

Items of Interest.



A New York woman left \$10,000 to provide for her pet dog.

General Alexander C. McClurg of Chicago died in Florida on April 16.

General Gomez, the great Cuban leader, will visit the United States.

Dr. C. K. D. Tanner, the famous Irish nationalist, died April 21 of consumption.

During the past three months 945 people in the City of Mexico have died of typhus fever.

The Indianapolis Single Tax club has launched a presidential boom for Tom L. Johnson.

May H. Stimpson of Biddford, Me., who is only 13 years of age, is an expert telegrapher.

A syndicate headed by J. Pierpont Morgan has subscribed for \$50,000,000 of Great Britain's new war loan.

Major Joseph S. Brice, said to be the oldest graduate of West Point, died in New York on April 16.

It is announced that General Corbin will represent this government at the coronation of King Edward.

The palace of the Empress at Peking has been destroyed by fire. It was occupied by Count Von Waldersee.

It is proposed to organize a trust for the purpose of controlling the entire cotton industry of the country.

George Q. Cannon, the apostle of the Mormon church who died in California, was buried at Salt Lake City, April 17.

Residents of Porto Rico have entered a formal protest against Governor Allen's claim that the island is in a prosperous condition.

William Edward Coffin of New York has filed a petition in bankruptcy in which he places his liabilities at \$4,000,000 and his assets at \$25 cash.

Henry Walters of Baltimore has offered to give \$100,000,000 to Johns Hopkins university, provided the trustees will raise an additional \$100,000,000.

English stockholders in the Manila railroad have asked the United States to pay \$2,300,000 for damages done their property during the Philippine war.

Walter Wellman, the famous explorer and newspaper man, is making arrangements for an expedition in the hope of discovering the north pole.

It is reported that Mr. McKinley will restore Russel B. Harrison to the army as a sort of tribute to the memory of Mr. Harrison's distinguished father.

Li Hung Chang, the wily old diplomat of the Chinese empire, is charged with carrying water on both shoulders in the contentions between China and the powers.

The physician who attended the late C. L. McGee of Pittsburg, has presented a bill in the sum of \$190,000 for professional services during a period of 21 months.

Dr. Buckley, the distinguished editor of the Christian Advocate, is authority for the statement that Jamaica ginger is an intoxicant whose only rival is applejack.

The Cuban constitutional convention has appointed a commission of five to confer with President McKinley concerning the relations between Cuba and the United States.

Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to this country, has completed a plan of political reforms which he proposes to submit to the Chinese government. He takes Japan largely as his model.

John A. Kasson, who was some time ago appointed special reciprocity commissioner at a salary of \$10,000 per year, has declined to accept his

salary because the senate has failed to approve the treaties proposed by him. He tendered his resignation to the president who declined to accept the same. Mr. Kasson withdrew the resignation with the understanding that he would accept no pay for his work.

The government commission appointed to make an investigation of the bubonic plague in San Francisco has reported that the plague has secured a foothold among the Chinese in that city.

Statistics have been collected by a French writer to show that of every 100,000 men of the army or naval profession 199 become hopeless lunatics. Among mechanics the number is only 66 per 100,000.

In 1900 England spent over \$20 a head for drink; Scotland, \$16.50; Ireland, not quite \$15. The total drink bill of the kingdom was over \$800,000,000 and showed a decrease of more than \$5,000,000 over 1899.

Potter Palmer of Chicago has filed with the board of assessors his property list showing that his personal estate amounts to \$435,940. This is said to be the most accurate assessment list ever filed in the city of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pritchard of Chicago, on April 16, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. They have 4 children, 18 grand-children and 24 great grand-children. This is one of the many instances in which marriage is not a failure.

The New York legislature has passed a bill providing that a woman who owns and pays taxes upon property in any town or village of the state shall have the right to vote upon any proposition involving the raising of money by tax or assessment.

The state senate of Arkansas, by a vote of 12 to 7, passed a bill making it unlawful for any person to drink any intoxicating liquors as a beverage unless he shall have first obtained a license as a dram drinker. The license is fixed at \$5 per annum.

King Oscar of Norway and Sweden has accepted the post of arbitrator on the Samoan claims of the United States, Great Britain and Germany, although it has been made known that his illness thus far has prevented his giving active consideration to the subject.

Charles Morgan, the gunner who won fame because of the protest of Admiral Sampson against promotion of men of Morgan's class, has brought suit for divorce. The couple have been married for 12 years, and the ground on which the divorce is asked is desertion.

Captain Joshua Janes is the commander of the government life saving crew at Stony Beach, Hull, Massachusetts. He is 72 years of age and has recently passed successfully a physical examination before a government board of physicians with a higher marking than any in his command.

The Mexican government has granted a concession to Captain Charles Shillaber of Chicago, an engineer and capitalist, to open a waterway between the cities of Tampico and Tuxpan, on the gulf coast, a distance of 125 miles, and establish a line of fast, modern steamboats between these cities.

The postoffice department estimates that through abuse of the privileges of second-class matter the government loses between \$15,000,000 and \$25,000,000 a year. Congress has failed to enact legislation to prevent this abuse, and Postmaster General Smith is thinking of issuing a rule to cover the case.

A St. Louis dispatch says: Notice of contest was served today on Mayor Rolla Wells by Lee Meriwether, the municipal ownership party's candidate for that office. In the notice of contest, Mr. Meriwether asserts that he received a majority of the votes cast for mayor on April 2, and from twenty-five to 150 ballots cast for him in each precinct were counted for Wells. He further charges

that there was no legal election, that 15,000 names were fraudulently placed upon the registration books and voted by the judges and clerks and hired repeaters, and that a conspiracy to steal the election existed among the democratic managers, the police and the Jefferson club.

The government of Corea, according to a dispatch to the London Mail from St. Petersburg, has decided to build thirty-two coast fortresses to resist a possible Japanese invasion. According to the same correspondent, the Corean government has promulgated a law enforcing the penalty of death for opium smoking.

The shortest will on record was recently filed in Chicago. F. E. Rigby died leaving \$105,000. He disposed of it in a will comprising 27 words as follows: April 11, 1901. One half of my fortune to Ann Rigby Fowler, of Leeds, Yorkshire. One half to my wife. Signed, F. E. Rigby. Witnesses, C. P. Stringfield, E. A. Whipple, W. H. G. Wilson.

The New York legislature has passed and the governor has signed a bill providing that after January 1, 1902, no marriage by mere agreement shall be recognized in that state unless the parties thereto have signed a contract in the presence of witnesses and filed the same with the clerk of the town, village or city in which the contract is made.

As an offset to the movement which has been agitated in Alabama for several years providing for the annexation of Florida, Representative Jacoby introduced in the Florida legislature a bill providing for annexation of the state of Alabama to the state of Florida. The consent of the Alabama voters and of congress must first be obtained.

At Sofia, Bulgaria, a mass meeting comprising 10,000 persons was held and resolutions were passed protesting against the arrest of the members of the Macedonian committee and condemning the attitude of Russia on the Macedonian question. The meeting expressed itself as in favor of asking for European intervention against the persecution of Bulgarians in Turkey.

F. J. Parke, United States special agent at Wausau, Wis., has been ordered to make an investigation of the islands in the Wisconsin river near Portage, to ascertain whether they are the property of Wisconsin or the United States. The islands have been a subject of correspondence between parties living in the neighborhood of Portage and the Washington authorities for fifty years.

The remains of Abraham Lincoln, which have been resting in a temporary vault during the reconstruction of the Lincoln monument, will be removed to the new monument within a few days. The removal will be private, only the trustees of the monument, state officers, and representatives of the press being present. The exact day fixed for the transfer of the remains will not be made public.

Dr. Oscar Chrisman, the founder of the science of child study, who a year ago created a sensation before the mothers' congress, which met at Des Moines, Ia., by the assertion in a lecture that women alone were capable of love and men were incapable, has lost his chair in the Kansas State Normal school. His relations with the president and faculty have been strained ever since his notable lecture, and it is thought influences were brought to bear on the regents against him.

A census of the population of the Samoan group has been taken. The number of Samoans in Upolu and other islands under the German government is 32,000, while the population of the six islands under the United States government is returned at 5,800. The slight increase during the last thirty years is about the same in proportion all round. The infant mortality is greatest, and this is due in a large measure to the ignorance and carelessness in dieting the young.