

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Ohio Not Backward.

While the other states are holding back, Ohio pushes to the front with a candidate for vice president in the person of Myron T. Herrick.

The Test of Patriotism.

Still a nation which cheerfully suffers so much in the annual celebration of its national holiday cannot be accused of lacking patriotism.

Between Two Fires.

Anthrax coal fields have been discovered in Colorado equal in extent to those of Pennsylvania. The Mississippi valley will now be between two fires.

He Weighs Enough.

If stashed for Oklahoma can be accomplished by a strong pull, the new territorial delegate, Mr. McGuire, will be a very useful man. He is six feet tall and weighs 200 pounds.

Penalty of Shortsightedness.

Napoleon's statue at the world's fair will not be a very pretentious affair, but it will be all that any man deserves who was so shortsighted as to take \$15,000,000 for the Louisiana purchase.

Due to Water Supply.

Only natives in Manila use the river water, and with few exceptions they are the sufferers from cholera. This disease and typhoid fever are known to be generally due to the water supply.

Simple and Helpful.

Medical science is now interested in changing the shape of unsightly noses. One of the best things for a normal nose is to leave it out of other people's business and give it a chance to grow.

Deplorable Feature.

The most deplorable feature of the wheat harvest in Kansas were the eastern newspaper correspondents, who sat on the wheat shocks smoking cigars and making notes while the Yale and Harvard students were bending to their toll.

A Stickler for His Prejudices.

There is a negro murderer named Smith in Multnomah county, Ore., who is certainly a stickler for his prejudices. There is a strike in the county, and Smith objects to being executed on the only gallows in existence on the ground that it was built by "scabs."

Nerve Tonic Superfluous.

The joke that the postal official took Payne's "salary compound" for the nerves has the foundation in fact that they were disposed to take everything that was neither red-hot nor immovable. But the idea of strengthening their nerves seems superfluous.

Missed a Whole Lot.

That Jersey man who has just waked up after a five years' sleep ought to shake hands with himself. He has missed reading about enough great catastrophes, from Pelee's eruption down to little shipwrecks, to make him stand aghast when he scans the back files.

Under the Hudson River.

In a short time trolley cars will run from New York to Jersey City under the Hudson river. Over 6,000 feet of the 7,000-foot tunnel is finished. The scheme was halted 15 years ago by an accident that cost 30 lives. Recent work on it has been prosecuted with entire safety.

Only a Question of Years.

And now the Missouri Pacific, Wash and other Gould railroad properties are to be welded into one great transcontinental system, following the example of the Rock Island and the Frisco consolidation. At the present rate of "merging" it is only a question of years until there will be only one railroad system in America.

Vanity of Uniforms.

President Loubet, of France, and M. Delcasse, the foreign secretary, who made an official visit in London recently, wore no uniform of any kind, but dressed in plain evening clothes. Surrounded as they were by gorgeous uniforms worn by all of the British officials, their plain dress won respect for themselves and the republic of France. Americans who represent the United States in diplomatic offices may feel consoled because they have no uniforms.

A Perpetual Electric Light.

A Chicago inventor, George Magrady, has discovered a process of manufacturing a 36-candle power light that will never go out. While experimenting with photographic chemicals Magrady's attention was attracted by a glow in a small globe. The glow was caused by a chemical which the inventor keeps secret. Magrady enlarged the globe and perfected the light by placing it in an air-tight glass. He says there is no reason why the light will not remain brilliant forever if it is not broken.

LEO LIES IN DEATH.

The Pope Breathed His Last at 4:04 Monday Afternoon.

He Was Conscious Until Near the End and His Suffering at Times Intense, His Condition Varying from Agony to Coma.

Rome, July 21.—Pope Leo XIII. is dead. The last flicker of life expired at four minutes past four o'clock yesterday afternoon and the pontiff now lies at rest. The period of over two weeks that Pope Leo passed in the shadow of death was no less wonderful than his life. His splendid battle against disease was watched the world over with sympathetic admiration and ended only after a series of tremendous efforts to conquer the weakness of his aged frame by the marvelous will power of his mind. The pleuro-pneumonia with which his holiness had been suffering was scarcely so responsible for his death as that inevitable decay of tissue which ensues upon 93 years of life. The tested steel which had bent so often before human ills was bound to break at last.

Last night the emaciated and lifeless frame which held so brave a spirit laid on the bed in the vatican beside which almost all the world has prayed. The red damask coverlet rests lightly over the body, the cardinals scarlet cape is about the shoulders, while on his head has been placed the papal hood of velvet, bordered with ermine. A white silk handkerchief is bound about his chin and in the hands which have blessed so many thousands has been placed a crucifix. So Pope Leo remained until to-day watched by uniformed officers of the noble guard and rough-clad Franciscan penitentiaries, who will keep a ceaseless vigil until the burial ceremonies.

To-day the sacred college of cardinals will assemble for the impressive ceremony of officially pronouncing Pope Leo dead. After this sad function has been performed the body will be taken to the small throne room adjoining the death chamber, where it will be embalmed. The funeral ceremonies will extend over nine days, the remains being removed to the cathedral of St. Peter's, where they will lie in state. The ultimate resting place of the dead pontiff will be in the magnificent basilica of St. John Lateran.

Pope Leo's final moments were marked by that same serenity and devotion and when he was conscious that calm intelligence which is associated with his 25 years' pontificate. His was no easy death. An hour before he died, turning to Dr. Lapponi and his devoted valet, Pio Centra, he murmured: "The pain I suffer is most terrible." Yet his parting words were not of his physical anguish that he suffered, but were whispered benedictions upon the cardinals and his nephews, who knelt at the bedside and the last look of his almost sightless eyes was towards the great ivory crucifix hanging in the death chamber. Practically all the cardinals now in Rome, kneeling at the bedside, watched the passage of his soul. Earlier in the day Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli had impressively pronounced the "absolution in articulo mortis."

The condition of his holiness varied from agony to coma. Wishing to relieve him, Dr. Mazzoni suggested that morphine should be administered, but Dr. Lapponi did not agree, fearing that the end might be quickened.

ROOSEVELT'S TRIBUTE TO LEO.

The President Expresses Profound Regret at the Death of the Pope—His Character Commanded Respect.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 21.—President Roosevelt, on being informed of the demise of the venerable head of the Catholic church, dictated the following for the Associated press: "The president expresses his profound regret at the death of the venerable pontiff, whose long career no less than his exalted character has commanded the respect of all Christendom." The president said that in uttering these sentiments he was giving expression to the feeling of all the people of the United States, wholly without regard to their religious faiths.

Chicago's Centennial Celebration.

Chicago, July 21.—This city is making elaborate preparations for the coming centennial celebration, which is to partake of the nature of an immense carnival. This is to occur in the fall, September 26 to October 1. It was just 100 years ago that Fort Dearborn, the first white man's structure on the present site of the city, was built by the United States government. The principal features of the celebration will be military and civic parades, field and aquatic sports and a great fireworks display.

Heavy Fine in a Peonage Case.

Montgomery, Ala., July 21.—Fletcher Turner, a white man, pleaded guilty in the United States court yesterday to the charge of holding in peonage one Glenn Helms, a negro youth. Turner was fined \$1,000. Last week Turner was tried on the charge of peonage, but the jury failed to agree.

WIND, HAIL AND RAIN.

These Three Elements Destroy Buildings and Crops in Southwestern Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Council Bluffs, Ia., July 21.—Probably the worst wind, hail and rain-storm of the season swept over a part of southwestern Iowa late yesterday afternoon, destroying all crops in its path and leveling many buildings and trees. A number of injuries have been reported, but no fatalities and no injuries that it is thought will prove fatal. Telegraph and telephone wires are down in all directions and it is almost impossible to obtain any information as to the severity of the storm in the country districts. The greatest damage is reported from Atlantic, where the courthouse, Methodist church and a large brick store building in course of construction were badly wrecked.

Harlan reports many farm buildings demolished southeast of there and that corn and small grain have been pounded into the ground and cannot possibly recover.

Thousands of acres of crops between Sibley, Ia., and Watertown, S. D., were severely damaged.

The Storm in Minnesota.

Luverne, Minn., July 21.—A hall-storm passed over the eastern part of this (Rock) county late yesterday, totally destroying fully one-third of the entire crop, entailing a loss which has been estimated at \$1,000,000. In severity and area the storm was the most destructive ever known in the northwest. A report is current here that from Trosky, 22 miles north of this city, south to Ellsworth, a distance of 39 miles, and from these points east for 15 miles, all of the crops have been destroyed.

Severe Hallstorm Around Sheldon.

Sheldon, Ia., July 21.—A severe hall-storm struck Sheldon yesterday afternoon. The storm was about ten miles wide. It lasted but 15 minutes, but did \$100,000 damage in the country.

GREAT FIRE AT NOME.

Cook in a Hotel Started a Conflagration That Burned Three People and Destroyed Much Property.

Seattle, Wash., July 21.—The Times here has flashed the following extra: The Golden Gate hotel at Nome, Alaska, was completely burned July 5. The victims: Robert H. Hayes, millionaire pipe contractor of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Hayes and Sherman D. Gregg, of Freeport, Pa.

T. R. Burr, a cook, was held by the coroner's jury for manslaughter. He threw a can of coal oil on the kitchen floor. An explosion followed and the building was almost immediately in flames. Guests escaped from the crowded hotel in their night clothes. Many small buildings adjacent were burned. The recorder's office and post office took fire and were saved with difficulty. Property loss about \$100,000. It was the worst fire known in Alaska.

PROBING STATE BOODLING.

The Grand Jury Resumes Its Investigation at St. Louis—The Beer Bill Case.

St. Louis, July 21.—The grand jury yesterday resumed investigation into state boodling. William F. Nolker, treasurer of a St. Louis brewing company, was questioned about the beer bill boodling. Mr. Nolker stated before entering the jury room that in 1899, when the beer tax bill was pending, St. Louis brewers were solicited for a bribe of \$45,000 to defeat the bill. They refused and the bill passed. At the session of 1901 a compromise measure was passed reducing the rate of taxation. Boodle is supposed to have been used in the passage of this compromise measure.

IN TERRIFIC BATTLE.

Revolutionists and Government Forces at Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, Began Fighting at Daylight Sunday.

Soledad, Venezuela, July 21.—At five o'clock Sunday morning the engagement between the government forces and the revolutionists occupying Ciudad Bolivar began in two different directions. The revolutionists opened the battle. At six o'clock the smoke over Ciudad Bolivar was so thick that it was impossible to see the city. At seven o'clock the government troops, after a terrible fight, in which they lost more than 100 men, captured the cemetery. At eight o'clock the Venezuelan fleet, consisting of five men-of-war, shelled the government building at Ciudad.

Mob Fired into Jail.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 21.—At Basin, the county seat of Big Horn county, J. P. Walters and James Gorman, murderers, who had been sentenced to death, but who had been granted respite pending the hearing of the case in the supreme court, were shot to death by a mob of 25 cowboys, Deputy Sheriff C. E. Price was killed and Deputy Sheriff George S. Mead wounded.

Federal Attorney Slain.

New Orleans, July 21.—District Attorney Gurley was assassinated in his office in the Machea building by Clarence B. Lyons, a cotton roller. Lyons then fatally shot himself.

TRAFFIC IN SLAVES.

Ninety-Nine Indictments Returned in Alabama Federal Court.

Grand Jury Says Officers Conspired with Labor Contractors to Force Ignorant Blacks into Involuntary Servitude for Pecuniary Profit.

Montgomery, Ala., July 20.—The federal grand jury, which has been engaged in investigating peonage cases, found 99 true bills for peonage and conspiracy, involving 18 persons. "We regret to report in two counties of the district," says the report, "crimes have been committed by 18 persons by which citizens of the state and of the United States have been systematically despoiled of their rights and liberty, confined and made to work, and not infrequently cruelly treated. Conspiracies in two localities were formed and carried out between justices of the peace, constables and employers of labor to convict ignorant and defenseless persons and to sell them into involuntary servitude, that the parties concerned might make pecuniary profit out of this cowardly oppression of citizens. Trumped up charges, in many instances, have been preferred before justices of the peace, who were members of these conspiracies, against selected victims. Any inoffensive and ignorant person in these localities were liable to be thus arrested."

DEMOCRATS HAVE A PICNIC.

Carter H. Harrison Talked of as a Presidential Candidate for Progressive Democracy—Bryan Criticizes Cleveland.

Chicago, July 20.—Representative democratic leaders of the middle west met in Chicago Saturday, were entertained by the recently organized Chicago Democratic club at a picnic in Brand's park, delivered addresses in which the future of the party was painted in rosy hues and incidentally lauded and cheered Carter H. Harrison, Chicago's mayor, and William Jennings Bryan, one of the guests of honor. Mr. Harrison was talked of during the day as an ideal presidential candidate of the young, vigorous and progressive democracy of the country. Mr. Bryan created tremendous enthusiasm by assailing the republican party and criticizing Grover Cleveland, on whose shoulders he placed the blame for his disintegration of the democracy.

FIVE TIMES A PAPA.

Second Son Born to Ex-President Cleveland—Three First Children Were Girls.

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., July 20.—A son was born to ex-President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland at their summer home here Saturday.

There were four Cleveland children previous to the arrival of the new-born—Ruth, Esther, Marion and Richard Folsom. Ruth was born October 3, 1891, at No. 816 Madison avenue, New York city. Esther was born September 9, 1893, and is the only child of a president born in the white house. She looks more like her father than her mother and has flaxen hair. Marion was born at Buzzard's Bay July 7, 1895. Richard Folsom Cleveland was born October 28, 1897, in Princeton, N. J.

TWO NEIGHBORS QUARREL.

G. J. Varnouf Shot by Dr. Doyle, Who Afterwards Took a Handful of Strychnine and Ended His Own Life.

Wichita, Kan., July 20.—Dr. William Doyle shot G. J. Varnouf here Saturday night and then took a handful of strychnine. Both men were dead within half an hour. They were neighbors and the tragedy occurred within sight of their wives. A month ago they had a dispute over a horse trade. The following night Varnouf committed an act of vandalism on the premises of Dr. Doyle for which the latter whipped him. Mrs. Varnouf by some means caught hold of Dr. Doyle while her husband stabbed him. The case went to the local courts and the law's delay so frenzied Dr. Doyle that he probably became insane.

Died of Tornado Fright.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 20.—Mrs. Kate Denger, wife of Phillip Denger, of St. Louis, died suddenly in this city Saturday of fright. She was in the tornado of '96 in St. Louis and barely escaped with her life at that time. This city was visited by a severe electrical and windstorm late Friday night and soon after it came up she became very much frightened and nervous and finally collapsed under the strain.

Methodist Preacher Drowned.

Ardmore, I. T., July 20.—Rev. Will Stout, a Methodist minister, was taken with a cramp while bathing in a stream near Marietta and drowned. Two companions who were with him were unable to render any assistance.

Whole Fields of Corn Destroyed.

Warsaw, Ind., July 19.—A severe storm and heavy rainfall destroyed thousands of acres of growing corn. Whole fields east of this place, in an area with a radius of six miles were ruined.

BACKACHE.



Backache is a forerunner and one of the most common symptoms of kidney trouble and womb displacement.

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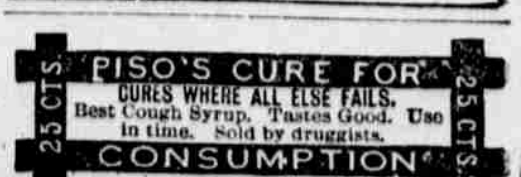
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