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HAN QUAY, China's richest banker, is said to be worth the incredible sum of nearly $2,000,000,000.

RECENT exhaustive investigation as to the reason for the ascent of sap in trees and plants has satisfactorily demonstrated that no one knows.

SIXTY-ONE women are now serving on school boards in the little state of New Hampshire, where women have had school suffrage for many years.

THE famous flag which Gen. Butler raised over the courthouse at New Orleans, and on account of which he issued a now historic order, is the property of the Connecticut Historical society.

WILLIAM FARRELL, proprietor of the Pleasant Mills Printing company of Philadelphia, died, leaving his fortune of $300,000 to his wife, who a year ago was Miss Cecelia Hibbs, his typewriter.

POLICE statistics show that the arrests for drunkenness in London are at the annual rate of one to every 175 inhabitants, in Birmingham one to 153, in Manchester one to seventy-one and in Liverpool one to fifty.

A REUNION of the California forty-niners is to be held in Chicago during the world's fair. Munchausen and Mulhatton will be distanced and double discounted when those fellows get to swapping experiences.

CHARLEY ROSS has reappeared, this time in Toronto. He will apply for space at the big show in Chicago if he has genuine Yankee enterprise. No exhibit would draw better than a well authenticated Charley Ross.

MRS. EVERETT, wife of a master drayman in New Orleans, has the reputation of being one of the best veterinary surgeons in that city, and she accepts no pay for her services, which are given simply out of love for animals.

GRAFTON D. HANSON, the first page appointed in the United States senate, is still living. For a period of thirty-nine years he held the position of chief clerk in the office of the paymaster general of the war department in Washington.

MR. GINN, a Boston publisher, keeps a barrel of apples where the young women employed by him can help themselves, and he never lets the barrel become empty, though the girls are said to indulge very freely in the fruit that got their mother Eve into an unpleasantness.

A NEW English work entitled "The Correct Thing" maintains that it is correct for children to remember that, though they may be much, better born than their parents, still these inevitable persons are their fellow creatures. There are many children to whom this will be news.

GEOLOGICAL theories are wonderful things. One of them sets forth that kerosene is the oil of long-extinct monsters of the earth, and another that the reported accumulating ice at the north pole will eventually throw the earth out of balance so as to result in the utter annihilation of man by the rush of moving objects.

THE population of Hawaii is 90,160, of whom 35,020 are pure natives and 5,840 mixed. Of the white races the Portuguese lead with 8,259, while there are 7,410 of foreign blood who were Hawaiian born. There are 14,360 Chinese and 11,780 Japanese, while of Americans, British, Germans, Scandinavians and French together there are 4,295.

THE legislature of the state of Washington not only passed, but the governor has approved the bill making the sale of cigarettes illegal, and it is now a law. Think, says the Minneapolis Journal, of riding downtown on a street car without that familiar odor like an old oversboe burning. Washington is a pretty good state if it is tucked away up in one damp corner.

THE Jaffa & Jerusalem railroad is now doing a good business. It is fifty-three miles long, has five Baldwin locomotives from Philadelphia and cost $2,000,000. The fare from Jerusalem to Jaffa is $2.50 first class and $1 second class. It is a fact, and no joke, that real estate in Jerusalem is on the boom. Eight and one-half acres of land one mile from the city recently brought $25,000. Thirty years ago it sold for $1 an acre.

THE last quarterly report of the treasury bureau of statistics contains a table, prepared by the director of the mint from the latest data obtainable in 1892, showing the amount of currency in the principal countries of the world. It shows a total gold circulation of $3,656,935,000; silver, full legal tender, $3,401,100,000; silver, limited legal tender, $543,600,000; uncovered paper, $2,281,793,000. The estimated per capita circulation of the four principal commercial countries is as follows: France, $43 11; United States, $25.62; United Kingdom, $17.90; Germany, $16.40.

Two boys, about five years old, broke into a church in Newark, N. J., soaked the carpets with ink, covered the door with torn Bibles, hymn books and library books, dumped a lot of books in a sink, turned the water on and left it running. They had no spite against the church or the church people. It was a case of pure mischief, as when a puppy tears up an overshoe or a monkey goes through and wrecks a room, or college students throw a stove out of a fourth-story window. It seems to indicate man's connection with the animal. Evolution could take a few more turns at the wheel yet.

By the burning of Tremont temple in Boston twelve rooms occupied by Baptist missionary organizations, including the museum, were ruined. The valuable library is a total loss. The large collection of missionary publications, many of which cannot be replaced, are also destroyed. One of the most valuable collections represented the work of seventy years and were curios brought by missionaries from every land where the foot of Christian missionary has been set. Among the papers were many valuable ones which could not be placed in the vault every night and are therefore a total loss.

A BOSTON man has invented a machine which automatically plays the banjo, mandolin, guitar and harp. One of its advantages is that when you want to shut it up you can give it a gentle hint to do so with the coal hammer.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

U. S. SENATE IN EXTRA SESSION.

MONDAY, March 20.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate: James B. Eustis, of Louisiana, to be minister to France; Theodore Runyon, of New Jersey, to be minister to Germany; John E. Risley, of New York, to be minister to Denmark; Ernest B. Baldwin, of Maryland, to be first auditor of the treasury; Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, to be commissioner of railroads; James G. Jenkins, of Wisconsin, to be United States circuit judge for the Seventh judicial circuit.

TUESDAY, March 21.—Senator Butler introduced a bill in the senate which proposes that with the exception of the legislative, pension, deficiency and sundry civil bills the appropriation bills shall be considered by the committees which have charge of the affairs to which the appropriation refers. No action was taken in the matter.

WEDNESDAY, March 22.—Mr. Manderson resigned his position as president pro tem. of the senate and Mr. Harris, of Tennessee, was elected in his place. The following nominations were received from the president: John S. Seymour, of Connecticut, to be commissioner of patents; Silas W. Lamoreux, of Wisconsin, to be commissioner of the general land office; Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be United States circuit judge for the Sixth judicial circuit, and Max Judd, of Missouri, to be consul general of the United States at Vienna.

THURSDAY, March 23.—The senate confirmed the nominations for public positions previously sent in by the president. No other business was transacted and an adjournment was taken until the 27th.

FROM WASHINGTON.

By request Alfred Dodge resigned his position as agricultural statistician, and Henry A. Robinson, of Detroit, was appointed to fill the position.

VOUCHERS have been signed by Secretary Carlisle to the amount of $250,129 in favor of the world's fair commission, which is payable in souvenir half dollars. The commission up to this time has received $1,920,129 of the $2,500,000 appropriation by congress payable in souvenir half dollars.

AT the leading clearing houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 24th aggregated $1,227,224,418, against $1,231,454,629 the previous week. The increase as compared with the corresponding week of 1892 was 6.5.

THE business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 24th numbered 243, against 229 the preceding week and 231 for the corresponding time last year.

THE EAST.

THE democrats of Rhode Island in convention at Providence nominated David S. Baker, Jr., for governor.

AT Wakefield, R. I., George A. Kenyon, a well-known and very wealthy man, was sentenced to fifteen years at hard labor in prison for shooting John McInnes, a laborer in his employ.

THE Rhode Island republicans in state convention at Providence nominated a full state ticket headed by Russell Brown, the present incumbent, for governor.

CHARLES B. LORE, of Wilmington, has been appointed to the vacant chief justiceship of Delaware. The appointment is for life.

THE death of Rev. Albert von Puttkamer occurred in New York. He was the first German to be baptized in the Baptist faith in the United States and organized the first German Baptist church in America.

AT the age of 76 years Eli Saulsbury, for eighteen years a United States senator from Delaware, died at his home in Dover.

IN New York a sole-leather trust was formed with a capital of $80,000,000.

THE sudden death of Col. Elliott Fitch Shepard, editor of the Mail and Express, occurred at his home in New York from the effects of ether taken that he might undergo a surgical operation. He was 59 years of age. Col. Shepard married Miss Marguerite Louise Vanderbilt, the oldest daughter of the late William H. Vanderbilt, and she and five children survive him. Mr. Shepard was president of the American Sabbath union and founded the State Bar association and was its first president.

WEST AND SOUTH.

AN explosion followed by fire destroyed the Planet mill at Litchfield, Ill., owned by Kehlor Bros., of St. Louis, the largest steam winter wheat mill in the United States, the loss being $700,000. John Carr, the head millwright, was burned to death and six other persons were injured.

PHINEAS HANCUAH, who claimed to be the son of a wealthy Persian family, was arrested in Chicago on charges of having swindled wealthy Jews all over the country out of $300,000 while pretending to collect funds for the relief of needy Russian coreligionists.

NEAR Fairland, Ill., S. H. Bell, a farmer, lost three of his children from diphtheria, and the fourth and last fell into a well and was drowned.

ONE of the most prominent business men in Kalamazoo, Mich., Louis Schilling, aged 60, was found murdered in his office. William White, a negro, was suspected of the crime.

THE Big Four yard strike at Springfield, O., after six weeks' fighting was declared off, the strikers failing to gain a single point.

JOHN TERRY and Ben McCary (negroes) were hanged in Copiah county, Miss., for the murder of J. C. Davis.

IN a Pullman sleeper Miss B. M. Doolittle left Chicago to travel via Portland, Ore., San Francisco, El Paso, City of Mexico, New York and Boston back to Chicago without putting her foot upon the ground. English railway officials made a wager with American railway officers that such a journey could not be made.

MRS. NANCY MARVIN, aged 103 years, died at Moravia, Ind.

A MINER named William Frazier, whose wife left him on account of his drunkenness, went to Hiteman, Ia., where she was staying, and killed her and her sister, Mrs. Smith, and then cut off the leg of his baby. An infuriated mob of miners took Frazier from the officers and hung him.

IN Oklahoma prairie fires swept whole townships and hundreds of cattle perished.

IN a fit of jealousy Mrs. Caroline Hagan, wife of Charles Hagan, a member of the fire department at Dayton, O., put her husband's eyes out with vitriol.

FIRE destroyed the Morgan, a fashionable apartment house in Cleveland, O., and Mrs. Mary E. Abbey, Mrs. Jesse Hunt and her daughter, Mrs. Emma Somers and Mrs. F. G. Somers perished in the flames.

DOBBINS & DAZLY, cotton dealers at Nashville, Tenn., with branch houses in Memphis, New Orleans, Little Rock, Montgomery, Mobile and other cities, failed for $300,000.

AT Sedalia, Mo., J. C. Davis, a grocer, who was in love with Miss Mary, the 17-year-old daughter of M. A. Miller, a prominent real estate dealer, shot her dead because she refused his attentions and then killed himself.

AT Mexico, Mo., the sale of a negro was stopped by proceedings instituted by George Robertson, a leading attorney, who will test the constitutionality of the vagrant law of the state.

THE town of Kelly, Miss., was wiped off the face of the earth by a cyclone, not a soul being left to tell the tale. Great damage was also done at Tunica and Cleveland, in the same state, and twenty-five persons were killed.

FLAMES swept away a large portion of the town of Panhuska, Oklahoma, and five lives were lost.

BY the issue of 200,000 copies the Chicago Inter Ocean celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of its birth. Each copy of the paper consists of sixty pages.

THE tornado that passed over Indianapolis wrecked fifty houses, causing a loss of over $100,000, and several persons were seriously injured.

IN the register of deeds office at Newton, Kan., the vault was broken open and the county records destroyed. The loss cannot be made good for less than $100,000.

BY the capsizing of a skiff George W. Selby and his brother Oscar were drowned at Peoria, Ill.

ADVICES say that the damage done by the recent cyclone in the Mississippi valley would reach $2,000,000. One-half of the state penitentiary at Nashville, which covers eighty acres of ground, was torn to pieces, entailing an enormous loss.

HUMBY and John Dix and Edward Wescott were drowned by the upsetting of a skiff in Bigbee river near Mount Sterling, Ala.

AT Denver, Col., Anton Wood, the 11-year-old murderer of Joseph Smith, was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

AT the age of 95 years Rev. John Souder, a Methodist minister, died at his home in Tiffin, O. He had lived there seventy years and had been in the ministry for fifty-one years.

IN an angry fit James Cosgrove shot and killed his wife at Butte, Mont., and then committed suicide.

FOR participating in the murder of Robertson and his daughter in August, 1891, Louis Michael was hanged at St. Martinsville, La. It was the first legal execution which had taken place there in forty years.

IT is proposed by the Woodstock guards, a military company at Anniston, Ala., to cover the distance on foot from their home to the world's fair grounds in Chicago, about 800 miles.

A FIRE destroyed the Weber building in Chicago, causing a loss of $150,000 to the various firms that occupied it.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

THE worst blizzard known in twelve years caused great damage in the vicinity of St. Johns, N. F., and at Salmonier five men were drowned by the swamping of a skiff.

ON the march of a band of convicts to the prisons of Siberia 283 of them died from hardship and exposure. Among those lost were Mme Lazarov, six other women and four children.

ON the Thames at London the Oxford crew won by two lengths its twenty-seventh victory over Cambridge. Time, 18 minutes 47 seconds. It was the fiftieth race between the two crews.

REVOLUTIONISTS entered the town of Allegretta, Chili, which they sacked. The residents resisted the ravages, and in the fight which followed forty persons were killed.

THE arbitration court appointed to adjust the difficulties between the United States and Great Britain in regard to the seal fisheries in Behring sea met in Paris.

LATER NEWS.

M. ALEXEJEFF, the murdered mayor of Moscow, was buried, on the 26th, at the Novschassky monastery, in the suburbs of that city. The funeral was conducted with great pomp. Grand Duke Sergius, all the provincial officers, the city authorities and the foreign consuls were present. An immense crowd followed the body to the grave.

THE labor troubles in Lancashire, England, which ended by a compromise, on the 25th, take rank as the greatest struggle between capital and labor which the world has seen. The campaign lasted twenty weeks, involving directly and indirectly 125,000 employes, and cost in loss of wages alone $10,000,000.

MAIL advices from Rome prove that a very inadequate idea of the dynamite campaign of the Italian anarchists has been communicated by telegraph to the outside world. A strict censorship is exercised over all dispatches by the government, and anything likely to create a panicky feeling is suppressed.

MRS. JOHN BIDDULPH MARTIN, formerly Mrs. Victoria Woodhull, lectured, on the evening of the 24th, before a large audience at St. James' hall, London, on the "Human Body, the Temple of God." Twenty years ago she spoke on the same subject.

MAYOR SOMERS of Milwaukee issued a proclamation, on the 25th, offering a reward of $2,500 for evidence that will convict any party or parties of incendiarism in the city of Milwaukee during the succeeding thirty days.

IT is reported that Messrs. Carnegie and Frick have begun to import negroes into the Connellsville coke regions, and there is a prospect of another bloody strike on the part of the Hungarian miners.

AN important meeting of switchmen was held at Philadelphia, on the 26th, and a general strike on the Pennsylvania lines and at Chicago at the opening of the World's fair was discussed.

TWO PHYSICIANS of Rome have examined Beradi, who threw a stone at King Humbert, on the 25th, and have pronounced him insane.

THE Minnesota legislature passed a bill, on the 26th, appropriating $50,000 for the defense of the legislators in the coal combine suit.

THE fatalities of the Alderson (I. T.) mine explosion now number ten, Herman Rhody having died of his injuries on the 25th.

THE old Liberty bell at Philadelphia will be sent to Chicago on a special car, April 28, for exhibition at the World's fair.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Given State Appointments.

The other day Gov. Stone sent the following nominations to the state senate, which were confirmed:

State Insurance Commissioner—James R. Waddill, of Kansas City.

State Labor Commissioner—Henry Disselmore, of St. Louis.

Board of regents of normal schools:

Kirksville—S. Boynton, Sullivan county; S. Laughlin, Monroe county.

Warrensburg—R. D. Shannon, Jasper county; P. H. Holcomb, Bates county.

Cape Girardeau—T. P. Bufford, Madison county; E. A. Rozier, Ste. Genevieve.

Blind Asylum, St. Louis—Ben Bluett and P. R. O'Neil, St. Louis; J. T. Kendall, Bollinger.

Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Fulton—J. S. Dorsey, of Boone county, and J. H. Parker, of Johnson county.

Lunatic Asylum at Fulton—J. J. Russell, of Mississippi county; B. L. Lock and F. L. Marchand, of Lewis.

Lunatic Asylum at St. Joseph—J. B. Thomas, Gentry county; R. Murray, Platte county; E. P. Gates, of Jackson.

Lunatic Asylum at Nevada—J. L. George, Vernon county; D. C. Kennedy, Greene county; J. Grosshart, Lafayette.

Industrial Home for Girls at Chillicothe—W. H. Sipple, Livingston county; Nat Sheldon, Schuyler county; T. B. Gates, Davies county.

Reform School for Boys at Boonville—J. R. Walker and C. E. Leonard, of Cooper; T. C. Rainey, of Saline.

Dr. J. N. Holmes, of Wayne county, was confirmed as physician of the penitentiary.

James McAne, Louisiana, supervising inspector of steamboats; J. C. Kirby, chief of divisions of stationery and printing.

A Letter from Senator Vest.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Senator Vest has sent to each member of the Missouri delegation in congress the following letter relating to the recent conference for the division of the patronage:

MY DEAR SIR—Notwithstanding the fact that the informal conference of our delegation, recently held, at the request of members of the house, was agreed to be in mutual confidence, reports of its proceedings were immediately furnished the newspapers, so garbled and colored as to make the impression that the senators arrogated the right to dispose of all the Missouri patronage except as to local offices. So far from making any such claim, I have endeavored to discharge only the duties in regard to patronage which my position absolutely enjoins, and I stated to the conference that the only request I made was that our colleagues of the house would not go back to their homes and tell every disappointed applicant that the senators were alone responsible, but that the truth would be stated that the senators were simply representing the delegation at its request, and would do the best they could for all parts of the state. And I do not propose to attend any other conference under any circumstances. I deem it just that all concerned should know that I disclaim any responsibility for anything connected with appointments in Missouri except what result from my own action, and I will not undertake to represent any of my colleagues or the delegation collectively. If any member of the delegation feels an interest in any appointment he must attend to the matter in person and assume the responsibility. The proceedings of the conference have been given to the public with such coloring, and with motives obviously sinister, that I am compelled to act for myself and not for others. I do not know the person who furnished the information to the newspapers, and I am not therefore able to address him alone. My object in this communication is to deal frankly with my colleagues and to protect myself. Very truly, etc., G. G. VEST.

A St. Joe Mystery.

The finding of a box containing several human bodies in the Missouri river [illegible] First the victims were thought to be a party of emigrants supposed to have been murdered between Rulo, Neb., and White Cloud, Kas.

A Narrow Escape.

At Sedalia Wm. White, colored, in the employ of Dr. G. H. Scott, had a narrow escape from death.

The incident occurred on the most prominent street and in the thickest business portion of the city in full view of hundreds of pedestrians. White was engaged in breaking a young horse. While he was attempting to climb into the saddle the animal became frightened at a passing street-car and commenced running away before White could get his feet into the stirrups. The [redacted] the room Edgar, a 7-year-old [illegible], drank the entire contents of the glass. He was taken suddenly ill and never recovered from the shock, dying in a few hours from the alcoholic poisoning.

A Strange Accident.

Richard C. Woods, general foreman of the Missouri Pacific shops in Sedalia, was walking through the yards when a locomotive ran over and exploded a danger signal torpedo, and a large piece of the metal shell plowed the flesh off the bone of his left leg and lodged under the knee cap, tearing it from its fastenings.

A Terrible Explosion.

The power-house of the Diamond Coal and Coke Co., 8 miles south of Kansas City, was blown up by the explosion of nine kegs of powder and a quantity of dynamite, ignited by the explosion of a small quantity of gasoline. Three miners were seriously injured.

Received Appointments.

The following Missourians have recently received favors from President Cleveland:

F. H. Hanna, St. Joseph, assistant inspector of public buildings; Guy Bryan, St. Louis, assayer; Wm. Riley, of St. Louis, inspector of steamboats, Fourth district.

A Cotton-Belt Extension.

The Cotton Belt contemplates an extension from Dexter to a point on the Mississippi, where it will transfer by boat.

Negligent Jail Employes.

An investigating committee has examined the Jackson county jail and reported that the recent escapes were due to negligence of jail employes.

Respited.

Sam Wilson, who was sentenced to be hanged at St. Louis, March 29, for the murder of Clem Manning, has been respited by the governor.

St. Louis National Banks.

On March 6 the St. Louis national banks had $70,544,829.13 on deposit, and their capital stock aggregated $16,516,610; circulation, $405,000.

It Pays to be Honest.

B. K. Theobold, of St. Louis, a collector, became a defaulter for $800, and rather than submit to arrest for embezzlement, killed himself.

Died Old and Wealthy.

Thomas Orr, an old and wealthy citizen of Kansas City, died the other night of paralysis at his home, No. 1730 Jefferson street.

THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE

JEFFERSON CITY, March 22.—Both houses yesterday adopted a resolution to adjourn sine die on the 24. Among the bills to pass the senate yesterday were: Revising the pharmacy law. Requiring bond investment companies to deposit $100,000 with the state treasurer before engaging in business in the state. Allowing lessees growing and unharvested crops on land sold under mortgage or deed of trust. Defining a lawful fence. In counties having adopted the stock law, to be two strands of wire on posts 30 feet apart, the upper wire to be 4 feet from the ground. Authorizing corporations to change the par value of their shares by a majority vote of stockholders. Modifying the teachers' institute law in regard to the number of days school teachers must attend same and the expenses thereof. Prohibiting any person from being a director of a bank against whom such bank holds a judgment. Amending the Australian ballot law so as to require judges of election to prepare ballots for illiterate voters in the presence of the other judges.

HOUSE—Senate amendments to the house bill appropriating money for support of the eleemosynary institutions were called up. The first amendment, reducing the appropriation for the Fulton insane asylum from $90,000 to $56,000, was concurred in, but the item cutting down the industrial home $3,000 was rejected. Senate bill providing for the payment of the traveling expenses of circuit judges in circuits composed of more than one county was called up as a special order. A motion to table was lost by one vote, and then the bill was amended so as to limit the annual expense of any judge to $250. The previous question was ordered and the bill defeated—yeas, 48; nays, 51. The house "fellow servant law" was called up out of order and passed without debate—yeas, 88; nays, 5. Senate bill giving the St. Louis exposition control of the World's fair exhibits belonging to the state until 1895 was called up and passed. Senate amendments to the general appropriation bill were considered. Two items were rejected, one cutting the bureau of geology down from $35,000 to $20,000, and appropriating $2,400 for an assistant supreme court reporter. Senate bill repealing the present school teachers' institute law and re-enacting the law of 1889 was defeated. Senate bill appropriating $10,000 for a topographical survey of the sunken and overflowed lands of southeast Missouri was passed.

JEFFERSON CITY, March 23.—The principal work in the senate yesterday was the reading of bills. The bill giving the police of Kansas City and St. Louis two holidays a month was called up and passed. The house amendments to pending appropriation bills were considered. Conference committees were appointed on the general appropriation bill, the eleemosynary bill and the pharmacy bill.

HOUSE—A resolution passed allowing the chief clerk ten clerks for ten days after adjournment. Numerous bills were passed, among them the corrupt practices act and the bill enacting a system of government for cities of the third class, with a number of minor bills.

ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

JEFFERSON CITY, March 24.—The Thirty-seventh general assembly of Missouri closed its career yesterday a few minutes after 12 o'clock. The usual resolutions thanking everybody for everything were adopted. In the senate an effort was made to transact some business. The house bill placing justices of the peace and constables in Kansas City on salaries was reported and passed, with some amendments, and hurried over to the house, but the latter body refused to concur, and the bill was lost. Senator Stone, from the judiciary committee, reported without recommendation a house resolution asking congress to enact laws that will prevent federal courts from interfering with local government and the officers thereof. Mr. Stone asked for a suspension of the rules with a view to placing the resolution on its passage. It requires a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules and the motion was lost.

HOUSE—The house made no attempt to pass bills, but spent an hour considering resolutions of a complimentary nature. Speaker pro tem Stuart was the recipient of a very handsome cane, and the oratory of the occasion was furnished by Mr. Lehr.

THE BUREAU OF GEOLOGY.

During the night the conference committee on the appropriation bills reached an agreement, and no time was lost in adopting the reports. The chief bone of contention was over the appropriation for support of the bureau of geology. The house wanted $35,000 and the senate $20,000, and the senate won.

THE PHARMACY BILL DEAD.

The pharmacy bill died between the two houses on account of some senate amendments to which the house would not agree and from which the senate would not recede, so, after passing both houses, the measure was lost. Its defeat will cause universal regret among the pharmacists of the state, and corresponding joy among the proprietors of whisky drug stores. One object of the law was to break up the business of drug stores doing an illicit saloon business.

AT CLOSE QUARTERS.

A Sergeant Saved from the Fangs of a Serpent by a Slip-Knot.

Travelers in the uncivilized regions of South America have to face many perils from intense heat, poisonous reptiles and savage men. M. Thouar, who explored the Pilcomayo delta for the Argentine government, describes an experience which prompted him to eternal vigilance in regard to snakes. He was lying in his hammock; the sergeant of his guard was asleep under a tree close by. Suddenly he noticed an immense serpent coiled around the sergeant's leg and extending its head toward his bare chest. What should he do? To wake the man meant certain death to him, but how could the snake be killed or driven away without rousing the sleeping soldier? Then he recalled a method of capturing the cobra of India. He prepared a slip-knot, and by stealthy, almost imperceptible, movements he attracted the serpent's attention. It turned its head. Then M. Thouar leaned from the hammock and tickled the snake gently on the throat. It raised its head, and as it did so the noose was drawn tight around its neck. Just then the sergeant awoke and almost fainted with fright. But the danger was past; the slip-knot saved him, and the stroke of [illegible] cut off the serpent's head.—Good Days.

Willing to Wait.

Wife—See my new bonnet, John.

Husband—Are they in a hurry for the money.

"I suppose not. They said if I decided to keep it to send the money for it by a messenger boy."—Brooklyn Life.

DOINGS OF THE DAY

A CINCINNATI stamp collectors' society just organized has eighteen members.

AN old oak tree nearly five centuries old was recently felled near Castleton, Ind.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in New York to obtain cheaper bread and to have the bread sold by weight.

IT is said that a large hotel for the accommodation of colored people is to be built in Salter, Mo., by colored capitalists.

CERTAIN sophomores at Ithaca recently raided the quarters of the freshmen and forced milk down their protesting throats.

A BIBLE bee is the latest form of amusement at Cuthbert, Ga. Prizes are awarded to the persons proving themselves most familiar with Bible history.

THE Florida Times-Union calls attention to the fact that there is a letter held for postage at the Lake Maitland office because the writer put on a Florida fertilizer inspection stamp in place of the new Columbian postage stamp, which is about the same size and color.

TILL the year 1798 clocks of Basle, Switzerland, went an hour in advance of other European clocks.

MISSOURI METHODISTS.

The Appointments Made at the St. Louis Conference of the M. E. Church Held at Butler.

The following appointments were made at the St. Louis conference of the M. E. church held at Butler:

Carthage District—C. V. Criss, presiding elder; Carthage, Ma. Avillo, to be supplied; Carl Junction, to be supplied; Carterville, W. L. Wright; Carthage, W. B. Stutz; Carthage circuit, David T. Shinkman; East Joplin, Cyrus Brough; Golden City, F. P. Carroll; Greenfield and Lockwood, J. H. Brewington; Home and Foster, Geo. Beatty; Jasper, K. McNeill; Joplin, J. J. Martin; Lamar, John A. Spivey; Liberal, G. S. Hatcher; Monroe City, David Jones; Mount Vernon, H. B. Foster; Nashville, to be supplied; Neosho, to be supplied by W. H. Dalton; Nevada, W. S. Courtney; Pierce City, W. Q. Bennett; Rich Hill, G. E. Stokes; Sarcoxie, James Pice; Seneca, to be supplied; Southwest City, to be supplied by M. L. Stewart; Webb City, Thad S. Fritz; Harvey A. Jones, missionary to Utah; W. H. Childs and W. R. Weaver, missionaries to New Mexico.

Farmington District—O. M. Martin, presiding elder. St. Louis (Clifton Heights suburb), Advance, Wildy Ferry; Bloomfield, to be supplied; Bismarck, to be supplied; Bonne Terre, to be supplied; Cape Girardeau, to be supplied; De Soto, G. H. Gideon; Iron Run, Lee Howard; Farmington, D. W. Crow; Fredericktown, to be supplied; Fruitland, Geo. W. King; Graniteville, O. W. Rose; Homeland, to be supplied; Ironton, W. H. Homer; Lotesville, to be supplied; Palmer, to be supplied; Perryville, W. H. Yount; St. Mary's, to be supplied; West Plains, to be supplied; West Plains circuit, to be supplied; Willow springs, to be supplied; Winona, to be supplied.

Kansas City District—E. E. Price, presiding elder. Austin, W. F. Baker; Belton, to be supplied; Butler, Wm. Stephens; Butler circuit, H. A. Babbitt; East Lynne, Frank Ealy; Holden, J. J. Lostbeck; Holden circuit, G. R. Anderson; Independence, M. C. Ramler; Kansas City—Arlington, E. J. Hunt; City Missions, B. P. White; Dundee place, G. P. Wright; Grand Avenue, C. B. Mitchell; Howard Memorial, W. K. Collins; Independence Avenue, J. E. Armstrong; Liberty street, R. T. Smith; Lee's Summit, Samuel Warner; Oak Grove, L. N. Woodward; Pleasant Hill, S. J. Heaton.

Lebanon District—L. C. Sappenfield, presiding elder; Buffalo, W. T. Pyles; Buffalo circuit, to be supplied; Cabool, to be supplied by C. F. Tipped; California and Jefferson City, J. L. Hogan; Calvy, to be supplied; Conway, to be supplied; Cuba, J. H. Adams; Dixon, J. H. Hurley; Elton, to be supplied; Iberia, to be supplied; Seban, B. F. Thomas; Lebanon circuit, to be supplied; Licking, C. E. Cosner; Lynne Creek, O. L. Waite; Marshfield, Jasper Windtigler; Mountain Grove and Maistetle, to be supplied; Pacific, A. D. Bell; Plato, to be supplied; Richland, to be supplied; Rolla, G. F. Ashley; Roubidoux, to be supplied; Salem, to be supplied; Sligo, to be supplied; Sullivan, to be supplied; Vichy Springs, J. S. Harris.

Sedalia District—William Jones, presiding elder. Sedalia, Mo. Appleton City, G. A. Glenn; Archville and Higginsville, to be supplied; Bethel and Lamont, B. F. Crissman; Clinton, H. M. Hackney; Eldorado Springs, J. M. Galbraith; Huntsville, J. W. Kelley; Knobnoster, to be supplied; Lincoln and Warsaw, L. E. Gower; Lowry City, G. J. Hunt; Lewis, to be supplied; Malta Bend, Wm. Creamer; Marshall, J. L. Boyd; Montrose, G. M. Foster; Osceola, Charles Burns; Pilot Grove, J. B. Daniel; Rockville, to be supplied; Schell City, J. W. Finley; Sedalia, First Church, A. R. Crone; Sedalia, Montgomery street, Albert Jump; Sedalia, Grand avenue, and Sedalia circuit, to be supplied; Smithton, W. F. Jones; Tipton, T. A. Farley; Warrensburg, W. V. Hamel; Windsor and Green Ridge, J. S. Porter. J. H. Gillespie, missionary to Wyoming; Julius Smith, missionary to India; J. B. Van Petten, professor in Clarence college, New York; Amzi Wright, missionary to China.

Springfield District—W. J. Simmonds, presiding elder. Ash Grove, to be supplied; Ava, to be supplied; Aurora, F. F. January; Billings, to be supplied; Bollivar, G. H. Cooper; Cassville, to be supplied by L. D. Ray; Dadeville, W. P. Yeager; Fairplay, C. D. Fry; Galena, to be supplied; Hermitage and Wheatland, J. B. Kipple; Humansville, J. W. Harwood; Marionville, R. W. McMaster; Monette, Fred Getty; Ozark and Forsythe, Henry Threefal; Republic, Harvey Smith; Thornfield, to be supplied; Benton Avenue, D. F. Stiles; Daily Memorial, M. L. Fulcher; Grace church, G. W. Hughey; Mount Carmel, to be supplied; Stafford, to be supplied; Urbana, C. L. Rose; Stockton and Arcola, H. Daugherty. C. E. Heaton, professor of Marionville collegiate institute.

St. Louis District—O. M. Stewart, presiding elder. Bernard Street, to be supplied; Carondelet, E. P. Anderson; Clifton Heights, Frank Lenig; Goode Avenue, W. T. Lewis; Harlem Place, C. C. James; Jennings, to be supplied; Lindell Avenue, R. I. Fleming; Maple Avenue, S. R. Campbell; Neidringhaus Memorial, A. H. Miller; Shrewsbury, C. Bradford; St. Luke, B. F. Poole; Tower Grove, J. R. Pimlott; Trinity, J. P. Marlatt; Union, C. P. Marsden; Water Tower, J. F. Corrington; Festus, C. Baker; Hillsboro, W. F. Grundy. T. Hagerty, chaplain St. Louis Evangelical alliance.

L. G. Rosser, J. W. Needham, J. F. Porter and P. C. Money were left without appointments to attend school.

A Question of Removal.

The influential flock to which Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls, of St. Louis, has ministered for many years has decided to move westward.

The executive officers of the Second Presbyterian church of St. Louis are negotiating for a site somewhere west of the corner now occupied by the First and Central churches and in a line therewith. The present historic property of the Second Presbyterian church at the northwest corner of Seventeenth street and Lucas place will not be relinquished without a struggle, as a wealthy section of the membership is opposed to joining the western exodus that in the last ten years has carried a dozen or more congregations beyond Jefferson avenue. It is understood that the hostility of a few wealthy Presbyterians, whose funds have aided materially in maintaining the church and its numerous missionary beneficiaries alone has prevented a change of site years ago. Not so very far back a project to tear down and transplant the imposing church home, which is now the Presbyterian down-town headquarters, was discussed. It was before Henry Shaw's mansion was dismantled, and brick by brick and board by board rebuilt in Tower Grove park, and it was looked upon as not feasible. It is now thought that if a unanimity of sentiment can be secured in no other way, this compromise will be accepted. At any rate the removal will take place and at an early date. The present premises have enhanced thousands of dollars in the last year or two to the manufacturing limit, instance which Lucas place has assumed since the new union depot was begun, and the financial question is therefore no hindrance.

Presbyterians Discuss Pew Rents.

At a large meeting of Presbyterian ministers in St. Louis the other day, the subject for discussion was "Free Pews, or Rented Pews?" Rev. J. F. Cannon presented a strong and logical paper in favor of free pews. He based his arguments on the teachings