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CURRENT TOPICS.

SPAIN has lost \$40,000,000 in colonial trade.

AMERICA's carpet mills employ 10,700 women.

A WOMAN'S hair is said to begin to turn gray at 35.

FIVE per cent. of all Europeans are trained soldiers.

SOME New York boiler-scalers enjoy the eight-hour day.

CINCINNATI is to have a co-operative anti-trust distillery.

THE cemeteries in and around London cover 2,000 acres.

PARCIMENT used on the best banjos is made from wolf skin.

OF a thousand persons only one reaches the age of 100 years.

THE proportion of married persons to single ones is as 75 to 1,000.

THE Congo region exports about 8,000,000 walking sticks a year.

THE combined population of Europe and America is about 500,000,000.

TALL persons have the advantage of greater longevity than short ones.

THE number of summer hotels in the United States is estimated at 23,000.

THERE are 3,750,000 persons in London who never enter a place of worship.

THE church of Notre Dame du Port, at Clermont, France, was built in the year 1095.

PERSONS born in spring have a more robust constitution than those born at other seasons.

OWING to the dry, cold atmosphere, not a single infectious disease is known in Greenland.

FRANK H. BURFORD, a 15-year-old boy, has been admitted to the bar in Guthrie, Okl. T.

AT Wardbury, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21 to July 22 without interruption.

A FEW weeks ago the Krupp factory turned out its twenty-thousandth large gun for European armies.

MRS. RICHARD P. BLAND is collecting material for a life of her late husband, the famous congressman.

THE first automobile club of Germany has just been organized, and the duke of Ratibor is the president.

AN English statistician declares that crime, considered in decennial periods, bears a constant relation to the population.

WILLIAM BADGE has resigned his position as conductor on the Maine Central railroad after 50 years' service as a railroad man.

DR. MAX BRENER of Buffalo, has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor for saving the life of a French seaman.

THE population of the South African republic consists of 63,000 Boers, 87,000 other whites, called Uitlanders and 500,000 Kaffirs and Zulus.

THE skeleton of a mastodon was discovered in digging a ditch on the farm of F. W. Schaefer, one mile west of Newburgh, N. Y., recently.

THE erratic actions of a church clock at Harborne, England, were traced to a swarm of bees that had deposited honey in the machinery and dial.

A SINGLE foundry in New Jersey, it is said, casts annually 28,000 bells for the farmers and about 4,000 for schools, churches, engine houses, etc.

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SCIENTISTS are recommending the electric light bath. It is free from the exhausting effects of Turkish baths and is soothing to sore muscles and joints.

TABLE manners differ greatly with different nationalities. The Russians follow the old Arabian habit of preferring nature's weapons to either knife or fork.

THE grass was thought to be nearly extinct, but Maj. Maxes, a British explorer, has found great herds of them along the Sobat river, a tributary of the White Nile.

THE largest mass of pure rock salt in the world lies under the province of Galicia, Hungary. It is known to be 500 miles long, 20 miles broad and 250 feet in thickness.

THE house of commons has met on Sunday 11 times, on various occasions, when urgency demanded it. The first time was in the reign of Edward III, the last at the death of George II.

SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN has joined the army of inventors. He has invented a contrivance to be fixed to carriages so that the horses can be instantly unyoked and the carriage set free in the event of the animals taking fright.

TWENTY centuries before the birth of Watt, Nero of Alexandria described machines whose motive power was steam. He also invented a double force pump, used as a fire engine, and anticipated the modern turbine wheel by a machine he called "neopile."

CLEARLY DECLARED.

The President's Policy Defined by Himself in Perfectly Plain Terms.

The words spoken by President McKinley the other day in regard to his Philippine policy were definite and certain enough to any logical mind.

Speaking of the soldiers who had the privilege of being mustered out in April and who preferred to remain in the service, the president said:

And what the cause for which these brave and patriotic men fought and suffered and fell? The answer is found in the following pregnant and pointed sentences:

"Peace brought us the Philippines, by treaty cession from Spain. The senate of the United States ratified the treaty. Every step taken was in obedience to the requirements of the constitution. It became our territory and is ours, as much as the Louisiana purchase, or Texas, or Alaska."

A body of insurgents, in no sense representing the

EXPANSION WANTED.

The Issue That Will Help the Republicans on to Victory in Next Year's Campaign.

"If there ever was a time in the history of the United States," says the democratic Nashville American, "when the true-blue American citizen should show his love of country it is at this juncture."

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who returned to Washington the other day from a trip to the Pacific coast, reported that the entire west was solid for expansion.

As the various posts passed in review the president stood smiling and bowing, and on numerous occasions waved his hand to the more enthusiastic of the marchers.

STILL PREFERS THE FIRST-BORN.



When a new baby is born in a household the parents do not expel the other children.—W. J. Bryan, at Kansas City.

sentiment of the people of the islands, disprove our lawful authority, and even before the ratification of the treaty by the American senate were attacking the very forces who fought for and secured their freedom."

In other words, the American soldiers fought to assert and maintain American supremacy over territory rightfully and legally belonging to the United States.

And what is to follow peace? "A government under the undisputed sovereignty of the United States, a government which will do justice to all and at once encourage the best efforts and aspirations of these distant peoples and the highest development of their rich and fertile lands."

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more soldiers, in proportion to its population, to the new regiments for the Philippines than any other town in the United States.

There can be no reasonable doubt that national expansion will be a winning issue for the republican party in 1900. Shrewd democrats see this, and will fight the insertion of an anti-expansion plank into their platform next year.

COMMENT AND OPINION.

The democratic platform-makers of Ohio will also try to feel that they still think so.—Detroit Free Press (Dem.).

Mr. Bryan will doubtless receive the united support of the unemployed harvest hands of the great west.—Washington Post.

Coming to the facts in the case, Bryan is for sixteen to one, if something else that seems to offer better prospects doesn't develop.—Chicago Times Herald.

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One trouble with the democratic party to-day, and the chief trouble, for that matter, is that all its leaders who are competent to lead have been sent to the rear.—Cleveland Leader.

The democracy is confronted with the embarrassing necessity of going through a long, farcical make-believe and calling it a "presidential campaign." They acknowledge having but one possible candidate and no sane issue.—Indianapolis Journal.

A GRAND EVENT.

President McKinley Reviews 35,000 G. A. R. Veterans.

The North Atlantic Squadron is Visited and the President Inspects the Big Warships Now Lying in the Delaware River—A Series of Orations.

Philadelphia, Sept. 6.—Tuesday was the big day of the Grand Army encampment. The presence in the city of President McKinley increased the interest and his drive over the route of the parade aroused the greatest enthusiasm among the throngs on the streets.

The distance covered by the parade was five miles. Independence hall was passed during the march and caps were lifted and colors dipped by the veterans.

From the fronts of the buildings to the curb the people were packed in a solid mass, and even breathing was difficult. As a result of the crush about 400 men, women and children were overcome and taken to various hospitals.

The parade was six hours in passing the reviewing stand. About 35,000 men were in line. After a portion had passed, these veterans bringing up the rear, the president left to visit Admiral Sampson's fleet, Gov. Stone of the Department of Pennsylvania reviewing the remainder of the procession.

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The visit of the president to the squadron proved to be the greatest marine spectacle ever seen here. It was the intention to have Mr. McKinley visit only the New York, but he grew so enthusiastic over the great fighters that he made up his mind to inspect all of them.

At 4:15 the president boarded the barge. He was accompanied by Secretaries Root and Wilson, Commander Winslow, Mayor Ashbridge and Senator Sewall.

Enthusiasm was rampant last night. Wherever President McKinley appeared he received a tremendous ovation, particularly at the Academy of Music, where the Grand Army was officially welcomed to the city and state by Mayor Ashbridge and Gov. Stone.

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A few minutes later the presidential party, with Admiral Sampson and his staff, left the Academy of Music and proceeded to Odd Fellows' hall, where President McKinley was the guest of honor at a banquet tendered by George G. Meade post, Lafayette post, of New York, and Kingsley post, of Boston.

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Immense throngs surged through the avenue and the cheering was deafening. When the chief executive entered the banquet hall all present arose and cheered their distinguished comrade.

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Secretary Root and Prof. Schurman made brief addresses in which they referred to the war in the Philippines.

A Hot Wave. Chicago, Sept. 6.—Tuesday was the hottest day in Chicago since the establishment of the weather bureau here in 1871.

The hot weather known since the records of the weather bureau began is reported from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska.

CHICAGO GETS IT.

Next G. A. R. Encampment to be Held in the Windy City—A Rumpus Leads to the Seclusion of Two Local Societies.

Philadelphia, Sept. 7.—The national G. A. R. encampment met in executive session Wednesday. The encampment is made up of 341 delegates from the various states and territories, 19 department officers, 111 national officers and post commanders-in-chief and 682 post department commanders.

The opening address was made by Senior Vice Commander-in-chief Johnson. Then followed reading of reports. The report of Alonzo Williams, inspector general, gave the loss by death during the past year as 7,994, which, added to losses through other causes, such as discharges, honorary and dishonorable surrender of charter, suspensions and transfers made the total loss 45,855.

The number of members in good standing June 30, 1899, was 287,981. Senior Vice Commander Johnson as commander-in-chief was elected to serve the unexpired term of the late Col. Sexton.

Daniel Foss, of Wilmington, Del., junior vice commander, was elected to the office of senior vice commander, succeeding Col. Johnson.

The surgeon general, Albert S. Pierce, reported that during the past 18 months 11,083 deaths had occurred in the Grand Army. There are, the report states, 1,672 deserving sick and maimed soldiers not receiving pensions.

In his report Daniel R. Lucas, chaplain-in-chief, states that there are 6,682 soldiers' graves unmarked.

The first business after recess was the selection of a place for the next encampment and Chicago was chosen by acclamation. The report of the committee on pensions was then read and a motion was made to refer it to the committee on resolutions.

The complaint of the veterans as contained in the pension committee's report is that the law governing the granting of pensions is misconstrued by the pension examiner.

There were lively times at the annual convention of the National Association of Naval Veterans. A resolution providing for the admission of participants in the Spanish war to membership in the association started a rumpus and the result was that there is now a split in the organization.

The 17th annual convention of the Women's Relief Corps began Wednesday morning. Nearly 300 delegates, representing every state in the Union, were present.

Mrs. Harriet J. Badge, of Connecticut, was elected president; Mrs. Lizzie Baer, of Wisconsin, senior vice president; Mrs. Mary Evans, of Washington and Alaska, junior vice president; Mrs. Isabella T. Bagley, of Ohio, treasurer, and Mrs. Brown, of Rhode Island, national chaplain.

The ladies of the G. A. R. and the Ladies' Auxiliary Naval Veterans also held executive sessions. About 300 delegates were present at the former. The other, which had branches only in Providence, New Bedford, Salem, Baltimore and Philadelphia, was presided over by Anna B. Sears, of Baltimore. About 50 delegates were present.

A Gigantic Consolidation Scheme. Pittsburgh, Sept. 7.—The Post says: There is a plan arranged to form a gigantic railway system which will create a trunk line consolidation greater than any now in existence.

It will embrace the Baltimore & Ohio, Pittsburgh & Western, Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh, Philadelphia & Reading, West Virginia & Pittsburgh, and several smaller roads in as many states. This gigantic enterprise will, if carried out, mean a series of roads reaching from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and New York to Reading, Rochester and Buffalo, and from Baltimore to Cincinnati and St. Louis, with the main line passing through Pittsburgh to Chicago.

The Detroit to Go to Venezuela. Washington, Sept. 7.—The navy department has sent orders to the Detroit, which is at Philadelphia, to proceed at once to La Guayra, Venezuela. She will coal and start on the voyage in two or three days.

The Detroit should make the run to La Guayra in side of ten days. The occasion for her presence at La Guayra is a report to the state department that there are signs of great unrest and excitement in the interior of Venezuela and that the presence of an American warship might have a good effect.

STORY SOUNDED WELL.

But There Was Reason to Believe That It Was Not Wholly True.

"When I first went west," tells a retired business man, who now does nothing in the way of work except to mow the lawn and see that the cat is in the barn at night, "this maimed hand saved my life."

"Is that so?" asked the visiting neighbor, who knew that a form of invitation would be sufficient to insure the story.

"Yes, that's right. If I hadn't lost that first finger when I was a boy I wouldn't be here now. Jim Dixon and me were trading with the Indians. We exchanged beads, fave jewelry and bright salin for furs. All the buffalo were not gone then and we did a good business. One time we happened to strike a wandering band of savages that held us up on sight and it was plain from the way the red devils danced around us that we were to be put to death after the Indian fashion.

"Yes, regular big injin, if you accept all he tells. Between me and you he lost that finger two years ago while examining a hay cutter."—Detroit Free Press.

VERY OBLIGING.

He Was Willing to Give the Volcanic Vocalist a Good Hard Shove.

The young man who sings loud and long was interrupted by a tap at the door of his apartment.

"Excuse me," said the tall, thin stranger, "I am sorry to intrude. I occupy the flat under you, and I have come up to inquire if you are the gentleman who sings ballads."

"Yes," was the answer, with the air of a man who is modest, but cannot deny the truth. "Are you fond of music?"

"I don't know what I am what you would call fond of it. At the same time I haven't anything particular against it. I am very much affected by some things I hear."

"That amounts to the same thing as being fond of it," was the answer, in a tone of soothing encouragement.

"I have been wondering if I caught the words of your favorite song correctly. Let me see: "How often, oh, how often. Have I wished that the ebbing tide Would bear me away on its bosom To the ocean wild and wide."

Is that right?" "Yes; it's all right, according to my recollection. Is that one of the pieces you are affected by?"

"Yes, I have been affected by that for hours at a time. It has filled me with yearning to do something that would make you happier. And I called up to say that if you'll come down to the river with me any evening I'll pay your car fare and hire a boat and give you a good start on the first ebbing tide scheduled. And I don't mind saying that the further out it bears you the better I'll be satisfied."—Washington Star.

THE GRAND BRACE.

Pathetic Plea of the Bibulous Head of the House Next Morning.

One of the Bohemian citizens of the town went home the other night after having donned a pair of skates that would have slid him over an Arizona desert with the mercury bubbling out of the top of the thermometer. He had no recollection of how he got home, and even the next morning he was not certain whether he was on a storm-tossed Atlantic liner or making a leap from a balloon minus a parachute.

"My dear," she said, "did you know that you came very near killing us all when you went to bed last night?"

"Nope," said the husband, thickly, as he felt his hot forehead.

"Well, you did. You knocked over the baby's cradle. Then you blew out the gas and we were nearly asphyxiated. What do you think of that?"

Her husband is usually a resourceful man, but the fumes of many cocktails taken the night before somewhat clouded his intellect. He made a grand brace and tried to look pathetic.

"My love," he said, as a ray of inspiration burst through his foggy brain, "wasn't I here to die with you?"—Washington Post.

Queerness of Men.

It's a wise child that knows its own father when it sees him and young Snipper." "It doesn't take much of a man to tell how a thing ought to be done. The one who goes and does it deserves the praise."

The man who goes to church may not enjoy the sermon, but he generally goes home with a good appetite and young Snipper." "It is claimed by some people that baldness indicates great brain power, but the makers of alleged hair restorers keep on getting rich."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Alone—"Wouldn't you hate to be a preacher's wife?" "No, indeed. Just think of being able to make him out his sermons short."—Kansas City Independent.

Tommy—"Who was that lady you spoke of?" "Willie—that's the lady that lets my ma go out any afternoon but Tuesdays and Sundays."—Boston Transcript.

Huntley—"Funny thing, that elopement of Miss Longway and young Snipper." "Author—"Elopement? That was an abduction!"—Philadelphia North American.

Laura—"The fortune teller said Miss Elderly was to be married soon." "Flora—"To whom?" "Laura—"I don't know. The poor girl was so happy she forgot to ask!"—Puck.

If one friend's advice doesn't suit you, keep on asking your friends until one gives the kind you want.—Athens Globe.

"He Laughs Best Who Laughs Last."

A hearty laugh indicates a degree of good health obtainable through pure blood. As but one person in ten has pure blood, the other nine should purify the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Then they can laugh first, last and all the time, for



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