

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

PRESIDENT OF SWISS REPUBLIC.
Dr. Joseph Zemp, the newly elected president of the Swiss Republic, is regarded as a genuinely capable statesman and eminently qualified to preside over the national council which initiates all legislation in the little mountain state. He is a leader in the conservative party, although he is known to hold tolerant and even liberal views in matters of great weight. Dr. Zemp is 67 years old, and is a native of Entlebuch, Lucerne. One year ago he was elected vice-president, and he comes into his present office by virtue of the unwritten law that the vice president shall succeed to the highest office, providing his services in the subordinate positions have been satisfactory to the people. As vice president he was head of the depart-



ment of state railways and telegraphs, where he was well tested in the art of the government. He was elected over two opposing candidates.

BIBLE GIVEN TO THE AMEER.

Abdur Rahman thought much about religious problems. It is not, however, generally known that he was the possessor of a copy of the new testament in Loewenthal's erudite translation into Pushtu, which was forwarded to him by the Rev. Worthington Jukes of the Church Missionary society, stationed in the Punjab, just after the great durbar held at Rawal Pindi by the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, as viceroy, in 1884.

Acknowledging this the ameer wrote, says the London Telegraph, in his own hand, to Mr. Jukes: "I received your letter. You had regretted therein that you had been unable to see me, and that, through want of leisure, you could not. For my part I am exceedingly sorry that, during my present visit to the Indian frontier, I had not the opportunity of seeing the most learned and intellectual of the British kingdom. Everything has its own allotted time. The copy of the bible which you have sent I have received, and I accept it with great reverence. Though we have nothing to do with all that is written therein, yet we respect it, accepting it as a book handed to us by God. I shall take extracts of all those verses which fully correspond with those of our koran, besides all such passages as are interesting; I shall act upon them; I have had the greatest pleasure in receiving this present, which is the best of all."

MAY BE POPE LEO'S SUCCESSOR.

Cardinal Gottl is discussed on every side in Rome as the successor to the papal throne. Much color is lent to this report by the fact that the great Carmelite was recently called in consultation by Pope Leo, who requested to be left absolutely alone with his favorite cardinal. The two were closeted together for two hours. The peculiar insistence of the pope on perfect privacy is regarded as giving significant meaning to the interview, and the general opinion is that the pope has definitely and finally selected his



favorite as prime candidate for the papacy. Cardinal Gottl is 67 years old.

India the Land of Reports.

India is the land of reports. There is a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, annual plague of them. There is no country, probably, in which so many useless reports are written and so few read. In one province the chief business of the local government consists of dunning its officers for statistics and reports, and in compiling them from volumes for the delusion of the supreme government. More than one-half of the time and energy of every civil officer is taken up in writing.

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

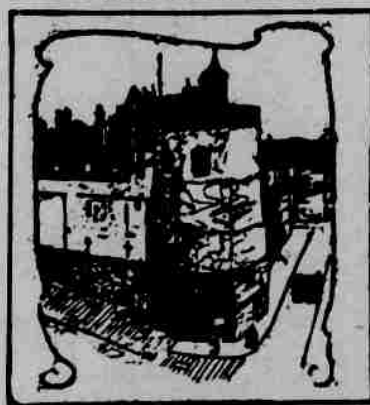
SCARED THE BANK TELLER.

While eating his luncheon in the cozy corner of a downtown restaurant last Friday the teller of a New York bank told an interesting experience that he had had the day previous. "I never had such a fright in my life before," he said. "When I left home in the morning I planned to have my wife meet me at the bank at 4 o'clock, when we were to start on a little spree—have a dinner at the Waldorf and attend the theater at night. "I took a dress-coat and wore a silk hat, so as to be all ready to start when she came. The hat was placed on a shelf above my window, and from the beginning I planned to be all ready when my wife called. I kept tab on my checks and my cash in such shape that but little time would be required to balance my accounts when we closed at 3 o'clock.

"Matters went along as usual, excepting that a black cat kept in the bank came to visit me shortly after luncheon, jumped on the shelf and knocked my hat down on my checks and cash. You know that black cats are supposed to bring bad luck.

"Well, 3 o'clock came, and I hurried with the closing of my accounts. As fate would have it, for the first time in weeks there was an error. I was \$10,000 short. Then I was frightened. I went over everything again with the same result. Four o'clock and my wife came, and I could not account for the \$10,000. I saw trouble, with a probable accusation of embezzlement. There was no leaving the bank with matters in that condition, so at it I went again—with the same result. Then I told the president of the situation, and he sent one of the bookkeepers to assist me. We went over everything, and yet the \$10,000 could not be accounted for. My wife was patiently waiting for me, and when 6 o'clock came I decided to go with her to dinner, and come back afterward to renew the search for the error. I reached my hat from the shelf, and as I was placing it on my head out of it fluttered a check for \$10,000. The black cat was responsible for all my trouble."

THE KING'S REFUGE.



The picture printed herewith is of the King's house at the Tower of London, where his majesty is supposed to take refuge in times of civil commotion. This relic of ancient days has been brought into prominence by a recent discussion. There is now little doubt that the real reason for its being so called is because it was set aside in olden times as a royal harbor of refuge.

Graveyard of the Atlantic.

Situated about ninety miles off the coast of Nova Scotia and surrounded by many dangerous shoals is Sable Island, called "the graveyard of the Atlantic." It often lurks invisible in the track of westward bound ships wrapped in the fog which at times enshrouds the shores north of the St. Lawrence. It is now proposed to try planting it with trees in the hope of binding its shifting sands together. Some 80,000 trees, comprising 68,000 evergreens, such as spruce, pine and juniper, have been actually planted. There are three life-saving stations supplied with lifeboats and excellent apparatus, and the population, composed of the men employed in this service, with their wives and families, number forty-five. The funds are supplied by the Dominion government. Shelter huts have been erected for shipwrecked people, and a large store of food is always kept on hand.

Sunshine as Medicine.

No sirup of poppies, no tincture of opium, no powders of morphine, says one of the medical journals, can compare in sleep-producing power with sunshine. The worst soporific is laudanum and the best is sunshine. Therefore it is easily understood that poor sleepers should pass as many hours in the sunshine as possible. Many women are martyrs and do not know it. They shut the sunshine out of their houses, they wear veils, they carry sunshades, and do all that is possible to keep off the subtlest and yet most potent influence which is intended to give them strength and beauty and cheerfulness.

A Commonplace City.

Berlin, as compared with London, is an upstart city, and the Berlin crowd suggests the appearance of people of some great village. They look commonplace, as if just taken from the ranks of toilers that have not yet had time and money to cultivate the more graceful arts of life. The dressing of Berlin women is mostly execrable, and that of the men is scarcely better. You wonder that so much of ugliness of attire, so much commonplaceness in the appearance of men and women could be got together. It is in such a moment that you feel the full difference between London and Berlin.

Persons, Places and Things

HELP FOR YOUNG VIOLINISTS.

A distinguished French violinist has perfected a device of considerable importance to young people who are learning to play the violin. As all who are familiar with violin playing know, it is highly important that the instrument be held correctly to secure the best results. The new device accomplishes this end by furnishing a support for the arm.

It keeps the arm from becoming tired, and at the same time keeps the shoulder in proper position. The support consists of a semi-circle enfolding the lower part of the arm a little above the elbow. It is connected with a belt that can be shortened or lengthened according to the size of the



arm. By preventing fatigue and keeping the shoulder and arm in position, it gives the player great power over the instrument.

It is said that experiments have shown that young violin players in Paris who use it learn more quickly than those who do not.

Needlework of Nuns.

The most beautiful needlework in the world comes from the convent. The fact is unquestionably due to the training the young apprentice receives on less than a quarter of a yard of cloth all the fundamental rules of sewing. Industrious she plies her needle on this bit of cloth, mastering inch by inch all the finer arts of the delicate needlework; one of the greatest object lessons to mothers with growing daughters, who are permitted to destroy valuable silks and linens, ruining both temper and goods over something that is pure Greek to the crude beginner. How often materials so eagerly and hopefully purchased become useless in the hands of the person whose brain has no knowledge whatever of the vastness of the undertaking before her.

The nuns, with whom wastefulness is a deadly sin, teach every stitch more carefully, nor is this practice made tedious and difficult by giving the students long hems, heavy coarse garments and yards of tucking. A tiny piece of goods of moderate weight, a needle in size to carry 70 or 80 thread, are the implements of practice.

Irish Granite.

Donegal now threatens the supremacy of Scotland in the matter of granite. Experts who have been paying extended visits of inspection in the neighborhood of Dungloe, in West Donegal, report immense formations of granite, which for variety of shade, durability, and general beauty are said to rival the famous products of Aberdeen and Peterhead. The Dungloe granite, it is stated, embraces almost every variety of color and texture, the predominating shade being red and flesh-colored stones of medium and coarse grain. A still more beautiful variety of stone, which is found in Dungloe, is the very dark micaceous granite, closely resembling the handsome "Labrador" with which many London buildings are pillared.

When it is remembered that one firm alone in America imports \$95,000 worth of polished granite yearly from Aberdeen, and that the demands for the highest class stone in all shades is ever on the increase, there should be thriving times for Donegal in the near future.

AID FOR ORATORS.

German orators who like to appear to be inspired by the ardor of fiery thoughts within them, and yet who cannot speak two decent utterances consecutively without notes, have arrived at a scheme whereby they may



appear as deep as Demosthenes and as shifty tongued as Sheridan. The illustration tells the story. All a man has to do is to let his hair grow long and keep a trained phonograph.

Amazonian Snuff.

On the Amazon River several Indian tribes use snuff called pareca, which is made of the seeds of a species of plant. When a bout of snuff-taking is determined upon the people become highly intoxicated and then use the snuff. The effect is that the taker drops as if shot, and lies insensible for some time; those most accustomed to it are highly excited, dancing and singing as if mad. The effect soon subsides. Other tribes use it to repelague during the wet season.

STATE SCHOOL MONEY

Apportionment for Various Counties by the Superintendent.

NOW THE APPORTIONMENT IS MADE

Sources From Whence the School Money Is Derived—Table Showing How Much Each County Gets—Miscellaneous Matters Here and There.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18.—State Superintendent Fowler has completed the state school apportionment and forwarded copies to Auditor Weston, so that the various counties may receive state warrants for their share of the fund. The total subject to apportionment of the temporary school fund. The total subject to apportionment is \$316,813.59, as compared with \$307,830.54 for December of last year. The apportionment is made on a basis of school population. Last year the number of persons of school age in the state was 377,791. This year the number is 376,959. The rate per scholar last year was a fraction over 81 cents. This year it is 84 cents.

The money to be distributed was derived from the following sources:

State tax, \$83,473.89; interest on U. S. bonds, \$300; interest on county bonds, \$75,149.56; interest on school district bonds, \$1,004.58; interest on school and saline lands sold, \$72,051.71; interest on school and saline lands leased, \$61,556.27; interest on warrants, \$20,953.78; game and fish license fees, \$2,345; peddlers' license, \$148.80; total amount, \$316,813.59.

The following shows the number of scholars in each county and the amount of money due under the apportionment:

County.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Due.
Adams	7,450	\$ 6,276.31
Antelope	4,387	3,696.86
Banner	287	241.79
Blaine	158	123.11
Boone	4,196	3,534.95
Box Butte	1,562	1,315.92
Boyd	2,627	2,213.14
Brown	1,250	1,066.77
Buffalo	7,832	6,588.12
Burt	4,564	3,844.97
Butler	5,945	5,006.41
Cass	7,899	6,646.98
Cedar	4,326	3,667.70
Chase	849	719.91
Cherry	1,392	1,241.19
Cheyenne	1,554	1,306.18
Clay	5,899	4,965.77
Colfax	4,410	3,715.24
Cuming	5,690	4,801.16
Custer	7,843	6,607.30
Dakota	2,306	1,941.56
Dawes	1,817	1,547.69
Dawson	4,418	3,721.96
Deuel	794	668.31
Dixon	3,882	3,270.44
Dodge	6,825	5,784.52
Douglas	49,792	41,965.81
Dundy	815	686.09
Fillmore	5,621	4,769.15
Franklin	3,501	2,949.44
Frontier	3,023	2,546.75
Furnas	4,217	3,552.64
Gage	10,596	8,850.86
Garfield	753	634.37
Gosper	1,815	1,529.05
Grant	305	257.70
Greene	2,414	2,033.69
Hall	6,948	5,865.13
Hamilton	5,815	4,924.52
Harrison	3,215	2,708.59
Hayes	838	705.63
Hitchcock	1,629	1,372.56
Holt	4,727	3,982.29
Hooker	78	64.71
Howard	4,304	3,625.94
Jefferson	5,885	4,920.88
Johnson	4,091	3,446.49
Kearney	3,770	3,191.82
Keith	693	583.12
Kimball	1,062	894.69
Knox	547	461.14
Lancaster	22,306	18,707.60
Lincoln	4,623	3,897.63
Logan	341	287.28
Loup	499	420.39
Madison	6,204	5,226.50
McPherson	129	117.19
Merrick	3,173	2,673.12
Nemaha	2,859	2,401.60
Nemaha	3,323	2,804.58
Nuckolls	4,542	3,826.44
Otoe	7,249	6,099.33
Pawnee	4,234	3,541.69
Perkins	594	500.42
Phelps	3,556	2,980.02
Pierce	3,383	2,852.58
Platte	6,629	5,577.07
Polk	4,921	4,137.53
Red Willow	3,340	2,833.31
Richardson	6,967	5,884.66
Rock	1,083	912.28
Saline	7,592	6,374.71
Sarpy	3,107	2,617.51
Seward	3,201	2,708.59
Scotts Bluff	1,067	894.69
Seward	5,737	4,833.18
Sheridan	1,849	1,547.69
Sherman	2,547	2,132.59
Sioux	523	435.56
Stanton	2,475	2,063.57
Thayer	3,396	2,852.58
Thomas	191	160.91
Thurston	2,105	1,773.37
Valley	2,851	2,401.60
Washington	4,609	3,854.58
Wayne	3,767	3,152.59
Webster	4,212	3,578.43
Wheeler	526	441.56
York	4,132	3,465.35
Total	376,959	\$316,813.59

Hastings Pest House Burns.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 18.—The Hastings college hospital and pest house was destroyed by fire. There was one smallpox patient in the house at the time the fire broke out, but as he was awake he escaped in good time.

McKinley's Birth Anniversary.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 18.—The Grand Army of the Republic of this city has decided to make President McKinley's birthday, January 29, the occasion of a grand patriotic meeting of soldiers and citizens.

Planning Public Library.

MINDEN, Neb., Dec. 18.—The ministers of Minden are perfecting a plan by which they hope to start a self-supporting public library and reading room in Minden.

BONNESS MUST GO BACK

Governor Grants Requisition, but Chicagoan Still Battles.

OMAHA, Dec. 21.—Governor Savage granted the requisition of the governor of Illinois for the return to that state of Frederic Bonness, who was arrested in Omaha December 10, and was later released on bond.

Bonness is charged with deserting in Chicago his wife and four small children. Policeman Joseph T. Barry left the Windy City immediately upon his arrest, bringing with him the necessary papers. Bonness, through his attorneys, claims that he is not married to the woman. The officer who is after him says that the woman is the legal wife of the man and that when Bonness left Chicago he had in his possession \$1,400, leaving his wife penniless with a child but three weeks old and the three other children too small to care for themselves.

The fight made before the governor by Bonness' attorneys lasted for some time, and upon its conclusion the papers were signed for his return.

Immediately upon the receipt of the information in Omaha Bonness was re-arrested and his lawyers began habeas corpus proceedings and the argument will be heard before Judge Baker. Bonness is a meat cutter by trade and was employed while in Omaha by the Omaha Tea company.

ADULTERATION MUST STOP

State Proposes to Enforce Pure Cider Vinegar Act.

LINCOLN, Dec. 21.—Deputy Food Commissioner S. C. Bassett is preparing to prosecute manufacturers and dealers who sell vinegar that does not come up to the test required by the law or sold under a false name. The department has already analyzed many samples of alleged cider vinegar and found it to be a base imitation. A distilled product, colored to resemble apple cider vinegar, is the most common of the adulterated article on the market. One of the surprises is that the state has bought "cider vinegar" for 3 cents a gallon, and upon investigation it proved to be below the test required by law and bore no evidence of having been in the vicinity of an apple. Vinegar of this character has been shipped into Nebraska for 3 cents a gallon and retailed for from 25 to forty cents a gallon as pure cider vinegar. One sample taken from a Lincoln store contained salicylic acid. This acid is used as preservative and according to law its use is made an offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.

OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS

Teachers Attending Association Meeting Will Get Low Rates.

LINCOLN, Dec. 21.—For the information of teachers and others who wish to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, Superintendent Fowler publishes the following rate bulletin, which was received from the Western Passenger association:

"Rate of one fare for the round trip from points in Nebraska and the Black Hills district of South Dakota; excursion tickets to be sold from points in the territory mentioned from which the local one way rate to Lincoln is more than \$3 on December 30, 31 and January 1, and from points within the radius mentioned on December 31 and January 1, good to return until and including January 4, 1902. Tickets limited for going passage commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction."

Shortage Made Good.

LINCOLN, Dec. 21.—The shortage of former Oil Inspector J. N. Gaffin was made good by the payment of \$522.03 to the state by the Fidelity and Deposit company of Baltimore. The settlement was brought about by the state board of compromise, of which the attorney general, state treasurer and state auditor are the members. A check for the amount was given to the auditor.

Live Stock Stands It.

HARRISON, Neb., Dec. 21.—A blizzard set in Sunday evening and continued until Monday evening, piling up a foot of snow on the level and great heaps in railroad cuts and over the range. Cattle are in good condition, and it is thought will be able to tide over all right.

Mrs. Nation at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Carrie Nation lectured here, but her audience was quite small owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Missouri Against Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Dec. 21.—Attorney General Prout has returned from Washington, where he appeared before the supreme court and asked that commissioners be appointed to take evidence in the suit of Missouri against Nebraska. The controversy arises over several acres of land cut off from Nebraska by a sudden freak of the Missouri river. The land and citizens are still considered Nebraska's, taxes being paid in Nebraska county.

IT PASSES THE HOUSE

Philippine Tariff Bill Has Majority of Thirty-Five Votes.

LOUISIANA DEMOCRATS SUPPORT IT

On Republican Side Five Members Oppose the Measure—Dingley Rates on Goods Entering the United States From Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The bill to provide revenue temporarily for the Philippine Islands passed the house today by a vote of 163 to 128. Five republicans—Messrs. Terrell of Massachusetts, Littlefield of Maine, Heatwole, Eddy and Stevens of Minnesota—voted with the democrats against the bill and three democrats—Messrs. Robertson, Davey and Broussard of Louisiana—voted with the republicans for it. Mr. Meyer, a democrat of Louisiana, was paired in favor of the bill with Mr. Foster an Illinois democrat. Mr. Warner of Illinois, who voted against the Porto Rican bill last congress, voted for the Philippine measure today. Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana, who also voted against the Porto Rican bill, was absent.

The democrats were several times today taunted with their failure to present an alternative proposition for the pending measure, but just before the vote was taken for the passage of the bill the attitude of the minority was defined in a motion to recommit, offered by Mr. Richardson, the minority leader. It instructed the ways and means committee to report the bill back amended so as to reduce the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States to a revenue basis and to extend them to the Philippines until the latter, with the aid of the United States, should be able to set up a stable independent government.

This proposition did not command a republican vote and the three democrats above mentioned voted against it. Mr. Meyer was paired against it. The speakers today were: Messrs. Hepburn of Iowa and Dazell of Pennsylvania for the bill and Messrs. Henry of Texas, Williams of Missouri, McCall, republican of Massachusetts, Green of Pennsylvania and McClellan of New York against.

The bill passed today imposing the Dingley rates on goods entering the United States from the Philippines and the rates established by the Philippine commission on goods entering the Philippines from the United States. It also provides for the collection of tonnage taxes on vessels plying between the United States and the Philippines and foreign vessels may ply between these ports until January 1, 1905. The duties and taxes collected shall go into the Philippine treasury.

SCHLEY FILES BILL

Brooklyn's Commander Submits List of Exceptions to Findings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Late yesterday Admiral Schley, through his counsel, filed with the secretary of the navy his bill of exceptions to the majority findings of the court of inquiry, and also a letter asking to be heard in connection with the objections to be filed by Attorneys for Admiral Sampson to the individual opinion of Admiral Dewey. This action was taken after Mr. Raynor, Mr. Teague and Captain Parker of counsel, had held a consultation throughout the day with their client.

Secretary Long, almost immediately after the receipt of the communication, called Judge Advocate Lemley and the solicitor for the department, Mr. Hanna, into conference. At its conclusion the secretary said that he had no statement to make regarding any action that he might take in the premises. He, however, indicated to Mr. Teague, through the judge advocate that he would not hear an oral argument by Mr. Raynor regarding Admiral Sampson's protest, but would receive a written protest.

Schley Gets More Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Judge Rayner and Mr. Teague have gone to Baltimore and are engaged with the preparation of the statement of objections to the court findings, which Admiral Schley has been granted permission to file. This work is expected to occupy them several days. Senator McComas of Maryland called at the navy department today and had a long talk with Secretary Long before the latter departed for the cabinet meeting. The senator came to the department to secure an extension of the time allowed for the submission of the statement.

Nominate Judge Baker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate: Miguel A. Guero, governor of New Mexico; Benjamin S. Baker, Nebraska, associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico; Levi R. Davis, receiver of public moneys at Sundance, Wyo.; Frederick Muller, receiver of public moneys at Santa Fe, N. M. Also the appointments under the Department of Justice announced yesterday.