



Current Topics

Marconi Is to Marry.

New York dispatch: Courtship and experiments in wireless telegraphy combined in the exclusive novelty that Gaglielmo Marconi, the inventor, was able to indulge in winning an American girl, Miss Josephine Bowen Holman, his engagement to whom was announced on his arrival at Queens-town last Friday.

Miss Holman is a daughter of the late Justice J. A. Holman of the Indiana supreme court. Marconi, who is only 27 years old, met his fiancee on the American Line steamer St. Paul in November, 1899. He had come to the United States and made a demonstration of his wireless telegraphy by sending wireless bulletins about the Shamrock-Defender yacht race.

When the St. Paul was sixty-miles from the Needles Marconi began sending telegrams to the wireless telegraph station that he has established on the Hampshire coast. He sent telegrams for Miss Holman, who was immensely impressed by the invention of her friend.

Marconi followed Miss Holman through Europe. They went to Paris, Nice and Monte Carlo.

Marconi came to New York a few weeks ago. It was reported he came

Fountain Cofferspot.

Below is shown an important improvement on the French coffee pot in which the water has to be poured through the ground coffee several times, the grounds in the old-style pot being suspended in a cloth strainer and the water allowed to filter through. In this new pot the water is automatically elevated to the top of the interior and falls in a continuous spray on the ground coffee. This is accomplished by means of the central vertical tube, which is provided with a flaring disk at the bottom, the latter having openings around the outer edge for the entrance of the water. It is a well-known fact that the water boiling in a pot or kettle can be made to force itself through a vertical tube provided with a disk at the bottom, and as openings are cut around the top of the tube the water falls directly on the wire gauze strainer secured to the tube just below the perforations. The pot can be filled with water to any desired point below the strainer, and when the required quantity of coffee grounds is placed on the gauze support and the pot placed over the fire it will automatically filter the strength from the grounds. As soon as this has been accomplished, the grounds are allowed to drain for a short time and the fountain and strainer are then lifted out before serving the coffee. One advantage of this device is that the slight jarring of the strainer by the movement of the boiling water causes the grounds to readjust themselves constantly, thus presenting all sides to the hot water.



tionless and muggy. If the house contains a workshop, another motor turns the lathe, or the pottery wheel, or actuates a loom, a set of carving tools or a lens-grinder.

Tillman Speaks Blood.

Washington telegram: The friends of United States Senators R. F. Tillman and John L. McLaurin of South Carolina are fearful that the political feud which has arisen between them will develop into a personal encounter. There is great danger that one of these hot-headed Southerners will say the word which will mean a duel, unless the friends can patch up the fast widening breach. In view of the present feeling of bitter hatred existing between the men that seems impossible. What seems most likely is that the men may meet somewhere and one or the other extend an insult that, according to the well-known South Carolina "code," can only be atoned for with blood.

Although Senator Tillman did not make his savage public attack on Mr. McLaurin until Saturday last, the bad blood between the men dates back more than a year to the time when the



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latter refused to take orders from Tillman and supported the administration by voting for the Paris treaty of peace. Hot words passed between them, but the men have avoided a clash until Senator McLaurin's recent speech in Charleston, S. C., where he advocated expansion, protection and support of President McKinley's policies, and by inference attacked Tillman's well-known hostile attitude toward the administration. This so angered the senior senator that he made the hot report in which he openly charged McLaurin with stealing a speech from a New York clergyman, and wound up with this defiance, whose meaning can not be misconstrued:

The people of South Carolina cannot be further deceived or misled by this man, and I speak now in order that they may fully inform themselves in all of these matters; and I stand ready to furnish the proof of everything I say, and, if necessary, will meet McLaurin face to face in any forum he may choose.

Senator McLaurin retorted in kind by charges as personal and as savage as those made against him. Of Tillman he said to a reporter:

He began his career by abusing and slandering better men. I have a contempt for an intellectual bully and shameless pretender masquerading as a statesman, a moral pigmy posing as the champion of honesty; and such a man talks of blushing for South Carolina on my account. I neither court nor desire his friendship or good opinion.

Nothing further is needed to demonstrate the bitterness of the feeling between the men. Each of them is known to be absolutely fearless, and a personal encounter would almost be a certainty if they should meet face to



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face. Duelling has been made a crime which disfranchises its participants in South Carolina, and if Tillman and McLaurin would meet on the "field of honor" both would lose their senatorial togs. This may help the heated statesmen to keep cool heads, but the friends of the men will take no chances and will do all they can to keep them apart until they have time to cool off.—George F. Curtis.

Electricity in the Household.

Now that electric motors are cheap to buy, cheap to run, and simple to operate, there is no good reason why they should not be forthwith installed in a million of our homes. A Diehl motor, using one-tenth of a horse-power at a cost in New York city of one cent an hour, runs a sewing machine with ease. A motor of double this size, of one-fifth of a horse-power, rotates a washing machine, and then, with electrical versatility, turns a wringer or a mangle. In summer a motor as small as you please drives a fan, and refreshes air otherwise mo-

Mexico's Arch of Peace.

Capt. Porfirio Diaz, son of the President of Mexico, and other prominent



Mexicans are about to have erected in the City of Mexico an arch of independence, 100 feet high, dedicated to the triumph of peace. Above picture is from the drawing of the proposed structure.

Gebhard Wants a Divorce.

Freddy Gebhard several years ago achieved world-wide notoriety as one of those who were most smitten by the charms of Lily Langtry, the famous English actress and beauty. He accompanied her all over the country, hiring a special car for her accommodation, and was most pronounced in his attentions to her. When the Jersey Lily returned to England and married Hugo De Bathe, Gebhard did not pine away and die. He was not of that stamp. Instead he cast about and soon married. Now it is announced from Sioux Falls, S. D., that Gebhard has arrived there with his valet and eleven trunks, preparatory to acquiring a legal residence. Although Gebhard says his visit there is for "business" reasons, it is generally believed that his sole object is to secure a divorce from his wife, who was Miss Louise Hollingsworth Morris of Baltimore. They were married in Baltimore in 1894. The bridegroom's gift to the bride of a \$50,000 diamond necklace and a beautiful ruby valued at \$20,000 made the marriage a notable one. Mrs. Gebhard was known as one of the "big five" most beautiful women in Baltimore. She is the daughter of John B. Morris of that city.



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Well Charged.

Toistol's new novel will be about a society girl named Spitzeloff. The book ought to make delightful summer reading, as the heroine's name sounds like the drawing of a glass of soda water.—Ex.



MISS JOSEPHINE HOLMAN.

to make some bargain with the United States government as to the sale of his invention. As a matter of fact, he came here to offer his heart and hand Miss Holman. She consented to receive them, and the two became formally engaged.

Miss Holman lives with her mother and sister in a luxurious apartment at 292 West Ninety-second street. She confirms the news of the betrothal.

She is of medium height, 22 years old, with blue eyes, hair of light auburn and a fair complexion. She dresses in the best of taste; is well educated and musical. She would not say when the wedding would be, but the family think it will occur in the early fall. The bride will then go to England to live.

A Popular Woman.

Paducah, Ky., dispatch: Mrs. Ottilia Hippel Davis has just won a contest to determine who is the most popular married woman in Paducah. She is one of the most beautiful women of the city, a fearless horse-woman and the champion bowler of the clubs.

Mrs. Davis, who now wears a diamond pendant with an inscription attesting that she is the winner of the popularity contest, is a true Kentuckian. She is the owner of five blooded horses. Recently a team ran away and threw her and her sister from the carriage. Mrs. Davis pluckily retained her grasp on the reins while the carriage was being demolished by the kicking and struggling animals, and she escaped unhurt. The follow-



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ing day she was seen driving the same team.

Mr. Davis is southern agent for a lumber company of Chicago.

Minding One's Own Business.

An example of minding one's own business is furnished by a Hungarian woman in New York, who having fallen out of a second story window and landed right side up, resented the officious attentions of neighbors who sent for an ambulance to have her removed to a hospital. What is alleged to be a faithful interpretation of the remarks she made to the doctor who responded to the summons is an indignant declaration that, having fallen out of her own window into her own yard, and having a doctor of her own, she would send for medical attention when she needed it.

MR. SAVAGE BECOMES GOVERNOR.

The Ceremony of Taking the Executive Chair Simple in the Extreme.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 4.—The ceremony by which Ezra P. Savage was inaugurated governor of Nebraska was simple. The incoming and outgoing governors met in the executive office. Immediately, and without any formality, Governor Dietrich signed his name to the resignation prepared in his office. This document was then taken across the hall to the secretary of state and was accepted by that official. Mr. Savage was then told of the acceptance. He walked into the private office of the governor-discharge of his duties as the chief executive of the state.

Governor Savage's first official act was the signing of the senatorial commission for Senator Dietrich. This was done with the pen used by the former governor in writing his veto messages and the pen was formally presented to Senator Dietrich after the commission had been signed.

Senator Dietrich about June 1 will go to Washington and will probably make his headquarters there during the summer.

"I will remove no office holder, man, woman or child, except for cause," said Governor Savage when questioned concerning the policy he would pursue. All appointees of my predecessor will be allowed to hold their offices so long as they do their duty. I intend to watch all of them, but as long as every one satisfactorily fills his place there will be no trouble."

The present clerical force in the governor's office will continue to serve under Governor Savage. Mr. H. C. Lindsay will remain, at least for a month, as the governor's private secretary, and R. J. Clancey, chief clerk, will hold his position so long as he desires to do so. Miss Lena Meyer, niece of Senator Dietrich, will remain permanently as stenographer.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS.

Weather Favorable for Advancement of Farm Interests.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, May 4.—The past week has been warm and dry, with more than the normal amount of sunshine. The daily mean temperature has averaged 9 degrees above the normal. The maximum temperature on the 26th was between 80 degrees and 90 degrees and at a few places exceeded 90 degrees.

The rainfall of the week amounted only to slight sprinkles, except in the central and southwestern counties, where it ranged from a quarter to slightly more than half an inch.

The past week has been very favorable for the growth of vegetation. Oat seeding is practically completed. Spring wheat and oats are coming up, and the stand is good. Winter wheat has grown well. Grass is generally backward for the season, but has grown well during the past week.

Veteran Held to Fortune.

PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., May 4.—John Phillips, an old veteran of this city, has been notified of the death of his father at McConnellsville, O., and that he is one of the heirs of a large estate. Nothing had been heard from Mr. Phillips for twenty years, and a letter from a brother in Peoria, Ill., states that hundreds of letters of inquiry were sent to postmasters throughout the United States and that his address was finally referred to the commissioner of pensions at Washington.

Cuts Off His Own Hand.

WINSIDE, Neb., May 4.—Theodore Erickson, an old man of this place, took a handaxe, and laying his left hand on the sidewalk, hacked it off at the wrist. He struck it three blows. Then leaving the hand and the axe on the walk he sat down on a step, where he was found and cared for.

Fix Date For Reunion.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., May 4.—The business men held a meeting here and fixed the time for holding the G. A. R. district reunion on August 20 to 23rd, inclusive. They are making arrangements for a large attendance, and a grand time is anticipated.

Lodge Books Found in Canyon.

HOLBROOK, Neb., May 4.—The official books and records belonging to the Odd Fellows lodge, which were supposed to have been carried off by the absconding secretary last fall, were found in a canyon north of town. The books are in bad condition.

Monument to Nebraska Soldiers.

MADISON, Neb., May 4.—Bids were opened here for the erection of a monument to the memory of three young men who lost their lives in the Philippines. There were six bidders. G. F. Shephard secured the contract, his bid being \$800 with a \$200 donation. The monument is to be twelve feet eight inches in height, granite pedestal, two bases, carved cap and an oxidized copper figure of a soldier in khaki uniform.

IS GOULD AND CLARK

These Are the Men Now Figuring in Union Pacific Theories.

BUYING IN ORDER TO CONTROL.

New Yorker Thought to Cherish Three-Road Control Scheme—Clark Wants Outfit for New Line, and is Said to Be Seeking Privileges in the East.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The Mail and Express says: It was learned from official sources that William K. Vanderbilt is a large holder of Union Pacific stock and that he acquired his holding after reaching a full understanding with E. H. Harriman. Those in a position to know assert that Mr. Harriman was placed at the head of the road at the instance of Mr. Vanderbilt, although others declare that Mr. Harriman is the joint choice of Messrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, George J. Gould and Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Mr. Harriman is a close personal friend of Mr. Vanderbilt and was picked out to manage the Union Pacific because he was regarded as an able railroad man. From sources close to Mr. Vanderbilt, it appears that the present management of the Union Pacific is not only in thorough accord with that gentleman, but has stood ready for a long time to make a deal with the Chicago & Northwestern, which the Vanderbilts control. But up to the present year of great deals, Mr. Vanderbilt, it is said, thought it was better for the Northwestern to have several strings to its bow, rather than tie up exclusively with the Union Pacific.

The Burlington deal, however, changed the western situation and the aggressive policy of Messrs. J. J. Hill and J. P. Morgan in combining the Burlington, Northern Pacific and Great Northern forced the Northwestern to prepare for future emergencies.

There are excellent reasons for the assumption that Mr. Vanderbilt has been the largest buyer of Union Pacific on the great rise to nearly 130 either for his own account, with a view to increasing his interest, or on account of Chicago & Northwestern, so that the latter can exercise a leading influence in Union Pacific.

There is good ground for believing that George J. Gould, as president of the Missouri Pacific and a leading director in Union Pacific, has been a heavy buyer of the latter stock and that by means of his large private holdings of stock which may later be turned over to the Missouri Pacific, the latter road will, jointly with the Northwestern, and possibly the St. Paul, control Union Pacific.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 2.—The Evening Express this afternoon published a report that private advices have been received here to the effect that John W. Gates, the steel magnate, is responsible for the recent phenomenal advance in Union Pacific stock and that Gates is acting for Senator W. A. Clark and associates, who are endeavoring to secure control of the Union Pacific as an outlet for the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad.

ANNIVERSARY OF MANILA BAY.

Admiral Dewey and His Comrades in Battle Meet at Banquet Board.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The third anniversary of the battle of Manila bay was celebrated here tonight by a banquet at the Raleigh hotel, participated in by officers of the American fleet who took part in that conflict. These numbered about twenty-five persons, less than one-fourth of those who were in the battle. The greater number of them came from stations along the Atlantic coast, from Portsmouth, N. H., to Norfolk, Va. The floral decorations were unusually attractive, but four large American flags, with the American eagle and shield as a centerpiece, were the features of the decoration.

Center of Population.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The census bureau issued a bulletin announcing that the center of population of the United States, excluding Alaska and recent territorial acquisitions, on June last was six miles southeast of Columbus, Bartholomew county, in southern Indiana.

German's Surprising Action.

HONG KONG, May 2.—It is reported that the Germans have selected a concession at Canton, that the preliminaries have been arranged and that possession will be taken soon.

Warrant for Thousands.

SOUTH MALESTER, I. T., May 2.—A warrant containing 3,000 names was issued by United States Judge John R. Thomas, in the northern district, and given to Marshal Bennett for service. The complaint was made by Hon. Tams Bixby, acting chairman of the Dawes commissions, and is against the Creek fullbloods who refuse to be enrolled. The commission has tried for several weeks to get the Creek Indians to enroll to no avail, avail.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. Cattle—There was a fairly liberal run of cattle, and owing to unfavorable reports from other points trade started out a little slow and packers in some cases tried to buy their supplies a little lower, but the market soon braced up and packers paid just about steady prices. There were about 60 cars of beef steers included in the receipts and except for the first round the market was steady and active. The more desirable kinds sold readily at yesterday's quotations, and even the commoner grades sold without much trouble at what looked to be steady prices. As has been the case for some time past, there were not many cows and heifers on sale. Buyers seemed to want the cattle and although the trade was a little slow in starting, it ruled fairly active and just about steady later on. Bulls also sold in just about yesterday's notches, and the same could be said of veal calves and stags. Stockers and feeders eased off a little. The high prices of the last few days have rather shut off the demand from the country and as a result speculators did not care for any more cattle at the fancy prices paid yesterday and the day before. In some cases sales were made that looked as much as 10.15c lower than the same kind sold for yesterday and the day before. The common cattle were neglected and also sold lower.

Hogs—Today's hog market was a big nickel higher than yesterday. The quality of the offerings was better than yesterday, which makes the market show up on paper 5/16c higher. The supply was liberal, but the demand was fully equal to the occasion and trade was active at the advance. Practically everything offered was out of first hands by 9 o'clock. The bulk of the mixed hogs sold at \$3.70 and \$3.72. The heavier and better grades sold largely at \$3.75, while the light and common stuff sold from \$3.67 1/2 down.

Sheep—There were not many sheep on the market. Following are quotations: Choice wethers, \$4.25@4.55; fair to good wethers, \$4.00@4.25; clipped wethers, \$3.75@4.00; choice lightweight yearlings, \$4.40@4.65; fair to good yearlings, \$4.25@4.40; clipped yearlings, \$4.15@4.35; choice lightweight ewes, \$4.00@4.15; fair to good ewes, \$3.50@4.00; clipped ewes, \$3.25@3.75; choice lambs, \$4.90@5.00; fair to good lambs, \$4.65@4.90; clipped lambs \$4.20 @4.40; spring lambs, \$5.50@6.50; feeder wethers, \$3.50@4.00; feeder lambs, \$4.00@4.40.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Market active, but generally steady to be lower; choice native steers, \$5.15@5.40; fair to good, \$4.90@5.15; stockers and feeders, \$3.85@5.25; western-fed steers, \$4.60@5.00; Texans and Indians, \$4.25@4.45; cows, \$3.35@4.50; heifers, \$3.50@4.20; bulls, \$3.40@4.50; calves, \$4.00@6.00.

Hogs—Market 5/16c higher; top \$5.87 1/2; bulk of sales, \$5.65@5.85; heavy, \$5.80@5.87 1/2; mixed packers, \$5.70@5.80; light, \$5.35@5.75; pigs, \$4.25@5.30.

Sheep and Lambs—Choice lambs, steady; sheep, slow; common grades, 10c lower; western lambs, \$4.75@5.00; common to good, \$4.35@4.70; clipped Texas sheep, \$3.75@4.10; western ewes, \$3.75@4.40; culls, \$2.75@3.50; spring lambs, \$5.50@6.50.

WORK BEGINS IN MANILA.

Philippine Commission Inaugurates Civil Government Procedure There.

MANILA, May 4.—Civil government in Manila was established today as a preliminary to the inauguration of a general civil government. The United States Philippine commission is unwilling at present to permit the experiment of elections here, although they have been authorized in all other municipalities. Judge Taft says a municipal structure for Manila will shortly be erected. The officers will probably be appointive. Lepanto and possibly all the other uncivilized provinces will be organized specially on a plan similar to that adopted in the province of Bengali.

The board of health has completed the census of Manila. The population numbers 244,732.

The trial of Lieutenant Boyer, charged with commissary irregularities, has been completed. The verdict has not been announced. The trial of Captain Barrows, also charged with commissary irregularities, begins Monday.

PRESIDENT BURT EXPLORES.

He and Clark to Inspect the Proposed Extension to the Coast.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 4.—President Horace G. Burt of the Union Pacific and General Manager D. O. Clark of the Union Pacific Coal company arrived here this morning in Mr. Burt's private car. They left this evening for Nevada, where they will meet General Manager Bancroft and General Superintendent Calyin of the Short Line. After inspecting the line and investigating the work that has been done in track laying on the recently contested grade, the party will proceed in all probability by wagon over the route to be taken by the Short Line in its extension to the coast. A visit to the coal fields in the vicinity of Cedar City also is to be made.

Shoots at Her Four Times.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 4.—A man who gave his name as H. A. Simmons of Shenandoah, Ia., was arrested upon the charge of shooting with intent to kill. Mrs. Sidney Botts states that Simmons accosted her while she was standing in front of her house and upon her refusal to answer his question, he drew a revolver and fired at her four times, but the shots were wild and none of the bullets took effect.