

A wise man would rather be ignored than be bored.

Men do less than they should unless they do all they can.

Some people wear glasses because they can't believe their own eyes.

Smiles and frowns are little things, but they are powerful for good or evil.

Of things that are in our power are our opinions, impulses, pursuits, avoidances, and, in brief, all that is of our own doing.

There are now upward of 400 rural mail carriers in the United States, and during the year just closed they carried close to 10,000 pieces of mail.

Possibly Senator Clark was "turned" down for the crime of raising the price of senate seats to a figure where none but plutocrats could afford to buy them.

A New York clairvoyant told the owner of a stolen horse where the animal could be found. The thief must have refused to give the clairvoyant a commission.

Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, is said to be a veritable city of roses. The town nestles among hedges of roses, which grow everywhere in wild profusion. It is fair to assume, however, that "Oom Paul" doesn't do much reclining on beds of them at present.

Those who assert that wine growing countries are largely exempt from the evils of intemperance need not point to France in proof of their assertion. The habitual use of wine often creates the craving which seeks for such stronger stimulants as absinthe or vermouth. Of about three thousand prisoners in the department of the Seine, in which Paris is situated, it is officially stated, more than two thousand were drunkards. The number of suicides induced by habits of intemperance is said to have more than doubled in recent years. Alcoholism is also largely responsible for the fact that thirty-four per cent of the young men conscripted for the army are sent back as unfit.

The great moral reform wave that has been sweeping over the country has subsided. It has failed to crush a single play on the American stage. Rather, it has supplied several most excellent advertising. Seats for "Sapho" in New York are sold four weeks in advance, and a dozen "Sapho" companies are on the road. Barred from a few cities "The Degenerates" enters more than it had intended when it started on the circuit. Other plays are being Sapho-ed and degenerated, to meet the public demand for the sensational. The theater season will be prolonged several weeks. All because the reform wave ran right up against public sentiment.

An eminent physician lately called attention to the important part wars have taken in hospital development. He declared that the Crimean war developed the trained nurse and the training school. In the American civil war, medical men learned that small hospitals, and even hospital tents, are better than large enclosed structures for the sick and wounded. To the knowledge thus gained is due the pavilion tent. It was war, also, it is asserted, that led, not to the discovery, but to the introduction of antiseptic surgery. Medical science will profit by the conflict now in progress in South Africa. Through disease and wounds there treated, benefit will come to the civilized world. Thus out of a great evil may come a great good, for war compels resort to every expedient to save the lives of one's own soldiers, no less than to destroy the lives of those in the hostile army.

The power plant of the Paris exposition has a chimney 289 feet high. Twenty-six feet is below the service of the ground and 263 feet is above the ground. The foundation rests upon an oak plating capped with a concrete block fifty-nine feet in diameter and five feet thick. Upon this is built a truncated cone of masonry fifty-four feet in diameter at the base, and forty-two feet in diameter at the top and eighteen feet six inches high. Into the hollow space in its interior open the tunnels conveying the smoke and gases from the various boiler plants. Above the ground line the chimney consists of a pedestal fifty-two and a half feet high, a shaft 177 feet high and a capital thirty-three feet high. The chimney is built of white brick ornamented with bands, lozenges, crosses, etc., in red, black and enameled brick. On the whole the smokestack is most excellent from an architectural point of view.

"The opening of the baseball season" is a phrase which implies that the season opens everywhere at once. In reality, the season opens in our big country very much as the honey season for the bees, or the season of birds' singing, or the strawberry season, opens, that is to say, not long after New Year's day in Florida, and from that date on to a period several months later in northern Maine. Now that American soldiers have introduced the American game in Havana, San Juan, Manila and Iloilo, baseball has all seasons for its own.

WORK OF TORNAOOES

HALF A DOZEN OF THEM VISIT CENTRAL KANSAS.

Two People Are Known to Have Been Killed and Three Injured—Wires Are Down in the Affected District, Making It Impossible to Learn the Extent of the Damage—Great Number of Farm Buildings Were Destroyed and a Large Amount of Stock Killed—Farmers in Nebraska Suffer Severely.

Kansas City, May 8.—Half a dozen distinct tornadoes occurred in Central Kansas yesterday afternoon, following a day of exceedingly high temperature. Wires are down in the affected districts, making it impossible to accurately sum up the damage done. A Times special from Ellingwood, Kan., says:

"At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a tornado visited Logan township. It formed a few miles south of Ellingwood and passed over the west portion of the county. At the Cheyenne bottoms, six miles north, it divided in six different directions and destroyed the residences of George and William Helfrich. George Helfrich and wife were instantly killed. William Helfrich and his wife and child were badly hurt. The storm next struck the farm of Carl Schneider, destroying the out-buildings and leaving the dwelling untouched. Further into the country a number of others are reported killed or injured. A large amount of stock was killed."

A special from Larned, Kan., says: "A tornado passed southeast of here at 6 o'clock last evening and struck near Pawnee Rock, three miles distant."

The Wires Are Down and it is impossible to learn the extent of the damage done. Four separate funnel-shaped clouds are reported to have been seen in the direction of Great Bend. H. H. Gerrish's house, barn and other outbuildings were a mass of ruins. The family, luckily, was not at home at the time and escaped injury. About thirty hogs were killed. The school house standing near Mr. Gerrish's home was wipped from the face of the earth. John McComb's house was blown down and his granary, barn and windmill reduced to ruins. The family happened to be in the one room which remained standing. H. H. Corbett's frame house and barn and mill were all reduced to very minute pieces, farm machinery was broken and stock killed. No one was at home when the catastrophe occurred. A. D. Pierce's big hay barn was ruined and other buildings blown down. One horse was crushed under the falling timbers. The house in which a Mr. Stone lived was ruined by the wind but no one was hurt. The Presbyterian church in town is wrecked beyond repair. A brick building in the north part of town was blown down and a large amount of damage done in other parts of town.

Farmers Suffer Great Loss. Omaha, May 8.—A special to the Bee from Beaver City, Neb., gives further details of the Wilsonville tornadoes. Many farm houses were destroyed. The hallstones were as large as baseballs, and were driven through roofs. The twister appeared after the bombardment and took a northeasterly course. It was funnel-shaped and did damage over a wide area. Farmers west and north of Wilsonville were the greatest sufferers. Many people fled to their cellars. A town's large house was destroyed. Towne, his wife and daughter were seriously, though not fatally, injured. Houses and barns of H. H. Gerrish, H. H. Corbett and H. A. Osborne were destroyed. The latter was seriously injured. A daughter of L. E. McFarland was in a summer house which was lifted and carried some distance without serious injury. Five cows were carried a quarter of a mile. The residence of Rev. Lavine was destroyed. His wife and child were carried forty feet and not seriously injured. Much live stock was killed by the storm and the damage to crops and fruit trees was great. The amount of damage has not been estimated.

Farm Property Destroyed. Kanapolis, Kan., May 8.—At 4 o'clock four distinct funnel-shaped clouds developed within a radius of a mile of here and it is believed caused considerable destruction to farm property though no definite reports have been received. The day was one of the hottest ever experienced in this part of the state.

Texas Town Partially Destroyed. Dallas, Tex., May 8.—One-third of the houses in Carza, a town in Denton county, were destroyed late yesterday afternoon by a tornado. No one was hurt, for, warned by a big black cloud, the people sought refuge in storm houses before the tornado reached them. Reports from other sections of Denton county show that several houses at Little Elm were demolished and several people injured. Wires to the north are down.

ST. LOUIS BLAZE. Hay and Lumber Valued at \$250,000 Are Destroyed. St. Louis, May 8.—The Mississippi Valley Hay Storage company and the lumber yards of the Hofner-Lothman Manufacturing company were destroyed by fire. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000, of which the hay company sustains about \$40,000. The entire loss is covered by insurance.

Willing to Trust Them. London, May 8.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says that advices received state that the czar has ordered the chief of police to cease all extraordinary precautions for his safety. "I have come to see my people, not the police of Moscow," is the way the autocrat says it.

Taylor Summoned to Washington. Louisville, K., May 8.—Gov. Taylor left last night for Washington in response to a telegraphic request from the national capital.

IN HONOR OF DEWEY.

Thousands of Children Sing Patriotic Songs at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., May 6.—Ten thousand Sunday school children, waving ten thousand American flags cheered and sang patriotic songs in honor of Admiral Dewey at the public reception at the exposition building yesterday. The song service which was the last of a series of luncheons and informal receptions that took up the time of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey from early in the day, took place last evening at a public reception given in the big building in which four years ago President McKinley was nominated, and was attended by an audience that packed the edifice almost to suffocation. The two days' celebration in honor of Admiral Dewey began yesterday morning with a short informal reception at the Merchants' exchange, trading being suspended during the visit of the distinguished guests. This reception was limited to members of the exchange and their families, but the big hall and the galleries around it was packed when a wild cheer announced the arrival of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey and the members of the admiral's party. Escorted by President Whitehall of the exchange, the admiral ascended the rostrum and after a few brief remarks by President Whitehall, Mayor Ziegenhein made a characteristic speech bidding the admiral warm welcome to St. Louis. The admiral, amid renewed cheering, replied, thanking the citizens of St. Louis for his reception.

INSIST UPON HAVING ROYAL.

Royal Baking Powder is in the stock of probably every dealer in groceries in the State. If not, the grocer will add to the reputation of his store by keeping it.

Royal Baking Powder itself, and the packages which contain it, comply with all the food laws and every other law of the State, and if any dealer attempts to hinder its sale he does so for the purpose of palming off upon the customer a cheap and inferior substitute.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Chicago, May 6.—Struggling under an avalanche of memorials and resolutions the Methodist general conference began yesterday the real business of its long session. With excited debate it took action to check alleged mercenary tendencies of some of its bishops. Then it appointed committees to make special investigations of the great departments of the great church work. Hardly a great reform which had been agitated by Methodists in the past four years but was proposed under one aspect or another in the memorials that were submitted. The question of amusements and the time limit for the ministers were both the subject of reform proposals, but these, as well as old questions of deeper importance were submitted to the standing committees of the conference for thorough consideration.

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY

Brought Out in Connection With the Goebel Case. Frankfort, Ky., May 6.—The most important testimony yet brought out in connection with the Goebel assassination case was brought out last night in the hearing for bail in the Culton case. Assistant Secretary of State Matthews and McKenzie Todd, private secretary to Gov. Taylor, were the star witnesses and gave testimony nearly as sensational as that of Culton. Matthews stated that pardons were issued also to Charles Finley, John L. Powers, Harland Whitaker and possibly W. H. Culton, but later said he was not sure as to Culton, but thought he entered a pardon for him at the same time he entered the other three pardons and those of Caleb Powers and John Davis March 10, but was not sure. The hearing will continue to-day.

DIVORCED COUPLE REMARRY.

Announcement Made by Wedded Parents' Daughter. Syracuse, May 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Wright McCastline were remarried after a separation of twenty-three years, when the wife got a divorce. The reconciliation was brought about by the daughter, Miss Mae Wallace McCastline, who has local fame as a poet. Miss McCastline sent out an announcement which is certainly unique in that it reads: "Miss Mae Wallace McCastline announces the remarriage of her parents," etc.

SALE ABANDONED.

Deal for the Danish West Indies Strongly Opposed by King. London, May 6.—A dispatch to the Times from Copenhagen says that the project of selling the Danish West Indies to the United States has been abandoned. It is strongly opposed by the leading men, and the king is also opposed to it. The dispatch adds that the Copenhagen banks intend to combine and start a new bank at St. Thomas, D. W. I.

BLOW AT STEEL TRUST.

Pittsburg Men Will Build Half Million Dollar Independent Plant. Parkersburg, W. Va., May 6.—Pittsburg men now here have secured options on a large tract of land for the construction of a \$500,000 steel plant, to employ 500 men and to operate independent of the trust.

Overturned Lamp Did It. Drubane, Iowa, May 6.—An overturned lamp set fire to the home of Mrs. Wolfens last night. Trying to rescue her four-year-old child, the mother was so severely burned she may die. The baby was badly injured.

Passenger Train Wrecked. Pittsburg, May 6.—A passenger train, westbound, in the Wheeling division of the Baltimore & Ohio road was wrecked last evening just east of Gastonville. One man was killed and another fatally injured.

ROBERTS' ADVANCE

BRITISH TROOPS PICKETED ON THE VET RIVER.

Hard Marching Carries the British Forces Thirty-two Miles From Karee Siding in Two Days—Boers Retire Out of Reach of British Shells—Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener at Brandfort—French's Cavalry Sweeping the Country Northward—Hunter Crosses the Vaal at Windsorton.

London, May 6.—The mounted infantry with Lord Roberts, among which are the Canadians, have picketed their horses on the south bank of the Vet river, eighteen miles north of Brandfort. The head of Lord Roberts' column has thus advanced thirty-two miles from Karee Siding in two days, or fifty-three miles north of Bloemfontein. Little powder was spent. The Boers retiring out of reach of the British shells. The correspondents supplement Lord Roberts' plain state-



DR. FISCHER, President of the Boer Peace Commission En Route to the United States. with a few details. As Gen. Hutton, with the first mounted infantry brigade, drew near Brandfort he saw a khaki-clad body of troops ahead of him. He was surprised, but thought they must be British. Soon, however, they opened fire upon the



MR. WESSELS, President of the F. S. Parliament, Also a Member of the Peace Commission. British, who suffered heavily. They were the Irish-American brigade from Lourenco Marques, and it is reported the Irish lost heavily. The Boer flag was flying over Brandfort as the British entered the town. Several British were found in the hospital. The Boer authorities gave up the keys to the



MR. WOLMARAS, Transvaal Deputy, Also a Member of the Peace Commission. public buildings to Capt. Ross. Lord Kitchener arrived at Brandfort at noon and Lord Roberts at dusk. Gen. French's cavalry are sweeping the country northward. The expectation is that

The Infantry Advance

will be continued toward Kroonstad. Although no prisoners were taken and although no hot pursuit was attempted the news is greatly cheered. London. Nevertheless it has not been received with the fine rapture that attended the first successes of Lord Roberts.

Gen. Hunter's crossing the Vaal at Windsorton brings the relief of Mafeking, 195 miles beyond, almost within a calculable interval. It is now regarded as quite possible that Mafeking may be succored before the queen's birthday.

The debate in parliament on the Spion kop dispatches proved a disappointment to the supporters of the government. The Ministerialist papers confess to a certain amount of inconsistency and weakness in the statements of the spokesmen of the government. On the other hand, as the Standard points out, the opposition proves to be well satisfied with the debate, as they believe it has injured the government and has rendered Lord Lansdowne's continuance at the war office difficult.

Queen Chips in to the Ottawa Fund. London, May 6.—Queen Victoria has contributed 500 guineas and the prince of Wales 250 guineas to the Mansion house Ottawa fire relief fund. Another Ottawa fire relief fund was opened at Glasgow yesterday and about 22,000 was subscribed in a few hours.

School-Teacher Killed. Waverly, Minn., May 6.—Miss Kate Flannery, a teacher at Section 8 school, two miles south of town, was killed in a runaway accident.

EX-SECRETARY ENDICOTT DEAD.

Former Secretary of War Succumbs to Pneumonia. Boston, May 8.—William Crowinshield Endicott, secretary of war under President Cleveland's first administration, died at his residence in this city yesterday afternoon of pneumonia, aged seventy-three years. Although Mr. Endicott's system had been somewhat enfeebled from an attack of the grip from which he suffered



last winter, he had been in apparently good bodily health up to last Wednesday, when he took his customary drive. Shortly after he was taken ill and pneumonia developed, the disease reaching its most acute form Saturday evening, at which time it was feared by the attending physician that the patient could not live through the night. He rallied slightly, but during Sunday his respiration gradually grew weaker, and about 5 o'clock he passed peacefully away.

WOMAN SAVED BY HER HAIR.

Falls From Fourth Story Fire Escape and is Suspended Till Aid Comes. New York, May 8.—Sadie Pardy, twenty-four years old, a maid in the family of Albert Peyer of 216 East Seventy-eighth street, fell from the fire escape on the fourth floor. A strand of her hair caught in some of the ornamental iron work of the balcony on the first floor, and for a moment she hung suspended in mid-air. Then her hair parted, but the moment had given time for aid to come, and as she fell she landed in the arms of several men who had witnessed her drop from the fourth floor. She escaped with a severe scalp wound.

NEW ARGENTINE MINISTER.

Senor Eduardo Wilde Submits His Credentials to the President. Washington, May 8.—Senor Eduardo Wilde, the newly appointed Argentina minister, submitted his credentials to the president at the White House Saturday. Accompanied by his legal staff, the minister first went to the state department and met Secretary Hay, who escorted him to the White House and presented him to the president. The usual felicitous speeches were made, the minister expressing a hope for the continuation of the marvelous progress of this great republic, and the president welcoming Senor Wilde as a worthy successor to Senor Garcia Merou.

OTIS SETS SAIL.

Hurried Departure From Manila Causes Comment. Washington, May 8.—Gen. Otis left Manila Saturday in the transport Meade, for San Francisco. He was expected to remain in command in the Philippines at least until the arrival of the Taft commission, after May 20, and his precipitate abandoning of his post at this time is rather mystifying to the authorities. The first intimation of his earlier departure came in a cable message Friday asking to be relieved. The request was promptly granted and Gen. MacArthur was directed to assume command. Gen. Wheaton will assume command in Northern Luzon.

TO STRENGTHEN THE FORT.

France Appropriates Nine Million Francs for the Island of Martinique. Kingston, Jam., May 8.—Interisland advices here say Martinique is jubilant over the news received there from France that 9,000,000 francs have been appropriated for strengthening the fortifications of Fort du France. A newspaper of that town says: "After this the English may come."

CHICAGO RIVER ON FIRE.

Noted Stream a Mass of Flame for Two Blocks. Chicago, May 8.—Oil floating on the south branch of the river caught fire and for a time threatened to spread to the stock yards and adjoining lumber yards. It was checked, however, and finally burned itself out after consuming two piles of lumber. The flames extended along the river for two blocks.

Laying a New Cable.

Berlin, May 8.—The directors of the German Atlantic Cable company wired from Borkum that the cable-laying had begun. Emperor William telegraphed his best wishes for the successful completion of this important undertaking.

The System Extended.

Washington, May 8.—The system of registering letters by mail carriers has been extended to 163 postoffices, and there now remains less than 100 cities having free delivery where this system is not in operation.

Killing Frosts in Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, May 8.—Reports from Eastern Ohio say ice formed in some localities and that killing frosts were general. The damage to fruits and early crops is undoubtedly heavy. Apple and peach orchards are destroyed.

The Ohio Wheat Crop.

Columbus, Ohio, May 8.—A bulletin issued by the state board of agriculture estimates the prospective wheat crop of the state at only 41 per cent on an average, or about sixteen to eighteen million bushels.

SIX MEN DROWNED

BRITISH STEAMER STRANDED ON A SHOAL.

Fifteen of the Crew Get Away in a Boat, and Another Boat Was Swamped, Drowning Six Men—Five Men Returned to the Ship and Were Rescued With Great Difficulty by the Life Saving Corps—The Ship Had a Cargo of Iron Ore From Cuba and is a Total Loss.

Cape Henry, Va., May 6.—The British steamer Virginia, Capt. Charles Samuel, from Daquiri, Cuba, for Baltimore, with a cargo of iron ore and a crew of twenty-six men, including a stowaway, stranded on Diamond shoal about 6 p. m. Wednesday, May 3, during thick heavy weather. The crew took to the boats and attempted to leave the ship. One boat with fifteen of the crew got away, but the other boat was swamped and six men drowned. The remaining five got back on the steamer, where they remained until yesterday morning when they were rescued and brought ashore by the crews of the Creed's Hill and Cape Hatteras life saving stations. The ship stranded about twelve miles from shore, and owing to thick, squally weather which has prevailed for several days she was not discovered by the life savers until yesterday morning. The rescue was made in the station life-boats. Much difficulty was encountered, the boats starting early in the morning, but were not able to land until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The ship is now nearly under water and is a total loss.

Norfolk, Va., May 5.—It is reported here that the British steamer went to pieces last night. There are tidings that fifteen men are adrift in a boat.

ONLY THREE WERE SAVED.

Twenty Passengers and Thirteen Sailors Went Down With the Ship. San Francisco, May 6.—Particulars of the loss of the British steamer Glenoid, bound from Melbourne to Gipsland, were received yesterday by the steamer Alameda. The cable reports received last month had it that all hands were lost, but the mail advices state that three men were rescued and that twenty passengers and thirteen of the crew went down with the vessel. The wreck was caused by the steamer springing a plate during a storm. There was heavy sea on and it was with difficulty that the boats were lowered. The women passengers were placed in one lifeboat with two officers and several seamen. The second boat swamped and all hands were lost. The boat with the women has never been heard from.

GAVE AID TO REBELS.

Prominent Firms in Manila Revealed as Having Had Unlawful Dealings With Filipinos. Manila, May 6.—The United States transport Meade has been ordered to be ready to sail to-morrow. It is supposed that Maj. Gen. Otis, with his personal staff, will then start for the United States. The insurgent archives discovered by Gen. Funston include papers implicating prominent foreign firms in Manila in unlawful dealings. It is reported that evidence has been obtained that some of them furnished munitions of war to the rebels, and it is also said that the American authorities are in possession from this source of a detailed plan for attacking the American forces, written by Aguinaldo in the Tagalog language Jan. 9, 1899, and translated into Spanish by Buencanino.

OUTLAWS FIGHT FIERCELY.

Dustin Shaw and Son Are Run Down in Vermont. Middlebury, Vt., May 6.—After being hunted for ten days through the woods and mountains of Central Vermont, the two outlaws, Dustin Shaw and his son Frank, brought to bay at noon yesterday, turned over their pursuers and fought until the younger man dropped, mortally wounded. Their capture caused one of the greatest sensations here the town has ever known, and the capture has given a feeling of relief all over the state.

SIX TORPEDO BOATS.

Sultan's Are All Defective and New Boats Will Be Ordered. Constantinople, May 6.—A result of the blowing up of the Turkish torpedo boat on the coast of Syria, in which over a score of lives were lost, the inspection of the other torpedo boats in the Turkish service was ordered, and nearly all of them found defective. It is reported that the sultan decided to order six new torpedo boats of an improved type from Italian and American firms.

A PECULIAR DEATH.

A Man's Heart Pierced by an Emery Wheel Fragment. Huntington, Pa., May 6.—Oliver D. Stewart, secretary of the Laird Mallean Iron works of this city, and Republican nominee for state senator, was instantly killed by the bursting of an emery wheel. A piece of the wheel pierced his heart.

Received Fatal Injuries.

Frankfort, Ky., May 6.—By a premature blast in the Louisville & Nashville railroad quarry at Benson, two negroes were probably fatally injured and three others badly injured.

Railway Disaster Averted.

Paris, May 6.—A railway disaster was averted by the timely discovery of two bombs on the rails in St. Mandel's tunnel. Information given to the Vincennes police has led to the arrest of four reputed anarchists.

Robbers Get \$100,000.

Chicago, May 6.—Porch climbers in a raid upon the home of M. M. Munster, a diamond broker, have secured plunder valued at nearly \$100,000. The booty consisted of diamonds, pearls and old gold.