## PEKING LEGATION GUARD

### WAR DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO GENERAL CHAFFEE.

### Company B of the Ninth Infantry to Remain at the Chinese Capital and Protect Our Minister.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The instructions issued by General Chaffee under direction of the War Department in regard to the protection of the American legation at Peking after the departure of the United States troops from China have been made public at the department. They designate Company B, of the Ninth Infantry, as the legation guard, and Maj. E. B. Robertson, of that regiment, is detailed as commander. Major Robertson's attention is especially invited to the fact that the troops under his command are stationed in a foreign country with which the United States is on terms of friendship. The guard must therefore not be used aggressively unless in defense of the American legation or persons and property of American citizens in its immediate vicinity. The guard will repel attacks made by Chinese on the American legation or its own position, and, if necessary to do so, may fire upon the assailants. It may co-operate with other foreign troops for the defense of the legations in event of attack being made on the same by Chinese forces.

### Russia Raising Much Cotton.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—It is expected that Russia will be able soon to supply her own needs in cotton, according to a report received at the State Department from Deputy Consul General Hanauer, at Frankfort, Germany. She is one of the few countries which levies a tax on imported cotton. A tax equal to almost $5 per 100 pounds, and amounting to about two-thirds of the value of the staple, is imposed. The importation of cotton diminished over 72,000,000 pounds in 1899, while the production increased 34 per cent. during the same year. Grain fields in Russia are now planted with cotton, for the cultivation of the fibre is much more profitable than that of wheat.

### National Capital Notes.

The removal of the postoffice at Pierceton Ind., to a building owned by Marcus R. Bishop, has been ordered.

The postoffice at Effner, Newton county, Indiana, has been ordered discontinued from May 31 next. Mail to Sheldon, Allen county.

The bonds of Joseph W. Park, as postmaster at Murray, Wells county, Indiana, and of William G. Cassell at Devore, Owen county, were approved and commissions issued yesterday.

Yesterday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $159,147,006; gold, $95,970,612.

The secretary of the treasury yesterday bought several small lots of bonds aggregating $59,900. For $32,000 short fours a price averaging about $113.884 was paid and for $27,900 short fives the price was $108.875.

The commissioner of the land office in a decision lays down the principle that any occupied land is not subject to a forest lieu land scrip location, and that in such cases the question as to whether the land involved is of a mineral or nonmineral character is not material.

United States Consul Edwin N. Gunsaulus, at Pernambuco, Brazil, has cabled the State Department the news of the death of his wife, with a request for a leave of absence to return immediately with her remains to the United States, which request has been granted. Mr. Gunsaulus is a native of Ohio.

The Navy Department has ordered the gunboat Concord, now on the Asiatic station, to proceed to this country for duty in Alaska. She will assist in the strict enforcement of the liquor laws in the gold country and also will extend all proper aid to the numerous geological surveying parties in that Territory.

A cablegram received from Admiral Remey at the Navy Department announces that he will leave Melbourne next Sunday for Auckland, New Zealand, where the Brooklyn goes at the invitation of the colonial government. The length of Admiral Remey's stay in New Zealand is uncertain, depending upon the programme which has been arranged by the local authorities.

## OHIO LAUNCHED.

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friendship for the workingmen during his entire public career, and touched the hearts of the surging crowd before him as he spoke eloquently of the patriotic response which California had made during the Spanish war. Many eyes were wet, and more than one of the workmen made a suspicious movement with his coat sleeve, as if to brush away an unbidden tear.

When the President spoke of the contentment of the working classes there was one discordant note. A big, strapping fellow, perched upon an adjacent scaffolding, with his mind full of the threatened strike, shouted: "How about next week?" A hundred of his companions looked up and motioned to him to cease.

### The President's Speech.

The President's speech in full was as follows:

"My Fellow-citizens—I am inexpressibly thankful to the Ruler of us all for His goodness and His mercy, which have made it possible for me to be with you here today. I have wanted to see the men of the Union iron works. I have known of their skill. I have seen their genius displayed and their workmanship. I have observed what your spokesman has so well said—that, suffering under the disadvantages of fuel, indeed, thousands of miles away from the raw materials which go to make a ship, you have yet persevered and triumphed and made as good ships as have ever sailed the seas. [Great applause.]

"I am glad to be among these workingmen. I have been glad to be in the city of San Francisco, and, while I have not been able to meet all her people, I have been able to meet tens of thousands of them, have heard their cheers for our country, have seen their smiling faces and have observed that peace and contentment which has been everywhere manifest upon the faces of the people as we have taken our long journey from the Atlantic to the Pacific. [Applause.] I met this morning one of the returning transports as we came to your works, carrying the Forty-sixth and Forty-second United States Volunteers. It did my heart good to welcome those brave defenders of our honor and of the flag back again to the Golden State. [Applause.]

"My fellow-citizens, you have no idea how deeply touched I have been in the last three years and a half by the loyal patriotism of the people of San Francisco. My mind, my heart, have been here, for it was here we organized the first expedition to the Philippine Islands. It was here, under command of General Merritt, that that great army was assembled and started out upon the ocean, none of us knowing what might happen to them, but all knowing that the national honor was safe in their keeping, and I remember that the people of San Francisco gave them their blessing when they departed and their benediction when they returned. [Applause.]

"As the head of the Nation, I want to thank the people of this coast for their noble work during the Spanish war [applause], and I want to make special reference and acknowledgment, for I may not have another opportunity, to the gallant First California Volunteers, who were among the first in the field and almost the last to leave it, and performed conspicuous and gallant service in the campaign in the Philippines.

"No one can stand surrounded by the workmen of this great establishment without recalling the splendid work done by the ships you have builded and their priceless services to the country. When Admiral Dewey was directed to go to Manila and destroy the Spanish fleet or capture it he made the Olympia, which you builded, his flagship, and his commands from that ship accomplished one of the most brilliant achievements in the annals of the American navy. [Applause.]

"Nor can we forget for a moment that it was your skill and genius that made the Oregon. [Applause and three cheers for the Oregon.] The hours of anxiety and waiting will never be known when the Oregon started to join the fleet at Santiago. Days and days we heard not one word from her. But we had confidence in the stout ship you had builded, and we had confidence in that gallant officer, Captain Clark, who commanded it [applause], and I shall never forget the early morning when Captain Clark telegraphed from the Florida shore: 'The Oregon is here and needs no repairs and is ready for action.' [Great applause.] And she went and performed a magnificent service for the country. I want to thank you men of the Union iron works for your assistance in the defense of our common country. I want to thank you for having builded ships that have maintained the honor of the United States and added glory to the navy of the United States. [Applause.]

"I was sorry, indeed, not to have been at the unveiling of the monument day before yesterday, erected by a descendant of Peter Donahue, who founded the Union works and dedicated to the mechanics of the city of San Francisco. I should liked to have paid that honor to one who founded these great works—works that have been so successfully carried on by Mr. Scott and his associates and that have made the fame of the Union iron works world-wide. [Applause.]

"I don't want a ship in the American navy built this year to be any better than the Ohio. [Laughter and applause.] I say that to you among ourselves. [Laughter.] I say it to you workmen who are going to build her, for I have a great deal of pride in the old State. [Applause.] I have a great deal of pride in the name, but, proud as I am of my native State, I am three times more proud of the Nation that is over all the States [great applause], supreme and sovereign and glorious in its mission of good will and liberty to all mankind. [Applause and three cheers for Ohio.]

"What we want is to build more ships. We ought to have a good commercial line from here to the Philippines, made in the Union iron works [laughter], built by American workmen and manned by American sailors and carrying the American flag. [Applause.] There is nothing in this world that brings people so close together as commerce. There is nothing in this world that so much promotes the universal brotherhood of man as commerce, and we want to encourage commerce. The nations are close together now. The powers fear they are tied together. We have overcome distance. We not only want a commercial line, but we want a cable line from here to the Philippines. [Applause.] We want it to be an American cable [applause] that cannot be cut by any power in the world. [Applause.] They say trade follows the flag. The telegraph must follow trade. [Applause.]

"My fellow-citizens, we have got problems before us. We never had more important ones. We have expanded. Do you want to contract? [Cries of 'No.'] It is not a question of whether we will acquire the Philippines, or Porto Rico, or Guam, or Wake island, or Hawaii, or Tutuila. We have acquired them: they are ours. The question is shall we give them up. [General cries of 'No.'] And from one end of this country to the other comes the answer. They are ours—not to subjugate, but to emancipate; not to rule in the power of might, but to take to these distant people the principles of liberty, of freedom, of conscience and of opportunity that are enjoyed by the people of the United States. [Applause.] Our flag never goes anywhere except it carries blessings. Our flag never oppressed anybody, but it has given freedom to every people over whom it has floated. [Applause.]

"Having said this much, I only want to thank you all for this most congenial welcome. I am glad again to meet the workingmen of this company. All my public life has been devoted in effort to giving the workingmen the best opportunity, the best chance for good wages and steady employment. [Great applause.] When labor is well employed the country is safe, and when labor is well employed there is contentment and happiness in the homes of the laboring men.

"Let us do our duty, the great public duty that confronts us; let us do it walking humbly before God, dealing justly and mercifully and always asking His favor and guidance. Let me say that I shall carry this beautiful souvenir of the employes of the Union iron works with me and it shall abide with me as long as I live, and shall be passed along to those of my family that shall follow as one of the dearest tokens I have ever received from my fellow-countrymen." [Enthusiastic applause.]

### LAUNCHING OF THE OHIO.

#### Miss Barber Pressed the Button and Miss Deshler Spilled the Wine.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The launching of the Ohio followed the President's speech to the workingmen. A platform had been built around the prow of the big iron monster, which lay in the very slip in which the famous Oregon was built, and from which President Harrison launched the monitor Monterey ten years ago. On the platform were the President and members of the Cabinet, Governor Nash, of Ohio, Miss Deshler, his niece, who was to christen the ship, Miss Barber, who was to act for Mrs. McKinley and many uniformed officers of the army and navy.

Imediately at the right was a red-coated band. Below, workmen were knocking away the last keel blocks, until the great steel hull rested upon her cradle and only a single beam, set like a trigger and ready to fall aside with a blow, held her in place. Miss Barber and the President stood before the electric appliance which would loose the weight that was to knock out this last beam. Miss Barber with her finger on the button was looking intently at the indicator. At 12:22½, two and a half minutes before the tide was at its highest, the time set for the launching, the word was given, Miss Barber pressed the button and the last block fell away. At the same time the bottle of champagne, suspended by a red, white and blue ribbon, crashed against the side of the ship and Miss Deshler uttered the words "I christen thee 'Ohio.'"

Released from its bonds, the heavy hull of 14,000 tons of steel, went ploughing through the thick grease of its cradle. Slowly at first, then faster and faster she slid down the ways taking the flood majestically and piling up the water in great waves before her. The band crashed, whistles blew and the multitude shouted. No ship ever given to the American navy has taken her initial plunge into the sea under more favorable auspices, or in the presence of a more distinguished company.

The trip back to the city was almost a repetition of the journey to the yard. There was the same wild demonstration from sea and shore. But on the way back the Slocum passed in formal review before the warships. The President, with Secretary Long at his side, stood at the wheelhouse during this parade. As each warship was passed the jackies made a blue hedge about the ship as they stood at the rails shoulder to shoulder. The marine guard aft presented arms and the President got the four trumpet flourish and drum ruffles to which he is entitled as commander-in-chief of the navy. As the Slocum sailed by the Wisconsin, which was flying the two-starred blue pennant of a rear admiral at the peak, Admiral Casey and his staff stood on the bridge with their hands touching their caps at salute. It was a glorious spectacle and it was a poor sailor whose pulse did not beat faster at the sight of it. When the Slocum came alongside her wharf, the President did not wait for the gangway to be run out. He stepped over the rail to the pier and almost ran to the carriage which was waiting for him. The door slammed and he was off at a gallop for the bedside of his wife.

### THREE PRETTY GIFTS.

#### Mementoes for President and Mrs. McKinley and Miss Deshler.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The plate presented to President McKinley by the workmen of the Union iron works to-day is of burnished gold, five inches in diameter, and surmounted by the eagle and shield of the American seal. The shield in the center is of California gold-bearing quartz, and is flanked on either side by the American and California Republic flags. At one corner of the plate is the seal of California, and at the other the seal of Ohio. In the center is a platinum miniature of the battleship Ohio, with the inscription: "To commemorate the launching of the United States battleship Ohio. Presented to Hon. William McKinley, President of the United States, by the employes of the Union iron works, San Francisco, Cal." The decorations around the border of the plate are of oak leaves, intertwined with California poppies.

Immediately after the launching a pretty ceremony was performed on the presidential platform. Irving M. Scott presented to Miss Helen Deshler, who christened the ship, a splendid souvenir of the memorable occasion in the shape of a tablet of black oak and primavera, the wood used in the cabin of the Ohio. This was inclosed in a handsome mahogany case. On the tablet on the right hand corner is a portrait of President McKinley, in the left hand corner a portrait of Miss Deshler, and in the center a painting of the battleship Ohio. The tablet contains the following: "United States battleship Ohio, launched at the Union iron works. Christened by Miss Helen Deshler in the presence of Hon. William McKinley, President of the United States of America, San Francisco, May 18, 1901."

A tablet of similar workmanship and similarly engraved, but having in the center a picture of the American eagle and the flag, and on either side the official seals of the States of California and Ohio, was inscribed to Mrs. McKinley, who was to have pressed the button that launched the Ohio.

Governor Nash, of Ohio, and his personal party, including Miss Helen Deschler, were with the President's party on the Slocum. The steamer Resolute was chartered for the other Ohio visitors and for all members of Congress present, including those of the Pacific coast.

### THE NEW BATTLESHIP.

#### Size, Armament, Fittings and Complement of Men and Officers.

The battleship Ohio will be the newest "pride of the American navy." She is forty feet longer than the Oregon and 2,000 tons greater in displacement. She is twenty feet longer than the Iowa and 1,000 tons greater in displacement than that ship. Her largest rifle will be twelve inches. Her secondary battery will contain sixteen six-inch rifles. The Ohio's dimensions are: Length on the water line, 388 feet; width, 72 feet 5 inches; mean draught, 23 feet 6 inches; maximum draught, 25 feet 3 inches; displacement, 12,500 tons; speed, 18 knots; maximum horse-power, 16,000; total coal supply, 2,000 tons. She will carry one flag officer, one commanding officer, sixteen wardroom officers, twelve junior officers and five warrant officers. In many respects the Ohio will be the greatest of all marine fighting machines. The works of the ship will be of the most approved kind. Her engine room will resemble a great workshop, fitted with the finest tools that can be made. The ship herself, with her windings and alleyways, her broad decks and hundreds of apartments, will be like a small city behind walls of steel. She will have her telephone system, her lighting plant and her waterworks. In this steel-girt city will be nearly 1,000 incandescent lamps and telephone communications between all parts. The filling of one water-tight compartment at any time need be no cause for alarm. The touch of a button in the central station will close every water-tight door in less time than would take to give the order. Her complement will be about 500 men.

## OBITUARY.

### Rev. Dr. Maltbie D. Babcock, a Well-Known Presbyterian Divine.

NEW YORK, May 18.—News was cabled to this city to-day that the Rev. Dr. Maltbie D. Babcock, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, in this city, died in Naples to-day, of Mediterranean fever, after an illness of only a few days. The dispatch came from Mrs. Babcock, who, with her husband, has been of a party of clergy touring through the Mediterranean.

M. D. Babcock was graduated from Syracuse University in the class of 1879. After a course in the Auburn Theological Seminary he was ordained in the ministry in 1882. His first pastorate was the First Presbyterian Church, of Lockport. Five years later he went to Baltimore to succeed the Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, and in 1889 succeeded Dr. Henry Van Dyke as pastor of the Brick Church in New York.

### William S. Preston.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Private advices from France, received in this city, announce the death, at Angouleme, of William S. Preston, formerly United States consul at Liege, Belgium, and later at Cognac, France. He was seventy-four years of age, and was a brother of the late Mgr. Thomas Preston. He retired from active life about seven years ago.

### Very Rev. Mgr. Edwin Joos.

MONROE, Mich., May 18.—Very Rev. Mgr. Edwin Joos, vicar general of Detroit diocese and domestic prelate to his Holiness Pope Leo died here to-day. Mgr. Joos was born in Belgium in 1825. In 1856 he came to the United States. Mgr. Joos had several times been mentioned in connection with a bishopric, but declined such an honor.

### Lord Rosebery's Mother.

LONDON, May 18.—Lady Catherine Lucy Wilhelmina, Duchess of Cleveland, mother of Lord Rosebery, died to-day in Germany, where she had gone for her health. She was born in 1819. She was first married in 1843 to Lord Dalmeny, who was the eldest son of the fourth Earl of Rosebery, and who died in 1851. In 1854 she married the fourth Duke of Cleveland, who died in 1891.

### Rev. Thomas M. Hopkins.

DENVER, Col., May 18.—Rev. Thomas M. Hopkins, pastor of the York-street Presbyterian Church, of this city, is dead, aged seventy-four years. He was one of the oldest ministers in the Presbyterian Church, and held pastorates in a number of places in Ohio. Apoplexy caused his death.

### William Johnson Edwards.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 18.—William Johnson Edwards, a lineal descendant of Jonathan Edwards, a former president of Princeton University, died last night, aged eighty years. He was a pioneer of the Western Reserve, having been born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1811.

### Maj. Edward Evarts, U. S. A., Retired.

ALAMEDA, Cal., May 18.—Major Edward Evarts, United States army (retired), is dead at his residence in this city. He was a cousin of the late Senator William M. Evarts, and was well known in army circles in California and other States.

### TWO TONS OF ART.

#### Heaviest Picture in the World Makes a Journey.

London Mail.

The huge picture, eighty feet long and fifteen feet high, that has for so many years hung on the wall of the Great Hall of Christ's Hospital, was removed yesterday morning. It was painted by Antonio Vario, between 1684 and 1690, "to commemorate the foundation and endowment within the hospital of the Royal Mathematical Scholarship by his Majesty King Charles II in 1673 and 1675. It has therefore been part of the famous school for over two hundred years, and it has not been removed for over seventy-five years. Charles Lamb and Coleridge must both have gazed with awe at its immense size and strange drawing, for Vario, like many another court painter, was a mighty poor artist.

Christ's Hospital is doomed, however, and the great picture is to go to Horsham with the bluecoat boys. So yesterday morning, under the careful supervision of Mr. C. W. Carey, the keeper of the picture gallery at the Royal Holloway College, it was lowered from the wall with pulleys and carefully and gently laid on the ground. Its weight is two and a half tons, and Mr. Carey proudly says "it is the largest and heaviest picture in the world." The canvas is to be taken out of the frame and cleaned before being rehung.

### A Stupid Bird.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"During a recent trip through the lower western section of the country," said a young man who has recently returned to New Orleans, "I believe I discovered the laziest and most stupid form of life to be found anywhere on the globe. It was an aquatic fowl, with a big, clumsy-looking beak, and with a form something like the dodo, now extinct. I have spent much time in watching this fowl, which is found in some of the shallow lakes, and the chief point of interest to me was the startling stupidity displayed. They call them shags, I believe, out West. They generally squat on stumps or logs in the lake and watch for the smaller fish that play around the surface of the water. They are fairly clever in catching what they want, and they throw out their bill with considerable precision when they gig for game. But they never get to eat what they catch until they have fed at least one, and maybe more than one member of another kind of water fowl. Whenever a shag begins to catch fish a long-legged, long-necked water hen will take a place immediately behind him. When the shag lands a fish, the water hen simply reaches over and gets it. With out any show of resentment, and without turning around, the shag will continue its watch for fish, and this is kept up until the water hen has finished a meal, and then, if no other enterprising member of the same tribe comes along, the shag is permitted to enjoy the product of its own sleepy efforts. I have, on one occasion, seen one shag feed as many as three water hens before eating a single fish. It is certainly a singular display of stupidity, and after having watched the performance a number of times I am convinced that the shag is actually too dull to even know that the water hen stands behind it to steal the fish out of its mouth."

## WAS WATCHED BY M'ABEE

### HE ATTENDED THE ENTERTAINMENT AT SCHOOL 45.

### Two Patrolmen Were Also There in Case of Accident—Large Audience in Attendance.

The popularity of local public school concerts was abundantly shown last night at school No. 45, when several hundred people climbed four flights of stairs to enjoy the concert given by the June graduating class of school No. 29. School No. 29 is not equipped with a hall for concert purposes, hence the use of the fine assembly hall of school No. 45.

Every seat in the spacious hall was occupied, and the excellent programme was received with every evidence of appreciation. The event was inaugurated with a highly creditable reading of the trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice" by members of the class. The parts were assigned as follows: Duke of Venice, Clarence Barton; Antonio, Clyde Long; Bassanio, Joseph Overman; Gratiano, Rex Young; Shylock, Paul Akin; Salario, Fred Ward; Portia, Margaret Burke; Nerissa Edith Beck. Mr. Akin's Shylock and Miss Burke's Portia came in for liberal shares of the applause.

The second part of the programme included several musical numbers. The class glee club gave the class song, "If I Were a Voice," "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Mammy's Little Honey," "Asleep in the Deep" and "Sweet Distant Chimes." The young men who played the mandolin and guitar acquitted themselves well enough to have had their names on the programme. Miss Grace Kernodell's admirable rendition of the song, "Tell Me, Ye Winged Winds," in which she was assisted by the chorus, proved one of the most enjoyable features of the programme. The glee and choral numbers were under the direction of Miss Van Buskirk, teacher of music and of 8A grade in School 29. The solo part in the song, "Sweet Distant Chimes," by the class, was taken by Miss Julia Rhodes with fine effect.

The concert was a distinct success, financially as well as artistically. About $40 was realized, and this sum will be expended by the graduating class upon a suitable gift to be presented to the school. The custom has been for graduating classes to present books or pictures, but this is not obligatory. A committee of the class will meet with Miss Seegmiller, supervisor of drawing at School 29, about the last week of school and confer as to the kind of present to be purchased.

The presence of State Factory Inspector McAbee at last night's exercises occasioned some little comment, in view of published statements that he would attend for the purpose of noting the condition of the assembly hall and the way the crowd might be handled. At the conclusion of the concert Mr. McAbee observed with pleasure the quiet, orderly manner in which the great audience left the building. To a reporter he said that the building and the assembly hall were perfectly safe. He was especially well pleased with the fact that no Japanese lanterns were used in the decorative scheme, incurring risk to delicate fabrics worn by women in the audience.

The assembly hall was handsomely decorated with flags, "snowballs" and dogwood blossoms attractively intermingled with the class colors, green and white. At the request of the school officials two patrolmen were detailed by Superintendent Quigley to see that no harm came to people in the large crowd, but the services of the officers were little needed.

### A Close Eye on Halls.

State Factory Inspector McAbee has been attending concerts in various local schools recently with a view to ascertaining whether the laws with regard to seating persons in public halls are being observed. At the concert in the assembly hall of school No. 10 Friday night Mr. McAbee saw several things which did not meet with his approval, and he called them to the attention of the School Board. He noted that the hall was packed to overflowing and that no aisles were kept clear, as required by law. Japanese lanterns were used in the decorations, greatly to the danger of women attired in light fabrics. One of the lanterns caught fire and was consumed, fortunately without dropping from its position on the "line." Mr. McAbee timed the crowd as it passed from the building and found that ten minutes were consumed in clearing the building. This, he said, was more rapid than would have been the case if a panic had been started.

## THE QUESTION OF LINEAGE.

### Hume, of California, Not the Only One Who Can Trace Back to Adam.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

Your article in to-day's Journal describing the descent of Robert Deniston Hume, of San Francisco, through a hundred and fifty generations from Adam (a well-known ancestor of horticultural fame) has interested me exceedingly. The passage of this bluest blood through the royal veins of Israel, Ireland, Argyleshire and Scotland, with the strains of Alfred the Great and Charlemagne entering the family incidentally, awakens in my own heart a responsive throb, such as none can feel who are not themselves of royal and imperial lineage. I much doubt, Mr. Editor, whether you have ever felt anything like it. But I feel it, for I have come (so they tell me in Philadelphia) from the royal house of Powys, and I would be very grateful to you if you can tell me where the devil this kingdom lies, for I feel drawn to it by irresistible ties of kindred, and would willingly revisit the palace of my ancestors.

Mr. Hume, however, is much in error if he considers himself the only one who can trace his descent "straight through" to Adam. He may be unique in California, but there are plenty as good as he is if he will only go to Philadelphia to find them. It was a lady from that city whom I met not long ago at a summer watering place who, speaking of her family, said with that quiet gravity which was the best guaranty of her good faith as well as of her good blood and breeding, that she could trace every link in the chain of her descent "from Adam the son of God." You will notice that this lady goes back one generation further than Mr. Hume, and this, too, without betaking herself to the land of Nod.

And now, Mr. Editor, since the great field of heraldry has been opened to us through the columns of your paper, I want to ask you a question, for I assume that you know (at least you ought to know) all things. When the mediaeval heralds traced the descent of their patrons from the kings of Israel, the patriarchs, old Father Noah and Adam himself, they gave us diverse accounts of the coats of arms formerly worn by these worthies. With Adam the thing was comparatively simple, the apple erased being universally placed upon his shield. But with Father Noah I want to know which of the devices attributed to him is authentic. Is it the dove volant, or rather the whole menagerie passant? For myself I have always inclined to the latter opinion, for since so many of the sons of Noah have taken various selections from this menagerie it would seem to me that they had hardly a right to do so unless all the animals had been blazoned in the shield of their common ancestor, and I reject as totally inadmissible the suggestion that Noah's device represented Mount Ararat rampant, surrounded by an ark couchant and the whole encircled by a grapevine. However valuable such a device might be historically "in perpetuam rei memoriam," it is neither heroic nor heraldic. It is true a whole menagerie requires a pretty large shield to present it adequately, but no doubt the shields were as much larger in those days as the term of human life then exceeded our threescore years and ten.

Mr. Editor, your valuable opinion upon this important point, together with the reasons for your deduction, would be much appreciated by your constant subscriber.

FILIUS MAGNORUM.

Richmond, Ind., May 12.

### Civic Federation Delegates.

Governor Durbin announced yesterday that he had completed the list of his appointments of delegates from Indiana to the conference of the National Civic Federation in Buffalo, Thursday and Friday of this week, as follows: T. E. Howard, of South Bend; Union B. Hunt, secretary of state; William L. Taylor, attorney general; John C. Wingate, of Wingate, state tax commissioner; Parks M. Martin, of Spencer, state tax commissioner; John H. Stotsenburg, of New Albany; Louis Legler, of Evansville; Alpheus G. Compton, of Richmond; H. B. Brown, of Valparaiso; Strafford Maxin, of Elkhart; August H. Koerner, of Jasper; W. E. Stone, president Purdue University, Lafayette; M. V. Walsh, of Fort Wayne; William P. Rogers, of Bloomington.

The Governor announced a few days ago that State Auditor Hart, Secretary of State Hunt and Attorney General Taylor would attend the conference as delegates representing the state government immdiately. Governor Durbin expects to go to Buffalo himself.

## CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. A. J. Graham, of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward Taylor, on North Pennsylvania street.

Mrs. George N. Ness, of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Landers, on North Pennsylvania street.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States court yesterday by James R. Christian, of Noblesville. His liabilities are given at $9,586.21, and the assets at $2,562.88.

Hugh H. Hanna, of this city, has been elected a trustee of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. Mr. Hanna has been interested in negro education for some time.

Marion county schools, outside of Indianapolis, will close next Friday for the term. They will reopen the second Monday in September. About 150 pupils will graduate from the graded schools.

P. W. Dykema, principal of school No. 8, has accepted a position in the Felix Adler School of Ethical Culture, in New York, where he will teach music and psychology. He will leave this city at the end of the present school year.

The Board of Trade relief committee forwarded to Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday, a draft for $122 for relief of the sufferers by the recent fire there, instructions having been received from Mayor Bowden, to remit cash to A. M. Ives, treasurer.

William F. Schuessler, one of the day clerks at the Denison Hotel, is entering upon the eleventh year of his service with that hostelry. Mr. Schuessler and Mr. Moore are the only clerks of the Erwin-Cullen regime that remain in the hotel.

Merrill Moores, deputy attorney general, has gone to Bowling Green, Ky., to be present when final judgment is entered by the Kentucky tribunal in the famous Ohio river boundary case and to take steps to appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Butterworth, who died Friday, at her home, 1236 Hoyt avenue, after an illness of eight months, will be held from her late residence to-morrow afternoon. She was born in England in 1837, and came to Indianapolis in 1852. She leaves seven children, six of whom live in this city.

The work of soliciting subscriptions for the Methodist Hospital and Deaconess Home, to be established in this city, will be conducted by Dr. Halstead, and he will begin his work this week. The directors of the hospital scheme hope to secure large subscriptions so that the hospital can be built in the near future.

Sallie Boyd, colored, who was employed as a domestic at 423 North Illinois street, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Holtz and Morgan for the theft of a pocketbook containing $110, belonging to H. F. Chappel, a roomer, who had gone away in the morning, leaving the money under his pillow. The money was recovered.

Prof. Emmerich has been informed by the secretary of Wellesley College that, at a recent meeting of the board of examiners of that institution, it was voted to extend the right of certification for admission to Wellesley College to the Indianapolis M. T. H. S. By this arrangement, girl graduates of the Training School will be admitted on a certificate from Mr. Emmerich.

The June '01 class of the M. T. H. S. gave a picnic at Riverside Park Saturday. Those present were Misses Mamie White, Grace Hunter, Maud Doan, Olive Staples, Alice Good, Edith Dockweiler, Zenith Eller, Laura Matthews, Mary Lawson, and Messrs. Lorenz Wachtstetter, Will Bridges, John Holliday, Herbert Kipp, Walter Geckler, Chlnord Seldon, Joseph Moran, Thomas Skirk, Norman Bassett, Henry Hoss, Harry Bowser, Clarence Yocum and Ralph Teeter.

The Murphy Gospel Temperance League will hold its regular Sunday afternoon meeting in its hall, corner of New York and Alabama streets, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be an address by Senator Boyd. By invitation of the Rev. Marion Crosby the league will hold a temperance meeting at the Central Universalist Church, corner of New Jersey and Fifteenth streets, this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

The secretary of state's office was visited yesterday by Deputy County Assessor Shelton, of Marion county, who copied from articles of incorporation of the Indianapolis Gas Company, the Consumers' Gas Trust Company, the Indiana Life Insurance Company, the Union Trust Company and the Marion Trust Company complete lists of the stockholders in those companies and the respective amounts of their holdings. Mr. Shelton declined to give the reason for this action.

Mrs. Mary Balch, State secretary of the State Women's Christian Temperance Union, says that at least 1,500 new members will be taken into the union in this State before Sept. 15, and that Indiana will therefore capture the banner for the largest increase in membership to be given at the national convention at Fort Worth, Tex., in November. The department board meeting of the State organization will be held in Columbus, June 5 to 7. The thirty-six department superintendents will report at this meeting.

### Insanity of a Boy.

Roger H. Sherman, fourteen years old, living with his mother, Mrs. L. H. Sherman, at 1417 East Eleventh street, was yesterday declared insane. It is said that he is violent at times, and requires restraint to prevent him from running away and doing harm. One of the physician's statements was that when a child he had a serious attack of spinal meningitis that affected his brain.

### Death of Mrs. A. H. Reat.

Dr. M. L. Wells, of this city, received word yesterday of the death of the wife of Rev. A. H. Reat, at Sadorus, Ill. Rev. Reat was formerly pastor of the Edwin Ray Church in this city, and at Greenwood, Columbus and other charges in the Southeastern Indiana Conference. Mrs. Reat was the sister of Dr. Merritt Wells and Dr. M. L. Wells, of Indianapolis, and Rev. A. Wells, of Cincinnati.

### Death of Enoch Wood.

Enoch Wood, sixty-three years of age, who was in Police Court, Wednesday, charged with drunkenness, died early yesterday morning at 151 East Washington street, of what was said by Dr. Jacobs and Dr. Hicks, of the City Dispensary, to be acute alcoholism. He came here recently from Murdoch, Ill. He was a veteran. He leaves a widow and several children in Murdoch, and several nieces in this city.

### Consumption in French Army.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

Owing to the prevalence of consumption in the French army, strict instructions relative to the medical examinations of conscripts are about to be issued by the war minister, General Andre. It has been discovered that many young fellows bearing in them the seeds of tuberculosis have been hastily passed for service in regiments by medical officers, who were evidently either anxious to get through their work as quickly as possible or patriotically eager to increase the army at all hazards. In the circular, addressed to principal medical officers, it is stated that the Parliamentary Health Commission has been justly preoccupied about the ravages made in France by consumption. On this account returns are called for containing full particulars as to the health of the troops at various stations in France and the colonies. After the returns have been received measures will be taken for the purpose of eliminating consumptive men from active service wherein they are liable to contaminate their healthier and more robust comrades. By these means it is expected that in time the terrible malady of consumption will be, if not stamped out, at least localized and restricted in its baneful influence.


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