

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

CURRENT TOPICS

THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY. The "Clayton-Bulwer treaty" derives its name from the diplomatists who negotiated it...

THE EXPLORING HABIT. That royal explorer, the duke of the Abruzzi, is not, it seems, an exception to the rule that gentlemen who start out to find the north pole have to be hunted up themselves...

ENGLAND'S BOYCOTT ON PARIS. An English paper has this to say by way of encouragement to the Paris exhibition: "If you are going to Paris get vaccinated before you start..."

KIPLING IN SOUTH AFRICA. Having arrived at Cape Town and mastered the situation within twenty-four hours, Mr. Rudyard Kipling has prepared plans and specifications for the speedy settlement of the entire South African difficulty...

RUSSIA IS MOVING TROOPS. A St. Petersburg correspondent says: "Fresh alarm is spreading abroad from south Russia with regard to further suspicious military movements..."

PROSPECT OF CHEAPER BEEF. Early reports from the great cattle range at the west indicate that the season has been favorable to stock, that losses have been few and unimportant...

CURRENT MARKET PRICES.

GRAIN, PROVISIONS, ETC. Chicago—No. 2 spring wheat, 64 1/2c; No. 2 red, 64c; No. 2 yellow, 64 1/2c; No. 2 white, 64 1/2c...

LIVE STOCK. Chicago, March 10.—Hogs—Active, 2 1/2c higher; mixed and butchers, \$1.70-1.85; good to choice heavy, \$1.75-1.85...

Armour Company Is Licensed. License to incorporate Armour & Co. of Chicago was issued Thursday by the secretary of state to J. Ogden Armour...

Prof. Shattuck Hurt. Prof. S. W. Shattuck of the University of Illinois met with a serious accident late Wednesday afternoon. The accident was caused by an explosion of gasoline...

United States Protector of Tutuila. Commander B. H. Tilley, commandant of the Pago-Pago coaling station, and senior officer of the United States in the new Samoan possession...

Senator Beveridge Insists on Free Trade. Senator Beveridge, after consultation with prominent Indiana republicans, has introduced a substitute for Senator Davis' amendment to the Puerto Rican bill...

Work on War Vessels. The monthly report of Rear Admiral Philip Hichborn, chief constructor of the navy, on the condition of work on naval vessels under construction...

Senator Beveridge Acted on Advice. Political admirers of Senator Beveridge are commenting on his Puerto Rican move in the senate. This step was not taken until he had consulted by letter a great number of republicans in Indiana...

Gasoline Explosion Fatal to Six. An explosion Friday night, resulting from an attempt of Joseph White to start a fire with gasoline, occasioned the death of a 4-year-old child and fatal injuries to White, Mrs. Alice Weaver, and her three other children...

Overall Factory Burns. The C. B. Cones, Son & Co.'s overall factory in Indianapolis was destroyed by fire Wednesday night with a loss estimated at \$75,000. One of the walls of the factory fell, and fire men were caught and badly injured...

Italian Emigrant News. It is announced that Marquis Emilio Visconti-Venosta, the Italian minister of foreign affairs, is preparing a plan to establish a bureau at New York for the benefit of Italian emigrants...

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Seem to Be Getting the Worst of It.

BRITISH AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

Enjoying Themselves While Preparing for the Advance on Pretoria—The Farmers Missing to the Northwest—May Be a Big Fight.

Wednesday, March 14. Roberts entered Bloemfontein, being welcomed by the inhabitants, many of whom were opposed to the war; British flag run up; Steyn moved capital to Kroonstad...

Thursday, March 15. Secretary Reitz, refuting Salisbury, said England endeavored by threats to force changes in Transvaal and imported troops, thus forcing war, although Kruger's demand for withdrawal was not intended as a message of war...

Friday, March 16. Cecil Rhodes criticized British generalship and declared English victories were due largely to luck; said Boers never had more than 30,000 men in the field. Railroad open from Bloemfontein to Cape Town...

BRITISH GRAVES AT MAGERSFONTEIN.



One of the saddest sights in South Africa, at least to English eyes, is that level plot of stony ground just to the rear of the little township of Modder River, where General Wauchope and some fifty members of the highlanders killed at the battle of Magersfontein were buried...

republic. The British consul at Moscow defended his country so loudly as to offend the Russians and was rebuked by the czar's aid-de-camp. Emperor William assured the Transvaal government he would gladly assist in mediation if Great Britain would consent.

Sunday, March 18. London papers believe Mafeking has been relieved by Plummer. Boers were shelling it on March 10.

Free-States laying down arms; 1,800 surrendered at Edenburg to Pole-Carew; Basuto border cleared of Boers; latter hold position at Biggarsberg. Many protests against breaking up of pro-Boer meetings in London.

Monday, March 19. British waiting for supplies. Roberts, with 60,000 men, will go to Pretoria, which Wolseley says should be reached by May 15. Buller, with 40,000 men, will seek Boers entrenched at Biggarsberg.

Banked 275,000,000 Feet of Logs. The annual drive meeting of the Menominee River Boom company was held at Marinette, Wis., Friday. The driving of the different streams was apportioned and the driving and boom-charge for next season fixed. It was estimated at the meeting that 275,000,000 feet of logs were banked along the Menominee and tributaries this winter...

Kater's Handling Demoin. It is reported that Germany is about to acquire Elknel Island, in the southwestern part of the Persian gulf. She will also acquire more territory in China. A commercial expedition under Dr. Fitzner is going to Anatolia.

THREE SISTERS BEAR TWINS.

Three sisters at Mendham, a village near Newark, N. J., within about three hours Thursday night were safely delivered of healthy twins. Mrs. J. W. Garrabrant gave birth about 8 o'clock to two boys. An hour later two tiny boys put in an appearance at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Freeman...

BISHOP POTTER CONVERTED.

When Bishop Potter sailed for the orient he was in avowed sympathy with those who want the United States to back out of the Philippines and leave them to shift for themselves. Now that he has studied the problem on the ground he declared that he thought the only thing for the United States to do was to stay there and do the best that could be done for the islands...

Money for Detroit's Column.

Three hundred persons attended the mass meeting at Detroit Wednesday night to raise funds by subscription to pay for the Stanford White Doric column and peristyle to be erected in the city. The subscriptions aggregated \$200,000, and it is regarded as a fair start toward the \$1,000,000 estimated cost of the memorial...

Dealing in Options a Wage.

The Supreme court of Nebraska has decided that dealing in options in the Chicago board of trade was a wagering transaction, and no suit for recovery of losses could be maintained. The case came up from Dixon county, where a grain buyer, who was dealing in options, induced a Chicago brokerage firm to carry him for \$1,400. He did not pay, and suit to recover was brought. The court holds that contracts for future delivery of grain where no grain is transferred or intended to be delivered are against public policy...

Short in His Accounts.

A. O. Black, postmaster, merchant and town treasurer of the village of Holmen, La Crosse county, Wis., was arrested Saturday evening, charged with embezzlement. Black was at one time treasurer of many religious organizations and secret societies. Recently his business fell off, and the funds belonging to the government, county and village were used. The shortage will amount to \$3,000.

Trial of Miss Horlocker for Poisoning.

For the trial of Miss Viola Horlocker for attempting a year ago to poison Mrs. Anna Morey, her employer's wife, nearly 100 witnesses have been subpoenaed. The trial is to be held at Hastings, Neb., next week. Miss Horlocker has been in the Oaklawn sanitarium for the insane at Jacksonville, Ill., since last June. Dr. Norbury, who has had charge of her, will be a witness in the case.

Filipino Bandits Condemned.

The military commission appointed to try the Ladrone leaders, Morales and Gonzales, who were accused of murdering Filipinos, has found the prisoners guilty and sentenced them to be hanged on March 20 near Bayambang. This action is intended to suppress outrages by bands of outlaws, but as the insurgents have some sixty American prisoners in their hands, they may retaliate.

Not Selfish, but Murderer.

The death of William Epy, reported Thursday night at Benton, Ill., as a suicide, turns out to be a murder. Harry Hubbard, a young man of one of the best families of the county, is under arrest, charged with the crime.

Ordered from Halifax.

The Leinster regiment of British Infantry has received orders to leave Halifax for England on March 25. Their place will be taken by a regiment of Canadian militia raised for the purpose.

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.

Vast assemblage of Puerto Ricans calls on Gen. Davis and petitions congress to settle the island tariff issue at once to relieve business stagnation. Academy of Sciences celebrates its 200th anniversary with a jubilee in the royal palace at Berlin.

Miss Annie Strother, cashier in Swan's restaurant, 150 Twenty-second street, Chicago, was shot and killed early Monday morning by a veiled woman, who escaped.

The Chicago city council passed an ordinance compelling street railway companies to lower the tunnels under the river.

"Fallow Dick" Combs, a negro, is named in Sergt. Golden's confession as the assassin who killed Goebel. Section of a California mountain slips into a bottomless cavern.

Admiral Watson has been ordered to send one of his warships to Taku, China, to protect missionaries. The Topeka Capital, it is announced, will henceforth be conducted on the lines laid down by the Rev. C. M. Sheldon.

Heavy snow and high wind delay traffic in Michigan. Temperature is below zero. John W. Feasel of Bowling Green, Ohio, has brought suit for \$10,000 against John and Amy Lambright because, he says, they have taken his wife away from him and will not permit him to see her.

At Chicago the thermometer at 1 o'clock Saturday morning marked 1 degree below zero, the coldest March day since 1858. W. J. Bryan, it is said, will not attend the national democratic convention.

Under the new financial law Chicago national banks will next week put over \$1,000,000 of new notes in circulation. Cork and Linerick corporations refuse to issue address of welcome to Victoria. Disturbances in Ireland are expected.

China disregards the American minister's protest against an appointment, and thereby angers all foreign diplomats at Peking. Russian government contemplates making the naphtha industry a state monopoly.

Bonapartist plan to make capital out of Rostand's new play at Paris proved a fiasco. Secretary Root at Havana says he thinks the Cubans are capable of self-government.

Advertisers in the Topeka Capital say the Rev. C. M. Sheldon ignores their contracts, and they threaten trouble. E. S. Dreyer was denied a new trial at Chicago Thursday and sent to jail.

Club women are indignant over Louise Wolcott's use of the stationery of the National Council of Women in praising a patent medicine. Indiana republicans think Gen. Harrison would accept the nomination for the presidency.

Terry McGovern stopped Eddie Lenay in the second round at New York Thursday. Reduced rates will be given to G. A. R. men attending the national encampment in August.

President McKinley signs the financial bill Wednesday and it is now law. McKinley's offer of mediation between Great Britain and the Boer republics leads the Paris Liberte to suggest further pacific overtures that would force England to listen.

Leftists of the Italian parliament refuse to join in celebration of King Humbert's birthday. Secretary of War Root at Havana assures the Cubans that American occupation of the island will be brief.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett marries Stephen Townsend at Genoa, Italy, Wednesday. Rev. Thomas K. Beecher and Mary Foote Beecher Perkins, brother and sister of the late Henry Ward Beecher, died Wednesday.

Dr. Schell, former general secretary of the Epworth league, has sued Methodist minister-editors who criticized him for damages. Colored workmen will organize to enter all branches of railroad service and the skilled trades.

Armour & Co. incorporated with \$20,000,000 capital, the stock being kept in the family. Gov. Pingree is said to be working for a seat in the United States senate.

It is reported that Mr. Yerkes, formerly of Chicago, is a heavy buyer of Third Avenue railroad stock in New York, causing the boom in those shares.

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Spring Humors

Come to a certain percentage of all the people. Probably 75 per cent. of these people are cured every year by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and we hope by this advertisement to get the other 25 per cent. to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has made more people well, effected more wonderful cures than any other medicine in the world. Its strength as a blood purifier is demonstrated by its marvelous cures of...

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Is America's Greatest Blood Medicine. "Yes," said the man, after the nitro-glycerin explosion had scattered the remains of the well-shooter over a large section of the petroleum region, "Doyle always was a cool one. I've seen him rattle over a stony road with a load of glycerin with no more care than if it had been a load of hay."

What She Died Of. A district visitor was talking to a poor woman whose sister had just died in a lunatic asylum. "Oh, it ain't in the family," exclaimed the mourner. "What drove sister crazy was the conduct of her young man; and when she died in the asylum they took her into the slaughter house, post-mortemed her, and the verdict was love."

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The Boy and the Father. "Pa," said the small boy, his eyes looking lovingly at the new mechanical top, "you've showed me how to work it now for an hour. Let me try." —Answers.

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