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THE WEEK'S NEWS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

THE Venezuelan Boundary Commission will probably not be announced by President Cleveland until the latter part of this week. It will consist, most likely, of three members. The high standard which the President has set for the Commission restricts the circle from which the members can be chosen. The belief is rapidly gaining ground that the difficulty between Venezuela and Great Britain will be arranged in a satisfactory manner within a short time, and on lines which will afford the United States no ground for complaint. Ex-President Harrison, when asked last week whether he had been offered and declined the Presidency of the Venezuelan Commission, said that no offer whatever had been made to him. He refused to talk on the Venezuelan trouble.

PROMINENT members of the Administration express privately the opinion that there will be no resort to arms in the final decision of the pending controversy. They are as certain, however, that there will be no retraction by the United States of the Monroe doctrine as laid down in Secretary Olney's note and in that note for the first time brought forward as a declaration of American doctrine, and published to the nations of Europe as a policy which would hereafter be maintained by all the resources of our Government. The ultimate decision, whether it has specific application to the boundary dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, can only be determined in lieu of an agreement between those countries as to the boundary line, after the Commission, to be appointed by Mr. Cleveland from distinguished lawyers and diplomats and on absolutely non-partisan lines, presents its report to the President.

It is reported in Washington that the Nicaraguan Government has sold all the railroads in the country to an Englishman, and that it is believed that certain important steamship rights are included in the transfer. Congress should not unduly delay consideration of the Canal Commission when it comes from the President.

FOUR new laboratories for the University of Chicago; \$400,000 spent in buildings of the most tasty architecture, fitted up with the latest and best apparatus; an inland biological experimental station, and a marine biological laboratory to be located somewhere on the Atlantic coast. These are some of the things which Miss Helen Culver's gift of \$1,000,000 make possible for the University.

MR. JOSEPH COOK, the well-known lecturer, reached Chicago Monday morning on his way home to Boston. Since his arrival from the Orient last week, and his denial of the exaggerated report of his illness, he has been making his way by easy stages over the continent.

REPRESENTATIVE BEACH, of Ohio, will introduce in the House a bill authorizing the President of the United States to invite the Governments of the other American Republics to appoint plenipotentiaries, with full powers, to meet in conference in the city of Washington for the formal acceptance and declaration of the Monroe doctrine as a principle of international law.

SENATOR SHERMAN's remarks in the Senate on Friday, in which he announced his conviction that the entire controversy would be settled between Great Britain and Venezuela before the Commission can report, calls renewed attention to another portion of the President's message, in which it was stated that the United States would be bound to accept any uncoerced determination between Venezuela and England. There are good reasons to believe that Senator Sherman spoke with more or less authority in his intimation that it was highly probable such an agreement would be reached and that intimations have reached the State Department that negotiations have already begun by England to resume diplomatic relations with Venezuela and to attempt to make a friendly settlement of the controversy which will preclude any interference by the United States.

J. C. JOHNSON of New York, chief inspector of the national board of underwriters, is in this city on a tour of investigation. He will go to Milwaukee to examine into the fire fighting facilities of that place. Then he will go to St. Louis and Indianapolis for the same purpose. These three cities have suffered severely from fire during the past year, and the directory of the board of underwriters are anxious to find out the cause.

SIRIGUS STEPIAK, the well-known Russian refugee and writer, was killed by a train at Chiswick, England, last week.

THE National Armenian Relief Committee appeals to the people of the United States for immediate and generous contributions to relieve the needs of 350,000 Armenians, who are destitute.

Justice Brewer of the Supreme court of the United States is Chairman of this committee, which includes Archbishop Corrigan, Chauncey M. Depew, John S. Kennedy, Alexander F. Orr, Bishop Potter, Jacob Schiff, Everett P. Wheeler and Spencer Trask.

The committee announces that the immediate need is for money, which should be sent to the Treasurers, Brown Bros. & Co., Philadelphia and Boston. The only supplies that can be used are grain, coarse cotton, and woolen goods in the piece, but no such contributions should be forwarded without previous communication with the committee.

ARMENIAN affairs are going from bad to worse, remarks the Philadelphia Ledger, if that is possible. Not only have the Powers composing the Triple Alliance decided to do nothing further in the direction of reform, but it is reported that 18,000 Armenian refugees, who have fled to Russia, are to be expelled from that country and sent back to furnish fresh victims for Turkish barbarities. Apparently, "the crime of the century" is to be consummated by the slaughter of all the Armenian Christians, with the tacit consent of the European Christian Powers, and peace will be restored when there is nothing left for fanaticism to wreak its fury on. History contains a few episodes of this kind, but the modern world has been flattered itself that it had become too civilized to permit any more of them.

AUSTRALIANS have solved the problem of lighting railroad trains electrically, according to a report to the State department from United States Consul General Marett, at Melbourne. A dynamo placed in a baggage car is driven by a belt from the car axle and charges batteries, which furnish the lights.

THE people of Venezuela have become greatly excited over the message of President Cleveland, and appear to be under the delusion that the United States will sustain them against Great Britain, whether right or wrong. This is a delusion shared by many Spanish-Americans, and one which helps to give rise to the difficulties this country is repeatedly called upon to adjust. The Venezuelans should be informed that this country is not pledged to do anything for them. It has provided for a commission which is to determine for our information only what is the proper boundary of British Guiana. Without this knowledge we cannot act at all. With it we may apply the Monroe doctrine if Great Britain should attempt to extend her dominion on this continent, or, what is more likely, we may persuade Great Britain to submit the whole matter to arbitration. This country will certainly not support South American States in wrongdoing of any kind, and if they get into trouble through hot-headed interference with British subjects under the belief that they have the United States to back them, they will find themselves woefully mistaken.

THERE was a better ring to trade in all markets on Monday morning. Some of the strength in the wheat trade, which caused a recovery on Saturday, was carried over and an additional $\frac{1}{8}$ added to the price at opening. The most remarkable change was in hog products. Pork made a quick upturn of nearly 25c, and lard and ribs gained 10c to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c at once. This was due to a sharp falling off in hogs. Instead of about 40,000 expected, receipts were posted at 24,000 and the prospect of bad weather did the rest.

On the early markets wheat sold for May at 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Corn firm at a fraction to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Oats were a shade firmer. Pork was advanced to 88.75 January and 89.10 May. Lard to 85.35 and 85.57 $\frac{1}{2}$. Ribs to 44.00 May contracts. Spring wheat receipts at northwestern markets were 479 cars, compared with 900 a week ago. Local receipts were light at 108 cars.

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CENT-A-DAY HELPERS.

Pledges on the Cent-a-Day plan, duly signed, were received at the office of the Financial Secretary during the week ending December 28, as follows:

Shirley, Mass.	2
Greenwood, N. Y.	1
Ray City, Mich.	1
Sturgis, S. Dak.	3
Deadwood, S. Dak.	1
Piedmont, " "	1
York, Neb.	4
Tecumseh, Neb.	1
Total	\$2 462

Receipts during the same week from payments on account of Cent-a-Day pledges:

Morris, Ind.	\$ 1 00
Philadelphia, Pa., Church of Messiah	192 93
Arnold's Mills, R. I.	6 65
Middleport, N. Y.	1 65
Providence, R. I., Church of the Mediator	7 90
Cambridge, Mass., First Parish	10 95
Bethel, Vt.	7 90
Total	\$224 78

Receipts during the same week other than those made on the Cent-a-Day plan:

Philadelphia, Pa., Church of Messiah	\$100 00
Thanksgiving returns, etc., for General Convention	17 10
Total	\$117 10

Payments during the same week on account of contributions for Japan Mission:

Weymouth, Mass.	\$ 19 25
Morrison, Ill.	1 00
Philadelphia, Pa., Church of Messiah	143 55
Boston, Mass., Columbus Ave. Church	5 00
Manchester, Iowa	2 25
Sauvageville, Maine	2 50
Essex, Mass.	5 00
LeRoy, Ohio	12 45
West Gardner, Mass.	1 00
Shirley, Mass.	50
Providence, R. I., Church of the Mediator	1 00

Deering, Maine..... 5 00
Otis, Mass..... 5 00
Total..... \$208 50
HENRY W. RUGG, Financial Sec'y.
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

CENT-A-DAY PLEDGES FOR 1896.

The Cent-a-Day plan, approved by the General Convention at its recent session in Meriden, has been tested to a considerable extent, and has attained a fair degree of success. Could the plan be generally adopted, it would go far to provide resources for the desired work of Conventions, General and State. If every family in the Universalist denomination were represented by the cent-a-day method, it would yield over \$170,000 for the work of missions and church extension.

In every locality where this plan has been earnestly pushed it has proved successful. It has been found to be simple and satisfactory in its working, and its productiveness has been clearly demonstrated. To ensure a more general adoption of the plan, the co-operation of pastors, Sunday-school Superintendents, officers of Young People's Societies, and all others interested in the advancement of the Universalist Church is earnestly solicited.

May not count upon the sympathy and help which are essential in pushing the plan and obtaining the best results?

Blanks will be sent out from this office as they may be desired, and to every signer of a Cent-a-Day pledge a folding box will be mailed, when so requested.

It should be remembered that credit is given to parishes for all returns made on this plan, and that such returns, when they aggregate a sufficient amount, will meet "quotas" and annual contributions. One-half the payments made on these pledges are paid over to State Conventions, without any deduction for expenses.

Dear Brethren and Friends: Please order a supply of blanks at once, and engage heartily in their distribution. Thus you will give support to a plan endorsed and commended by the General Convention, while you will render a service of practical helpfulness to the work of our church.

H. W. RUGG.

PROVIDENCE, DEC. 21, 1895.

A Great Chance to Make Money.

Mr. Editor:—I read how Mr. Jones made \$15 a week. I have a better job taking orders for the new specialties and fancy articles in aluminum, real bones and rings for harness, sign letters and figures for houses, stores and vehicles. They are simply elegant, shine at night; aluminum is a great talker. I sell for World Mfg. Co., Columbus, O.; they make family fireproof cases, electric goods and many good specialties for agents. I made \$27 first week, \$39 second, first month \$172. Goods are catchy; good honest firm, light, easy work, anyone can get a job by writing them.

J. EVANS.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ILLINOIS CONVENTION.

Committee of Fellowship.

Mrs. S. A. Radley, licensed for three years from September 24, 1895.

BENJ. F. MONROE, Chairman.

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ILLINOIS UNIVERSALIST CONVENTION.

Committee of Fellowship.

The fellowship of the Illinois Universalist Convention is hereby withdrawn from Rev. A. N. Alcott, at his request, taking effect from this date, Nov. 25, 1895.

On the 5th day of February, 1896, the fellowship of Rev. A. N. Alcott was suspended until January 1, 1896, for his violation of Law 3, Sec. 11, b. Laws of Fellowship, Government and Discipline of the Universalist General Convention and for pursuing a course contrary to the policy of the Universalist denomination. While there was no valid reason to expect that the Committee would do otherwise than adhere to its judgment and await the expiration of the full term of suspension before taking further action in this case, and while the Committee recognize that a suspended clergyman cannot withdraw from fellowship, the Committee deem it expedient to waive this consideration and drop his name from the roll of ministers in fellowship with the Illinois Universalist Convention from this date. By order of the Committee.

BENJ. F. MONROE, Chairman.

CHICAGO, NOV. 26, 1895.

CHICAGO MINISTERS' MEETING.

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Fourth Sundays, Saluda, Ind., morning and evening.

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3rd Memoriam.

This column is placed at the disposal of our readers for the record of bereavement. It is necessary that the memorials be brief and to the point, in a condensed form, giving only the outline facts in the life of the departed. Obituaries exceeding a certain space will be bridged and condensed to comply with the rule. Poetry, original or selected, is never printed in this column.—EDITOR

ACHISAH P. DAVIS.

MRS. ACHISAH P. DAVIS died at Loomis, Ill., of Bright's disease, after a long and painful illness. She was the wife of John P. Davis; age, 70 years. Deceased was born in Hebron N. H., but has spent most of her life in Loomis. She leaves a husband and two children, Mrs. Withrow, of Springfield and Mrs. Jones, of Loomis. The third child died when but eight months old. Mrs. Davis was a life long Universalist and brought her children up to that belief in which she lived and died. She was a lady of culture and refinement which is evidenced by the many beautiful poems written by her at various periods. A poem written by her hand entitled "When I Would Die," was read at her funeral. It shows great trust and hope, and a willingness to go when ever the summons came. No one knew her but to love her. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Loomis, Rev. J. E. June, of Girard, officiating.

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