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SAURDAY, DECEMBER 5, '08.

Some folks find it very difficult to tell the truth under any circumstances and then they are the first to get offended if you tell them frankly that you do not believe them.

It seems to us that the white folks are setting a very bad example for the colored folks, if we are to judge by the scandals that they are publishing in their own newspapers.

There is no question but what business is "picking up" since the election and that the success of the Republican ticket means increased prosperity for the nation.

We have received "Living Hymns," a collection of popular songs by Rev. L. B. Goodall. The price is only ten cents per copy and may be obtained from the author by addressing him at Charlottesville, Va.

Some people who pray the loudest are the slowest about paying their bills. They are always ready to settle in the currency of heaven that has no real value among these people on earth.

We received an invitation to the reception and banquet of Ocean Spring Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templars at Fitzgerald's Auditorium, Atlantic City, N. J. Thursday evening, November 26, 1908. B. G. Fitzgerald, Eminent Commander; C. C. Johnson, Recorder.

Colored people will do well to give no encouragement to the ill-mannered, unclean, disreputable colored folks amongst us. We are in a measure held accountable for their actions and we should do all in our power to either reform them or put them where they can do no harm either to ourselves or to the white folks, who are so constantly prating about our weaknesses.

Dash for the South Pole in Auto. Christchurch, New Zealand, Dec. 2.—The British whaler Nimrod, which is conveying Lieutenant E. H. Shackleton on an Antarctic expedition, left here bound for the South Pole. Lieutenant Shackleton's companions making the dash for the pole in an auto. The car is of a unique make, having special features for ice work, which will make dog training unnecessary. The car, according to the plan, will run about twenty-five miles a day.

administration. Senator B. R. Tillman may groan in the anguish of his heart, but such sounds coming from that quarter will be music to the ears of the distinguished occupant of the White House.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SPEAKS AGAIN.

President Roosevelt delivered an address at the laying of the cornerstone of the new U. M. C. A. Building of the colored folks at Washington Thursday, November 26, 1908. It seems to us that the best speech made was that of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, when he gave \$25,000 towards that is neither here nor there. It is that is neither here nor there. It is a gratifying fact that the distinguished representative of the American people consented to appear upon such an occasion after the "hard knocks" he had given a race that had stood by him upon every occasion and voted his praises from one section of this country to the other.

We had hoped that he would have dropped some reference to the members of Companies B, C and D of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, who stand disgraced on account of the rigorous order promulgated by him in the Brownsville affair. We confess that we have lost confidence in the statements of President Roosevelt. He has veered so far from his preachments, when it came to actual performance on questions of human rights that it makes us tired to even ponder on the many things that he likes to say. For example read the following:

"As for the white man, let him remember in this as in all other matters, that to do justice to the colored man is demanded, not only by the interest of the colored man, but by the interest of the white man also. Sometime or later in this community every class of citizens will feel the effect of the raising or degradation of any other class. 'All men up' is a much safer motto than 'Some men down' and it is to the interest of every class of any community that the members of every other class shall feel that industry, sobriety, good behavior, the conduct that makes a man as being a good neighbor and a good citizen, should receive a proper reward, so as thereby to put a premium upon the development of such qualities."

This is model language, well-calculated to inspire and please every colored man or sound judgment in the United States, and yet how does it square with his action in the Brownsville case and his brutal treatment of Sergeant Mingo Sanders and his colleagues, whose industry, sobriety, good behavior, as testified to by their white officers were most exemplary from every standpoint? In this case President Roosevelt reversed his policy of "a square deal," and set up the motto of "all men in those companies down" instead of some of the ten up.

Mr. Roosevelt seemed to fear that some persons would misconstrue his remarks for he hastened to add: "I am not speaking of social relations."

He continued: "I am not speaking of social relations; I am speaking of equality of treatment before the law, of equality of opportunity to earn a living, of equality of opportunity to earn the respect that should be accorded to the man who behaves decently, and is a good neighbor and good citizen."

Sergeant Mingo Sanders behaved decently and had a record that shines as bright as that of any man in the army and there were numbers of other colored men, who were equally as faithful, but President Roosevelt consented to the mutilation of their records and the denial to them of the fundamental guarantees that are found in the Constitution of the United States.

For this reason, his words inspire no hearty response as of yore. They fall upon deaf ears, so to speak and all await the time, when he will make a legitimate effort to undo the wrong perpetrated and accord to colored men in the army the same rights and privileges that he has vouchsafed to white men in this same organization.

IS NOW NON-SECTARIAN

Stockholders of Swarthmore College Vote For Change. Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—Swarthmore college, founded and nurtured by Friends, and for thirty-nine years holding a high place among schools controlled by that society, passed into the ranks of non-sectarian colleges.

By unanimous vote of its stockholders at the annual meeting in this city a provision which made the school technically sectarian was abolished, and the Friends, who have made the school what it is, united to make it in fact what it has been in spirit, non-sectarian.

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Will Fight Miners' Demands. On behalf of the anthracite coal operators, a statement has been issued explaining the position of the operators with regard to the new working agreement that is to be entered into when the present three-year agreement, based on the award of the strike commission of 1902, which expires April 1 next.

The operators declare that there is no possibility that they will accede to the demands which the United Mine Workers of America have decided upon, but have not yet formally presented to the operators.

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MINE BLAST DEALS DEATH

Fully 136 Perished in Double Shaft at Marianna.

FEAR GAS WELL CAUSED IT

It is Said Diggers, Blasting Below, May Have Tapped Vein to Gusher. Three Men in the Cage Were Hurled Through Roof of the Shaft House.

The squeaking iron bucket, operated in the 500-foot shaft leading to the Rachel and Agnes mines of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company, at Marianna, Pa., since last Saturday, when a terrific explosion in the mines wrecked the up-to-date elevator in the shaft and snuffed out the lives of 136 miners, mangled and burned remains of the victims of the disaster.

The general belief is that not many more bodies will be found. That a few bodies are buried under slate or other rock structure and the bodies of underground construction was conceded, and it may be several days before these are found.

The workings in which the catastrophe happened is known as the Rachel and Agnes mines. In reality a double mine, with underground connections. Construction work was practically finished, and Deputy State Mine Inspector Henry Lottitt a few moments before the explosion had completed a two days' inspection, which had revealed no cause for apprehension. Mine Foreman Henry Thompson and two miners entered the cage, and it was started towards the bottom of the 500-foot shaft. There was an ominous rumbling, then a trembling of the ground round about the mouth of the shaft as from an earthquake, and an instant later there was a terrific report, and the cage was hurled up the shaft and through the roof of the shaft house, the mine foreman and the two men still in it. The bodies of the men were hurled through the top of the building and far beyond it. Thompson was dead when picked up, while the others, although mortally injured, were hurried to a hospital.

The cause of the disaster is a mystery. Some say it was an abandoned gas well that was tapped by the miners; others say the mine has been known to be gaseous.

A Legalized Triple Lying. The town of Tiptonville, Tenn., bordering on Reelfoot lake, which recently has been the scene of many stirring incidents, witnessed the "legalized" lynching of three negroes who were arrested for murdering on Sunday Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Burruss and wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff.

The execution of the negroes was given a semblance of legality by a "trial" arranged with the understanding that the men would be condemned to death as soon as the "trial" was over.

The negroes lynched were Marshall Edward and James Westbrook. These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville on Saturday night. When Officers Burruss and Hall attempted to arrest them the negroes shot the officers.

Will Oppose Re-Election of Penrose. In a statement made by Representative-elect Captain Ira McKunkin, of Butler, Pa., it is said an effort will be made at the coming session of the Pennsylvania legislature to elect State Treasurer John O. Sheats to succeed Louis Penrose in the United States senate.

According to the statement, a thoroughly organized movement is now on foot and it is asserted that the "invasion of the Penrose ranks will produce a political upheaval unprecedented in the politics of the state."

Captain McKunkin also states that Treasurer Sheats is heartily in favor of the course outlined and has indicated his willingness to join the issue against Penrose.

Four Perish in Crash of Liners. In a thick fog off Sandy Hook, the steel freighter Georgic, of the White Star line, rammed and sank the lightly laden Panama line steamer Finance, outward bound with eighty-five passengers. The Finance went down within ten minutes after the collision, carrying to their death three of her passengers and one of the crew. The rest of the passengers, who included thirteen women and fourteen children, as well as others of the crew, were rescued by the boats of the Georgic. The freighter was not damaged.

The dead are: Miss Irene Campbell, Charles H. Schweitzer, Henry Muir, all of Panama, and William H. Todd, third assistant engineer.

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bor, in the Philippines, Uncle Sam's great fleet of battleships started from here Tuesday on the last leg of their cruise around the world. They will stop at other ports before seeing the Atlantic coast of the United States rise before their eyes, but the stay at Manila was the last long sojourn of the fleet before reaching home.

First Whipping in Years. For the first time in eight years the whipping post was used at Hagerstown, Md., when Jim Wilson, a colored man, was lashed by Sheriff George W. Earnshaw for wife-beating. Wilson was convicted before Police Justice Hoffman, who sentenced him to receive ten lashes and to serve six months in the house of correction.

Wilson was silent and refused to appeal for mercy, although he scurried as each blow of the whip fell upon his bare back.

Headquarters for Union Engineers. Warren S. Stone, the grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, announced that the plans for the brotherhood's new headquarters building in Cleveland, O., have been completed. A twelve-story building will be erected in the downtown district. Work, he said, would begin next March. The building will cost \$1,000,000. The erection of the building will mean a permanent home for the brotherhood.

Lampere Guilty of Arson. Ray Lampere, charged with arson and the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children by setting fire to the Guinness house on April 28, was found guilty of arson by the jury at La Porte, Ind. Within five minutes after the verdict was reported, Judge Richter sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to twenty-one years, fined him \$500 and disfranchised him for five years.

Shot Dead Hunting Rabbits. Frank Koons and Elmer Hoffman, of Cementon, Pa., cousins, aged sixteen, went gunning for rabbits near Laurys. Koons was ahead as they went through a wire fence. The trigger of Hoffman's gun caught in the wire, causing a discharge, and Koons fell, shot through the abdomen. He died within five minutes.

Cheap Paper in Sight. Paper is to be manufactured from cotton stalks, a heretofore useless by-product, according to a report issued by the bureau of manufacture. A company capitalized at \$200,000 has been organized at Atlanta, Ga., for the purpose. It is claimed that paper can be made from cotton stalks at a cost of about \$15 a ton.

Newberry Now Head of Navy. Beginning Tuesday the navy of the United States had a new official head. He is Truman H. Newberry, of Michigan, formerly assistant secretary of the navy, who has acted as secretary since the retiring secretary, Victor Metcalf, of California, was incapacitated by illness.

Postal Deficit \$16,873,222. In his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, Postmaster General Meyer gives the total receipts for the year as \$208,751,888, thereby showing a deficit of \$16,873,222, the "largest in the history of the department, with an additional loss from fire, burglary, etc., of \$37,059.

Lost \$12,000 Necklace. Otto C. Heinze, a broker, reported to the police of the Tenderloin station in New York that his wife had lost a \$12,000 necklace of sixty-three pearls on Thanksgiving night while attending a theater.

Taft on the Water Wagon. Comment was made at a small dinner at Hot Springs, Va., on the fact that Mr. Taft's wine glass was turned down. "Yes, and it is going to stay turned down," he said. "I am not going to drink anything again, ever."

Dies On Way to Get \$40,000. Within an hour before he was to receive a fortune of \$40,000 left him by General John A. Halderman, a former close friend, who died recently, Samuel E. Taylor, a contractor of Atlantic City, N. J., dropped dead in New York.

Blind Bees Make Best Honey. Blind bees are makers of the best honey. This is a discovery announced by H. R. Latimer, who is at the head of the mathematical department of the Maryland School for the Blind at Baltimore.

Hitchcock Gets Cabinet Post. Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, has been offered and has accepted the position of postmaster general in the Taft cabinet that is to be.

Rear Admiral Russell Dead. Rear Admiral Alexander Wilson Russell, of the United States navy, retired, died at his home in Philadelphia, aged eighty-four years. Death was due to heart failure.

Gets \$200 For Pearl Found in Oyster. John A. Cobine, a sporting man of Trenton, N. J., found a pearl in an oyster. He sold it to a jeweler for \$200 cash.

WHY BUTTER IS HIGH Markets Cornered by Produce Men, is Report. Chicago, Dec. 2.—Manipulation of the leading butter markets of the country by a coterie of Chicago, Elgin and eastern produce men, is said to be responsible to a large extent for the present high price of butter. While supplies of butter are larger than is usually the case at this season, values are materially higher than a year ago, with prospects of further advances before there is any relief.

Rumors of a corner in June storage butter, which is the best of the season's pack, have been circulated for some time and while vigorously denied by the principals, the fact remains that the stock of choice storage butter is tightly held, with prices high and on the up grade.

MR. ARCHBOLD UNDER HOT FIRE

Crilling Cross-Examination of Standard's Vice President.

PROBING MYSTERIOUS LOANS

Prosecutor Sought Information Regarding Loans of \$2,700,000 Made to James McDonald by a Subsidiary Company, But Witness Declared He Could Throw No Light Upon the Question.

New York, Dec. 2.—Seeking to unravel the puzzling ownership of the Security Oil Company of Texas and other oil companies which the government charges are controlled by the Standard Oil company, Frank B. Kellogg, federal counsel in the United States suit to dissolve the so-called oil trust, subjected John D. Archbold to a grilling cross-examination. Mr. Kellogg also sought information regarding certain mysterious loans of \$2,700,000 made to James McDonald by the Standard subsidiary, but Mr. Archbold, a director of the Anglo-American company, was unable to throw any light on the question. Mr. Archbold seemed to think that there was no one on this side of London who could help Mr. Kellogg with the information he desired.

For over a year the government's counsel has been trying to obtain information regarding these McDonald loans, but has failed. The government alleged that the loans were made to enable the Standard to secretly purchase the Manhattan Oil Company of Ohio. Mr. Archbold said that he and Henry H. Rogers resigned as directors of the Anglo-American company shortly after their election a year ago. The vice president of the Standard denied that the resignations were brought about by the present government proceedings.

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SHE WANTS TO BE A POLICEWOMAN

Mrs. Goldbier Appeals to Bayonne Council For Job.

Bayonne, N. J., Dec. 2.—Her two years of letter writing to the common council of this city urging her appointment to the municipal police force having failed to secure for her the uniform, badge and powers appertaining to the guardians of local peace, Mrs. Julia Goldbier personally appeared before a committee of that branch of the city government and made a stirring but ineffectual argument and plea. She was assisted in her presentation of her case by her husband, who is an advocate of the desirability and necessity of police women. Mrs. Goldbier and her husband argued that women police would do more to elevate the moral tone of the city than can men, and that especially in dealing with women and girls on the streets at night their work would be more effective.

Saw Vision of Dead Grandson and Died New York, Dec. 2.—After exclaiming "Why, Frank, when did you come here?" Mrs. Margaret Smith, a wealthy resident of Seaford, N. J., dropped dead in the parlor of her friend, Mrs. Fay, at 224 West Fortieth street, about nine hours after the death of her grandson, who died without her knowledge at his parents' home, 112 West Sixteenth street. Frank Kane had been ill for some weeks with gastritis. He had always had a deep love for his grandmother. Tuesday he remarked that he wondered if he would see his grandmother before he died. He suddenly expired a few minutes later.

LABOR LEADER REWARDED

Daniel J. Keefe Appointed Commissioner of Immigration. Washington, Dec. 2.—Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, Mich., was appointed commissioner general of immigration, to succeed the late Frank P. Sargent. Mr. Keefe is president of the International Longshoremen's union.

The Democratic national committee issued a statement in October asserting that Keefe had been promised by President Roosevelt the position of commissioner of immigration in return for his advocacy of the election of William H. Taft. Mr. Keefe denied this and declared that on Aug. 16, six weeks before he saw President Roosevelt, he announced that he was opposed to Bryan and would vote for Mr. Taft.

FIGHT AGAINST CANNON IS OFF

Taft Assured That Uncle Joe Will Fall in Line.

THOROUGH TARIFF REVISION

Cannon and the Present Regime in the House Will Put Through Mr. Taft's Progressive Program—Their Acceptance of President Taft's Terms May Be Reflected in Change of House Rules.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 2.—The threatened fight by Mr. Taft against the re-election of Joseph G. Cannon as speaker of the house is off. It was learned from a reliable source that the president-elect has received assurances that Cannon and the present regime in the house are ready not only to make the revision of the tariff thorough and honest, in accordance with the Taft pledges on the stump, but to put through the rest of the Taft program of progressive legislation.

In other words, Mr. Taft has accomplished in a little over two weeks just what he started out to accomplish, and he is ready now to accede to the re-election of the speaker. In what form these assurances came to Hot Springs is uncertain at this time, but there is no doubt that they were conclusive. There would not be much surprise here if it turned out later that National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock brought the olive branch from the Cannon crowd. Hitchcock was commissioned by the president-elect to look into the speakership situation. He came to Hot Springs shortly afterward from Washington and proceeded to discourage the idea that there was to be any fight between Mr. Cannon and the president-elect.

Mr. Taft will undoubtedly meet the speaker when he (Taft) goes to Washington next week, and at that time the details of the understanding will be worked out.

The Taft progressive program includes besides tariff revision legislation looking toward the prevention of the over-laying of railroad stock and bonds, also legislation providing for an enlargement of the machinery to carry out the Roosevelt policies already enacted into law, and for an increase in the staff of the department of justice with a view to the more effective prosecution of violations of the interstate commerce act.

Mr. Taft's friends have declared ever since the intimations of a fight against Speaker Cannon began to come out that the president-elect had nothing against Mr. Cannon personally. All he wanted was definite assurance that the speaker and his supporters in the house would play fair on the tariff and that the progressive policies which Mr. Taft had outlined in his speech of acceptance and on the stump would not be obstructed.

The falling in of Cannon and his friends behind the Taft program may, however, be reflected in changes in the rules of the house. The movement that has already been started by several Republican congressmen to refuse to caucus on the rules is sure to gain an impetus from any concessions that Cannon and the other leaders of the house may make to Mr. Taft's demands.

Monday, November 30. In a head-on collision on the Seaboard Air Line railroad near Ocala, Fla., five persons were killed.

F. W. Vanderbilt has given Yale university \$50,000 to enlarge Vanderbilt square, at New Haven, Conn.

President-elect Taft will preside over the conference of the governors and the national conservation commission at Washington, Dec. 8.

Pleading guilty in the United States court at Baltimore, Md., to accepting rebates from the Pennsylvania railroad, the Baker-Whiteley Coal company was fined \$3700.

Joe Berenski and John Bardale, while hunting near Steubenville, O., fired a shot into a can that contained nitro glycerine and were instantly killed by the explosion.

Tuesday, December 1. Comptroller of the Currency Murray issued a call on national banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business Nov. 27.

Chairman Stillwagon, of the inaugural committee, has appointed Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, U. S. A., to be grand marshal of the inaugural parade.

One man was killed, five others seriously injured and many passengers badly shaken up when train No. 5, known as the Chicago Limited, on the Pittsburg & Western branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, crashed into a "bucked" freight train near Valencita, Pa.

Wednesday, December 2. Burglars blew open the vault of the State bank at Port Huron, Ill., and escaped on a handcar with nearly \$5000 in gold, silver and currency.

After an idleness of thirteen months the old open heart department of the Illinois Steel company's plant at South Chicago was reopened and 1000 men resumed work.

Chief of Police Biggy, of San Francisco, who has been prominent in the bribery case as custodian of former Mayor Schmitz, fell from a police launch and was drowned off Alcatraz Island, in San Francisco bay.

A meeting of the officers and board of governors of the Descendants of Independence has been called by the president, Judge Albert McClellan Mathewson, to meet in Philadelphia on Dec. 12.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS.

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets. PHILADELPHIA.—FLOUR quiet; winter extras, new, \$2.75@3.00; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$4.45@4.50; city mills, fancy, \$5.85@6. RYE FLOUR firm; No. 2 red, western, \$1.04@1.05; CORN quiet; No. 2 yellow, 10-c, 90c. OATS firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 55c@56c; lower grades, 54c. HAY steady; timothy, large bales, \$14.50. POLITICAL: Live steady; 11c@12c; old roosters, 9c. DRESSED steady; choice fowls, 14c; old roosters, 9c. BUTTER steady; extra creamery, 35c; EGGS steady; selected, 37c@38c; nearby, 34c; western, 34c. POTATOES firm; per bushel, 80c@83c. Sweet Potatoes, Eastern Shore, Va., \$1.125 per barrel.

BALTIMORE.—WHEAT steady; No. 2 spot, \$1.06@1.07; steamer No. 2 spot, \$1.01@1.02; southern, \$1.01@1.02; CORN steady; mixed, 45c@46c; 64c; southern mixed, 44c@45c; southern, 63c@68c. BUTTER steady; creamery separator extras, 31c@31 1/2c; held, 25c@26c; prints, 33c; Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 17c@18c. EGGS firm; Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, 32c; West Virginia, 31c; southern, 30c.

Live Stock Markets. PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE higher; choice, \$5.50@6.75; higher, \$6.10@6.40. SHEEP and LAMBS higher; prime wethers, \$4.25@4.50; culls and common, \$1.92@lamb, \$4.50@6.75; veal calves, \$8.50@9