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How are we to speak of this year briefly? Is it to be naughty-naught?

Banks may fail occasionally, but no one comes along and lights fires in them. They are at least better repositories for money than are stores, as has been demonstrated for the 3,500th time.

The physician that had his diploma and necktie stolen on his arrival in Chicago is in real hard luck. A man may be able to practice medicine without a diploma, but the public insists on his having a necktie.

In commenting upon the statement that the new lightweight champion boxer neither smokes, chews, drinks or swears, the Omaha Bee remarks that if he would now stop fighting he might turn out to be quite a man.

John McFerrin, aged 75 years, and Mrs. Thyrice Sullivan, aged 84, were married in Greenup, Ky., a few days ago. It was the fourth marriage for each. McFerrin remarked: "This is my last marriage." We should hope so. The old gentleman should give some of the other boys a chance.

Prof. Samuel Schenk, who claims to have discovered the secret of sex, and who was turned out of the University of Berlin for the book he wrote on the subject, says he is a victim of envy and ignorance, and that he will leave Germany forever. He says he will probably locate in America.

Frank L. Stanton writes in the Atlanta Constitution of a Georgia boy who sent a letter to his father, who was in another town. This is the way it read: "Dear Dad—This is my note to tell you Jamie wuz blowed up in the war. He went in your direction. If you find him please send him home, as we are worried about him."

The wife of President Loubet, of France, celebrated her New Year's by giving 150 widows enough money to buy their January rent. It has been reported by some of the sham aristocracy of France that the president and his wife are "very common," but it is evident that they are of royal stock even if their blood is not blue.

While Lord Roberts is 67 years old, Alexander the Great died at 32, Hannibal was most successful at 31, Caesar won Pharsalus at 48, Napoleon at the height of his power was 40, Wellington won Waterloo at 46, Washington was commander in chief at 43, Grant was 43 when Lee surrendered and Lee was 58, and Sheridan was famous at 34.

George Westinghouse is reported to have said that, by a newly invented process, the garbage of cities can be converted economically into a fuel which can be used to drive gas engines to generate electricity. If Mr. Westinghouse has made such a discovery as is indicated, he has solved a problem that has troubled cities throughout the world for many years.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, of the Salvation Army, is to open her "home for ex-convicts" in New York city. The home will provide for 40 men at a time and will be a resting place for them while they are obtaining work. There have been many protests from the people living near the home who fear the ex-prisoners, but Mrs. Booth refuses to listen to them.

It is very likely that a model farm will be established by the government three miles west of Washington. A part of the ground belonging to the Arlington cemetery, a part for which there has never been any use, will be turned over to the agricultural department. The house committee on military affairs has agreed to the bill providing for the farm, the action of that committee being necessary because of the fact that the land is in the charge of the war department.

A number of Americans in Manila have formed a company for the purpose of digging for a treasure of gold and jewels buried in southern Luzon by a Chinese mandarin named Chan Lee Sney, who was very wealthy. The Filipinos and Spaniards have been searching for the treasure for years, but in vain. A few weeks ago a soldier found two Spanish gold coins bearing the date of 1758, and the treasure is supposed to be buried near that spot. It seems to be the "Capt. Kidd" treasure of the orient.

John B. McDonald, of New York city, was the successful bidder for the construction of the underground four-track railway the entire length of Manhattan island from the Battery to Harlem. The city provides the money to pay the cost of the work. The contractor builds and equips the road for \$32,000,000 and operates it for 50 years. At the end of that time it becomes the property of the city and will be operated by municipal employees. The line will be 12 miles long and it will be the greatest work of public improvement on the continent.

The navy department has received information from a United States naval attaché at Paris that the grave of John Paul Jones, the revolutionary hero, has been discovered by M. A. de Ricaudy, a French antiquarian and editor of L'Echo du Public. M. de Ricaudy took up the search after "le commission du vieux Paris" had failed, and, according to the information received by the navy department, has succeeded in finding the remains in a former foreigners' Protestant cemetery, which was sold in 1804, and is now occupied as a private property.

Love loughs at locksmiths, but not at telephones. A young couple eloped from a place near Plainfield, N. J., and started off with horse and wagon for Plainfield to be married. The lovers were pursued with another horse. It was a close race till the first vehicle broke down in a muddy road. But the fugitives got hold of a tandem bicycle, and away they went. Alas they had forgotten the telephone, and as they entered Plainfield they were arrested on a telephone message and detained for their respective parents. Modern science beats romance.

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

The United States senate was not in session on the 20th. In the house, Mr. White (N. C.) introduced a bill to protect citizens of the United States from mob violence. The special house committee appointed to investigate charges affecting the eligibility of Representative-elect Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, reported in favor of his expulsion. William F. Aldrich (rep.), who centested the seat held by Gaston A. Robbins (dem.), for the Fourth congressional district of Alabama, was given the seat. The United States senate on the 23d listened to speeches by Senator Pritchard (N. C.) against the proposed negro disfranchising amendment to the North Carolina constitution, and by Senator Turner (Wash.) against the administration's policy in the Philippines. Senator Rawlins' (Utah) resolution for an investigation into polygamy in the United States or any of its possessions was adopted. The house was in session only 40 minutes and nothing of public importance was done.

Majority and minority reports were made in the United States senate on the 23d in the case of Senator Quay (Pa.), the former against giving him a seat and the latter in favor of seating him. The Philippine question was discussed and Senator McHenry (La.) spoke on the race question, practically favoring the disfranchisement of negroes. In the house the time was devoted to the Roberts case, speeches being made by Mr. Taylor (O.), Mr. Littlefield (Me.) and Mr. Roberts himself. A bill for the election of senators by a direct vote was favorably reported.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The secretary of the treasury has sent to congress an estimate of \$7,872,000 as the cost of collecting the customs during the next fiscal year. For the six months of the present fiscal year, internal revenue receipts have been \$15,780,153, an increase of \$13,457,633 over the corresponding period last year.

Information has been received by the navy department that the gravestone of John Paul Jones, the revolutionary hero, has been discovered in Paris. From injuries received from a fall from his bicycle Henry A. Hazen, aged 55, one of the chief forecasters of the weather bureau, died in Washington.

THE EAST.

Count Castellane and his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, arrived in New York from Paris.

The well-known soap manufacturer, James Pyle, died at his home in New York city, aged 77 years.

In the United States the visible supply of grain on the 22d was: Wheat, 56,536,000 bushels; corn, 14,144,000 bushels; oats, 5,058,000 bushels; rye, 1,213,000 bushels; barley, 1,920,000 bushels.

At the age of 74 years John Porter Stockton, ex-United States senator and attorney general of New Jersey from 1877 to 1892, died in New York. Old age caused the death of Alfred Watts, the inventor of crystal glass, used in dentistry, in Brooklyn, N. Y. In a collision in Vineyard sound, Mass., the Glasgow steamer Ardabrud was sunk and James Henderson, engineer, and Fred Dove, second mate, were drowned.

WEST AND SOUTH.

Robbers secured \$1,500 at the bank in Ellerslie, Ind.

A gang of counterfeiters who have operated in the south for years were captured near Nashville, Tenn.

Philip Denson (colored) was hanged in Bainbridge, Ga., for the murder of Will Lane in November, 1899.

After March 13 Rev. C. M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," will edit the Topeka (Kan.) Capital for one week on "What Jesus Desires Do?" lines.

Fort Scott, Kan., a mob lynched George and Ed Meeks, two Kansas city criminals, who were convicted of the murder of Leopold Edlinger, a young farmer.

The Oregon democrats will hold their state convention in Portland on August 12.

The two daughters of Rev. C. N. Day were drowned in Cheat river, near Parsons, W. Va.

A special session of the Texas legislature began in Austin to revise the state tax laws.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

The famous author and poet, John Ruskin, died at his home in Brantwood, England, aged 81 years.

The American troops defeated 800 Filipinos at Taal, province of Batangas, taking the town. Gen. Schwan has occupied Santa Cruz, on the south shore of Laguna de Bay, and the opposition of the rebels is now practically ended in Cavite and in part of Batangas province.

Under the supervision of Bishop J. H. Thoburn, the Methodist church will begin active missionary work in the Philippines.

France will, it is said, send 5,000 troops to Madagascar, fearing British invasion.

Gen. Buller admits his inability to get past the Boer lines holding the road to Ladysmith. He promises a night move, as though the burghers could not do such deadly work with their rifles when it is dark. There has been hard fighting for several days, in which the Boers have held their own and checked the British advance with slight loss.

In Japan floods destroyed thousands of houses, 100 vessels and killed 158 people.

American troops have occupied Santa Cruz, on Laguna de Bay, Laguna province. It was reported many insurgent Filipinos were concentrated there, but the town was found deserted.

A written agreement has been filed by all but two powers to maintain the open door in China.

LATER NEWS.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill (\$9,012,938) was favorably reported in the United States senate on the 24th and a resolution asking information as to the Sulu treaty was passed. In the house the time was occupied with speeches on the Roberts case. A bill making service in the Spanish-American war sufficient to remove the disabilities against those who aided or abetted the southern troops during the war of the rebellion was favorably reported.

Mrs. Phoebe Chestnut died in Washington, Ind., aged 101 years.

A dispatch received in London says that Gen. Warren has captured Spion Kop, the Boer stronghold near Ladysmith, after fierce fighting, and another telegram says the movement to relieve Ladysmith has failed, rendering the British line of retreat endangered.

The towns of Ward and Lafayette, in Colorado, were almost entirely swept away by fire.

The official census of Puerto Rico shows that there are 957,000 inhabitants on the island. Ponce has 56,000 and San Juan 32,500.

Samuel Peter Mayers, convicted of the murder of Michael Karney and John Lenhart, was hanged at Somerset, Pa.

Putsing, the nine-year-old son of Prince Tsune, has been appointed emperor of China.

Charles W. Walton, a former congressman and for 35 years a justice of the Maine supreme court, died at Portland.

The remains of 43 soldiers who died of yellow fever in Cuba were interred at Arlington cemetery in Washington.

In a dispute over a lumber deal John Benningfield and his son, Jerome, were killed by John Legg near Rogersville, Ala.

Charles Reed and Nolan Armstrong, cowboys, who were terrorizing the town of Culbertson, Mont., were shot dead by Sheriff Elder.

PROGRESS IS SLOW.

March of Gen. Buller on Ladysmith—Boers Contesting Every Inch of the Way.

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Chronicle has received the following, dated January 22, 4:15 p. m., from Spearman's Camp:

"The Boers admit 21 casualties during Gen. Buller's attack on Saturday. Gen. Warren continues to make very slow progress, as the Boers are numerous and strongly entrenched. Our infantry are working over parallel ridges, with Lord Dundonald's cavalry lying well out on the left flank and awaiting developments. The Boers contest every inch of the ground. This morning Gen. Warren's artillery reopened fire, but the Boers did not reply, and our fire became less hot. The naval mine in front here have been quiet. A Boer prisoner was brought in, boasting that it would take us three months to reach Ladysmith."

Pretoria, Jan. 22 (via Lourenço Marques, Jan. 24).—According to official dispatches received from the Boer leader near Colenso 30,000 British made a simultaneous attack Saturday on several positions of the 'Tugela river, with the object of forcing the relief of Ladysmith. A terrific battle ensued, and fighting continued for 60 hours. A frightful bombardment by 40 British cannon opened the engagement. Then came grand infantry attacks by the force under Generals Buller and Warren, who were three times repulsed, with great losses.

London, Jan. 24.—The following account of the fighting is from Boer sources:

Boer Head Lager, Ladysmith, Monday, Jan. 22.—A battle has been raging along the Olifants River road since Saturday between the Boers, under Pretorius, and 600 British. The fighting is in full swing at Spion Kop. The Boers under Botha and Cronje have been sent to reconnoiter the British where they are only making a reconnaissance of the Boer positions. President Steyn was under the foremost position of the Free State.

London, Jan. 25.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Tuesday, January 23, 9:30 p. m.:

"On Monday Sir Charles Warren's force cannonaded the Boer positions from the west of Spion Kop, near the Aton Homes road. A lyddite battery cooperated with the other batteries and maxims. Certainly the fire was effective, causing the enemy serious losses. The Boers, however, dug desperately to their works, from which they fired a very heavy fire. To-day the enemy fired their guns often, using also the captured 15-pounders with shrapnel. Our casualties to-day were less than those of yesterday. Fighting began about six in the morning and continued until noon, but there has been nothing like a general engagement. The big naval guns assisted from Poigeters drift in shelling the Boer positions."

London, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to the Times from Spearman's Camp, dated Tuesday, 9:30 p. m., says:

"The Boers to-day had more guns and are prepared to fight almost interminably, having entrenched their ridge, which is the highest in an almost level country, the Drakensberg many miles eastward. Firing continued throughout the day. We have had a very hard day, but they threw up intrenchments during the night, from behind which the musketry duel continued, exactly the same position as yesterday."

Berlin, Jan. 25.—German press tacticians are almost unanimously of opinion that the situation of the British forces around Ladysmith is desperate. The Berliner Tageblatt prints a Brussels special claiming that Sir Charles Warren has been signally defeated in an almost hopeless battle with the Drakensberg many miles eastward. Firing continued throughout the day. We have had a very hard day, but they threw up intrenchments during the night, from behind which the musketry duel continued, exactly the same position as yesterday."

TWO MEN LYNCED.

Murderers of a Farmer Are Hanged by a Mob at Fort Scott, Kan.

Fort Scott, Kan., Jan. 22.—George Silbee and Ed Meeks, half-brothers, who were convicted of murder here early in the week, were lynched by a mob in the county jail yard here Saturday night. The two men, who hailed from Kansas City, had been convicted of murder in the first degree, their victim being a young German farmer named Leopold Edlinger, whose murder occurred near this city in October last. The murderers disposed of Edlinger's pair of mules, one horse and a wagon in Bates county. Amos Phillips, an accomplice of the two brothers' crime, was convicted Friday of murder in the first degree. The evidence showed that the three men belonged to a gang of thieves who had been recently disposing of their plunder in Cedar county, Mo.

Fixes a Heavy Penalty.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 24.—Senator McIntire, of Ottumwa, introduced in the upper house of the legislature a bill fixing penalties for the crime of holding up or robbing trains. It provides that any person who takes part in holding up or robbing a train, or who robs the passengers by express or mail cars, shall be on conviction sentenced to either the death penalty or to imprisonment for life.

Call for Prohibition Convention.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—The national convention of the prohibition party to nominate candidates for president and vice president of the United States, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it, has been called to meet in the Coliseum, in this city, at ten o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, June 27, 1900.

Not Mrs. Luetgert.

Akron, O., Jan. 25.—The woman in Akron who was believed to be Mrs. Adolph Luetgert, the missing wife of the late Chicago butcher, was identified as Mrs. Matilda Cook, formerly of Lima, O. Mrs. Cook recently returned from Germany. She has been taken for Mrs. Luetgert several times, she said.

Fell Nearly 2,000 Feet.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 23.—Two miners named Kratt and Sweet dropped nearly 2,000 feet in D shaft of the Atlantic mine Sunday afternoon. The accident came through another accident at the engine house, disabling the hoist. Both men were horribly mangled, and both leave large families.

To Reorganize Weather Bureau.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The house committee on agriculture agreed on a favorable report on a bill reorganizing the weather bureau force and providing a system of retirements.

Secretary Long Honored.

Boston, Jan. 25.—At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence society held Wednesday Secretary of the Navy John D. Long was elected president.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

Shifting Down on Liquor.

Important orders were issued to the Great Northern express agents throughout the state. They were all instructed to disregard all previous orders and in the future refuse to accept all C. O. D. shipments of liquor. The practice heretofore in use resulted in making most of the express offices and depots throughout the state saloons to a greater or less extent. The circular issued instructed agents to dispose of the stock in hand before the 25th of D. shipments of liquor. The practice heretofore in use resulted in making most of the express offices and depots throughout the state saloons to a greater or less extent. The circular issued instructed agents to dispose of the stock in hand before the 25th of D. shipments of liquor. The practice heretofore in use resulted in making most of the express offices and depots throughout the state saloons to a greater or less extent. The circular issued instructed agents to dispose of the stock in hand before the 25th of D. shipments of liquor. 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