

A WEEK'S HISTORY The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

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A \$200 motorcycle run by gasoline will soon be on the market. The motorcycle will soon be in the wheelbarrow class.

The Vanderbilt university, at Nashville, now boasts of two grandsons of Li Hung Chang as students. They are Li and Yi Sung, young men of some 21 years of age, who expect to spend four or five years studying in this country.

Now comes the news that Brussels is to have a world's fair in 1905. The fair will be in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Belgian independence. This coming century seems destined to be noted for world's fairs.

A walking stick which Speaker Henderson usually carries with him was made from a tree which grew on the battlefield of Corinth, where he was wounded during the civil war. It was given to him by Congressman John B. Allen, who fought in the same battle on the confederate side.

A young Chicago man advertised in a matrimonial paper for a wife, and his sister happened to advertise in the same paper for a husband, both using assumed names. They came the time for the exchange of photographs, and the discovery that the family was burdened with two foolish children.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says the climate and soil of Hawaii are ideal for the raising of rubber trees, and he proposes to make the experiment on a large scale. At the United States university every year nearly \$30,000,000 worth of rubber, the raising of it in one of our possessions would be a great saving.

They have genuine "old-fashioned snowstorms" up in Alaska. The superintendent of the White Pass & Yukon railroad measured the snowfall during December at various points on the line, and the record was found to be as follows: Glacier, 90 inches; White Pass, 55 inches; Fraser, 42 inches, and Log Cabin, 74 inches.

The national conventions of the various political parties will meet in this order: The two factions of the populists will meet May 9, the "middle of the roaders" in Cincinnati, and the fusionists in Sioux Falls; the republicans meet in Philadelphia June 19; the prohibitionists in Chicago July 2, and the democrats in Kansas City July 4.

Chief Washakie, of the Shoshones, is dead. This good old Indian, of an age of 93 and never raised a hand against the white man. For this very reason his name will soon be forgotten and will not even be mentioned in histories of a generation hence, while the names of fighters like Philip, Pontiac and Sitting Bull will hold their place and fame forever.

The possibilities of manufacturing verbs of nouns is shown in the following strictly legitimate sentence: "He was coppered and heavily ironed while hiding beside a wooden knoll eating a lunch of tin goods." The newspaper account of the capture was headed, and the correspondent padded the account by saying the officer who collared the prisoner clubbed him heavily.

Pennsylvania has been represented in congress by three representatives successively who have been entitled to rank because of continuous length of service as "fathers of the house." The first of these was Representative Kelley, of "pig-iron" celebrity, the second Representative O'Neill, and the third Representative Harmer, who has just died in Philadelphia after serving his district in congress without interruption since 1871.

It is, perhaps, one of the favorable signs of the times that women still indulge in that airy form of industry which is called fancy work. They do not carry this labor to the point that the women of long ago brought it. They have passed the "crawfish" stage and the quilting era, and, happily, they have emerged from the pathological condition that found expression in crazy quilts. But even some large-brained women still have their bits of embroidery with which to while away "odd moments," and are the little linen scrap called a dolly.

Miss Karlene Theresa Ashbridge, daughter of the mayor of Philadelphia, was married recently and all her papa's henchmen were bidden to attend. Five thousand of them came, each, as in duty bound, bearing a wedding gift. As a result, the fair young woman, now Mrs. Armstrong, has a few less than 30 dozen silver spoons, 13 diamond brooches, 202 pepper and salt boxes, and enough additional jewelry and silverware to stock a department store. She also has 98 clocks, 97 mirrors, two pianos and 11 writing desks which her father's constituents contributed.

Joseph Walton, a member of the British parliament, who has recently returned from a trip to China, says that he traveled 1,600 miles up the Yangtze river, and he found that in one of the most densely populated provinces of the whole country the people had never heard of the war with Japan, and refused to believe that their empire had ever been defeated in any war. Bright people, those Chinamen! The first thing they know they will wake up some morning and find their empire in the possession of the Russian bear, and they will be Russia's slaves.

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 on the 10th passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, after defeating an amendment to give former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii \$20,000 and an annuity of \$10,000. In the house it was agreed to take up the bill providing for the government of Hawaii on April 3, the final vote to be taken on April 5 at four p. m. During almost the entire session of the United States senate on the 12th Senator Rawlins (Utah) occupied the floor in a speech in opposition to holding the Philippines. Eighty-six private pension bills were passed. In the house an urgent deficiency bill (1,439,580) was passed and the seat occupied by W. A. Young (dem.) from the Second Virginia district was given to R. A. Wise (rep.). The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was reported to the United States senate on the 13th and the Porto Rico tariff bill was discussed. In the house the conference report on the financial bill was adopted by a vote of 166 to 120 and it now goes to the president for his signature.

FROM WASHINGTON. On the 9th the cash balance in the treasury was \$200,000,000, exclusive of the \$100,000,000 gold reserve. No attempt has been made by the United States to mediate in behalf of the Boers. It only asks the terms of peace. A counterfeit five-dollar silver certificate, series 1896, check letter B, plate number 30, has been discovered.

THE EAST. At Trenton, N. J., Edward Williams (colored) was hanged for the murder of Minnie Ezley (white). The death of Edward J. Phelps, head of the law department of Yale university and minister to England under President Cleveland, died in New Haven, Conn., aged 78 years. In New York 184 negroes were baptized at Mount Olivet Baptist church. In Boston the grip has assumed an epidemic form.

THE SOUTH. The Rhode Island republicans have nominated William Gregory, of North Kingston, for governor. The late Dr. L. E. Keeley, of Dwight, Ill., left to his widow all but \$100,000 of an estate valued at more than \$1,000,000. The men on a United States tug forced wreckers to give up \$12,000 in gold taken from the sunken Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Furor. Near Fire Creek, W. Va., 12 more bodies were taken from the Red Ash mine, making a total of 47 dead recovered.

Without the country farmers have 158,700,000 bushels of wheat on hand and 773,700,000 bushels of corn. In Cleveland, O., a counterfeit of the new one-dollar silver certificate was discovered. Fine gold strikes are said to have been made 100 miles from Cape Nome. Owing to an overflow of the Fox river the city of Ottawa, Ill., was under water.

The destroyed the Montgomery county courthouse at Clarksville, Tenn., but most of the records were saved. Loss, \$125,000. At Hitchcock, S. D., a safe supposed to contain \$11,000 belonging to depositors in the bank which was burned was opened and found empty. In hopes of regaining his health Gov. Tanner, of Illinois, left Springfield for Florida.

Rev. C. M. Sheldon's first issue of the Topoka Capital begins with a prayer. Near Havana, Ill., high water drove 300 families from their homes and destroyed their property. After 33 years' services, W. B. Doddridge has retired as general manager of the Missouri Pacific. Republicans of the Sixth Missouri district have nominated S. W. Jurden, of Holden, for congress.

Almost the entire business portion of Mackinaw City, Mich., was destroyed by fire. The Iowa republicans will meet in Des Moines May 10 to elect delegates to the national convention. On May 5 the Western Baseball league will open the season. In his second issue of the Topoka Capital Rev. C. M. Sheldon attacks the magazine advertisements in the magazine.

Fire wiped out 23 business buildings at High Springs, Fla. Utica, Ottawa, Spring Valley and other cities in the Illinois river valley report heavy losses by flood. In Chicago Ciraldi Frank, an Italian banker, disappeared with over \$30,000 belonging to his countrymen. In the Eighth Indiana district George W. Cromer has been renominated for congress by the republicans. The warring political leaders in Kentucky agreed on a truce, pending settlement by the courts of the governorship contest. The legislature adjourned sine die. The farmers' national congress will be held in Colorado Springs, Col., August 21-24. The Tennessee republicans will meet in Nashville August 19 to name delegates to the national convention and a candidate for governor.

ENTER BLOEMFONTEIN. Lord Roberts and British Army Occupied Free State Capital - Abandoned by President Steyn. London, March 15.—The first half of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at Modder river on February 9. He entered Bloemfontein on March 13. Thus, in little over a month, he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of Gen. Cronje's forces and the hoisting of the British flag in the capital of the Free State. All this has been accomplished with comparatively trifling losses. It is small wonder that he is the hero of the hour in England. All the newspapers eulogize him and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence and as being now one of the shadows of history.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE. France is hurrying troops and arms to Madagascar, fearing British attack. The Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty has been rejected by Great Britain, and that convention is practically dead. According to the latest reports Lord Roberts was only 15 miles away from Bloemfontein, the Orange Free State capital. It is reported that Salisbury has rejected peace overtures. The British casualties up to date amount to 15,677.

THE PEACE OVERTURES FROM PRESIDENTS Kruger and Steyn have been rejected by Lord Salisbury and the war will continue until the republics are crushed. The British forces under Lord Roberts have control of the railways from Bloemfontein and expect soon to occupy the capital. Hadedze, the sultan's daughter, eloped with Niedjar, a Turkish poet. Gen. Otis has appointed Brig. Gen. William A. Kobbé, United States volunteer, military governor of the province of Albany, Luzon, and of the island of Catanduanes.

THE LAST OF THE INSURGENT LEADERS to hold out, Col. Viscarra, has been killed, and the whole of Peru is now tranquil. In the Balkans, Turkey, outrages against the Christians have been renewed. Paris papers predict blowing up of mines and other disasters when British troops carry the war into the Transvaal.

LATER NEWS. Lord Roberts occupied Bloemfontein on the 13th and placed the British flag over the capital. The Free State was within 40 miles of Mafeking. The president has signed the financial bill, thus making it a law of the land. While wild with rage, Olaf Polleson, a painter in New York, stabbed and killed his wife, murdered little Julia Hengsbach and murderously assaulted Mrs. Hengsbach. When arrested he narrowly escaped being lynched by a mob.

THE ILLINOIS MANUFACTURERS' association has decided to start an agitation looking to the repeal of the war revenue act. Judge Taft, president of the new Philippine commission, has notified his fellow commissioners that the commission will convene in Washington March 27. The state department has been advised formally of the willingness of the French government to extend the ratification of the pending French reciprocity treaty.

The New South Wales government has proclaimed St. Patrick's Day a public holiday as tribute to the bravery of the Irish soldiers in South Africa. Fire at Mansfield, Ohio, destroyed the big Rothchild tobacco warehouse and damaged other adjacent buildings. A Chicago firm owned the ware. Loss estimated at \$150,000. A boy was born to Mr. Patrick Lavery of Bridgeport, Conn., which at birth weighed 24 1/2 pounds.

Organizing of the threshing manufacturers into a trust, with a capital of \$75,000,000, has been abandoned. The seven men were caught under a falling wall at a farm at Indianapolis, and one of them, Frank Mankin, was badly crushed and burned. Emperor William of Germany has presented Commander J. M. Miller, of the U. S. navy, a gold watch and chain for services rendered during the Samoan trouble.

Advices from Samoa, dated Feb. 14, report that the German flag was hoisted at Apia, on the conclusion of the treaty. Dr. Solf is governor. Herr Knipping, formerly vice consul at Sydney, will act as chief judge and vice governor. Fire destroyed the scythe manufacturing department of the American Ax Trust Co., near Ballston, Spa., Saratoga, N. Y. Loss \$80,000.

The Standard Oil company the 15th distributed \$20,000,000 in dividends. The stock of the company the same day was quoted at 53 1/2 bid. John A. Janinsky walked off the cars at LaCrosse, Wis., and was ground to pieces under the wheels. The Chicago and Denver flyer on the Burlington road was wrecked near Ottumwa, Io. No one injured.

Representative Ray of New York introduced in congress an amendment to the constitution providing that congress shall have power to regulate and repress monopolies and combinations; to create and dissolve corporations and dispose of their property; to make all laws necessary and proper for the execution of the foregoing powers. Such powers may be exercised by the several states in any manner not in conflict with the laws of the United States. The object of which is to regulate trusts.

There was a mass meeting of Boer sympathizers at Cooper Union, New York. Montagu White, the Boer representative, John E. Mulholland and the Orange Free State, made speeches. Flores, Aguinaldo's secretary of war, has surrendered to General MacArthur. Aguinaldo's infant son, who was captured in November and who has been suffering from smallpox, is dead. A private cablegram from an unimpeachable source in Paris says that the minister for the colonies sent cipher cables to the governor of every French colony asking how many soldiers were available for immediate service.

A dispatch from Pretoria says: "Lord Salisbury's reply has caused much disappointment here. The republics have resolved to fight to the bitter end rather than relinquish their independence. The Free State records have been removed to Kroonstad, whither the capital has been transferred."

MARKETS. Minneapolis, Minn., March 16. Wheat—No. 1 northern, 65¢/66¢; No. 2 northern, 64¢/65¢; May, 64¢. Oats—No. 3 white, 31¢. Corn—No. 3, 30¢. Cattle—Steers, \$13.45/42.50; cows, \$9.75/33.25. Sheep—Muttons, \$4.50; lambs, \$5.00. Hogs—\$4.25/4.75. Butter—Creamery, extra, 22¢/23¢; creamery, firsts, 20¢/21¢; dairy, fancy, 19¢/20¢. Poultry—Turkeys, 8¢/10¢; spring chickens, 12¢.

FIRST PAPER ISSUED. Experiment of Rev. Mr. Sheldon to Publish a Christian Daily for a Week. Topeka, Kan., March 13.—The "main purpose of the paper will be to influence its readers to seek first the Kingdom of God."

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, who on Monday assumed editorial and business control of the Daily Capital, which he will retain one week, makes this announcement this morning in his editorial leader outlining his policy. The first item on the first page is a prayer written by Bishop John A. Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal church. It is as follows: "A morning prayer and resolution: 'I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, serene life; repelling every thought of discontent, self-seeking and anxiety; cultivating magnanimity, self-control and the habit of silence; practicing economy, cheerfulness and helpfulness.'"

"And as I cannot in my own strength do this, or even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to Thee, O Lord, my Father in Jesus Christ, my Saviour, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit."

A notable feature of the paper is the method of handling advertisements. They are banished from the news and editorial pages and are bunched in places reserved for them. The censorship here is even more rigorous than in the news columns, and a large quantity of this class of matter has already been cut out, including all relating to patent medicines. The familiar corset advertisements of the magazines, accompanied by cuts, have sought in vain for space. No retail advertisements from Kansas City or other out-of-town tradesmen will be accepted. Mr. Sheldon holding that this would be an injustice to home merchants. The \$20 style of clothes for \$14.75 style of advertising is also barred.

The Capital appears with a radical change in style and make-up. Practically the only feature that is familiar to its regular readers is the title headline. The first page, for instance, ordinarily devoted exclusively to telegraph news, has not a line of the current news of the day. Instead the page is given up to discussions on what Mr. Sheldon considers the most important questions now before the world.

SESSION ENDS. Kentucky Legislature Adjourns Sine Die—An Understanding Reached. Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—The legislature of Kentucky adjourned sine die Tuesday. A conference between Adj. Gen. Collier and Castleman resulted in a perfect understanding being reached. Gov. Taylor will continue to act as governor. Gov. Beckham will make no move toward securing possession of the state buildings until after the court of appeals has decided the disputed governorship. The legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the use of Gov. Beckham in reorganizing the state militia. This in brief is the situation in Kentucky politics.

Gov. Beckham Tuesday night approved the Triplet \$100,000 appropriation resolution providing for arming and equipping the state guard. Louisville, Ky., March 12.—A decision sustaining the contention of the democrats that the legislature is the tribunal designated by the constitution for the determination of contests for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor was handed down in the circuit court Saturday morning by Judge Fields. The republicans will appeal the case to the state court of appeals and if the decision there is against them they will try to get a hearing before the United States supreme court.

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DECLINES OUR OFFER. Services as Mediator in the South African War Rejected by Lord Salisbury. London, March 14.—The United States government, at the request of President Kruger and President Steyn, has offered to the British government its services as mediator, with the view of bringing about peace in South Africa. The representations made to Great Britain were so put that they assumed nothing of a desire to intervene, but simply transmitted the communications made to United States. Consul Adelsart, S. Hay at Pretoria, with the accompanying assurances that anything the state department could do in the interests of peace would be gladly undertaken. The well-known aversion of the British government to any foreign intervention does not appear to have been aroused, and, while Lord Salisbury will doubtless say he is unable to comply with the offer, he will also probably express his appreciation of the United States efforts in behalf of humanity.

The United States' charge d'affaires, Henry White, saw Lord Salisbury at the foreign office Tuesday evening and received a formal reply from the British government declining the good offices of the United States in regard to the intervention. The interview between Mr. White and Lord Salisbury was very brief, the premier confining himself to a courteous verbal declination, without entering into details. London, March 14.—In the house of lords Tuesday the premier, Lord Salisbury, read the British government's reply to Presidents Kruger and Steyn. The concluding sentence is as follows: "Her majesty's government can only answer your honors' telegram by saying it is not prepared to assent to the independence of either the South African republic or the Orange Free State."

BIG GAIN FOR FARMERS. American Agriculturist Says They Received \$1,000,000,000 More in 1899 Than in 1894. New York, March 15.—The Agriculturist for March, which contains an elaborate review of the agricultural situation from a financial and industrial standpoint, makes some interesting statements, of which the following is a synopsis: The improvement in agricultural conditions now, contrasting with the depth of depression in 1894-'96 is as little appreciated by the outside public as the farmers' condition during the hard times. It is conservative to say that the produce of the United States farms for the last year was worth to the farmer over \$1,000,000,000 more than in either of the depressed years noted. This is an average advance of 31 per cent. in value compared with the hard times. The live stock of the country is said to be worth \$700,000,000 more than during the hard times, or a gain of 38 per cent. Steep crops are worth \$400,000,000 more than they were in 1894-'96. The produce of live stock, such as meat, dairy products, calves, mutton, sheep and lambs, hides and pelts, colts, sales, etc., are said to show a gain of \$27,000,000 or 40 per cent. above the low point.

The American Agriculturist estimates that the farms in the United States have increased by some 400,000 during the last ten years, against a gain of nearly 600,000 in the previous decade, and of 1,500,000 from 1870 to 1890, and affirms that a larger proportion of these farms (68 per cent.) are occupied by their owners now than then, while the number of farms mortgaged has increased that are occupied by their owners is no greater than in 1890. As near as this amount can be got, the amount of mortgages on farms occupied by their owners is now about \$300,000,000 less than at the beginning of the decade.

A SAD TRAGEDY. While Temporarily Insane an Aged Lady Kills Her Husband in Joliet, Ill. Joliet, Ill., March 12.—Mrs. John Gallagher, 50 years old, while in a fit of temporary insanity Saturday night, arose from bed, procured a razor and returned to the bedroom, where she cut her husband's throat from ear to ear. He died before the police arrived on the scene. The demented woman is now confined in jail. Two small children were sleeping in an adjoining room, but were not molested. After committing the shocking murder, Mrs. Gallagher went to a neighbor's house in her night clothes saturated with blood and told them of her deed.

Death in a Tenement Fire. New York, March 13.—Fourteen persons lost their lives, two persons were seriously injured and many others slightly burned in a fire in Newark, N. J., Monday morning. The firemen, after the flames had been subdued, took 15 bodies from the ruins, and while they were thus engaged another victim of the fire died in the city hospital. One family was wiped out completely, and of another only the father lives and he is in the city hospital, where, it is believed, he will die.

New York, March 14.—Two more bodies were recovered Tuesday from the ruins of the Italian tenement, which was burned in Newark, N. J., The F. Lottor Wessels, a 16-year-old boy, and other supposed victims have not yet been accounted for.

In Now a Law. Washington, March 15.—At 14 minutes to one o'clock Wednesday afternoon the president affixed his signature to the financial bill, thus making it the law of the land. The last legislative step in the enactment of the bill was taken by the house Tuesday when the conference report on the bill was adopted by a vote of yeas, 166; nays, 120; present and not voting, 10. The senate had already adopted the conference report.

Commits Suicide. Kansas City, Mo., March 15.—J. Sherman Peffer, son of W. A. Peffer, ex-United States senator from Kansas, was found dead in a rooming house on East Eighth street at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon. On the bureau was found a box that had contained morphine and a note reading: "Father, I don't like to do what I am doing, but I am tired."

Killed Her Brother-in-Law. Sioux City, Ia., March 12.—Christ Bauer was murdered by Ernest Meyers, his brother-in-law, 30 miles east of here Saturday night. Both men are farmers. Bauer met his death in defending his mother, with whom Meyers had picked a quarrel. Meyers had been drinking.

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SMALLPOX DISTRIBUTORS. How the Germs are Nurtured and the Disease is Spread. It would seem that people will never learn to be careful. The recent alarming spread of that dire epidemic, smallpox, throughout different sections of the country has been traced by physicians and sanitarians in many instances directly to the moldy and rotting layers of paper and paste which cover the walls of many houses. The practice of laying layer after layer of paper on a wall, using common flour paste, is especially calculated to create homes for disease germs. People could not do more to effect such a result if they tried. The rotting vegetable matter affords caves from which are ready to dart forth the infection at every opportunity. There is no excuse for this practice, as walls and ceilings can be coated with a pure, cleanly and sanitary material like Alabastine, for instance, at no greater expense. Alabastine is a rock-base cement, which incorporates itself with the wall or ceiling. It is easily applied, comes ready to mix with cold water, requires no washing or scraping before renewing or retinting, is beautiful, long-lasting and safe.

For walls that have been infected, nothing is equal to Alabastine as a disinfectant to render them pure and clean and the rooms once more habitable.

He Died in His Dream. "May you take this lesson home with you tonight, dear friends," concluded the preacher at the end of a very long and earnest sermon. "And may its spiritual truths sink into your hearts and lives to the good of you and yours, and may you make a third appeal and raise your voice to a pitch that succeeded in waking the drowsy man." "There was response." "Deacon White, at this time in a loud voice, "Deacon White, will you lead?" "Still no response. It was evident that the good deacon was slumbering. No preacher made a third appeal and raised his voice to a pitch that succeeded in waking the drowsy man." "Deacon White, will you please lead?" "The deacon rubbed his eyes and opened them wonderingly." "It is my loss. No—I just dead."—Detroit Free Press.

"I won't say that I'm proof against temptation," said the pious citizen; "but I'm blest if I wouldn't rather be right than be governor of Kentucky!"—Puck.

Some men need time locks on their imaginations.—Chicago Dispatch.

A hit-or-miss policy usually has few striking features.—Chicago Dispatch.

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