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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

When the Corn Comes In. The corn crop promises to be so big this year that the packers will have to invent some new explanation of the high price of beef next winter.

Results Will Be the Same. "The boys in olive green" will never sound as poetic as "the boys in blue." But the men in the uniforms may be depended upon for the usual results.

Must Not Pound Martha's Picture. When the government begins to use Martha Washington's picture on a postage stamp, it will not be polite to pound the stamp to stick it on the envelope.

Pole Had a Narrow Escape. Baldwin not only brought back a picture of Nansen's hut, but he brought back a picture of Baldwin in arctic costume. Evidently the pole had a narrow escape.

Actress Becomes Ranchwoman. Rose Coghlan, the actress, is going to take up a ranch for cattle raising purposes in Montana, and has made application in the courts there to be admitted to citizenship.

Great Are the Experts. According to the experts the United States now owns the only armor that cannot be pierced by a shell, and the only shell that can pierce any armor. How can we win both ways?

And the Government Lives. Secretaries Hoy and Knox have gone abroad, Hoot and Hitchcock to summer homes, Payne and Wilson "out west," and the president picnic at Oyster Bay. Yet the government still lives.

Rather Staggering. The Boer war sent down British consols from 113 to 91, but they have risen to 96 since peace was assured. Nevertheless, the experience was rather staggering to the British financial world.

Now They Need Morgan. Perhaps if the Boers will send for Pierpont Morgan he will organize their \$15,000,000 of hard cash into something listed at \$998,000,000. Mr. Morgan has a great gift for developing occult figures.

Smallest Wages in the World. Less than one-sixth of a penny per hour represent the earnings of the cottage weavers of Bochum, Prussia, who are reduced almost to starvation by the depression in the continental linen industry.

Pleasing Change for Kitchener. Gen. Kitchener met Roth, Dewar and Delaney on their arrival at Southampton and escorted them to the king. It was a pleasing sensation to the general to find them where he was looking for them.

England Needs It. The widow of John W. Mackay is in England and the chancellor of the British exchequer wants to collect an inheritance tax on the \$100,000,000, although both heirs and the dead man were Americans. In justice to the chancellor of the exchequer it must be said that England needs the money.

Novelty in Divorce Case. An Omaha woman has sued her husband for divorce because he declines to wear evening clothes for dinner. The husband works in a packing house, and declares that the stockyard's perfume he carries around in his working clothes is strengthening, and should be appetizing. This recalls the Indiana gentleman who declared that the man who could not appreciate the smell of a hog was a "leetle too nice to live."

Secret of Long Living. The venerable Senator Pettus, of Alabama, says: "The secret of living long is to work. I am 81, and happy and healthy as a boy. I notice that all my neighbors who get rich and retired are dead. I never got rich, and I never retired." And he never died. Long may he be spared. A man who is 81 years "young" and still happy and healthy is a mighty good example to hold up before this age of hustle, and get rich, and retire.

Edison Sees Things. Inventor Edison estimates that with his new storage battery the cost of an automobile can be reduced to about \$150. "The man that cannot quite afford to keep a horse and carriage is the man that I am trying to provide for," he says. "The automobile will be the thing for him. Its first cost will not be any greater, it will not require the care, and the cost of maintenance will come far below the cost of keeping a horse." May his prophetic vision be realized!

Science Getting in Its Work. A Maderia correspondent has shipped to Prof. Woodworth, of the University of California, a lightning bug that is 3 1/2 inches long, and exceeds all other insects in phosphorescence. If fireflies of this sort can be grown in Maderia, what cannot be done with them by special scientific treatment in the glorious climate of California? That a bug will be developed which will enable California to dispense with lamps and lanterns, if not with the electric light itself, seems a near possibility.

Old Maximo Is On Deck. That grand old patriot, Maximo Gomez, is chairman of a commission to fix the amount due the late Cuban army of liberation. The record of Maximo warrants the assurance that the liberators will be liberally dealt with, especially as Maximo modestly admits that he was nine-tenths of the army himself, the rest being made up of generals, colonels and majors, with a sprinkling of captains. There was one private, but he died of indigestion following the arrival of Gen. Shafter's commissary stores.

ATTACKED AT NIGHT

American Sentinels Meet Death at Hands of Ladroneas.

Native Were Armed with Swords and Spears and Escaped After Mutilating Their Victims—Anniversary of the Surrender of Manila.

Manila, Aug. 14.—A small party of Moros surprised an outpost of the Twenty-seventh infantry at Camp Vicars Tuesday. Sergeant Foley and Private Carey were killed and Private Van Dorn was severely wounded. The Moros, who numbered only a dozen, were armed with spears and swords. The morning was dark and foggy. The attacking party crawled within a few feet of the sentinels and then sprang upon them suddenly. The entire outpost rushed to the relief of the sentinels but they were too late and the Moros escaped, although possibly a few of them were wounded. The American sentinels were terribly cut by the swords and spears. The attacking Moros were all from Bacool, and the occurrence will probably result in a move against the town, which has a strong fort and other defenses.

The Attack Was at Midnight. Washington, Aug. 14.—The war department is advised by cable from Gen. Chaffee that on August 12, at midnight, 10 or 12 Moros attacked an outpost of company G, Twenty-seventh infantry, at Camp Vicars, killing Henry C. Carey and James Foley and wounding two other enlisted men.

Manila Surrendered Four Years Ago. Manila, Aug. 14.—The fourth anniversary of the capture of the city of Manila, which was surrendered to the American forces on August 13, 1898, was observed as a general holiday.

Ladroneas Killed an Inspector. Manila, Aug. 14.—Constabulary Inspector William Schermerhorn, whose home is in Seattle, Wash., was mortally wounded in a recent fight with ladroneas at Iigan, Mindanao.

WAS WRONGLY IMPRISONED.

Nebraska Girl Who Charged Melvin Hubbard with Her Ruth Marks Tracy Confession and Seeks His Release.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—Proceedings have been begun in court for the release of Melvin G. Hubbard from the state penitentiary. Hubbard was convicted in Knox county on the charge of assaulting Miss Jennie Porter. A few weeks ago Miss Porter was married to L. E. Craig. On the night of the wedding the bride notified Hubbard's parents that it was her husband who was responsible for her condition and not their son. She is joining in the effort to have him released. The man has served five months in the penitentiary.

IS MINNIE MITCHELL ALIVE?

Mystery Surrounding the Bartholin Murder Cases in Chicago Baffles the Police.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Mystery surrounding the Bartholin murder cases baffles the Chicago police. The feeling grows stronger that the body of the young woman found last Thursday in the field at Seventy-Fourth and State streets and buried as Minnie Mitchell, was not that of the young woman. Coroner Trager was asked to exhume the body, but inasmuch as the family of the girl did not join in the request, he declined to disinter it.

Andrews' Estimate of Bachelors.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Bachelors are moral degenerates. They are lacking in mental and physical poise. The life of no individual is complete unless he or she have a life companion of the opposite sex." Here is the condemnation pronounced upon the unmarried individual by Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, in a lecture before the students and friends of the University of Chicago.

Illinois Quota Raised First.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Illinois has the distinction of being the first state in the union to complete the raising of its appropriation for the national McKinley monument. Fifty thousand dollars was the amount asked for, and a check for that amount has been sent to Secretary F. S. Hartwell, at Canton.

Pythians on Parade Wednesday.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—The chief event of Wednesday's convention of Knights of Pythias was the parade at three o'clock, which traversed the principal streets. Pythians from every state in the union were in the parade.

Bought 65,000 Acres of Timber Land.

Quincy, Cal., Aug. 14.—T. B. Walker, the millionaire lumberman of Minneapolis, has just closed a deal by which he secures a tract of timber land in Plumas county aggregating 65,000 acres. It is understood that the price paid was \$18 an acre.

Fire and Spruce Timber Land Purchased.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 14.—A Houghton, Mich., special to the Dispatch says: "The Sparrow Kroll Lumber company, of Kenton, Mich., has purchased 11,000 acres of fir and spruce timber land on the coast in Oregon. The deal involves over \$900,000."

A Cloudburst in Iowa.

Davenport, Ia., Aug. 14.—A cloudburst north of here yesterday flooded the streams, cut Davenport off from the country and raised the Mississippi a foot. Three inches of rain fell here in a few minutes.

Beveridge's Brother Inmate.

Mattson, Ill., Aug. 14.—John L. Beveridge, a half brother of Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, and an employe on the Big Four coal dumps in this city, is incarcerated in the city calaboose waiting to be tried for insanity.

Man and Woman Burned.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—One man and a woman were probably fatally burned and one man slightly injured early yesterday by a fire which broke out in an upper flat of the apartment building, 1 Park avenue.

GEN. FUNSTON IS THERE.

Recent Operation Did Not Prevent Him Attending Session of the Army of the Philippines at Council Bluffs.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Aug. 14.—Veterans of the Philippine war are pouring into the city to take part in the reunion of the National Society of the Army of the Philippines. Among the early arrivals were Gen. Irving Hale, president of the society, and Gen. Funston, MacArthur, Wheaton and King, who were escorted to local quarters by committees of the local society.

At the morning session the society listened to the annual address of Gen. Hale. He said that August 15 was chosen as the date for the convention because of its historic significance, it being the anniversary of the capitulation of Manila, "which was the last event of the Spanish war, and gave to the United States possession of the Philippine archipelago, with all its problems, conflicts, responsibilities and possibilities. At present and perhaps for some time to come, there are two special reasons for maintaining this organization—first, loyal, non-partisan support of the United States government in its earnest and conscientious efforts to carry out the responsibilities which our campaigns in the Philippines brought forth, and second, defense of the United States army, which has been made a chopping block for hostile politicians in their attacks on the administration. Let us stand together for the honor of our commander-in-chief, the president, and the army, the navy and the flag."

FARMERS' EXCHANGE.

The Company Has Incorporated with a Capital of Fifty Million Dollars—Its Purposes Set Forth.

Pierre, S. D., Aug. 14.—The Farmers' National Co-Operative Exchange company has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital of \$50,000,000. The purposes of the corporation are to buy, sell and deal in grain, provisions, live stock and all kinds of produce on commission and otherwise, and to build and equip grain elevators, warehouses, cold storage plants, stock yards and what ever may be necessary to carry on the business of the corporation. One-fourth of the capital stock will be used for building the elevators, yards and branch offices, and another fourth will be made a cash fund for the purpose of dealing in cash grain and provisions on the board of trade.

LONG-DELAYED CONFESSION.

Rev. Charles Hill, of Terre Haute, Says He Fired the Shot That Killed a Woman 15 Years Ago.

Terre Haute, Ind., Aug. 13.—Rev. Charles Hill, a Congregational minister, has confessed that he fired the shot that killed the Widow Smith at the mining town of Benwood 15 years ago. She was stepping out of the door of a neighbor's house when the bullet struck her and she fell dead. Three boys shooting at a mark some distance away were arrested, but the bullet that caused the death was too large for their guns. The widow's son was under suspicion, as it was said he obtained considerable property by the death of his mother. Rev. Mr. Hill says he was shooting at a mark with a young man named William Trager and that he fired the fatal shot.

WRONG MEN HANGED.

Confession of a West Virginia Suspect Makes Victim of a Mob Innocent of a Supposed Murder.

Cumberland, Md., Aug. 14.—Henry Lancaster, the negro in jail at Parsons, W. Va., in connection with the murder of Chief of Police Wilmoth at Wheeling, W. Va., now says that Clements and Carroll, the two negroes lynched, were the wrong men, and that the murderer was James Black. The men lynched were in a house at the time, away from the scene of the crime. Lancaster was being placed under arrest by Wilmoth when the latter was shot from ambush.

Omaha Street Railway Sold.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 14.—According to an afternoon paper the Omaha Street Railway company stock, aggregating \$6,000,000, has been sold in a lump to a New York syndicate, headed by the firm of J. & W. Seligman & Co. The price is 92 cents on the dollar of the total capitalization of the company.

A Saloonman Shot on a Train.

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 14.—James Fevery, a saloonman of Gleno, Ok., was shot and instantly killed by James S. McMurry on the passenger train near Gleno yesterday evening. McMurry is prominent in Oklahoma politics and organized the first free homes league in the territory.

Chinaman for Coroner.

Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 14.—Dr. Ah Sam, the Chinese doctor, has announced his candidacy for coroner upon the democratic ticket and he is almost sure to be nominated. This will probably be the first instance on record of a Chinaman running for office in this country.

Killed Father in Saw-Machine's Life.

Ottawa, Ia., Aug. 14.—J. L. Sims, a wealthy farmer, was shot and killed by his son, John, when endeavoring to murder his wife. The dead man was intoxicated and made a vicious attack upon his wife for a fancied wrong.

Judge Dobson Dead Through a Fall.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 13.—Judge Charles Lee Dobson died last night at St. Joseph's hospital, having recovered consciousness from the effects of a concussion of the brain received by a fall in the bath room of the Lorraine apartment house, at which he made his home, Monday afternoon.

A Kansas Man Selected.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 13.—President Ernest R. Nichols, of the Kansas state agricultural college, has been selected for the position of president of the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanics Arts at Kingstown.

Lightning Cooked Cow's Brains.

Lane, Kan., Aug. 13.—During a severe electrical storm a cow in J. L. Jones' pasture lay with her head under the wire fence. Lightning struck the wire and the cow was killed. A postmortem showed that the cow's brains had been cooked by electricity.

To Erect Confederate Monument.

Warrensburg, Mo., Aug. 13.—The local United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter is at work raising \$5,000 with which to erect a Confederate monument here.

More Railroad Tracked for Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 13.—A charter was granted yesterday to the Oklahoma & Texas Railroad company to build 100 miles of road between the Red river, on the southern border of Comanche county, Ok., to Cement Calido county.

Epidemic of Typhoid Fever.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—In ten hospitals the actual number of typhoid fever cases has reached a total of 493. From these it is estimated that the total number of typhoid cases in the city is between 1,000 and 2,000.

THE TREATY READY.

President Anxious That the Senate Consider Cuban Reciprocity.

Special Session Likely to Be Called in November That Senators May Have a Month to Consider the Proposed Legislation.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The statement is made, with a claim of being at least semi-official, that the president will call the senate in special session immediately after the election in November for the purpose of considering a reciprocity treaty with Cuba. It is his purpose, it is asserted, to allow the senators nearly a month in which to consider the treaty before the opening of the regular session in December. The same authority claims that the treaty has been prepared and is in form that is fully approved by the president.

It is not by any means certain that a Cuban reciprocity treaty, if submitted to the senate at a regular or extra session, would be adopted. Something like 20 republican senators are radically opposed to the adoption of a Cuban reciprocity treaty. Senators Platt, of Connecticut, Hanna, of Ohio, and Cullom, of Illinois, are probably all the senators who were ready to go on the floor and fight for a Cuban tariff reduction bill, desiring its passage even by the aid of democratic votes. Senator Spooner was ready to aid in this fight, not because he is ardently in favor of Cuban reciprocity, but because he was anxious to aid the president and Senators Platt and Hanna, and because he believed it would be good legislation from a party standpoint. Nearly all of the other republican senators were either lukewarm or indifferent.

STUCK UP FOR THEIR STATES.

Agricultural and Industrial Supremacy Claimed for Kansas and Texas by Two Enthusiastic Citizens.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—A Kansan and a Texan claimed agricultural and industrial supremacy for their states at the fall meeting of the National Association of Merchants and Travelers, held at the Auditorium last night. Their claims were received with applause by the 500 members of the association who listened to their addresses on "The Great Southwest."

"The cows in Kansas give enough milk to pay \$10,000,000 if sold at ten cents a gallon; the hens that cackle on the farms of the southwest can in one year pay the Louisiana purchase cost in eggs and leave \$1,800,000 for pin money," said James A. Trautman, the Kansan.

"Texas holds one-fourth of the shore line of the gulf of Mexico, which is destined to become the Mediterranean of the new world, and monopolize its best outlets to the Atlantic," said James J. Wortham, the Texan.

ONE WAS BURIED ALIVE.

American School-Teachers Ambushed Near Cebu June 10 Were Shown No Mercy by Their Captors.

Manila, Aug. 13.—An investigation made by the constabulary to clear up the facts in the killing of a Cebu coaching party of four school-teachers, shows that the party was ambushed 12 miles from Cebu. Two teachers were shot and killed at the first volley; a third, who ran, was shot in the back and a fourth, who was captured, was shot in the chest while he was praying for mercy. It is suspected that the fourth man was buried alive, as his wound was slight and probably would not have caused death.

BIG CONCERN INCORPORATED.

The International Harvester Company Starts with an Authorized Capital of \$120,000,000.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 13.—The International Harvester company, with an authorized capital of \$120,000,000, was incorporated here last night. The company is authorized to manufacture harvesting machines and agricultural implements of all kinds. It is understood that among the concerns interested in the syndicate is the McCormick Reaper and Mower concern, of Chicago.

Gov. Dockery Addressed Old Soldiers.

Carthage, Mo., Aug. 13.—Gov. Dockery addressed the old soldiers encamped at Lakeside, near Carthage, yesterday. He spoke for one hour on the progress of Missouri, beginning back at a time when there were only 75 post offices in the state, and tracing the gradual development to the present, when the farmer daily receives his mail at his door. He paid a tribute to the late president and said that Mr. McKinley had done more toward uniting the north and south than any other one man.

Ten Vehicles Held Up by Four Outlaws.

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 13.—Four outlaws held up ten vehicles containing from one to six persons each in the highway near Chickasha, I. T., relieved them of over \$400, watches and other valuables and then compelled them at the point of guns to stand together until the highwaymen were out of sight. A number of the most prominent men of Chickasha were among the victims. United States marshals have taken the trail of the outlaws.

Negro Cases Strike at Chillicothe.

Chillicothe, Mo., Aug. 13.—Because Manager Jackson refused to remove Vascoe Graham, a young colored man, who was promoted from a helper to a grinder, all of the grinders and part of the other employes at the factory of the T. E. Jackson woodenware company, went on a strike. Twenty-five families are affected.

A New Town in Jasper County.

Carthage, Mo., Aug. 13.—Purcell in honor of Judge John Purcell, is a Jasper county pioneer, is the name of a new town on the Carthage-Asbury branch of the Missouri Pacific railroad. A plat of 200 acres has been laid off.

Asphyxiated by Gas.

New York, Aug. 13.—One man was found dead and another dying in a room at a hotel in Jersey City yesterday. They had been asphyxiated by illuminating gas. The dead man was Wido Eveck, 38 years old.

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WILHELM MADLY IN LOVE.

Crown Prince of Germany Would Renounce the Throne to Wed His Gladys Deacon, of New York.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Le Matin publishes an extraordinary story of violent scenes between the German emperor and his eldest son, the crown prince. The paper hints that the cause of the quarrel is the prince's determination to marry an American girl. At the last meeting of the father and son the emperor stamped and swore that a Hohenzollern prince should never marry, morganatically or otherwise, a girl of common American clay, however beautifully molded. It is believed here that the girl in question is Miss Gladys Deacon, the fascinating daughter of Edward Parker Deacon, and the close friend of Consuelo, duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Vanderbilt.

Being chastised by the emperor for his disobedience, the prince threatened to do as did the Austrian archduke, who took the name of John Orth and renounced his rights to the throne for the sake of the woman he loved. The prince said he would rather have the heart and hand of the American beauty than rank or purple, or even the throne of the German empire.

IMPOSING CEREMONY.

King Edward's Crowning Marks Historic Day in Great Britain.

Well Tradition and Prophecy Set at Naught and His Majesty Passed Through the Order with Apparent Composure—Gift of Osborne House.

London, Aug. 11.—Saturday in Westminster abbey, amid a surrounding of the nobility, beauty and learning of the United Kingdom and colonies, of Indian rajahs, colonial premiers, princes of the royal houses of Europe, distinguished diplomats and representatives from every nation in the world, the crown was placed upon the brow and the anointing oil poured upon the breast of King Edward VII., the first of the house of Saxe-Coburg to reign over Britain. It was a memorable occasion, an event graven deep into the history of the world and never to be effaced. It was consummated in the presence of a gathering the like of which has never assembled within four walls.

The festivities in London were continued yesterday. There were considerable crowds almost all day in the vicinity of Buckingham palace and along the route of Saturday's procession, viewing the decorations and watching the flow of notable personages to and from the various thanksgiving services. In the evening the Canadian arch, which as an exceptional novelty for Sunday was brilliantly illuminated, was a great center of attraction and served to bring an immense concourse of people into the neighborhood.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra and the royal guests at Buckingham palace attended divine service in the Chapel Royal of St. James' palace yesterday morning. At the close of the service the national anthem was sung. Their majesties were loudly cheered by the crowds on the streets as they drove back to Buckingham palace.

HILL AGAIN IN CONTROL.

Age of Woolflet's Roost Will Dictate New York Democratic Nominations and Campaign.

New York, Aug. 11.—The democratic state campaign committee may now be said to be in full swing. Frank Campbell, chairman of the democratic state committee, has issued a formal call for the committee to meet in Saratoga on Saturday, August 23. The Tammany members of the committee will go there a week from Saturday, prepared to acquiesce in any views that former Senator David B. Hill may express, both as to candidates and the issues upon which the state fight is to be made. It developed that the main plank in the state platform are to be attacked upon the republican trusts, Cuban reciprocity and republican extravagance and cruelty in the Philippines.

ALLIED PEOPLE'S PARTY CALL.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 11.—The national executive committee of the allied people's party has been called to meet at the Hotel St. Nicholas in Springfield, Ill., August 27, at ten a. m., for the purpose of considering the situation in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma and deciding upon whether the work of independent organization in those states should be pushed during the present campaign, as well as to consider any matter of interest which may come before the meeting.

ITS GROWTH IS RAPID.

Knights of Pythias Has Membership of Almost 1,000,000, a Gain of 25-194 for the Year.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—At Tuesday's session of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, Supreme Chancellor Pethers, in his annual report said that December 31, 1901, the order had 540,138 affiliated members. To this should be added at least 500,000 who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, or have taken withdrawal cards, making a total of more than 1,000,000. During 1901 the figures were: Initiated, 55,202; reinstated, 7,733; admitted by card, 7,677; total, 70,616. During the same year 4,915 died, 268 were expelled, 8,378 withdrew by card and 32,857 were suspended. The net gain for the year was 23,194.

Stanley's Labor Day Proclamation.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 13.—Gov. Stanley yesterday issued his Labor day proclamation, recommending "that as far as possible all ordinary business be suspended on Monday, September 1, and every opportunity be given in order that the spirit and beneficial objects of the law establishing Labor day may be carried out."

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Burned in a Texas Hotel.

San Angelo, Tex., Aug. 11.—A fire discovered in the Landon hotel at two o'clock yesterday morning destroyed the structure, burning seven people to a crisp and doing a property damage of \$75,000.

Jumped from a Fast Train.

Paduach, Ky., Aug. 11.—John Dodge and Henry Hughes, well known farmers of Calvert City, this county, jumped from a fast Illinois Central passenger train which did not stop there Saturday night and both were mortally injured.

Colorado Miners to Aid Strikers.

Louisville, Col., Aug. 10.—The coal miners of the northern Colorado district, in mass meeting voted to assess each man \$1 per week for the benefit of the striking miners in the anthracite district of Pennsylvania.

Coroner's Jury Places No Blame.

Trinidad, Col., Aug. 11.—The coroner's jury that investigated the Bowen mine accident of Thursday night returned a verdict that the 13 victims came to their death by an explosion, the cause of which cannot be determined.

Fatal Quarrel Between Man and Woman.

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 11.—During a quarrel at the Woman's home yesterday Harry S. Weston shot Bertha T. Brown, wife of R. M. Brown, and then shot himself. Both are at the hospital and cannot recover.

E. M. C. A. Conference.

Silver Bay, N. Y., Aug. 13.—Over 350 persons are now in attendance at the Young Men's Christian association conference and vacation headquarters at Silver Bay, Lake George.

MISS VIRGINIA GRANES.

Tells How Hospital Physicians Use and Rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Twelve years continuous service at the sick bed in some of our prominent hospitals, as well as at private homes, has given me varied experiences with the diseases of women. I have nursed some

of the most distressing cases of inflammation and ulceration of the ovaries and womb. I have known that doctors used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound with their patients. I have advised my patients and friends to use it and have yet to hear of its first failure to cure.

"Four years ago I had falling of the womb from straining in lifting a heavy patient, and knowing of the value of your Compound I began to use it at once, and in six weeks I was well once more, and have had no trouble since. I am most pleased to have had an opportunity to say a few words in praise of your Vegetable Compound, and shall take every occasion to recommend it."

MISS VIRGINIA GRANES.—\$5000 worth of above testimonials is not genuine.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has stood the test of time, and has cured thousands.

Mrs. Pinkham advises sick women free. Address, Lynn, Mass.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of Dr. J. C. Wood.

See Fac-Sim