

Current Topics

May Die in Prison.

When Mark Shinburne, who got over a million dollars by robbing the Ocean Bank of New York city, is discharged from Dannemora Prison on October 10 next he will find Robert Pinkerton, the detective, waiting at the prison gate. He will be taken to prison in Concord, N. H., to serve a term of 19 years. Shinburne is now 67 years old, and he will die doubtless in jail; it is scarcely possible that he will live to be 86.

Mark Shinburne, or Maximilian Schonbein, is the most successful bank robber in this country. He is of fine physical proportions, five feet eight or

Lorenzo D. LeWelling.

Lorenzo D. LeWelling, governor of Kansas from 1893 to 1895, who died last week at Arkansas City, was a son of the soil, who rose from the state of a poor orphan to that of the head of a great commonwealth. He was born in 1846 at Salem, Iowa. His parents, who belonged to the Society of Friends, which had a large settlement at Salem, died when he was a mere child, and then began a fierce struggle with circumstances in which the future governor was triumphant at the last. Young LeWelling earned a living by working for farmers in the vicinity of his home. During the winter he attended school until he was sixteen. In Ex-Gov. LeWelling 1863 he was employed as a laborer on the Burlington and Missouri river railroad, and later was cattle drover for the quartermaster of the Army of the Tennessee. After the war he taught a negro school at Mexico, Mo., and was often threatened with violence by his prejudiced neighbors.

With the money he thus earned he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and took a course in a commercial college. After his graduation he could find no employment as a bookkeeper and took to labor again, driving a canal boat, shoveling dirt on railroads and building bridges. He returned to Salem with his savings and entered Whittier college, working his way through. In 1870 he taught school and bought a farm and a newspaper. This he abandoned to devote his whole time to teaching. In 1880 he commenced the publication of the Des Moines Capital, and seven years later he left there for Kansas, settling in Wichita, he engaged in commerce and soon earned a wide reputation in politics. In 1892 the Fusionists supported him for governor and he was elected by a handsome plurality.

The University of California announces course of instruction in Japanese and Chinese, two of the most important of the languages which it has recently become desirable for many Americans to learn.

Was a Great Philosopher.

Dr. Henry Sidgwick, the eminent British philosopher and political economist, who has just passed away, was only 62 years old, but accomplished much during the twenty years in which his name has been familiar to the public. Until 1870 Dr. Sidgwick was fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge University, and lectured until 1875. In 1883 he was appointed Knightsbridge professor of moral philosophy. That a teacher of moral philosophy should concern himself with the science of political economy is a new idea. Therefore Professor Sidgwick's economic works bear recent date—his "Principles of Political Economy," 1883; his "Elements of Politics," 1891, and his "Practical Ethics," 1893. His other works, in which his theory of hedonism is developed, are "The Methods of Ethics" and "Outlines of the History of Ethics." He has contributed freely to current literature.

Bishop David H. Moore

Now on his way to China to take charge of the Methodist Mission.

This year's apple crop in North America is expected to be the largest ever known. The horticultural statisticians predict from 80,000,000 to 100,000,000 barrels, which will be a supply of more than one barrel for every inhabitant of the United States.

Slow Growth of Southern Cities

The census returns which are coming in from southeastern cities do not give promise of a large increase in population in that part of the United States. It is true that urban growth has always been much more marked in the north than in the south, but it has been understood that the negroes of that region were drifting into the cities.

Viceroy Chang Chih Tung.

Benjamin B. Odell, nominated for governor by the New York Republican state convention in his early days, had a way of going about Newburg as an iceman with his apron and tongs, talking politics while he delivered ice to his customers. His leadership was soon recognized and he became a power locally. At the same time he began to grow rich. His ice business was very profitable and he enlarged his fortune by investing his savings in electric light plants and taking city contracts in other lines. Mr. Odell is a native of Newburg. He was educated at Bethany College, West Virginia, and completed his classics at Columbia College.

Ex-Empress Eugenie has been staying in Paris in the strictest incognito, but is expected to return shortly to her country place at Farnborough Hill, Sussex, after an absence of nearly seven months.

The Weekly Panorama.

Reducing Prices of Steel.

Pittsburg is only a few miles from the great coke producing region of Pennsylvania. It is a thousand miles from the Lake Superior iron ranges where it gets most of the ore it uses. Fifty years ago the cost of assembling the ore, coke, and limestone for a ton of pig iron made up half the total cost of production. At that time it would have been out of the question to use Lake Superior ores at Pittsburg, so heavy would have been the transportation expenses. Since then the cost of carrying ore by water and by rail has been so much cheapened and the time required so much lessened that it is said it is possible to convert into steel plate at Pittsburg ore mined only days before near Lake Superior. Furthermore that steel can be sold at a profit for a price lower than foreign manufacturers can afford to accept.

Chaplain and Canteen.

The Rev. Charles C. Pierce, D. D., Chaplain United States Army and First Rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Philippines, has



REV. PIERCE.

created a sensation in religious circles by coming out in favor of the army canteen.

The shah, who is at Ostend, is always accompanied by an attendant with a silver teapot containing, however, not tea, but the Persian sovereign's favorite iced mineral water. Very frequently is the pot called into requisition, and the shah takes his refreshment in a delightfully unorthodox way by drinking out of the spout.

Turkish Minister's Wife.

Mutcheta All Gerouh is the name that Ali Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish Minister, has given the youngster that was born recently at the Turkish legation at Washington. Mme. Ferrouh Bey, who came to this country with her husband last winter, is the first Turkish woman of her rank ever permitted to come to the United States, it being a special favor of the Sultan to allow her to accompany her husband in his last return to Washington, where he has represented his government since 1898.

Heir to Sir Francis Drake.

John H. Daniels, a lawyer of La Crosse, Wis., is about to start for England to press his claim to an estate of \$150,000,000, the unclaimed accumulations from the wealth left years ago by Sir Francis Drake, discoverer of whom Mr. Daniels avers he is an heir. The millions of the Drake estate, according to the claimant, have been lying in the English court of chancery until they reached their present enormous proportions. The riches left by the noted English sailor were the results of a trip to the West Indies during the war with Spain. At the head of a small squadron he captured and sacked the town of Nombre de Dios.

Mr. Daniels has been busily engaged for many months in gathering the evidence he will carry to England. His mother was a Drake, who lived in Orange county, New York. The exact line of descent by which the lawyer expects to prove his claim is a secret which Mr. Daniels is guarding lest publicity defeat his plans.

The school board at Trenton, Mo., held ten meetings and took 700 ballots before a superintendent could be selected. The county papers repeatedly and in all seriousness suggested that the contest be settled by a game of seven-up, but the board regarded such a procedure as lacking in dignity.

Endowing an Iowa College.

The news that \$300,000 of the proposed \$500,000 endowment for Cornell college at Mount Vernon, Ia., has been subscribed will give great satisfaction to Iowa Methodists, many of whom received their higher education at the institution. The \$300,000 has been subscribed within the last three years in small sums, the largest contribution being \$20,000, and the trustees now announce that the remaining \$200,000 is assured.

The inscription on a wreath of Ardennes heather on the coffin of King Humbert revealed the fact that he had a French foster brother, one Leon Corinfol. This person is mayor of Maubert Fontaine in the Ardennes.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City. SOUTH OMAHA. Union Stock Yards.—Cattle—There was rather a small supply of cattle here, and as the demand was good for both feeders and killers the market soon came to a close. The big bulk of the receipts were again made up of stock cattle. There were only about thirteen cars of choice cattle on sale and packers bent those out at steady to strong prices. They seemed anxious for supplies and as a result everything was sold at an early hour. The commoner grades were also in fairly good demand on account of the light supply of westerns.

The cow market was again in good shape today, only about fifteen cars being on sale. The demand for the better grades was heavy and prices on that class of stuff was quite a little higher today. For the week it is safe to call the market a good primer heavy. The commoner kinds of cows have also improved, though not as much as the best grades. Choice feeders were again in active demand this morning and select stock sold at a better price than the other grades at steady to stronger prices. The demand from the country continues very high, and the market is expected to keep their pens fairly well cleaned up. In spite of the fact that a good proportion of the offerings today were western cattle there were only about three or four of killers. It was hardly enough to make a test of the market, but it is safe to say that had there been any here today they would have brought fully steady prices.

Hogs—There was rather a light run of hogs here today, but as other points reported a nickel drop in values the market here was generally 2 1/2c lower. Early in the morning a number of prime light weights, particularly in one division, brought just about yesterday's prices. A fair load of primer heavyweights also sold for about as much as yesterday would have brought yesterday, but aside from that the market was lower. The bulk of the receipts were heavyweights, and these lower and the heavier grades went from 2 1/2c to lower than yesterday's general market. The extreme range of prices today was practically the same as yesterday. Light weights brought mostly 5.07 1/2 and 5.10.

Sheep—There were only a few cars of sheep on sale and the proportion of heavy stuff, which is not in very good demand, was large and the market on that class of stuff was a little slow. The few lambs offered sold readily at fully steady prices as compared with yesterday. The feeder market was in good shape today and several bunches sold at a little higher than they could have brought yesterday or any other day this week. Anything at all good on the feeder orders will bring good strong prices.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Receipts, 30 head; best steady, others 5/16c lower; native steers, \$1.10; Texas \$2.00; Texas cows, \$2.00; native cows and heifers, \$1.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00; bulls, \$1.50; calves, receipts, 900 head; best, weak at \$1.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000 head; market 5/16c lower; bulk of sales, \$5.12; heavy, \$5.10; medium, \$5.05; light, \$4.95; Yorkers, \$5.05; pigs, \$4.25; sheep—Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady; lambs, \$2.00; muttons, \$2.00.

CABINET DISCUSSES CHINA.

No Late Official Information Has Been Received.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Only three members of the cabinet were present at today's meeting. Attorney General Griggs and Secretaries Hitchcock and Wilson. It was definitely stated at the conclusion of the meeting that no late official information had been received from the powers regarding the Russian proposal to withdraw troops from Pekin. It is understood that nothing official has been received either from Great Britain or Japan on the subject and this government is now waiting for information, particularly from these two nations. The note from Germany is not considered altogether satisfactory nor entirely definite, and it is thought that something further from that government may be soon received.

It is authoritatively stated that Russia, so far as this government knows, has not modified its original position and has not consented to leave a detachment of troops in Pekin.

TURNING THE BOERS' FLANKS.

Lord Roberts Reports Operations of Army in the Transvaal.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Lord Roberts reports from Belfast, Transvaal, under date of Wednesday, September 5, as follows:

"Ian Hamilton traversed Dulstroom yesterday with slight opposition, Buller engaged the enemy's left this morning. Hamilton is endeavoring to turn the enemy's right."

"Boers with two guns and one pom-pom this morning attacked 125 Canadian mounted infantry guarding the railway between Pan and Wondersfontein. Mahon proceeded to their assistance, but the little garrison had beaten off the enemy before he arrived. It was a very creditable performance. The wounded were Major Handers and Lieutenant Moodle, slightly, and two men. Six men are missing."

Gold Medal Awarded Walter Baker & Co. Paris, Aug. 29.—The judges at the Paris Exposition have just awarded a gold medal to Walter Baker & Co., Ltd., Dorchester, Mass., U. S. A., for their preparations of cocoa and chocolate. This famous company, now the largest manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate in the world, have received the highest awards from the great international and other exhibitions in Europe and America. This is the third award from a Paris Exposition.

Bank Cashier in Limbo.

YATES CENTER, Kan., Sept. 8.—E. A. Runyan, a banker, was arrested last night, charged with embezzlement of \$12,000. The arrest was made on a warrant sworn to by County Treasurer J. S. Culver, in behalf of the officers of the Citizens' State bank of which Runyan was cashier.

President Pardons McHarris.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The president has pardoned Frank M. McHarris, who was convicted at Salt Lake City in May, 1898, of embezzlement of \$3,072 postoffice funds while assistant postmaster at Salt Lake, and sentenced to four years in the Utah penitentiary.

Money to Pay Soldiers.

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