

OUR CALENDAR.



MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World—Prices of Farm Produce in Western Markets.

Sloux City, Iowa. John E. Robson, the contractor who was assaulted here by burglars, is dead. Every attempt has been made to locate his slayer, but thus far no clue has been found.

Milwaukee, Wis. Mr and Mrs Herman Fitzlaff and five children, living at 692 Jasper street, are critically ill from eating sausage supposed to have been infected with trichinae.

English, Ind. John Glass, 45 years old, kept drunk four days by his step sons, John and William Gregsons, and then left out in the cold, died.

Boston. L. E. Baker, president of the Yarmouth Steamship company was found dead in his berth in a Pullman sleeper on the arrival of the New York train.

Colorado Springs, Colo. Cripple Creek's output of gold for 1899, \$19,994,221 brings the grand total since 1891, when the output was \$200,000, to \$22,900,000.

Fremont, Ohio. The Continental Beet Sugar company of Cleveland has decided to build here what will be the first beet sugar refinery in Ohio, at a cost of \$400,000.

Wabash, Ind. The Sternbanner, a democratic weekly paper, printed in Gedman, at Lozansport by Peter Wallrath, changed its place of publication to Evansville.

London. The South American Hamburg line steamer Pelotas, which stranded near Dungeness during a heavy gale, was pulled off.

Bombay. The war office has accepted an offer by the maharajah of Kashmir to furnish eighty trained battery horses for use in South Africa.

Springfield, Ill. Fire broke out at the executive mansion, but was extinguished before gaining much headway.

London. Rev Hugh Price Hughes conducted a service in memory of Dwight L. Moody in St James' hall.

Chilpancingo, State of Guerrero, Mexico. The mountainous districts south of here have been visited by a series of seismic disturbances.

San Francisco. Two vessels of the overdue fleet arrived, the Australian 183 days from Cardiff and the Godiva, 169 days from New Castle.

Kansas City, Mo. Philip E. Burroughs, who has been British consul in Kansas City for nearly six years, has resigned and will become a naturalized citizen of the United States.

Berlin. The courts have ordered all plates made by photographers who forced their way into Bismarck's death chamber to be destroyed. The photographers are in prison.

Vienna. Millocker, the composer who had been suffering from a paralytic stroke, died.

Brazil. Fire in H. B. Plumb's restaurant spread to Schromier & Wheeler's shoe store and Michael Doyle's saloon and the three buildings and contents were destroyed, incurring a loss of \$27,000, which was partly covered by insurance.

Austin, Texas. British residents of Mexico have been active in raising contributions for the British soldiers' relief fund, and that the total amount subscribed and forwarded from Mexico to the lord mayor of London up to this time is over \$600,000.

Omaha, Neb. Gov. Poynter has instructed the prosecuting attorney of Sarpy county to begin proceedings against the two regulars at Fort Crook who were implicated in the shooting and killing of a deserter from that post several weeks ago.

New Albany, Ind.—Mrs. Andrew Ford, 26 years old, was accidentally shot by her uncle, John Cooper, who had been out hunting. It is thought she cannot live.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

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CASUALTIES.

San Bernardino, Cal. Eight freight cars on the Santa Fe route went through Cajon creek bridge, twelve miles north of this city. The cars caught fire and the bridge was burned.

Princeton, Ind. The Princeton High school burned. The total loss on building and contents is \$20,000, with \$8,000 insurance.

St. Paul, Minn. Fire at Fessenden, N. D., burned Hall's livery barn and half the business part of the town. The loss is \$20,000.

Fessenden, N. D. Fire which started in Hall's livery stable consumed half the business portion of the town. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

CRIME.

Seymour, Ill. David Harin of this city was given a life sentence at Bedford for the murder of George Brown, June 10.

Waukegan, Ill. Expert cracksmen paid Waukegan a visit. The safe in W. J. Allen's oil office was blown open, but only \$10 was secured.

Cairo, Ill. William Martin was hanged for the murder of Joseph Landrum last October.

Denver, Col. A. M. Pinkerton surrendered to the detectives, stating that he was wanted in Mercer county, Ill., on a charge of embezzlement. He will go to Illinois for an investigation.

McKinley, O. T. A. J. Hayes, aged 65, while husking corn, was shot and instantly killed by Charles Thomas, aged 50 years. Hayes married Thomas' 12-year-old daughter against the father's wishes.

Denver, Colo. Charles J. Durham, an employe of H. M. King, a ranchman, near Arvada, committed suicide here by swallowing corrosive sublimate.

Walsenburg, Col. W. J. Millsap, a prominent stockman, was seized by two men when about to enter the Klein hotel and was robbed of \$12,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

La Porte, Ind. Milk sickness is causing a large number of deaths in Fulton county. Two deaths were reported at Delong. Henry E. Long and his wife are the victims.

Seranton, Pa. The stockholders of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company voted in favor of increasing the capital stock from \$3,750,000 to \$25,000,000.

Zurich. The foot and mouth disease which was thought to be on the decrease among the herds in Switzerland, appears now to be spreading.

Caracas, Venezuela, via Havana. Cable, Dec. 29. The Hernandez revolution can be said to have ended. Hernandez is fleeing with 200 men to the Colombian boundary.

Eglin, Ill. J. W. McAndrews, one of Haverly's "original forty" and known far and wide as the original watermelon man, died at the insane asylum here, aged 64 years.

Ithaca, N. Y.—At the closing session of the American Economic association Richard T. Ely, University of Wisconsin, was chosen president.

London. William Waldorf Astor has subscribed £1,000 to the Buckinghamshire fund to equip the county's contingent of yeomanry.

London.—Miss Dorothy Dene, the actress, died. She sat to the late Lord Frederick Leighton, the painter, as a model for some of his best pictures.

Devil's Lake, N. D.—A movement has been inaugurated for the building of a bridge across Devil's lake to the Fort Totten reservation and the opening of the 30,000 acres of reservation land to settlement by purchase from the Indians.

Cambridge, Mass.—The will of the late Daniel Sharp Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, filed for probate in the Middlesex county Probate court, disposes of an estate of about \$2,500,000.

Aurora, Ind.—Capt. David Lostetter, veteran of the G. A. R. and ex-county clerk, died.

CHIEF'S WIFE A PRISONER.

Aguinaldo's Relatives Surrender to Major March.

AMERICAN PARTY IS MISSING.

Lieut. Duffy and Ten Men of the Signal Corps Believed to Have Been Captured by the Rebels—Cabayao Is Now Ours.

Aguinaldo's wife, who was recently reported to have died in the mountains; her sister, Col. Leybas, two sisters of the insurgent colonel, and eighteen men have surrendered to Major March of the Thirty-third Infantry in Bontoc. Two Americans and several Spanish prisoners of the insurgents were released at the same time.

Lieut. Duffy and ten men of the signal corps, who were building a telegraph line south from Vigan to meet a party in charge of Lieut. Lenoir, who were building northward, failed to connect with the Lenoir party. Their non-appearance caused a search to be made, and it was found that the telegraph poles put up by Duffy had been destroyed and the wires cut. It is supposed the signal corps men were either captured or killed by the rebels.

Factories Are to Consolidate. The consolidation of the leading gin manufacturing companies in the United States is practically completed. Birmingham will be headquarters for the new company, which will represent about \$10,000,000 capital.

British Revenue Shows Increase. British revenue for the nine months ending with December reaches £82,777,044, as against £78,340,468 for the corresponding period of last year.

Americans Serving with British. According to Winston Churchill, large numbers of American citizens are serving in the British volunteer regiments in South Africa.

Production of Precious Metals. The San Francisco Chronicle's official report gives the year's production of metals as follows: Gold, \$15,000,000; silver, \$850,000.

THE BIG BANK CONSOLIDATIONS.



A great financial institution, to be called the Bank of the United States or the National United States Bank, is being formed, according to advices from New York. This bank is to be the result of a consolidation of the National City Bank and the Hanover National Bank of New York, both controlled by the Rockefeller brothers and a smaller local concern. This consolidated institution is to be just as the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the Imperial Bank of Berlin are in their respective countries. Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage, after his retirement from the cabinet, it is now said, is to become the head of this bank. The National City Bank of New York already is practically the fiscal financial representative of the United States government. It acted as the receiver of the moneys paid to the government by the Pacific railroads. It acted as the representative of the government in the payment of the \$20,000,000 to Spain for the Philippine islands. The bank has also been designated as the disbursing agent for the national internal revenue receipts, amounting to about \$1,000,000 a day. John D. Rockefeller and William Rockefeller are the main stockholders. James Stillman is president. It is said that branches will be formed all over the country.

FILIPINOS WOULD END WAR.

Delegation Is on the Way to Visit President McKinley.

Jessup Luigi T. de Franandez, who claims to be one of three special representatives of Aguinaldo and the Filipino congress, sent to Washington to have a personal interview with the president, said: "If President McKinley will decide on anything like reasonable terms for the surrender of Aguinaldo and the Filipinos under him, and will inform the Filipino congress through us, its representatives in this country, the Filipinos will lay down their arms within the next month or two, and the war will end."

ANNOUNCES SITE OF "ZION."

John Alexander Dowie Will Build a City in Illinois.

John Alexander Dowie has announced the site of the city he says he will build and which he will call Zion. It will be built on land secured in Benton township, Lake county, three miles north of Waukegan, Ill. Dowie will raise \$1,000,000 to promote the scheme.

United States Will Purchase. The sale by Denmark of the Danish West Indies to the United States bids fair to be accomplished. No opposition is expected from King Christian. The price has been fixed at \$4,000,000.

Fisheries May Cause Trouble. The modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland shore lobster fishery will expire Dec. 31. Serious trouble may arise on the coast if this agreement is not renewed.

One Killed, Fourteen Injured. The Creyenne flyer on the Union Pacific railroad crashed into the Boulder valley train at Brighton, Colo. One man was killed and fourteen persons were injured.

Soldiers' Bodies Coming Home. The remains of Major John A. Logan, also those of Major Gen. Henry W. Lawton and Lieut. Ledyard, are on their way home.

Fire at Assumption, Ill. At Assumption, Ill., fire destroyed several business houses. The loss is about \$30,000, nearly all covered by insurance.

"An Empty Sack Cannot Stand Upright."

Neither can poor, weak, thin blood nourish and sustain the physical system. For strength of nerves and muscles there must be pure, rich, vigorous blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is established as the standard preparation for the blood by its many remarkable cures.



HOW MUMMIES WERE MADE.

Three Different Methods Practiced by the Egyptians.

There were three different ways of mummifying the body practiced by the ancient Egyptians, the price being the chief mark of distinction and cause for the differences. In the first and most expensive method the brain was extracted through the nose by means of an iron probe and the intestines were removed entirely from the body through an incision made in the side with a sharp Ethiopian stone. The intestines were cleaned and washed in palm wine, and after being covered with powdered aromatic gums were placed in Canopic jars. The body was then filled up with myrrh and cassia, and other fragrant and astringent substances, and was laid in natron for seventy days. It was then carefully washed and wrapped up in strips of fine linen smeared with gum. The cost mummifying a body in this fashion was a talent of silver, about \$1,200. In the second method the brain was not removed at all and the intestines were simply dissolved and removed in a fluid state. The body was also laid in salt and natron, which, it is said, dissolved everything except the skin and bones. The cost of mummifying in this manner was 22 minas, or \$450. The third method was employed for the poor only. It consisted simply of cleansing the body by injecting some strong astringent and then salting it for seventy days. The cost was very small. If the friends of the dead were too poor to go to the expense of even the cheapest of these methods, the body was soaked in salt and bitumen or in salt only. In the salt and bitumen process every cavity of the body was filled with bitumen, and the hair disappeared. Clearly it is to the bodies which were preserved in this way that the name "mummy" (derived from the Arabic mumia or bitumen) was first applied. The salted and dried body is easily distinguishable. The skin is like paper, the features and hair have disappeared, and the bones are very brittle and white. It may be noted that the eyes were sometimes removed and their places supplied by others of ivory or obsidian. The hair was also removed and made into a packet covered with linen and bitumen. At a late period the flank incision was covered with a metal plate, on which a symbolic eye was engraved. The linen bandages employed to swathe the body were three or four inches wide; the length was sometimes as great as 400 yards.—Chattanooga Times.

Hidden Book Titles.

Hidden book titles is a new game of the rebus type. The game is to guess the title of books from pictures on cards. The guessers write the titles and authors of the books on tally cards which have corresponding numbers upon them. There is one title on each card, and the cards are passed from table to table, a certain number of minutes being allowed to each before the cards are sent on. Another way to play the same game is to distribute the titles to the company and let each person sketch a rebus to be guessed by the rest of the company. In this case there should be double prizes, not only for the guessing but for the ingenuity displayed in hiding the titles. Titles of books are written on slips of paper, which the guests draw from a basket. A certain time, say twenty minutes, is given to complete the sketches, which are then passed around or immediately numbered and fastened up to the wall, so that they can be guessed and voted upon.

Poison in Potatoes.

The Sanitary Home is authority for the statement that potatoes contain a poison known as solanin. New potatoes contain comparatively little of this poison unless they grow above the surface of the ground and have a green skin, when they are generally known to be poisonous. It is not, however, generally known that old potatoes contain much more of this poisonous principle—solanin—and many cases of serious poisoning have occurred in late summer when old potatoes are used. In 1892 and 1893 there was almost wholesale poisoning among the troops of the German army. The symptoms were frontal headache, colic, diarrhoea, vomiting, weakness, and slight stupor, and in some cases dilatation of the pupils of the eyes. Meyer investigated the case, and found in old potatoes, kept in a damp place and beginning to sprout, twenty-four times as much solanin as in new potatoes.

Somewhat Different.

From the Chicago Daily News: Green—Congratulations, old chap! I hear you married a lady with an independent fortune. Brown—So I thought; but I find I'm married to a fortune with an independent lady.

Moved Him.

Cloverton—"When you told her father of you loved her, did he show much feeling?"

Downers Grove Reporter.

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CURRENT TOPICS

ORGANIZING THE PANAMA CANAL.

Information that an American corporation, specially organized for the purpose, has acquired the interests of the French Panama Canal company, and intends to push the enterprise with characteristic American vigor, is of great importance and interest. That the Panama project would have to be abandoned has been certain for some time, and, in fact, the new canal commission appointed under a resolution of the late congress was specifically instructed to inquire into the present conditions and future prospects of the Panama canal, in addition to the re-examination of the Nicaragua route and the various problems connected therewith. The report of this commission will not be ready for many weeks, and in some quarters there is a disposition to urge congress without further delay. But the news puts a new face upon the matter.

EUROPEAN WAR CLOUDS.

Beginning to look more and more threatening, the European powers will come into a clash of arms over the Balkan problem. Surface indications are that France is getting her navy into fighting trim, and that the Black sea fleet is also getting ready for business. Great Britain is also getting her best fighting ships close to Germany, as yet inactive. The move on the part of the British is the signal for France to attack England, as it is that Germany is not unprepared to Britain. The immediate cause may be Delagoa bay or some trivial matter, but the real cause is the determination of Russia to India away from Victoria. Russia wants Egypt as her share. It is long before the South war has run its course all will be disturbed by the greater—the greatest that the world has ever known.

RAILROAD'S PENSION SYSTEM.

On Jan 1 the Pennsylvania Railroad company began a system of pension for its old employes. The road employes over 70 years of age are to be entitled to 1 per cent of their salary for each year of continuous service. The average salary of the last ten years of an employe's employment. The pension will continue during the life of the employe, provided the total does not exceed \$200,000. When this sum is exceeded a percentage of the roll on a basis of 1 per cent will be made. It is estimated that about the lowest pension an old employe can expect is \$16 a month. Men physically disqualified from service have been thirty years in the company's service and have reached the age of 65 are also to be entitled to pension under the scheme.

THE OLD CROP OF INDUSTRIALS.

The English have lately been getting the annual reports of the many industrial companies of the United States. They were promoted, financed and sold in the London market in the years of 1888 to 1891, and the result is a chorus of lamentation in all financial publications of the United Kingdom. Principal English ventures in the way of food products, such as beer, meat and flour and other concerns fail to earn a dividend in the recent good times in the United States. The editor is constrained to say that the ventures were grossly miscalculated, and that so much money and ingenuity constantly seek profitable employment a company can not long earn large dividends on its stocks unless it has some special advantage in its trade.

FOR BETTER CONSULS.

The executive committee of the National Business League of Chicago, in conjunction with a committee of five of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, is preparing a bill to be introduced into congress which, if passed, will completely revolutionize the present methods of appointing consuls to other countries. Many complaints have been made regarding the inefficiency of the consuls of the present consular representatives and the detrimental effect which the commerce of this country will feel as a result of the present system. The members of the business league say they have been forced to resign their posts.

OF THE MONTGOMERY.

It is developed that the United States has been on the verge of a war with Liberia, Africa, per se. It is believed, with a view to the American flag in Liberia, and the location of a site for a coal station on the coast.

AND PICKETING.

The case of Judge Morris of the Supreme Court in a case of "right of picketing" is being argued by strikers in the Supreme court in question. The ground is taken that the right of picketing is a common law right.