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CURRENT TOPICS.

ONLY one man in 203 is over six feet in height.

GEN. GEORGE W. WEST is dead at Athol, Mass.

VOTING by machine is gaining in popularity in the east.

MARK TWAIN says Vienna is the wickedest city on earth.

ABOUT 4,000,000 bottles of pickles are consumed weekly in the United States.

The last issue of the London (Eng.) directory, it is said, weighs 11 1/2 pounds.

ON an average 200 carrier pigeons are officially kept in every German fortress.

A LARGE cotton mill will be built at High Shoals water-power, near Hardin, N. C.

BRITISH consuls are now required to send important trade reports and news by telegraph.

A LARGE silk mill is to be built at Roanoke Rapids, about four miles from Weldon, N. C.

NEARLY 2,000 commercial travelers lost their positions when the tobacco trust was formed.

LABOR strikes of a most serious character are prevalent at present in several European countries.

THE principal trade of Bradford, Eng., just now is said to be in mercerized cotton dress goods.

THE Wisconsin legislature has forbidden the use of living rooms for manufacturing purposes.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., has joined the list of cities where the trades unions will erect a labor temple.

QUEEN VICTORIA has seen every throne in the world vacated at least once, and some of them several times.

THE greatest number of suicides take place in the month of June and the fewest in the month of September.

ONLY four independent states remain in Africa. They are Abyssinia, Morocco, Liberia and the Orange Free State.

ALL the locomotives on the Santa Fe railroad in California are run with petroleum for fuel. It costs about the same as coal.

VERDI denies that he is writing a new opera. He says that "Falstaff" is his last work and that his labor in this world is over.

THE German government has nominated, and the president has accepted, Baron August Von Bruck as consul at Havana for Germany.

BEGINNING July 1, the employes of the government printing office at Washington will receive 50 cents an hour, or \$4 per day of eight hours.

THE Italian government, for 27 years, has guaranteed to the pope an annual income of about \$175,000, which he has steadily refused to accept.

THE arrears of this annuity amount now to over \$20,000,000.

THE Compania General de Manila, the largest cigar making concern in the world, employs over 10,000 hands, and turns out every year 80,000,000 cigars, 40,000,000 cigarettes, and nearly 8,000 tons of cut tobacco.

ALONG the Adriatic sea swallows and other migratory birds are caught every year by the hundreds of thousands and eaten by the Italians, who spread nets, in which as many as 800 to 500 of the birds are caught at once.

THE most expensive hat on record cost \$1,500 in gold, and was presented to Gen. Grant while in Mexico in 1852. It is now on exhibition in the National museum in Washington—perhaps the finest Mexican sombrero that was ever made.

THE bill for the Bradley Martin dinner in New York for 84 persons footed up \$9,525, of which \$53 was olives, caviare, celery, radishes and bread, which shows that the Bradley Martins do not overlook the little luxuries to a dinner.

THE death penalty is rarely enforced in Germany, Austria, Denmark or Sweden. In New York 11 out of 12 murderers escape without any punishment, and in the United States only one murder in fifty suffers capital punishment.

MARRIED men, according to a German investigator, live longer than bachelors, and are less likely to become insane. Another argument for matrimony is found in the fact that there are 35 criminals among every 1,000 bachelors, while among married men the ratio is only 18 per 1,000.

Not the least interesting among the new occupations for women is that which has been opened at Vienna. There, in the "gayest city in the world," is a woman grave digger. She is the first professional woman grave digger in civilized Europe.

THE microscope has revealed many wonders, among others that the common caterpillar has 4,000 muscles in his body, that the drone bee's eyes each contain 1,300 mirrors, and that the large, prominent eyes of the brilliant dragon flies are each furnished with 25,000 polished lenses.

AN UNSTABLE PARTY.

The Democracy Has Always Failed to Develop a Policy Entirely Its Own.

The Boston Transcript intimates that if the president or congress should decide to abandon the Philippines the persons who are now howling to give up the islands would then shriek even louder against such a course.

Everything which the republican party has favored in the past 40 years the democracy has opposed.

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make a sort of shuffling assault on the national banks occasionally, and this element put in a plank in the democratic platform in 1892 to repeal the prohibitory ten per cent. tax on state bank issues.

This has been the record of the democracy ever since the republican party first obtained control of the government more than a generation ago.

After fighting republican measures until these had been so long and so firmly established by the concurrence of the people that further hostility would only excite the country's derision, it dropped its opposition and came over to the republican ground.

Vallandigham did in 1871 to its insane attacks on the permanent facts of the war legislation, and it will step once more over to republican ground.—St. Louis Globe-Tribune.

ALTGELD IS THE LEADER.

A Cat and Dog Time of It in Prospect for the Free Silverites in Illinois.

Bryan and Altgeld have joined hands, but Harrison was not at the wedding. The Ohio Valley Bimetallic league has organized for the campaign next year and Altgeld will be the leader.

The Bimetallic league is in the field to make "the financial plank of the Chicago platform of 1896 without any change" the issue, to renominate Bryan and to advocate so-called bimetalism.

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with Bryan as its leader. The determination of the league, however, will not interest the country, for silver is dead and buried beyond resurrection, and if the democratic party should take it up as an issue again it, too, would be buried out of sight.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

The general advance in wages is causing the grand sweet populist wail of despair.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Mr. Bryan says the door is open for the bolters, and the chances are that they will continue to come out.—Washington Post.

An esteemed contemporary says: "The Ohio democrats have still to nominate their candidate." Yes, and that's about all.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Bryan would undoubtedly find it easier to break away from the sixteen to one idea if he could get the other free silverites to follow him after some new issue.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Col. Bryan is still attacking the trusts, but he is doing it with every sign of a man who would be obliged if some one would furnish him with a better issue for next year.—Ohio State Journal.

Col. Bryan declares that the trust issue will form one of the most important planks in the next democratic platform. He will have some difficulty in establishing a monopoly of anti-trust sentiment.—Washington Star.

If Mr. Henderson is made the republican candidate for speaker it will be a victory of the people. The "bosses," so called, have had nothing to do with the caucus. The two states, Pennsylvania and New York, in which party bossism is supposed to prevail the most have done nothing to influence the contest so far, and it will probably be decided without the vote of either.—Philadelphia Press.

ROUT FOR THE ENEMY

Filipinos Put Up the Hottest Battle of the War.

Engage the Enemy with Feroocity—Fighting Continues All Day—Warships Take Part—American Bravery is Finally Successful.

Manila, June 14.—Gen. Lawton unexpectedly stirred up one of the liveliest engagements of the war south of Las Pinas Tuesday morning, upon which occasion American field guns were engaged in the first artillery duel against a Filipino battery concealed in the jungle.

Companies F and I of the Twenty-first infantry, were nearly surrounded by a large body of insurgents, but the Americans cut their way out with heavy loss.

Warships in Action. The United States turretship Monadnock and the gunboats Helena and Zafiro trained their batteries on Bacoar and the rebel trenches near Las Pinas all the morning.

During the night an insurgent cannon was fired three times at the Americans on the outskirts of Las Pinas.

Gen. Lawton Tuesday morning took a battalion of the Fourteenth regiment and two companies of the Twenty-first regiment to locate the rebel battery, and two guns of the Sixth artillery and four mountain guns were planted against it at 600 yards distance.

The rebels had a large gun from which they were firing home-made canister, loaded with nails, and smaller guns.

Their shooting was most accurate. The first lot of canister burst directly in front of Scott's guns and another shattered the legs of a private in the Fourteenth infantry.

The country traversed was as bad as it is possible to imagine, being mainly lagoons, mud and water fringed with bamboos.

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A company of the Twenty-first regiment, skirmishing along the beach with Amigo guides, found, apparently, a handful of rebels, who retreated.

The men of the Twenty-first followed and, suddenly, the rebels opened a terrific fire on the troops from the sides and rear. The soldiers withdrew to the water's edge, finding what shelter they could, and were picked off rapidly.

After their ammunition was nearly exhausted, the companies of the Twenty-first retreated, but Gen. Lawton dashed down and rallied the men.

A Desperate Stand. A little group made a desperate stand, Gen. Lawton, Maj. Starr and Lieuts. Donovan and Sonnelly taking rifles from the wounded men and firing at the enemy, bringing down some of the rebel sharpshooters from a tree.

The Filipino force engaged appears to have been the largest and best organized body of men which has met our troops.

Gen. Lawton ceased fighting until reinforcements could be brought up. Two battalions of the Fourteenth regiment and one battalion of the Ninth regiment were hurried to the front, and in the afternoon the battle was resumed.

The Monadnock anchored close to the shore and her heavy guns pounded the rebels continuously, while the smaller warships, steaming along the shore, poured bullets from their rapid-fire guns at the enemy.

Gunboats in Action. Manila, June 14.—At daylight to-day the rebels at Cavite Viejo dropped two shells from a big smooth-bore gun mounted in front of the church in the navy yard.

After breakfast the rebels opened fire along the beach to Bacoar.

After silencing the big gun at Cavite Viejo the gunboats ran close along the shore, bombarding the rebel position.

The rebels replied with rifle fire and with the fire of some small pieces of artillery. So vigorous was the enemy's fire that at 9:29 a. m. the gunboat Helena joined the small gunboats already named and the Princeton, Monterey and Monadnock, from their anchorages, dropped occasional big shells among the rebels.

Concentrate the Fire. The fire of all seven warships was concentrated on this point shortly after noon, when the upper bay presented the appearance of being the scene of a great naval battle.

Swept Clean by Fire. Durango, Col., June 14.—The business portion of Chama, N. M., has been swept clean by fire which started in the evening.

Manila, June 14.—Information, believed to be reliable, has reached here of the assassination of Gen. Luna and his aide-de-camp, Lieut. Pasco Ramon, June 8, by Aguinaldo's guard at the headquarters of Aguinaldo.

Luna and Ramon, it appears, went to the Filipino headquarters to confer with Aguinaldo, got into an altercation with the captain of the guard and one of them drew a revolver.

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When the battle was resumed at one o'clock with the reinforcements, our battery having silenced the ene-

AN OUTING PARADISE.

Long Island is an undiscovered country to a great number of people. Very few realize that the little line shown on the large map is one hundred and thirty-four miles long and of varying widths up to twenty-five miles.

While the South Shore for a portion of its length is almost level, the North Shore is hilly and heavily wooded.

Every portion of the island is well suited for man's abiding place. It has in a most marked degree the three great necessities of life and civilization, Good Air, Good Water and Good Roads.

The western section (Queens and Nassau Counties) is crossed in every direction by the best of macadam roads; six hundred miles having been built within three years.

Every Man for Himself. After firing in volleys for a short time the Americans were ordered to fire when and where they could see the enemy.

Gen. Lawton, though exhausted by the morning's fight, rallied by sheer will power and was the commanding figure in the battle.

Gen. Wheaton and Gen. Owenshine were equally courageous. In fact, the generals were among the few men on the battlefield who refused to take shelter under the hottest fire.

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MISSING THE JUBILEE.

There was One Woman Who Seemed to Be Ignorant of the Fact That Peace Had Come.

It was in the midst of the peace jubilee and the editor was the busiest individual in town, but the visitor got on him, and what was worse, sat down and showed other signs of remaining, none of which the editor encouraged.

"Excuse me," said the visitor of his own volition, "but can't I ask you an important question?"

"What is it?" responded the editor, without looking up from his work, which is always a sign that anybody ought to understand.

"Ain't this a peace jubilee we're having in this town?"

"It certainly is."

"And the peace jubilee is a celebration of peace, ain't it?"

"Exactly."

"And peace means that war is off, don't it?"

"Of course it does."

"And that the olive branch is hanging low, and that everybody is falling on everybody else's neck, and that everybody is glad the war clouds have rolled by, and that good fellowship is now prevailing everywhere, and that every bosom throbs responsive to the gentle coo of the dove, and that everybody is wearing white wings, and that there won't be any more scraps, and that everybody is kissing and making up; it means that, don't it?"

"Exactly," responded the editor, pleased to discover so comprehensive a knowledge from such an unsuspected quarter.

"I thought so," said the visitor, rising. "I'll go back home and tell my wife about it. When I left there an hour ago I don't believe she knew it had happened. Good-morning." And the visitor went out before the editor had time to extend his sympathy.—Washington Star.

Obeying Orders. "Is the lady of the house at home to call on?"

"No, sir; not to-day."

"But tell her that it is the doctor who has called."

"Impossible, sir; she can't see you. She is sick."—La Carature.

God help me to keep from under the thumb of the man who rigidly observes the letter of the law, but who has no conception of its spirit.—Virginia Etchings.

It should be remembered to the everlasting credit of the men that when a woman becomes famous, no man claim that they were once engaged to her.—Atchison Globe.

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." Guess so. Any fool ought to know better than to lie down with a crown on his head.—Virginia Etchings.

Some people demand that the world not only be patient with their foolishness, but that it applaud.—Atchison Globe.

Hall's Catarrh Cure. Price, 75c. Figures may not lie, but estimates are often misleading.—Chicago Daily News.

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Just so evil in the blood comes out in shape of scrofula, pimples, etc., in children and young people. Taken in time it can be eradicated by using Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Medicine. It vitalizes and enriches the blood.

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