

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

More Like Serbia and Turkey.

That dance on the deck of the returning Philippine transport while 300 dead soldiers slept in the hold was more worthy of Serbia or Turkey than America.

The "Horrible" Czar.

Floggings in his empire have horrified the czar. Everything horrifies the czar except the absence of public schools, which would educate the Russians out of their brutality.

And Look at That Name.

Butkiewicz, the new tackle in the University of Pennsylvania football team, weighs over 200 pounds and is said to be irresistible, as his strength is as great as his weight.

Work for Legislators.

Returns have been finally figured up on the boys who lost their lives by lockjaw pistols last Fourth of July; it was 396. Next winter's legislators now have their work cut out for them.

Largely Imagination.

The sultan is still mobilizing troops, having got some 300,000 or 400,000 mobilized. It must be an operation something like watering Wall street stocks, where it appears you have so much greater resources than you have.

Grave Uncertainty.

We are plunged into grave uncertainty by the headline on the item about the spanking machine at Red Wing, Minn., which says: "Reform school boys in Minnesota face new mode of punishment." That is not the customary spanking attitude as we vividly recall it.

McKinley Death Mask.

The death mask of President William McKinley, taken some few days after his death by Prof. William H. Holmes, of the bureau of ethnology, has been placed on exhibition in the national museum, occupying a conspicuous case by itself near the main entrance.

Useless Discussion.

This revived discussion respecting the advisability of cutting the word "obey" out of the marriage service is useless. In the future as in the past, women will cheerfully promise obedience, but will make things interesting for the man who undertakes to enforce it.

He Has 35 Children.

John Butler, of Rockland, Mass., though but 65 years old, is the father of 35 children, the oldest of whom is 45 and the youngest two years old. As he has reared his numerous progeny respectably while working at his trade the chronicler will be believed in his statement that "Mr. Butler is a hard-working man."

Sleeps in an Old Hearse.

Josiah Newcastle, of Bilboro, N. Y., an aged and retired undertaker, sleeps in an old hearse which, years ago, he used in his business. The old man lives alone in a barn on his premises and rents his farm and dwelling out. For 15 years he has slept in the hearse. The latter is an antiquated affair containing the old-fashioned oval glass windows and doors and the usual lugubrious trimmings and draperies.

Wireless Telegraphy to the Pole.

The determination of Lieut. Peary to make another dash toward the north pole gives added interest to the suggestion of Marconi that by means of wireless telegraphy it will be easy for a polar exploring party to keep in daily communication with its immediate base of supplies. The practicability of constant communication between a desperate adventurer in the ice pack and helpers so stationed as to give aid upon emergent occasions certainly increases the chance of successful Arctic exploration.

Turkey and Bulgaria.

War between Turkey and Bulgaria, if the present disturbances in the Balkans lead to a declaration of open hostilities, would, on paper at least, be a one-sided struggle. The little principality is no match, so far as theoretical war strength goes, for the big Ottoman empire. Turkey proper has a population of about 25,000,000, and it can raise an army of at least 700,000. On the other hand, Bulgaria has a population of about 3,500,000, and its army on a war footing numbers about 200,000 men.

If Gladstone Were Alive.

The concert is crying peace, peace, in the Balkans, but both Bulgaria and Macedonia say there is no peace. These reports of 60,000 or 80,000 Christians slain by the Turks may be exaggerated, but even if the number be only 10,000 or 15,000, it means a condition of things very unlike peace. If Gladstone were alive these days and in the form in which the Bulgarian atrocities of 1876 found him, there would be a trumpet call for an attack on Turkey which would arouse Christendom.

MUCH FOR CHARITY.

L. O. O. F. Dispensed Liberally to Its Members in Misfortune.

Nearly \$4,000,000 Given Out Last Year Through Various Channels—Membership of Nearly 1,500,000—New Lodges in the Philippines.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 22.—The opening exercises of the annual convention of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows began here Monday in Ford's opera house.

The annual report of Grand Sire and Commander-in-Chief John B. Goodwin shows the order to be in a flourishing condition. A large part of the report is taken up in a recapitulation of the decisions of lodge questions made during the past year, amendments to the constitutions of grand lodges and grand encampment, new by-laws, new lodges and encampments chartered on account of the introduction of the order in the Philippine islands, conditions of the order in Cuba, in Australasia and other foreign countries. The condition of the order at the close of 1902 is shown by returns as follows: Subordinate lodge membership, December 31, 1902, 1,069,906; encampment membership, 154,950; Rebekah lodge membership (brothers, 151,195; sisters, 258,850), and Australasia, sex not given, 1,914, making total Rebekah membership 411,959. Patriarchs militant membership, 17,754.

The total membership of the order, which includes the subordinate lodge membership and the sisters only of the Rebekah lodge membership is 1,329,956. The encampment membership and the brothers of the Rebekah lodges are not included in the above total, as they are subordinate lodge members. Revenue, relief and invested funds are indicated as follows: Revenue receipts in 1902: Subordinate lodges, \$10,214,000; encampments, \$712,522.46; Rebekah lodges, \$626,743.98; total revenue, \$11,553,905.29, an increase of \$771,343.06 over the preceding year. Relief expended in 1902: Relief by lodges, \$3,559,794.36; relief by encampments, \$265,617.32; relief by Rebekah lodges, \$67,808.35; total relief, \$3,893,220.03. Total relief as shown by records since 1850 to 1902, inclusive, \$96,468,425.32. The cash balance in banks to the credit of the sovereign grand lodge or July 31, 1903, was \$95,237.99.

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FIRE AT SEDALIA'S FAIR.

Six Buildings Were Destroyed, Besides a String of Eighteen Freight Cars—Firemen Worked Under Difficulty.

Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 22.—Fire originating in a hay barn recently filled with uncurd clover and timothy swept the wooden cattle and horse barns of the state fair out of existence yesterday afternoon. Six buildings, including the emergency engine house, were destroyed. The original cost of the buildings was about \$30,000. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger depot at the fair grounds was partly burned, as was the immense sheep and swine building, while the new poultry house was damaged slightly.

A string of 18 freight cars on the spur tracks of the Katy and Missouri Pacific were burned. The fire companies made the run from Sedalia and by hard work saved the largest and best buildings, but the fire surrounded the two principal fire hydrants and work was difficult and dangerous.

Test Ride of 2,000 Miles.

Newburgh, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Trooper Davis, of the Eighth United States cavalry, has reached West Point, being the first of a detachment of 12 troopers who started from Oklahoma 39 days ago on a test ride of 2,000 miles. The men were allowed to eat and sleep when they pleased, relays of horses being provided every 30 miles, the object of the ride being to cover the distance in the shortest practicable time.

Thought the Gun Was Empty.

Hartington, Neb., Sept. 22.—August Schmidt, while hunting, pointed his gun at John Houser and pulled the trigger. The gun was discharged, killing Houser and seriously wounding his brother, Peter Houser, who was also one of the party. Schmidt says he thought the gun was empty. Schmidt is under arrest.

Colorado Flyers to Be Taken Off.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 22.—The passenger management of the Santa Fe announces that the Colorado and Missouri river flyers of that road are soon to be taken off. These trains run only during the summer months, when the traffic to Colorado is the heaviest.

Hanna Not a "Resigner."

Cleveland, O., Sept. 22.—Senator Hanna stated that there was no truth in the report printed in some of the eastern papers that he would resign the chairmanship of the national republican committee on account of ill health.

Settlers Hostile to Ranchman Dewey.

Colby, Kan., Sept. 22.—Considerable trouble is being experienced with the settlers who persist in committing depredations on the Dewey ranch in this county. Three houses have been burned on the ranch during the past week.

IS IT RESULT OF MALICE?

Cole Younger Arrested for Embezzlement by Managers of the Show with Which He Traveled.

Nevada, Mo., Sept. 22.—The James-Younger Wild West show is apparently upon the eve of dissolution. The management has secured the arrest of Cole Younger, his nephew, H. Y. Hall, and F. G. Lindenfelder, charging them with the embezzlement of \$6,000. This action followed suits filed against the show by Younger for \$25,000 and James for \$4,800. The plaintiffs say they were damaged in these sums by the failure of the real owners to equip the show according to contract and by the refusal to drive away the grafters.

Heavy Damage from Floods.

Portage, Wis., Sept. 22.—Traffic between Baraboo and Portage was abandoned yesterday. The roads are covered with from two to six feet of water and the damage to crops and property by the breaking of the city levee yesterday is estimated at \$30,000. Large tracts of corn north of Prairie du Chien are under water and the damage will be heavy.

No Sunday Ball at Topeka.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 22.—The police Sunday afternoon broke up a ballgame at the fairgrounds and constructively placed the players in jail. A Sunday excursion had been run from Kansas City to Topeka and a local Topeka team and the Kansas City Schmeizers were on the diamond with a large crowd present. Suddenly the police swooped down and took the players in charge.

Woman Wrecked Rosedale Joint.

Rosedale, Kan., Sept. 22.—Mrs. Mary Shannon, of 10 Water street, smashed the Elite saloon, owned by John Sprague, at the corner of Kansas City and Lafayette avenues. Mrs. Shannon says the owner of the saloon has been in the habit of selling her husband liquor. She had asked him not to but her husband still got the liquor.

Iron Works Burned.

Warren, Pa., Sept. 22.—The Hammond iron works were destroyed by fire yesterday entailing a loss of \$75,000 and throwing 200 men out of employment. The origin of the fire is not known but suggestions of incendiarism are freely made, several recently discharged employes having publicly threatened to "get even."

Joplin Miner as a Hero.

Joplin, Mo., Sept. 22.—While crossing McKee's ford, on Turkey creek, near here, Otto Grass was drowned, and Miss Evaline Reynolds came near losing her life. The horse was also drowned. Miss Reynolds' life was saved by a miner, who was attracted to the scene by the woman's screams.

Will Not Work in Open Shops.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Local members of the Marble Cutters' union decided last night that under no circumstances would they apply for work to their old employers as long as they ran "open shops." No action was taken to prevent the handling of the output of the shops by the other building trades.

Baby Born on Wabash Train.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 22.—A baby girl was born to Mrs. Edith Williams, of Wyandotte, Kan., on a Wabash train which arrived in Kansas City yesterday. The parents decided that in commemoration of the event they would name the girl Lena Wabash Williams.

Curtis Calls on Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Sept. 22.—Representative Charles Curtis, of Kansas, called on the president yesterday. It is understood the conference had to do with the appointment of a successor to Judge W. C. Hook, as judge of the federal district court.

Wanamaker Slander Suit.

Beaver, Pa., Sept. 22.—The \$150,000 slander suit brought against ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker by Former State Printer Robinson ended in a victory for the defendant. The sealed verdict found for the defendant.

Gunpowder Explosion Killed Many.

Mozambique, East Africa, Sept. 22.—An explosion of gunpowder and grenades has occurred in Fort Sao-Sabastiano. Many persons were killed or injured. The port was badly wrecked.

A Farmer Does Some Shooting.

Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 22.—W. P. Price, a prominent farmer of Greer county, shot and killed a neighbor boy named Parks, mortally wounded Parks' brother and wounded his own son.

Five Hundred Turks Dynamited.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 22.—It is reported here that 500 Turks have been killed with dynamite while fighting against a body of insurgents in the Kresna defile.

An Oklahoma Railroad Completed.

Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 22.—The Fort Smith & Western railroad was completed and train service begun Sunday from Fort Smith to Guthrie, 217 miles.

Philanthropist and Ex-Soldier.

Burlington, Ia., Sept. 22.—Phillip M. Crapo, the well-known philanthropist, ex-mayor and ex-soldier, died here Monday.

WRECKED A KANSAS TRAIN.

Near Independence a Missouri Pacific Engine and All Cars Left the Track, But No One Was Hurt.

Independence, Kan., Sept. 22.—The Missouri Pacific passenger train that left Kansas City Sunday night was wrecked about two miles north of this place early this morning. From appearance there was a deliberate attempt to wreck the train. A rail on each side was pried loose and the fishplate inserted between it and the next rail. The place is a short distance north of the Elk river bridge. A deep gulch is on each side of the track. The train was making good time down grade, but the engineer applied the airbrakes in time to slacken the speed somewhat. The engine and all the cars left the track and ran on the ties 200 feet, crossing the bridge. No one was injured, although all the passengers were shaken up. The perpetrators of the deed must have fled.

TERRIFIED AT MADISON.

The Alleged Triple Murderer Said to Have Held Up a Number of People Near Cowles, Neb.

Smith Center, Kan., Sept. 22.—People throughout this section of the state are in terror over the acts of Thomas Madison, charged with the recent triple murder in this county. Madison has successfully eluded both officers and bloodhounds thus far, but it is thought that he is somewhere in the vicinity of Cowles, Neb., about 15 miles from the Kansas line. Word received here yesterday says Madison is armed with two revolvers and plenty of ammunition and that he had held up a number of people, threatening to shoot them if they told of his presence in the country.

MRS. NATION HEARD FROM.

The Great Advocate of Total Abstinence Deeds Over Property for a Home for Drunkards' Dependents.

New York, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Carrie Nation yesterday deeded over certain valuable property to a charitable organization in Kansas. She is now writing a play in which she will appear herself as the "Defender of Homes" and advocate total abstinence. The property Mrs. Nation surrendered consists of a handsome building and about two acres of land in Kansas City, Kan. She turned it over to the associated charities of Wyandotte county, Kan., to be used as a home for the destitute wives, mothers and children of drunkards, to the exclusion of all others.

Kindergarten Teachers Wanted.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Kindergarten teachers at salaries averaging \$100 per month are wanted to train Philippine babies and Indian papooses. In fact, the government has not had in years so many good paying positions covering trades and professions that need filling as now. Announcement of the vacancies was made through the civil service commission, who complain that the supply of qualified persons does not begin to meet the demand.

Kansas Will Display Vegetables.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 22.—Kansas is going out after premiums for vegetables at the St. Louis fair. The corps of men now getting up the fruit display under the direction of the horticultural director is also picking up a display of vegetables. Tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, peppers and all small vegetables are being gathered and preserved. Gerald Hoisinger is preserving the fruit and vegetables so they will keep.

To Negotiate a Treaty with Abyssinia.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Under instructions from the state department Robert P. Skinner, the American consul general at Marseilles, will penetrate the wilds of Abyssinia, guarded by a detachment of American marines from the European squadron. He goes to negotiate with the king of Abyssinia a commercial treaty, which it is hoped, will give important advantages to American trade.

Bogus Pension Examiners.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 22.—The pension bureau is after some bogus pension examiners who are operating in the west. In recent weeks a regular gang of swindlers has been fleecing old soldiers out of money. Secret service men are now trying to run down the gang. As a warning to all old soldiers now drawing pensions, the Topeka pension agency has sent out a letter.

Dowie's "Solution" of Race Problem.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—John Alexander Dowie has solved the race problem, to his own satisfaction at least, and intends that his solution shall be put in practice at once at Zion City. His plan, which is a simple one, provides for the intermarriage of blacks and whites on the ground that "we are all members of one great family."

An Earthquake in Illinois.

Olney, Ill., Sept. 22.—Residents of this city and vicinity were much disturbed yesterday afternoon by an earthquake shock. The seismic movement was accompanied by heavy rumbling, the action seeming to travel from the south to the north and continuing several seconds.



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