

WILL BREAK GROUND ON THE FAIR SITE IN TWO WEEKS.

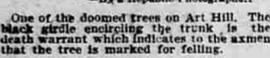
Two Historic Implements Will Be Used in Raising the First Shovelfuls of Earth—Semimilitary Display May Be Included in the Day's Programme—Date Not Yet Fixed.

SETH W. COBB AROUSES CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN ITALY.



Shovels of earth on the site. Who is to have the honor of turning the first spadeful of soil in the making of the greatest of exhibitions is a secret that is being zealously guarded for the present.

FOUND SHOVEL IN MASSACHUSETTS. The shovel that will turn the first spadeful of earth has been found in the Massachusetts State Arsenal, where it was placed in 1883.



One of the doomed trees on Art Hill. The black circle indicating the trunk is the death warrant which indicates to the axmen that the tree is marked for felling.

Ground will be broken for the Exposition some time within the next two weeks. The date for the ceremonies has not yet been fixed.

MISS MAYMIE STARR DIES IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

Cherokee Indian Girl Who Was Prize Essayist and Captain of Basketball Team at Forest Park University, From Which She Was Graduated, Succumbs to Appendicitis.



MISS MAYMIE STARR, President of the class of 1901 at Forest Park University, who has just died at Tahlequah, I. T.

Miss Maymie Starr, the Cherokee Indian girl who was graduated from Forest Park University last spring with the honors of the class of which she had been chosen president, and who was also captain of the university basketball team and prize essayist, died at her home in Tahlequah, I. T., early this week.

WHERE GROUND WILL BE FIRST BROKEN.



Looking upward from the level of the crest of the Grand Basin on Thursday, October 24, to the very center of the crest of the Art Palace Hill.

SINGLE CARNATION SOLD FOR \$1.750.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chicago, Ill., Oct. 24.—E. Eldridge, the millinaire sewing machine manufacturer of Belvidere, Ill., for a single bloom of salmon-colored bloodsoms blended with crimson, has just paid \$1.750.

FOUR MILLIONS IN NEXT TWENTY MONTHS

St. Louis to Expend That Amount for Public Improvements Before May 1, 1903.

BETTER STREETS AND SEWERS.

Cost of Reconstructing the Avenues Will Aggregate \$2,500,000 and of the Sanitary Improvements \$1,500,000.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

- THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:30 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:30. WEATHER INDICATIONS. For St. Louis and Vicinity—Continued fair weather, with stationary temperature.

- TO BE SPENT FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS MAY 1, 1903. For street construction and reconstruction \$2,500,000. For building adequate sanitary sewers 1,500,000. Total \$4,000,000.

- 1. Color Question Comes Up To-Day. To Spend Four Million Dollars. Schley and Captain Clark Review Santiago Campaign.

Citizens of St. Louis will expend no less than \$4,000,000 before May 1, 1903, for permanent public improvements. Of this amount \$2,500,000 will be applied for reconstruction of important streets.

ROOSEVELT REJECTS HORSES.

Two Had Corns and None Reached the Desired Standard.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—President Roosevelt has returned to the dealers the three carriage horses recently purchased for him in New York.

SCHLEY INVITED TO CHICAGO.

Hamilton Club Desires to Honor the Rear Admiral.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—The Hamilton Club, one of the leading political organizations of Chicago, to-day, through its president, extended the following invitation to Admiral Schley:

BRITISH METHODS DENOUNCED.

German Citizens Hold an Enthusiastic Pro-Boer Meeting. Berlin, Oct. 24.—An enthusiastic pro-Boer meeting was held to-day in Weimar, attended by more than 1,000 persons.

WOMAN'S DARING FEAT AT NIAGARA.

Mrs. Anna Edson Taylor Went Over the Horseshoe Falls in Niagara River in Barrel.

SHE WAS NEARLY DROWNED.

Barrel Was Third Filled With Water When Rescued—First Time the Trip Has Ever Been Accomplished.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Anna Edson Taylor went over the Horseshoe Falls in the Niagara River in a barrel this afternoon and came out alive.

Mrs. Taylor and her barrel were rowed out into the upper river near Port Day by two boatmen about 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Upon getting into the barrel, the woman removed most of her clothing, which she dropped on the bottom. Over her head she placed a pillow, clasping her hands above it.

After floating down the river to a point opposite the elevator, on the Canadian shore, the barrel was caught in a back current and swept toward the falls.

No time was lost in taking off the top, a man being used for the purpose. Mrs. Taylor raised her head and exclaimed: "Have I really gone over the falls?"

From the time Mrs. Taylor was placed in the river until she was rescued, fifty minutes elapsed, which is considered remarkable for a woman.

Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of the Albany State Commercial School, a native of the city of Auburn, and a recent resident of Bay City, Mich.

"I feel like offering a prayer that my life be spared. I feel sorry about my shoulders. If it was with my lying there, I would caution any one against attempting the feat. I will never go over the falls again."

Mrs. Taylor is 50 years old. She is a school teacher, and recently came here from Bay City, Mich.

John L. Soules swam through the rapids in a life preserver July 1, 1899.

Charles A. Percy, with a dog, passed through the whirlpool rapids in an open boat on September 14, 1888.

Martha E. Wassenfuhner went through the rapids safely in a barrel, September 6, 1901.

Robert Leach made the trip through the rapids successfully on June 19, 1888.

SCHLEY AND CAPTAIN CLARK REVIEW SANTIAGO CAMPAIGN.

Rear Admiral Defends His Course in Every Move Made by the Flying Squadron—Enters an Enphatic Denial of Testimony of Admiral Cotton—Captain Clark's Story of the Fight.

EXPLANATION OF THE ALLEGED DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS.



CAPTAIN CHARLES E. CLARK.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Admiral Schley took the stand in his own behalf at the Court of Inquiry, which is investigating his conduct as Commander-in-Chief of the Flying Squadron during the Santiago campaign.

It had been expected that the Admiral's name would be reached toward the close of the afternoon session. There were still two witnesses on his list, who had not been heard, and it was understood to be his purpose not to take the stand until the entire list had been exhausted.

SCHLEY MAPPED OUT HIS OWN PLAN OF CAMPAIGN. Rear Admiral Schley was called to the witness stand at the conclusion of Captain Clark's testimony, soon after 2 o'clock, and had not completed his testimony when the court adjourned for the day.

"I put the squadron immediately upon a war footing, established the matter of pickets and patrols, and also the masking of lights, which were under inspection on several occasions, to ascertain how effective they would be."

He had, he said, explained it would be impossible to arrange a general plan of battle, but he had explained to his commanders the general plan of campaign.

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