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CURRENT COMMENT.

Sir Jervoise Clarke, of Australia, owns the largest sheep ranch in the world. It contains 50,000,000 head.

Yin Hsing Wen and Sing Chia Chen, government students from China, have entered the Virginia military institute.

Ex-Senator Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina, left the senate a poor man, but is said to have been worth \$250,000 at his death, which he had made in farming.

Of the 670 members of the British house of commons 129 are lawyers. Of the 584 members of the French chamber of deputies 139 are lawyers. Of the 357 members of our American house of representatives 233 are lawyers.

John Welsh, the man who fired the first shot under Dewey at Manila, is at present in Milwaukee on recruiting service. He was with Gridley in Japan when he died a few months ago and took his last message to his wife in Erie, Pa.

New York taxpayers have had their enthusiasm for Carnegie libraries beautifully frosted by the statement of the controller that the item for books alone will take \$800,000 next year. There is no evidence, however, that thrifty Andy is in the book publishers' pool.

Bob Fitzsimmons is going to establish an asylum for millionaires. Hereafter this class of unfortunates have been overlooked and allowed to bear their burdens without a helping hand. Their troubles will be lightened mightily as soon as lanky Bob gets action on their slats.

Over 60 years ago Spencer T. Hancock, of Manchester, Vt., was in bad health, thought he was going to die, and named the persons he desired to act as his pallbearers. Last Sunday he celebrated his eighty-first birthday. All the original pallbearers are dead and he has now picked out a new list.

The state of Iowa has bought a printing office and will establish a printing house on a small scale suitable for teaching boys the art of printing. This will be located at the State Industrial School for Boys at Eldora. It is believed that at this office the state will be able to do a large amount of printing necessary on state documents.

Plans for a determined and extensive campaign for civic betterment were outlined at a meeting of the American Civic association. National headquarters will be established in Philadelphia. Among the matters taken up were railroad terminal improvements, school gardens, parks, children's play grounds, suppression of sign boards, public recreations and public reservations.

The heroic and stubborn resistance of the Russian garrison at Port Arthur remains the brightest phase of the Russian campaign. The Japanese appear to have made no progress recently in carrying the works by assault. Gen. Kuropatkin's defeat at Liao Yang will be hard for the Port Arthur garrison to bear, for doubtless Gen. Stoessel has never abandoned hope that Kuropatkin might be able to force the raising of the siege.

Twenty young women, the elite of Logansport, Ind., have started a merry war on the young men of that community, accusing them of ingratitude and parsimony. They united in a protest against what they declared was "commercialism in love-making." They asserted that the young men of the city were long on the matter of accepting entertainment at their hands, but short on reciprocating with the return of pleasures that involved the expenditure of money.

Trains in Spain are certainly slow. A rate of 10 or 12 miles an hour is considered a good average of speed for every day travelers. When the Spanish officials wish to show visiting foreigners what they really can accomplish in the way of rapidity they offer express trains which dash rapidly across the landscape at an average rate of 15 and 18 miles an hour. In one way this proves an advantage, for the traveler sees a great deal more scenery for his money.

Since Dr. William Gaston accepted the pastorate of the North Presbyterian church, Cleveland, 24 years ago, he has performed no less than 1,500 marriage ceremonies. Doubtless many of these 1,500 couples have been separated and secured divorces. Dr. Gaston has remarried several of the blushing brides and bridegrooms to other brides and bridegrooms. Be that as it may, a divorce in the ranks of his 1,500 marriages is no detriment to him, and, if the bride or bridegroom has a preference for the same minister, it may be a distinct benefit.

A TRIP TO PANAMA

Secretary Taft and Congressmen Plan a Junket.

Legislation for the Isthmus by the Approaching Congress Is Given As Cause for Collecting Needed Information.

Washington, Oct. 20.—While definite arrangements have not yet been made for Secretary Taft's trip to Panama it is his purpose to go to Panama on the army transport Sumner from New York. Secretary Taft is authorized by the president to take with him whomsoever he pleases in connection with the work at hand and while the personnel of the party has not yet been arranged it is certain to be a large one. Admiral John Walker will go as a representative of the canal commission. The members of the senate and house committees dealing with isthmian affairs will be invited and as the entire trip, it is expected, can be made inside of a month, and little legislation is expected within the first two weeks of the approaching session of congress, it is believed the committee men will find time to make the trip. One reason why Secretary Taft desires the committee's attendance is because he feels that as they must legislate for the next ten years concerning the canal strip they will be better qualified for this important work by a personal knowledge of conditions on the isthmus.

SCHOOLS FOR THE FILIPINOS.

Prof. Bryan, Superintendent of Education in the New Possession, Gives Interesting Statistics.

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Oct. 20.—The Mohonk Indian conference widened its study and listened to two addresses on the work of the American government in its new possessions. Dr. E. B. Bryan, of the University of Indiana, who succeeded Dr. Atkinson as superintendent of education in the Philippines, said that in the 3 1/2 years since the American system was started under the 1,000 American and 3,000 native teachers, the school attendance had increased until to-day there are 200,000 children in the day schools, 10,000 children and adults in the night schools, 600 students in the normal school in Manila, 500 in the trade school and 200 in the nautical school, all of them studying in the English language. At the end of the third year more English is spoken in the Philippines than there was Spanish at the end of the centuries. The speaker made an earnest plea for fair dealing with the Filipinos in the matter of education.

WANT CHINESE ADMITTED.

Congregationalists Oppose Barrier Against the "Yellow Peril"—Closer Union with Other Branches.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 20.—The National Congregational council adopted resolutions commending President Roosevelt for his action in declaring that he would call an international peace conference.

The council placed itself on record as opposed to Chinese exclusion, declaring that it was wrongful discrimination against the race known for sobriety and industry and unjust in view of the unrestricted admission of less desirable immigrants from Europe and other sections of Asia. Congress was memorialized to raise the barrier against Chinese.

Closer union and federation with the Methodist Protestant and United Brethren churches were voted by the council.

TRIBAL TAX IS VALID.

Federal Court of Appeals Says Goods Imported into Indian Territory Must Pay Revenue.

South McAlester, I. T., Oct. 20.—The United States court of appeals here rendered an opinion that the tribal governments could collect a tax on goods imported into the Indian territory. The merchants had resisted the payment of the taxes on the ground that the Indian governments had lost jurisdiction over incorporated cities and towns and secured an injunction from a district court restraining the Indian officials from collecting the tax.

Would Put Degenerates to Death.

Quincy, Ill., Oct. 20.—At the National Prison congress an animated discussion was caused by Dr. Henry Hatch, of this city, advocating the infliction of death upon degenerates as a means of preventing the spread of degeneracy.

5,107,500 Acres for Forest Reserves.

Washington, Oct. 20.—There have been recently released through the general land office from temporary withdrawals made for forest reserve purposes 5,107,500 acres.

Lightning Killed Farmer.

Shawnee, Ok., Oct. 20.—During a severe storm John Howard, a prosperous farmer and old settler living near here, was struck by lightning as he drove into the city with a load of cotton.

FIRST PRIZE TO A BOY.

J. B. Wardwell, a Youth of 16, the Successful Competitor in Kite-Flying at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—The world's fair jury decided in the contest for kites to rise to an altitude of at least 500 feet, with 800 feet of line, awards should be made as follows: First prize, \$500, J. B. Wardwell, of Stamford, Conn.; second prize, \$300, J. N. Fataut, of St. Louis; third prize, \$200, H. B. Bristol, of Webster Groves, Mo. The winner of the first prize is a boy of 16 and the only contestant with the exception of his father, who used a box kite, the others being eddy kites. The angle reached by the box kite was 71 degrees.

It was decided not to award any prizes in the mile-high contest, as no kite reached the required height. The kite that attained the greatest altitude and angle was also a box aeroplane kite, flown by S. I. Conyne, of Chicago. The altitude reached was 3,751 feet, with an angle of 50 degrees.

CHARITY FOR ALL SECTS.

Congress of Free Thinkers Declares That All Are in the Kingdom of Nature.

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—The International Congress for Progressive and Liberal Thought adjourned after adopting resolutions as a basis for permanent organization. A resolution was adopted favoring arbitration by all nations. The resolutions also declare that "there can be no existence without substance and that no truth can be known without material revelation." They say that no man will be followed unless he can give good credentials for what he teaches and that liberty will be given to every member to take his own view of the ruling dynamic forces of the universe. It is further declared in the resolutions that the greatest respect and charity shall be extended to all sects and individuals, on the ground that all are in the kingdom of nature, if not in the same class.

WARMS UP TO ENGLAND.

Ameer of Afghanistan Does Not Relish Proposed Russian Military Demonstration on the Border.

London, Oct. 20.—The Indian office announces that the ameer of Afghanistan proposes to send his eldest son to meet Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, on his return to India and will receive at Kabul an official sent by the Indian government authorized to discuss with the ameer questions concerning the relations between the two governments. The London newspapers express great satisfaction at the opportunity time selected by the ameer for such a meeting, which is calculated to remove apprehensions and consolidate British Indian relations with Afghanistan. The ameer's decision is supposed to be connected with recent suggestions of the Russian press in favor of a Russian military demonstration on the Afghanistan frontier.

VanCott's Son Under Arrest.

New York, Oct. 20.—Richard VanCott, son of the postmaster of New York and republican candidate for the assembly in the Fifth district, is under arrest on a charge of having colonized in the district non-resident citizens with the purpose of their registering and voting at the coming election.

Negro Vote Eliminated.

New Orleans, Oct. 20.—The completed registration figures for Louisiana show how effectually the suffrage amendment and the poll tax qualification have eliminated the negro vote of the state, with a total white vote registered of 102,723, against only 1,147 negroes registered.

Alleged Elopers Arrested.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 20.—J. C. Gannon, a traveling man, and Miss Jessie Kelley, an Atchison girl, were taken in custody by Chief of Police Stahl, who received word from Atchison that the couple had eloped and was requested to arrest them if he found them at Topeka.

Panic at a Princess' Funeral.

Madrid, Oct. 20.—A panic occurred when the crowd, numbering 50,000 persons, was admitted to the royal chapel of the palace to view the remains of the princess of the Asturias. Women and children were overthrown and trampled under foot.

Kelly Matter at White Heat.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 20.—Gov. Bailey has made public the copy of a check from the Kansas fiscal agency in New York, showing that the money on the Garden City bonds, \$1,402.50, was paid to T. T. Kelly, the state treasurer, in response to a letter from Kelly.

Christian Church for Peace.

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—Delegates attending the missionary convention of the Christian church adopted resolutions deploring war in all its phases and urging arbitration among all nations.

Foot of Snow in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Oct. 20.—Snow fell to the depth of a foot in the Colorado and Wyoming mountains during the storm that has now passed to the east.

A MOVE FORWARD.

Russians Said to Have Again Assumed the Offensive.

Enormous Reinforcements Have Reached the Battlefield from the North and St. Petersburg Hopes for Better News.

Mukden, Oct. 19.—It is reported that the Russian army is advancing. Rain is hindering everything. The rivers are bankfull and the fords are impassable. There are no bridges. Supplies of all sorts are delayed. Cossacks brought in captured guns and Japanese wounded prisoners on October 17. Russian soldiers surrounded the prisoners and gave them bread and water and in other ways tried to relieve their wants. News has just been received that the Japanese left flank has been driven back with heavy loss.

The battlefield of Lone Tree hill presents the most awful spectacle that can be conceived. Russian and Japanese dead are mingled in heaps in inextricable confusion. The ground is strewn with broken rifles that had been smashed in hand-to-hand fighting. Everything seems to have been utilized as weapons. The Russian doctors are working heroically on the slopes of the hill in the attempt to save those of the wounded who still survive, but the Japanese keep up a sniping fire and render the work of relief difficult and dangerous.

Shakhe station, or what is left of it, has been recaptured by the Russians, who will shortly reopen it for railway traffic with Mukden.

Rejoicing at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—There is jubilation throughout the city over the news that Gen. Kuropatkin has resumed the offensive and the holiday, which began with little heart, closed brighter. The crowds in the streets and the illuminations in honor of the czar's name day gave a tinge of brilliancy to an evening otherwise depressing, through a constant drizzle of rain.

There is no official confirmation here of the report from Tokio that a Russian attack on the Japanese right on October 17 had been repulsed. If this report should prove true it may involve serious consequences for the Russians who crossed the Shakhe while the river was fordable. According to the Associated Press' Mukden dispatches the water has since risen man-high in consequence of heavy rains, and therefore it will be well nigh impossible for the Russian army to recross the river, owing to the absence of bridges. It would be equally difficult for the same reason to bring up supplies and ammunition to enable Gen. Kuropatkin to follow up the advance. This may explain the statement in a Mukden dispatch to the Associated Press that the fighting was slackening the morning of October 18.

ENGLAND IS GOBBLING TIBET.

Indemnity of \$3,750,000 Too Much to Pay at Once So Occupation Is Resorted To.

London, Oct. 19.—The demand of Great Britain of an indemnity of \$3,750,000 from the Tibetans appears likely to lead to a prolonged British occupation of the Chumbi valley. The Tibetans declare their inability to pay the indemnity within the three years stipulated and Great Britain has now proposed that the payments be made at the rate of \$50,000 yearly and that until the whole sum is paid the British retain possession of this valley, which is the key to Tibet.

"Helen Keller Day" at Fair.

St. Louis, Oct. 19.—"Helen Keller day," named in honor of Miss Helen Keller, of Boston, who, born deaf, dumb and blind, has acquired national fame through her educational success, was celebrated at the world's fair Tuesday. Miss Keller has learned to speak with unusually plain articulation.

11,291 Train Collisions Last Year.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The total number of casualties to persons on railroads in the United States during the year was 55,130, comprising 3,787 killed and 51,343 injured. The total number of collisions and derailments was 11,291, involving \$9,383,077 damage to cars, engines and roadway.

Confessed to Robbing Bodies.

Warrensburg, Mo., Oct. 19.—L. L. Hayes and E. Zeigler, the freight brakemen arrested in Jefferson City immediately after the wreck at Warrensburg charged with robbing the bodies of their fellow brakemen and passengers who were killed, have pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the circuit court here.

Wyandotte "Ramps" Knocked Out.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 19.—The supreme court holds that the Wyandotte county republican committee, presided over by O. J. Peterson, is the legal committee, and the ticket nominated by the Peterson convention must go on the ballot as the regularly nominated ticket.

CURE YOUR KIDNEYS.

When the Back Aches and Bladder Troubles Set In, Get at the Cause.

Don't make the mistake of believing backache and bladder ills to be local ailments. Get at the cause and cure the kidneys.



Use Doan's Kidney Pills, which have cured thousands.

Capt. S. D. Hunter, of Engine No. 14, Pittsburg, Pa., Fire Department, and residing at 2729 Wylie Ave., says: "It was three years ago that I used Doan's Kidney Pills for an attack of kidney trouble that was mostly backache, and they fixed me up fine. There is no mistake about that, and if I should ever be troubled again, I would get them first thing, as I know what they are."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

RAISE ENORMOUS PUMPKINS

Thirty of Them, Grown by Pennsylvania Gardener, Weigh Nearly Four Hundred Pounds.

All feats in pumpkin raising have been surpassed by John Weir, who owns a small garden in the farm of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots association, in Philadelphia. Several weeks ago Weir threw some pumpkin seeds on a steep embankment which borders his farm.

There were signs of miniature pumpkins on his vine, and to prevent them from interfering with his other vegetables he threw the vine over the top of a tree. Then he forgot all about the pumpkin vine. He was startled one day to see pumpkins appearing among the foliage of the tree. There was a big bunch of them, big and heavy, and they were bearing heavily upon the branches of the tree.

In order that they might thrive in comfort Weir built a shelf under each pumpkin, and they grew bigger and stronger until they encircled the entire tree. All together they were 30 of them, weighing, collectively, 250 pounds. They are now getting ready to appear in a large aggregation of pumpkin pies.

Crow as Mouse Catcher.

William K. Huber, of Natick, Pa., has one of the most peculiar household pets in Montgomery county. It is a crow, and is deemed the champion killer of mice and rats in Douglas township. The bird never misses its prey when it sees a mouse, and the rats have to fight for dear life to escape it. Fox and rat-terrier dogs cannot compete with the crow in killing rodents. Bats have fallen victims to his talons. The crow sleeps in the house, and often sits on the shoulders or lap of some member of the family.

Cowcatcher as a Knocker.

A New York man claims that while walking the railroad track in Ohio he was struck by a train and knocked from one county into another. Several have been able to beat that, says the Chicago Daily News, having been knocked from time into eternity by the rude, insistent cowcatcher.

SAFEST FOOD

In Any Time of Trouble Is Grape-Nuts

Food to rebuild the strength and that is pre digested must be selected when one is convalescent. At this time there is nothing so valuable as Grape-Nuts for the reason that this food is all nourishment and is also all digestible nourishment. A woman who used it says:

"Some time ago I was very ill with typhoid fever, so ill everyone thought I would die, even myself. It left me so weak I could not properly digest food of any kind and I also had much bowel trouble which left me a weak, helpless wreck.

"I needed nourishment as badly as anyone could, but none of the tonics helped me until I finally tried Grape-Nuts food morning and evening. This not only supplied food that I thought delicious as could be but it also made me perfectly well and strong again so I can do all my housework, sleep well, can eat anything without any trace of bowel trouble and for that reason alone Grape-Nuts food is worth its weight in gold." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Typhoid fever like some other diseases attacks the bowels and frequently sets up bleeding and makes them for months incapable of digesting the starches and therefore pre digested Grape-Nuts is invaluable for the well-known reason that in Grape-Nuts all the starches have been transformed into grape sugar. This means that the first stage of digestion has been mechanically accomplished in Grape-Nuts food at the factories and therefore anyone, no matter how weak the stomach, can handle it and grow strong, for all the nourishment is still there.

There's a sound reason and 10 days' trial proves.