

NEWS AND COMMENTS.

Pungent Paragraphs Touching the Important Events of the Day.

"The pulpit needs more vim says an eminent divine". No chance for an argument there brother.

Cuba wants the small sum of \$35,000,000, and like a good child will apply to the Uncle Samuel's Napoleon of finance.

Now that he has been hobnobbing with kings galore, Governor Yates doubtless considers himself eligible to the presidency.

We have been forcibly reminded of the fact that Rome has physicians by the name Lapponi, Mazonni, Rossoni, and a few other "onis."

Regardless of affiliations, the President is to be commended for his determination to root out this postal thieves. Purify the department.

The undertaking business has prospects of picking up in Serbia, the kings subjects already being engaged in the pleasing pastime of devising means of curtailing his royal existence.

Notwithstanding the fact that polygamy is prohibited, the supreme court of Utah has ruled that a man is legally obligated to support his plural wives and educate his children by such unions.

Reputable negroes of Indianapolis are taking steps to prevent a race war and are warning the turbulent element to leave the city. This looks a little like throwing your rotten eggs in your neighbors back yard.

Some newspapers are in the habit of waiving a good deal of sympathy on the brutes who assault white girls and get themselves lynched for their crimes. But how about the poor girl? Isn't she deserving of more sympathy.

Two negro boys in Indiana attempted to do the mob act themselves the other day, and proceeded to tie some paper to a white boys clothing and set it on fire. They probably believed in the old saying that "It's a poor rule that won't work two ways."

Among the visitors to the Kearsarge while it was in British waters was a number of naval constructors, who remarked that Great Britain is twenty-five years behind America in the matter of naval construction. In a majority of cases they are about a hundred years behind us.

The path of the rich is not always strewn with roses. Charles M. Schwab, the high priced president of the steel trust is said to be in financial straits and has been unloading enormous blocks of his inflated stocks. It is a positive relief to the public to see these fellows squirm once in a while.

It is quite true that the two operations to which the dying pope submitted with such patient fortitude, were by no means the most distressing in scientific surgery, but either of them was probably much more distressing than the natural death for which the Pope had so completely prepared himself.

Kaiser Wilhelm is chewing the cud of chagrin, the Prince of Wales having gone him one better and climbed into the turrets of the battleship Kearsarge in order to inspect their workings. Our dear friends across the waters are falling all over themselves in an effort to pat the big infant on the back.

Cuba wants to borrow the small sum of \$35,000,000, and the intimidation comes from Washington that President Roosevelt will go slow in allowing the infant republic to contract such a debt. It is doubtful if Cuban revenues are in shape to take care of the interest and at the same time to provide a sinking fund with which to liquidate the principal as it becomes due.

Every time a negro oversteps the bounds of civilization and humanity and every lynching that takes place widens the breach between the whites and the blacks of our country, and brings nearer the crisis that is sure to come if something of a decided nature is not done by the courts to punish these brutes without making it necessary for the people to take a hand in it themselves.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt paid the enlisted men of the navy a neat little compliment at Oyster Bay by accepting an invitation to a banquet given by the men on the naval yacht Sylph. The Presidents course in encouraging the rank and file of the navy is to be commended and has a tendency to impress upon the jolly tars the great need of alertness and constant preparation for a possible conflict with some foreign power.

A Letter From India.

VIKARABAD DECCAN, INDIA, June 18th, 1903.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—We recently had the pleasure of taking Miss Wood of Hyderabad to see some of our evangelistic work in the villages. Two Bible women accompanied us and we first went to the house of the head man of the village. There we had a good audience, many of the neighbors coming in to hear us talk. Among them were several Mohammedan women who did not understand much Telugee so Miss Wood sat on one side of the mound of earth which answered the purpose of chairs and spoke to them in Urdu, while we spoke to the rest of the audience in Telugee. When we left that house we intended to go farther up into the village but an old woman came running up behind us and begged us to go to her house, "You tell all the rest" she said, "Why don't you come to my house and tell me? come on, do come," and of course we could not refuse such a request. Many of her friends came in until we had a good sized audience and they listened eagerly to our message for an hour, the old woman being the most attentive of all. Subsequent visits have been paid to her and she shows the same eagerness to learn.

The last time we visited that village one day this week we went farther into the town and talked to the high caste people. If we go near a well and sit we get a fine opportunity to speak to the women and girls who come there to draw the day's supply of water. In India wells are for the most part public property, the people of each caste having their own well; so one caste all go to their particular well for water and while they wait one upon the other to draw, they are glad to hear us and we get to speak to many more at one time than if we went from house to house. After talking to about forty adults besides a number of children we went to the Brahmin part of town. There were entire strangers and the people who assembled looked upon us with mingled wonder and fear, among them were three or four of the most wretched class in India—widows. They looked to be very old yet I doubt if they were above middle age. With their shaven heads, bodies scantily clad in the cast off clothing of the other members of the family and with their sad, suffering faces they are indeed pitiable. Hope has died within them and they long to be released from this life. And yet—"to be they know not what, to go they know not where"—that is harder yet. The theory of the transmigration of souls leaves room for the imagination to picture worse straits than that the soul is now in. One of these widows asked us about the next existence or birth and when we tried to tell her that after death the soul would come back to earth in fleshy form no more the news was too good for her to believe. My heart was deeply touched when one of these unfortunate women watch her chance and when the mother's back was turned snatch up a toddling babe, probably her grand child and cover its face with kisses. Then lest she should be seen she sadly put the child away from her. Only one meal a day is allowed them and they are made to drudge for the whole family. They seldom or never hear a kind word. A widow recently talked with a friend of mine telling her what suffering she had endured at the hands of her own people because her husband had died, as they claimed, because of her sins, perhaps done while in a former existence. Thereupon she was told the old old story of Christ's love and sacrifice for all mankind and of the home He is now preparing for those who accept Him. The poor women had never even heard the name of her savior before and she kept begging to hear more of the good news, until they must need separate.

As we started to leave the upper town and go to our Christian people who live below we met a woman whom I knew slightly and she begged us to go and see her house. We followed her and found an audience already assembled. Evidently they were merely gossiping but I trust they had a theme for their conversation after we left. For the most part they accepted our message but occasionally would try to defend their idols. In such times a man who had come in and stood by the door was the champion of our faith. He was more than half a Christian anyway and seemed quite well instructed. When they could not answer his argument they tried to laugh him down by asking "if Saul was among the prophets" or that in substance. That morning we spoke to ninety eight people, eighty of that number being children under six years old, and yet that was not a twentieth portion of the people who live in that one village.

To-day we went to see the Christian women living in a town three miles away. We had been once before and that was the first time Bible women

had ever come to teach them or visit them they told us. In one house the women had recently lost her husband and son and she feels very bitter over their death. She is inclined to believe that these sorrows have come upon her because she forsook her idols. If she could only learn to share her sorrow with her Heavenly Father how much lighter the load would be!

In another house the man is a leper. His conditions and surroundings all merit his name—Lazarus. His disease has become so loathsome that his sons have built a little straw hut outside near their house and he stays in that. The fingerless hands and the feet with nearly all the toes gone, the great, open sores on elbows, hips, knees, on every joint in fact, the filth of body—it is loathsome beyond description, nor would I picture it to you if I could. Yet as we talked to him of the home free from pain and disease awaiting him when life shall have ended here the tears ran down his face and he for the time forgot his present misery as he told us how the Lord had one night showed him the New Jerusalem. With eyes turned toward the skies and pointing upward with his poor stumps of hands he described the golden streets and beautiful mansions he had seen there. His voice grew eloquent as he dwelt upon the fairness of that land just over there and I could but pray that the Lord would soon take him to live there forever.

The work is growing and opening up before us in a wonderful way and we are by no means able to keep pace with such expansion. Large audiences and attentive listeners—that is the record of each days work. We cannot hope that all the seed sown will grow and bring forth fruit but we are sure some of it will do so. And it is ours to sow and leave the fruitage with a loving Heavenly Father, "Cast thy bread upon the water and after many days it shall return unto thee" is the promise given to each of us. May the Great Teacher instruct us every one in the duties He has given us that we may not fail to sow the seed that we shall not realize the extent of its fruitage until we have forever ceased from our labors!

Very Sincerely, ELIZABETH J. WELLS.

The Boss Worm Medicine. H. P. Kumppe, druggist, Leighton, Ia., writes: "One of my customers had a child which was sick, and threw up all food, could not retain anything on its stomach. He bought one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and it brought up 119 worms from the child. It's the boss worm medicine in the world." White's Cream Vermifuge is also the childrens tonic. It improves their digestion and assimilation of food, strengthens their nervous system and restores them to the health, vigor and elasticity of spirits natural to childhood. 25c at W. R. Barton's.

Some of our English cousins became quite excited the other day over a card that an American Warship had seized twenty islands belonging to Great Britain, off the coast of Borneo. It is not known whether the fright was caused by the fear of fighting the United States, or whether the presence of the redoubtable "Fighting Bob" Evans in Asiatic waters started the chills in a stampede along the British vertebrae.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Missouri Section, for Week Ending Last Monday.

The temperature during the past week averaged very near the normal in the central and western portions of the state, but in the eastern sections there was a slight deficiency. Showers have fallen in nearly all counties but have been of a very local character, and while some districts have received an ample supply of moisture, in others the rainfall was barely sufficient to lay the dust. Over a considerable number of the southern and eastern counties the rainfall for the week ranged from 1 to over 2 inches. But in many of the northern and western counties it was very light and more rain is greatly needed. Local wind and hail storms did some damage to corn and fruit, and also to hay and grain stacks, in a few of the eastern counties.

Corn continues to make good progress, as a rule, and except in a few of the northern and southwestern counties much the greater part of the crop has been laid by in good condition. In some of the northern, central and western counties and also in localities in the extreme southern counties, it is much in need of rain, but has not yet been injured, except in a few localities in the southwest section. There is, however, much complaint that corn is tasselling low, and while a good crop is promised in many counties, over a large portion of the state its general condition is below the average. Chinch bugs are doing some damage to corn in a few of the eastern counties. Re-planted corn on overflowed lands is generally making a fine growth, except in some localities where it has not received proper cultivation. Cotton in the extreme southeastern counties is doing well, but is needing rain in localities. Except in a few districts, where rain interfered to some extent, the weather has been favorable for haying and an excellent crop is being secured in good condition. In some counties haying is progressing slowly owing to a scarcity of help. Oats are practically all cut and in many counties it is found that the crop has been greatly damaged by rust. The threshing of wheat is progressing favorably in most sections but the yield is generally light and the grain of poor quality. Early potatoes are about matured and are an excellent crop in some districts, while in others the yield is light. Gardens are suffering for rain in some localities but are generally doing well. Pastures continue good, except in some of the central and western counties where they are becoming quite dry. Sorghum, millet and cowpeas are generally doing well. Blackberries are very abundant in most sections but in some districts the crop is being ruined by the dry weather. Apples continue dropping to some extent and the crop will be very light, as a rule. Early apples are now ripening.

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