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Daily Calendar of American History

November 27. 1863—At Mine River, Orange county, Va., the advance of the Army of the Potomac under General Meade meets the Confederates under General Lee. Attacks desist. 1868—General Sheridan's victory over insurgent Indians; a village burned. 1873—Hoosier Tunnel completed.

Bryan in London.

The Honors Paid to a Distinguished American Citizen. An indignant reader of the "New York Herald" writes to that paper to say that "Ambassador Choate's dinner to W. J. Bryan is an insult to American intelligence."

We are unable to agree with the writer of that letter. Colonel Bryan is a distinguished American citizen. He has twice been chosen by the Democratic party as its candidate for the Presidency. He has represented a more or less intelligent constituency in Congress. He has, for a number of years, been a conspicuous factor in the politics of this country.

No, we cannot agree with anyone saying that Ambassador Choate's dinner to "The Peerless One" is an insult to American intelligence. It would have been, were Colonel Bryan unable to appreciate the good things which the ambassador no doubt placed before him. But there is every reason to believe that the colonel does. Hog and hominy raised in the neighborhood of Lincoln are all very well in their way; still, when the champion sallies forth to tackle the octopus in its very lair more strenuous "vittels" are required to brace him for the fray.

William Jennings Bryan is all right—except on two subjects. One of them is Grover Cleveland, whom he once called, we believe, a "bum-steerer." What the other subject is we forget for the moment.

Hold on! Has anyone heard lately of the 14 to 1 business? Is it lost? Did it stray? Was it stolen?

Italians in Agriculture.

Natives of Italy Take Up Abandoned Farms and Make a Living. It is reported that many Italians are possessing themselves of the "abandoned farms" of New England and making a good living there. This is a good thing, and should be encouraged.

It might almost be said that the greatest danger of the republic today arises from the congestion of immigrants in the great cities of the Atlantic seaboard and the Middle West. The more immigrants of the peasant class can be induced to settle on farms, anywhere in this country, the better it will be.

Francis Wilson is reported to have said that Eben is an entertainer. Probably Eben would say that Francis Wilson is a funeral procession.

There is to be a railroad to Mecca, and before many years we may read of excursion tickets to Lhasa.

It has been suggested that a monument ought to be erected to the Missouri mule who kept South Africa in the empire; but if the sculptor dared make that mule realistic he would be disabled by its heels.

This country is rapidly assuming the aspect of a President Roosevelt and U. S. King.

King Alfonso of Spain wants to see Niagara Falls. There is no possible objection, so long as he doesn't tumble in.

The Aleuts are said to be decreasing in numbers, owing to whisky and tuberculosis. It would be pleasant to hear that some of our dependent peoples are increasing in numbers, owing to civilization and the Christian religion.

The "American invasion" is a notice to England that if she will grab all our pretty helms she must also take our beef, breakfast foods, soap, and other commodities, so as to give us the chance to raise more helms.

come than is possible to the small farmer nowadays. Therefore they go West to larger farms, or enter professional life. The Italian could not in any circumstances give his children college training, and in most cases they would not know what to do with it if they could get it. The income of the small farmer is to him wealth, compared with his lot in the old country, and while his children and grandchildren may find the farm too narrow, as their predecessors of American ancestry have done, for the present needs of the family it is ample. It is exceedingly good that some of these peasant families, if not all, have escaped the epidemic whose chief symptom is contempt for the countryman as a "yap." They will find a generation hence that the "yap" is better in health, brains, and vital force than the cockney.

Another Silly Issue.

Unnecessary Agitation Over a Tuskegee Postmaster.

It is reported that Alabama statesmen are protesting against the alleged intention of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General to appoint John Washington, a brother of the founder of Tuskegee, postmaster at a substation to be established at the school. This, if it be true, seems unnecessary foolishness.

The students at Tuskegee outnumber the entire population of many towns in that county, and it is not at all unsuitable that they should have their own postoffice. Inasmuch as there would have been no Tuskegee but for the efforts of a colored man, and as the patrons of the postoffice are all colored, and none of its revenues will be derived from white people, there seems no possible objection to a colored postmaster. There is here no chance for the argument that the appointment of a colored postmaster is distasteful to the people among whom he dwells, and from whom his salary is practically derived; in this case the appointment of a white postmaster would be in all probability distasteful to the patrons of the office, and justly so. Moreover, the money which would pass through the hands of the postmaster at the substation at Tuskegee is a mere fraction of that which passes through the hands of the various officers of the institution, and unless we are to suppose that Tuskegee needs a white president and treasurer—which it appears to have needed no more than a white founder or white student—it does not seem as if a white man was needed in its postoffice. It is to be hoped that the Alabama representatives have too much good sense to lend themselves to any such foolish, puerile and obviously political agitation as a protest against such an appointment.

Senator Pettus is now at pains to explain that he never said gray was unwholesome; it was condiments. His constituents will not object to that. They don't know whether they eat condiments or not.

When a man marries a woman and tells her she is an angel, he is so afraid she will fly away from him that he makes haste to clip her wings.

Berlin's Government.

Berlin, the third largest city in Europe, with a population of 3,000,000, has a popular local government, in which all the officials are selected by the taxpayers; and the total cost of the city government is but \$20,000,000, while the District of Columbia, in which the citizens have no voice whatever, with a population of less than 300,000, or but one-seventh as many, the annual budget amounts to almost \$14,000,000, nearly three-fourths as much as that of Berlin.

In Berlin the city government costs \$10 per capita, while in the District of Columbia the cost is over \$46 per capita.

This should be added the debt of the District, which, after twenty-nine years, has been reduced from \$55 to \$47 per capita, which is more than three times as much as the District of Columbia, and school debt of the United States per capita, and which is being increased by the extension of streets and other schemes for the benefit of speculators in suburban property, and which must be paid by the taxpayers, since Congress refused to pay its share.

The number of taxpayers being far less in proportion to population than in any other city in the country, if not in the civilized world.

The Slums of Washington.

Another subject that would attract attention would be a series of photographs of the slums, or alleys, of the National Capital, and the James Creek canal, in which so many persons are drowned annually, as exhibited by the Superintendent of Charities. Also photographs of the residents in these alleys, best taken in the Police Court room and in the basement cells, which nearly rival the "Back Hole" of Calcutta, and of the 16,000 children who do not attend school. In Berlin every child attends, and there they have a school board of 1276.

In Berlin the controlling city government consists of 125 members, representing the 326 wards of the city, one-third being elected every sixth year. This assembly elects the upper branch of the city government, composed of the mayor and board of aldermen, fifteen of whom receive a salary and seventeen of whom receive no salary. Including the 1276 school officials, the 1,475 in charge of the charities, and the other minor officials, Berlin has 11,000 unsalaried and 700 salaried officials.

All Draw Salaries.

The District has no unsalaried officials, as shown by the book of estimates for 1932, the salaries amount to \$253,866, and each year, like Oliver Twist, they are crying for more!

As stated by our secretary of legation, in his description of the well-managed affairs of Berlin, published by the State Department, "the beneficial results of the more enlarged self-government have

The District Exhibit at the St. Louis Fair

To the Editor of The Washington Times: I observe that there is some question as to what will be a suitable exhibit for the District of Columbia at the St. Louis fair. I suggest that an exceedingly interesting and instructive exhibit would be the local government of the District, with the necessary facts and figures for the past thirty years.

In the first place, it would illustrate so beautifully the application of the principle on which our independence was gained, namely, "No taxation without representation."

Second, it would show how the great doctrine of "home rule" and the principles of "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people" is applied and carried out in this glorious republic of ours! This would be especially interesting to the subjects of the "effete monarchies" of the Old World who will attend the fair, and might induce immense numbers of the better class of them to emigrate to this glorious "land of the free and home of the brave."

This might be re-enforced by the statement that the 200,000 inhabitants of the District pay nearly \$2,000,000 in taxes for local purposes, and more than three times as much for the support of the National Government as the average amount paid by fifteen States and five Territories, and have absolutely no voice in their own government, either local or national.

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Courts and Capitals Of the Old World

By THE MARQUIS DE FONTENAY.

Count De Witte has just the all-powerful Russian minister of finance and president of the council of ministers, now in this country, I hear that he arrived here incognito with his daughter last week, and the rumors which reached me on the subject have been, in a measure, confirmed by letters just to hand from England which describe the Muscovite statesman as having spent ten days or a fortnight in London in the strictest incognito, his presence and that of his daughter being only known to a very few friends.

Count De Witte, who is, perhaps, the most interesting figure in Russian public life, and who is destined to play in the future a still more important role in the Muscovite empire than in the past, has always been much attracted toward America, and has long cherished the desire to visit the United States, realizing the predominance of that country in the world, and the inevitable course of events to play in the economic and political affairs of the world.

Countess a Jewess. While minister of finance he, on several occasions, sounded the American money market with regard to financial transactions with the Russian government, and is known to have ascribed their failure to materialize to the neglect by his agents to observe to the letter his instructions. He wishes to see things in America, and to learn of the conditions that prevail here himself.

On what streets are all-night "owl" cars operated? OUT LATE. On the Georgetown and FOURTEENTH Street lines of the Capital Traction Company and the Georgetown line of the Washington Traction and Electric Company.

Prizefight Weights. Please tell me the weights as officially known in the prize ring. AMATEUR. Bantam, under 115 pounds; feather, under 122 pounds; light, under 133 pounds; welter, under 142 pounds; middle, under 158 pounds; heavy, over 158 pounds.

Barnard College. Will The Times give me a few facts about Barnard College? B. T. Y. Barnard College is a non-sectarian institution located in New York City, Laura D. Gill is the dean. It was organized in 1899, has 56 instructors, and last year had 400 students.

"God Bless Us, Every One!" Will you please inform me in what one of Dickens' works it is to be found the poem which begins thus: "God bless us, merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Was born on Christmas Day. I have not been able to find it in his Christmas stories." A READER OF THE TIMES.

It is the greeting given by English boys at Christmas time to school-fellows and others whom they suspect of a disposition to "come down hard" in honor of the day.

Just as Good. To know just how to sing a thing desirable, but then it's well to know how not to sing. And also where and when. Philadelphia Press.

A Plea for Greek. Master—And what happened to Achilles in his infancy? Boy—His mother dipped him in the River Styx, and he became invulnerable.—Punch.

Quite Sufficient. "Madam," began the agent, as Mrs. Short opened the door, "do you a piano?" "Well," she continued, "I am introducing a new automatic attachment for pianos, and if you—"

Brains at a Premium. She—it seems to me men worship women out of all reason. He—There isn't any other kind of worship.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Our Family. Panamanians is too much of a tongue to say: We run great risk attempting such—Might be tongue-tied any day.

So Sudden. "What do you think, Mr. Dinmore," said Miss Frocks. "I lost my fine new umbrella today, and it had my name on the handle, too." "Then you'll have to get another, of course," replied Mr. Dinmore.

A Hard Problem. "Did you ever happen on a problem, professor, that absolutely baffled you?" "Well, I tried to discover the relative difference in thickness between a sheet of tissue paper and a slice of boarding-house roast beef once."—Boston Globe.

Over the Bridge. Ethel—Yes, father was terribly angry when I asked him for money for my new silk dress. Maud—Was he? Well, I must say my husband is different. He did not say a word when I asked him for an automobile.

They Were Seven. Seven men from Butte, Each a gay galoot, Feasted on a White House lunch; Not a greater in the lunch; All red-hot to shoot.

Seven men from Butte, Bowen in each boot, Said the bill of fare was right, On a "blindy toot."

Seven men from Butte, But the man who gave that "feed" Knew these coons and had 'em freed. Now just watch 'em. Mary McShane. Butte, Mont., Nov. 24.

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Reflections of a Bachelor.

A good thing to make girls modest about them is to have poor legs.

The man who talks about swinking off is always the one who is so full of drink he thinks he'll never need another.

The same girl who has to have some kind of wrap around her on a Fourth of July evening can wear low shoes when it is below zero.

A woman's idea of a happy Thanksgiving for her husband is to have so many people to dinner that it is over before he gets through carving.

There is a duel planned near Paris, with swords, a duel which was killed by his antagonist, who was a poor swordsman.

A panther was growing about the Rockefeller department store, and all the employees of the place go armed, and are ordered to venture out at night. This is the Tammany tiger, as that beast is called in his old haunts, licking his chops and devouring his prey.

There is a patriotic American movement which has been started in this country, the object of which is to bring home to our country the remains of our early navy, and efficient crews of our early navy, John Paul Jones's remains are supposed to rest in a Protestant cemetery at Paris, and a resolution has been submitted to Congress asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 to locate, disinter them, and bring them to this country. This movement did not start Jones any time during his