

THE BLUE AND GRAY

Boston G. A. R. Reunion Something Extraordinary.

SIX THOUSAND IN PARADE

Survivors of Three Wars March in Line and Great Camp Fire Held in Faneuil Hall.

A reunion of Grand Army veterans, an exchange of happy recollections and a fraternal mingling of confederates and unionists marked the opening day in Boston of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. At noon a parade of the union ex-prisoners of war, blue jackets from the United States warships and others marked the opening of the G. A. R. convention, together with its numerous subsidiary organizations, including the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Sons and Daughters of Veterans. In historical Faneuil hall a score of former confederate officers gathered around the banquet board as the guests of Edward W. Kinsley post of Boston, as did also Lafayette post of New York, and here was enunciated the declarations that the north and south are strongly and inseparably welded, with the past strife forgotten.

In the striking pageant of the day marched survivors of three wars, the Mexican war, the civil war, represented by the union ex-prisoners, and the Spanish war as commemorated by the league of Spanish war veterans.

The parade, composed of about 6,000 men, was reviewed by Mayor Collins at city hall, and Governor Bates, Senator Lodge and former Secretary of the Navy John D. Long at the state house. At the Faneuil dinner Governor Bates gave the welcome of the commonwealth and several confederate officers declared for the unity between the north and south.

Another meeting was the camp-fire at Tremont temple, held by the union ex-prisoners of war, with prominent speakers, while the reception of national officers of the Women's Relief Corps at the Hotel Vendome to Commander John C. Black and others of the G. A. R., were notable functions. The city was crowded with people who had come in anticipation of the great parade of veterans.

The American flag was seen everywhere and red, white and blue bunting, the seal and badge of the Grand Army, and the words "Fraternity, charity and loyalty," the motto of the order, were shown from the fronts of business houses, hotels, theaters, newspaper offices and residences from one end of the city to the other.

Notable in all the display was Boston's greeting to the veterans as spoken by the flowers in the public garden, where beautiful designs had been made to reproduce the stars and stripes and the various insignia of the veteran organizations.

PEACE AT PACKING PLANT

Nebraska Packers Concede Wishes of Workmen in Every Detail.

The trouble between the Morton-Gregson Packing company and their employes at Nebraska City has been settled and the men will go back to work. There has been trouble over at the plant for some time. First the men all walked out because they objected to a watchman that the company employed. The watchman resigned and the men went back to work. Then the house was closed down and the men asked to sign individual contracts agreeing to give up the union and go back as individuals. The men were all members of the union and refused to do this. After the house had been closed for several weeks, as far as killing hogs was concerned, one of the members of the firm came and after holding several conferences with the men, finally settled the trouble to the satisfaction of nearly all of the men and they voted to go to work. The house will be opened and operated at full blast. The settlement was highly pleasing to the business men and others, for it kept some 200 or more men out of employment.

Thieves Dig Up Diamonds.

The valuable diamond rings stolen from Dr. Shoemaker of Clay Center, Neb., were recovered. The suspects were induced to reveal the hiding place of the stolen property. They led the sheriff to the stockyards where the rings had been buried.

Fair Pays Another Half Million.

A check for \$500,000 was forwarded to the United States treasury by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company of St. Louis as the third of the stipulated half-million bi-monthly payments of the loan of \$4,600,000 advanced to the world's fair by the federal government. The total amount refunded to date is \$1,908,149.19. Previous to the stipulated payments the exposition company made several payments of certain per cents of the gross receipts.



Mother of Newly Born Heir to Russian Throne.

A son and heir to the Russian throne has been born. The empress and the child are doing well. The child will be christened Alexis. The birth so greatly wished for, that of an heir to the Russian crown, occurred not in the great palace of Peterhof, but in the Alexandria villa, one of a group of four small palaces in a secluded corner of the magnificent Peterhof park. In one of these buildings the empress had been living for weeks. The other three are occupied by members of the imperial family, including the empress' mother, his majesty's two sisters, the Grand Duchess Xenia and Olga, his brother, Grand Duke Michael, and other relatives.

CONTRABAND OF WAR

State Department Has Something of Importance to Say.

"The recognition in principle of the treatment of coal and other fuel and raw cotton as absolutely contraband of war might ultimately lead to a total inhibition of the sale by neutrals to the people of belligerent states of all articles which could be finally converted to military uses. Such an extension of the principle by treating coal and other fuel and raw cotton as absolutely contraband of war, simply because they are shipped by a neutral to a non-blockaded port of a belligerent, would not appear to be in accord with the reasonable and lawful rights of neutral commerce."

This is a summary of a declaration by Secretary Hay on the rights of neutral nations during war. It was embodied in a circular to American ambassadors in Europe, which was issued from the state department June 10 last, but for some reason was withheld from the public, although certain shippers who inquired at the department after their rights were supplied with copies. The circular is based on a declaration by the Russian government that coal, naphtha, alcohol and other fuel have been declared contraband.

TURKEY CONCEDES MUCH

American Schools No Longer to be Menaced by Natives.

After prolonged haggling on the part of the Turks, a satisfactory solution of the American school question has been arrived at. This matter, which is the most important of the American demands, was settled by extending to American schools the same treatment as that accorded to schools under the protection of other powers.

RELIEF FOR MICHIGANDERS

The Inter-State Commerce Commission Makes Important Ruling.

The interstate commerce commission has announced its decision regarding the fruit transportation and refrigeration charges from points on the Pere Marquette & Michigan Central railroad, involving the refrigeration charges exacted generally by the Armour car lines, and declared the rates to be exorbitant and in violation of the interstate commerce laws. Further action by the commission is withheld to allow the readjustment of the rates by the railroad and car line companies. The decision says the railroads formerly furnished refrigeration free, subsequently charged substantially the cost of the icing, and now under its exclusive contract the car lines company exacts refrigeration charges greatly in excess of the former icing costs and ranging from 50 to 150 per cent above the charges made by the car lines company itself prior to its exclusive contracts. The commission declares that the local costs to the shipper has been thereby very largely increased.

McMasters Will Accept.

Hugh La Master, the fusion nominee for congress from the First district, will accept the nomination given him by the democrats and populists. After he was nominated several of the democratic friends of Mr. La Master asserted that he would not accept the nomination, coming to him from the populists and endorsed by the democrats, but at a reception tendered him by the citizens of Tecumseh Mr. La Master assured his constituents that he would labor to secure an election.

RUSSIA IS HIT HARD

Her Port Arthur Fleet Literally Shot to Pieces.

CRUISER BURIK DESTROYED

The Vladivostok Squadron Whipped to a Finish by Japanese in the Strait of Korea.

It is officially reported at Tokio that the Russians will not be able to repair the five battleships reported by Admiral Togo to have been damaged in the recent sea fighting at Port Arthur. The Japanese land batteries now commanding the entrance to the harbor could render this work impossible.

Before the Russian fleet emerged from Port Arthur the Japanese batteries could reach the warships there with shells and the docks were exposed to a fire, the severity of which was increasing constantly. It is doubted if the ships will be able to go to sea without undergoing repairs and it is reported that the Russians themselves will destroy them before Port Arthur falls.

A dispatch from Wei Hai Wei says the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Burik was beached on the south of the Shan Tung promontory and blown up. Three of her officers and sixty men, who walked from the scene of the accident, have arrived at Wei Hai Wei.

Launches containing sixty Russian sailors entered Wei Hai Wei. The sailors belong to two torpedo boat destroyers which are reported to have gone ashore in the vicinity of Wei Hai Wei.

A dispatch to the Associated press from Tselinghou confirms the previous reports of the serious damage inflicted upon the Czarvitch and says that for this reason the battleship is unable to leave port.

Admiral Togo reports that five Russian battleships appear to have been heavily damaged in the engagement. The Pobieda lost two masts and one of her heavy guns was disabled. The flagship Retvizan, which was hit several times at a distance of 3,500 yards, seems to have sustained the greatest injury. The damage inflicted on the Russian cruisers was comparatively slight. The Bayan has not appeared since the engagement. The damage sustained by the Japanese vessels has been temporarily repaired.

Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostok squadron north of Tsu Island, in the strait of Korea, and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted for five hours and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruisers Rossia and Gromobol fled to the northward after having sustained serious damage.

Vice Admiral Kamimura cables the navy department that the injuries inflicted upon his vessels were slight. The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known.

The strength of the fleet under Vice Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Adama, Idmua, Iwate, Takashio and other light cruisers.

One of the most important features of Captain Matousevitch's dispatch, aside from its grim account of the battle, is the detailed statement of the makeup of Rear Admiral Togo's fleet, which consisted of six battleships, eleven cruisers of various classes and approximately thirty torpedo boats. According to this statement there were in line of battle some ships previously reported destroyed. This gives an indication of Japanese naval force which Admiral Togo has hitherto concealed.

Twelve Japanese regiments have gone forward in the direction of Port Arthur. It is stated on trustworthy authority that the mikado has ordered that Port Arthur must be taken at any cost, even if it necessitates the suspension of operations in Manchuria, and it is quite possible that the main Japanese force will proceed to Port Arthur within a few days.

NOVEL DAIRY EXHIBIT

Something Artistic and Instructive in State Fair Exhibit.

Much interest is being manifested in the various exhibits representing the dairy industry at the state fair. All of the principal hand separator manufacturers have secured space in the dairy building and will have their various makes of machines on exhibition.

At the St. Louis exposition it is a "fad" for states making an exhibit of dairy products to attract attention by life-size models in butter placed in the show window occupied by such state. In order to keep up with the times in this direction, the Beatrice Creamery company has arranged to have one of the most expert artists employed at the St. Louis exposition come to Lincoln and model in butter a life-size exhibit to be placed in the refrigerator in the dairy building on the state fair grounds. The state fair management have planned to enlarge the window in front of the refrigerator to 6x8 feet with plate-glass front.

Secretary Hay and Mr. Leger, the Haytian minister at Washington, signed a treaty of extradition between the United States and Hayti. The convention is in accord with the latest ideas so far as it specifies the extraditable crimes.

The executive committee of the Old Settlers' association of Otoe county held a meeting and decided to hold the thirty-seventh annual picnic of the association in Morton park on September 8. All the necessary committees have been appointed.

BIG PULL ON TREASURY

Over \$100,000 Paid Out by State Treasurer, Mortenson to Contractors.

A state warrant for \$76,610 has been issued by Auditor Weston to the Van Dorn Iron Works on the penitentiary cell deal. This was the deal in which the state board awarded a contract for cells at a greater rate than the legislature allowed. Auditor Weston declined to pay the money, so the matter was adjusted between the board and the contractor by giving his company a new contract which calls for more cells and the entire appropriation of \$80,000. The board has inspected the cells, which are partially completed, and accepted the work. Nothing was deducted under the original contract for delay in completing the work. A penalty of ten dollars a day was provided in the original contract which the auditor declared an invalid agreement.

The auditor also issued a warrant to the Capital City Pipe and Brick company of Des Moines for \$20,000 in payment of labor on building contracts at the university campus and the state farm.

The state being unable to cash the warrants from the general fund, State Treasurer Mortenson bought them with money from the permanent school and temporary university funds and will hold the warrants as an investment for these funds. This purchase reduced the permanent school fund from \$96,000 to \$61,000 and the temporary university fund from \$29,000 to \$9,000. The latter fund will soon be exhausted, and the treasurer will have to register warrants drawn upon it. This fund is used for the payment of salaries of university people, and for other purposes.

NEMAHA COUNTY KICKS

Hen. Church Howe and Others Secure Injunctions Against County Board.

The increase of 5 per cent on the total valuation of Nemaha county made by the state board of equalization and assessment is to be resisted by taxpayers headed by Church Howe, consul general at Antwerp, Belgium. Mr. Howe does not resist on behalf of any foreign interest, but as a taxpayer of Nemaha county. He is at his old home at Auburn and while there on a visit will take part in the injunction suit to restrain the county board from extending on the tax rolls the additional 5 per cent assessed valuation ordered by the state board. This board increased the valuation of some counties 10 per cent. The Nemaha county people contended that their assessed valuation was high enough, but the state board made an increase. This increase, under the law, is to be added to the total valuation which is the basis of state levy was 8 1/2 mills for Nemaha county. This raised a total revenue of \$23,721. This year the state levy is 6 mills, which will compel the county to pay \$27,753. Last year the total assessed valuation of the county, exclusive of railroad property, was \$2,790,758. This year it is \$4,542,854.

BASE BALL RECORDS

New York, Chicago and Denver Now in First Place.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	Played.	Won.	Lost.
New York	96	69	27
Chicago	97	60	37
Pittsburg	95	56	39
Cincinnati	101	59	42
St. Louis	99	50	49
Boston	100	38	62
Brooklyn	100	34	66
Philadelphia	98	27	71

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.
Chicago	99	60	39
Boston	97	58	39
New York	94	56	38
Philadelphia	94	54	40
Cleveland	93	51	42
Detroit	96	41	55
St. Louis	90	37	53
Washington	95	22	73

WESTERN LEAGUE.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.
Denver	98	59	39
Colo. Springs	93	55	38
Omaha	100	53	47
Des Moines	102	53	49
St. Joseph	94	42	52
Sioux City	93	30	63

State Fair Gate Keepers.

The following gate-keepers have been announced by E. M. Searle, superintendent of gates at the state fair: A. G. Corey, Fairfield; Henry J. Cook, Scotia; W. J. Roberts, Sutton; Albert W. Calhoun, Kearney; B. C. Martin, St. Paul; J. J. Bauer, Sutton; W. F. Johnson, Harvard; W. Thompson, Gordon; Chas. Ward, Clay Center; John Roberts of Fairfield was made assistant superintendent of gates.

President Will Make No Speeches.

Chairman Cortelyou says that President Roosevelt would not make any political speeches this year, setting at rest many rumors to that effect which have been in circulation. Beyond the speech to the notification committee and the letter of acceptance which is not to be published, the president will not take any public part in the campaign. This is in line with the course pursued by President McKinley in 1900. President Roosevelt has placed his political campaign in the hands of Mr. Cortelyou.

KANSAS ALL RIGHT

Table Showing State and County Bonded Debt.

STATE DEBT ONLY \$632,000

New Bridges and Larger School Houses Principal Causes of Increased Liabilities.

The municipal bonded indebtedness of Kansas on July 1 amounted to \$34,027,649, an increase of about three-quarters of a million over the amount on July 1, 1902. A good many counties have considerably decreased their indebtedness, but others have increased their bonds for various purposes. This amount includes the state, and all county, city, township and school district bonds. A good many bridges and school houses have been built in those two years.

The indebtedness of the state of Kansas is only \$632,000. The total indebtedness for each county, as compared with that for 1902, is as follows:

County—	1904.	1902.
The state	\$632,000	\$632,000
Allen	559,000	464,350
Anderson	432,640	439,900
Atchison	1,061,750	1,058,450
Barber	315,900	366,500
Barton	175,309	192,437
Bourbon	559,000	546,600
Brown	177,100	196,200
Butler	229,700	268,200
Chase	99,360	83,675
Chautauqua	279,670	282,540
Cherokee	509,490	331,040
Cheyenne	41,190	46,400
Clark	187,475	193,175
Clay	292,250	209,750
Cloud	353,040	409,440
Coffey	216,300	240,016
Comanche	246,865	259,559
Cowley	713,830	774,420
Crawford	401,474	273,362
Decatur	46,450	83,285
Dickinson	489,600	495,420
Doniphan	514,300	500,850
Douglas	538,675	564,400
Edwards	200,635	200,635
Elk	121,350	127,000
Ellis	49,850	53,750
Ellsworth	208,600	211,600
Finney	149,625	135,365
Ford	295,300	297,200
Franklin	356,280	322,514
Geary	229,700	219,250
Gove	1,100	600
Graham	111,372	117,782
Grant	147,696	147,696
Gray	103,200	148,004
Greenwood	76,300	76,300
Hamilton	291,800	312,420
Harper	204,374	193,450
Harvey	333,731	371,501
Haskell	355,600	356,278
Haskell	137,929	129,200
Hodgeman	111,700	133,495
Jackson	188,575	202,400
Jefferson	186,500	182,500
Jewell	148,100	153,900
Johnson	257,900	257,950
Kearny	45,423	51,978
Kernan	364,729	380,737
Kingman	217,675	239,000
Lincoln	286,254	309,709
Lane	163,950	184,575
Leavenworth	1,957,317	1,904,871
Lincoln	124,700	141,950
Linn	135,450	140,950
Logan	29,700	36,275
Lyon	602,620	580,880
Marion	354,300	356,100
Marshall	177,950	127,100
McPherson	301,641	340,215
Meade	215,498	222,768
Miami	147,050	152,400
Mitchell	123,255	133,560
Montgomery	751,360	583,724
Morris	289,300	293,350
Morton	77,215	80,450
Nemaha	136,300	141,100
Neosho	270,725	147,675
Ness	245,150	263,612
Norton	168,303	187,662
Osage	202,225	180,161
Ottawa	104,350	130,450
Osborne	200,950	200,950
Pawnee	57,500	64,800
Phillips	191,040	198,480
Pottawatomie	154,950	170,150
Pratt	418,665	461,570
Rawlins	19,130	26,266
Reno	509,425	546,350
Republic	119,100	128,575
Rice	307,275	355,125
Riley	304,000	319,800
Rooks	170,525	208,852
Rush	268,630	242,950
Russell	42,240	46,400
Saline	424,660	455,475
Scott	202,100	227,050
Sedgewick	1,397,949	1,366,167
Seward	182,350	182,350
Shawnee	2,039,990	1,288,049
Sheridan	81,075	82,550
Sherman	50,000	76,255
Smith	95,547	101,507
Stafford	253,140	280,810
Stanton	84,468	77,978
Stevens	144,641	137,753
Sumner	670,700	717,400
Thomas	70,900	79,425
Trego	6,250	9,950
Waubesaunee	278,500	276,500
Wallace	21,900	26,400
Washington	157,075	148,075
Wichita	116,800	137,400
Wilson	443,959	431,009
Woodson	151,100	155,930
Wyandotte	3,758,200	3,358,200
Total	\$34,027,649	\$33,246,902

An Atwood Girl Had Her Arm Broken

By being thrown from a mule. But she gets out of helping her mother feed a hundred quarts of cherries.

Good Epworth League Record.

Not a single case of pocket picking or other disorderly or questionable conduct was reported at the Lincoln Epworth League meeting. The session was a long drawn out peacefest. The sheriff of Lancaster county brought back from the park enough lost articles to make a rummage sale. A table in his office is stacked with shawls, jackets, handkerchiefs, fans and other dry goods. A sheaf of good umbrellas is among the unclaimed.