

CURRENT TOPICS.

BY DAY says that he is not afraid of a Chili reaction. FAYLE CHAMBERS is leaving for his health in North Africa. The latest Arkansas County (Mo.) election is "Humboldt pie."

The total cost of the war of the rebellion was about \$1,000,000,000.00. MEXICO is making a great success of a young Oregon school teacher. WILFRED WOODRUFF is elected by the Mormons to succeed John Taylor as President.

WEST POINT cadets are paid \$50 a year, and entering they must be between 17 and 19. No fewer than seven thousand horses are slaughtered yearly in the market of Berlin.

In one small district of Japan 1,178 horses were slaughtered last year for use as food. The Royal Academy in London has definitely decided not to open its doors on Sunday.

Over three thousand persons along the line of the Panama canal are in a destitute condition. The indication of an immense increase in the travel to Europe this year continues to increase.

Over two thousand women voted for federal officers at the recent city election in Detroit, Mich. A STORM of Stephen A. Douglas almost eighty years old, is postmaster at Clinton Springs, N. Y.

It is generally known that Mrs. Huxford has been in the arms of Mrs. Robert L. Lusk. NEW YORK CITY is making great preparations for the celebration of Washington's centennial on the 30th of April.

MEXICO is making a great success of a young Oregon school teacher. The council is composed entirely of regular men.

JOHN J. BLAIR, the New Jersey railway magnate, is a favorite of the people, and began life by selling pig tobacco and notions.

NEW YORKERS recently carried a dry goods store to Tacoma, W. T. (three thousand miles) in a twenty-eight-car train.

SOME vegetarians are dissatisfied with the name "vegetarian." They think that "fruitarian" or "fruitarian" would be better.

A CONVULSANT composed of clocks, stopwatches, silver, workmen and anybody, is being formed in Chicago to settle in Oklahoma.

FURTHER politics come to the surface in the case of Mr. Howerton, of Omaha, who, it is said, wants to be Consul to Cologne.

The old State capitol building at Austin, Tex., has been leased to the National Confederate Soldiers' Home for five dollars per annum.

M. SHERMAN, the head of the five-dollar paper syndicate, is the owner of Missie's famous painting, "Angelus," which will now be in the hands of the artist.

The people of Charleston, W. Va., are to vote on May 21 on a question whether their city shall be annexed to the city of West Virginia.

FROM prearrangements there is likely to be a "split" in Oklahoma, followed by a "split" in the part of many.

The total cost of the Fair exposition is expected to be about \$100,000,000.00. The most costly building in the exposition is the city of Paris, model of the American.

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When a man reaches the top of a staircase and attempts to take one step higher, he is liable to fall. The most costly building in the exposition is the city of Paris, model of the American.

An old soldier who had been kicking around in a Nashville harness shop for several years, was found to be worth ten cents apiece.

A SUMMER of Atlantic City's prominent citizens have a great deal to say about building a house on the ocean front, for the use of the President and his family.

THEODORE Roosevelt has eighty acres in apple orchard, in which the trees are eighteen years old, and last year he had a 150 bushel crop from the lot, about 75 cents apiece.

A BOSTON man has captured one hundred crows, and proposes to hatch with an incubator, crows which for the Maine market, where their heads are worth ten cents apiece.

MRS. HARRISON shocked the ultra followers of Washington the other afternoon by carrying into the White House the bundles of white collected while on a shopping trip.

ONE of the most entirely satisfied men in the country, lives in Columbia, S. C. He has drawn \$91 per month all winter, and is contemplating a snow-plow that hasn't been out of the ground since.

AS efforts are being made to hasten the removal of the remains of General Henry Lee, "Light Horse Harry" of the Revolution, from their resting place in Georgia to Christ churchyard in Alexandria.

A CHIMNEY sweeper in England while looking over his furniture prior to sending it to auction, found \$2,000 in gold, which he hid in an old chest. His wife died a short time before, and he supposes that she hid the money.

EYEBROWS, the bicyclist, went to Africa to find Stanley, who found himself, and may feel it a duty to turn in and find Stanley. Stanley was at no time lost. We have his word for it that he knows where he has the tin.

TOPEKA, Kan., has the largest electric railway system in the world. There are sixteen and a half miles of track in operation, and a speed of fifteen miles an hour can be attained.

A CRIBB in Southern Illinois is about to have a fair, in which one of the features will be the pig race. The prize for the winner of the pig race will be \$100.00.

ROBERT LINCOLN has grown stout in life and he looks much older than when he was Secretary of War. He is extremely fastidious about his attire. He is pleased at his appointment, but regrets the financial difficulties he must meet in accepting the position.

AS OREGON CITY man who exploded a dynamite cartridge in his mouth with suicidal intent, was arrested and fined \$10 for disturbing the peace. This recalls the case of the Texas man who walked into the courthouse and shot at the judge, and was fined \$2 for shooting at the corporation.

TRINIDAD miles from Chesapeake, Va., is said to be the largest horse farm in the world. There are 120,000 acres of land, where some 5,000 horses, which require the constant attention of 60 men. One hundred miles of wire fence keeps the animals in bounds.

JACOB MATTHEW, who died recently in Knoxville, Tenn., was 82 years of age. He lived eighty-nine years, in one house.

BANK ROBBED.

The Cashier Ordered to Hand Over All Money in Sight. Money Taken from the Bank of the State of New York.

CHRYSTIE, N.Y., April 18.—At Grove City, yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, a party of five men, armed with revolvers, entered the bank of the State of New York, and demanded the cash on hand.

The cashier, Mr. J. W. Smith, refused to comply with their demands, and the robbers, after a short struggle, fled with the money.

The robbers were seen to enter a carriage and drive off in the direction of the city. The police are searching for them.

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GREAT PREPARATIONS.

For the Move Upon the Oklahoma Territory—Hickman, Fulton County, Kentucky, Friday, April 19, 1889.

CALDWELL, KAN., April 15.—Preparations to cross the Cherokee strip to the border of Oklahoma were made here yesterday. The troops now on the State line have orders to move on the 19th to the south line of the Cherokee strip and hold the boomers in check until the gates swing open.

Tremendous rain-falls west may change the plans of many, as the river will probably be more than bank-full next week.

Four spaces have been carried off. A country wagon-bridge just west of it is totally wrecked. The damage is estimated at \$5,000. The water from the downfall will just about reach Oklahoma this week. Many streams will be impassable for several days. The settlers are getting down to work and busy preparing to start early next week across the strip.

Allowing some business for Klugeberg, it is not to come immediately, for we need by a new baptism of the Holy Ghost to overcome the evil that has been wrought in the nineteenth century, we will all live to see it.

WICHITA, KAN., April 15.—A gentleman writing from Fort Worth says that the Texas contingent of the boomers is massed at Gainesville, and that the excitement there is as intense as in Southern Kansas. Thousands, he says, will move there on the 21st for Oklahoma. Among the army yesterday were two women—Miss Miss Young, of Quincy, and Miss Martha Tracy, of Galveston, Ky.—and a party of eight young ladies from Durrell, that will battle for a quarter section each.

MOUNTAIN OF IRON. The Magnetism is so Great That Watches Refuse to Run.

WHEELING, W. VA., April 15.—A dispatch from Lowburg, Greener County, gives an account of the discovery of a magnetism so great that watches refuse to run. The discovery was made in a cave near the town of Lowburg, where a party of men were exploring for iron ore.

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THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

What Has Been Done for the Church of Christ.

AND What Will Follow the Work of the Faithful—No Time for the Weak and Despairing, But for the Strong, For the World's Redemption is Coming at a Rapid Pace—Talmage's Sermon.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., preached in the Brooklyn Tabernacle Sunday morning for the first time since his return from the East, Rev. Talmage's sermon was a powerful and stirring discourse on the work of the church in the nineteenth century.

The nineteenth century is a period of great change and progress. The church has done much for the world, but there is still much to be done.

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FACTS ABOUT ANTS.

A Remarkable Instance of Their Instinctive Devotion and Kindness.

Sir John Lubbock relates a remarkable instance of the unselfish devotion and disinterested kindness which gave him unimpaired satisfaction at Shirley Common, where, for the sake of observation, he had disturbed a colony of the little-making ant.

When some of the little-making ants were likely to be buried alive beneath the ruins of their deserted home, their own tender-hearted companions were wont to this emergency, and delivered them from their impending doom.

"My attention," said Sir John, "was directed to an ant who was working with great earnestness at a small hole in the sandy soil with which the nest was composed, and which it was trying to enlarge, evidently with some determined object in view. I watched the little laborer leave its occupation and return to its hole, and when it returned, and then went into an adjacent hole and reappeared after a careful investigation of the cavity.

"Without disturbing the indefatigable ant, I carefully examined the hole and noticed the leg of an ant moving which at once unveiled to me the mystery of my friend's persistent movements.

"I started possibly by my presence, it moved away again, but I followed it through the hole, and finally it came out, and I saw that it was carrying a small piece of bread-crumbs, which it was trying to carry into the hole. I watched it as it moved away, and when it returned, and then went into an adjacent hole and reappeared after a careful investigation of the cavity.

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