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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

CURRENT COMMENT.

THE Rubber Goods Manufacturing company has been incorporated at Trenton, N. J., with a capital of \$50,000,000.

CHICAGO has an order to supply Europe with 10,000 coach and bus horses. They will be shipped at the rate of 200 head a week.

A BILL was introduced into the United States senate to provide for the employment of women nurses in the army, to number not less than half of one per cent. of the men in the army.

A HOSPITAL London cable to the New York World said that the South African papers noted as one of the remarkable results of the Spanish-American war the largely increased orders from America for diamonds, which has caused prices to go up 20 per cent.

SENATOR WARD was reported to be urging in the Michigan legislature a plan for single taxation on land values, optional with cities for levies for municipal purposes only.

HAMILTON BROWN, editor of the British Realm at London, received a letter a few days ago from Admiral Dewey in response to a request for an expression of opinion on Great Britain's imperial policy.

HOPE of saving the battleship Maine has not been abandoned by the United States government or the managers of the Merritt-Chapman Derrick & Wrecking company.

AT a complimentary dinner to Gen. Leonard Wood, in New York, the other night, Capt. Bob Evans was called upon for a few postprandial remarks.

UNCLE SAM has decided to have red, white and blue mail wagons for use in the cities of the country.

TWENTY thousand persons are fed daily in Cuba at the expense of the United States and the machinery of the military administration is working toward the relief of 15,000 or 20,000 more.

SECRETARY ALGER, of the war department, at the instance of the president, has extended an invitation to the members of the house and senate committees on military affairs to go with him on a tour to Cuba and Porto Rico.

REPORTS from Russia admit that no less than 19 provinces, with a population of 40,000,000, are affected by the famine now raging there, and it is worthy of note that the sufferers comprise not merely the peasantry, but likewise the landed gentry.

THE executive committee of the Longfellow National Memorial association, formed for the purpose of creating a statue of the poet in Washington, has issued an appeal for subscriptions aggregating \$35,000 for the purpose.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. ADELINA PATTI, the singer, was married to Baron Cederstrom on the 25th at Brecon, Wales.

EX-SENATOR INGALLS has been ill in Washington on the 25th. The court-martial to try Commissary General Egan for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, for his vituperative language before the war investigating committee, met at Washington on the 25th. Gen. Egan pleaded not guilty to the charges, but qualified his plea by admitting that the specifications set forth correctly part of the language he used.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY gave a reception at the white house on the 25th to the officers of the army and navy and the marine corps. It was a brilliant affair.

N. B. SCOTT (rep.) was elected United States senator on the 25th by the West Virginia legislature. The territorial statehood convention at Guthrie, Ok., resolved for a constitutional convention in June and a state election in October on a proposition to congress and demand admission in December.

SECRETARY ALGER appeared before the war investigation commission at Washington on the 25th. He denied positively that he had ever, directly or indirectly, been interested in any army camps or supplies furnished the government during the Spanish war. All complaints, he said, had been investigated, and while there were defects they were only those inseparable from suddenly creating a great army.

THE seat of N. B. Scott, the new republican senator from West Virginia, will be contested by his opponent, John T. McGraw, on the ground that two of the men who voted for Scott were ineligible because they held commissions in the United States volunteer army.

AUGUSTUS H. GARLAND, attorney general of the United States under President Cleveland's first administration, was stricken with apoplexy on the 26th while addressing the United States supreme court and died within ten minutes. He was 67 years old.

THE lower house of the Nebraska legislature has gone on record as opposed to the seating of Brigham H. Roberts, congressman-elect from Utah.

THE court-martial upon Commissary General Egan at Washington for his recent violent attack upon Gen. Miles ended on the 27th and within 45 minutes afterwards the court arrived at a verdict of guilty and sentenced him to dismissal from the military service of the United States, without any recommendation for clemency.

SIMON POKAGON, the last chief of the Pottawatomie Indians, died at Benton Harbor, Mich., on the 27th, aged 80 years.

WHILE the Porto Ricans do not offer the least resistance to the military administration by Americans they make no secret of the fact that they do not desire its continuance, but earnestly wish for a civil government in some form.

BRIG. GEN. THADDEUS H. STANTON, known as the "Fighting Paymaster," was retired from active service on reaching the age limit on the 30th.

THE National Farmers' party was organized in Warren county, Ill. The president nominated William J. Hook, of Leavenworth, Kan., to be United States judge for the district of Kansas, to succeed Judge Cassius G. Foster.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE waters of the Canadian river have been turned into the canal which was recently constructed by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company at Wirth, I. T. The construction of this canal became necessary on account of the heavy floods last spring which caused the river to shift its channel.

THE Farmers' Elevator company at St. Louis recently made an assignment. Its elevator was one of the largest in that city, having a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels.

WHILE crossing Lake Erie in a boat from an island in the Bass group to bury a child in Canada the Robson family—consisting of father, mother, son and daughter—and a hired man were drowned.

A. C. BRADLEY, the old soldier who shot Gov. A. J. Smith, of the soldiers' home at Santa Monica, Cal., was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, but recommended to mercy. Smith was at one time governor of the Leavenworth (Kan.) home.

SPECIALS on the 29th from points in the interior of Wisconsin reported very low temperature. At Appleton the thermometer recorded 35 degrees below zero, the coldest in recent years. Black River Falls reported a temperature of 40 degrees; Medford, 40, and Whitehall, 38 degrees below zero.

THE house of George Brown, a Long Island farmer, took fire while the family was asleep. Brown dashed out the window and broke his neck. The wife and five children escaped uninjured.

JUDGE E. M. HUGHES, of the Audrain county circuit court at Mexico, Mo., has decided a test case in reference to war tax law, declaring it was not the intention of congress to require a stamp upon certificates of a judicial character, because it would be unconstitutional. He said that the states did not delegate to the federal government the power of taxation over its officers or courts or any other machinery necessary for the support and maintenance of the local state government.

R. G. DUN & Co.'s weekly review of trade reports 244 failures in the United States for the week ended the 27th, against 343 for the corresponding week of last year.

WESLEY LYONS, madly in love with Miss Mary Davis, at Shawnee, O., who rejected him, shot her escort from a dance party and then killed himself. The escort may recover.

Gov. JONES on the 27th sent a special message to the general assembly at Little Rock urging an appropriation for stamping out smallpox in Arkansas.

A GANG of 26 laborers, while working in a tunnel near Altoona, Pa., was run down by a locomotive and two men were killed and the rest were more or less seriously injured.

THE home of W. H. Rudolph at Apex, Col., was destroyed by a snowslide and the whole family was carried away. The father saved himself and a searching party rescued a six-year-old son alive, but the mother and two other children were not found.

THE San Bruno hotel, an old landmark near San Francisco, was burned on the 29th and the porter of the hotel perished in the flames.

THE First Baptist church of Scranton, Pa., was burned on the 29th. FOURTEEN miners were killed by an explosion of gas in a mine near Mazon, Spain.

FOUR men were badly burned, one perhaps fatally, by the explosion of a boiler in the basement of the Chicago Tribune.

SIX prisoners escaped from the jail at Canton, O., the other morning by sawing the bars of a window.

Mrs. MARY MCINTYRE, a wealthy widow 60 years old, was found murdered in her home at Pana, Ill., on the 29th. Her body had been chopped all to pieces and everything of value had been carried away by the murderers.

THE American Missionary association has issued an appeal from New York to the Congregational churches of the United States to observe February 13 as Lincoln Sunday.

THE frame portion of the Norton Brewing company's establishment at Anderson, Ind., was burned, causing a loss of \$50,000.

THE report reached Mount Pleasant, Tex., that whitecaps had posted notices in Morris county, about 30 miles from here, for the negroes to leave, and threatening violence if they did not comply. It was stated that the colored population were very much excited and some were preparing to leave.

As a result of a conference between Gov. Gen. Brooke and Gen. Leonard Wood, governor of the military department of Santiago, the customs receipts at Santiago will not be used in other provinces, but will be mortgaged to defray the cost of works now under way.

ANDREW MOORE, a desperado of the Cherokee nation, killed three men at Whitefield, I. T., the other afternoon. He is a Choctaw Indian with a bad record. He had an old grudge against the men and walked deliberately up to them and shot them down in succession and then escaped.

THE Chicago packers, Swift & Co. and Libby, McNeil & Libby, as the result of the criticisms made against the fresh meat furnished during the war, on the 27th announced that they would jointly pay \$100,000 to anybody proving that chemicals were used to preserve any beef packed by them.

SEISMIC disturbances were very violent in the southern part of Greece on the 27th. A number of houses fell and in many places the inhabitants were panic-stricken.

INCENDIARIES set fire to the school-house in Summer City, Tenn. The steam canal boat J. C. Austin ran on the rocks off Norfolk, Conn., and sank, together with her consort, the David B. Fisk, loaded with coal. Five persons lost their lives.

THE citizens of Asheville, N. C., were startled by the fearful jar and noise of a dynamite explosion that occurred in the blacksmith shop of the city quarry, demolishing the shop, killing one person and dangerously, perhaps fatally, injuring two others. One of the workmen had been directed by the foreman to thaw some dynamite in the smithy forge and the explosion followed.

REPORTS of 63 officers, representing more than a dozen regiments, scores of companies and thousands of soldiers, were laid before the special investigating commission, at Washington, showing that the beef furnished the soldiers was bad. Corned beef escapes without great censure, but tanned roast beef and the so-called "fresh beef" with which the soldiers were served is denounced without exception.

THE Commercial hotel at Hillsboro, Tex., was destroyed by fire and two men were cremated. It was feared also that another man was under the ruins.

THE robbery of over £50,000 from Parr's bank in London was the sensation of the hour, but it took a dramatic turn on the 28th when the chairman of the shareholders that £40,000 in the biggest notes had been returned to the bank by post.

A SPECIAL from Mount Olive, Ill., on the 25th said that Peter Novak, a Croat, his wife and three children were burned by a coal oil explosion. A boy, six years old, and a babe of four months, were roasted to death. The third child and the mother were fatally burned, while the father's injuries were serious.

THOMAS TEASLEY, aged 86 years, died of convulsions in Mounts, Ill., the other evening and during the night three grandchildren, two girls, aged eight and ten years, and a boy, aged 19 years, were taken dangerously sick. The next day the father of the children was stricken with severe sickness. There was a strong suspicion that some one had put poison in the food.

THE National Creamery Buttermakers, in convention at Sioux Falls, S. D., elected W. D. Boardman, of Nevada, president and E. Suddendorf, of Elgin, Ill., secretary. The next convention will be held at Lincoln, Neb.

SOON after Lawrence Schrader had died at New York from starvation a check for \$5,000 came to him from England. It saved him from being buried in the potter's field.

THE three children of Charles Hagerman were playing on the ice off Well's Island, N. Y., in the St. Lawrence river when it broke and they fell in. The mother rushed to their rescue and the whole four lost their lives.

"MYSTERIOUS" Billy Smith successfully defended his right to a foremost position as a welter-weight pugilist by knocking out Billy Edwards, of Australia, in the fourteenth round at New York the other night.

NO PENSIONS FOR CLERKS

The So-Called "Roll of Honor" of the Treasury Department Wiped Out.

PROHIBITED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BILL.

Representative Tawney Has a Bill Providing for an Allowance to Superannuated Clerks by Making a Fund of Enforced Contributions from Clerks in the Departments.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The so-called "roll of honor" of the treasury department, inaugurated some time ago by Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, which practically retired on pensions superannuated clerks, is wiped out by a section of the legislative appropriation bill which prohibits expenditures for compensation of any persons permanently incapacitated by age or otherwise, and declares that "the establishment of a civil pension roll or an honorable service roll or an exemption of any of the officers, clerks and persons in the public service from the existing laws respecting employment in such service is hereby prohibited."

There are said to be 23 clerks in the treasury department who are on this roll of superannuated employees and the committee, having procured a list of the names of such and the divisions where employed, have omitted from the bill a clerk or clerks in all such divisions. It has also prohibited the use of time recording clocks in the department, a feature which has been introduced by Assistant Secretary Vanderlip in the treasury in order to prevent absence and loss of time on the part of the clerks.

The action of the committee in practically providing for the dismissal of a number of superannuated employees is due chiefly to repeated protests on the part of senators and representatives against the retention in office of clerks no longer able to perform their duties, but whose long and faithful service in the absence of a civil pension system has operated to prevent their displacement by younger and more capable men. In consequence, the work which, if physically competent, they would be called upon to perform is thrown upon other clerks, many of whom draw less salaries than those who practically do no work at all. As a result those employees upon whom the added clerical labor falls have been protesting and insisting that the government is entitled to full service for the salary which it pays.

In all the departments there are aged employees retained on the rolls who endeavor to the best of their ability to continue in the performance of duties for which they are unfitted by reason of advanced age and physical infirmity. Were a civil pension law in force several hundred would be placed upon a retired list, but in the absence of such a law they are retained on the rolls out of pure charity. Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, however, some time ago relieved a number of clerks in the treasury department from the performance of routine clerical duty, making what was practically a roll of superannuated employees. It was against this roll that the section in the pending legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was aimed.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, has a bill pending providing for superannuated and disabled clerks, to be drawn from a fund made up of enforced contributions from the clerks of the departments. This measure is drafted on the lines of laws in operation in Germany, by which insurance is provided for the employees of corporations through the aggregation of small amounts deducted from the weekly wages of such employees. It is recognized in Washington that no bill providing for civil pensions which will be a charge upon the revenues of the government could receive favorable consideration from congress.

EX-PREMIER CRISP'S GLOOMY VIEW. London, Jan. 31.—A dispatch from Rome says ex-Premier Crispini, in an interview on the subject of the proposed international conference in the interest of universal peace, expressed himself as follows: "The conference will decide nothing. The sole possible result will be that the powers may align themselves in the formation of an international arbitration tribunal. I hope that I am wrong, but I think a general war is more probable than a general disarmament."

LETTER ON THE RISE IN WHEAT. Cleveland, O., Jan. 31.—Joseph Leiter, the Chicago speculator, in an interview here concerning the recent rise in wheat, is quoted as saying: "I am not paying any attention to wheat now. I have dropped that and am giving my whole attention to the business of forming combinations. However, it is no trouble to account for the rise in wheat. The demand is simply greater than the supply."

A NEWSPAPER FINED IN BOSTON. Boston, Jan. 31.—The Boston Herald company was fined \$500 by Judge Bond in the superior court to-day for publishing in a headline in connection with an account of the trial of the city teaming fraud cases the words "Guilt is evident." The publication of the headline was considered prejudicial to the case and resulted in the dismissal of the jury and an order for a new trial.

PATTI'S ANTI-NEUTRAL ACT. London, Jan. 31.—It is reported that Patti has settled \$15,000 a year upon her new husband, Baron Cederstrom. She is said to have taken this action the day before her marriage.

SEVEN HISSARD REPORTED. Wichita, Kan., Jan. 31.—Snow began falling early this morning and a severe blizzard, extended over southern Kansas and Oklahoma and Indian territory.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Telephone Lines Authorized in Indian Reservation in Oklahoma—The Army Bill in the House.

Washington, Jan. 31.—A bill was passed authorizing the Missouri & Kansas Telephone company to construct and maintain lines and offices in the Ponca, Otoe and Missouri reservation in Oklahoma.

Mr. Mason called up his resolution offered Saturday afternoon and presented a resolution in an amended form asking the secretary of war to furnish information as to the percentage of our soldiers who are sick and have been sick and the number of deaths in our army by reason of the sickness caused by the climate in our new acquisitions. The resolution was adopted.

A bill to declare the proper construction of the act entitled "An act to provide for the adjudication and payment of claims arising from Indian deprivations" was passed.

The president sent to the senate correspondence on file in the state department bearing upon the peace treaty and it was read in to-day's executive session.

At the opening of the session of the house to-day Mr. Hopkins reported the census bill and gave notice that he would call it up next Monday. The house then resumed the consideration of the army reorganization bill. The committee amendments were adopted as the reading of the bill progressed, so that the bill will provide for an army of 100,000 men with discretion in the president to reduce it to 50,000.

Garland Hurdies at Little Rock. Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 31.—The body of Augustus Hill Garland, ex-attorney general, reached Little Rock to-day escorted by a legislative committee, which met the funeral train at the state border. The body was taken to the senate chamber, where it lay in state until two o'clock, when the ceremonies were held. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Thompson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church. The burial was in Mount Holy cemetery.

Weather Reports for Missouri Towns. Columbia, Mo., Jan. 31.—The government weather bureau at Columbia is making arrangements by which the daily weather forecast may be sent from this place each morning to neighboring towns by telephone. Wires have been secured to Centralla and Hinton, Mo., and a connection will soon be made with Jefferson City. These towns will send the forecasts by telephone to other towns and cities.

Change in Home for Ex-Slaves. St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 31.—The home for aged and dependent ex-slaves, established in this city three or four years ago, has been placed under the control of Rev. Father F. W. Graham, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church. All of the indebtedness of the institution is assumed by Father Graham. The board of trustees elected at the beginning of the year will be retained.

For Public Building at Kansas City, Kan. Washington, Jan. 31.—Senator Baker introduced a bill in the senate appropriating \$350,000 for the purchase of a site and the construction of a federal building at Kansas City, Kan. A similar bill has been introduced in the house by Representative Peters and the committee on public buildings and grounds has decided to report it favorably.

Did Not Get Far With It. Wichita, Kan., Jan. 31.—J. Bingham was arrested here for stealing a thrashing engine. The whistle, governor and other attachments were found on h. m. Bingham, it is said, found the thrasher by the roadside in Butler county, and got up steam and started away on it. He abandoned it before it had gone far.

Death of Capt. W. R. Ryan. St. Louis, Jan. 31.—Capt. William P. Ryan, who was in command of company L, First Missouri volunteers during the recent war, died at the Presbyterian hospital here of a complication of diseases contracted at Chickamauga. The remains will be interred at Carrollton, Mo.

Third Infantry Leaves for Manila. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 31.—With the mercury at 25 below zero the Third regular infantry to-day began their long journey to the tropical heat of the Philippines. The heavy baggage train left last week and soon after daylight to-day the regiment began its journey.

County Seat Fight in Prospect. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 31.—A delegation of citizens from Parsons will come here to ask the legislature to change the county seat established when the county was organized. Parsons bases her demand on her population, which is four times as large as Oswego.

Ex-Senator Slater Dead. La Grande, Ore., Jan. 31.—Ex-United States Senator James H. Slater has died. The deceased was born in Illinois in 1836. In 1870 he was elected to the Forty-second congress and in 1876 was elected United States senator, where he served until 1885.

To Be Wisconsin's Senator. Milwaukee, Jan. 31.—The Milwaukee Journal says it can be positively stated that Joseph V. Quarles will be the next United States senator from Wisconsin, succeeding John L. Mitchell, whose term will expire March 4.

A Japanese Steamer on Fire. Yokohama, Jan. 31.—The Japanese steamer Yamaguchi Maru, Capt. Allen, of Seattle, January 11, for this port, is on fire at Oginohama. Every means available is being used to extinguish the fire.

Lived Over a Century. Newton, Kan., Jan. 31.—Mrs. A. Yaughner died at Walton to-day, aged 105 years. Old age and an attack of grip caused her death.

Grant's Friend Resigns. Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 31.—Speaker Wright, of the assembly, has tendered his resignation.

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She Was Taking No Chances. The fast-flying elevator in a huge downtown office building hovered for an instant at the third floor, like an impatient and monstrous bird, then, with a clang of the iron gates, leaved upward and out of sight. The citizen from Sassafras Cross Roads turned fiercely to his wife. "What made you hold me back, mother?" "Why, Eben Dilly, who are you talking to? Don't you stand there and jaw me!" "Well, you ever smoke?" some one asked. "Foolish, eh? Foolish. That's all the thanks a woman gets for bein' careful. You come down here to get your life insured, didn't ye?" "Course I did." "Ye ain't done it yet, hev ye?" "Goin' to do it just as soon as I kin git to that 'leventh floor.'" "Ye'll well, when ye've done it ye can ride on all the way in creation if ye want to, but not till then." And the prudent wife began the long and weary ascent of the marble stairs, followed by her humble spouse.—N. Y. Herald.

John's Good Meals. Several ladies sat in one of the Colonial club parlors a few evenings ago discussing the virtues of their husbands. "Mr. Bingleton," said one of them, referring to her life partner, "never drinks, never swears, nor does he chew." "Does he ever smoke?" some one asked. "Yes, he always likes a cigar just after he has eaten a good meal. But I suppose that, on an average, he doesn't smoke more than once a month." Some of her friends laughed, but she didn't seem to understand why.—Cleveland Leader.

None to Turn Over. "I thought you were going to turn over a new leaf, John," she said in scorn upon a new leaf. "I was," he replied, "but I find 'tarn.'" "Why not?" "There won't be any new leaves until spring."—Chicago Post.

Superlative. It is not the best man at a wedding who gets a better half.—N. O. Picayune.

Which is the worse, a joke you can't see the point of, or a point you can't see the joke of?—Town Topics.

The work of a carriage wheel never begins until it's tired.—Chicago Daily News.

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The rich and the poor have different reasons for fasting.—Chicago Daily News.



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