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CURRENT TOPICS.

A LION in a jungle will jump 25 or 30 feet from a standing start.

AUSTRALIA harbors one species of kangaroo no larger than a rat.

IT is claimed that there are 55 dogs in the United Kingdom to every 1,000 inhabitants.

A WHOLESALE Merchants' and Manufacturers' association has been organized at Atlanta, Ga.

AN inventor in Madrid has succeeded in making a superior quality of soap out of grasshoppers.

JOHN N. BROWN, Rhode Island's richest bachelor is shortly to marry Miss Nathalie Dreiser, of New York.

POLICE statistics of the present summer apparently prove that humidity has a good deal to do with crime.

JACKSON, Miss., has a chain gang composed of eight Negro women. They clean streets for ten hours a day.

THE sea round any desert island rarely visited by man and far distant from any mainland always teems with fish.

EUROPE has 155,284 miles of railway. The United States has 181,714. We still march at the head of the procession.

THE duke of Westminster has more children than any other member of the British peerage. He has been twice married.

LADY IVEIGH entertained 6,000 people from the poorest quarter of London a few days ago, treating all to a sumptuous repast.

THE Duchess d'Uzes has some 14,000,000 bottles of champagne in her cellars in Paris, and as many more in her wine vaults at Rheims.

ANNA HELD has signed with the La Poupee Co. in London at a salary of $500 per week, with her carriage and maid also paid for.

FOREST exports of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, show an increase of 100 per cent. as compared with 1887.

IT is believed at London that the formidable uprising of natives along the frontier of British India has been effectually checked.

JUDGE WELLHOUSE is called the apple king of the world. His orchards in Kansas consist of 1,630 acres, containing 100,000 apple trees.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW is intensely fond of the Scotch as a race, and thinks that the only state in the union which resembles Scotland is Vermont.

BOSTON papers say that men have now gone out of service as telephone operators in that city and thereby one occupation is claimed exclusively by women.

MARY BAKER, of Craig county, Va., celebrated her 97th birthday by going into the wheat field and binding enough sheaves to furnish souvenirs to her relatives.

SISTER MARY ALOYSIUS, who recently received a red cross from Queen Victoria for her famous nursing on many battlefields, has just published a book, "Memories of the Crimea."

MARQUIS DE QUINCEY, a French sportsman who has lost one leg and walks about on crutches, has gone to West Africa to shoot big game in the Footah Jalu country and on the Upper Niger.

THE German government is said to be negotiating with other countries injured by the United States tariff for the purpose of effecting an agreement to submit disputed points to arbitration.

A NEWLY patented clothes pounder is formed of a series of cones set in a flanged basin, the poinis of the cones ending in a socket in the wooden handle, the whole device being light in weight.

GRASSHOPPERS in Jackson county, Mich., have undergone a change of appetite, and have been eating the binding twine from the bundles of wheat, causing farm hands the extra labor of rebinding.

IN future the French government will prohibit the importation of foreign-born pigeons, even when merely destined for pie purposes. Their reason is to prevent a system whereby foreign spies would have the upper hand in the event of war.

MASHONALAND natives, who are now fighting the British, seem to be provided with small-bore rifles. They are pulling down the African transcontinental telegraph wires and cutting them up into bullets.

MRS. SANDERS, of Melbourne, Australia, has decided to devote her life to working for the Fuh-Kien mission. She is to take the place of her two daughters, who were massacred some little time ago in China.

A BALL-BEARING fifth wheel for carriages has a double ball race attached to the axle, with two grooved metal rings fastened to the wagon box to rest on the balls, the bearings being oiled through a slot in the rings.

AUTOMATIC brakes for railroad cars are designed to take the place of bumpers, a sliding head being set in each corner of the car, to which levers are connected to throw the brake against the wheels when the engine slows up.

THE countess of Aberdeen, president of the International Council of Women and of the National Council of Canadian Women, is now in England, and is endeavoring to organize a national council of women for Great Britain and Ireland.

THE "horror social" is the latest function, at which every one is expected to bring that which he has the most horror of. At one of there functions held recently some of the ladies took men, others mice, castor oil, spiders, bicycles and grammars.

THE PROBLEM

Of Telegraphing From Railway Trains Has Been Solved.

Every Train Will Be in Constant Communication With the Next Station Ahead or When Desired With the Dispatcher or Any Public Telegraph Station.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—The most difficult problem of railroad operation—how to communicate by telegraph with a moving train anywhere on the line—has been solved by a young Chicago inventor. Edison, who has been experimenting with induction currents, has been fairly beaten on his own chosen ground.

George V. Trott, a former telegraph operator, has devised a system which will shortly be put in operation on the Pensylvania line by which every train on the line is in constant communication with the station next ahead and, when desired, with the train dispatcher or any public telegraph station.

Briefly, every train on a road equipped with the Trott system, would at all times be on a "loop" circuit, extending to the next telegraph station ahead, and to send messages farther or receive them from other stations, the operator at the proper station would only have to "cut in" by means of a "jack spring" on one of the regular telegraph wires.

Mr. Trott's device is exclusively mechanical. It involves no new or untried principles, and will require no more power to operate it then the ordinary duplex cell battery at the regular telegraph station.

The device which railway engineers declare will revolutionize railway service is an adaptation of the street railway trolley or third rail of the elevated railways.

Two insulated metallic tracks are laid between and parallel to the traction rails. They are not connected and at intervals equal in length to the circuit it is desired to establish are discontinuous and separated by a non-conducting cushion. A trolley mechanism, consisting of three pairs of wheels, connected in multiple by "knuckle" joints and hinged to the footboard of the engine, runs under the tender on the inner rails. The contact of the metallic wheels with the metallic rails closes the circuit, as the wheels are joined by a metallic framework. Insulated wires conduct the current into the engine cab and by means of the bell cord into any part of the train, where there is an instrument. Trott is a man of frail form and poor health. He is 31 years old. Before his health failed he was an operator in Chicago, in Boston, where he was born, and in New York. He later worked for the Santa Fe as a local train dispatcher. He now resides in Chicago. He recently wrote to the Pennsylvania railway officials and was invited to send them his plans and specifications. Their engineers and electricians were delighted and promised to give the system a practical trial as soon as possible.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY

Attends Divine Services at the Epworth Memorial M. E. Church, Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 30.—President McKinley attended divine service Sunday morning at Epworth Memorial M. E. church, where he has a pew. He was accompanied by Mr. James F. Rhodes, the historian, and Mrs. Rhodes. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The president entered just as the voluntary was being played and in time to hear a solo sung by Dr. Ion A. Jackson, of the choir of the Church of the Incarnation in New York. He gave close attention to the sermon by Rev Ward Beecher Pickard, and joined in the congregation at singing. At the conclusion of the services the president shook hands with a few ladies and gentlemen, but went to his carriage as quickly as possible and was driven to the home of Senator Hanna.

The afternoon was passed quietly and Sunday evening a dinner party was given by Senator Hanna. Those at the the table besides Mr. and Mrs. McKinley were Senator and Mrs. Hanna, Secretary Alger and Mrs. Alger, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Corning, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Whitelaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Burnham, Col. and Mrs. M. T. Herrick, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon V. Painter, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hanna and Miss Hanna.

AN ENGINE

And Three Baggage Cars Go over an Embankment—One Fatally Hurt and Others Severely Injured.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 30.—The passengers and train crew of the Midnight Special on the Chicago & Alton railroad, which arrived in this city at 7:45 a. m. Sunday, from Chicago, narrowly escaped death in a wreck near Alton Sunday morning. Near the outskirts of that city the engine was derailed, while proceeding at a high rate of speed, by spreading rails and thrown down an embankment. The tender, three baggage cars containing the scenery and wardrobes of the Digby Bell Co. and Hopkins Theatrical Co. and a postal car followed and rolled on top of the engine, under which Peter Rafferty, of Bloomington, the engineer, was pinned. He was taken out fatally injured. Fireman Charles Johnson, of Bloomington, Ill.; Mail Clerks Robert Maltimore, of Jerseyville, Ill., and W. F. Simper and Samuel Grobbs, of Chicago, crawled out of the wreck severely hurt.

GEN. BANDERAS,

With 12,000 Men, Marches the Entire Length of Cuba—The Second Invasion of the West Was Effected With Little Difficulty.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Journal and Advertiser says: The sensationally victorious march of the Cubans under Maximo Gomez and Antonio Maceo, the entire length of the island in Martinez Campos' time, has just been duplicated by Quintin Banderas.

This negro war captain, than whom no Cuban of the colored race, excepting Maceo, perhaps, has won greater honors in the present struggle for independence, led 12,000 men from the eastern end of the island, where the patriots in arms are strongest, to the western end, where, since Antonio Maceo's death, through the treachery of his body physician, Dr. Zertucha, the Cuban cause has not prospered so well.

These 12,000 men represented all branches of the Cuban army service. They penetrated into the provinces of Matanzas, Havana and Pinar del Rio, strengthening the existing forces in each of those provinces to such an extent that the coming winter campaign there may be expected to be even as disastrous for the Spanish arms as in the time of the redoubtable Maceo.

The news of the brilliant achievement was brought to the Journal and Advertiser by the mail from Havana in an autograph letter from Banderas himself. In it he requests the publication of the proclamation that he issued on taking charge of the department.

Banderas says that the second invasion of the west was made in compliance with plans that were completed by Maximo Gomez, the general-in-chief, in June last, and that the march was effected with little or no trouble or molestation from the Spanish troops.

"We crossed their lines again and again," he says, "but there was no fight in them and we had no battles. Our men behaved nobly in the face of constantly possible attacks by larger forces. There was no faltering at any time, and once more I have been able to admire the heroism of our soldiers who have fought, are fighting and will ever fight. I am convinced, until the independence of Cuba shall have been attained, they will fight."

The proclamation intimates that there have been wholesale desertions from the Spanish army in Havana province into the Cuban service, saying:

"In taking command of this province I send greeting to all its forces, but more especially to the brave Spanish soldiers of Pizarro cavalry regiment whom I reviewed Sunday, and those who, filled with sympathy for an oppressed people fighting for their liberty, have come over to our files, in this way giving most direct lie to those who say that the Spanish soldier exists only to serve as food for the cannon and for the purpose of affording means to their officers to get titles and decorations."

The rest of the proclamation is directed "to the men of my race."

A SETTLEMENT

Of the Great Miners' Strike is Believed to Be Close at Hand.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 31.—A prominent coal operator in the Pittsburgh district said Monday night that the miners' strike would probably be settled, temporarily at least, within the next 48 hours. The operators have been quietly negotiating with the miners' officers since the adjournment of the Pittsburgh conference, and a settlement is believed to be close at hand. The operators offered to pay the men 64 cents a ton, pending arbitration, if the miners would consent to such an arrangement, with the distinct understanding that the arbitrators could not fix a price below 60 cents or above 69 cents. President Ratchford made a counter proposition for arbitration, stipulating that the men be paid 69 cents a ton, five cents of that price to be turned over to a trustee or trustees and to be held until the arbitration is completed and then paid to the miners if the rate is fixed at 69 cents. If the rate is fixed below that figure then a portion of the amount held by the trustees is to be given to the miners and the other rebated to the operators. A telegram was received here Monday from President Ratchford with respect to the operators' proposition, but it was somewhat blind, and the operators were unable to tell whether he accepted the proposition or not. It is believed, however, that he will consent to arbitration, and it is expected that work at the mines will be resumed before the close of the week.

The Strike Situation at Jellico.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 31.—The strike situation at Jellico looks more serious Monday night and Tuesday trouble is feared. At the conference of miners and operators Monday morning the miners refused to listen to anything lower than the rate of last year and the conference ended abruptly. The miners are positive that the mines shall not be opened by non-union men and the operators say they will open them anyhow.

Afridis Close the Kohal Pass.

PESHAWUR, Aug. 31.—A strong force of Afridis, it is just announced, has closed the Kohal pass, and therefore the proposed advance of a column of British troops through that pass has been countermanded. With the Khyber and Kohal passes in the hands of the enemy, the gravity of the situation has increased.

KENTUCKY STATE NEWS

COUNTY candidates are very busy these days.

WHOOPING COUGH has many victims over the state.

CLOVER HULLING is in full blast and is making a very good yield.

THE Thirty-fourth district republicans will hold their convention at Campton September 11.

TYPHOID fever is spreading in the Eastern Kentucky Insane asylum. Impure ice is said to have caused it.

GOLD nuggets have been found in the Muldaugh-Hill section of La Rue county by J. C. Darnell.

THE cases against the alleged toll-gate raiders at Lawrenceburg have been indefinitely postponed.

OLLIE JEEMS spoke at Murray and announced himself a candidate for congress in the First district.

THE first Lyon County Teachers' association will meet in Kuttawa about the last Saturday in September.

THE Acme Feather Mattress Co. will remove its plant from Cynthiana to Harrodsburg and open up for business.

A BENCH warrant has been issued for Thomas Tanner, a prosecuting witness in the Hunter bribery case, and also one of the defendants.

THE John Hanning distillery of Owensboro was sold to four Owensboro men for $50,000. A grain elevator will be built on the premises.

MRS. JOSEPHINE K. HENRY, of Versailles, is boomed for president of the United States by C. C. Moore in the Blue-Grass Blade. She is the greatest human being in America he says.

EX-GOVERNOR BROWN has sued the city of Henderson for $2,000 for damages from a street excavation made on the ex-governor's property.

A. S. HALL is under arrest at Lexington, having confessed to the forgery of the names of well known farmers. He had secured several hundred dollars.

HON. R. BRUCE SWEENEY, national democrat, has declined to accept the nomination for county judge tendered him by the republicans of Anderson county a month ago.

THE 6-year-old daughter of H. F. Spain, of Athertonville, coughed up a button which had been in her throat for years, and was immediately relieved of what had been supposed a bad case of catarrh.

WOO-WY, a Chinese doctor, who left Ashland to accept a position in the Chinese marine service, during the war between that country and Japan, has just returned. He will soon go to New York city to resume practice.

THE Princeton collegiate institute will open Wednesday, September 1.

ALBERT STEWART was run down by a train at Grayson and killed.

IT is reported that Dr. Godfrey Hunter will permanently retire from politics.

A WELL known and highly respected citizen, but a rather quaint character, is Felix Hudson. He is one of the oldest citizens of the Woodville section and for many years has been a successful merchant there, although he can neither read nor write. He never charged a debt, but trusted altogether to his memory. When he made a purchase he always paid cash and never kept record of his business. His wonderful memory has always been looked upon by his acquaintances with astonishment. His acquaintance with stock for miles around Woodville is another remarkable feature. When there is a dispute about the ownership of cattle he is invariably sent for to decide the matter. His decisions are never questioned.

A NEW YORK syndicate has purchased the old Tarr distillery property at Lexington.

THE corn crop in Edmunson county is said to be an almost complete failure on account of the drought.

MORE stock has been killed by lightning this summer in Kentucky than ever before in the same length of time.

The demand for their product at present is keeping each section of the Ashland hub and spoke factory running steadily.

THE Boston and Elizabethtown Tele phone Co. desires to extend its line from Boston to Bardstown, and will do so if the people will give it proper encouragement.

THE Pittsburgh Coal Co. at Baskett Station has shipped about 200 cars of coal to the north and east during the past few weeks.

JACOB FISEBACK, of Louisville, was elected grand protector of the grand lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor of Kentucky.

THE following Kentucky post offices have been discontinued: Lasswell, Hardin county, and Forest Springs, Knox county.

CITIZENS of Louisville and other portions of the state are writing to Gov. Bradley protesting against allowing Cherokee Indians to enter the state for their celebration at Russellville. They say that there is danger in the occasion; that the Cherokees are untrustworthy, etc. Gov. Bradley doubts his authority, under the constitution, to prevent such a celebration or the entry of a peaceful body of armed citizens of another state.

AT Danville Night Policeman John Crum early the other morning shot and killed George Reno, a Negro ex-convict who had been caught in the act of stealing and had resisted arrest.

A SOCIALISTS' club has been organized at Paducah. A colony will be formed.

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Condition of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Stanford, Kentucky, December 31, 1896.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$277,910.93	Capital Stock	20,000.00
Overdrafts	7,676.19	Surplus Fund	17,003.80
Other Stocks and Bonds	1,984.07	Individual Deposits	15,476.81
Due from National Banks	41,601.92	Due from National Banks	3,875.34
Banking House	5,580.00	Due from State Banks	5,302.84
Furniture and Fixtures	800.00		
Cash	16,705.69		
	$352,258.80		$352,258.80

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