

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A Call to Martyrs.

A Kentucky judge proposes to call a grand jury to investigate 27 murders in Breathitt county, but he may have some difficulty in finding 12 volunteers for martyrdom.

The Oldest Methodist Preacher.

Rev. Byron Alden, of Streator, Ill., who will be 97 years old on November 5, is the oldest Methodist minister in the world, being eight months older than Rev. Joseph Ayres, of Sidney, O., who has been called "the oldest Methodist minister." Rev. Mr. Alden is still a forcible pulpit preacher and fills appointments occasionally.

Biggest Store in the World.

The biggest store in the world under one roof is in Moscow. It is situated close to the Kremlin, under the shadow of some of the oldest and holiest churches of that holy city. It is a great stone building with roofs of iron and glass covering at least 20 acres and embracing 1,000 different business establishments. It cost \$8,000,000.

Fifty Years a Preacher.

Dr. John T. Crippen, of Waterloo, Ia., a pioneer in the Methodist church, will this month celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry. In 45 years he missed but one Sunday, that being on account of illness, and in the entire half century he has missed but four, three of them coming in succession. He has dedicated 92 churches.

Growth of Education.

In 1840, the year in which the United States census began to enumerate the number of persons that had attended school the previous year, the total amount of schooling for each inhabitant was 208 days, and, according to the census of 1850, the average amount of schooling had increased to 420 days, for this decade was a period of agitation on the part of Horace Mann and his disciples. In 1870 the number had reached 672 days and in 1890 1,026 days.

An Invasion of the Gospel.

A somewhat unique but promising method of exterminating Kentucky feuds has been devised. It is a plan of invasion, not by officers of the law, but by a band of 25 young preachers who are to spend the summer months in an itinerary through these regions, hoping that the gospel will create better conditions and render impossible a recurrence of this feudal murder. Cross-roads, grocery stores, tents and schoolhouses will be used for meeting places.

And This in Texas.

A tidal wave of prohibition is sweeping over Texas. One hundred and thirty counties have voted total prohibition and 59 have voted prohibition in part, that is, the country precincts are prohibition. In the larger towns only is the sale of liquor permitted. This leaves only 57 counties in which liquor is sold unrestricted. Most of these are the sparsely settled border and panhandle counties. Fully four-fifths of the population of the state is living under local option law.

Too Much Johnson.

Know all Smiths by these presents that they are not doing their duty; that they are on the path to race suicide. Once we thought that the world was theirs. It was a comfort to feel that wherever you went the Smiths were at the head of the poll. Voting lists were purple with Smiths. Directories sagged with Smiths. And now where are the Smiths? The manager of the Chicago directory is a Smith. Yet his figures show that there are 5,986 Johnsons and only 5,374 Smiths in Chicago.

An Active Old Ex-Governor.

Though 90 years old, ex-Gov. Garcelon, of Maine, still practices medicine over a radius of 30 miles, scolding trolley and automobile and traveling behind a Morgan horse of high step and speedy gait. Long journeys have no terror for this hearty old gentleman. A year or two ago he took a run down public meeting at his home in Lewis to South America; about once a year he is off to the Pacific coast or to one of the gulf states. He never misses a ton, of which he is the pioneer native-born resident.

City Life Under the Ground.

That the subterranean avenues of a great city must be as numerous and ramifying as those on the surface has dawned on Chicago. Tunnels are to be extended throughout Chicago, in which goods are to be conveyed on electric cars to and from the railway shipping points and connecting with all the great stores and business houses. The pygmy practice of boring here and there under the streets to put in a pipe or a wire must give way to thoroughfares 40 feet wide arched with masonry.

TALK OF THE NEGRO.

Warm Debate Between Senators Tillman and Burton at Madison.

Burton Placed Stress on the Great Possibilities That Laid in the Negroes and Would Help Them to Help Themselves.

Madison, Wis., July 28.—Senator B. R. Tillman, of South Carolina, matched his wit and sarcasm against the legal mind and western manners of Senator J. R. Burton, of Kansas, last night in a joint debate on the negro question. Senator Tillman said the people of the north were as bad as those of the south in their handling of the negroes.

"When a negro up here shows the outcroppings of the instincts of his inferior race," said Mr. Tillman, "you mob, string, lynch, burn and outrage humanity with him. It makes a mighty big difference whose family is struck, whose home is entered, whose wife or daughter is the victim. You men of the north are not slow to act when your women are outraged and I want to say you are men to do it. If you had as many 'niggers' as we do in South Carolina you would feel as I do and your people would sustain your 'anti-nigger' senators as my people sustain me."

The fiery southern senator was unpopular at first with the audience of 8,000 people, but at the close of the debate he was applauded.

Senator Tillman said the negroes owed all the progress they had made in America to the fact that they were once in bondage and that the south had nourished them into whatever industry, virtue and intelligence they ever attained; that the north went to war to "free the niggers" first and to "save the union" afterward. The republican party, he said, played the friend of the black in order to get black votes. The greatest disturbing element in the problem was the fact that the people of the north, affecting motives of charity, Christianity and humanitarianism, were attempting to poke their "great, long, Yankee noses" into the business of the southern states that were equal to the problem that would not be in danger of overwhelming them unless the northern influence brought about a war of extermination.

Senator Tillman said the negroes were recognized in the south when they deserved it, and sometimes, when they did not, mentioning the recipients of United States executive appointments. The southern senator asked the audience to hold an after-meeting to form a negro emigration society for the purpose of bringing to Wisconsin 300,000 negroes, the proportionate share of the state of the nation's negro population. The after-meeting did not develop.

Senator Burton agreed that the negro has apparently grown more degraded and more criminal than before the war, but said it was the fault of the south, lack of schools and the "euchreing" of the negroes out of their constitutional rights by southern whites. He said in education lay the solution of the problem.

Senator Tillman agreed with Burton in this, but said the south would take up arms rather than allow the north to force an impossible social or political equality between the whites and negroes in the southern states. He says that the United States barred Chinese from its gates because of the inferiority of the Mongolian race and the impossibility of Chinese ever becoming the social or political equals of Americans.

Senator Burton placed stress on the great possibilities he said lay in the negroes. Their capacity for development, he said, had been proved in every northern state, and not only in the north, but in the very heart of the south. At Tuskegee, Ala., Booker T. Washington, a black man, had demonstrated there for several years that the negro, when given the advantages of properly administered education, could outstrip the whites in the moral and industrial world.

Senator Burton concluded as follows:

"I would not support the negro in idleness. I would not give him an education; indeed, I would not be in favor of giving him anything, in the sense of making a present; but I would help him to help himself and while he is obtaining the education of the head I would have him earn it by the use of his brains. What is needed are more Washingtons and Frizzells to point the way. We need more captains of labor in the education of the negro."

"While we are helping him to help himself out of the darkness of ignorance into the light of education of hand, heart and head, let us make him know and feel that he is clothed with the panoply of citizenship, which is the proudest position that any man can occupy in this world; and if for the protection and purity of the ballot it has become necessary to throw around it the safeguards of property or educational qualification, or both, let us assure the black man that this standard is no discrimination against him, that it applies with equal exactness and certainty to the white man as well."

RESORT TO TECHNICALITIES.

Senators Farris, Smith and Sullivan Seek to Quash Indictments Charging Them with Boondoggling at Jefferson City.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 28.—Attorneys appeared Monday for Senators Farris and Smith, indicted on the charge of bribery in connection with the alum bill, and filed a demurrer to the indictment, alleging among other things that it charges no offense against the laws of Missouri; that it is vague, indefinite and uncertain; and that it does not charge any agreement with Daniel J. Kelley as to their votes in committee or in the senate on the alum bill.

In the case of Senator Sullivan, indicted on the charge of soliciting a bribe from Whitney Layton on the same bill, the attorneys filed a motion to quash the indictment. The motion alleges that the indictment charges no offense against the common law or the statutes of Missouri.

No motion was filed in the case of Senator Matthews, which Attorney Jordan said would be allowed to go to trial.

Mrs. Blanche Kelley, wife of D. J. Kelley, legislative agent of the baking powder trust, has arrived here from Montreal, Can., and will present the letters alleged to have been written to her husband by former Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee at the trial of Senator Frank H. Farris, of Crawford county.

TO REHABILITATE POPULISM.

Delegates from Several States Are at Denver Attending a National Conference of Reformers.

Denver, Col., July 28.—About 50 of the leaders of the people's party and other political movements were present at the St. James' hotel yesterday afternoon when the conference of political reform leaders was called to order. The conference was called to order by J. A. Edgerton, secretary of the populist national committee, who called the conference. He spoke briefly, outlining the work which it was hoped to accomplish by the conference in the amalgamation of the various reform forces of the nation into one party. Mr. Edgerton was made the permanent chairman of the conference, with Milton Park, of Texas, as vice chairman and J. H. Calderhead, of Montana, secretary. The afternoon was taken up in the work of organization and short addresses. The principal speech was made by former United States Senator W. V. Allen, of Nebraska. Senator Allen favored a reorganization of the reform forces which should embrace the various factions now embracing practically the same political doctrines and differing mainly in regard to methods.

DID HE TRY TO BRIBE HIM?

Col. Clem Found a Box of Cigars and Money on His Desk from a Contractor Doing Work Under Him.

Washington, July 28.—The secretary of war has sent to the treasury department a box of cigars and \$100, which was received from the department of Texas. It appears that Col. Clem, chief quartermaster of the department, found the box of cigars on his desk and, upon opening it, discovered it was from a contractor who was doing some work under the quartermaster's supervision. In the box was the money. The colonel was very indignant and referred the matter to Gen. Fred Grant, commanding the department.

The Riot at Danville.

Danville, Ill., July 28.—Two companies of militia were ordered back to Springfield yesterday and left in the afternoon. Companies H and I of the Seventh regiment will remain until it is believed all danger of trouble is past. There has been no evidence that another outbreak is contemplated, but threats are being made of what will happen when the troops leave.

Northcott Appointed Post Head Consul.

Bloomington, Ill., July 28.—Announcement is made by the executive council of Modern Woodmen of America that Lieut. Gov. Northcott, of Greenville, Ill., has been appointed post head consul at a salary of \$4,000 a year. He has been engaged to write a history of the order, to revise the ritual and to deliver addresses in behalf of the organization.

King Peter's Son a Degenerate.

St. Petersburg, July 28.—A specialist in the treatment of backward children, at the command of the imperial government, examined and observed Prince George, the eldest son of King Peter Karageorgevitch, of Serbia, during the past week and has reported to the emperor that the boy is a degenerate. Prince George was born in 1888 and is therefore 16 years of age.

Teachers Must Not Marry.

Sedan, Kas., July 28.—Several school boards in Chautauqua county have inserted in their contracts with teachers this year clauses that prohibit either courting or marrying by the teacher in the school term.

Explosion at Ice Plant Killed Six.

New York, July 28.—Five or six persons are reported to have been killed in an explosion at Ruppert's ice plant, Alexander avenue and 133d street.

BREAK FOR LIBERTY

Fourteen Convicts Escape from the Folsom Penitentiary.

A Desperate Fight in the Prison—The Warden's Clothing Slashed into Shreds and Several Officials Fatally Wounded.

Sacramento, Cal., July 28.—A special to the Bee from Folsom says: Fourteen desperate prisoners confined in the Folsom penitentiary made a break at the breakfast hour yesterday morning. They seized Warden Wilkinson, his grandson, Harry Wilkinson, Captain of the Guard Murphy and several other officers and guards, and using them as shields against the fire of the Gatling gun, proceeded to the armory post, overcame a guard who sought to stay them, armed themselves with rifles and pistols and escaped across the prison ranch into Eldorado county.

A desperate fight took place in the captain's office, where the prisoners made their break. The convicts were armed with knives and razors and with these they assaulted Warden Wilkinson and his officers. The warden's clothing was slashed into shreds with a razor, but the blade did not touch the flesh.

C. J. Cochrane, turnkey of the penitentiary, entered the office during the assault and seized a chair, with which he made for the assailants of the officers. He rained blows upon them right and left, but he was felled by a knife thrust in the back. It is thought he may die. William L. Cotter, a guard, was cut in the abdomen so that his entrails protruded. He died in the afternoon. W. C. Calmers was severely cut in the head with the razors in the hands of the convicts. The floor of the office was covered with blood.

The several hundred remaining prisoners made no show of resistance and they were quietly returned to their cells and locked up. The convicts seized weapons in the possession of the officers and, with Warden Wilkinson, Capt. Murphy and others in the office proceeded to the armory post, where they fortified themselves with rifles, knives, pistols and ammunition.

The warden was taken about a mile toward Mormon Island bridge and a convict, armed with a rifle, marched on either side of him. He was told that they would not harm him, but if any of the pursuers took the life of one of the escaping convicts they would retaliate, life for life. The warden was the first to return to the prison. He wore no hat, the prisoners having seized this from him. Capt. Murphy appeared soon afterwards minus his trousers.

The convicts went to a farmer's house, seized his four-horse team and wagon, gutted the house of everything of value it contained, took the farmer with them as a driver and are now headed for Bald mountain. The alabaster cave is situated near this mountain and it is believed that the convicts will take refuge therein.

Folsom penitentiary is the prison without walls. It is situated in a rocky amphitheatre close to the American river, about 20 miles from Sacramento. The prisoners are locked up at night in the cellhouse but during the day they labor in the stone quarries under the supervision of armed guards. On the hills surrounding the prison grounds are watch towers in which the guards armed with gatling guns and rifles are stationed. Mounted guards are also stationed about the hills. Nearly 1,500 men are confined at Folsom and it has been the practice to send the most desperate prisoners there. The American river runs through the prison grounds but its waters are rapid and deep, with high, precipitous banks and an escaping prisoner stands but little chance at crossing.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

The Interstate Commerce Commission Makes a Report for the Three Months Ended March 31.

Washington, July 28.—The report of the interstate commerce commission on railroad accidents in the United States for the three months ended March 31 shows that during that quarter 300 persons were killed and 2,831 injured in train accidents. Other kinds of accidents, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on and off cars, make the aggregate casualties 827 killed and 11,481 injured. There were 1,650 collisions and 1,181 derailments, causing \$2,491,065 damage to cars, engines and roadways.

Tragedy Followed Insult.

Rolla, Mo., July 28.—In a shooting affray at Arlington, 12 miles south of Rolla, four persons were wounded and two of them will probably die. The fight was the result of an old grudge. The wounded are: Perry Andres, a guide on the Gasconade river; J. W. McDowell, his son, Ed McDowell and Gus Todd.

A remark alleged to have been made by Andres about one of the McDowell's participated a general fight in which guns were drawn and 10 or 15 shots fired.

Modern Conveniences.

The Abilene Democrat tells of a man who stopped over night in a small town near there and registered at the hotel pointed out to him by the conductor as the best in town. In the morning he wanted to take a bath and consulted the proprietor about it. The proprietor shouted back to the rear: "Here, Tom, this here gent wants to take a bath. Bring the fixin's." Tom soon appeared, carrying a cake of yellow soap, a towel and a pick. "What's the pick for?" asked the guest. "Why," said the proprietor; "you'll have to dam up the creek."—Kansas City Star.

Got Tired of the Gun.

A Clay county man, says the Plattsburg Democrat-Lever, took his pastor out hunting one day. They had but one gun between them and the preacher carried it. After they had been out half an hour the man felt something poking him in the side. Turning around quickly he found the preacher poking him with the muzzle of the gun and fumbling over the hammers. "Say, brother," asked the minister, "how do you let these things down?" The man has sworn off taking preachers hunting.—Kansas City Star.

Found a Friend.

Valley City, N. Dak., July 27th.—Mrs. Matilda M. Boucher of this place tells how she found a friend in the following words: "For years I suffered with a dizziness in my head and could get nothing to cure me till about two years ago when I was advised to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. These pills cured me before I had used the whole of the first box, and I haven't been troubled since. In January of this year I had an attack of sciatica that made me almost helpless, and remembering how much Dodd's Kidney Pills had done for me before, I sent and got some and began to take them at once. In three weeks I was well, and not a trace of the sciatica left, and I have been well ever since. Dodd's Kidney Pills have certainly been of great benefit to me. I have found them a friend in time of sickness, and I will always recommend them to every one suffering with the troubles that bothered me."

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It is much easier to come down from the heights than to climb out of the depths.—Town Topics.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

All the world hates a good example.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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How the short haired women dislike the long haired men!—Chicago Tribune.

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