

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Where Poverty is Bliss.

The people of Zion City haven't the money that Dowie wants, so they will save just that much.

The Limit of Distress.

The Indian has suffered much, but he could never have believed he would become an "ethnological exhibit."

Do Not Molest.

Tennessee negroes have organized a party against the use of cocaine. It is to be hoped nobody will stuff the ballot box.

Dr. Hillis' Mistake.

When Dr. Hillis predicts that in 50 years the women "will be" smarter than the men, doesn't he know that it is no compliment?

Uncle Sam is Willing.

We are prepared to "exercise a protectorate over South America," but are yet in some doubt as to what South America will say about it.

Misery Loves Company.

The man who bought steel stock about a year ago knows how to sympathize with the Russian family that traveled 3,000 miles with a wagonload of "fool gold" which netted \$10 at the assay office.

Better Inspection System.

The immense growth of the post office department of the United States calls for a sure system of inspection. In a business that will soon reach a total of \$150,000,000 a year the methods of supervision should be revised and extended to keep pace with the growth.

Where Sense is Discounted.

That people still like romance and lack sense is shown by Dowie's story of the angel that appeared to him offering money, which is believed by Zion's host. Dowie goes on the principle that it is foolish to preach to people for being silly. Make what can be made out of it.

Home Duty Neglected.

The mother of one of the young Chicago bandits spent much of her time organizing boys' clubs and doing similar work with the purpose of keeping boys out of saloons, and was ignorant of the life her own son was leading. This is no reflection on the value of such work, but it emphasizes the old rule that the first duty of every parent lies at home.

Slight Tumble in Necessaries.

Apparently the prices of the necessities of life are coming down to accord with the general falling off in incomes. Radium, for instance, which a few days ago was selling at \$1,000,000, has now been marked down to \$900,000 a pound, and may go lower yet, if the Yale professors who are trying to extract it from the soil of the Nutmeg state meet with success.

Picturesque Variety.

An Italian cobbler fought with a Chinese laundryman in Manhattan over a stove-pipe job done by a German mechanic. A Hebrew tailor tried to make peace, and a crowd of negroes gathered to see the sport. An Irish policeman arrested the Chinaman and an American surgeon bandaged the Italian. Where else in the world could such a scene occur except in this country? And they are all Americans.

No Gas, but Many Kids.

In a divorce petition filed in Allen county, Kan., a wife alleges that her husband refused to put in natural gas and compelled her to cook with wood. The petition alleges further that "said defendant has treated said plaintiff with great negligence and cruelty" in spite of the fact that during 25 years "she bore him 12 children of the ages respectively of 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4 years and one 6 months.

Backbone of the Republic.

Forty years ago the farmers owned 55 per cent. of the wealth of the country; now they own only 21 per cent. But possibly this relative decrease is due to the fact that the farmer cannot capitalize his farm on the basis of the value of the land and the profits from last year's crops and the estimated profits from next year's crop. The farmer is the backbone of the republic, but he is woefully ignorant of high finance.

Where the Coal Fields Are.

Of an estimated coal area of about 4,650,000 square miles in the world, China is credited with 4,000,000 square miles, the United States has about 280,000 square miles, Great Britain 11,900 miles, Germany 1,770 miles and Belgium 510 square miles. Area is not, however, a true measure of value. The anthracite fields of Pennsylvania include an area of only 463 miles, but these are undoubtedly of more value than any coal area of like extent anywhere in the world.

MAY FREE BOODLERS

Opinion of Missouri Supreme Court Annuls Work of Prosecutor Folk.

It is Held That Information Issued by Prosecuting Attorneys Must Be Sworn to by Prosecuting Witnesses in the Case.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Notification of a decision of the Missouri supreme court, which brings into question the legality of hundreds of arrests and convictions recently made on information in St. Louis, and which, according to Circuit Attorney Folk, opens the doors of the penitentiary, through writs of habeas corpus, to many others, was received here yesterday by that official.

In the list of cases which, under the ruling of the court, could be affected if the plea of illegal arrest was raised, are the majority of the Suburban franchise boodler convictions.

A well-known lawyer yesterday said the statute of limitations in these cases expired last November and that if the present charges against the accused men should be found defective it would be impossible to bring new indictments against them.

All of the cases are before the supreme court on appeal and the records show that each case was tried on information furnished by the circuit attorney on his official oaths.

Mr. Folk notified Judge McDonald, of the criminal division of the circuit court, and proceedings were stopped in all cases affected. Nine cases were wiped off the docket and the witnesses sent to the grand jury room, there to give information on which to base indictments to take the place of the invalid informations.

The decision is that reversing the case of the state against William Bonner, which holds that an information issued by the circuit attorney must be sworn to by prosecuting witnesses in the case and that circuit attorneys or prosecuting attorneys could only swear to information from personal knowledge of the facts.

For two years, under a former decision of the supreme court, and under the constitutional amendment of 1900 and the act of 1901, prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys have been giving information under their official oaths. In St. Louis alone, it is stated fully 22,000 cases have been tried on such information and convictions resulted.

WILL LITIGATION NEVER END?

County Attorney Pleasant Begins Suit at Ottawa, Kan., to Recover the I. O. O. F. Orphan's Home Property.

Ottawa, Kan., Dec. 15.—County Attorney Pleasant, on behalf of the state of Kansas, has filed a suit to recover the Deboissiere orphans' home property in Franklin county, now held under a supreme court decision by Troutman & Stone, of Topeka. The present action is taken under the alien land law prohibiting alien heirs from acquiring title to the land of aliens. Troutman & Stone and the former odd fellows' board of home trustees are made defendants. The action asks possession and \$36,000 rental.

\$5,000,000 Shortage in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—A shortage of \$5,000,000, coupled with charges of misappropriation of funds and criminal mismanagement in the special assessment department of the municipal government, has been laid bare and proved by expert accountants as the result of two years of investigation.

School-Children Cause Wreck.

Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 15.—The locomotive, baggage car and first coach of a Rock Island train were thrown off the track ten miles east of Colorado Springs, and three trainmen were badly hurt. The wreck was caused by school children who placed a bolt on the track.

A Riot at Chanute.

Chanute, Kan., Dec. 15.—Ed McLain, Walt McLain, Seaton Mitchell and George Mitchell created a riot here in which one man was fatally wounded and several shots fired on the streets. The men were more or less intoxicated and making a disturbance.

Married a Couple Without Authority.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 15.—Moses Ridge, a full-blood Cherokee Indian preacher, is in jail here on a charge of having married a couple without having his authority first inspected and certified to by the district clerk. He was sent to jail for 30 days.

Want to Keep Their Negroes.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 15.—The labor agents representing Louisiana and Mississippi planters, who have been scouring Texas for negro farm hands to go to those states, have been warned by the Texas planters in a number of localities to leave.

May Ask the President.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The president may be asked to use his influence in getting Ziegler out of New York state and into Missouri, where he is under indictment in connection with legislative boodling.

TO MEET THE COLOMBIANS.

Marines from the Cruiser Prairie Landed at Colon and Were Taken to Panama, Thence Southward.

Colon, Dec. 15.—A company of marines from the United States cruiser *Prairie* was landed here yesterday under command of Capt. Smedley D. Butler and immediately started by train for Panama. The destination of the marines is said to be Yaviza, up the San Miguel gulf and Tuira river. It is believed that the decision of the naval authorities is to station marines at Yaviza may possibly be owing to the reports that Colombian troops have been sent in that direction, but up to the present time there is no reason to believe that any large force is under orders to march on Panama from Cauca.

Gen. Reyes Looking for a Call.

Washington, Dec. 15.—If elected to the presidency of Colombia by the overwhelming majority which Bogota dispatches indicate, Gen. Rafael Reyes, Colombian minister to the United States, would regard the call of his country as a command which it would be difficult for him to refuse to obey.

NEW CHAPLAIN OF SENATE.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the Aged Congregationalist of Boston, to Succeed Milburn—Recess Agreed on.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The house Monday adopted a resolution providing for a recess adjournment from December 19 to January 4. The speaker, by unanimous consent, appointed Delegate Kalaniano'ole, of Hawaii, as a member of the committee on territories.

The republican members in caucus decided upon Rev. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, for chaplain of the senate, beginning January 1. He is a Congregationalist and is now 83 years old.

When the senate convened Monday Mr. Bailey (Tex.) spoke on the Cuban bill. He opposed the measure, declaring it to be vicious both as a matter of law and of policy.

NOW SMITH IS SICK.

Trial of Senator Farris at Jefferson City Again Continued on Application of the Defendant.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 15.—Judge Graves continued the cases of Senators Frank H. Farris and Charles A. Smith, who were to be tried this week on charges of bribery, on application of the defendants. The continuance was asked on account of the illness of Senator Smith, who is a witness in the Farris case. It is stated that Judge Graves will set the Farris case for March 21 and the Smith case for March 23.

BONAPARTE AT MUSKOGEE.

With Clinton R. Woodruff He Has Been Commissioned to Investigate Alleged "Grafting" in the Territory.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Dec. 15.—Charles J. Bonaparte and Clinton R. Woodruff, specially appointed by the president to conduct an investigation of affairs in the Indian territory for the interior department, have notified complainants that they will hear evidence at Muskogee, December 18. The charges involve a number of federal officials and the Dawes commission.

Refused to Have White Officers.

Denver, Col., Dec. 15.—It appears that Colorado is to have no colored contingent in her national guard. Two companies of colored men had been enlisted and were at the armory last night to be mustered in. Col. Bloom was present as mustering officer, when "Maj." Charles Jones, a colored man, to whose efforts the formation of the companies were largely due, announced that he had learned that Gov. Peabody intended to officer the companies with white men. The colored recruits at once refused to enter the service.

Accidentally Killed His Own Child.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Elsworth Tendick, the seven-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Tendick, died yesterday from a wound in the head accidentally caused by a revolver in its father's hand. The father had taken umbrage at a remark made by Harry Sterling, a young man, to his wife and made an attempt to shoot him, although Sterling said no offense was meant. A scuffle for the revolver resulted in its discharge and the shooting of the child, which lay in its crib.

An Armed Mob Attacks a Town.

Lawton, Ok., Dec. 15.—An armed mob of 25 homesteaders, headed by Capt. C. A. Morris, of Hobart, attacked the mining camp of Wildman in the Wichita mountains, and demolished the buildings of the citizens. One building was moved off the town site and others were destroyed. The town is located on Morris' claim.

May Run Women for Aldermen.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 15.—To give Topeka a clean administration there is a movement on foot to run women for the council in the different wards at the coming municipal elections. Women interested in politics are behind the scheme.

MINISTER TO PANAMA

W. I. Buchanan, of New York, Named by the President.

Elections for Congressmen in the New Republic Will Be Held January 20—Colombian Troops That Landed on the Isthmus Withdrew.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The president has selected W. I. Buchanan, of New York, to be the first United States minister to Panama. Buchanan was commissioner general of the Buffalo exposition in 1901.

The state department has been informed that final steps have been taken for the formation of a permanent republican form of government in Panama. The news came in a dispatch from Consul General Gudgeon, dated Panama, as follows: "Election for constitutional convention called for January 4. The convention meets the 20th of January."

After causing a great flurry in military and naval circles in the United States, the Colombian government, according to information received by the state department, has abandoned its military expedition sent to the mouth of the Rio Atrato for the reported purpose of invading the isthmus, and the troops, after suffering great privations in their fruitless efforts, have returned to Cartagena. These were the same soldiers Tovar brought with him to Colon.

AT CHICAGO IN JUNE.

Republican National Committee Selects Time and Place for the Convention in 1904.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Chicago has been selected as the place for holding the next national republican convention. The committee fixed June 21 at 12 o'clock as the time for the meeting of the convention.

The offers made by the different cities was \$40,000 by St. Louis; \$60,000 by Chicago and \$100,000 by Pittsburgh. After some discussion the Chicago proposition was raised by Committee-man Stewart to \$75,000, he guaranteeing that Chicago would contribute that amount to pay the expenses of the assembling of the convention in that city.

The committee on arrangements for the convention are Senator N. B. Scott, of West Virginia; Chairman Hanna, Postmaster General Payne, Harry S. New, of Indianapolis and R. B. Schneider, of Nebraska.

NO SOCIALISM AT WASHBURN.

Eastern Financial Supporters of the Topeka College Want a Political Club Suppressed.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—An order has been given by the faculty of Washburn college that the Socialist club of the college discontinue its meetings. It is said to be the result of letters received from eastern financial supporters of the college saying they would withdraw their aid unless the club was suppressed. Some of the leading students of the college were members. Washburn college is conducted as a Congregational school.

Must Pay for Drinking Water.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—The concession for the sale of pure drinking water at the world's fair has been let to E. B. Lane. The water to be sold will be drawn from the famous artesian well in De Soto, Mo. It will be tanked in reservoirs just outside the grounds and from there is to be piped to various points on the grounds. The concessionaire will establish about 200 slot devices where, for the price of one cent, a glass of sparkling, cold water will be dispensed to the thirsty visitors.

Fatal Wreck Near Albia, Ia.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 14.—Five persons were killed and ten injured in a wreck at 9:15 yesterday morning on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, three miles west of Albia, Ia. The west-bound passenger train was in some manner derailed while running on to the Cedar creek bridge and five cars were wrecked by collision with the steel girders of the bridge. The wreckage immediately took fire and several of the victims were badly burned.

Trouble for Bryan's Son-in-Law.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 13.—Rumors have been current here for several weeks that a notable breach of promise suit was pending, but not until to-day did the rumors take definite form. Now friends of Miss Minnie Cook, an accomplished musician, say that she is about to begin an action against William Homer Leavitt, the artist who recently wedded Miss Ruth Bryan, daughter of William J. Bryan.

Miss Boise Must Go to Jail.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 13.—Blanch Boise, the disciple of Carrie Nation, who smashed the plate glass fronts of seven Topeka joints a year ago, will have to serve the jail sentence imposed by the Shawnee county district court under a decision rendered Saturday by the supreme court. Judge Hazen gave Miss Boise a 30-day sentence.



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