

About this time the cucumber is beginning to supplement the work of the grip.

By the old system of chronology in vogue in China the year 1904 is marked as the year 7,910,843.

In Vermont the maple trees were bored a month earlier than usual this year. This augurs well for a large crop of sugar.

There are fifty-two canals in the United States having a total length of 4,468 miles. China alone exceeds this country in its canal mileage.

A French priest stationed at Jerusalem has been the fortunate finder of "a talent of the time of King David." It was unearthed in his dooryard.

The fact was brought out in a Philadelphia court the other day that a certain money lender of that city has been in the habit of charging 1,300 per cent. for the use of money.

The cylinder head of a Connecticut locomotive blew out while going at full speed, but the train's momentum carried it to the station, five miles away, without a pound of steam.

Fine white marble in a compact ledge, 110 feet wide, has been discovered on the Rio Verde, six miles northeast of Phoenix, A. T. It is said to be equal to the best Italian marble.

It has been observed that young people engaged in preparing wood for cigar factories suffer from nicotine poisoning. Their skin is yellow, and they suffer from various maladies caused by the absorption of the poison.

DONALD G. MITCHELL, otherwise known as "Ik Marvel," is 73 years of age and his white hair is like a crown. He has a horror of publicity either in the newspaper or magazine, and clings tenaciously to his quiet life on a farm in Connecticut.

Five carriages with rubber tires are said to be coming into use in the city of New York. These tires cost about one hundred dollars for a set of four, and rarely last more than one season, but they are a comfort to those who can afford them, making the motion of the carriage easy and noiseless.

RECENTLY a workman in Pittsburgh engaged in preparing wood for a portrait of a woman. This was no vague semblance, but a woman dressed in the style of the day. She sat, one hand at her side; her head, draped in lace, rested on the other. But the thing particularly noticeable was her huge puffed sleeves and slender waist.

This is indeed a fast age. Philip D. Armour and his party of tourists returned to Chicago the other day, having been absent thirty days and traveled 7,300 miles, an average daily of 203 miles. Fifty years ago such a journey would have been regarded as an Arabian Nights' tale. Yet this is nothing compared to the possibilities of the future through the development of electrical force.

There is a new game which should find favor with hostesses. All the young ladies participate in it produce photographs of themselves when babies, or, at any rate, when of very tender age. These are arranged for inspection, and the young men are used in one by one to guess who are the originals. The one successful in guessing the most wins the game and receives the prize.

MAINE used to boast of its hard names of rivers, lakes and towns, but Alaska's simplest names are longer and harder than most of those for which Maine is famous. A few of the longest and hardest of Alaskan names of villages are these: Ahgomekelanhamute, Ahgahpachamute, Choktoktoleghamute, Kahlukhtahamute, Kennachamaghamute, Kychtoltowin, Quochechamute, Teeuhahotzma and Ahgularigiglak.

COMPETENT authorities estimate that not less than 400,000,000 of human mummies were made in Egypt from the time of the beginning of the art of embalming until its discontinuance in the sixteenth century. Herodotus and Diodorus both agree in the statement that there were three grades in the embalming process, the first costing not less than one-fifth the amount, and the third cheaper than common earth burial.

THE construction of our new navy continues to furnish interesting episodes in the successive stages of its growth. Some two years ago there were armor trials exciting general interest, now comes the test of our first 15-inch gun at the proving grounds below Washington. This is one of the twelve guns ordered for the battleships Indiana, Massachusetts and Oregon, and beyond these no guns of so great caliber will probably be built. If ironclads grappled, as did the wooden ships of our grandfathers, this gun could put its shot through a 25-inch steel coat on its adversary.

Of all the exhibits at the California Midwinter fair probably the most interesting to eastern people is the old mining cabin occupied by John W. Mackay when his circumstances were such as hardly a day laborer would envy. But the rude comfort and hospitality of the cabin had a genuineness about them that his daughter does not seem to have found in the palaces of an Italian prince. Another interesting exhibit in its name exhibit is that occupied nearly half a century ago by Senator Perkins. Both the millionaire and the senator built these humble homes with their own hands.

THE water of Niagara falls is to drive canal boats between Buffalo and Albany. At first sight this seems quite a trifle, but when you get the connecting link you ask why they didn't do it before. The fact is you were off your trolley. The original power is to come from the falls, the Cataract Electric company being the agent. It is from the mighty dynamo of this new concern that the wires of the Erie canal boats are to get the power that is to run the boats on the Erie canal.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

MONDAY, March 14.—There was no important business transacted in the senate, the entire day being consumed in the consideration of bills on the calendar, and most of these were measures of minor importance. The house spent the day in discussing the sundry civil bill. The last paragraph was considered, but no definite action was taken on any item.

TUESDAY, March 20.—Senator Voorhees reported the tariff bill in the senate and gave notice that on April 9 he would call the senate to take it up for consideration. In the house the sundry civil appropriation bill (857,687,890) was passed. The house then adjourned to the 22d.

WEDNESDAY, March 21.—A Chinese treaty which provides for restricted immigration has been negotiated and is under consideration in the senate. The house was not in session.

THURSDAY, March 22.—In the senate a number of bills of minor importance were taken up. Mr. Sherman introduced a resolution directing the committee on judiciary to investigate the charges of "simulation" of United States coins or of the coining of counterfeit silver dollars. After a brief executive session the senate adjourned to the 26th.

FRIDAY, March 23.—The senate was not in session. In the house a joint resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the salaries and expenses of additional deputy collectors of internal revenue to carry out the provisions of the Chinese exclusion act was passed. The struggle over the O'Neill-Joy contested election case was resumed and occupied the remainder of the session.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE gold production throughout the world of \$150,000,000 for the calendar year 1893 is the latest estimate of the bureau of the mint at Washington.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has approved the bill granting a pension to Hannah Lyons, 91 years of age, daughter of John Russell, the revolutionary soldier whose statue stands on guard at Trenton, New Jersey.

THE patent commissioner in his annual report for the calendar year 1893 says the total number of applications for patents received during the year was 37,293. There were 23,670 patents granted, including designs; 99 patents reissued and 1,677 trademarks registered. The number of patents which expired was 14,172.

THE EAST.

A JURY in New York gave Esther Jacobs \$50,000 damages in a breach of promise suit against Henry H. Sims.

THE democratic state convention in Providence, R. I., nominated David S. Baker for governor. The platform commends the repeal of the Sherman coinage act, the pending tariff legislation and the repeal of the federal election law.

THE New Jersey supreme court broke the senatorial deadlock which has existed for eleven weeks by upholding the republican senate and all its acts and ruling that the democratic organization was unconstitutional.

JOHN SHANDON fatally shot a man, killed a baby, fired into a posse and narrowly escaped lynching at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

THE death of Silas Gore, the school-teacher, the prince of peace, occurred at Auburn, Me., at the age of 85 years.

AT Saugus, Mass., H. A. Sutherland coughed up a bullet from his lungs. It had been lodged there since October 11, 1868, when he was shot in the neck at a battle during the war.

A DISCREPANCY of \$1,500,000 was said to have been discovered in the New York state comptroller's office.

A COMMERCIAL agency at New York reports a greater volume of business in the country, but at prices lower than ever before.

SIX persons were instantly killed, four new counterfeits were made, the explosion of the Acme Powder company's works near Pittsburgh, Pa.

WEST AND SOUTH.

ALLEN SELLS, one of the original Sells Bros. of circus fame, died at his home in Topeka, Kan., aged 85.

In Tennessee excessive rainfall caused much damage. Railroad bridges were washed away and houses wrecked.

BURGALARS pried open the door of a bank vault at Centerville, Ia., and stole \$3,000 silver dollars.

MATTHEW GRAHAM, John Schremp and Missie Schilling were murdered in one day in St. Louis by different persons.

COLORED people in state convention at Birmingham, Ala., discussed the depressed condition of their race, and it was the sense of the convention that Africa is the natural home of the negro and that they should go there and establish a great nation. They agreed, however, that as the white man had brought them to this country it was proper that he should pay their way back to Africa.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

MISSOURI NATIONAL BANKS.

The following shows the condition of the national banks of Missouri, outside of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, February 28, as reported to the comptroller of the currency:

Table with columns: Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds on hand, Premiums on U. S. bonds, Stocks, securities, real estate, Due from national banks, Due from state banks and bankers, Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other cash items, Exchanges for clearing houses, Bills of other national banks, Fractional paper currency, nickel, etc., Total.

LIABILITIES.

Table with columns: Capital stock paid in, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes, National bank notes issued, Less amount on hand, Due other national banks, Due state banks and bankers, Individual deposits, Total deposits, Bills payable, Liabilities other than those above, Average reserve held, 33.82 per cent.

FROM WASHINGTON.

LEWIS MILL, Randolph county, E. C. Sharpe vice W. C. Rouse, resigned.

STARBUCK, Polk county, S. S. Umpherson, resigned.

HANCOCK, Pulaski county, Jabez Goodman, vice W. T. Dickson, removed.

THORNTON, Boone county, W. C. Rouse, vice C. W. Gobie, resigned.

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GREENE county, R. F. Owen, vice Mary C. Craig, resigned.

GREENE county, L. V. Grove, vice J. C. Comer, resigned.

GRAY SUMMIT, Franklin county, Julius Hundert, vice R. E. Rice, resigned.

HAZELTON, Texas county, Elizabeth Handster, vice J. J. Rice, resigned.

RAMSEY, Miller county, J. W. Burton, vice J. M. Clark, removed.

GREENE county, Oliver H. Scott, postmaster.

ROCK, Vernon county, Samuel Y. Regan, postmaster.

TESSA, Wayne county, Edwin R. Wall, postmaster.

A Row at the State University.

The students of the Missouri state university, Columbia, held a mass-meeting the other day.

It was to protest against the resignation of Dr. Paul Schweitzer from the chair of chemistry, which took place at the recent meeting of the board of curators. The students have been in open revolt against the action of President R. H. Jesse, who they claim is responsible for the resignation.

At a recent meeting of the curators a petition signed by 20 students requesting an investigation of the conduct of President Jesse was presented. The petition was read aloud by the curator, and no definite action was taken by them. A number of professors expressed their disapproval of the action in sending in the petition, and agreed to support them in their cause. The faculty has split on the question in regard to President Jesse. The students discussed the resignation of Dr. Schweitzer, and resolutions expressing their regret at his retirement were passed. The alumni responded to the resolutions, and a number of the professors were present and sanctioned the proceeding.

A Daylight Robbery.

Burnett's jewelry store in St. Joseph was the scene of a bold daylight robbery the other day.

Two men entered the store and one of them asked to look at some rings, while the other thought he would like a pair of cuff buttons. The jewelry called for was set on the show case and the two men remained there as if they intended to buy. Among the rings shown was one with a diamond valued at \$175, while the other was a pair of cuff buttons. The customers said they would not buy and started to walk out of the store. It was observed that one of them had the \$175 ring in his pocket, and the other had a pair of cuff buttons.

A Popular Pastor Remembered.

Rev. Dr. C. P. Marsden, who has been pastor of the Union M. E. church in St. Louis for five years, held his last prayer meeting there the other evening.

ON TO WASHINGTON.

THE ARMY OF THE COMMONWEALTH TAKES UP ITS MARCH—THE MOVEMENT A COLossal FRAIL—A RIDICULOUSLY SMALL BAND OF FIGHTERS—THOUSANDS OF ARMED MEN—FEBRUARY 28, AS REPORTED TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

CANTON, O., March 28.—Coxey's army of the Commonwealth moved out of Massillon yesterday on schedule time. There were perhaps seventy-five stragglers in line at the start and twenty-five less when Canton, eight miles away, was reached. Carl Browne, chief marshal, headed the procession. He was with the horse and was followed by half a dozen aides, all mounted on horses belonging to Coxey, who rode in a carriage drawn by a pair of spirited steeds.

The procession consisted of the marshals, Coxey, his wife and sister, a bugler, four covered wagons, containing camping outfits, baled straw and several quarters of beef, a brass band that played all kinds of music at once, and the soldiers of the commonwealth on foot. They marched single file and two abreast as pleased their fancy. With very few exceptions they were a hard-looking lot of citizens. This, they claimed, was not their fault, but the fault of our system of government.

The weather was pleasant when the start was made, but the procession was soon overtaken by a severe snow storm. This had a depressing tendency and a number of desertions were reported before Red Urban, the first straggler, was reached. After a brief stay at Red Urban the army resumed its onward march and reached Canton shortly after 4 o'clock where Camp Lexington was pitched.

On the march from Massillon to Canton the Commonwealth army was followed by a mob of nearly 1,000 people in carriages, on horseback and afoot. They made the welkin ring with their cheers and kept Coxey constantly howling and lifting his hat. On reaching Canton the army was greeted by fully 10,000 people who were crowded on sidewalks and in windows and balconies along Tuscarawas street. Everyone regarded the affair as a huge joke and good humor prevailed on all sides.

Camp Lexington was pitched on a vacant lot near the workhouse, shortly after 4 o'clock, and the tramps constituting the army of the Commonwealth at once began building bonfires, scattering straw upon the ground and making other preparations to keep comfortable during the night.

The army had to start on its march without the Goddess of Peace, as no maiden could be found to assume that role. Instead of the goddess, a burly negro has been enlisted to carry the banner, thus giving the African race representation in the movement.

One group of five soldiers deserted in a body before Canton was reached. Their marshal thought the celestial powers were not exercising proper discretion in sending a snowstorm upon the advancing hosts, and advised his men to break for a passing freight train. They broke and have not been heard from since. It was feared by some of Coxey's lieutenants that there would be more desertions before morning unless the weather moderated.

Coxey's life insurance policy has been revoked, the officials of the company fearing he may meet with a violent end before finishing the present enterprise.

Coxey is enthusiastic and claims the movement thus far exceeds his most sanguine expectations; but this is hardly in keeping with his former declarations. Canton and Massillon were both crowded yesterday with people who had come in from surrounding towns and cities to witness the sight.

COXEY A RUINED MAN

Unless He Deserts the Army of Tramps and Harem Hones.

New York, March 28.—A special to a morning paper from Massillon, O., signed by Hugh O'Donnell, the labor leader, says: "Unless Coxey can manage to raise \$4,000 by next Wednesday he is probably a ruined man. He still owes that amount on the celebrated 'Coxyote,' and the former owner of the horse, Col. James E. Pepper, the well-known whiskey man and stock raiser of Kentucky, holds a mortgage on the horse and other property of Coxey to protect that amount. Coxey purchased the stallion for \$4,000 and gave notes for that amount. He paid off \$14,000, and owes \$24,000 to the former owner, alarmed by the reports of Coxey's insane movement, sent his son here this week to take a survey of the situation. The result is that attorneys were instructed to proceed against Coxey yesterday, but after a long conference it was agreed to give the president of the Good Roads association until Wednesday to settle the debt. This is very likely but the beginning of the end. Coxey's entire property is heavily mortgaged and this move of the Peppers, it is thought, is calculated to start up his other creditors and if they come in force, Coxey is done for, as his first wife has predicted, and as his second wife feared he would be.

Provisions for the Commonwealth Army.

ALLIANCE, O., March 25.—Yesterday afternoon the chairman of the committee who has charge of the arrangements received a letter from Gen. Coxey requesting him to buy provisions, if not enough had been donated, and send the bill to him. His fears are groundless, however, as concerns this place, as several carloads of food are now here waiting his coming.

They Are Not All Tramps.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 25.—Alderman McNierney, Maj. Thomas Curley, of the Keystone Bridge Co.; John Rodgers and Capt. Conley, all well-to-do citizens of the Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, are actively engaged and desperately in earnest in organizing a cavalry troop to join Coxey's army of peace on its march to Washington. At noon yesterday the names of seventy-five volunteers were on the list. Alderman McNierney, who is at the head of the organization, says that by Wednesday he will have at least 200 members in his troop.

The Car Did It.

BERLIN, March 28.—The Russo-Austrian commercial treaty owes its success to the personal intervention of the czar. As in the negotiations with Germany, the czar overruled persistently the prejudices of his advisers. He ordered a cessation of the squabbling over the rye duty, which Dr. Witte demanded, and Count Kalnoy refused to grant, and thus removed the last obstacle in the way of an agreement. But for the czar's determination to have peace with both his powerful neighbors, the negotiations would have failed.

Bitten by Rigid Dogs.

Courtney Kelso, aged 12, was bitten by a mad-dog at Rich Hill; also a son of Chas. Ferris, a farmer, was bitten.

A Supposed Case of Small-Pox.

A supposed case of small-pox has developed on a farm near Maryville. The place was quarantined before exposure was possible.

From the Frying-Pan into the Fire.

A St. Louis female shoplifter has plunged herself into more trouble by trying to bribe the judge of the criminal court.

Why He Shot Himself.

Harry Madden, of Edinburg, Grady county, shot himself because his father would not let him attend a theater. He will recover.

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FROM THE COLLEGES.

A NEW SOCIETY HAS BEEN ORGANIZED IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT OF DICKINSON COLLEGE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DICKINSON LAW SOCIETY.

This Chicago club at Yale has elected officers as follows: Raymond, '94, president; Babcock, '94, S., vice president, and J. R. Williams, '95, secretary.

An effort was made by the faculty to bring about a religious awakening in Williams college, and union meetings of all the classes were held every evening.

The death of Rufus S. Frost, which took place in Chicago recently, brought another heavy loss to Wesleyan college, this being the fifth vacancy which has occurred in the board of trustees since the death of Bishop Brooks.

PRESIDENT TUCKER, of Dartmouth, recently announced the Fletcher prize of five hundred dollars, according to the will of Richard Fletcher, for the best essay calculated to counteract the present tendency to a "Fatal Conformity to the World."

MISCELLANEOUS BRIEVITIES.

More people have died from colds than were ever killed in battle.

When the vote of a jury in Germany stands 6 to 6 the prisoner is acquitted.

SANDWICHES made by machinery are the result of a labor saving device just invented.

The oldest clergyman in England is Rev. Sir John Warren Hays, who was born in 1709.

FIVE THOUSAND words are daily sent over the cable connecting Australia and Europe.

The total number of electors in this country, including women entitled to vote, is 18,500,000.

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