

Downers Grove Reporter.

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CURRENT TOPICS

ROBERT BURNS DAY.
Robert Burns died 104 years ago, and yet people are still keeping his birthday as one of the great feasts of the year. There is no other poet who is so remembered. On his face, this immortality of Robert Burns in the popular heart is a strange thing. There have been other poets far greater than he, though he is, of course, one of the foremost representatives of English literature. He was neither a warrior nor a statesman. He had no influence, as the world measures influence. Poor, obscure till his work brought him to public notice, not even master of himself, a man who violated most of the conventions of his day, he is, nevertheless, held, more than a hundred years after his death, in affectionate remembrance by millions of people, many of whom have probably not read a line of his poetry.

THE CARTER CASE AGAIN.
The United States Court of Appeals of New York has just refused to interfere in the Carter case, and dismissed the petition for a writ of habeas corpus. This ought to end the effort to save Carter from punishment for the crimes of which he has been found guilty by military tribunal. The court holds that the court-martial had jurisdiction, and decides that "it is not the office of a writ of habeas corpus to perform the functions of a writ of error in reviewing the judgment of a court-martial." Capt. Carter has already paid the fine imposed upon him. Now he will have to submit to an imprisonment of six years, unless, indeed, some other scheme can be devised for thwarting justice.

VOTING IN CUBA.
The approaching elections in Cuba, the first steps toward self-government to be taken, lend special interest to the views expressed by Gen. Ludlow, whose ability has been demonstrated by his administration of the city of Havana. The general sympathies with the Cuban aspirations, and believes that in the course of time that island will have as stable and responsible a government as any country in the world. But he holds that this condition cannot be reached in the immediate future. The percentage of illiteracy is too high, being estimated at 75 to 80, and the people are not habituated to self-control and a reign of law.

END OF ROBERTS CASE.
By the overwhelming vote of 268 to 60 Representative-elect Roberts was excluded from the house of representatives. The resolution of the majority of the Taylor committee was adopted, and it read as follows: "That under the facts and circumstances of the case of Brigham H. Roberts, representative-elect from the state of Utah, ought not to have or hold a seat in the house of representatives, and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant." Mr. Roberts is probably without remedy. The long contest is over, and the case is settled.

THE WEATHER BUREAU BILL.
A bill has been introduced in congress providing for the reorganization and improvement of the weather bureau, which has many admirable features. It places the bureau entirely on the merit basis, provides for permanency of tenure, for the creation of a retiring fund, and for the compulsory retirement of men in the service attaining the age of 65. The weather bureau is a most valuable feature of the government service, and the men that give their life to the work are entitled to recognition.

TO BE REVIVED.
The so-called "national democratic" committee has been called to meet with a view of setting a date for its national convention. Leaders of the party are talking of making a campaign, and S. H. Bashor of Iowa claims that Mr. Bots will be the party's nominee. Palmer of Illinois and Buckner of Kentucky were the candidates in 1894, when the party polled 131,000 votes out of more than 13,000,000 that went to the republican and democratic parties.

Agulnido's History.
Now that the announcement is made that Agulnido is writing a war history one can readily see why he has kept up the fight against American authority. He was merely endeavoring to acquire the reputation and notoriety that would make him acceptable as a contributor to the magazines.—Chicago Post.

Regatta in Chicago.
If all the charitable organizations of Chicago get together and establish a central headquarters it is likely to be a heavy hand on those professional beggars who have been in the habit of working a regular route.

An Impudent Man.
An impudent man apparently has no objection in extending the pleasures of matrimony to married life. There is no doubt in his mind, who has been in the habit of working a regular route.

PANIC IN HONOLULU.

A Reign of Terror Exists Because of Spread of Bubonic Plague.
Advices from Honolulu brought by the steamer Mlowera are to the effect that thirty-nine deaths have thus far occurred at Honolulu from bubonic plague, and that a reign of terror exists in that city. One white woman was among the victims. The Mlowera brought neither mail nor passengers from Honolulu, off which port she anchored for a short time. The Honolulu officials reported inter-island trade as paralyzed. Hilo has so effectively barricaded its doors against the introduction of the disease that its protective force has orders to shoot any one attempting to dock steamers from Honolulu. A panic prevails and the danger is vastly intensified by the popular terror. Dr. Cooper of the Honolulu board of health is reported to have burned ten blocks of buildings to stop the spread of the disease. Thirty-four hundred Japanese are under quarantine.

MRS. JOHN D. RICH GUILTY.

Sentenced by a Mexican Judge to Fourteen Years' Imprisonment.
The decision in the famous Rich case, which has involved two nations, was handed down at El Paso, Texas, Friday. Mrs. Rich was found guilty of murdering her husband in Juarez, Old Mexico, and was sentenced to serve a term of fourteen years imprisonment by Judge Aurelio Gonzalez. The decision was no surprise, although it was not believed that the woman would be given more than ten years. After the tribunal at Chihuahua has affirmed the decision, Mrs. Rich will be pardoned. When Mrs. Rich heard the verdict she became frantic and acted like a maniac. She was finally quieted, but she was in a state of nervous collapse, and could not stand up. Preparations for suicide had been made by the woman, as a bottle of nitric acid was found on her person.

BIBLE PUBLISHERS COMBINE.

Manager of Methodist Concern Declares Five Concerns Are in a Trust.
A Bible trust is the latest in the line of combines. The leading firms of the country that deal in Bibles are affected by it. Harry Murray, manager of the Methodist Episcopal Book Depository of Baltimore, is authority for the statement that prices will be raised from 15 to 25 per cent. He said five great Bible printing concerns controlled the trust. They are the Oxford, the International, the Eyre & Spottiswood, the Cambridge, and Thomas Nelson & Sons. The International is the only one strictly American. The Bible houses of the several denominations in all parts of the country will be affected by the increase in the price. The principal change in prices will be on the Bibles known as the teachers' Bibles.

KILLS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

Charles Bartruff Then Also Tries to Commit Suicide.
Charles Bartruff, a tanner, murdered his wife, 5-year-old son and infant daughter in Cincinnati Sunday and then attempted suicide by burning himself in the midst of the corpses. The baby was found under the stove. Both children were dead, the mother unconscious. She died later. Bartruff was bleeding from a wound in his head. He used a glass jar, which was broken, and a clothes line and the leg of a chair, in his murderous work. The heads of all the victims were horribly battered. The overturned stove was concealed by an ordinary chair and a rocking-chair, which were evidently placed on it to catch fire.

Seek Space at Paris Show.

Over 16,000 applications for stands, or kiosks, have been made in connection with the exposition at Paris. They include concessions for the sale of newspapers, refreshments, photographs, etc. As much as 12,110 francs has been paid for the rights of one stand alone, and 15,000 for another. Each stand measures 4 by 20 meters.

Harvey Jackson in Need.

The transport City of Pekin brings a report from Manila that Harvey L. Jackson, a trader of Malolos, who succeeded in having \$40,000 of insurgent coin turned over to the United States authorities, is now a beach-comber in Manila without funds to return to this country or start again in business.

Negro Postmaster to Resign.

Relief is in sight for the people of Hogansville, Ga., who have been making war on J. H. Loftin, the negro postmaster, since his appointment by President McKinley two years ago last September. Mr. Loftin has gone to Washington to accept a position in one of the departments.

Trolley Fleet for London.

The St. Louis Car company has decided to establish a branch in England. The plant will probably be located in London and will cost \$100,000. They have a branch in Berlin, but the demand for trolley cars in Europe is so great that they deem it best to open up another.

Money for Puerto Rico.

The postmaster general has brought before the cabinet the difficulty arising from the use of Spanish and French coins in Cuba. The people of the island place a higher value on these coins than is allowed at the United States mints, and this results in loss to the postal revenues.

German Dignity at Sea.

Ocean Dignity, the principal general of the late Khalifa Abdulla, who was recently taken prisoner by the British, has been imprisoned at sea.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Rout the British Troops at Every Point.

BULLER'S ARMY IN RETREAT.

Forced to Recross the Tugela, Leaving Ladysmith to Its Fate—Summary of the Past Week's Battles and Incidents of Campaign.

Thursday, Jan. 25.
British anxiety not allayed by Warren's capture of Spion Kop. Buller's army must cross fifteen miles of battle-field held by strongly entrenched Boers. Buller reported heavy losses, including death of Gen. Woodgate. Movement on Colaheng by French expected. Leyds visits Verlin.

Friday, Jan. 26.
Gen. Buller's announcement of the abandonment of Spion Kop has depressed the British public. It is feared Gen. Buller has met with a more serious repulse than has been known to the public. London papers consider the situation in South Africa very grave and urge the sending of more troops. In Germany the latest news

SPION KOP, NATAL.



IT IS A STRONGLY FORTIFIED HILL, FACING TRICHARD'S DRIFT, ON THE TUGELA RIVER.

from South Africa is interpreted as a signal defeat for the British. The Deutsche Tagesblatt Zeitung calls the British position there "another step into the mousetrap." Boer and British forces near Frere camp are within 1,000 yards of each other, and continuously exchange shots. If Ladysmith is taken the road behind is open for the British, being unfortifiable for Boers. There is a report that the Boers have no more ammunition. The British public is angered at the latest defeat. Buller is blamed, and Warren's retreat from Spion kop makes him a target, though a hero the day before. The British have 112,863 men, 19,784 horses, 85 machine guns and 242 field guns in South Africa and 17,369 men at sea. Buller's losses since Jan. 10: Killed, 67; wounded, 579; missing, 60, according to reports made to the war office.

Monday, Jan. 29.
Partial reports of Buller's losses announced killed, officers, 23; wounded, 21; missing, 6; rank and file killed, 22; wounded, 120. Pretoria claims 210 British captured in Tugela fighting.—Rumor in London that Roberts recommends surrender of Ladysmith.—Louis Botha commanded Boers at Spion kop.—Berlin press declares British situation desperate and advises them to make peace. Leyds says England must add to territory of Orange Free State and give Transvaal a seaport, both republics to be absolutely independent. Times and Mail urge mobilization of fleet ready for threatening foreign complications. Parliament meets today. Queen's speech gives no hint of future war policy. Opposition will move resolution regretting want of preparation. Cabinet crisis unlikely. American Peace society asks President McKinley to offer to mediate.—Pope told Wilhelmnia he could not interfere in war. London press insists on sending 50,000 to 100,000 more men to the front. Bombardment of Kimberley continued on Jan. 26; slight damage. Lord Roberts expected to invade Orange Free State. Boers using natives on fortifications.

Many Retired Generals.

There are sixty-five retired generals, with pay from \$4,125 to \$8,250 a year, against only twenty on the active list in the United States army. This is said to be due to the policy of using a single vacancy to make many promotions with immediate retirement.

Molnoux Jailer Still Ill.

Manheim Brown, the juror in the Molnoux trial, whose illness caused an adjournment of the case until Monday, is reported as much better. He is suffering with grip.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Table with market reports for Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Louis, listing prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and hogs.

EGG DEALERS LOSE HEAVILY.

Warm Weather Causes Activity Among Hens, Forcing the Price Down.
As a result of the warm weather just ended, holders of eggs in cold storage in Chicago have lost about \$150,000. All egg dealers in South Water street are praying for a long cold spell, that they may regain some of their lost money. They attribute the crisis to the warm weather and the disposition on the part of hens to lay more eggs than usual. In the Western Cold-Storage warehouse there are 65,000 cases of eggs which will not last more than fifteen days. The price has fallen to 11 cents, and recently as low as 8 cents. It costs the holder 1 1/2 cents when he takes his eggs out of storage, and the results have been very unsatisfactory. Ultimately.

FOUND DEAD IN A BATHTUB.

Professor Le Flamboy's Case Mystifies the Officials at Grand Rapids.
Prof. A. Le Flamboy, magnetic healer, was found dead in a bathtub filled with scalding hot water at Grand Rapids, Mich., and his brother, George Le Flamboy, was lying on the floor of the bathroom unconscious. The professor was made, and had been in the hot water so long that his body was parboiled. The flesh came from the bones as the body was lifted from the tub. George was dressed, and until he recovers sufficiently to tell what happened, the case will continue a mystery.

CREW KILLED BY CANNIBALS.

Details of Murder of Cape. Battle and His Men.
Details have been received of the killing of the captain and crew of the schooner Nikamara on one of the islands of the Admiralty group by the natives, who are cannibals. It is said that all of the victims were eaten.

Trouble on the Great Northern.

The Great Northern railway authorities are preparing for trouble. Chief Herrick has an emissary hiring all the ex-policemen and watchmen he can get at \$1 a day. The instructions of the men are to be ready to report for duty at any moment. They are told that they are to be stationed at various points along the line and are to be lodged in sleeping cars. The trainmen's grievance committee is waiting for word from the officials as to when the promised conference is to be held.

Blue Laws in Baltimore.

The Sunday blue laws of Maryland, which in various forms have been upon the statute books of the state for two centuries, are being rigorously and relentlessly enforced in Baltimore. Newsdealers, milkmen, bremen, druggists (for filling prescriptions only) and proprietors of luncheon rooms are exempt under the law. All other merchants found selling wares between midnight and midnight will be called upon within a few days to appear before the grand jury.

We May Be the Praeframer.

In view of the reports of the British defeats in South Africa, and the probability that Ladysmith will soon be compelled to surrender to the Boers, diplomats here would not be surprised to see Washington become the center of interest in the South African controversy. It is predicted that such a success for the Boers as the taking of Ladysmith will encourage the idea of intervention on the part of neutral powers, in the name of humanity, to end the war.

May Have Killed Americans.

The mail from Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, brings the news that a report is current there that six Americans—David Cusick, John Eldridge, George Lunt, Charles Burns, Lon Webster and Henry Williams—were shot last week near the foot of the Bacatete mountains, east of Guaymas, by order of Gen. Torres, in command of the Mexican troops, now operating against Yaqui Indians in the Bacatete range.

Murder Charge Not Proved.

George Wade, who was under arrest at Shelbyville, Ill., on the charge of the murder of Elijah Russell in 1868, was discharged at the preliminary examination. George Parfer accused Wade, and says he was an eye witness of the murder, but Parfer's unsupported testimony was not considered sufficient to substantiate his grave charge.

Unknown Vessel Wrecked.

A large vessel, whose name is not learned, is ashore on Foxtail point in Bay St. George. Her spars are all gone and a lot of wreckage is along her side, but she shows no sign of men or boats. The vessel is a large one, and must have carried a crew of fifteen men, who probably perished.

Plant to Honor Lawton.

At a meeting of the committee named to arrange for the reception of Gen. Lawton's remains, which will lie in state at Fort Wayne, Ind., it was decided to select the new courthouse as the place in which the people will be given an opportunity to look upon his features for the last time.

Poor of Chicago Suffer.

More than 1,000 homeless men have been lodged nightly in the various police stations of the city since the cold weather set in, while other thousands of men, women and children have been cared for by the charitable institutions of the city.

Five Hundred Union Men in Line.

Five hundred Chicago union labor men marched in the procession at the funeral of Edward O'Connor, secretary of the Winslow Bros. factory strikers, who was killed by J. A. Mantel.

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