

BAXTER SPRINGS NEWS

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Of the ten graves in the cemetery at Forest City, D. C. nine are said to be occupied by the remains of men that died with their boots on.

With the assistance of the latest American machines a piece of leather can be transferred into a pair of boots in 34 minutes, in which time it passes through the hands of 60 people and 15 machines.

The Greater New York, it is computed, will have 464 miles of car track within its limits. Philadelphia has 406, St. Louis 291, Baltimore 235, San Francisco 231 and Louisville 150. Chicago has 293 miles and Buffalo about 600.

The Workington's hotel, which the Salvation army has opened in Boston, charges 5, 10 and 15 cents for lodging, 5 cents for supper, 5 cents for breakfast and 8 cents for dinner. A bath is free, but not obligatory. The house will contain 100 beds.

A KENTUCKY man buys all the horses he can get at \$1 a head. He kills them, feeds the flesh to his hogs, sells the hides and bones, and sends the profitable. Whenever he buys a horse for \$1 and he can sell it for \$2 he lets it go, otherwise it is fed to the hogs.

A. A. POWELL, of Cincinnati, is among the tallest men in the world, weighing 272 pounds, wears a No. 10 glove, a 7 1/2 hat, a No. 12 shoe and is 7 feet 2 1/2 inches in height. Queen Victoria presented him with a gold watch when he was in the show business.

UNSCRUPULOUS persons are deluding the ignorant slaves in some parts of the south with the notion that they are soon to be pensioned for life by the general government. The originators of the movement are enrolling the ex-slaves and charging each a small fee.

GOV. CULBERSON, of Texas, has written President Cleveland a letter, asking him to recommend federal aid by congress for the Afro-American exposition, which is to be held in Houston in 1898. It will be an international affair and will be the first general assemblage of negroes since slavery times.

AMERICANS are the greatest travelers on the face of the earth. It is estimated that every year from 90,000 to 100,000 people leave the country for trips in Europe, going first class. Half as many again go at cheaper rates. Some of these people go for a year's stay, while others remain only a few months. A conservative estimate places the total amount of money spent by Americans abroad each year at least \$125,000,000.

A FRENCH doctor claims that in order to modify the sounds of the human voice one has only to inhale the vapors of certain liquids and essences. Thus, inhalations of eucalypt, according to Dr. Sandrus, will raise the voice two notes, the aspiration of absinthie will add one high and two low notes. There are other vapors that are said to be even more efficacious. For instance, there are kerosene and turpentine and strychnine. The effect of the latter, according to the doctor, is positively marvelous. He claims that it raises the voice no fewer than five notes.

WOLVES, bears and other beasts of prey are proving a serious menace to the prosperity of the cattle and stock raising industry in Colorado, said the San Francisco Bulletin in a recent issue. This fall their ravages on the range and even on the inclosed lands are costing the ranchmen and cattle companies of the state many thousands of dollars monthly. The pests have become so emboldened by hunger and force of numbers that several cattle and stock-growers have already threatened to pull their capital out of the business and sell or abandon their ranches.

ALL Pomona, Cal., went wild recently over a fall of snow to a depth of one inch in Pomona valley and for years people will remember their snowball battle of this winter among the orange and lemon groves and avenues of magnolias and palms. The whole population of Pomona was excited at the extraordinary sight of snow in the valley, and everyone who could get out doors did so. A great many men and women who have never been outside of southern California rolled their first snowballs, while many superstitious Mexicans were frightened at the strange fall of snow.

The record of railway accidents printed every year by the Railroad Gazette shows a decrease of fatalities in 1896, and also demonstrates how safe a traveler really is on a modern railway train. For instance, 120 passengers were killed last year, but the train mileage was 894,200,000. This means that on the average a passenger can travel over 6,000,000 miles before being killed in a railway accident; or, to put it in another way, he can travel back and forth between New York and San Francisco as frequently as the trains will carry him about 30 years before his fatal accident is due.

The marked decline of the immigration of Polish and Russian Hebrews into this country which has been observed of late is ascribed by the Muscovite authorities to the fact that South Africa has now taken the place of the United States as the source of the Hebrew exodus. The movement in the direction of South Africa is so strong among the Jewish population in Russia that in many places old women and children are carrying on the various occupations and businesses, owing to the fact that all those who are in the prime of life, especially the men, have emigrated to South Africa.

The address of President Clark the other day before the committee on railroads of the Connecticut legislature brought out the fact that electricity is destined soon to supplant steam in a measure on the railroads of the country. Nevertheless, the prediction of some enthusiasts that steam locomotives will be sold for scrap iron within the next ten years is hardly justified by the facts. For short hauls, and especially for the suburban service of railroads, electricity as a motor is entirely feasible; and in all likelihood it will soon be generally employed. But for long hauls electricity is too costly.

Calendar for March 1897 with days of the week and dates.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE supreme court of Indiana decided against Helen M. Gougar in her suit against the election officers to compel them to receive and count her ballot. In pronouncing the opinion of the court, Judge Mackney said that under the Indiana constitution women cannot vote, and that this provision of the constitution is not in conflict with the constitution of the United States.

ADVISES from Cuba stated that in a battle at Ceriza the loss of the Spanish under Gen. Weyler amounted to 500 killed and wounded. In the battles at Cabalgan the Spanish losses were reported to have been equally as large.

RUMORS of a probable war between Spain and the United States caused great excitement at Jacksonville, Fla., and the arrival of the cruiser New York for coal and the hurried departure of the Newark and Vesuvius to join Adm. Dancie's squadron added strength to the war rumors.

SENATOR SHERMAN has given up the contest in trying to get the Anglo-American arbitration treaty ratified by the senate at this session and intimated that the new president would urge its ratification at the next session and that he was confident that the treaty would be agreed to in the end.

A WASHINGTON dispatch stated that President Cleveland will not nominate any more postmasters while he is in office.

THE New York Sun on the 26th said that Col. John J. McCook had positively declined to enter President McKinley's cabinet as secretary of the interior.

THE Louisiana republican state committee are going to prepare a bill to reduce the congressional representation of the state one-half, because many voters have been disfranchised by the election law passed last spring.

THE Venezuela boundary commission appointed by President Cleveland has made a voluminous report, but it lacks interest to the general public.

GOSSIP at Washington increasingly associates Maj. William Warner, of Kansas City, Mo., with a cabinet position as the rumors of Col. McCook's declination of a place multiply.

A HANDSOME and valuable silver table service was presented to Vice President Stevenson at Washington on the evening of the 27th, with an address carrying the signatures of 85 of the 90 senators. Brief addresses were made by Senators Hoar, Callom and Blackburn to which the vice president feelingly responded.

THE Japanese government has decided to adopt the gold standard at a ratio of 2 1/2 to 1. The new system will go into operation in October.

EX-GOV. JOHN D. LONG, of Massachusetts, announced on the 2d that he had accepted the navy portfolio in President-elect McKinley's cabinet.

PRESIDENT-ELECT MCKINLEY started from Canton, O., amid the cheers of thousands and the booming of cannon. He was escorted by a great crowd to the depot where, just before the train started, he made a short speech. The train arrived safely at Washington on the 2d and the President-elect was met by Gov. Bushnell and his staff and escorted to his hotel.

ADVISES from Manila on the 2d stated that the Spanish troops in the Philippine islands were being ravaged by ague and dysentery and the situation was becoming worse each day. The Spanish authorities were convinced that they would have to send more troops to the islands in order to suppress the insurrection.

MISCELLANEOUS. ROBERT EATON, a negro, shot and killed his wife with a Winchester rifle at Tunis, Tex., and then committed suicide. No cause was known for the tragedy.

The strike of the tannery hands at Chicago was thought to be over, as they agreed on the 26th to return to work and leave their grievances in the hands of the state board of arbitration.

A TWO-STORY brick building, occupied by several business firms, was burned at Casey, Ill., early on the 1st and a strong wind sent the flames to two adjoining blocks, which were soon gutted. Loss, \$150,000. The cause of the fire was not known.

It was rumored that Nevada was likely to pass legislation which would make the state a sporting paradise for gambling, horse racing, prize fighting, wrestling and other athletic amusements.

A GLIMAX in the Nebraska state treasury shortage of over \$500,000 came when Sheriff Trompen notified ex-Treasurer Joseph Bartley that a complaint charging him with embezzlement of state funds had been filed and a warrant issued for him.

It was estimated on the 25th that 5,000 women in Cincinnati and the Kentucky towns and cities opposite had been thrown out of employment by the stoppage of inundated factories, so say nothing of those kept from work by inundated homes.

JOHN HANLON, an engineer on the S. & O. Southern road, was out in twain above the hip by his engine near Olney, Ill. He had crawled under it to do something and did not get the air brakes and it started up.

JOHN NICHOLS shot and fatally wounded Joseph Lewis at Plain City, Utah, and then turned the gun on himself with fatal results. Lewis had charged Nichols with stealing a watch.

FRITZ ROSENBERG, a schoolkeeper at Chicago, was found dead in his place of business on the 25th. Beside him lay the body of his wife. It was believed that he shot his wife and then committed suicide through jealousy.

A DISPATCH to the Paris Bclair from Crete stated that 2,000 Moslems in the fortress at Selino had been massacred by the Christian insurgents. The Moslems at Crete were said to be furious and threatened to attack the foreign consulates at that place, but an additional force of marines had been landed by the various powers.

OWING to a seizure by treasury agents of contraband opium valued at \$400,000 and a further seizure worth \$200,000, the price of opium had advanced \$3 per pound. All the opium in San Francisco was held at \$15 per pound on the 2d and was expected to advance to \$20.

In Wyoming, Pa., the other night a part of the workings of the Scholey mine, 600 feet beneath the town, collapsed and a section of the town about 150 yards long and 300 yards wide, sank into the earth. The post office was wrecked together with several other buildings, including a bank.

JOHN H. DOREMAN, a farmer living near Perry, Ok., was crossing the river with his wife and two children in a buggy and struck quicksand. The buggy went down and the mother dropped her infant. It sank in the sand and the father was drowned in trying to save it.

THE body of a young woman was found in a store room of a livery stable in Paducah, Ky., on the 1st with a knife wound in her brain. After killing his victim the murderer had undressed the corpse and washed and prepared it for burial. There was no clew to the murderer.

THE pope was said to be preparing a bull instructing the United States hierarchy to meet in plenary council in Baltimore, Md., on May 1 to deal with the subjects which have caused such a division among the American bishops, such as public instruction, nationalism and secret societies.

A RIOT was caused at Knoxville, Tenn., on the 1st by a conflict of authority between the United States and city officials about the control of a street car franchise. A negro was fatally shot, a fire department was destroyed and a fractured skull and several policemen and special officers were arrested.

A RESOLUTION to congress passed both houses of the Oklahoma legislature on the 1st protesting against the detaching of a part of eastern Oklahoma and adding it to the Indian territory.

At Rimouski, Que., the house of Evariste St. Pierre caught fire and his three children, aged two, three and five, were burned to death. St. Pierre and his wife had gone out to visit neighbors, locking the house and leaving the children in bed. The cause of the fire was unknown.

FIRE broke out in the Zanamoro mine at Zacatecas, Mex., as ten bodies were taken out, showing signs of asphyxiation. It was said that there was no doubt that 170 miners had perished. All Zacatecas was a scene of mourning.

A DISPATCH from Switzerland on the 1st said that the left wing of the great monastery of St. Bernard had been demolished by an avalanche. The monks took refuge in the part of the building which remained intact and dug a tunnel under the snow and crawled out.

DR. RANIEZ, a leading Cuban physician, who landed at Key West, Fla., on the 27th from Cuba, stated that there were 3,000 cases of yellow fever in Havana and 150 deaths daily.

A PROMINENT business block in Fort Wayne, Ind., was burned on the 25th, causing a loss of \$125,000. Three firemen were caught under falling walls and dangerously hurt.

A BROOKLYN syndicate on the 27th bought for \$100,000 the property formerly occupied by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage as a tabernacle.

The Aurora chair factory and the Wymond cooper shop at Aurora, Ind., were destroyed by fire on the 25th. The loss on the former was \$20,000 and on the latter \$80,000. The two fires threw 500 operatives out of employment.

ENNEY HERM, who was infatuated with school-teacher at Nebraska City, Neb., asked J. D. Chapman for an explanation of some remarks the latter had made and in the quarrel which followed Herm was fatally shot.

An incendiary fire at Palmer, Tex., destroyed 14 frame business houses, occupied by 22 firms. The business district was practically wiped out.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES. THE Big Sandy steamer Favorite, bound for Priceville, Ky., and heavily laden with freight and passengers, struck a log near George creek and sank. The boat and cargo were a total loss and the passengers were saved with difficulty.

GEORGE BAKER and Nathan Moultrie, farmers, while going home from Evansville, Ind., got into a drunken row. Moultrie attacked Baker with a knife and the latter used a shotgun, blowing off half of Moultrie's head. Baker surrendered.

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THE NEW CABINET.

Cornelius N. Bliss to Become Secretary of the Interior.

NAMES OF THE CABINET OFFICERS.

Its Completion Removes a Weight of Responsibility from the Mind of President McKinley—Sketch of Mr. Bliss' Career.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The chief event of yesterday was the definite completion of the cabinet, which probably will be sent in to the senate on Friday for confirmation by that body, as required by the constitution. The last name added to the list was that of Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York, who will become secretary of the interior. He declined a cabinet proffer some days ago, but yielded yesterday to the pressure of his friends. The new cabinet, therefore, will be made up as follows: Secretary of state, John Sherman, of Ohio; secretary of the treasury, Lyman J. Gage, of Illinois;



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secretary of war, Russell A. Alger, of Michigan; attorney-general, Joseph McKenna, of California; postmaster-general, James A. Gray, of Maryland; secretary of the navy, John D. Long, of Massachusetts; secretary of the interior, Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York; secretary of agriculture, James A. Wilson, of Iowa.

The completion of his cabinet removed a weight of responsibility from the mind of the president-elect, as was soon indicated by the relaxation of the rules that no cards would be received nor any person admitted save those having to do with the inaugural arrangements or summoned to talk cabinet. Touching the appointment of Mr. Bliss to the vacant secretaryship, it can be stated on authority that, contrary to report, Mr. Bliss did not accept the place with any understanding that he would keep it for six months or a year at the longest, nor, in fact, was there any conditional acceptance.

Also to set at rest any doubt as to the reception of the appointment by the regular New York organization, it is said by the same authority that Mr. Bliss' selection is very gratifying to Mr. Platt and his friends, and that it is regarded as tending distinctly to insure harmony in the party in the state of New York.

Cornelius N. Bliss, who has accepted the tender of a portfolio in Mr. McKinley's cabinet, was born in Fall River, Mass., about 60 years ago. At the age of 20 he entered his father's counting house in New Orleans and in 1848 went into business in Boston.

As a partner of John and Eben Wright & Co., he opened a branch store in New York city, which was placed under his management, and soon became the big end of the business. To-day it is Bliss, Fabian & Co., and is recognized as one of the leading dry goods firms.

Mr. Bliss was one of the founders of the New York chamber of commerce. He interested himself in the banking business, and is at present in the directories of many financial institutions. In 1859 he married Miss Plummer. He has always been interested in politics, but never held any political office except the honorary one of member of the Pan-American conference. He was president of the Protective Tariff League for a long time.

He declined the nomination for governor in 1882, when Ira Davenport was nominated, and when his friends were urging the nomination on him in 1891 he went to Europe. He is chairman of the business men's committee which tried to nominate Arthur in 1884, and was chairman of the famous committee of New York city in 1893.

Although not in complete harmony with the state republican organization, Mr. Bliss has financed the republican national committee in the last two national campaigns. His acceptance of the position of treasurer of the committee last year was at the express and urgent solicitation of Maj. McKinley and Mr. Hanna.

WOLCOTT said to Have Won France. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The German bimetallic leaders assert that United States Senator Wolcott, who recently visited Europe in the interests of bimetallicism, obtained an understanding with France that that government would take part in an international monetary conference. It is understood at Berlin that Mr. Wolcott's negotiations with the British officials in London concerned the reopening of the Indian mints, the holding in the Bank of England's issue department of the full amount of silver authorized by the bank act, and the raising of the legal-tender standard of silver to £10.

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NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Condensed Proceedings from Day to Day of the House and Senate.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE SENATE.

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THE PUSHING WOMAN.

How She Manages to Get into Existence—Why one woman remains in the humdrum circle she was born to, while another, with equal advantages, is continually getting closer to the most exclusive society, is a mystery that will never be solved by the confession of those who are succeeding. Your self-made man may be rather proud of his career. Your self-made woman of the world will never divulge how she "arrived." Diplomacy and push are the winning cards. Why blame a poor woman for being a "pusher," when you regard the same quality in a man of business most admirable?

"I have often wondered how Mrs. Clymer secured so many desirable foreigners for her functions," said one of the lady's acquaintances, "but I think I have discovered at least one of her plans. I was dining at the Be the other evening. Many Englishmen bring letters to them. Your visiting Englishman, by the way, is a simple soul when he first comes over, not knowing who is who at all and not caring much, since he thinks of us all as only Americans. The guest of honor at this particular dinner was Sir George Blackie, a young baronet of large fortune—one of those fresh, lovely, well-groomed Englishmen, with only average brains, the face of an Adonis and the figure of an athlete. 'You people are awfully kind to a fellow,' Sir George said to me. 'I never in my life had so many invitations. To-night I have on a dinner, the opera, a supper and a dance, and I don't know one of the people who have asked me.' 'But are you going?' I inquired, wondering to what queer places he might be bidden and naturally anxious he should be taught that there are 'people and people,' even in America. 'Why, of course,' he answered, with British candor, 'I want to see as many varieties as possible.' 'Do you mean to say,' I exclaimed, 'that people just send you invitations, without any acquaintance at all?' 'Yes, he replied, 'that is what I think is so kind. Now, I have a card in my pocket for Mrs. Clymer's box at the opera, and I am going on there from here.' 'I, too, was going to the opera with old Mrs. Van Amsterdam, who, as she surveyed the house through her glasses, remarked: 'There's that new Englishman the women are raving about, in that little Mrs. Clymer's box. I wonder how she got him?' I felt that I was showing true Christian charity when I refrained from enlightening the old lady. But then I really liked Mrs. Clymer and had partaken of her salt only the week before."—N. Y. Tribune.

Only a Little Playful. "He ain't vicious, stranger, and ain't got a single mean trait." So spoke the owner of the mustang to the tenderfoot who was sojourning in the hills of southwestern Missouri. "You just get on and try him, and if you don't like him, don't buy him. He may be a bit spry and playful, but that's 'cause he's been in the stable over a week." The tenderfoot sprang to the saddle and what happened thereafter he only dimly remembered. The horse reared, then he came down on all fours with his legs as stiff as a saw horse. Having repeated this operation half a dozen times, he sprang forward and