

BAXTER SPRINGS NEWS

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Pennsylvania papers remark that \$6,000,000 is too much to expend on a capitol officially declared to be completed.

Though the will of the late Philip D. Armour, of Chicago, contained no public bequest the heirs will pay an inheritance tax of \$299,000 to the state.

Experiments with fly-proof wheat are being made in some of the western agricultural states. It is only a question of time when the Hessian fly and the chinch bug will have to adopt a more honorable business than working against prosperity.

British army mortality from bullets and disease in South Africa has reached 12,989, and the number added last month was 830.

The only funeral of Victoria's reign that compared with her own as a magnificent mourning spectacle was that of the duke of Wellington.

It is believed possible in London that a marriage between the German crown prince and Princess Margaret of Connaught, niece of King Edward VII., may result from the prince's visit to England to attend his great-grandmother's funeral.

One of the most remarkable politicians on record is C. N. Dickey, who has just been re-elected for a third term as clerk of the courts at Minneapolis, Minn.

Fred Herrig, of Kallispell, Mont., member of the rough riders during the Cuban campaign, received a letter from Vice President Roosevelt saying that he will visit Herrig late next summer.

The latest bulletin issued by the department of agriculture is of general interest as contributing much useful information on the cultivation, composition and uses of the sunflower.

A most astonishing state of affairs exists among the present republican officeholders of New Jersey. A majority of them, it appears, are in politics for the glory of it, and many of them are said to turn over the entire amount of their salaries as officeholders to the treasury of the state.

The leaders in the civil war which is said to be raging in Abyssinia are doing well to get into hiding before King Menelik gets back home.

The first volunteer of the civil war is still living. He is Dr. Charles F. Rand, of Washington, retired from active practice by reason of troublesome wounds received nearly 40 years ago.

The latest figures of the state superintendent of public instruction on New York's public schools are interesting. There are 11,931 schoolhouses in the entire state, valued at nearly \$82,000,000.

IS SWEEPING KANSAS

The Anti-Saloon Agitation Is Now Permeating the Whole State.

Crowd of Men, Women and Boys Eradicate a Joint at Winfield, Using All Sorts of Weapons—Owners of Resorts Elsewhere Warned.

Winfield, Kan., Feb. 14.—A crowd of men, women and boys smashed Henry Schmidt's joint here at seven o'clock Wednesday morning. The boys were mostly students from the Methodist college at Winfield.

Violence When It Is Necessary. Topka, Kan., Feb. 14.—The anti-saloon crusade, started by Mrs. Nation and her husband, now promises to sweep the whole state and to continue until not one saloon remains within its borders.

The temperance people of Osage City, men and women, went in a body to the mayor of that city and peremptorily ordered him to close the joints.

At Toronto an enthusiastic temperance meeting yesterday condemned the inaction of the authorities in suppressing the joints. A resolution was adopted giving the jointists just three days to close and threatening us with the hatchet.

They Have Hatchets Stored Away. Topka, Kan., Feb. 14.—At a meeting of the Home Defenders held at the First Methodist Presbyterian church it was arranged to give Mrs. Nation a reception upon her return to Topka to-day.

This Jointkeeper Will Quit. Wellington, Kan., Feb. 14.—John Roth, keeper of one of the largest joints in town, dismantled his place Tuesday night and will ship his fixtures out of the state.

They Decline to Commit Suicide. Pekin, Feb. 14.—At least three of the Chinese to whom Emperor Kwang Su sent a choice of suicide, in pursuance of the demand of the powers for their punishment with death, have declined to comply and the emperor has withdrawn his request that they should destroy themselves.

Depot Ransacked by Robbers. Hiawatha, Kan., Feb. 14.—Robbers entered the St. Joseph & Grand depot at Beattie, Kan., early yesterday morning. All money drawers were emptied, three mail sacks were cut open and registered mail taken.

Names of Four Warships. Washington, Feb. 14.—Connecticut, Louisiana, Tennessee and Washington have been selected as the names of the four warships authorized by the house and the bill for the construction of which is now pending in the senate.

Illinois Young Women in Trouble. Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 14.—Elizabeth Kaburick, aged 21, is under arrest here charged with receiving and soliciting money and jewelry from suitors for her hand with whom she had made epistolary acquaintance through a matrimonial newspaper.

Illness 60,000 Acres of Coal Lands. Ironton, O., Feb. 14.—The J. Pierpont Morgan syndicate has an option on the Berry coal lands near Sewell, W. Va. The option covers 60,000 acres and includes coal mines, coke ovens and valuable timber lands extending for miles along the Chesapeake & Ohio.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Condensed Proceedings from Day to Day of the Closing Session of the Fifty-Ninth National Legislative Body.

An ineffectual effort was made in the senate on the 8th to secure an agreement upon a time to finish vote upon the shipping bill. Senator Pritchard (N. C.) spoke in support of the bill and at the conclusion of his speech the bill was laid temporarily in order that the naval appropriation bill might be considered.

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THE BRIGADIER NOMINATIONS.

The Senate Confirms—Shows All-Around Favorable Opinion of the Promotions Made by the President.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The senate held two executive sessions yesterday, with the result that all the presidential nominations to the office of brigadier general were confirmed. The nominations which caused discussion were those of Gen. Bates, Wood, Grant and Bell. Senator Pettigrew criticized Gen. Bates' nomination, because that officer had negotiated the Sulu treaty, which treaty he attacked sharply.

Senators Teller and Rawlins also joined in the criticism of the Sulu treaty. They referred especially to its recognition of the institutions of slavery and polygamy, which they considered to be repugnant to the tastes of the people of this country as well as to the constitution.

President McKinley Will Appoint His Governor of Islands as Soon as the Spooner Bill Passes. Washington, Feb. 14.—The president will appoint Judge William H. Taft to be governor of the Philippine islands as soon as the army appropriation bill, carrying the Spooner amendment, becomes a law.

SET UP GOVERNMENT. At Bacolor the Philippine Commission Applied the Provincial Act for Pampanga in Presence of Large Crowd.

San Fernando, Feb. 13.—Wednesday, at Bacolor, a bill applying the provincial government act to the province of Pampanga was passed in the presence of a crowd, which included representatives of all the 20 towns in the province.

AIMS BLOW AT TRUST. Congressman Babcock Introduced a Bill to Repeal Trust on Materials Used by Steel and Wire Combine.

Washington, Feb. 14.—What was intended to be a knockout blow to the billion-dollar steel trust was administered by Representative Babcock, chairman of the congressional republican committee and a member of the ways and means committee of the house, when he introduced a bill repealing a tariff which imposes a duty on the materials used by the steel and wire trust.

OUR MERCHANT VESSELS. The Secretary of the Treasury Replies to a Recent Resolution of the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The secretary of the treasury yesterday made reply to the resolution of the senate of the 11th inst., concerning the shipping of the country as affected by the ship subsidy bill, by sending in a report to the commissioner of navigation.

Presented Cadets with Bibles. West Point, N. Y., Feb. 14.—In accordance with the annual custom members of the Ladies' Union Mission School association presented the first class of cadets yesterday with Bibles. The first class will be graduated on Monday next. There are 74 members.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE.

Condensed Proceedings of the Biennial Session at Topeka, with a Record of Bills Introduced and How Disposed Of.

Prohibition won a signal victory on the 11th when, by a vote of 61 to 39, the house in committee of the whole recommended the passage of a bill to amend the constitution to give the voters absolute power to force the legislature to testify regarding sales of liquor.

On the 9th Representative Wellep introduced a bill providing for the reorganization of the state militia. It was pushed through to second reading and referred to the temperance committee.

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"BABOO" ELOQUENCE.

His and Miss Flinging of an Indian Lawyer Before an English Judge.

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February 12th and each Tuesday thereafter, until and including April 30th, Special Low Rate Colonist Tickets will be sold via the Southern Pacific's Company's "Ogden" and "Sunset" Routes to all points in California.

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DOWNFALLS. Sometimes in winter at every step there is danger of SPRAINS and BRUISES. St. Jacobs Oil will cure surely and promptly.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY. Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills. Must Bear Signature of Dr. J. C. Wood. Cure Sick Headache.

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900 DROPS. Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomach and Bowels of INFANTS, CHILDREN, INVALIDS, AND THE WEAK. Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.