WHILE GROVE : ILLINOIS.

# CURRENT TOPICS

#### TB VELING ACTE HA.

A medical journal calls attention to the general neglect of sanitary and hygienic methods in the management of sleeping-cars. There are stringent regulations about the transportation of dead bodies in baggage-cars, but there is no adequate and systematic provision for protecting living travelers from exposure to infection, although many passengers must leave disease-producing germs in the bedding or apholstery.

It is customary to cleanse the blankets and cushions of dry dust and cinders by subjecting them to powerful carrents of air, driven by steam, but It is said that they are seldom so thoroughly treated as to remove the danger of infection. Unless railroad authorities take prompt measures, it seems to be the duty of state boards of health to interfere for the safety of the traveling public.

This is only one case among many in which "new occasions teach new duties." Almost every invention or advance in modern life creates situations which require the fresh application of old, eternal principles. It requires the strong pressure of law or of public opinion to secure the adoption of new and needed methods, even when health, comfort and life are at risk. Only the nimble-minded can keep up with the incessant demands for readjustment.

A GREAT MIS-IONARY CONFERENCE An "Ecumenical Conference" on foreign missions is to be held in New York, beginning April 21 and continuing until May 1. "Ecumenical," or world-embracing is a large word, but its use is justified by the fact that the conference will include representatives of the different Protestant denominations in all parts of the world. Nearly forty missionary societies are represented in the general committee, and It is expected that 2,000 delogates will be present. Among them will be missionaries from the more important for-

eign fields.

The chief purpose of the conference is to collect facts and compare methods. The reports, addresses and paers will be a treasury of missionary information for a long time to come. It is expected that the conference will stimulate interest in foreign missions among the churches and lead to more generous support of them. In most of the denominations the gifts for the purpose, although large in the aggregate, are small in proportion to the membership. There are many wouldbe missionaries waiting to go out who empot be sent for want of money to support them.

### RUSSIA'S AGHRESSIVE ACTIVITY.

From Kobe, Japan, is cabled the report that Russia and Japan are again at odds regarding the former power's insistent demand for a Korean port. Some time ago Japan prevented the cession of such a port to Russia. Referring to this controversy, the dispatch says that the question has been reopened by the admiral in charge of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur. The Kobe correspondent adds:

"This demand has accentuated the differences between Russia and Japan. The situation is serious, and there are frequent conferences between the Japanese ministry and the war office at Tokyo."

At the same time there comes from Sofia a cablegram announcing that the Bulgarian war minister has suddenly departed for St. Petersburg. It is be-Heved at the Bulgarian capital that the war minister is engaged in "concluding a treaty with Russia defining the terms on which the Bulgarian seaport, Port Bourgas, is to be ceded to the government of the czar, and that the convention will provide for the union of the Bulgarian army with the Russian forces."

## NOW TO LIVE A CENTURY.

"Old age depends upon heredity, common sense and a good stomach, asserts Dr. D. K. Pearsons, in telling how to live a century. The heredity feature, of course, is something a man cannot acquire, so no rules can be laid down for that. Common sense is a iff to some people, may be acquired g some, and is impossible of attainment by others, but naturally the doctor is not talking for the born fools. The good stomach is closely allied to the common sense, and the rules laid down may be said to apply to both. It a common sense to cultivate a good mach, so far as may be possible, nd a good stomach is conductve to nmon sense. Thus we find that the tomach Hes at the bottom of it all.

Profinsionry Trets. on think this parcel Med to trust going in the van? a passenger for the south of a on the Highland line. answered the porter, dro here, an' sho'il get that at the will got that at Porth"-giving it

#### CURRENT MARKET PRICES.

Spring Wheat—No. 1 northern at 65c. Winter Wheat—Dull, No. 2 red, 68@68%c; No. 3, 65067c; No. 4 sold 57661c; No. 2 hard, 65%c; No. 3, 61@65c.

Corn—Active, %c higher. No. 2, 87%@ 37%c; No. 2 yellow, 38c; No. 2 white at 37%c; No. 3 at 37%c, closed at 37%c; No. 3 white at 371/4637%c; No. 3 yellow at 371/466 37%c, closed at 371/4637%c; No. 4 at 376

Oats-No. 4 white, 26%c; No. 3 white, 2614c; No. 2, 2442414c. Cattle-Heavy native steers, \$4.75@5.20; light weights, \$4.30665.05; stockers and feeders, \$3.40@5.20; butchers' cows and heifers, \$3.256,4.50; canners, \$2.707,3.25; fed westerns, \$4.15@4.50; western feeders, \$3.75 64.75; Texans, \$3.6064.70, Hogs-\$4.95@6.05; mixed, \$4.90@5; light, \$4.65@4.90; pigs, \$4.15@4.65. Butter-Easy. Creamery extras, 2379

231/c; firsts, 22@23c; seconds, 19@20c; imitation creameries, fresh, from unsalted butter, 186019c; dafries, extra (Cooley's). 22c; firsts, 19@20c; seconds, 18c; ladles, 17@ 18c; packing stock, 17c; roll, 17@17%c. Cheese—Steady. Full cream cheddars, 11%@12c per lb; twins, 11%@12%c; Young Americas, 12%c; Swiss, 12%@12%c; Lim-

burger, 10%@10%e; brick, 10@11c. Eggs-Firm. Strictly fresh, per cases returned, loss off, 10c; seconds, \$2.10 @2.15 per case. Goose eggs, 40c per doz. Potatoes—Lower, weak. Fair to choice, 296136c per bu in bulk. Seed potatoes, 38c. Vegetables-Asparagus, \$1.75@2 per doz bunches. Cabbage, 50 per ton. Onions, home grown, 450,000 per bu. Turntus, 42c per bu. Wax beans, \$5 per bu; string beans, \$4. Celery, 45c@\$1 per doz bunches. Cucumbers, 75c per doz.

#### NEW GERMAN NAVY BILL.

Measure for More Ships Comes Up Be-

fore Reichstag Committee. The budget committee of the reichstag on Wednesday debated the navy bill the discussion turning chiefly on relations between Germany and Great Britain, which, it is supposed, was also the subject of confidential communications which Foreign Minister von Buelow made to the committee Tuesday. Herr Bebel, the social democratic leader, contended that the bill was chiefly aimed against Great Britain, and he argued against Germany trying to rival that country as a naval power. In the contention he had the support of Herr Richter, the radical leader. The conservative members, on the other hand, supported the measure, while Premier von Buelow, while asserting the kaiser's pacific intentions, pointed to the American policy as his precedent and justification.

#### CHICAGO SPELLING BAD.

School Trustee Schwab Says He's Made a Herrowing Discovery.

School Trustee Joseph S. Schwab of Chicago has discovered that pupils in the public schools of that city are not taught spelling and he intends to bring the matter before the next meeting of the board of education. Mr. Schwab declares that the children have an original system of spelling, which could hardly be called phonetic, although it is a "short-cut" system, and all words are spelled as they sound to the individual child, and declares that he is going to find out why the children are not taught spelling and will make an effort to have the methods in this regard changed by substituting for something else a course in spelling. He says it is too serious to overlook.

#### LEAVES MILLIONS TO FAMILY. Will of William J. Rainey Filed for

Probate at Clercland. The will of William J. Rainey, the millionaire coal and coke operator, has been probated. The value of the real and personal property is placed by the executors at \$5,600,000. Mr. Rainey named his wife and four children as executors and directed that his extensive coal and coke business be carried on by them, sharing equally in the profits. Probate Judge said that the total value of Mr. Rainey's estate would probably reach \$12,000,000.

Extends Nome Dredging Permits.

The senate has amended the Alaska bill by providing that, subject only to such general limitations as may be necessary to exempt navigation from artificial obstruction, all land and shoal water below mean high tide on the shores, bays and inlets of Behring sea, within the jurisdicition of the United States, shall be subject to exploration for gold and other precious metals by citizens of the United day to consideration of the Puerto States, or persons who have legally Rican subject. declared their intentions to become such, and that all permits heretofore granted authorizing any person or persons, corporation or company, to excavate or mine under any of said waters are hereby revoked and declared null and void.

Uncle Sam Protector of Tutuliane. Commander B. H. Tilley, commandant of the Pago-Pago coaling station, and senior officer of the United States in the new Samoan possession, has officially notified the personal chief of Tutuila, on which Pago-Pago harbor is situated, of the transfer of that and adjacent smaller islands to the authority of the United States, and promising protection and assistance to the inhabitants

Smallpox on the Increase.

There were 1,272 cases of smallpox in the United States the last week. The state showing the largest number of cases is Lordsiana, with 2,015 cases; Texas comes nevt, with 517. California is the state least affected, having but three cases. New York at present has eleven cases, as against seventyfour for Illinois. Five of these seventy-four have been discovered in Chi-

Division of the Philippines. Secretary of War Root Thursday afternoon made public his order creating the military "division of the Philippines." It is composed of the followng departments: Department Worthern Luzon, Major-General Arhur MacArthur, U. S. V., commanddepartment of Southern Lamon Major-General John C. Bates, U. S. mmanding: department of the

Proceedings of Six Days in National Congress.

BIG SUM FOR COAST DEFENSES

Aside from Settling the Puerto Rican Tariff Problem Little Work Is Being Done-Proctor Spoke for Free Trade -Daily Routine.

Wednesday, March 28. The senate agreed to vote on the Puerto Rico bill Tuesday afternoon, April 3. Listened to a speech by Mr. Davis in support of free trade. Amended the Alaskan civil code bill by de-

#### INSULAR FINANCE REPORT. Statement of the Tariff Schedules Is

Transmicted to the Senate. Acting Secretary of War Meiklejohn reports in Puerto Rico the total receipts since date of military occupancy to Jan. 31, 1900, amounted to \$2,565,-762; disbursements, \$2,049,051. Cuba the total receipts from Jan.

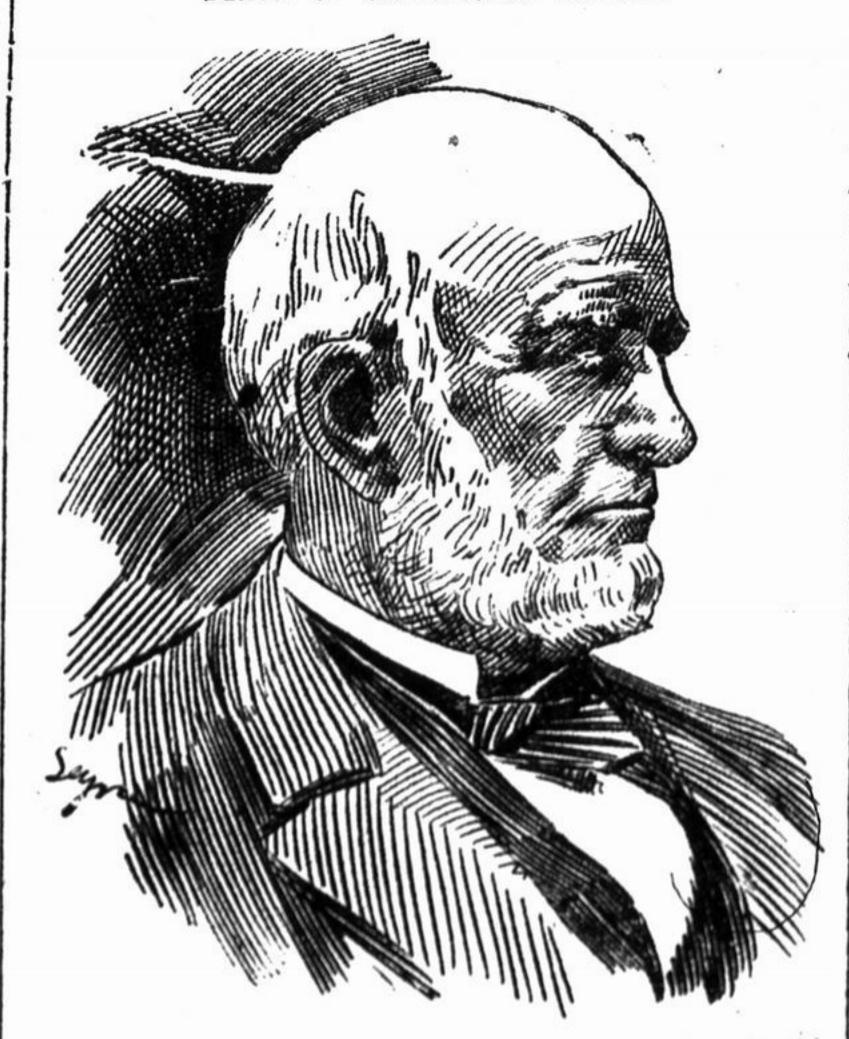
1899, to Jan. 31, 1900, was \$18.025,919; disbursements, \$15,333,250. The statement also shows the receipts in Guam and the Philippines from the occupation of the islands to Dec. 31 were \$6,-696,070; the disbursements, \$5,279,482.

#### TAYLOR TO BE ARRESTED.

Plans to Arrest Governor of Kentucky

For Goebel Killing. There has been much anxiety and excitement throughout Kentucky over claring vold all permits heretofore giv- a report, which has gained wide ciren to mine for gold in tide waters un- culation, that Gov. William S. Taylor der the jurisdiction of the United is to be arrested on his way back to States and allowing all citizens of the Frankfort after the functai of his United States to do such mining under sister, at Morgantown, on the charge regulations imposed by organized min- of having been a participant in the

DEATH OF EX-SENATOR SAWYER.



The former senator from Wisconsinpassed away the other day at his Oshkosh home. He was born in 1816.

ing districts. Defeated the Morgan plot to assassinate Mr. Goebel. It is free-cofnage amendment to the Puerto | the general belief that such a step on Rican bill by a vote of 15 yeas to 33

Thursday, March 29.

The senate agreed to the conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. Heard an extended speech by Mr. Beverldge in support of free trade with Puerto Rico.

The house passed the army appropriation bill in a form only slightly modified from that in which it came from the committee. One of the amendments adopted opens the sol diera' homes to the officers and men of the volunteer and regular armies in capacitated by service during or since the Spanish war.

Friday, March 30.

The senate heard Mr. Proctor in support of free trade with Puerto Rico and Mr. Pettus on the constitutional phases of the problem. During the latter's speech he convulsed his colleagues with humorous sallies at the expense of Senators Gailinger and Beveridge. Devoted the rest of the

The house devoted the day to war claims, taking no action of importance thereon. Adopted the conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

March 31.

House passed coast defense appropriation calling for \$7,000,000. Senator Fairbanks of Indiana addressed senate in behalf of Puerto Rico bill.

Monday, April 2.

Puerto Rican tariff bill likely to pass; only six republicans voting against and two democrats for it, Majority of republicans are opposed to the bill, but accept it as a compromise. Civil government bill may be defeated in conference.

Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee introduced resolution asking secretary of treasury for information as to surplus created by war taxes, forestalling democratic res-

Argument against Pottawatomie Indians' land claims made before house

Government's receipts increased and expenditures decreased during March. Webster Davis resigned as assistant secretary of interior to talk for Boers

Filiplus to Rate Batanes. Teofilo Costillejo has been installed as the first American governor of the Batanes group and Calayan island, the northernmost division of the Philippines archipelago. Senor Costillejo is a Filipino, who resided in Aparri, He was taken to the Batanes and Calayan in the gunboat Princeton, by Commander Knoz, who raised the stars and stripes at Calayan and took formal ion of the Island in the name of the United States. The Princeton

the part of the democrats would plunge the state into war. Detective Doe Armstrong, whose work on the case has brought about nearly all the arests made, admits that Gov. Taylor was marked for arrest, and it was said by one of the democrtic leaders that the governor would be taken into custody just after the gubernatorial suit has been decided.

Army Transport Service.

on Wednesday resumed the consideration of the army appropriation bill. In connection with the discussion of the items for the quartermaster gen eral's office, Mr. Driggs (dem., N. Y.) vigorously criticised the policy which at present spent as much as a quarter million an the equipment of army transports, when soldiers, during the war with Spain, were carried to and from their destination in vessels that were a disgrace to the service. Responding to Mr. Driggs, Mr. Hull said each shot in the head. It was first that when the war broke out the government had to take the best ships it could find for transports, and their condition justified some of the criticism regarding them. But now the government had organized the best transport service in the world.

Congressman Knocked Down. Congresman George W. Faris and Horace C. Pugh. a well-known attorney and politician, had an exciting street fight in Terre Haute on Thursday, in which Faris was knocked down and considerably bruised and cut about the face. The encounter was the outgrowth of the congressional fight in that district, caused by Faris' withdrawal, as charged, in favor of James S. Barcus, through a deal with the lat-

Democrats Repudiate Bynam. The senate on Wednesday, in excautive session, spent more than an hour in a fruitless effort to confirm the nomination of William D. Bynum of Indiana, nominated early in the session, to be a member of the board of general appraisers of New York. When an attempt was made to take a vote the democrats engaged in fillbustering tactics, refused to answer to their names and broke a quorum.

Another Negro Is Borned to Death. Sam Johnson, a negro, rushed from his house, near Anderson, S. C., Thursday night in his undercicthing, which had been saturated in kerosene oil, a mass of flames. His shricks could be heard a mile away. He ran down the road leading from his house until exhausted, and then fell in the road and died in a few minutes. So known, there was no one with Johnson in the house. His wife had been taken away by her father the day before on account of maltreatment at the hands of her husband

SAWYER IS NO MORE.

Former United States Seaster from Wisconsin Expires.

Oshkosh, Wis., March 30.-Former United States Senator Philetus Sawyer died at 9:15 o'clock at the residence of his son, E. P. Sawyer, in this city. Mr. Sawyer was a native of Whiting. Vt., and was born Sept. 22, 1816. When he was about a year old, his father, who was a blacksmith and farmer. took his family to Essex county, New York, and settled there. It was among the mountains and the woods of the Adirondacks that the future senator spent his boyhood. His youth was a struggle for the education he determined to win. But by thrift and toil, he succeeded. He was bound to his father as an apprentice, but by infinite industry and self-denial, when he was 17 years old, he had saved enough money (specifically, \$100) to buy his time from his master. So successfully did he employ himself in the next few years, that in 1847 he was able to leave his home and come west for a broader field of enterprise. It was then that he came to Wisconsin with a capital of \$2,000.

For years Mr. Sawyer was identified with the lumber trade and the lumber manufacture of Wisconsin. Latterly he was president of the Sawyer-Goodman Company, with large mills at Marinette and extensive yards in Chi-

The public life of Mr. Sawyer extends over a period of forty years and is full of success and honor. He served in the Wisconsin state legislature in 1857 and 1861, and in 1863 and 1864 was mayor of Oshkosh,

#### FINANCES OF THE NATION.

Statements Issued Showing Changes Under New Law.

The latest statement of the treasur balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$156,792,995; gold \$98,358,064. The monthly statement of the controller of the currency at the close of business March 21, 1900, the total circulation of national bank notes was \$270,953,068, an increase for the year of \$27,900,751, and an increase for the month of \$21,518,190.

TWO KILLED AT SCHOOL FIRE. Central Building, Owasso, Mich., De-

stroyed and Fireman and Boy Perish The Owosso (Mich.) Central school building was destroyed by fire Sunday morning and two persons were killed and four injured by falling walls. The dend: James F. Ross, fireman; Frank Tucker, 16 years old. Ross was working on the third story of the building. in charge of a line of hose, and when the walls collapsed was carried down to the basement. His body was recovered with difficulty. The loss is \$100,000.

Turkey Bars American Pork.

The state department has advices from Mr. Griscom, the charge d'affaires of the United States at Constantinople. reporting that the Turkish government has issued a decree probibiting the importation of American pork products into the suitan's possessions. This act of Turkey may serve to make the Unit ed States adopt more radical meass ures to secure the payment by the sultan of the \$190,000 indemnity demanded of him for the outrages on American missionary interests in Armenia. Under the Dingley tariff law the presi-The house committee of the whole | dent has authority to retaliate against Turkey for its exclusion of American

Krneger Is Found Guilty of Murder. At Wankegan, III., the Krneger murder trial came to an end on Wednesday morning, when the jury found him guilty and fixed his punishment at imprisonment for life. July 16 last Mrs. George Krueger and her mother, Mrs. Voss, were found lying dead at their bome at Long Grove. thought Mrs. Krueger had shot her mother and then killed herself. Postmortem examination showed two bullets in each woman's head, which caused the husband to be placed under suspicion. He has all along maintained his innocence.

Shaffner Has to Resign.

Capt. Benjamin M. Shaffner has lost his fight with his subordinates in the naval reserve of Illinois, and will have to give up his position in the service. After much urging, Gov. Tanner has at length seen fit to yield to the requests of members of the reserve and of their friends to remove the captain from his place. A letter calling for his immediate resignation was sent to the governor by Adjt.-Gen. Reece.

Caving Mine Causes Earthquake. Nearly all the residents in the northwestern section of Shenandoah, Pa., were awakened about 3 o'clock Thursday morning by jarring of their houses and the falling of plaster. The occupants mostly miners and their families—fled in terror. Many of the women fainted. The disturbance was caused by the caving in of a part of the old workings of the mammoth vein of the Kehley run colliery.

Husts Her Rabes from Flames. Roy Tucker, 3 years old, was burned to death and his father was probably fatally burned in a fire that occurred in a two-story building at St. Louis, Mo. William Tucker and his family, consisting of a wife and three children, occupied three rooms on the second floor. Mrs. Tucker was the first to discover the flames. She made her way to the loft, dragged two of her children, a boy and a girl 4 and 5 years old, respectively, to a window, and calling to some men below to "Catch," threw the children out.

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