

DECEMBER—1899.

Calendar table for December 1899 with days of the week and dates.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Japan will open 21 new ports to foreign commerce. Hawaii is complaining of a heavy influx of Chinese. There are 74 gold mining companies in the Transvaal. Finance receives \$970,000 a year from taxes on bicycles. Monaco has an army of 40,000 men fairly well trained. New York has 12 times as many churches as Berlin. As many as 4,000 dates have been gathered from a single palm. New England cities may unite to help Boston improve its harbor. One-third of the population of the world speaks the Chinese language. The word Bible means simply book, but it is now confined to the Book of Books. The street accidents of London amount to about 3,800 a year—nearly ten a day. The treaty for the partition of the Samoan islands has been signed at Washington. The cultivation of fruit trees along the highways of France is being extended each year. Fruit wrapped in brown paper will stand 15 degrees more of cold than if not thus protected. Over 13,000 people went through Yellowstone Park this season, breaking the record by 3,000. For every million inhabitants in Russia there are only ten newspapers and journals of all sorts. Contracts have been let for a wireless telegraph system to connect the islands of the Hawaiian group. English business men in Paris are being boycotted because of England's talk of boycotting the exposition. Rented houses are unknown in Jetmore, Kan. Every house is occupied by its owner. The town has about 575 shanties. Out of the Vatican's 11,000 rooms Pope Leo has reserved only three—a small sitting room, a little dining room and a bedroom. In the Sandwich Islands the beauty of women is measured by their height. Mrs. Gladstone owns three acres in Niagara. This piece of land is now worth \$5,000. The speed of a carrier pigeon in calm weather is 1,200 yards a minute. With a brisk wind prevailing and blowing in the direction of its flight a pigeon has been known to make 1,900 yards a minute. Not only are Mrs. Langtry and John Hare coming to America to fill theatrical engagements, but a strong influence is at work to induce Beerbohm Tree to present a series of Shakespearean productions here next autumn. Electricity is being practically and most economically used in the manufacture of glass in Germany. Small portable crucibles are used and the plants are placed near streams where water power is available instead of near coal supplies. Dan Godfrey, on his return to London from his American tour with his band, is quoted as saying: "We played lots of good music, but what Americans really want is catchy tunes with a swing. A rag-time air would nearly tear down the house." The czar of Russia probably owns a greater quantity of china than any person in the world. He has the china belonging to all the Russian rulers as far back as Catherine the Great. It is stored in an immense closet in the Winter palace at St. Petersburg. If the reports of the criminal courts of the state of New York may be taken as an index, it is safe to say that crime is on the decrease in the United States. In 1897 there were 4,233 convicts, as against only 3,567 in 1898. This shows a decrease of 96, or over 20 per cent. Shoes can be quickly laced by the use of a new attachment, comprising a pair of slotted ribs carried by the edges of the upper, with headed studs set in the slots to slide freely, with a lacing attached to the studs to draw the edges of the upper together as the studs are raised. A handy tablet for telephones has been patented by an Ohio man, comprising a reel suspended in two brackets at the edge of the battery box, a roll of paper being placed on the reel and held smooth across the top for writing, with a sharp metal strip to sever the sheet after use. There are no textile mills of any importance in the Transvaal, and, in consequence, large quantities of cottons and woollens have to be imported for domestic use. Adolph F. Hay, son of the secretary of state, has been appointed consul of Pretoria. Consul Macrum, who has been begging for permission to come home, will be allowed to leave at once. The most curious place in the world is the Alhambra in Spain. It was originally a fortress, so great in extent as to be capable of holding 40,000 men. It was begun in 1248 and finished in 1314.

TAYLOR GETS IT.

His Certificate of Election Signed by Two Election Commissioners.

For the Time Being Is Ended One of the Most Bitterly Contested Gubernatorial Campaigns in the State.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 10.—At 9:45 Saturday morning the election certificate of William S. Taylor was signed by the election commissioners and he was declared to be the governor-elect of Kentucky.

The official figures of the vote filed with Secretary of State Finley are: Taylor, 193,714; Goebel, 191,331; Taylor's plurality, 2,383. The operation which ended, for the time being at least, the bitterly fought gubernatorial contest, was conducted in the simplest manner. The majority opinion of Commissioners Pryor and Ellis and the minority opinion of Commissioner Poyntz, which were published Saturday morning were not read, as was the original intention. The three commissioners walked first to the office of the clerk of the state supreme court, where they filed two opinions. They then passed into the office of the secretary of state. Clerk Chennault of the board of commissioners read the figures showing that the republican candidates for offices on the state ticket had received the largest number of votes and then certificates of election were signed at once, that of Mr. Taylor being first on the list. There were only 14 people in the room at the time, and of this number only two were there as idle spectators.

There was no crowd around the building and no interest manifested in the work save by those engaged in it and those who stood looking on. The certificates as soon as signed were filed with the secretary of state and certificates will be issued to the elected men at once by Gov. Bradley. Late Friday night, when the decision had gone forth to the public, Commissioner Ellis, upon whose shoulders the greatest part of the work of preparing the opinion had fallen, discussed the matter freely. "This has been a hard thing for me," he said, his eyes inflamed by loss of sleep and the heavy lines in his face bearing eloquent witness to the truth of his statement. "It has been a hard thing for all of us. I wish, however, that all the people of the country knew how nobly Judge Pryor has acted in this matter, and how conscientiously he has done what he considered his duty. He is a great man, one of the greatest, in my opinion, that Kentucky has ever produced, and I am sure his conduct in this case has been another piece of his long and honorable career as a public officer. Speaking for myself," continued Mr. Ellis, "I say frankly I did not like to do this thing, but under the law and the evidence there is nothing else I can do, and be an honest man. Why, I was an original Goebel man. I was a Goebel man long before he received the nomination, and I am a Goebel man now. I can go beyond that and say I am a Goebel partisan. I have always been a partisan in politics, a rank partisan, and it would give me greater pleasure than I can express to be able to declare for the democrats in this thing, but I can't do it. The proceedings before the board were so overwhelmingly in favor of the republicans and they had so much the best of the arguments that it is almost idle to discuss the affair. There was, to the minds of Judge Pryor and myself, only one thing to do, and that we have done. I know there are plenty of men who think that, strong democratic partisan as I have always been, I should have remained a democratic partisan and voted otherwise. How can I do that? How can I commit such a rape on my reputation and conscience as that, viewed from the legal standpoint, which in things like this is the only standpoint, I have done what my conscience and my long career as a lawyer tell me is right, and I will do otherwise for no man nor upon any consideration."

The statements made by Mr. Ellis have been upheld by his conduct from first to last throughout the canvass. He did all of the questioning of the attorneys and seemed at every stage to be most anxious to obtain the truth impartially to both sides. Mr. Goebel was apparently in the best of humor after being told that Mr. Taylor's certificate had been signed. Commissioner Poyntz declined to sign the republican certificates of election, saying that he stood by the opinion he had rendered, and could not consistently do so. He consented to sign the certificates of the railroad commissioners, however.

Wants a Viceroy Degraded. Pekin, Dec. 11.—The French government has formally demanded the degradation of the viceroy of Canton, because the order to execute the Chinese magistrate, who was responsible for the murder of the French officers at Montau, has not been carried out.

American Federation of Labor. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—Nearly all of the 189 delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention Sunday night presented their credentials at headquarters. Many unofficial visitors have arrived, among them representatives of the bartenders' union and others who desire to obtain full membership.

Landscape Artist Dead. Middletown, Ct., Dec. 11.—John A. Sumner, a landscape artist, formerly of St. Louis, died suddenly Sunday, aged 74 years.

He With His Surrender Camp Captains

Manila, Dec. 11.—An appeal headed by the battleship Oregon, Manila for Subig Saturday night. It is reported that the Filipino commander, Gen. Alejandrino, with staff, has surrendered to Gen. MacArthur, and there is also a rumor that Alejandrino is at Aguilair, suffering from a wound received in a fight between insurgents and bandits, and that he will be given an opportunity to surrender, and will be properly cared for.

Maj. Spence, with a column of 32d regiment, captured a new insurgent camp, an uncompleted stronghold in the Tassan district. He found Dinalupan at daybreak Saturday morning, and marched 10 miles along mountain trails, finally encountering a large band of insurgents, who retreated after a brief skirmish. The Americans had no losses. The records of the treasury of the so-called Filipino government, together with a quantity of paper money and another Nordenfeldt, have been found at Mangataram.

Three Americans, who, with a commissary sergeant of the 12th infantry, were traveling from San Fernando to Angeles, left their escort for a moment and went into the bush, where they did not return speedily, a search was made for them but they could not be found. They were probably captured by the rebels.

A mail orderly disappeared between Angeles and Bamban. He also is supposed to have been captured.

A force of 100 insurgents Saturday attacked, near Baliang, a wagon escorted by 30 men of the 16th infantry. A sharp engagement followed. The insurgents lost 18 killed and nine captured. During the recent attack by the insurgents upon Vigan, the Filipinos obtained possession of the plaza and of a church in the center of the town, from which the Americans dislodged them. It seems that the escaped Spaniards obtained guns and fought with the Americans against the insurgents.

DEPARTMENT STORES.

John Wannamaker testifies before the Industrial Commission that They Are Beneficial.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Hon. John Wannamaker Saturday testified before the industrial commission on the subject of department stores. He said these stores were beneficial to society, having a substantial economic and moral basis for their existence. "It is," he continued, "a natural product evolved from conditions that exist as a result of fixed trade. Cheaper capital, better transportation, more rapid expansion, make the modern retail store a natural and useful; therefore, it is inevitable."

"Economy in the expenditure of money, time and effort measure department store success. Just in proportion as these ends are reached is it popular, powerful and prosperous." He contended that the effect of the creation of these stores had been to reduce retail prices. In support of this statement he asserted that upon American dry goods generally the retailers' percentage of profits has been reduced one-half during the last 20 years. This was also true upon woollens, silk and cotton fabrics. The total per cent of reduction in prices to the consumer could not be stated, owing to the varying standards of qualities and taste, and improvements in manufacture, but Mr. Wannamaker believed that the consumer saves the entire reduction in the retailers' profit. In some articles definite comparisons of prices were made. It could also be stated, he said, that the profits of the great retail stores vary from 3 to 6 per cent on the dollar of business done.

Arizonaans Want Statehood. Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 10.—An enthusiastic mass meeting was held here Saturday to start a movement to secure statehood at the present session of congress. Men from all parts of Arizona were in attendance and took part. Gov. N. O. Murphy was elected chairman of a committee of 30, which will go to Washington early in January to advocate statehood.

Acquitted of Embezzlement Charge. San Francisco, Dec. 11.—O. M. Welburn, ex-collector of internal revenue, has been acquitted of the charge of embezzlement. This was his third trial. While under indictment Welburn fled and enlisted as a private in the army going to Cuba. While on his way to the Philippines he was recognized and arrested.

The Canadian Contingent. Orange River, Dec. 11.—Half the men of the Canadian contingent have gone forward. Like the Australian contingent they have been put to stiff work since their arrival, and have been building sidings, erecting platforms and rendering the usual routine service. They are in excellent condition and very zealous.

A Ten Per Cent. Raise. Boston, Dec. 9.—The executive committee of the American Woolen Co. voted Friday to make a general increase of ten per cent. in the wages of employees. The increase will affect mills in all sections of New England and will benefit 25,000 hands. Advance will take effect Monday.

Veteran Boatmen. Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 11.—Two shallow boats are being used for service in the First U. S. Army. They will carry two men and four drivers and four

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