August 18-21. For this event the Rock Island railroad has made a round trip rate of \$45 from Kansas City, good returning until October 15.

Christian Party to Meet in 1904.

Davenport, Ia., June 30.—William R. Beukert, chairman of the national executive committee of the United Christian party, has issued a call for a national convention of the party for May 1 to 4, 1904, at the world's fair in St. Louis.

NOTED BANDIT BREAKS JAIL.

Harvey Logan, Under 20 Years' Sentence for Train Robbery, Forced Jailor to Unlock the Door.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 29.—Harvey Logan, the Montana train robber, under sentence of 20 years' imprisonment, escaped from the Knox county jail Saturday afternoon. While his guard's back was turned Logan threw a wire over his head and lassoed him, tying him tight to the bars of the cage. Having one entire floor of the jail to himself, Logan next secured two pistols that had been placed in the corridor of the jail for use by officers if needed. When Jailor Bell appeared in answer to a knock from Logan the prisoner passed out a bottle, saying he wanted some medicine. As the jailer put out his hand Logan covered him with a pistol, forced him to unlock the door and take him to the sheriff's stable and made him saddle the sheriff's horse. Then Logan mounted and rode away in the direction of the mountains. A posse started in pursuit of the desperado within one hour.

DROWNED IN THE KAW.

Two Men Lose Their Lives Between Armourdale and Argentine by Their Boat Capsizing.

Kansas City, Kan., June 29.—George Maxwell, of 934 Argentine boulevard, Armourdale, and a man named Simmons, also of Armourdale, drowned at 6:20 o'clock yesterday while crossing the Kaw river in a boat near the site of the old Southern bridge, between Armourdale and Argentine. Maxwell's wife and two sons saw the drowning from the Armourdale bank of the river and reported it at No. 3 police station. The men worked in the Santa Fe shops and were returning from work. Five men were in the boat when it capsized. Men are searching for the bodies.

NO QUARREL WITH RUSSIA.

Secretary Hay Says the United States Kept Within Diplomatic Grounds in Presenting the Jewish Petition.

Washington, June 29.—The officials of the state department assert positively that a close examination of precedent justifies the presentation by the United States of the Jewish petition to the Russian government and that no government has a right to object to the presentation of such a petition nor has the government a right to object if the presentation is declined. This means that the United States will not find ground to quarrel with Russia if the czar refuses to receive the petition now being prepared by the counsel of B'Nai B'Rith.

A CITADEL DEDICATED.

Senator Hanna Speaks at the Opening of the New Headquarters of the Salvation Army in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., June 29.—A fine new citadel to be used as headquarters for the Salvation army in this city and vicinity was dedicated yesterday. Senator Hanna was chairman of the occasion and made an address of half an hour's duration. He spoke almost entirely of the work done by the army and praised it. He said that if he had time to preach he would help the Salvation army with his voice.

Home Defenders Call on Gov. Bailey.

Topeka, Kan., June 29.—A committee of Home Defenders called on Gov. Bailey Saturday and asked him to help suppress the sale of liquor in the Topeka drug stores. Gov. Bailey said that he was powerless to do anything unless he is appealed to by the authorities, after they have been unable to enforce the law. "You should elect the right man to office," said he.

Kelley Tiring of Exile.

St. Louis, June 28.—Daniel J. Kelley, the baking powder trust lobbyist, has sent another letter indicating his desire to come back to Missouri. He promises information, but it is not certain yet whether he is trying to get even with Lee only or is tired enough of exile to be willing to come back and tell the whole story.

Fearful Train Wreck in Spain.

Madrid, June 29.—Fourteen bodies and 50 injured persons have been extricated from the wreck of the Bilbao train, which overturned at Nejerilla river Saturday night. According to official information 90 persons were killed and 100 others seriously injured. Many of the latter will die.

Polar Ship Carries 200 Dogs.

Tromsø, Norway, June 28.—The polar ship America, with the Ziegler expedition on board arrived here last night from Trondhjem. She took on board 200 dogs and five ponies and sailed for Archangel and thence to the polar regions.

Max Ihmsen's Business in the West.

St. Louis, June 28.—Max Ihmsen, formerly editorial writer on the New York Journal, is in St. Louis in the course of a tour through the middle west, booming W. R. Hearst for the democratic nomination for president in 1904.



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