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CURRENT COMMENT.

GOVERNORS in 27 states are to be elected this year.

IN New York a night's lodging and a scrap to eat may now be had for two cents in the slum district.

A CENSUS taken February 1 shows 555 distilleries in the United States, an increase of 52 for January. The total capacity of these is 332,127 gallons daily.

THE population of Greater New York, according to the official estimate of the health department, is 3,438,899. That of London, by the census of 1894, was 4,349,000.

OVER 500,000 patents have been issued in 40 years. It has been estimated that each patent deprives four men of work, making 2,000,000 men out of employment for this reason alone.

"A MAN'S handwriting is a perfect index of his character to those who can read between the lines," J. F. Reynolds, of San Francisco, the well-known expert on chirography asserts.

A CABLE dispatch from Paris received in New York the other day said that James Gordon Bennett and J. P. Morgan had practically developed a plan to purchase Cuba from Spain and end the strife there. The price was placed at $400,000,000.

GEN. ADAMS, of Minneapolis, Minn., has contracted for 25,000 acres of land in Matagorda county, Tex., which will be used by the G. A. R. people for a colony of 1,000 families. A town will be built and a model co-operative community organized.

STATE ENGINEER ADAMS says that the port of New York, which a third of a century ago commanded 78 per cent. of the total exports of the nation, to-day commands but 37 per cent. of them. Statistics presented show that New York foreign commerce has never been so low as last year since 1850.

THE "Universal Text Display Society," which has been organized at Niles, Mich., announces a religious campaign of magnificent proportions, as the result of which it is intended that within a year every billboard, dead wall and fence in that state shall blazon forth some sort of a religious text.

SHREWD manipulation on the part of the citizens of Hogansville, Ga., has cut the salary of I. H. Loftin, the negro postmaster, down to 11 cents a day, as against $2 which his democratic predecessor unfailingly averaged. Loftin is the negro who claimed some months ago that an attempt had been made to assassinate him on account of his politics and color.

THE Ancient Order of Hibernians, all elements of which were brought together recently by Bishop McFaul, of Trenton, will have a parade St. Patrick's day, the like of which was never before witnessed in New York. Every man in the 50 divisions will ride in a carriage. It is estimated that 2,000 vehicles will be in line. There will be a number of floats, picturing the history of Ireland.

THE charge that kissing is the growing social evil in Atlanta, Ga., and the note of warning issued by Mrs. Kingsberry, one of the most prominent of the social leaders, created a terrific sensation, and people of all classes were talking of what was popularly termed an "Atlanta epidemic." There was talk of legislation on the kissing subject, but legal authorities said a prohibitory law would be unconstitutional and that it could not be enforced anyway.

"THE present system of examining pension applications should be abolished, and the sooner the better," said Commissioner Evans. "The examination boards are expensive, inefficient and biased by political and local influences. There ought to be only one corps of examining physicians and surgeons that would travel from state to state at advertised times to examine the old soldiers. Then they would not be swayed by local likes and dislikes, as they are now, nor by the congressmen, as local boards are now."

THE the question of barring from the pension rolls the widows and children of soldiers who marry hereafter was debated in the house committee on invalid pensions the other day. A measure with this end in view was introduced in the committee by Representative Samuel Smith which had the indorsement of Commissioner of Pensions Evans. The vote disclosed five members in favor of it and seven against it, the division not being on party lines. This probably ends the effort to secure the enactment of a general measure along these lines at this session.

MR. HARBERT, of Chicago, makes a novel suggestion to obtain a national basis of compromise between the advocates of the gold standard and their opponents. The plan is for a circulating medium consisting of coin certificates payable half in gold and half in silver—a $2 certificate, for example, to be redeemed by $1 in gold coin and $1 in silver coin. If the relative value of one metal should diminish, the value of the other, according to Mr. Harbert, would relatively increase and the value of the certificates payable in both metals jointly would be substantially unaffected.

THE newest thing in hypnotism is the hypnotic machine. Its inventor says that by means of it 99 per cent. of all persons tested can be put in the trance state. He is prepared to do with the hypnotic machine what has before been declared impossible—hypnotize the insane.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

ADOLPH SUTRO, ex-mayor of San Francisco and builder of the famous Sutro tunnel, has been adjudged mentally incompetent. He is over 80 years old.

CONSUL GENERAL LEE has made a report to the state department at Washington on the killing of Gen. Aranguren in Cuba. Gen. Lee goes into the details of the betrayal of the insurgent leader for money and puts the Spaniards in a very despicable light.

PARLIAMENT was opened in London on the 8th with the customary ceremonies, the queen's speech being read by commission. It contained nothing especially interesting to Americans.

EDWARD BELLAMY, author of "Looking Backward," and Eugene V. Debs, late head of the American Railway union and leader of the social democracy, have united to launch a new political party. The social democracy will be taken as the nucleus of the party. This was decided upon at a meeting held at Denver, Col., on the 9th.

THE publication in the papers of a letter supposed to be written by the Spanish minister at Washington, in which President McKinley was criticised with the utmost freedom, has caused a sensation in official circles in Washington and may result in Senor de Lome's recall.

AT the national L. A. W. convention at St. Louis on the 10th Potter was reelected president by a vote of 212 to 107. Providence, R. I., was chosen for the next meeting place.

THE resignation of Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, was accepted by the Madrid cabinet on the 10th. De Lome had acknowledged writing the letter reflecting on President McKinley and tendered his resignation.

PRESIDENT BARRIOS, of Guatemala, was assassinated at Guatemala City on the night of the 9th.

IN the New York assembly on the 10th when the Weeks resolution, asking for the resignation of United States Senator Murphy was called up, Mr. Weeks offered a substitute, which censured, but did not demand resignation. Mr. Oliver (dem.), of New York, introduced a substitute calling for the impeachment of President McKinley for aiding in the election of United States Senator Hanna. The resolution censuring Senator Murphy was finally adopted by a vote of 79 ayes and 63 nays.

THE executive committee of the National Republican league met at Chicago and Secretary Dowling was ordered to have the manual for 1898 published as soon as possible. The manual will contain an outline of the plans of the league for the ensuing year and much general information. The time for the national convention at Omaha was changed from June 14-16 to July 13-15.

IN the British house of commons on the 11th John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, introduced a measure granting home rule for Ireland. It was defeated, 238 to 65.

STILLWELL post G. A. R., at Colfax, Ind., decided by a unanimous vote to enter politics by calling a meeting of the ex-union soldiers of the Ninth congressional district to nominate a candidate for congress pledged to introduce and work for a bill providing for pensioning all union soldiers at $1 a day. The resolution of Stillwell post also provides for making a national organization along these lines. The action has caused a sensation in Grand Army circles.

THE president has nominated John H. Burford chief justice and Bayard T. Hainer associate justice of the supreme court of Oklahoma.

MISCELLANEOUS.

EDDIE HESSE, a 12-year-old boy of St. Louis, was literally ground to pieces beneath the wheels of a car on the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railway. The child was gathering pieces of coal and as he was about to step over the high end board of an empty coal car a freight engine bumped into it and the little fellow was thrown over backwards, the wheels passing over both legs close up to the body.

TWO constables tried to arrest an old woman named Crow at her home with several grown-up daughters at Esculapia, Ky., when one of the girls flew at the constables with a knife and the other women with revolvers. In the battle that ensued Mrs. Crow and a daughter were killed and the survivors all dangerously wounded.

BARON HARDEN HICKEY, committed suicide at the Pierson hotel in El Paso, Tex., on the 10th. He attained notoriety some time ago when he took possession of Trinidad island and proclaimed himself military dictator. His papers also disclosed that he had been interested in other and more ambitious projects, notably a plot to place him at the head of the royalist government in Hawaii.

A FIRE which broke out on the night of the 9th in the cold storage plant of the Chautauqua Lake Ice company at Pittsburgh, Pa., caused the loss of nearly $1,500,000 worth of property and the loss of 11 lives, possibly more, as it was rumored that there were several men still buried under the walls which fell from an explosion in one of the stores burned.

JOSEPH BOULANGER, a quarter-blood Osage Indian, is to make a claim to about 35 acres of land on the site and in the vicinity of the Union depot in Kansas City, Mo. He claims that his grandfather on his mother's side received a patent to the land from Andrew Jackson and that it was never properly sold.

A NUMBER of congressmen and Gen. Shallenberger, the second assistant postmaster general, were present at the opening in New York on the 11th of the pneumatic tube system built for the transmission of the mails. Officials believe it will greatly increase the revenues of the postal department.

A COLLISION by two log trains occurred on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Carney Spur, Mich., and Conductor Anderson and Brakeman Toole were instantly killed and an engine and nine cars were wrecked.

MRS. CAROLINA LANG, aged 87 years, and her husband, Cornelius, aged 75 years, were found starving at their home in Chicago on the 11th. They were both taken to the county hospital, where the woman soon died and the man was said to be sinking fast. Mr. Lang had been out of work.

ACCORDING to news received at Victoria, B. C., from Alaska, five men were frozen to death upon the Chilkoot pass.

MRS. MARY A. STANLEY, of Third street and Forest avenue, Kansas City, Mo., tried to start a fire with coal oil and was burned to death.

THE great snowstorm of the night of January 22 buried Max Miller beneath a drift at the foot of Ohio street, Chicago, and concealed his death until the warm sun of the 10th disclosed the body. Men with axes chopped out the frozen body.

A FRIGHTFUL head-end collision of freight trains occurred the other morning near Kirkland station, on the Louisville & Nashville road. Four men were killed, one fatally hurt and several others received broken limbs and cuts. The force of the impact welded the engines together and piled the cars upon them to the height of 30 feet.

THE five-story building at 512 Locust street, St. Louis, occupied by the Tamblin-Powers Clothing company, was destroyed by fire and a portion of the $50,000 stock burned.

THE black plague has broken out in eastern Yunnan, China. At Chan Cheo 600 deaths occurred in two months. The people were throwing dead bodies to the dogs.

JONES & MCLAUGHLIN have notified the employes of their steel mills at Pittsburgh, Pa., and elsewhere that beginning February 12 the men must work on Sundays the same as the other six days of the week. The desire of the large steel manufacturers to work Sundays is caused by the Carnegie company working their men seven days per week.

ADOLPH LUETGERT, the sausage-maker, was convicted at Chicago of murdering his wife and sentenced to life imprisonment.

A BOAT containing five men went over the falls at Oregon City, Ore., and four were drowned.

GREAT excitement prevailed in the country a few miles east of Louisville, Ill., over the reputed wonderful cures of a faith preacher—a Dr. Merrill—who, it was said, had made the blind to see and the lame to walk.

Two boys, Stephen Putowski, aged eight, and Stephen Luewezski, aged ten, fought a duel with knives at Detroit, Mich., on the 8th. Young Luewezski received wounds in his right lung and left side and will probably die from them. The lads quarreled over a trivial matter and decided to settle the difference with knives.

THREE men named Snyder, Chenoweth and Burton were lying dead at Glenville, W. Va., as the result of a protracted spree. They sent for a big jug of whisky and when they had got through with that they bought a case of extract of lemon and some patent medicine, composed of alcohol, ginger and other hot ingredients, after drinking which they died in agony.

THE Port Arthur Channel & Dock company have been enjoined from entering upon the property of Latham Davis in Texas for the purpose of excavating its proposed ship canal. The litigation will doubtless be in court for a year or two.

Two thousand students of the Rush Medical college, the Chicago College of Dentistry and the Marquette school engaged in a desperate conflict with 40 policemen at Chicago on the 8th. The battle raged from noon until evening. The trouble began by the students engaging in a snowball fight. Several students were badly clubbed and two or three policemen somewhat badly injured. When the riot was over 25 students were under arrest.

THE half-witted parents of six-year-old Julia Burgess, who lived near Camilla, Ga., quarreled over the possession of the child and in their rage jerked and beat her so she died.

A TREATISE, entitled the "Inspection of Meats for Animal Parasites," has just been issued by the agricultural department at Washington.

ABOUT 3,000 trousers makers of New York, Brooklyn and Brownsville went on a strike on the 9th for an advance in wages. They claimed that they had to work 16 hours a day for from $5 to $9 a week as wages.

FIRE started the other evening in the Planters' compress at Jackson, Tenn. The entire building and machinery, together with 5,000 bales of cotton, were destroyed and also many freight cars loaded with cotton. Loss, $25,000.

A BILL has been introduced in the Virginia legislature to incorporate a Memorial Park association to care for the Fredericksburg and adjacent battlefields.

RECENT earthquakes at Balikesr, Asia Minor, have rendered 4,000 people homeless and killed and injured 120 persons. Some 3,600 houses, 30 mosques and 15 khans were destroyed.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by statistician Hyde, of the agricultural department at Washington, giving considerable information concerning the cotton crop of 1896-7, its value, amount purchased by mills and the acreage planted.

THROUGHOUT LOUISIANA.

The Labor Question.

The planters of Ouachita parish met at Monroe to settle the labor question, which has been causing considerable dissatisfaction the past few years. After a session of several hours a committee of ten were appointed, who were to report the best method of protecting not alone the planters, but the laborers as well. After having the matter under consideration they reported in substance that all settlements were to be made by the planter with his laborers on or before December 24, and that each laborer be furnished with a statement of his account, and if he wanted to leave the farm any other farmer who will pay 50 per cent. of the account owing could move the laborer or head of family from the plantation on which he was living and in debt to by notifying the creditor 24 hours ahead, but the removal must be made between December 24 and January 1. If the laborer choses to remain, he and the planter to sign a contract for the ensuing year. That after December 24, 1899, and before January 1, 1900, and between December 24 and January of each year laborers should not be held on account of debt, and if any laborer remains on the plantation after January next it shall be construed as a contract for employment for the ensuing year.

An Old Confederate Veteran.

W. V. Parks, aged 71, a veteran of the Army of Northern Virginia, and a member of Maj. Victor Maurin camp No. 38, U. C. V., after a long and painful illness, arising from his services in the army, departed this life at Donaldsonville, and was buried under the auspices of his comrades. "Bill" Parks, as he was familiarly known by his friends, joined the "Cannoniers de Donaldsonville" in 1849, and remained a member of that organization until 1861, when the Donalsonville artillery, under the late Maj. Victor Maurin, was mustered into the confederate army, when the young soldier proceeded with the latter command to the battlefields of Virginia, where he served the south until the final surrender of Appomatox.

Mrs. Juliana Pandolph Stewart.

Mrs. Juliana Randolph Stewart, well known in New Orleans through prominent connections, died in Memphis, Tenn., aged 84. She was the widow of the late James Alexander Stewart, of Wilkerson county, Miss. Mrs. Stewart was the mother of Mrs. P. J. Sterling, of Greenville, Miss.; Hon. Duncan Stewart and Mrs. Burrus McGhee, of Laurel Hill, La.; F. Jones Stewart, of New Orleans; Mrs. Rose S. Harsper, of Mississippi; Mrs. Senator Batchelor, of Louisiana, and Mrs. Ida Simpson, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Stewart's father was Judge Peter Randolph, of Virginia, of the Randolph-Dowling family, and when as a child she had as a governess the wife of the great naturalist, Audubon.

Injunction Granted.

United States Judge Alex. Bordman has granted an injunction against the board of commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee district, and Sheriff Hampton of Morehouse, Sheriff Traylor of Richland, Sheriff Womble of Franklin, and Sheriff Bosker of Catahoula, restraining them from collecting the levee tax of 30 cents per mile against the plaintiffs, Louis Kuyder, receiver of the New Orleans & Northern Railway Co., and the New Orleans & Northwestern Railway Co. Cause is set for hearing the first Monday in March at Monroe.

Held for Murder.

The coroner's jury at Arcadia, after four days' investigation, rendered a verdict in the case of Johana Riley and Alice Taylor, colored, whose charred bodies were found in the ruins of their cabin. The jury declared that the woman and child were murdered and the shanty burned to hide the crime. The circumstances point to Jack Bradley as the murderer, and the jury recommended that he be held for trial.

The Road Must Pay.

The jury in the expropriation suit of the Shreveport & Red River Valley Railroad Co. vs. Mrs. M. B. Harris and husband, tried in Benton, gives the right of way to the railroad company and to the defendant the sum of $2,000 for the land and $1,500 for damage. The land in question is situated on what is known as the Knox Point plantation.

A Colored School.

The committee of public order in New Orleans has been struggling with the question of a colored school on Esplanade street—certain parties desiring that it be declared a nuisance. The matter was sent to the council.

Franklin Parish Cattle Trade.

Messrs. Elsie & Armstrong shipped from Wiensboro, the other day, for the Indian territory, 400 head of cattle. The cattle traffic in Franklin parish has, within a year, amounted to $30,000 or more.

Survey of Southwest Pass.

The senate committee on commerce has authorized a favorable report on the house resolution providing for a survey of the Southwest pass of the Mississippi river.

A Fine Mill.

The new mill of the Lake City Lumber Co., at Lake Charles, is one of the largest and most complete in the south; capacity, 100,000 feet daily.

Wanted in Alexandria.

Jim Pickett, colored, who has a very bad reputation, and who is wanted in Alexandria for serious offenses, has been arrested in Texas.

In 1722.

In 1722 the population of New Orleans was not more than 2,000. In those good old days rice was $3 per barrel and tobacco $650

Found Dead in Bed.

John A. Pritchard, a recent arrival from Mississippi, and who was conducting a grocery store at Monroe, was found dead in bed.

FORAKER FACTION WINS.

Republican League Convention in Ohio Marked by Many Stormy Scenes.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 12.—The Ohio Republican league convention, which was held in this city yesterday, was one of the stormiest in the history of the league. About 200 delegates, representing 72 clubs, were in attendance. The factional fighting which marked the late senatorial contest cropped out. Senator Foraker, in his telegram to the league, made a plea for harmony. The Foraker and Bushnell element were dominant in the convention, however, and while they endeavored to keep factional differences in the background, carried all their points. While there was a contest on some of the officers, the fight of the convention was on the resolutions. Despite the opposition, however, the original resolutions were adopted. The sections objected to by the McKinley and Hanna adherents are as follows:

We indorse the Cuban resolution introduced and discussed February 9 by Senator Mason in the United States senate, and hope that it will be promptly approved by the committee on foreign affairs, passed by the senate, and energetically carried into effect by our honored president, and to the end that Cuban independence may quickly become an accomplished fact, without being loaded down by an iniquitous bonded debt.

We cordially indorse every department of our state administration, particularly that of our beloved, level-headed and efficient governor, Gen. Asa S. Bushnell.

SIX-DAY RACING BARRED.

The L. A. W. Opposes 144-Hour Continuous Contests—Indemnity for Lentz.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—The national assembly, League of American Wheelmen, to-day took up the consideration of those of the 33 amendments to the constitution and by-laws that were not passed on yesterday. A resolution calling upon the national government to make a demand on the Turkish government for the prompt payment of $40,000 indemnity for the murder of Frank E. Lenz, of Pittsburgh, a member of the L. A. W., who lost his life in Turkey while on a tour of the world, was adopted by a standing vote. Six-day continuous racing, held under L. A. W. auspices, was done away with by the adoption of an amendment to the racing rules providing that in any six-day race held hereafter the contestants will be compelled to rest at least two hours a day, or 12 hours during the contest.

An amendment providing that state divisions be granted the right to determine for themselves whether or not Sunday bicycle races should be permitted was introduced and defeated by but six votes.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Rapid Advance Made in Several Grades of Iron and Steel.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Bradstreet's commercial report says:

A number of favorable circumstances and events present themselves this week. Perhaps the most notable of these are the renewed activity and confidence in the iron and steel market, accompanied by prompt and even rapid advances in several grades of crude pig iron and steel and the advance in the price of raw cotton, long predicted but unrealized until the present week. What might be regarded as a minor feature in the business situation, though at the same time conveying much that is hopeful to the interest involved, is a quite general improvement in distributive trade and demand in the central west and in the south, where spring trade is reported opening in good shape.

Less favorable features of the week are the slowness of spring trade in dry goods to develop at New York and other eastern centers, except Boston, and the mild weather in the northwest rendering it likely that retailers' stocks carried over will be larger than earlier expected. Although the advance in cotton has been claimed to be too rapid it has undoubtedly imparted a much more cheerful tone to the southern business situation and with the advance in iron and steel has done much to add to the confidence with which the trade outlook for 1898 is regarded.

Business failures continue to make favorable comparisons with previous weeks and years, the total for the week just ended being 278 against 235 last week, 301 in the corresponding week of 1897, 381 in this week of 1896, 296 in 1895 and 288 in 1894.

MUST PAY OR STAY.

Von der Ahe, St. Louis Baseball Magnate, Is in an Unfortunate Predicament.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 12.—Attorneys Scandrett and Fording were vindicated by the action of Judge Buffington, who handed down an opinion in the Van der Ahe habeas corpus case yesterday. His honor sustained the position of the attorneys and Detective Bendel, and turned Von der Ahe over to Bendel, who immediately delivered him up to the sheriff of Allegheny county. This means that the St. Louis baseball manager must pay the $2,500 judgment against him or go to jail. The judge held that Von der Ahe could be lawfully arrested in the state of Missouri by his ball and removed to Pennsylvania.

Ira Sexton Guilty of Murder.

PRINCETON, Mo., Feb. 12.—Ira Sexton, who killed Nathan Stark in this county on the 29th of last October, while trying to rob him of $60, was convicted of murder in the first degree in the circuit court here yesterday. Judge Stepp will fix the day for his execution next Tuesday. Sexton is the first man to be convicted of murder in the first degree in the history of Mercer county, where 30 or more murders have been committed.

Fortifications Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The senate committee on appropriations to-day completed consideration of the fortifications appropriation bill. The committee recommended increases which double the figures of the bill as it passed the house. The total amount carried by the bill as agreed upon is a little over $9,000,000.

A Light Eleven Miles Long.

BATH, Me., Feb. 12.—Light vessel No. 71, doubtless the best craft of her kind in the world, left here yesterday for the Edgemoor buoy depot, situated four miles above Wilmington, where she will be turned over to the government. Each mast supports three lanterns, and in each lantern is a 100-candle power light hung with ball and socket joints. There is a flashing device on the dynamo bed plate which causes the light to burn 12 seconds between intervals of four seconds, thus showing four times per minute. These powerful lights can be seen 11 miles away.

Only Half Sure.

Bookstore Salesman—What can I show you, madam?

Mrs. Struckett-Ritch—I want to order the complete works of—the complete works of—there, I've forgotten again! I know it's either Wordsworth or Southworth, but I can't remember which. About the same thing, ain't they?—Chicago Tribune.

Customs Cases Decided.

The general appraisers of goods passing through the Custom House have made several decisions lately which, until passed upon by the Secretary of the Treasury, will hold good. But while there is stability in that quarter, no system failing in strength can be properly sustained without the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a genial tonic and remedy for malaria, rheumatism, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness.

We wonder why a hammer driving a nail on Sunday always sounds so much louder than on week days.—Washington Democrat.

A big man with a soprano voice sounds just as funny as a little man with a deep bass voice.—Washington Democrat.

However sad a man may feel, he loses his look of sadness when eating a good dinner.—Atchison Globe.

When a girl goes on the street to look for her steady, everybody knows it.—Atchison Globe.

It is astonishing how many people criticise things they know nothing about.—Washington Democrat.

After a man is 30, in thinking of coasting he considers the walk back.—Atchison Globe.

Some men have such a horror of debt that they become narrow.—Atchison Globe.