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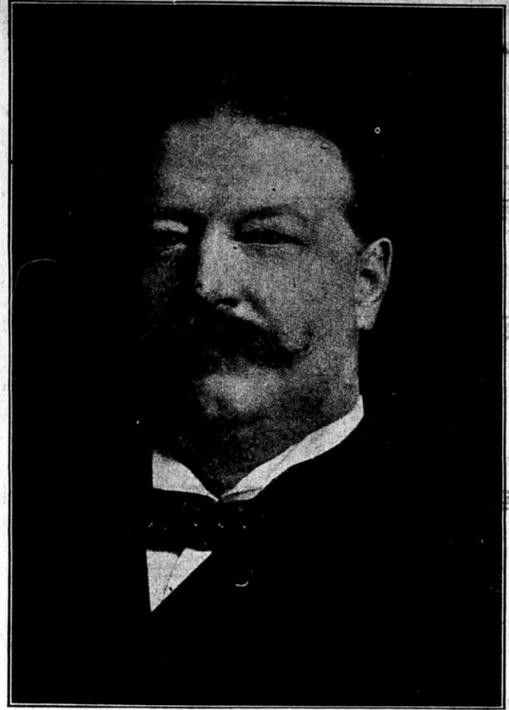
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Who is Now on His 13,000 Mile Trip to "Win the West." PRESIDENT TAFT.

gained from newspaper accounts of lynchings in some of the newspapers. We are in the newspaper business but we don't believe in publishing the details of crime so minutely as to fascinate some easily wrought up minds. Such publications should be prohibited by law.

#### LINCOLN BELIEVED IN GOD.

It has been asserted very confidently that President Lincoln was an unbeliever and never mentioned the name of Christ in his speeches. But Mr. Newton Bateman, an intimate friend, gives the following as the language he used upon one occasion: "I know there is a God and that he hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming, and I know that his hand is in it. If he has a place and work for me, and I think he has, I believe I am ready. I am nothing, but truth is everything. I know that I am right, because I know that liberty is right, for Christ teaches it, and Christ is God. I have told them that a house divided against itself cannot stand, and Christ and reason say the same."

Gilbert Porter, one of the best known and well-to-do citizens of Massillon, Ohio, has been living in hope of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his emancipation from slavery by the proclamation of the martyred president, Lincoln. But as he is getting feeble and he fears he may not live the two years necessary to round out the time, he has decided to carry out what has been his greatest ambition and celebrate the forty-eighth anniversary by giving a barbecue to which the whole town will be invited on September 22nd, "Emancipation Day." At the barbecue a whole ox, a number of sheep, pigs and chickens will be barbecued in the old Southern style, and everyone who will may come and partake without money and without price. That the occasion will be a huge success there can be no doubt.

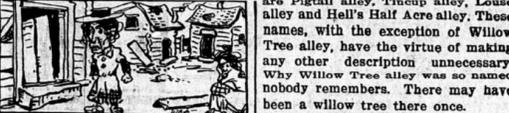
President Taft is being received with enthusiasm in the West. In his speech at Bay City, Mich., he denied that he had used patronage for political purposes, and invited the men who made the charge to join him in



Who Was Lauded by President Taft in a Recent Speech in the Interest of Hampton Institute. DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

### Low Slums Near the Nation's Capitol



WASHINGTON—Washington is not one grand succession of marble structures and beautiful parks. There are slums under the shadow of the capitol that compare in squalor with the East side in New York. The capitol slums have the advantage over those in New York in being less extensive and in being composed of small houses instead of lofty tenements.

The Washington refuge of the very poor is sufficiently bad to have attracted the attention of sociologists and philanthropists and to have caused President Taft to demand their improvement in a message to congress.

This district is within ten minutes' walk of the United States capitol and has for one of its boundaries the botanical gardens with their wealth of exotics. President Taft, in his message, made particular mention of Willow Tree alley, but it is no better and no worse than the others. Possibly the president mentioned only Willow Tree alley because it was the only one bearing a name that comports well with a state document. The other four

### Uncle Sam Gives Facts About Fleas

THERE may be those who imagine it is an easy thing to kill a flea. But if they will read certain facts reported by the United States public health and marine service their minds will be disabused of the notion. The information is given in a pamphlet entitled "Notes on Agents for Flea Destruction." Fleas, it appears from these notes, survive all the usual means of insect assassination and others less common.

But how to kill the flea is not the only problem before the investigators. It is quite as much of a puzzle to know when he is dead. It was found that when it comes to death by drowning a flea has more lives than a cat. That is to say when the medium is water. But fleas float swimming over night in a mixture of glycerin and water are dead the following morning.

Obviously the flea is a hobo among insects, for one of his deadliest enemies is green soap. A flea dipped entirely in a tincture of green soap submerged beyond resuscitation in two minutes; another ceased his movements in forty seconds and was dead in ten minutes; no fleas of any of the species examined survived the soap. An even stronger evidence of the disreputable tendencies of fleas is that when immersed in absolute alcohol they were paralyzed to the degree that their movements ceased within

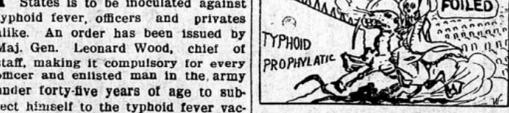
### Cranks Offer Forest Fire Remedies



WHILE the field officers of the U. S. Forestry service are taking precautions against fire in the great national forests of the west, the forestry bureau is besieged constantly by "cranks" and real inventors, chiefly the former, who propose all sorts of ridiculous plans for coping with the flames. One of the most novel of these recently came from an eastern man who proposed that an artillery organization be formed in the forest service and equipped with huge mortar batteries, which would shoot grenades filled with chemicals.

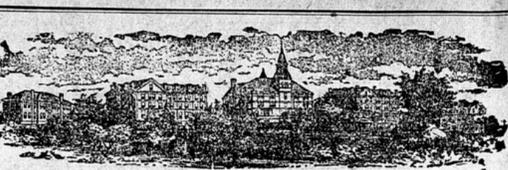
This man's plan was to have a battery of these mortars hauled to a suitable hill near a forest fire, from which the grenades would be discharged rapidly into the fire and, bursting, would smother the flames. Admitting that chemicals will extinguish a small blaze, the forestry people told this inventor to move on, as all the chemicals in the world would hardly extinguish a forest fire with a front of ten miles. Another "crank's" plan was to construct huge screens of asbestos,

### Inoculate Soldiers Against Typhoid



THE entire army of the United States is to be inoculated against typhoid fever, officers and privates alike. An order has been issued by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, making it compulsory for every officer and enlisted man in the army under forty-five years of age to subject himself to the typhoid fever vaccine. This order applies to all those who have not heretofore had typhoid fever or who have not been inoculated with the germ. Heretofore it has been voluntary on the part of an officer or private in the army whether he should subject himself to the experiment, but from this time every one serving in Uncle Sam's fighting force must undergo the experience. Estimates compiled at the war department show that up to the present time about 17,000 inoculations for typhoid have been made. Of the troops who were sent to the Mexican border nearly 12,000 had been inoculated. The total strength of the army at present is 76,000 so there will be plenty of work for the surgeons of the army to perform before each one has undergone treatment. The "typhoid prophylactic," as it is

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