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Calendar for March 1904 showing days of the week and dates.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Open Door. About the only door that is now open in Manchuria is the one that leads to the cyclone cellar.

Credit Mobilizer Outdone. The Siberian railroad cost \$337 a mile more than the Union Pacific, and it had no Credit Mobilizer deals, either.

The Innocent Spectator. Korod's disinterested spectator in the sense that a crippled rat over which two terriers are fighting is a disinterested spectator of the dog fight.

Waiting to Be Shown. The Cossack has been heralded to the world as a desperate fighter. He will soon have a chance to live or die up to his advance notices.

Japan's Naval Growth. Japan bought its first warship in 1853 and now its navy has grown to 123 vessels. A people that can accomplish such a feat in 50 years are a force of some importance in the world's affairs.

Uncompromised. The sultan of Morocco has sent over six pure white horses for the St. Louis exposition. He would have sent the six redheaded girls as companion pieces except for the failure of the Tittian blond crop in Morocco.

In the Thick of the Fog. While you are fingering the atlas in search of Mississippi, Pusan, Mopho and Chemulpo, turn over to the page on which the Netherlands are outspread and see if you can find anything of a place called The Hague.

If They Should Meet. Cleveland says he cares no more about Bryan's talk than the wind that blows; but if one wind blowing from New Jersey and another wind from Nebraska should happen to meet at St. Louis next July there might be a cyclone.

Please Pass Up the Earth. An unconfirmed but inherently probable rumor comes from St. Louis to the effect that the plumbers and coal dealers of the country already have engaged the most desirable suites of rooms at the hotels for their use next summer.

Busy Times for Gambler. With Japanese attacking Russia in the east, Great Britain intruding in Tibet and Abdul Hamid raising Cain in the Balkans, the job of "localizing" the big war is not going to be the easy chore that some diplomats have led us to expect.

The Honorable Chip-Healer. Again, there are those who insist that the minko has been walking around with an honorable chip on his shoulder ever since his victory over the honorable Chinese barbarian, and aching to have some other honorable ruffian knock it off.

Neither Danced with Her. A Kentucky woman was unable to decide with which of two friends she wished to dance, after making engagements with both. The rivals went into the yard and used their revolvers to good effect, with the result that neither danced with her.

Japs Will Dominate Philippines. That Japanese influence will some day dominate the Philippines is one of the opinions expressed by Mr. Root since his resignation. The Philippines are in time to be independent, like the Cubans. Their civilization will probably be Asiatic and Japan will be their model. If Mr. Root can make such a prophecy to-day he naturally would do so with even greater emphasis if Japan, by defeating Russia, were to become the predominant oriental power.

Everybody Carrying a Gun. Not since Bonaparte's overthrow, nine decades ago, did the outlook for a general European war look more menacing than it does at this time. There is a disposition among the great European nations to reveal their preferences as between Japan and Russia, and thus to take sides preparatory to the general division which may come at any day. England's sympathy with Japan is made known with a plainness that the world can grasp, and France is decidedly in favor of Russia.

Bars for Women. The proposal to institute a bar in the Martha Washington hotel for women in New York has something of the air of a dull-day story, told to excite comment, comment being sometimes as interesting as news, especially if it is pennywise. If the women guests of the Martha Washington hotel desire a bar, it is nobody's business but theirs. No one can imagine any general patronage of a bar by women. Its whole system is contrary to their habits of refreshment. The story is inspired by the desire to discuss vice.

Lake Balkal's Remarkable Depth. Lake Balkal is no mean body of water. It is the largest fresh water lake in the old world, with the exception of the Victoria Nyanza. It is 398 miles long from north to south, from 15 to 47 miles wide, and has an area of nearly 15,000 square miles. As the Dead Sea is notable because its surface is below ocean level, Lake Balkal is notable because its surface is 1,566 feet above sea level and the bottom is 1,624 feet below it, giving the lake the extraordinary depth of 2,190 feet. It is smaller than Lake Michigan.

The Best Missouri News

Marshal See Out \$305. R. E. See, ex-marshal of the Missouri supreme court, was refused a writ of mandamus by the supreme court against the state auditor, to compel the state auditor to issue Mr. See a warrant for \$365.35, the amount of Mr. See's expenses as marshal of the court in bringing E. M. Edminston from Wallace, Ida., to the Missouri penitentiary to serve a sentence for bigamy. Edminston jumped his bond and left the state. Mr. See, as marshal of the court, went as the agent of the governor, with the governor's requisition to Idaho and got Edminston. He was refused payment of the account because he did not get the agent of the court. The court holds that Mr. See was the messenger of the governor and the supreme court cannot determine and approve his account, but the governor only has that power. Judge Marshall says this claim is a just one and ought to be paid, but the court has no power to make the order and that the state auditor cannot pay it until the governor approves it.

Thirteen for Primary Elections. As compiled in the office of the secretary of state, the democrats in 13 counties, to date, have determined to vote for state officers at the primaries to be held for the nomination of county candidates. These counties, with the dates for primaries, are as follows: Howell county, March 12; Mississippi county, March 12; Schuyler county, March 19; Oregon county, March 22; Shelby county, April 23; Lincoln county, May 7; Montgomery county, May 7; Madison county, May 21; St. Francois county, May 21; Cole county, April 9; Phelps county, May 14; Carter county, March 19. Of these counties, Shelby will vote on the governor alone, while the others will vote on all state officers. This is a new departure, but there is still a newer one which has been adopted by Stoddard county. This county will elect its delegates direct from the townships to the state nominating convention instead of to a county convention to then select the delegates to the state convention.

To Manage Cokerell's Boom. A meeting of Cokerell-for-president boomers was held at St. Louis on Friday. The meeting of Cokerell's friends on February 9 empowered State Chairman W. A. Rothwell to name an executive board of one member from each congressional district in the state. The committee is as follows: First district, Dr. D. H. Shields, of Hannibal; 2d, W. M. Farrell, of Paris; 3d, Judge J. W. Alexander, of Gallatin; 4th, Senator F. M. Wilson, of Platte City; 5th, Fred W. Fleming, of Kansas City; 6th, Maj. H. W. Salmon, of Clinton; 7th, ex-Congressman John T. Heard, of Sedalia; 8th, Maj. T. O. Towles, of Jefferson City; 9th, Secretary of State Sam B. Cook, of Mexico; 10th, Col. Moses C. Wetmore; 11th, Thomas M. Jenkins; 12th, appointment not made; 13th, Sam J. McMillin, of Marble Hill; 14th, R. B. Oliver, of Cape Girardeau; 15th, George R. Clay, of Neosho; 16th, Phil Donnelly, of Lebanon; 17th, Gov. A. M. Dockery, and Judge O. M. Spencer, of St. Joseph.

Wouldn't Take Chances. Judge Samuel Davis, of Marshall, caused a mild sensation at Farmington the other day. He went there to sit as special judge in the case of O. P. McCarver, charged with murder. One of his first acts after calling the case was to dismiss the entire panel of 40 jurors. He had heard, he said, that they had been drinking and playing cards with the attorneys in the case, and he didn't intend to take chances on a miscarriage of justice by keeping them.

Likes Non-Partisan Administration. The republican and democratic city committees of Sedalia met in joint session and agreed to continue electing city officers on a common ticket for two years, republicans to be nominated on both tickets to succeed republicans this year, two years from this time democrats to take the places now held by republicans, and vice versa. The council is evenly divided, and the business has been most satisfactorily conducted for the past two years.

Finance Charged with Embezzlement. Mrs. Martie Stohoff, of 1509 South Twelfth street, St. Louis, was an applicant for a warrant charging A. E. Kilts, a carpenter employed at the Hamilton-Brown shoe factory, with the embezzlement of \$300. Mrs. Stohoff says she was engaged to Kilts, and that they were to be married next April. She entrusted the money to him to invest, she stated, and claims he has not done so and has so far refused to return it.

Williams' Two-Legged Pig. W. C. Williams, of Holland, has evidently heard of the offer of the two roosters which were endowed with an extra leg apiece, and he offers to the world's fair a young shoat which has but two legs. The porker was not the victim of any accident, having been born that way, and notwithstanding his shortcomings, is able to travel at a good rate. It is 11 months old and has attained the goodly weight of 100 pounds.

"Fired" for Making Charges. James W. Reynolds, who has been assistant state librarian at the supreme court building since October, 1902, was dismissed from his position by the state librarian, Thomas W. Hawkins. This dismissal was the result of a complaint filed with the court by Reynolds, February 4, charging that Hawkins is incompetent to fill the office of state librarian, and asking the court for a hearing in support of the charges.

Stone May Sue Grand Jurors. The rumor was current in Jefferson City that prosecuting attorney R. P. Stone would soon file suits for damages in large sums against six members of the Cole county grand jury which returned four indictments against him and signed a request to the circuit judge asking for his disbarment.

To Purchase Water Plant. A bond issue of \$100,000 was voted at Columbia for the purchase by the city of Columbia of the waterworks and electric light plant owned by the Columbia Water & Light company.

A Fight on Judge Evans. Information from West Plains indicates that there will be a fight made on the renomination of Judge W. N. Evans for the judgeship in the twentieth circuit. Judge Evans has been acting as one of the campaign managers for Mr. Folk, and has hitherto had no opposition for renomination.

Oscar Was Jealous. Oscar Taylor, about 22 years old, tried to kill himself with carbolic acid while on his way to call on a young woman at Slater. He was jealous.

Cobra George is Pleased. Cobra George Salem, an Egyptian, who entered the Missouri university last fall, and is taking the four-year course in agriculture, is so well pleased with his work that he has succeeded in persuading several of his friends in Egypt and Turkey to come on and take a similar course.

Bond Election at St. Joseph. At the regular municipal election in St. Joseph a proposition will be voted on to issue \$170,000 in bonds to extend public school facilities.

825,000 More for Schools. The Hannibal board of education asked the voters for an additional bond issue of \$35,000 for the new high school building. The appropriation of \$60,000 is not sufficient to complete it.

BADGER CAPITOL RUINED BY FIRE

Destruction of the Wisconsin State Capitol Building at Madison.

LOSS IS PRACTICALLY TOTAL

The Immense Law Library and the Almost Priceless Records in Grand Army Hall Among the Salvage.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 23.—The Wisconsin state capitol building was damaged \$800,000 by fire Saturday. The state carries only partial insurance being in the process of changing from insurance in companies to a system of state insurance. The fire involves the building of a new capitol, a special session of the legislature and the probable renewal of the agitation in favor of the removal of the capitol from Madison to Milwaukee. The flames, which started about 2 a. m., by six o'clock had completely ruined the east and west wings, containing the senate and assembly chambers and the department of the tax commission, the adjutant-general, railroad commissioner, state general superintendent, superintendent of public property, board of agriculture, state normal school, commissioner of fisheries, fish and game warden, state board of pharmacy, state land office, dairy and food commission, state treasurer and commissioner of labor, and were about to attack the department of government, secretary of state, state board of control and the insurance commissioner. Ten streams had little effect. The local fire department had ten streams of water playing on the flames with but little effect. At eight o'clock the flames were bursting from the extreme windows on the north and south wings, the east and west wings having by this time been destroyed. The last departments to burn were those of the secretary and governor, on the south, the attorney-general and insurance commissioners, on the main floor, and the supreme court law library and state library commission, on the second floor. Practically all the valuable state records are believed to be safe. Most of them remain in masonry and steel vaults. In the ruins, and their safety depends on the extent of the fireproof character of the vaults.

Origin of the Fire. The origin of the fire is now believed to have been a lighted gas jet in a toilet room on the second floor. The flame was close to and ignited a varnished ceiling. Gov. LaFollette was early on the scene, and did much to insure order among the workers of the immense law library in the north end of the building were carried out, together with a large quantity of other books and papers. These were not materially damaged. Included in the burned portion was the Grand Army hall. Its almost priceless records were saved and have been stored in temporary quarters.

Fire Chief Overcome. During the fire Chief Charles Bernard was overcome by smoke and fell from a ladder, receiving serious injuries. He was taken to his home, where he lies unconscious. Practically no insurance. From an original cost of \$600,000, in 1837, appropriations from time to time for new additions, made the cost of the state capitol to date about \$800,000.

THE DOORS DID NOT OPEN

The Taunton (Mass.) Safe Deposit and Trust Co. in Financial Difficulty.

Taunton, Mass., Feb. 23.—The doors of the Taunton Safe Deposit & Trust Co. did not open, as a result of an injunction from the supreme court restraining the treasurer from receiving or paying any deposits until after a hearing on an injunction in the supreme court, at Boston, Monday. The state bank commissioners have announced that they will ask that a receiver be appointed for the institution. The company is said to be in difficulties because of poor investments, but the president Edward H. Temple, claims that the depositors will be paid in full. The liabilities are \$602,960.

BAD MEN BEHIND THE GUNS

Remarkable Record Made With the Thirteen-Inch Guns of the Battleship Wisconsin.

Manila, Feb. 23.—The battleship Wisconsin has beaten the world's record with 13-inch guns, its expert gunners having made nine bullet's-eye out of ten shots fired within ten minutes. Paymaster Morse, of the Wisconsin, accused of irregularities in the commissary fund accounts, is to be tried by a court-martial.

Frederick the Great Statue.

Washington, Feb. 23.—At a conference between Baron von Sternburg and Secretary of War Taft it was arranged that the statue of Frederick the Great, which Emperor William is giving to the American people, shall be formally presented on October 20.

Found Dead in His Room.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—Charles Taylor, aged 40 years, was found dead in a room at the Salvation army barracks Friday night. The body was taken to the morgue. Several phials of morphine were found in Taylor's pockets.

Ill Health and Suicide.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—Dependent on account of continued ill health, Ames B. Ayres, a stockholder in the Ferguson-McKinney Dry Goods Co., committed suicide at his home, Friday evening, by taking carbolic acid.

Sudden Death From Apoplexy.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—While conversing with friends in Carmody's cafe, Friday evening, Francis Xavier Barada, one of the best-known real estate dealers in St. Louis, was attacked by apoplexy and died within half an hour.

PRESIDENT ON CORRUPTION

Sends a Letter of Congratulation to Postmaster-General Payne.

He Says It is Impossible to Expect That Corruption Will Not Occur in Any Government.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The president Saturday sent the following letter to Postmaster-General Payne: "White House, Washington, Feb. 27, 1904.

"My Dear Mr. Postmaster-General: While all the work of the post office department and other department of justice in connection with the postal frauds is not yet over, there is already to the credit of the department, and therefore primarily to your credit, such an amount of substantial achievement that I take this opportunity to congratulate you personally upon it. It is impossible to expect that corruption will not occasionally occur in any government, the vital point is the energy, the fearlessness and the official will with which such corruption is cut out and the corruptionists punished. The success of the prosecutions in these cases as compared with previous experiences in prosecuting government officials who have been guilty of malfeasance or misfeasance is as noteworthy as it is gratifying, and must be a source of encouragement to all men who believe in decency and honesty in public life. What has been accomplished by you in your department, and by the department of justice, redounds to the credit of our whole people and is a signal triumph for the cause of popular government. If corruption goes unpunished in popular government, then government by the people will ultimately fail; and they are the best friends of the people who make it evident to the citizen in public office or in connection with public office sins against the fundamental laws of civic and social well-being, will be punished with unsparring rigor. "Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT. "Hon. H. C. Payne, Postmaster-General."

FERRY STEAMER BURNED.

The Norfolk-On-The-Roads. For the Second Time Burned to the Waters Edge Near Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23.—The steel ferry steamer Norfolk-on-the-Roads, owned by the Norfolk & Atlantic Terminal Co., burned to the waters edge at her moorings at Sewall's Point early Sunday morning. Fire was discovered shortly after midnight and could not be checked by the steamer Finley Beach, of the same road, which played one stream on the burning craft. The Norfolk-on-the-Roads ran between Sewall's Point and Newport News. She recently returned from Baltimore, where she had been rebuilt, having previously burned at the same moorings. The loss can not be estimated at present.

SEVEN PERSONS INJURED.

An Interurban Car Filled With Passengers and a Work Train Special Collide Near Tipton, Ind.

Tipton, Ind., Feb. 23.—A collision on the northern division of the Indiana Union Traction Co., near this city, Sunday night, between work train "special" carrying 28 laborers and a limited interurban car, comfortably filled with passengers, resulted in serious injuries to seven, several of whom may die.

PROGRAMME OF OPENING DAY

Committee on Ceremonies Will Select Speakers of National Fairs to Make Addresses.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—The committee on ceremonies of the World's fair will meet at the St. Louis club tonight to decide upon the programme for the opening day. This programme will include one principal speaker and two other speakers, it is said.

Unless President Roosevelt accepts an invitation to be present, he will press in Washington a button that will start the machinery of the exposition. A special wire will be strung to the executive offices.

Not only the machinery but the cascades will be started by the president. The pumps supplying the water for them will be given a preliminary test, after which they will wait for the official signal to flow.

At the meeting to-night the chaplain will be decided upon and the musical programme selected. A chorus, assisted by Well's band, will render the anthem.

Death of Wm. Amison.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 23.—William Amison, member of the board of trustees of the printer's home at Colorado Springs, Col., and once vice-president of the International Typographical union, was found dead of heart failure in his room here Sunday.

Rochester to Rebuild.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Plans are already being made for rebuilding the district devastated by fire. The Sibbey, Lindsey & Carr company will hurry the construction of a new building which they had planned to build.

Convention Call Issued.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Fred H. Rowe, of the republican state central committee, Saturday issued the formal call for the convention to be held at Springfield, Ill., on May 12. Under the call 1,499 delegates will sit in the convention.

Capt. R. A. Hurt.

Yates Center, Kas., Feb. 23.—Capt. R. A. Hurt is dead here, aged 83 years. Capt. Hurt was one of the early Kansas settlers emigrating from Illinois. He was personally acquainted with President Abraham Lincoln.

DOCTORS FALL IN LINE.

Practicing Physicians recognize the unfailing reliability of Doan's Kidney Pills by Prescribing them for Backache, Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Disorders—a tribute won by no other Proprietary Medicine. Four cases cited from "Notes of His Practice," by Dr. Leland Williamson, of Yorktown, Ark.

FOSTER-MILBURN CO., Buffalo, N. Y. YORKTOWN, ARK., Mar. 1, 1904.

Gentlemen:—I have been engaged in the practice of medicine in this section for ten years. This is a very sickly climate, on the Bayou Bartholomew, near the Arkansas River. It is particularly malarious and miasmatic; we meet with many and various abnormal conditions of the human family, prominent among the cases in which I have been called upon to prescribe is kidney disease. Many of these disorders manifest themselves by pains in the back, often extending to other parts of the body; sometimes headache is present, caused by uranic or chronic uric acid poisoning, soreness in region of kidneys, cloudy, thickened and foul-smelling urine, discharge of pus or corruption; inflammation of the kidneys, extending to the bladder, is caused by excess of uric acid and decomposition of urine. Hemorrhage is sometimes met with, caused by high state of inflammation or congestion.

There is no class of diseases a doctor is called oftener to treat than the variety of kidney diseases, in many of which the patient will have chills or rigors, followed by fever, a result of the kidneys failing to eliminate the uric acid poison from the system. Such cases require the kidneys restored to their natural functions, then the poison and foreign substances are removed—shock to the nervous system averted, and natural health restored.

I have, for some time, been using Doan's Kidney Pills in these many manifestations and with uniform success, curing most cases. I can further say that even in hopeless cases where they have waited too long, Doan's Kidney Pills afford much relief and prolong life. I can recommend the pills in conditions of excessive or deficient secretion of urine, as also in convalescence from swamp-fever and malarial attacks, as verified by the following cases in my practice.

- CASE 1. THOMAS ORRILL, Deer, Ark., age 64. Pains in back for several weeks, then chills, irregular sometimes, severe rigors, followed by fever. Gave good purgative of calomel and opium, and Doan's Kidney Pills. After taking four boxes of the pills, patient up and enjoying good health for one of his age.
CASE 2. Mrs. SMITH, Terry, Ark., age 29, mother of four children. Had female complaint and kidney trouble, manifested by pain in back and urine irregular; sometimes very clear, changing to cloudy, and with much sediment on standing in chamber. Gave local treatment for female complaint and prescribed Doan's Kidney Pills, using six boxes she regards herself as cured.
CASE 3. BROWN KAKA, Wynne, Ark., age 21, had severe case of malarial fever, or swamp fever. Gave necessary liver medicine, calomel and opium, and morphine, to relieve pain, and ordered Doan's Kidney Pills for the high state of congestion and inflammation of the kidneys. Recovery resulted in two weeks. Prescribed Doan's Kidney Pills, to be continued until the kidneys were thoroughly strengthened and all pain had subsided.
CASE 4. ELIJAH ELLIOTT, Terry, Ark., age 34. Pain in back and legs and headache. Uric acid poisoning. Prescribed Doan's Kidney Pills. After taking several boxes pain subsided—urine became normal, of natural color, and patient able to resume his work.

These are a few of the typical cases in which I have used Doan's Kidney Pills. In a great many instances I use them alone with curative results, while with some others indicated remedies are associated. I believe that by the judicious use of Doan's Pills many serious complications are arrested and many hopeless and incurable cases of Bright's disease prevented.

I have often found that one box of the pills is all that is required to effect a cure, but in some cases I continue their use until all symptoms are entirely absent and the cure effectual and permanent.

Yours truly, Dr. Leland Williamson, YORKTOWN, ARK.

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