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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—King Oscar of Sweden died Sunday morning, and the new King, Gustave V, took the oath of office.

DOMESTIC.—The call for the Republican National Convention in Chicago was issued.

CITY.—All places of amusement were closed for the first time in years.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for to-day: Fair. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 53 degrees; lowest, 38.

A CHANGE OF HEART.

The popular opinion that labor unionists are generally opposed to the extension of the trade school system in this country is founded on something more than rumor.

Only a committee report, to be sure, but a good beginning. It may be long before the federation accepts and practises the advice; but in the mean time it is consoling to know that knowledge of the value of trade schools to American workmen is spreading among labor leaders.

to see that the influx of educated men will hamper and eventually exterminate only corrupt leaders and the swarms of incompetent, insolent, semi-criminal creatures of these undesirable citizens who have brought both organized labor and the efficiency of the American workman into disrepute so many times.

GOING TO THE MOUNTAIN.

Colonel Watterston has just set an example of philippic fortitude which may be of service to Democratic editors hereabouts who are disinclined to accept Mr. Bryan's third nomination for the Presidency as forfeited for the purification and salvation of the Democratic party.

The editor of "The Courier-Journal" has not only decided by September, 1906, that Mr. Bryan wouldn't do it all as a leader, but with more practicality than the Eastern anti-Bryan editors have shown, had set about discovering some other Democrat on whom to devote his leadership.

As an experienced and disillusioned campaigner, Colonel Watterston now knows what he has had enough. He is no slave to pride of opinion; nor does he believe in riding his theories till the heavens fall.

It may be that the old Democracy of strict construction has passed from the scene never to return, and that a new Democracy very latitudinarian in its methods and its aims has arisen upon the stage to stay.

TOWN AND COUNTRY MORALS.

How venerable ideas are being smashed! Only last Tuesday one of mankind's most cherished beliefs was hacked into fine splinters when a normal school principal compared town and country morals in an address before the New York State committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Assuming this verdict to be based upon adequate observations, we are confronted with a remarkable social phenomenon which calls for investigation and explanation. The speaker attributed the decline of rustic morals to the influx of a very low class of farmhands. But this is only one phase of the matter, and perhaps a minor one.

May it not be, though, that the astonishing prosperity of American farmers has influenced their practices, just as wealth is alleged to have played a part with the morals of city folk? A farmer with a cash surplus for pleasure is probably like other human beings in his susceptibility to temptation.

BERNADOTTE'S GRANDSON.

It has been the subject of frequent comment that of all the marshals and princes who surrounded Napoleon Bonaparte and gained places on sovereign thrones only one founded a lasting dynasty, and that was the lawyer's son, conqueror of the Chouans and hero of Austerlitz, who never became a personal follower or an adherent of the French Emperor and who was a throne not because of his aid but in spite of his opposition.

The venerable monarch who has just passed away, grandson of Bernadotte and son of Josephine Beauharnais, might truly be described as "every inch a king." There were more conspicuous sovereigns in Europe during his long reign, but there were few if any who more justly appreciated the functions of a modern constitutional monarch or who more diligently and successfully strove to justify the existence of kingship by service to the people.

He has left his kingdom strong and prosperous, to be reigned over by his son, a worthy successor, already familiar with the duties of kingship. There will be no disturbance of Swedish affairs, at home or abroad, because of the change of monarchs, but only grateful recollections of the King who is dead and loyal confidence anticipations for the King who lives.

CHICAGO THE CONVENTION CITY.

The Republican National Committee has done wisely in selecting Chicago as the place for holding the next national convention. Chicago lies over New York and Philadelphia, or any city near the Eastern or Western coast of the country, the great advantage of central location.

Moreover, Chicago by reason of its size has the best facilities for handling a convention. It has excellent railroad connections. The telegraph service to newspapers all over the country is usually better from Chicago than from a smaller city.

Manufacturing plants are increasing active machinery in several industries after a month of contraction, but more mills closed last week than resumed. Curtailment is most extensive in iron and steel; not half the pig iron furnaces now remain in blast, and the new weekly record of coke ovens that was established in October has been succeeded by one of less than 50 per cent of the full capacity.

THE WATCHMAN'S REPORT.

Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are.

Men no longer look to the stars for signs of promise, as they did in those legendary days when a watchman cried out that a strange luminary was shining overhead and the heavens singing "Peace on earth, good will toward men." The oft watchman has passed away, together with the city walls, the black streets and the utter silence of the dark hours.

The watchmen in the newspaper and telegraph office of Hopkenville, Ky., and the outlying region saw some very un-Christmasic signs just before dawn last Saturday. Instead of a choir of angels soaring tunefully among the still constellations, the Kentucky sentinels witnessed a band of some five hundred desperadoes, masked and heavily armed, swoop down upon the town and set fire to scores of buildings, shoot and maimed citizens and brutally maltreat some men who had taken the "wrong" side in the so-called tobacco war.

We shall feel that Oklahoma is neglecting some of her opportunities if an effort is not made to secure the Democratic National Convention for Guthrie.

MONEY AND BUSINESS.

Investors at recent low prices have had the satisfaction of seeing the average of the sixty most active railway shares rise \$5.50 from the bottom point, and some issues have gained very much more; but the sudden outbreak of speculative enthusiasm is to be regretted.

Several more suspensions of banks, including one at Kansas City of exceptional size, have greater significance as indications of the financial situation than lower rates for call money at the Stock Exchange or the official reports showing a per capita amount of money in circulation beyond all records and a new high-water mark of gold in the Treasury exceeding \$30,000,000.

Irregularity continues in trade returns. Not only are reports from different sections conflicting, but various branches of business in the same district do not obtain similar results.

Bank exchanges last week were lower than in the same week of 1906 by from 4 1/2 per cent at Minneapolis to 4 1/2 per cent at San Francisco, and not one of the leading cities made a favorable comparison. This is significant, and it is also noteworthy that losses appear almost as heavy in comparison with 1905.

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THE TALK OF THE DAY.

According to "The Shipping World" of London, the new high speed turbine torpedo boat destroyer Mohawk, which recently had a successful trial speed tests under the command of the North Sea, is one of the fastest war vessels in the world.

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A number of old graduates of German universities who in their student days were corps members have made a great hit in the "Barrack-Blast" against the continuance of the beer drinking requirements which have always been essential to good standing in the corps.

It is a curious fact that it is largely scientific discoveries that have lessened the incomes of scientists. Prices depend on all sorts of conditions, psychological as well as material, but in the end they are determined by the value of gold. The cyanide process and other advances in metallurgy, mining and geology, as well as the discovery of new fields, have greatly lessened the cost of producing gold.

THE SMART BATTALIONS.

Methods of Dealing with the Unpopular Officer.

The fierce light of publicity beats upon the Household Brigade as well as the throne. The officers of the smartest regiments are popularly supposed to be the spoiled darlings of society, and when a Radical administration is in power they are not allowed to enforce discipline for "non-clubbable" offences without having their methods and processes closely scrutinized and brought to light.

A "tuberculosis course" is the latest addition to the public school curriculum in an intriguing Pittsburg. No doubt it is well to instruct the general public in measures for avoidance of the "white plague." But we had supposed that the care of children's health was not naturally committed to their elders, and not that babes and sucklings were to be made the sanitary guardians of the community.

What is the party to do with Mr. Watterston and "The Courier-Journal"? The question is a serious one. We can't see "em back; we can't suit 'em back; we can't put 'em back on the table and catch 'em in the St. Louis (Ky.) Sun.

PERSONAL.

Judge John W. McKim, now retired from the bench of the Massachusetts Probate Court, over which he presided for many years, passed his eighty-ninth birthday last Monday.

The German Emperor sent a special courier from England with a message of congratulation for Dr. Carl Schurz, on the occasion of the eightieth birthday of the venerable laryngologist.

Senator Charles A. Culberson of Texas, who has been selected by the Senate Democratic caucus as leader of the minority in the upper House, was born in Dadeville, Ala., June 10, 1856.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the New England Conservatory of Music, George H. Cortel, secretary of the board, was elected to the board.

James B. Hill, of Atlanta, is the first negro in the country to receive a Carnegie hero medal. A check for \$500 was sent as a reward for risking his life in saving several people in danger from a runaway trolley.

Mr. Anetta E. McCrea, the first woman landscape architect in this country, is the official landscape architect for the St. Paul road, and consulting landscape architect for half a dozen other Western roads.

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"Ragging" used to be the method adopted in the Guards for dealing with a case like this when something drastic seemed necessary for reforming the manners of an uncompanionable officer and teaching him how to comport himself as a gentleman in the King's uniform.

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Under the head, "A Triumph of Wits," this story is told in a recent number of "Gil Blas": A Frenchman, just back from China, says that the Imperial edict against opium is a great blow to the thousands who were slaves to the habit, and all sorts of subterfuges are resorted to by people who think they cannot exist without it.