

The Weekly Independent

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A lazy man never believes that his pay is high enough.

Claiming to love God and doing nothing for the good of men is hypocrisy.

We shall be sure to go to bed tired if we spend the day looking for an easy place.

If any of the European sovereigns know how to play poker they will have a lively time when Editor Wattersson sits foot in their various capitals.

It is now in order for the unspeaking Turk to ask humanity to interfere to keep the Armenian from audaciously struggling not to be massacred.

It now appears that the excitement of the presidential campaign next year is to be complicated with the addition of another international yacht race.

It is something of a surprise to discover that the "new woman" has had no appreciable effect on the business of the marriage license clerk as yet.

The deadly pink lemonade seems to be getting knocked out all around this year. The Wisconsin state fair association sold a beer privilege for \$5,000.

That distressed expression on the face of the British lion may be taken as an indication that Mr. Bayard has already begun teasing with the tail-walker.

In Kansas a baptismal service was postponed for a ball game in which four of the converts participated. The report very negligently fails to state which side won.

Don't get the idea that you can make it all right with eternal justice for stealing from your fellowmen six days a week by giving the church a small percentage of the swag on the seventh.

It is stated in Chicago that the sugar trust, has made a combination with the wholesale grocers by which the department stores and retail dealers will be unable to buy sugar on a parity with the wholesalers.

The Mergenthaler typesetting machines are being so heavily taxed in various parts of the country that their owners have had to resort to court. This tax on machines is all wrong. It cannot stop the tide of progress as indicated by invention. The fault with the machinery lies not in the fact that they are cheap and facilitate production, but that the product is not equitably distributed.

Two Russian gunboats, the Teretz and the Uraloz, nominally attached to the Black sea fleet, are now allowed to pass freely between the Black sea and the Mediterranean without objection on the part of the Ottoman authorities. This is considered by Russia as the thin edge of the wedge that will open the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles to the Black sea fleet in spite of the Paris and Berlin treaties.

This test of religious principle in the eyes of the world is honesty of life. If it is apparent that one is not honest in temporal things his profession of religion will not be accepted as of much worth. They will be suspected as hypocritical. The effect of genuine piety is to lead men to do what God requires of them. The prophet sums it all up in one sentence—"What doth God require of thee but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God?"

Nashville, Tenn., announces an "international exposition" for next year, while preparations for a similar enterprise have actually united the quarrelling twins, St. Paul and Minneapolis. As since the Chicago world's fair the chief use of an exposition is to give excuse for a collection of "wide open" variety shows in imitation of the late Midway plausance, there may arise some justifiable doubt of the propriety of either national or local taxation in support of such enterprises.

The annual international grain market at Vienna estimates the crops as follows: Great Britain wheat estimate is 27 per cent worse, barley 30 per cent and oats 25 per cent worse than they were in 1894. France shows a decrease of 22 per cent in wheat and 20 per cent in rye and oats. "Austria-Hungary is reported rather better in respect of wheat, but decidedly lower in rye. In Hungary barley is lower, but oats throughout the empire are better than in 1894. Bavaria shows a decrease of 35 per cent in wheat, 40 per cent in rye, 50 per cent in barley, and 45 per cent in oats. In India the wheat crop is \$275,000 tons, against 5,223,000 tons in 1894. The United States shows 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, 21,500,000 bushels of rye, and 2,427,000,000 bushels of corn. Canadian wheat shows 67,000,000 bushels, against 57,000,000 bushels in 1894.

Inasmuch as a collision will send a ship like the Titon to the bottom in enough water to last three hours after the shock, is it right to allow such vessels to go on carrying many hundreds of passengers? It might be well for the United States to investigate the condition of all structures coming into or leaving our ports, and limit the number of persons permitted to travel in them. It would be easy to enforce such a rule whether the steamers were going out or coming in. It is said that the Titon has carried 1,200 passengers at once.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

UNCLE SAM WILL FIRMLY UPHOLD IT.

Administration Not Seeking a Quarrel With Great Britain. But Determined to Prevent the Extension of European Dominion on this Hemisphere.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—While it is absolutely true that for the first time in many years work at the navy yard and gun factories goes on night and day and that the successive notes on the Venezuelan affair have brought that controversy to a stage where England must assent or dissent to the Monroe doctrine, with hostilities in the latter event, there is no basis whatsoever for attributing to the administration the purpose to seek a quarrel for the quarrel's sake as a domestic political expedient and there is not in the existing situation the least suggestion of theatrical display. There is a firm, well considered determination to prevent the extension of European dominion on this hemisphere under any guise, though the petty turbulences of the sub-tropic regions will not be regarded by the United States.

Diplomatic circles are growing somewhat skeptical respecting the correctness of the London dispatches which announce that the ultimatum has been sent by Lord Salisbury to Venezuela. It is shown in the case in point that, although the arrest of colonial officers at Llanos occurred in November last, no official cognizance of the matter was taken by Great Britain until recently. Under these circumstances the probability of an ultimatum being suddenly sprung is seriously doubted, though it is not questioned that Lord Salisbury has sent a communication to the Caracas government directing their attention to the arrest of Sergeant Benens and asking for an explanation. If the Venezuelan explanation should not be satisfactory, then, it is said, Great Britain might, with propriety, respond with an ultimatum.

Senator Cullom said last night just before his departure for Illinois: "There is no question about the sentiment in Congress being in favor of the upholding of the Monroe doctrine. I suppose the doctrine will be declared in some more or less formal manner by Congress, and if the situation demands that anything be done to enforce its observance, Congress, I think, can be relied upon to act promptly. Great Britain does not seem to care very much for our opinion or our wishes and we must maintain our own dignity and uphold our own rights."

It looks as if most of the foreign powers had begun to feel that the United States was getting too powerful to maintain the old attitude of indifference toward the affairs of the world, and as if they saw in our increasing strength some imagined danger to themselves. They seem to be bridleing up and displaying a disposition to press us back, forestalling any possible aggressiveness on our part.

CLASH IN THE ORIENT.

Japan and Russia Preparing to Scrap Over Corea.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says that a Russian squadron of fifteen ships has left Vladivostok for Chemulpo and Fusan. The Japanese fleet in Formosan waters, it is also stated, has been recalled and it has been announced, on excellent authority, that several British warships have been ordered to sail for Corea. It is stated at Shanghai that Japan's reply to the demand of Russia that the former evacuate Corea is couched in pacific but firm language, and protests against dictation by Russia in affairs. It is regarded at Shanghai as certain that Russia will permanently occupy Fusan. The Shanghai dispatch says that the situation of affairs is most grave and that preparations for the expected struggle are visible on all sides; but it is hoped a solution of the difficulty will be found in Russia and Japan agreeing to divide Corea.

LAWYERS FIGHT IN COURT.

Still Another Fracas as Result of the Post-Dispatch Complication.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 25.—Today the Pulitzer Publishing Company appeared in Judge Wood's court and filed a motion for a change of venue in the hearing of the Editor C. H. Jones injunction suit. Judge Finkelburg, attorney for the Pulitzer side, in presenting his motion, averred that Colonel Jones had undue influence over Judge Wood. This brought Attorney Lewis to his feet, and a heated argument ensued, in which Finkelburg, ordinarily very calm and judicial in his speech, called Lewis a liar. The latter sprang at the aged attorney and struck him on the cheek with his clenched fist. It looked for a time as if a riot would take place in the court room, but the bailiffs finally succeeded in restoring order, and Judge Wood fined each of the offenders \$100.

Judge Wood granted a change of venue, and the full hearing of the injunction, which will decide whether or not Colonel Jones shall continue as editor of the Post-Dispatch and make the paper an exponent of free coinage, will be held before Judge Valliant, a sound money Democrat.

RUSSIAN VAN WYCK DRING.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The death of ex-Senator Charles Van Wyck of Nebraska may come any moment.

A MANGINA ENVELOPE VEHICLE.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The Marquis of Waterford committed suicide with a revolver at Carrigrohane. He has been in falling health, owing to an accident to his spine while hunting years ago. Lord Marquis Herbert says his brother has suffered greatly from dementia, and it is feared his wife's health will be seriously affected, as it has already. Lord Waterford underwent a surgical operation in 1891 for which he paid \$10,000, but a second one had to be done a few weeks ago. The operation cost \$10,000 and he died in the hospital.

FAST RAILWAY TRAVEL.

Phenomenal Time Made Between Chicago New York and Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 25.—The world's records for railroad time over a great distance was broken to-day by a special train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, which ran from One Hundredth street in Chicago, to Buffalo Creek here, a distance of 510.1 miles, in 481 minutes and 7 seconds, an average speed of 62.60 miles an hour. This time includes stops. Exclusive of stops the run was made in 470 minutes 10 seconds, an average speed of 64.98 miles an hour. The New York Central's record September 11 was an average speed of 63.61 miles an hour including stops and 61.21 miles an hour exclusive of delay.

The train left Chicago this morning at 3:29:27 a. m. (Central time) and arrived at Buffalo Creek at 11:30:34. Four minutes later the train came to a stop in the Central station in Buffalo. It was made up of three coaches, an engine and a tender. The coaches were two Wagner drawing room cars and Dr. Seward Webb's private car. Elsonmere, the combined weight of which is 394,500 pounds. The weight of the engine and tender was 181,000 pounds, making the total weight of the train, 575,500 pounds. Those on the train were Dr. Webb, third vice president of the New York Central, who, September 11, lowered the world's record on that line; his secretary, Mr. Leonard, who was the official timekeeper of the run; General Superintendent W. H. Caniff of the Lake Shore; A. J. Smith, general passenger agent; A. Handy, chief engineer; Assistant General Superintendent Bioggett; S. P. Gage, chief clerk to the general superintendent; and E. B. Cook, the superintendents of the various divisions accompanied the party over their respective sections.

Every arrangement had been made to expedite the run, switches being worked and all trains sidetracked for the flyer.

Across the Illinois prairies, through the Michigan farms and along the smooth stretches bordering the edge of Lake Erie the flyer sped. Brief stops were made at Hillsdale and Toledo to change engines and Cleveland was reached 320 minutes out of Chicago.

Different engines were used on each of the divisions and the runs for the divisions were: Chicago to Elkhart, 87.4 miles, in 85 minutes 25 seconds; Elkhart to Toledo, 133.4 miles, in 134 minutes 35 seconds; Toledo to Cleveland, 107.8 miles, in 107 minutes 6 seconds; Cleveland to Erie, 95.5 miles, in 85 minutes 32 seconds; Erie to Buffalo, 86 miles, in 70 minutes 15 seconds.

Between Chicago and Elkhart the train was obliged to slow down for railroad crossings eight times and to scoop up water once. The engine which pulled the train over this division was 957, Mark Floyd engineer. This engine is a standard Lake Shore passenger engine (eight wheeler) built by the Brooks Locomotive works at Dunkirk, N. Y., and designed by George W. Stevenson, superintendent of motive power for the Lake Shore. The diameter of her drivers is seventy-two inches; of cylinders, seventeen by twenty-four; weight on drivers, 65,000 pounds; total weight, exclusive of tender, 101,000 pounds.

SENATOR HILL SPEAKS.

Makes a Characteristic Speech at a Big Democratic Rally.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Senator Hill was the central figure in the great Democratic mass meeting under the auspices of the State committee, which was held at Cooper Union last night. Fred R. Condit acted as chairman, and with a few complimentary remarks introduced Senator Hill.

The Senator declared that the principles of the Democratic party were so plain and explicit that they do not need to be avoided. We have dodged nothing in the campaign and we are attempting to deceive no one. If we are right we want to win, and if we are wrong we deserve defeat.

On the tariff bill enacted in 1891 by the Democratic party he said: "It has been in operation only a little over one year. That time has not been ample to demonstrate its value and usefulness. It is to be regretted that it has not met the full expectations of its friends in realizing sufficient revenue to prevent deficiencies, but this consolation exists, that even if there must be some deficiencies for a brief period, there has been no unnecessary extravagant taxation imposed under its provisions. Sufficient time has not elapsed to determine accurately whether its reduction were all wise or justifiable, but it is believed in the end it will result in damage."

VENEZUELA WILL RESIST.

President Crespo Says They Will Oppose Any English Aggression.

CARACAS, Oct. 25.—President Crespo was asked to outline the position of Venezuela in regard to the demand of Great Britain that reparation be made for the arrest of British subjects and that a settlement of the boundaries between the countries be arranged. While the President of the Republic maintained a certain degree of diplomatic reserve, it is said on the highest authority that the government, as well as public opinion, does not expect any attempt at unjust aggression on the part of England, and confides in the Monroe doctrine.

Should, however, such aggression occur, Venezuela will resent bitterly. The Venezuelan government is still officially uniformed in regard to England's intentions.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS SMALL.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The statement prepared at the internal revenue bureau of the collection of internal revenue during the last three months of the present fiscal year shows the total to have been \$1,177,117, an amount \$100,000 less than the same period last year. The amounts from the several sources of revenue are given as follows: Spirits, \$1,177,117, decrease from the same period last year, \$100,000; tobacco, \$1,177,117, increase, \$100,000; stamps, \$1,177,117, increase, \$100,000; duties, \$1,177,117, decrease, \$100,000; other, \$1,177,117, decrease, \$100,000.

A GIFTED ACTOR.

Who Was Enabled to Draw the Pensions of Two Soldiers.

A regular personification of deceased pensioners has been discovered at the station of Dapoolie. This is a delightful, healthy place in the district of Ratnagiri, about five miles from the sea, at an elevation of 600 feet. It was the residence of veteran sepoy who had been pensioned after doing good service in 1857-5. An anonymous petition brought to light the distressing fact that pensions had been drawn long after the decease of the real incumbents, and that there was, besides an original scheme by which pensions still due to survivors had been intercepted and were in the main enjoyed by money lenders in the bazaar and by the native clerks of the department, says the Saturday Review.

A long investigation followed, in which the military authorities were all but baffled. But by the skill of an Englishman in the ordinance department and of an intelligent Parsee books were seized, rolls were inspected, and it was found that one Tannak, who had originally been intended for the army, had been in the habit of dressing himself up as a pensioner and drawing the allowances. This enterprising individual, from his photograph and from the letter press, must have had a lively sense of humor. He was sagacious enough not to personate more than two pensioners on the same day, one in the morning and one in the evening, except on special occasions, when he appeared five times.

His military salute was admirably given and he subsequently related, with just pride, how he had managed to draw the allowance of the subadar major and of Sirdar Ramnakh Bahadur for four years. Of course this gifted actor had got his own "commission" every time. The sharpness of the English superintendent in detecting a series of interpolations in the native account-books would have done credit to the best officers in Scotland yard.

Bagging Trousers.

A genius, who has devoted a great deal of his time to the question, has, he says, discovered how to prevent trousers from bagging at the knee. This is a piece of news which should send the public, or at least the male portion of it, into transports of joy. It will be no longer necessary for the poverty stricken dude to put his trousers under the mattress at night, nor for wives, who are proud of their husbands, to iron their trousers—the husband's trousers—after they have gone to bed.

The theory which has been evolved is that all trousers are cut from cloth in which the thread runs up and down and straight across the leg. Hence, when the strain comes on the knee of the trousers, those threads stretch, because the strain is directed upon them, and the trousers bag. A tailor has made a pair of trousers so that the threads run diagonally across the leg, and the result is said to be highly satisfactory. The strain is distributed indirectly upon the threads of the cloth, and the trousers fall back into their proper shape as soon as the strain has been removed.—N. Y. Sun.

Insuring Consumptives.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—Special.—Reports say that a leading life insurance company is accepting risks to the amount of \$300,000 on lives of consumptives taking the Amick Chemical Treatment for lung disease. The Amick Chemical Co. of Cincinnati is actually paying the premiums on this insurance and presenting policies to their patients. This company claims to have the most complete statistics on consumption in the world, and that these risks are good, providing the patients take a course of the Amick treatment.

pedal Grip.

An English device for enabling cyclists to obtain a firm grip on the pedal is now in use. It consists of steel plates with leather blocks for fastening to the sole of the shoe, with the object of affording cyclists a firm grip on the pedals. It is claimed that by using this appliance the shoe cannot slip, and the rider is able to "claw" the pedal round, so to speak, a new method of riding recommended, we understand, by well-known cyclists as the correct way of pedaling, akin, to a great extent, it overcomes the "lead center."

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An Exquisite Eton.

Off the southeast coast of New Guinea the island of New Britain, surrounded by a wall of coral 300 feet high on the outside and from fifty to thirty on the inside, maintains a vast village of natives, in whom war, crime and poverty have become unknown since the beginning of their traditions.

A Matter of Taste.

"No," answered the editor, "this poem of Tyburn's is not exactly the thing. For two years I've tried to bring him, but he has refused to stamp.—The Danville Journal.

STRIKE AT LEAVENWORTH

Three Hundred Miners Strike to Force Others to Demand a Uniform Scale.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Oct. 22.—All of the coal miners at the North Leavenworth shaft, about 300 in number, struck this morning for the purpose of forcing the local operators to establish a uniform schedule. The North Leavenworth company is paying eighty cents a ton, while the Home-Riverside company pays seventy cents. A meeting of all the miners will be held this evening to agree upon a plan of action. It looks very much as though there would be a general strike, as the Home-Riverside company is not disposed to raise the price.

Prairie Fires in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 23.—During the past four days destructive prairie fires have swept over parts of four counties in Western Kansas and a large scope of country in Eastern Colorado. The fire which has caused most damage started in the western part of Finney county Thursday and spread to Greeley county, burning over a country four miles in width, over 200,000 acres in all. A great deal of grain, broom corn, bush and forage was destroyed, together with barns, hay in the stack and outbuildings. In Northern Finney county much damage was also done. In Wichita county another fire started near the town of Haley and covered a territory three miles wide by seven miles long. Four houses were destroyed and many hay stacks and grain ricks ruined.

Bank of Garnett, Kan., Fails.

GARNETT, Kan., Oct. 23.—Bank Commissioner Bicknell took possession of the Bank of Garnett yesterday morning, for the benefit of depositors, creditors and stockholders, and is now engaged in an examination of its affairs. This bank closed down in the panic of July 1893, and resumed business in November of the same year. The management struggled hard to place it on a paying basis, but failed. The district court, which is now in session, will be asked to appoint a receiver. It is believed no one but the stockholders will lose anything.

Bank Furnished for Cashier Colean.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Oct. 23.—Upon receipt of a telegram from a Jacksonville, Ill., bank, the Citizens' National Bank of this city went on the bond of J. P. Colean, the defaulting cashier of the State Bank, and he was released. The original bondsman is E. Cockeyle, of Jerseyville, Ill. Colean, it is thought, will immediately be arrested on another count for embezzlement. He is still unable to arise from bed. His Jerseyville and Jacksonville relatives are all here. The bondsman is a relative of Mrs. Colean.

Postponed for Five Days.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 23.—Judge J. B. Johnson, master in chancery of the Santa Fe, received information to-day from Wheeler H. Peckham, solicitor of the Union Trust company, at present in New York city, that it would be necessary to postpone the sale of the Santa Fe railroad system from December 5 to December 10, as the necessary arrangements will not be completed before that date.

Free Beer for a Kansas Town.

GREAT BEND, Kan., Oct. 23.—When George Michael Heim of Kansas City, nephew of Joseph J. Heim, the brewer, was married last Thursday to Miss Catherine Wolf at Ellipton, he gave to each of the six joint keepers of the town \$10 to let him run the joints for the day and distribute free beer to all who desired to drink. Many people from neighboring places enjoyed the free lager.

Hay Press Factory Burned.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Oct. 23.—One of the Eclipse Hay Press factories, located on the line of the Santa Fe road, burned yesterday afternoon, the fire starting in the boiler room. The other factories adjacent were saved, together with a large amount of machinery in the building in which the fire started. The loss will not exceed \$10,000, fully covered by insurance.

Bloodless Duel Between Editors.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 23.—At Huntsville Frank Coleman, editor of the Argus and Robert L. Hines, editor of the Mercury, met on the public square and emptied their pistols at each other, exchanging one shot. Two of Oneal's bullets passed through Coleman's clothing, but neither man was hurt.

Closed by Lack of Business.

WELLINGTON, Kan., Oct. 23.—The First National Bank of this city closed its doors at 10 o'clock this morning by order of the directors. The bank had been doing business since 1883, with a capital stock of \$50,000. A gradual shrinkage of business is responsible for the suspension. The deposits amount to about \$1,000.

Leavenworth Miners Stay Out.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Oct. 23.—The situation among the coal miners is practically unaltered to-day. The North shaft men remain out and nearly all of the Home-Riverside miners. It is said, refused to go to work this morning. The meeting of miners last night favored a general strike.

A St. Joseph Bride Missing.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 23.—The pretty bride of James Lamb, in whom he was married early this month, disappeared a few months ago and her name can be found in her. Before her marriage she was known as one of the prettiest girls in the city, and had suitors by the dozen.

Clipped With "Lover's Marks."

CLAYTON, Iowa, Oct. 23.—E. E. Snyder of Clayton, the "Lover's Marks" man, came to this city last night with Miss Virginia Olson and they were married. The girl is only 15 years old and eloped from Rockfield, Ill.

Wagon Drivers to Be Licensed.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—At the annual meeting of the National Wagon Manufacturers' Association yesterday it was decided to raise prices because of the advance in steel, iron and other materials used in the manufacture of wagons.

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