

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

CURRENT TOPICS

TILLMAN ON LINCOLN.

In delivering a speech in the senate the other day Ben Tillman of South Carolina paid a tribute to Lincoln. Referring to the Civil War period he said:

"Amid the storm of passion who was the man, the embodiment of all that was best and noblest in northern civilization, and even in American civilization, who stood as the great apostle of liberty? Whose words of fervid eloquence marshaled the northern hosts? Whose high moral purpose, whose grandeur of character and greatness of soul, sustained those hosts in adversity and defeat? Who stood like a colossus towering above the smaller, meaner men who surrounded him, and who must ever stand above them, commanding the admiration and love of all true men everywhere? Who? Abraham Lincoln; and I, from South Carolina, tell you so and feel honored in doing it.

"Whatever motives may be attributed to others, whatever of selfishness or ambition that entered into the calculations of others, I here declare it is my belief that he never had a thought in connection with the whole subject nor uttered a word that did not have its inspiration in the purest patriotism and the noblest aspiration for humanity. He did not consider the Declaration of Independence an academic question. It was a religion."

CONGRESSIONAL FUNERALS.

Mrs. Chickering, widow of the New York congressman, who met his death in an accident last Wednesday, has chosen wisely in declining to countenance the pagan rite known as a congressional funeral. Such obsequies merely furnish an excuse for a junketing party of senators and congressmen, who journey to the funeral in a special train liberally stocked with stimulants and who turn up at the mortuary services redolent of whisky and stale tobacco smoke. The spectacle is unedifying and Mrs. Chickering, like other sensible people, sees in it no honor to the dead and a scandal to the living. The statesmen who were assigned to attend the Chickering funeral may be disappointed, but they can solace themselves by getting drunk in Washington instead of New York.

BOERS REFUSING AID.

Simultaneously with the departure of the fifty-seven men composing the Irish relief corps from New York for South Africa comes the announcement from the European secretary of the Boer relief fund committee that all the money, supplies, and men needed for the present have been furnished to that organization. The committee has stopped receiving money and desires it to be understood that it is in no need of further assistance at present. This seems to indicate that the Boers are not wanting in sympathizers in any part of the world, and that the response of their friends to their first and only appeal for assistance was prompt and generous.

ROBERTS IN THE FREE STATE.

Lord Roberts cheered the English people and strengthened their confidence in him by making his first important maneuver in South Africa with brilliant success. The movement of his force in reality marked the opening of a new campaign. It brought a British army for the first time upon the territory of the Boers and constituted the first step in a new strategic plan. The maneuver was carefully planned and executed with a rapidity and adroitness which seem to indicate that England at last has a capable strategist in the field.

PRIVATE PROPERTY AND LAW.

An important decision in a case involving property and contract rights has been rendered in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. It is justly regarded as a vindication of reasonable industrial liberty and a rebuke to legislators who make assaults upon property in violation of the spirit of the Constitution and American principles of government. The court referred to has set aside an act of congress as invalid because repugnant to the fourteenth amendment, which prohibits the taking of private property without due process of law.

THE CURRENCY BILL'S MAJORITY.

By a vote of 46 to 29 the senate adopted the amended financial bill. The passage of the bill was at no time in any serious doubt, for even the opposition discovered at an early stage that it was impossible to prevent favorable action.

TAKING MORTGAGES AND SAVINGS.

In addition to the perplexing problem of mortgage taxation, which is still troubling the New York legislature, a bill for the taxation of all deposits in the savings banks that amount to or exceed \$1,000 is now exciting much controversy in and out of the legislature of the state named. It is recognized on all hands that the present tax system is an outrage upon property. The bill is overtaken, as usual, in the country districts, and is rapidly accepted.

LATEST MARKET REPORT.

Table with market prices for various commodities like Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Wheat, Corn, etc. in Chicago, Milwaukee, Kansas City, Toledo, and New York.

CASUALTIES.

John Swigart, a pioneer of northern Indiana, living in Ligonier, Ind., was killed Friday by a train. He was 53 years old.

William Springer of Porter, Ind., was killed Friday evening by being struck by a Michigan Central train.

Lewis Smith, aged 19, was accidentally shot while hunting near Sioux City, Iowa, with Edward Hagerstrom, same age. His wounds are fatal. Hagerstrom fell, his gun caught in his coat and was discharged, the entire charge taking effect in Smith's thigh.

A \$14,000 fire at Salem, Ill., Saturday morning destroyed the business houses on the east side of the Courthouse square with the exception of one.

A \$25,000 fire destroyed the Quick & Co. wholesale candy house at Kokomo, Ind., Saturday morning.

CRIME.

Mrs. Julia French of Boston was delayed on her race homeward to protect her fortune by arrest and a sprained ankle, received in a struggle with a detective, in which she also lost \$2,000.

Patrick Crowe, suspected of being implicated in the daring Northwestern train robbery between Maple Park and DeKalb on the night of Oct. 12, was arrested Monday afternoon in Chicago and has been spirited away by the police. The place of his confinement is kept a secret.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Vessels meet danger to navigation interests in the Chicago river from the sanitary canal current.

Delegates to the L. A. W. national assembly are expected to vote against the future control of cycle racing.

Expected disturbances by students in Rome because their anti-papal demonstrations had been suppressed were prevented by the watchfulness of the police.

Russia's massing of troops near the Afghan frontier is causing much alarm in London.

Austrian officials have discovered a plot to free Poland. It is claimed a simultaneous rebellion was planned against the powers that divided the former kingdom.

Official France, in fear of America's power at sea, thinks fortification of the Nicaragua canal would check the growth of the Yankee navy.

Unless President McKinley recedes from his position in favor of free trade with Puerto Rico enough republicans may stand by him to defeat the tariff bill in the house.

Prominent Illinois manufacturers are urging the ratification of pending reciprocity treaties.

Russia's designs on the Afghan frontier causes alarm in England.

M. Marcel-Habert is on trial before the French senate for conspiracy against the government.

The statement is made in Germany that American barley is detrimental to stock.

An issue of \$2,500,000 of city bonds to cover the sanitary canal water-power contract has been authorized by the Chicago city council.

Tom Sharkey knocked out Jim Jeffords in the second round of their battle at Detroit Monday night.

John C. Miller Guilty.

The Kehr murder case came to a close at La Crosse, Wis., Friday, when the jury brought in a verdict finding John C. Miller guilty of manslaughter in the second degree, acquitting the other three defendants, William Trapp, Richard Voss and William Kilz.

\$250,000 Fire at Escanaba.

The National Coopers and Woodmen company's monster plant at Escanaba, Mich., was burned Wednesday morning. The loss is at least \$250,000, and the insurance is probably not half.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Week's Proceedings In the Senate and House.

FINANCIAL BILL IS PASSED.

Wolcott of Colorado Accepts the Measure, but Asks a Pledge for International Bimetallism—The Ship Subsidy Bill—Macrum Case Is Up.

Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The senate, by a vote of 45 to 25, rejected an amendment to the financial bill, offered by Mr. Chandler, authorizing the president to appoint commissioners to any future international bimetallic conference; devoted the rest of the day to debate on the Aldrich amendment providing that the provisions of the bill are not intended to

CHRISTIAN HYMN-SINGING IN BOER LAAGER BEHIND LOMBARD'S KOP.



"About fifteen men, mostly about 30 to 40 years," writes a correspondent, "were crowded into the tent, which was excessively hot. Two candles were stuck in bottles placed on empty cases; the men squatted around, two or three reading from the same hymn-book. They had laid their pipes beside them, and their rifles were stacked about the tent-pole. They sang well in lusty, clear voices free from any nasal twang. The effect was strikingly picturesque.

place any obstacles in the way of international bimetallism. The house debated the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, the arguments assuming a political tinge. The feature was a sharp colloquy between Messrs. Barthold, Benton and Pearce, all of Missouri, on the Nesbitt election law in that state.

Thursday, Feb. 15.

The senate passed the senate substitute for the house currency bill by a vote of 46 to 29. Made the Hawaiian bill unfinished business, giving it right of way.

The house completed twenty-six of the 124 pages of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill without amendment. During the general debate Mr. Boutell (Ill.), Mr. Wiers (Ind.) and Mr. Showalter (Pa.) discussed the Philippine question; Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) and Mr. Gillette (Mass.) civil service reform; Mr. Driggs (N. Y.), pensions, and Mr. Underwood (Ala.), his resolution to repeal the fifteenth amendment to the constitution.

Friday, Feb. 16.

Gen. French with 7,000 mounted men relieved Kimberley after 127 days of siege; he occupied the five Boer camps south of town, capturing supplies and ammunition, and is scouring the country north. Roberts occupied Jacobsdal, recapturing many British prisoners. Cronje's forces surprised and supposed to be dispersed. Kelly-Kenny in pursuit of Boer convoy attempting to escape to Bloemfontein. Clements retreated from Rensburg to Arundel; two companies of Wiltshire regiment captured by Boers. House of commons voted supplementary army estimate carrying \$13,000,000.

Saturday, Feb. 17.

The senate was not in session. The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. The civil service appropriation, stricken out in committee of the whole, was restored to the bill by a vote of 77 to 125.

Monday, Feb. 19.

The senate spent the day in debate on the right of congress to extend or withhold the constitution to territory acquired by the United States.

The house began expansion debate. The Puerto Rican tariff bill coming up. Passed a bill to amend sections 3,339 and 3,341 of the revised statutes relating to internal revenue tax on fermented liquors, the purpose being to abolish the smaller packages of beer, one-six and one-eighth barrels. The bill is to go into effect July 1, 1900. Nothing was accomplished at a night session, which was to have been devoted to pension legislation.

American Vessel Runs Blockade.

A telegram from Lourenco Marques states that the American ship Sea Witch has arrived there with 800 tons of flour. She succeeded in evading the British warships until she arrived within the three-mile limit.

Tortured by Insurgents.

A special cablegram received at Boston from Iloilo, Philippine islands, tells of the brutal slaughter by the Filipinos of three privates of company F, Twenty-sixth U. S. V. All were Massachusetts men.

CONSUL MACRUM EXPLAINS.

Charges Secretary Hay with Being Britain's Friend.

Former Consul to Pretoria, Charles E. Macrum, has given to the press a statement of his reasons for leaving his post when he did and incidentally makes a series of serious charges against the British government as represented by its censor at Durban, and hints at a secret alliance between the government of the United States as represented by Secretary of State Hay and the government of Great Britain. The vital parts of his statement follow:

"I had the humiliation as representative of the American government of sitting in my office in Pretoria and looking upon envelopes bearing the official seal of the American government opened and officially sealed with a sticker notifying me that the contents had been read by the censor at Durban. I looked up international law, but failed to find anywhere that one military power can use its own discre-

Why Goebel Was Shot.

Charles Martello Gives Reasons Why He Did the Work.

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"CHARLES MARTELLE."

"P. S.—Keep this to yourself, but I don't care much what you do."

Machias Gone to Puerto Rico.

Rear-Admiral Farquhar telegraphs the navy department from Colon that the gunboat Machias has gone to San Juan, Puerto Rico. She left La Guayra on Monday for Puerto Cabello, where a revolutionary outbreak was supposed to be impending. The fact that she has gone to San Juan indicates that everything at Puerto Cabello was quiet.

Twenty Years for Rightsell.

After three weeks' strong legal battle in the Livingston county Circuit court at Fairbury, Ill., the Rightsell murder trial came to a close by the jury's bringing in a verdict finding Rightsell guilty of the killing of Chief of Police Fred Baird of this city a year ago, and giving him twenty years in the penitentiary.

Stops Archbishop's Salary.

The French cabinet has decided to stop the salary of Cardinal Richard, the archbishop of Paris, for an unlimited period in order to punish him for visiting and condoling with the Assumptionists. The bishops who sent felicitations to the Assumptionists will have their salaries stopped for short periods.

Will Fight in San Francisco.

San Francisco has been agreed upon as the battleground, and April 10 or thereabouts the date for the mill to be fought between Jim Jeffries and Jim Corbett. The change from March 15 was made at the instance of the fighters, who have insisted on an extension of time in which to become acclimated.

Woman Frozen to Death.

In a cold and cheerless basement at No. 71 West Congress street, Chicago, the body of Mrs. Lizzie McDonald, a widow, was found Friday by a gas inspector. The woman, it is believed, froze to death, as no fire burned in the rooms, and she lay on a mattress spread in the middle of the kitchen floor.

Politics in Indiana.

Chairman Heryly of the Indiana republican state central committee has issued the call for the state convention to be held at Indianapolis, April 25-26. The first day will be devoted to a general "love feast" of Indiana republicans, and the second day to the convention.

Advance in Price of Paper.

The American Paper and Pulp Manufacturers' association, which concluded its annual meeting in New York Thursday night, agreed that there is to be a steady advance in the price of paper. It also decided almost unanimously to withdraw from the national board of trade.

Permit for Winthrop Harbor.

The Winthrop Harbor association has secured from the government a permit to construct an artificial harbor at their new factory town, north of Waukegan. It is estimated that the work as proposed will call for an expenditure of at least \$130,000.

Pardon for Howard Barnhart.

Howard Barnhart of Auburn, Ind., who was last summer sentenced to the penitentiary for fourteen years, will be pardoned. Barnhart was sent up for stealing meat in Waterloo, but the Supreme court has reversed the decision rendered by the jury.

\$10,000 Damage Suit Filed.

Suit has been filed at Bedford, Ind., against the Consolidated Stone company for \$10,000 damages by John D. Morgan as administrator of the estate of Albert Cass. Cass was killed Jan. 24, near this city, while at work in one of the defendant's quarries.

Great Wedding This Week.

The Hon. Lillian Pauncefoot, daughter of the British ambassador to the United States, will be married in St. John's Episcopal church in Washington next Saturday noon to the Hon. Robert Bromley, honorable attache of the embassy.

Sixty Girls Burn to Death.

The steamship Empress of China brings a report from Nagoya, China, that sixty girls were burned to death in a factory in that town.

To License All Barbers.

With only nine votes in opposition the Iowa house has passed the barber bill, requiring the licensing of all barbers in the state.

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"Deeds Are Better Than Words."

What does Hood's Sarsaparilla do? The answer comes full-throated from a gigantic chorus of healthy men and happy women. "It does just what it claims to do." It purifies the blood as nothing else can. The number of those who answer thus is legion and their sentiment is unanimous.

Kidney Trouble—"Grip left me with severe pains in my back and kidneys. Could not walk without support. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and was soon relieved. Am also cured of catarrh and indigestion." W. A. Reed, 17 Mowry Avenue, East Providence, R. I.



Hood's Pills cure liver ill; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

How He Got Elsewhere. "How did he escape?" inquired the detective.

"Well," replied the turkey with the damaged eye, "he sort of nicknamed himself out."

"What?"

"He pried his cell door open with a jimmy. Then he knocked me down with a billy."

"Yes?"

"And then he sallied out."—Chicago Tribune.

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Another Victim of Hypnotism.

"Do you remember what you said when you proposed?"

"Yes, I remember what I said well enough, but to this day I haven't figured out how I came to say it."—Indianapolis Journal.

SUCCESS FOR THE DAIRY.

To secure the best results in the care of milk and butter, attention must be given to details. The milking must be properly done, and all vessels used must be kept scrupulously clean by washing morning and night in hot water with Ivory Soap, then rinsing well in cold water and setting out to air and sun.

ELIZABETH PARKER. Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds.—George Elliot.

Advertisement for St. Jacobs Oil, 1900. Includes text: 'There is every good reason why', 'St. Jacobs Oil should cure RHEUMATISM NEURALGIA LUMBAGO SCIATICA', 'SURELY AND PROMPTLY'.

Advertisement for Sterling Duplex Washing Machine. Includes text: 'WORK & WORRY', 'WASHED AWAY BY THE STERLING DUPLEX WASHING MACHINE.', 'Has double "washboard" rubber, runs easiest, lasts longest, does finestest work. Best practical clothes washer made. Don't droop. Use modern methods. If it's not at your dealer's write us. THE EUREKA CO., Dept. H., Rock Falls, Ill.'

Advertisement for Tower's Fish Brand Pommel Slicker. Includes text: 'TOWER'S FISH BRAND POMMEL SLICKER', 'The Best Saddle Coat.', 'Keeps both rider and saddle perfectly dry in the heaviest storms. Substitutes will disappoint. Ask for Fish Brand Pommel Slicker. It is entirely new. If not for sale in your store, write for catalogue to A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.'