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Report of the Proceedings from Day to Day.

SENATE.
MONDAY.—Mr. Morgan's Cuban resolution was discussed at considerable length in the Senate. For the first time since the debate began opposition sentiment expressed itself, Hale, of Maine, and White, of California, speaking against it, while Turpie of Indiana, supported it. Chandler, Republican, of New Hampshire, from the committee on census, reported a bill for taking the twelfth census. Hale, in his long argument against Morgan's resolution, said its object was to prevent Spain from making a loan and thus prevent her from putting down the insurrection.

TUESDAY.—The Cuban question occupied the entire attention of the Senate, the debate taking a large range, and at times becoming spirited, when comparisons were made between the attitude of the former administration and the present on the subject of Cuba. The debate went over until Wednesday. During the day Senator Kyle, Populist, of South Dakota, rising to a question of privileges, disclaimed having sought committee places from Republicans. A partial conference on the Indian appropriation bill was agreed to.

WEDNESDAY.—In the Senate the sugar investigation of 1894 was resumed by the introduction of a resolution of Allen, of Nebraska. Morgan, of Alabama, made a statement relative to his resolution on Cuba, but it went over for further consideration. A resolution by Butler, (Pop.) of North Carolina, requesting the President for information relative to the sale of the Union Pacific Railroad was presented and went over. The Senate then took up the calendar and passed bills as follows: For the relief of certain citizens of Montana, claiming the benefits of the homestead laws; granting to Montana 50,000 acres of land in aid of an asylum for the blind; appropriating \$174,000 to Charles P. Chouteau, for extra work on the iron clad Etah; appropriating \$15,000 for Newberry college, Newberry, S. C., for war losses. The immigration and the kinetoscope bills were reached, but went over on objection.

THURSDAY.—After a long period of calm, the Senate was considerably agitated, first in the discussion of the sugar Senate investigation and then by a preliminary skirmish on the tariff bill. The Allen resolution, to bring Elverton B. Chapman before the bar of the Senate, was debated in somewhat unobscured style until Tillman, of South Carolina, gave a present interest to the subject, referring to reports that Senator had within the last week speculated in sugar stock. Morgan's Cuban resolution came up and went over until Monday. Gallinger introduced a resolution for the appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of suffering Americans in Cuba. The resolution went to the committee on foreign relations. Just before adjournment Aldrich, in charge of the tariff bill, announced that he would not call up the tariff bill next Tuesday as contemplated, but on the following Thursday, when a statement would be made, the regular debate to begin not later than Monday, May 24.

HOUSE.
MONDAY.—The House resumed the transaction of public business, and entered upon the consideration of the amendments of the civil appropriation bill. The general debate, and most of the debate under the five minute rule, was confined to the discussion of the Senate amendment to restore the lands reserved as forest reservations under President Cleveland's order of February 22, to the public domain. The Western members generally supported the Senate proposition.

TUESDAY.—The most interesting debate was on the appropriation of \$30,000 to improve Pearl Harbor, which was rejected by a vote of 85 to 63. Hitt, of Illinois, wanted the government to take steps to confirm its title, saying without it as a cooling station our nation would be helpless in case of war. The House failed to agree with the Senate amendment on Cleveland's reservation order, but wanted another to the same effect. At 5:30 the House adjourned until Thursday.

THURSDAY.—In the House the Indian appropriation bill was disposed of, except the provision for opening the Utah, Gilsonite lands, which went over until Monday. Nearly two hours were consumed in a parliamentary squabble on the point raised by Wheeler, of Alabama, that the rule for semi-weekly session was in violation of the Constitution. Simpson (Pop.), of Kansas, endeavored to renew his attack upon the speaker for failing to appoint committees, and censured the Republicans for not mustering a quorum. The speaker ruled him out of order, but finally he was given the floor by a vote of 80 to 57. When he proceeded again he was called down, and then there was some filibustering after the House decided that Simpson could not speak, whereupon he appealed to the chair to be informed "where am I at?" "The chair has never been able to find any one who knew that," was the reply.

How Large Profits Are Made.
If first-class bicycles can be manufactured in large quantities for twenty-five dollars each, how much less does it cost to build type-writing machines? Is there any reason why such machines should sell for \$100 each? Is there any reason why purchasers should pay even fifty dollars for such? What makes it possible for the manufacturers to secure five or six times the original cost? Persistent and judicious advertising.

Wins Their Suit.
The Bell Telephone Company have won the case brought against it by the United States government to annul the Berliner patent. This continues the control of the telephone by the Bell Company for seventeen years from 1891 when the last patent was granted.

Cotton Firms Dissolve.
The Inman cotton firms of Atlanta and Augusta, Ga., Houston, Texas; New York and Bremen, Germany, are to expire by limitation on Sept. 1st, by Mr. S. M. Inman retiring and younger members stepping in.

MOB LYNCHES TWO GIRLS.

Colored Servants Hanged to a Tree in Alabama.

THEY HAD POISONED A FAMILY.

One of Them Confessed—Had Killed One Person and Nearly Killed a Score—The Lynching Was the Work of About Twenty Men and Their Identity Has Not Been Discovered by the Sheriff.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Special).—Mollie Smith and Amanda Franklin, two young colored women, were found at daybreak Wednesday morning swinging from a tree on the road between Jeff and Huntsville, in Madison County. The twenty men who had lynched them had disappeared. The girls paid the penalty of death for poisoning the family of Joshua O. Kelly, a prominent citizen of Jeff. Several attempts have been made to poison the Kelly family. The first was made two months ago. Mr. Kelly and his family, consisting of eleven persons, arose from the supper table one night suffering from terrible pains, and the next day Mr. Kelly died in great agony. It was ascertained that arsenic had got into the coffee, but it was thought that it was an accident. Eleven persons set up with the body of Mr. Kelly the night after his death. Toward midnight they partook of some sausage, and at once became ill. Fortunately there was a physician in attendance, and no fatally resulted. Last Friday all the members of the family arose from the breakfast table with terrible cramps in the stomach. Although none has yet died, several are still in a dangerous condition. This time it developed that the poison was in the bread.

Suspicion was then directed to Mollie Smith, a young colored girl, who had formerly worked in the family, and a search of her house was made. Mollie had anticipated the visit, and had started to Tennessee on foot. Amanda Franklin, Mollie's successor in the Kelly home, was also suspected. Twenty men gathered Wednesday. Some of them started out to capture Mollie, whom they overtook some ten miles away. The Franklin girl was found at her home, in bed. She was told to get up and dress, and go with the posse, which she did. The Franklin girl gave way when she was cross-questioned, and finally made a clean breast of the whole affair. She confessed to the last poisoning, but said Mollie Smith had put the poison in the coffee and sausage, and had persuaded her to poison the bread, which she did while carrying the flour of which it was made from the pantry to the kitchen.

The Smith girl denied everything, even when faced with the Franklin girl and the latter's confession. The posse, satisfied of the guilt of the two girls, carried them to the woods, a short distance from Mollie Smith's house, and, deaf to tears, prayers and screams, tied ropes about their necks and hanged them to a tree, waiting quietly until it was evident they were dead. With out a word they then stole away in the darkness. There will probably never be a clue to their identity.

BOY MURDERER HANGED.

Elmer Clawson the Youngest Person Ever Executed in New Jersey.

Elmer Clawson, a boy of nineteen years of age, was hanged Wednesday in the Somerset County Jail at Somerville, N. J., for the murder of Harry Hodgett, his former employer. He was the youngest murderer executed in the State, and next to the youngest person convicted of a capital crime in New Jersey. The drop fell at 10:07 o'clock, a. m., and in nine minutes the young murderer was pronounced dead. Before the execution he admitted his guilt and expressed contrition for his crime. He was executed by Rev. J. O. Wiemer of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Somerville, who said that he had baptized the condemned youth.

The crime for which Clawson paid the death penalty was committed at 6 o'clock on the morning of August 29, 1896. The victim was his former employer, Harry Hodgett, an Englishman, thirty years of age, the owner of a small farm at Pluckamin. Clawson demanded work and a quarrel followed, Hodgett accusing the young man of having robbed him while in his employ a year before. During a quarrel the youth shot Hodgett. The murderer then rode away on his bicycle, but was overtaken by two men in a buggy.

TRANSVAAL'S REPLY DEFIANT.

Insists Upon Its Rights and Suggests Arbitration With England.

A dispatch from Cape Town, South Africa, says that the reply of the Transvaal government to the strong note, said to amount to an ultimatum, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, insisting upon observance of the London Convention, is defiant in tone. It insists, the dispatch adds, upon the right of the Transvaal to demand arbitration of the questions in dispute, and also upon its right to pass the Alien Immigration law, and asserts that, if the right is disputed, arbitration is the best means of arriving at a settlement of the question.

Japanese Cruiser at Honolulu.

On May 5 the Japanese cruiser Naniwa arrived at Honolulu, Hawaii, from Yokohama with Japanese Commissioner Abiyama, who is to investigate the cases of the rejected immigrants. Commissioner Abiyama states that his mission is friendly. If he finds the Hawaii Government has erred a claim for damages will be made. He denies that Japan seeks war, and says negotiations will be conducted diplomatically.

Elected a New Speaker.

Speaker Charles Blandford, of the Kentucky House of Representatives, is in Washington in pursuit of a Federal office. He has been there so long, and has given no sign of returning, that his fellow legislators moved that a new Speaker be elected. The motion was adopted, and M. T. Filippi, of Monroe County, was chosen to succeed Mr. Blandford.

Wintry Weather in Great Britain.

Heavy snowstorms prevailed on May 12 over the English counties of Berkshire, Lincolnshire and Esetfordshire. In Scotland there have been heavy snow and hail storms, and the weather has been as cold as during the month of November. There was a sharp frost in London and in the inland counties.

Wild Deer a Pest.

Wild deer have multiplied immensely on Long Island during the closed season. They are not only eating the crops, but are destroying plants and flowers.

Getting Ready for War.

A commission of British cavalry officers and veterinary surgeons is in the Argentine Republic buying horses for the British cavalry service.

Spain the Arbitrator.

Peru and Bolivia have submitted their territorial dispute to the arbitration of Spain.

OUR BUTTER FOR EUROPE.

First Step in an Effort to Extend the Market for the American Product.

The first experimental exportation of butter from this country has just been made from New York City, when the Government, through an agent sent by the Agricultural Department, shipped three quarters of a ton of selected butter for sale in Europe. The result of this experiment is of great importance to the agricultural interests, as it is the first step in an effort of the Government to extend materially the market for American butter and gain some of the trade with Great Britain in particular which Denmark practically controls with considerable profit. An incidental object is to determine what improvements are needed in transportation facilities. Some butter is now being sent abroad by private firms, but it is alleged to be of inferior grades. Unsatisfactory storage in crossing the ocean and careless handling in the shipments on uncovered piers at Southampton before being loaded into freight cars, thus making the butter soft, have further deteriorated its value in the English market.

The butter sent comes from the Iowa Agricultural College and a creamery at Windsor, Vt. Subsequent shipments which will be made during the summer at intervals will be of better quality than the first. To build up a high standard only the best grades will be shipped, and the butter will be sold at the prevailing market prices. The present shipment went on the steamer St. Paul, and will be kept at a low temperature. The cargo is made up of packages of different sizes to determine which is most satisfactory. A Department agent will accompany the ship at Southampton, England, and take proper care of the product and attend to its sale. The appointment of buttermen by the Department at New York and Southampton to take care of these interests is possible.

NEW MOTIVE POWER USED.

Electricity Tested on the New England Railroad.

The directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, in conjunction with the directors of the New York and New England Railroad Company, have begun the most important experiment ever undertaken by those who believe in the ultimate supremacy of electricity over steam as a motive power. A train moved and controlled by electricity developed at a central power-house was run from Berlin, Conn., to Hartford, on a regular schedule between two trains drawn by steam locomotives, in the ordinary way. The electrical equipment train did not in any way interfere with the passage of the train drawn by locomotives. This is important as showing that railroads on which there is a large and constant volume of passenger traffic may be gradually changed from steam to electricity without any interference with the comfort of passengers. Colonel H. H. Hoff, the chief electrical engineer of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, demonstrated that a direct current of electricity can be sent without serious loss for leakage for a distance of nearly thirteen miles from the central power station. Taking in this case, Berlin, Conn., as the centre, it will be possible to replace steam locomotives and cars for Hartford, New Britain, Meriden, Waterbury, Middletown, Wallingford and other cities of the Nutmeg State, comprising a population of over 200,000 inhabitants.

KENTUCKY C. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Ex-Confederates Take Prominent Parts in the Ceremonies.

The State Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lexington, was the most remarkable ever held in Kentucky, from the fact that ex-Confederates took the leading part in the exercises, and only one Union soldier made a set speech.

Captain Stephen G. Sharp, an ex-Confederate, was the Chief Marshal of the day. Colonel William C. P. Breckinridge, an ex-Confederate, made the address of welcome. Judge Jerro R. Morton, an ex-Confederate, presented the encampment in a neat speech with a gavel made from wood grown on the battlefield of Chickamauga.

The only Federal soldier to make an address was General Samuel E. Hill, Adjutant-General of Kentucky under Governor Buckner. He accepted the gavel on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. He made what was considered the best speech of the afternoon, and when he spoke of how the old soldiers had banded together he asked Judge Morton to rise. They clasped hands, and in this position General Hill finished his address amid deafening and prolonged applause. Then five hundred school children sang "Dixie."

About 12,000 persons were in attendance. The parade was participated in by all of the larger Southern military organizations. The encampment was held at the Chattanooga grounds.

"BILL" STRONG SHOT DEAD.

The Famous Kentucky Mountain Fighter Assassinated.

Captain William Strong, the greatest mountain fighter in eastern Kentucky, died with his boots on a few days ago, after having successfully dodged rifle bullets for twenty-five years. He had left his home, which is about ten miles east of Jackson, to go to the house of a neighbor, and had been gone only a few minutes when his family was startled by shooting, which appeared to be not more than half a mile away. Members of the family ran toward the place where the shot of shooting was and found Strong dead on the roadside, seven bullets having penetrated his body.

Strong was lying on his back with his revolver in his right hand. The revolver had barely been drawn from his pocket when a bullet broke the arm. Not a shot had been fired from the revolver. Investigation showed that a blind had been constructed in a place immediately above the road commanding a full view of the thoroughfare for a distance of several hundred yards. Scraps of bread and meat were found behind the blind, and other signs which showed that several men had been hiding there for Strong.

TERRIBLE CRIME IN RUSSIA.

A Hermit Walls Up Alive Seventeen to Receive the Martyr's Crown.

A terrible crime, the result of superstition, has been committed at Tiresopol, in the government of Ekheron, Russia, where are a number of hermits inhabited by sectarians. Recently seventeen of the hermits disappeared, and it was believed that they had emigrated in fear of the impending day of judgment, but a hermit named Kowalind has confessed that he walled them up alive in response to their earnest entreaties that they might receive the martyr's crown. The police examined the spot and verified the confession.

United States have 50,000,000 acres.

Mexico is the richest mineral country.

Ohio has just witnessed its first electrocution.

There are more than 900 golf clubs in the United States and Canada.

Sixty-five million dollars is the yearly value of the potato crop of the United Kingdom.

A large increase in tobacco acreage over that of last year is predicted in Pennsylvania.

Earl Gray Wilson, the newly-elected Mayor of Morrow, Ohio, is said to be only twenty-one years old.

IN THE QUIET HOURS.

PREGNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST AUTHORS.

Be Always Prepared—A Protest—A Prayer—Seed Growing—Work for All at the Master's Bidding—God's Ways are the Best—The Secret of Love for Christ.

Said Mark to Martin, "Wherefore spend such constant care thy vines to tend? It may be months, it may be years, Before the vineyard's Lord appears." Said Martin, "Though it may be long Before I hear His harvest-song, If of that hour can no man say, It may be that He comes today." —Julia Wood.

A Protest Against Morbidity.

The Apostle's injunction, "Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification," brings out the sunny side of the ideal Christian life. It is a protest against the morbidity and the mournfulness which are too commonly associated with Christian discipleship. It helps us to draw a distinction between seriousness and dullness; between earnestness of purpose and frigidity of soul. It reminds us that whatever throes and pains may attend the germination and growth of the ideal life, that life should present to the world the rich blossom and fragrance which minister pleasure to mankind. There is, therefore, some flaw in the piety which is repellent, and in the zeal to do good which succeeds only in hiding the beauty of holiness. If there were any doubt on this point, it would only be necessary to bring it to the test of the one ideal life lived among men. No life can compare with His in the sense of solemnity and seriousness. Upon Him lay the burden of the heaviest task ever imposed upon man. Through sorrows unspeakable, yet with unflinching step, He pressed on to the goal of sacrifice. Yet, from first to last, He exercised upon men the charm of an attractive spirit, which made them feel it was happy to be good, and scattered around Him influences which added to the joys and delights of life. And in this matter of winsomeness, His disciples have great need to learn of Him. It is His duty to cultivate His charm, to discipline himself into His power to make the world brighter and men happier. A crotchety Christian is a monstrosity. The man who fails to spread peace, joy, hope, in this world of real and countless sorrows, is an enemy of the race and a criminal before God. For foremost among the marks of the ideal life is the faculty of enjoying and dispensing the gladness of the Creator. —Charles A. Berry, D.D.

A Prayer for Larger Growth.

Christ, who dost bid me not to let my heart be troubled, I believe in God and in thee. Let thy joy be in me, and let it be fulfilled in the presence of the Father. I fail if thou dost send the failure, and my own folly did not invite it; fulfilled in sickness, if the great Physician bestows the sickness in order to beat me; fulfilled in loneliness, if the solitude is crowded with thee; fulfilled even in death, when death is the shadow of thy light. Wherever I turn my weeping eyes thy loving face is a tender reproach. I mourn thy failure in the presence of the Father. I fail if thou dost send the failure, and my own folly did not invite it; fulfilled in sickness, if the great Physician bestows the sickness in order to beat me; fulfilled in loneliness, if the solitude is crowded with thee; fulfilled even in death, when death is the shadow of thy light. Wherever I turn my weeping eyes thy loving face is a tender reproach. I mourn thy failure in the presence of the Father. 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