

**TOPICS OF THE TIMES.**

**A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.**

**Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Mappings of the Day—Historical and News Notes.**

Now there is complaint of the encroachment of the trusts in South Africa.

Lucky is the Chinese diplomat who comes to this country. It is not only more sociable, but safer.

One of the things for which there is a "long felt want" is the invention of an automobile that doesn't want to climb a tree.

The various prophets and soothsayers who predicted that King Edward would never be crowned should go get a reputation.

It is understood that as a planter of canned goods the Baldwin expedition was one of the most successful that ever started north.

King Edward's recovery will go on rapidly now. It is a great relief for him to know that Alfred Austin has got the coronation ode out of his system.

Gentlemen who are constantly compelled to announce that they have been misquoted might try to avoid the trouble by closing down their language factories occasionally.

In view of King Edward's stubbornness it may be necessary for the gypsies to give up fortune telling and devote themselves exclusively to horse trading in the future.

Retail trade, to a remarkable degree, follows the gathering of various "money crops," as those are called which give the farmer his ready cash. When the strawberry money comes in, business thrives wherever this is a leading resource, and so on through the entire list of agricultural products.

For the first time in many years there is practically no quarantine in the Southern States against Cuba. Such quarantine cost the country hundreds of thousands of dollars in the expense of official stations from Norfolk to New Orleans, and in that entailed by disease and by delayed commerce.

Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, in a commencement address said: "Our country is growing better, not worse. We hear much of the evil tendencies of the times, or retrogression. But all countries and all times have had those persons who look only upon the dark and dismal side of things."

People who are too sick with tuberculosis to cure what happens will be delighted to learn of the new Balloon Cure recommended by the faculty at Paris. All it is necessary to do is to place the sick party on his couch in a new family balloon costing say \$30,000 and, with a good, tried aeronaut in charge, to rise to an altitude of 10,000 feet.

Lewis Earnest, a young draughtsman, of New York, ended his life in Philadelphia after he had wandered the streets without food for three days. He had pawned his instruments and waistcoat, and when the proceeds were gone he got 50 cents on his only coat, staggered into a drug store and bought poison which satisfied forever his gnawing hunger.

rendered by starvation. And these are not isolated cases. They are duplicated almost every day in the larger cities. Men and women and children literally die of literal starvation daily. These poor souls dimly understand what the world might do for them were the world wiser. And the world dimly understands that in some sort of way it is guilty of the death of these unfortunates. It is difficult for a starving man to convince the world that he is dying for want of food.

Russell Sage said a good thing the other day. He had had a birthday, his 80th, by the way, and he celebrated it by doing a big day's work as carefully as he knew how. Some one asked him to name man's best friend, and he replied: "Labor, toll, effort to do something, and do it well." In other words, Mr. Sage believes in work for work's sake. He has had his nose to the grindstone for 68 years; he has practiced what he preaches, and he asserts that the idle man is seldom the contented man; that the constant and continual pursuit of pleasure tires the body, wearies the soul and seldom brings peace to the mind.

The Agricultural Department has undertaken a big job. It will try to reform the hog. It is the theory of the department that the hog's heart is in the right place, that in his pristine condition he was of exemplary habits, but that he has fallen from grace. It is contended that the negligence appearance of the modern hog and his slothful manners are the result of both heredity and environment.

Refusal of \$250,000 for a Rose Bush. In the town of Hildersheim, in Germany, is a rosebush said to be 1,000 years old, and sprouts from its branches have realized fabulous sums. Some years ago a rich Englishman offered \$250,000 for the entire tree, but the sum was indignantly refused.

First Public Library in America. What was probably the first public library in the United States was started in Charleston, S. C., in 1749.

German Soldiers Must Swim. Only good swimmers are acceptable as recruits in the German army.

Young people wonder how old folks can get up as early in the morning as they do. The explanation is simple: they go to bed early.

**SHOT BY AN INDIAN.**  
Big Bear, a Sioux, Goes on the Rampage.

Naper, Neb., Oct. 10.—Big Bear, a Sioux Indian, is a murderer, and feeling for justice. Late Thursday night, at the Ponca creek school, in the South Dakota reservation, he shot and instantly killed Boss Farmer Edward Tayloe. He escaped and in his flight met and killed Johnnie Shaw, an Indian.

Ever since the order was issued cutting down the rations of the Indians by the department of the interior orders had been issued to all the boss farmers to use extreme delicacy in dealing with them on all occasions.

To add to this ill-feeling, Agent Charles A. McChesney and Special Inspector Chubbock, who visited Ponca creek school last Saturday, issued an order forbidding the Indians from selling wood outside of the reservation.

The feeling ran much higher and culminated in the murder of the boss farmer, whom the Indians ignorantly blamed as the cause of their grievances.

Bear asked permission Sunday of Tayloe to sell some wood at Bonesteel, and was told of the new special order, and the request was refused.

His wife, who was in the room at the time, dispatched the Indian police with messages to the authorities regarding the critical state of affairs at the school, and also an urgent appeal to Naper, asking for immediate aid.

A party was instantly organized sufficient to police the station until the arrival of federal authorities.

About one hour after the murder of Tayloe took place, and three or four miles further south, Bear shot and instantly killed Johnnie Shaw, an Indian.

It is reported from Bonesteel, S. D., that Bear had been arrested there.

**Dies From Dose of Poison.**

Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 10.—Jacob Kalasek, fifty-eight years of age died Thursday afternoon from the effects of a dose of poison, which, it is supposed he took with suicidal intent.

He had been worrying a great deal over family difficulties and this probably prompted him to seek relief in death. He took a large quantity of sulphur which he had removed from matches, and mixed it with whisky.

**Strikers Shot by a Soldier.**

Tamaqua, Pa., Oct. 10.—James Burnham, a striker, was shot and instantly killed by a soldier on guard duty at Brownsville, near here early Thursday. The place is the scene of several dynamiting outrages and Burnham is said to have been loitering in the vicinity of a non-unionist's house which was partly destroyed by an explosion last week.

The soldier called upon Burnham to halt and this order is said to have been disregarded and thereupon the sentry fired and Burnham fell dead in his tracks with a bullet through his heart.

**WILL NOT YIELD**

**MINERS DETERMINED TO FIGHT TO THE LAST DITCH.**

**VETO PRESIDENT'S ADVICE**

PRaise GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT HAVE GONE TOO FAR.

**BELIEVE THEY SEE VICTORY**

Calling Out of Entire Pennsylvania Coal Miners Failed to Cause Expected Sensation—Up to Operators.

Wilkesbarre Pa., Oct. 8.—The two principle features of the anthracite coal strike which claims public attention in local fields Thursday were, Will the miners yield to the desire of the president of the United States for them to return to work and investigate afterwards and will the mine operators be able to carry out their promise to produce enough coal to relieve the situation if given the protection of the full military power of the state.

An officer of the union now in the city, who does not care to be quoted in the absence of President Mitchell, for fear that it would be construed as being official, said to the correspondent of the associated press: The anthracite mine-workers of Pennsylvania appreciate the efforts being made by President Roosevelt to end the strike in the interests of the entire country, and they have only words of praise for him.

They feel that after sacrificing everything for the last five months, they consider it unfair for any one to ask them to return to work without a single concession, especially when the miners see victory almost at hand.

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**Young Farmer is Missing.**

Hastings, Nebr., Oct. 7.—The mysterious disappearance of Nicholas Cronsbrook, a young farmer who has been working the Claus Frahm farm has stirred up considerable excitement in this city.

The general comment that it is now up to the operators to mine coal now that they have the entire state military protection, which they have been asking for, is not shared by all officials of the companies. It is claimed the state has yet to show what it proposes to do.

There is a feeling among some of these officials that the mere move of sending all the troops into the coal region may, not bring the desired effect in bringing about an early resumption of the colliers.

**Departs From Indian Ways**

Buffalo Gap, S. D., Oct. 8.—A son of the late Chief Sitting Bull, of the Sioux nation, has departed from Indian tradition and is on the pay roll of the Elkhorn railroad company in the capacity of coal hauler at Buffalo Gap.

**CALLS ARMY OUT.**

**Katonia Pennsylvania Guard Placed on Duty.**

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 7.—The entire division of the national guard of Pennsylvania, 18,000 men in all, was ordered on duty in the strike region tonight by Governor Stone.

Governor Stone will neither affirm nor deny the report from Washington that he has been asked by President Roosevelt to call an extra session of the general assembly to settle the coal strike.

Lieutenant-Colonel Elliott, assistant adjutant general of the Pennsylvania national guard, arrived in Harrisburg at 3:15 Tuesday afternoon from Philadelphia and met Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, keeper of the state arsenal, at the Commonwealth hotel, and went from there to the executive mansion to meet Governor Stone.

Colonel Richardson had with him a package, which it is believed contained blue prints of the coal regions. Colonel Richardson said Colonel Elliott's presence had nothing whatever to do with the strike.

Col. Elliott is a graduate of West Point, and is regarded as one of the most efficient officers in the guard. Col. Richardson is division quartermaster and if the governor should decide to order the troops he will have charge of the shipment of the canvas and other camp equipment from the arsenal in this city.

**Niegendorf is Bound Over.**

Pierce, Nebr., Oct. 7.—The preliminary hearing of the case of the state of Nebraska vs. Gottlieb Niegendorf was held about half past ten Monday morning in the court room before County Judge Williams.

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**Sheriff Captures Whitzel.**

Geneva, Neb., Oct. 7.—Harry Whitzel, the young man who is charged with committing a criminal assault on Miss Brust last Thursday evening, was captured at Grafton.

**Horse and Buggy Stolen.**

Falls City, Neb., Oct. 7.—F. E. Dodson, living near Reserve, Kas., six miles south of this city, came to town the other evening to attend the street fair. He hitched his horse to a rock and when he was ready to go home his horse and buggy were gone.

The supposition is that they were stolen. Carls were at once sent out by Sheriff Hossick, but no trace of the missing property has been found.

**NEBRASKA**

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore, residing near St. Paul, was drowned. The child fell into a watering trough while playing about the barn yard and was dead when discovered.

Two barns, a granary and corn cribs on the farm of W. H. Anderson, near Buda, were destroyed by fire. The loss will be \$2,000. The family was away at the time the blaze started.

While attempting to make a flying switch at Davenport, the south bound Elkhorn freight train was wrecked. A car loaded with corn was overturned and several yards of track torn up.

The Beatrice brick works will soon be built, ground for the new plant having been broken. The company recently purchased a ten acre plot formerly occupied by the tile factory.

W. L. Wilson and H. N. Shewell through Attorney W. H. Pitzer filed papers with the clerk of the county at Nebraska City asking that the commissioners recover from ex-County Treasurer C. P. Lloyd \$1,000, which it is alleged was paid him in excess of the amount the law allows.

Preliminary work on the new depot at Fremont was begun to determine the quality of ground the building will rest on. In a letter President Burt of the Union Pacific stated that the building of the depot would begin as soon as complete plans were available.

A laborer named Oleson living at Eleventh and Castellar streets, Omaha, was scooped up by the fender of a street car Thursday afternoon and carried half a block before the car was stopped. He was unconscious and was placed in an ambulance for the hospital.

Hard coal burners are a "drug" on the market in Omaha, while the unprecedented demand for soft coal stoves has exhausted the supply.

Charles J. O'Connor of Shamokin, Pa., had to make an affidavit that he had never been in love before, was never engaged and had never been married, before the parents of pretty Theresa Suchy of Omaha, would allow her to become his bride.

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The state irrigation board overruled the protest of J. E. Riley against the granting to Andrew Rosewater the right to tap the Platte river for 6,000 cubic feet of water per second and conferred upon the latter the privilege petitioned for.

**Theodore Roosevelt on "The Presidency."**

Before his nomination for the Vice-Presidency Theodore Roosevelt wrote expressly for "The Youth's Companion" an article on "The Presidency." It will be published in the number for November 6, this being one of the remaining weekly issues of 1902 sent free from the time of subscription to every new subscriber who at once sends \$1.75 for The Companion's 1903 volume.

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