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The important scientific discoveries made by the Peary Arctic expedition seem to consist of a few specimens of live animals and some bones of extinct species.

The Omaha Bee fears that the retirement of Speaker Henderson will lose the speakership to the West. Indiana can present a man who will make an efficient speaker.

To the statement of New York bankers that more money is needed to move the crops the banks in the crop country reply that they have more money than they know what to do with.

It is hard to make a Democrat blurb, but the nearest approach to it one makes nowadays is at the mention of one of the issues he was shouting for two years ago—free silver, anti-expansion or anti-imperialism.

It is announced that Senator Bailey, of Texas, will follow the President with a view of countering his influence. The senator should wait until his shameless assault upon Senator Beveridge is less fresh in the public mind.

It is said that the Postoffice Department will ask for \$12,000,000 next year to operate the rural delivery. Very well; that is about the amount of the frauds perpetrated two years ago under the loose construction of the second-class clause.

Mr. D. P. Erwin was a public-spirited and useful man. He did not head movements for the building up of the city with a flourish of trumpets and in public addresses, but he could be counted on as a silent and effective helper.

Senator Cullom, of Illinois, says he is in favor of protection and hopes the time will never come when we will not have a tariff to protect American labor. He is opposed to general tariff revision, but is in favor of reciprocity. This is solid ground.

By the way, can any person name a plan that has ever been proposed by the Democratic party relating either to tariffs or trusts that would result in the employment of an additional workman in the United States or in the increase of any one's wages?

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is credited with saying that the only way to talk about the Philippines in the West is to have a battery of field pieces loaded with grape-shot trained on the people, with a threat to fire if they do not listen. The people regard it as a dead issue.

The Minneapolis Tribune says the primary election law which was general in its application in that State in Tuesday's primaries realized almost all that its friends claimed for it in the small voting districts, while in the cities it retained as candidates men notable for public usefulness and secured new men of unexceptionable character.

The ordering of two American Catholic priests to the Philippines probably fore-shadows the policy which the Vatican has decided on, namely, to replace Spanish Augustinian friars with American priests of the same order.

The organization and discipline of the church are such as to make it easy to carry out this policy, and besides being a practical solution of the friar problem it will introduce there a set of priests who will be imbued with American ideas and in sympathy with the American civil authorities.

American industries, which claims to be the organ of the manufacturers of the United States, devotes its first and a large part of its second page to an article by Mr. D. M. Parry, of this city, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, on an arbitrary eight-hour law. Mr. Parry shows that such a law would work great hardship and loss to manufacturers. At the same time he does not believe in resisting the eight-hour movement. The tendency of economic laws is to an eight-hour day, but the adoption of it should be left to the natural cause which have shortened the day of labor from sixteen to the present ten hours.

The chairman of the Democratic committee in Wells county this year, J. H. C. Smith, is an elder in the Baptist church who believes in the efficacy of prayer as applied to politics. Several years ago he opened the State convention in this city with what was considered at the time the best Democratic prayer ever made. As a member of the State Senate he also delivered several eloquent prayers in that body when it was presided over by Hon. A. Green Smith, but

without practical results. The Democrats of Wells county are building large hopes on Mr. Smith's efforts this year. He said to a reporter recently: "I believe that the principles of Democracy are God-given and that it is perfectly right and proper to pray that they shall prevail." The Republican committee should see that Wells county is supplied with enlightening tracts.

THE ANTHRACITE COAL STRIKE.

The indications are unmistakable that the anthracite coal strike is weakening. By this it is not meant that the strikers have lost anything in moral courage or in conviction as to the justice of their cause, but that they are losing ground through the superior staying powers of the operators and the persistent refusal of the latter to yield a single point. Comparison of the present situation with that at the beginning of the strike will show this to be true. At first all the washeries as well as the mines were closed, and it was the policy of the strikers to keep them closed. The first attempts of the operators to resume work were in the washeries, and these were resisted by the strikers by various acts of violence. In spite of the violence the washeries, one after another, resumed operations until the fight on that line was practically abandoned. It was the same with regard to pumping the mines. At first Mr. Mitchell ordered that this should be prevented, but his order soon became a dead letter, and for some time past all the mines have been pumped. This was a second victory for the operators. They followed a series of efforts to bring about arbitration, all of which failed, leaving the operators unmoved and apparently masters of the situation. One after another the Civic Federation, Senator Hanna, the Pennsylvania senators, Governor Stone and others attempted to bring about a settlement with absolutely no results. All efforts in this direction have now ceased, with no result apparently but developing the inflexible determination of the operators not to yield a point. Meanwhile, from starting the washeries, the operators have started several collieries. The mines are not fully manned, but the dispatches say that men are applying for work every day and the output of the mines is increasing. Against these facts there is nothing to offset but the repeated declarations of Mr. Mitchell that he is satisfied with the situation and that the miners are bound to win. Mr. Mitchell has shown some of the qualities of good leadership and has succeeded in holding the confidence of the miners to a very remarkable degree, but his leadership and assurances alone cannot make the strike successful when its lines are weakening and when the operators are gaining ground every day, as they evidently are. If events continue to move as they have for the last fortnight the strike will go to pieces inside of two weeks. The leaders may not have given up within that time, and Mr. Mitchell may still refuse to admit that there is any possibility of failure, but unless things take an unexpected turn the strike will practically have failed within that period. In this situation it is a question whether Mr. Mitchell ought not to advise the men to return to work on the old terms, trusting to the future to get better ones, and whether the anthracite miners ought not to form a union of their own that would be recognized by the operators in the conduct of affairs relating to the anthracite coal regions. This is what Commissioner Carroll D. Wright recommended in his recent report. Unless Mr. Mitchell is blinded by the glamour of his position he must see that at the rate the strike is losing ground it must inevitably go to pieces in a short time, and, if he is wise, he will advise the miners to save what they can out of the wreck.

MUST OPPOSE RECIPROCIITY.

As it is a very dull and a very useless publication, it is not probable that the Democratic orator and editor will read the Campaign Book of the national Democratic congressional committee, hence the Journal calls their attention to the following extract, which is taken from Page 27:

"Free trade would open our markets to benefit our people. It is honorable and seeks peace and good will with all nations. Reciprocity cares nothing for the consumer and the producer. It is a club. Its stock in trade is high tariff, favoritism, discrimination and retaliation. It respects the rights of the citizen in the face of foreign countries which will not open their doors to our products. Reciprocity is based upon the same false theories as protection, and, like protection, is a sham and a humbug, and to most people has been, and will ever continue to be, a delusion and a snare. In practice reciprocity is worse than protection.

Democratic and free-trade editors, while Cuban reciprocity was being agitated a few months ago, contended vigorously for the principles of reciprocity, confusing it in some way with free trade. If their tariff ideas were not the impulse of the hour they would have seen that reciprocity implies a protective tariff, and that those who advocate it cannot logically be free-traders. At the time the Journal reminded them of this inconsistency they called their attention to the fact that the Wilson-Gorman tariff wiped out a half-dozen reciprocal treaties made by the Harrison administration. Nevertheless, the anti-protection organs in this vicinity continued to sound the praises of reciprocity.

It is fair to assume that before the Democratic Congressional Campaign Book was issued all such important declarations as the foregoing were submitted to the Democratic leaders and received their approval. Therefore, it is the Democratic creed so far as reciprocity is concerned. Democrats should declare that "in practice reciprocity is worse than protection," and should oppose any scheme of reciprocity with Cuba as did the Democrats in the Senate when they gave the Republican leaders in that body to understand that they would oppose the measure they proposed.

REPUBLICAN MEETINGS TO-DAY.

Republican meetings will be held to-day in a large number of the larger towns, which will be addressed by prominent men in the party living in the State and from other States. These meetings will be of special importance because the addresses will be prepared with a view of stating the Republican position upon the issues before the country. The meetings to-day are the first in a campaign that will be devoted to much speaking. Such being the case, the speeches of to-day will be what are called the keynote. If a number of speeches were to be delivered in Indiana to-day by those who are regarded as the Democratic party leaders there would be so many keynotes that discord rather than harmony would be the result. Mr. Bryan would demand the living up to the Kansas City platform, while ex-Senator Hill would denounce it or at least ignore it. If all the leading orators of 1896 and 1900 should speak they would pass over in silence the questions to which they devoted the larger part of their addresses in 1896. If Republicans allude to that issue to-day it will be to rejoice that the calamity which the free coinage of silver would have brought to the country has been averted. If the men who went up and down the land in 1896 and 1900, literally foaming at the mouth for 16 to 1, should make speeches to-day they would allude to it as a dead issue because of the changed conditions. If they should tell the truth in giving a reason for discarding free silver they would say as has the Sentinel that it is impossible for the party to win a victory on that issue.

The voters of Indiana are a busy people this year, because, whatever else prosperity does, it compels people to attend to its needs and therefore keeps them at work. Nevertheless, there is reason to believe that to-day's meetings will be largely attended.

Hon. Charles G. Dawes, former controller of the currency and a recognized authority on finance, thinks the United States should have an elastic currency that will relieve the money market of its annual straggle at crop-moving time. In an address before the Credit Men's Association in Chicago Mr. Dawes said:

"I do not believe it is possible under our present banking laws to have an asset currency like the clearing-house certificates which face a difficult problem when it undertakes to enact the necessary reform in our banking system. It would be a great mistake to pass any law like the bill which has been under consideration. The danger of an inflation of our currency is too great to admit of the consideration of that plan.

My belief is that an asset currency something like the clearing-house certificates adopted by the New York banks would meet the emergency satisfactorily. What I wish the way of legislation is a simple, definite and direct law which can be easily understood by all. My fear is that Congress will enact a law which will endeavor to reform our currency and do something so radical and revolutionary that disaster will follow.

Our present currency is all right with the single exception of lack of elasticity to meet business emergencies. That should be the objective point of any further currency legislation, and it should be secured with as much directness and as little machinery as possible.

No Republican convention has spoken more wisely on the trust question than that of Connecticut, which said:

"We believe that great aggregations of capital, commonly called trusts, while necessary for the development of our business and commercial enterprises, should be subject to such supervision, state or national, as will safeguard public and private interests.

This recognizes the usefulness of combined capital and the necessity of such combinations in a commercial country and, but it also recognizes the necessity of bringing them under legal restraint and supervision. It is a rational view of the question.

The total freight receipts of 144 ports on the lakes were 25,718,000 tons during the past seven months of 1902, compared with 18,819,000 tons in the corresponding months of last year. Shipments on the lakes for the seven months amounted to 26,874,000 tons, compared with 19,853,000 tons the same period of 1901. In the seven months 37,413 vessels with a capacity of 36,097,000 tons arrived at the lake ports, and 37,798 vessels with a capacity of 35,796,000 tons cleared from those ports. The greatestness of this

lake commerce can be realized when it is stated that the foreign trade of all the ports entered and cleared during 1901 was but a little more than half the tonnage of the lake ports in seven months. The lake voyages are relatively shorter than those of the foreign trade. The most of this immense traffic is carried in new first-class steel vessels. All these ships sailing from American port to port are American, and this vast trade is carried back and forth in American ships because of the shipping laws of the fathers of the Republic, which reserve domestic traffic to American ships.

The announcement that leaders in the labor organizations in Chicago will launch a new party based upon organized labor, if seen to attract much attention. If such a party should be started it would probably not live long. Even if organized labor should go with it, which is not at all probable, the going would take about equal numbers from the two leading parties. A labor party has not commended itself to the leaders of organized labor in this city.

The past week has probably been the hardest one of continuous work that the Indianapolis Street-railroad Company has ever had, and it has handled the situation admirably. Transportation has been ample for the visiting crowds and city patrons, and the management has been in every way satisfactory. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that this city has the best street-railroad system and service of any city in the United States, and the completion of its interurban system will make it the greatest electric railroad center in the world.

THE HUMORISTS.

A Solitary Exception. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Our officials should understand that Uncle Sam expects every man of them to do his duty."

"The Moral and Religious Influence of Literature," by Elbert Russell, of Chicago. Mrs. Sarah Woodward, superintendent of the city schools, read the paper at the report. Mrs. Rosa E. Brown made the following remarks to the president of the Benevolent Association at one afternoon session.

Indiana Conference. Prosperity Written in the Reports of the Methodist Churches. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VINCENNES, Ind., Sept. 19.—The Indiana Conference took up regular business at 8:45 o'clock this morning, Bishop Walden presiding. The Rev. J. W. Turner read his report of 1899-1900. He reported 1,456 conversions, 10,442 expended on churches and parsonages. The Rev. T. G. Coble was transferred to Oklahoma City from First Church, Princeton. A new church at Gibson street, Princeton, was dedicated, valued at \$4,000.

Dr. F. S. Tineher reported large results from Connersville district. A change has been made in full, \$2,200 raised for missions and \$1,000 for church and parsonage buildings. First Church, Shelbyville, leading the conference in missions, raised \$1,500 for this cause as a result of the titling system.

Dr. John Foucher reported success in New Albany district, with 1,600 conversions and increased benevolences and salaries paid. The sum, \$10,200, was spent on church buildings. Dr. H. C. Clippinger, of Vincennes district, reported marked success in a twenty-five-cent district. From his district for the Deaconess Hospital he reported a new church, costing \$7,000, was built at Jansenville.

The following were introduced to the conference: Dr. M. J. Miller, of New York, of the twentieth century movement; Dr. Robertson, of the Cincinnati Christ's Home; Dr. Hard of the New York Extension Society; Dr. V. W. Kelly, of New York, editor of the Methodist Review; Dr. W. H. H. of the Indiana Conference; Dr. C. C. Cincinnati, who represented the Freedmen's Aid.

The preachers who represent conference and claimants were assigned the amounts for the present year.

FARMLAND CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

Interesting Reports Made and Candidates Ordained to the Ministry. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FARMLAND, Ind., Sept. 19.—The attendance at yesterday's sessions of the Christian Church Conference was larger than on any previous day. The first meeting was an early devotional session. Several committees met immediately after this service and discussed matters of importance. The president of the board of trustees, O. A. Harris, reported \$28.25 as the total receipts. A valuable church has been acquired at Portland. Addresses were made by E. Hicks, T. P. Trotter and A. Godley concerning the state work. A closer organization and more centralization were urged. Separate secretaries for the ministry and for the churches were decided upon.

The ordination committee recommended two candidates for ordination, the Rev. E. Nickey, of Merom, and the Rev. John H. Cross, of Blountsville. Memorial services for deceased members occupied the rest of the forenoon. Words were spoken in memory of the Rev. William Neusch, of the Rev. D. S. Davenport and the Rev. O. M. Ross. Following the Rev. Fred Stovenour preached a memorial sermon.

The Rev. J. J. Summerbell addressed the conference in the afternoon. The institution of a four-year course in the principal schools in this part of the country are Union Christian College, at Merom, Pa.; the University of the South, at Defiance College, at Defiance, O.

Two meetings were held in the evening. At the Christian church an ordination service for the successful candidates was held, followed by a Junior Christian Endeavor meeting. After the service the Rev. H. Latchaw, president of Palmer University, addressed the large audience. The Rev. F. F. Turner, of the Friends' Church at the same hour.

Mr. Lampert Goes to California.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 19.—The Rev. A. W. Lampert, pastor of the High-Street Methodist Church, has telegraphed his acceptance of the call to the pastorate of the Pasadena (Cal.) Methodist Church to Bishop Joyce, of the Southern California Conference. The official board of the High-Street Church accepted Mr. Lampert's resignation after vainly attempting to persuade him to reconsider. The Rev. R. H. Randall, of San Jose, Cal., will succeed Mr. Lampert.

German Catholic Societies.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 19.—Officers of the national convention of the German Central Catholic Society arrived here tonight for the convention, which will begin Sunday and last four days. About three hundred delegates are expected. Thirty different States will be represented.

Union Not Desired.

CHATTAHOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 19.—At the Chattanooga Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Whitwell, Tenn., a memorial to the synod and General Assembly was passed, dissenting from the proposed union with the Southern Presbyterians until the creed in the revised.

Will Meet in Jerusalem.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—It was definitely decided to-day at the last session of the central executive committee of the International Sunday-school Convention to hold the next world's convention in Jerusalem, in the month of April, 1904.

The Slocum Monument Dedicated.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Sept. 19.—The dedication to-day of the monument erected on the Gettysburg battlefield to the memory of Gen. Henry W. Slocum attracted a very large attendance of veterans. Special guests of Governor Odell of New York, Murphy, of New Jersey, Stone, of Pennsylvania, and other distinguished men, Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, former Pension Commissioner Dudley, who lost a leg in the battle of Gettysburg while in command of the Nineteenth Indiana Regiment. The Fourth Battery of field artillery, U. S. A., fired a salute in honor of the gallant general. The dedication was the evolution of the Second Cavalry, U. S. A.

soon as the church carries out its part of the agreement, the college buildings will be erected.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING.

First Regular Session Held, with a Very Large Attendance. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PLAINFIELD, Ind., Sept. 18.—At last night's session of the Friends' Yearly Meeting a "query box" was opened and a large number of questions were asked and answered. On account of the report of un-soundness in doctrine in two of the answers to these queries, which refer especially to the trouble existing in the churches at Westfield and Sheridan, the following committee was appointed to investigate the same: David H. Brown, T. C. Brown, Levi Hess, Lydia Perisha, Dinah T. Henderson and Lewis E. Stout.

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