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JOB PRINTING. The Job department of the Press is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work.

Didn't Forget Himself. A three-year-old walf in a deaconesses' home offered up this prayer, says the Delinquent: "Oh, God bless all in this home (mentioning each by name), and all the sailors in the sea, that the ships won't run over them, and all the poor boys and girls that they may get bread and candy, and bless Alfred Warren Randall!"

Why She Went Sour. "I felt kind of miffed," said the genial man who likes to occupy a lofty niche in everybody's affections, "when the religious lady at the foot of the table suddenly soured on me; but when I found that she had understood me to boast that my father—dear old Methodist preacher that he is—was a circus rider instead of a 'circuit rider,' I didn't know that I could blame her."

More Babblers Than Heretics. Now, as in the past, the vast number of so-called heretics are but vain babblers who know not what they affirm. They can give no reason for the faith that is within them because they neither know the faith of the fathers nor contribute an iota to the faith of the future.—Baltimore American.

The Atmosphere. The height of the atmosphere above the earth has never been ascertained because no one has been able to get far enough up to determine where it ends. But it certainly spreads far more than 50 miles from the solid surface of the earth and from the liquid surface of the sea.

The Modern Understanding. "Doctor," said the parishioner, "don't you consider 'love one another' as binding as any other part of the moral law?" "Of course I do," answered the Rev. Dr. Fourthly. "It's the first amendment to the ten commandments."—Chicago Tribune.

Vanity and Conscience. A man's vanity tells him what is honor, a man's conscience what is justice; the one is busy and importunate in all times and places; the other but touches the sleeve when men are alone, and, if they do not mind it, leaves them.—Walter Savage Landor.

To Remove Mildew. To remove mildew, mix soft soap and powdered starch with half the quantity of salt and the juice of a lemon. Apply with a brush and leave article out on grass for a few nights, when the stain will have disappeared.

Very Indicative. Bargain Hunter—"I would like to get two sorts of spoons for kitchen use." Busy Clerk—"We haven't time to sell them." Bargain Hunter—"Huh, sir, your attitude shows clearly that you are out of sorts to-day."

Daily Thought. To be alive in every part of our being, to realize the possibilities that are in us, to do all that we can, to become all that we are capable of becoming, this is the aim of life.—Charles Wagner.

Novels Not Books. Boston's careful discrimination in literary matters is revealed by a sign displayed not more than half a mile from the public library: "Books and novels sold here."

Graded. "When a feller has a job in a foundry he tells about the place where he works, but if he's in a bank he speaks about the concern by which he is employed."—Exchange.

Importation of Birds. More than \$300,000 worth of birds were imported into this country during the year 1908. They were largely parrots and canaries.

Lead Production in 1908. The smelter production of lead in the United States in 1908 was 498,523 tons of 2,000 pounds, against 442,015 tons in 1907 and 418,659 tons in 1906.

Flight of Monster Eagle Noted. A monster eagle with white head and tail is reported as flying over the lower Kennebec. The big fellow seems to have his home in Arrowsic.—Boston Globe.

THE FORECAST.



Prosperity Weather for Some Time to Come.

TO MAINTAIN PEACE GOOD IN PRESIDENTIAL TOUR

INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

Fear That Coming Meeting of Presidents at El Paso Has Sinister Meaning is Altogether Without Grounds.

The heads of the five little Central American republics, it is said, fear that some sort of a plot against their activities will be concocted by Mr. Taft and President Diaz at the coming meeting of these two personages at El Paso and the point near at hand in the Mexican Republic.

President Cabrera of Guatemala has two reasons for attempting to arouse the four other countries near at hand, and get them to work in harmony with him. He fears Mexican encroachment, Mexico being on his northern border. He is also anxious to form a league of the Central American countries, with Guatemala at the head.

Possibly it might suit Gen. Diaz' purposes in this contingency to make a demonstration against Guatemala, so as to divert the attention of the Mexicans from troublesome home issues in connection with the coming election for vice-president in their country. That would make Diaz' task easy in electing Corral as vice-president and in defeating Reyes. But the United States has not the slightest desire to menace the independence of any country of Central America or anywhere else.

West's Political Power.

The west has long been strong enough at Washington to get whatever it wanted, if its representatives could have been induced to stand together in political action. The section has elected so many men to the house and to the senate, that had they formed an organization on certain lines, and for certain objects and held these lines unbroken, the influence of the west would have been paramount in all questions of vital interest to its people.

Give Tariff Law a Chance.

Many are criticizing the new tariff law, but give it a chance. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. The best of this new law will be in its operation. Now is not the time to criticize. Now is the time to wait and see whether the law will do all that its creators claim for it.

Means Better Understanding Between the Chief Executive and the People.

There is not much difference of opinion about the value to the country of such tours by the executive head of the nation as the long journey President Taft is now on. Before he returns to stay-at-home life in the White House he will travel as far as half way around the earth at the equator. It will be like crossing the United States four times, between the Atlantic and the Pacific, or making two round trips from New York to Paris.

Nothing but good can come of such contact between the chief executive and the people. The government and the country will be closer together in feeling and knowledge. Washington and distant sections will be less liable to misunderstandings and errors. Where President Taft goes he will win friends. Everywhere he will increase his multitude of admirers. In all of the states which he will visit there will be less danger of misrepresenting him and his administration in a way which can sway public sentiment and do lasting harm.

This country is so immense and its interests are so varied and so far-reaching that no man can know his fellow citizens and their affairs, sitting in the White House, as he can if he makes such journeys as this of President Taft. There is no public official who would not be broadened and strengthened by such schooling.

THE ANTI-TRUST OUTLOOK

Wickersham is Planning to Take a Fall Out of the Combinations.

Mr. Wickersham seems bent upon taking a fall out of the trusts. He is at present planning such an amendment of the interstate commerce act as shall make prima facie the good and the bad trust. At least, he hopes legislation may be enacted that will modify the Sherman anti-trust law in a way to create conditions of distinction between the trusts that rule and the trusts that serve society; the kind that monopolize for suppression of industry and the kind that organize for its extension.

Everyone who has no ax to grind will wish the attorney general success in his efforts. He has one of the most capable and level-headed lawyers in the country behind him, the keen-minded, clear-sighted and imperturbable President Taft. But it cannot be expected that the president shall do the work for the head of the legal department. He has marked out the campaign, which is not dissimilar to that of Mr. Roosevelt, with less of strenuousness and none of the expletive of that valorous opponent of concentrated rascality, as he saw it. The question is not whether Mr. Taft is on the right lead—he is; but whether the attorney general shall follow that lead with the unerring instinct of an economic dachshund.

Tariff Measure Needed.

We regard the passage of the tariff bill as a cause for general congratulation. Had the efforts of congress proven abortive, resulting chaos and delay would have been most deplorable. As it is we have a measure, not perfect, but workable, and the greatest opportunity that ever confronted the nation for creating an era of abounding prosperity.—Louisville Herald (Rep.)

IMPORTANT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed into a Few Lines for the Perusal of the Busy Man—Latest Personal Information.

PERSONAL.

President Taft, at Seattle exposition, in his speech said he would ask congress to pass a ship subsidy law.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a big reception at their home at Lincoln, Neb.

Dr. Harry E. Hutchins has been appointed temporary president of the University of Michigan at a salary of \$7,000 a year.

War Secretary Dickinson is back in Washington after an extended vacation in the south. He said the department had reached no conclusion on the West Point hazing case.

Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, has been threatened with another attack of appendicitis, but Washington reports say an operation will not be necessary.

Helen Keller, the deaf, dumb and blind marvel, is to make an airship flight with Charles J. Glidden of Boston and will record her sensations in the air.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller is suffering from a cold, at her home in Cleveland. Her physician says it is not serious.

GENERAL NOTES.

Prof. Jerome H. Raymond assumed the presidency of the municipally owned Toledo university, Toledo, O., and Prof. Harry B. Hutchins became acting president of the University of Michigan, the resignation of Dr. James B. Angell going into effect.

President Taft visited the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, Wash., and was the center of interest for the great crowds at the fair.

In the Long Island automobile derby, while running 65 miles an hour, a 60-horse power machine overturned, killing Mechanician James Bates and seriously injuring Driver Herbert Lytle.

President Taft preached a sermon on amity between the people at the Mormon tabernacle, Salt Lake City, to a large audience who cheered him most enthusiastically.

The south is honoring the memory of Admiral Raphael Semmes, the naval hero of the confederacy, this being the one hundredth anniversary of his birth.

A romance in the wake of the Louisiana storm became known. A young woman of Leesville, La., lost her trousseau in the storm, and appeared at the altar in improvised attire, while the groom met her bare-footed, with his garments mists.

D. J. Vent, one of the striking train dispatchers of the Mexican National railroad, who is now seeking employment in the United States, has fallen heir to \$600,000 in Scotland.

The seventieth session of the Rock River conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened in Rockford, Ill., with Bishop Goodsell of New York presiding.

The National League of Veterans and Sons, organized two years ago to benefit men who have served in the regular army or National Guard and their sons, met in annual session at Bay City, Mich.

President Taft, properly clothed, descended 1,200 feet into the famous Leonard copper mine at Butte, Mont. He expressed himself much delighted with the experience.

One thousand children, terrified by "Black Hand" stories, became panic-stricken in a Jersey City (N. J.) parochial school when they heard fireworks exploding on the outside. One child was fatally injured and 13 others more or less hurt.

Two million people viewed the big Hudson-Fulton parade at New York. Twenty thousand men were in line.

The street car service in Omaha and Council Bluffs was almost normal following the strike. The Omaha city council has by resolution, urged the car company to agree to arbitration.

President Taft in a speech at Spokane declared he would ask congress to authorize the issuance of \$10,000,000 in bonds to complete irrigation projects already begun.

United States District Attorney Sims has unearthed evidence that white slave traffickers are operating again on a large scale in Chicago. Raids and prosecutions are probable.

Bush fires are raging in the Saskatchewan districts and are threatening the property of the settlers.

Consul General Lay, at Cape Town, says large quantities of American goods could be sold in South Africa if representatives were on the ground.

Public schools and co-education are denounced as jeopardizing the faith of children in a pastoral letter issued by the French episcopate.

Wilbur Wright successfully circled the statue of Liberty, New York harbor, in his heavier-than-air aeroplane.

Secretary Dickinson sustains Gen. Frederick D. Grant in participating in a parade in Chicago last week saying the officer acted as an individual, which he has a perfect right to do.

Twenty-five thousand men were in line and 2,000,000 witnessed New York's great military parade which was the climax of the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

William Armstrong of Quincy, Ill., was killed and his brother, Harold, and Archie Johnson were seriously injured when their automobile in which they were riding was hit by a train at Buda, Ill.

The steamer Roosevelt, which carried Commander Peary to the arctic regions, is in New York harbor and will participate in the Hudson-Fulton naval parade up the Hudson river.

State Supreme Justice W. J. Gaylor was nominated by the Democrats for mayor of Greater New York.

Two armed bandits looted the Citizens' National bank of Glenwood Springs, Col., of \$10,000 in a most spectacular manner and escaped to the mountains.

New York had a spectacular fire when the Dunham chocolate plant in Pearl street was damaged \$200,000.

Rear Admiral Schley, retired, has canceled all his engagements in New York on account of his health and will return to Washington and seclusion.

A torchlight procession of 5,000 persons was a feature of a demonstration for Gen. Trevino given in Monterey, Mexico.

Sam Yong Ping, an aged Malay and one of the wealthiest fishermen on the Louisiana coast, hanged himself by his feet from a tree near his home on Paratana bay. He is supposed to have been crazed by the recent storm.

Passengers on some of the Omaha street cars drove off the crews and ran the cars themselves, when the motormen refused to start after the fares were collected. The crews sent in a riot call.

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Col. W. R. Morrison, former congressman, is dead at his home in Waterloo, Ill., after a protracted illness.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook was given a magnificent reception at Philadelphia, at which city he delivered a lecture.

Denunciation of the French school system by the Catholic authorities is said by Figaro of Paris to have been the result of a message sent by the pope through Cardinal Satolli.

Thomas Gray, 19 years old, walked the streets of New York two hours after he had been shot near the heart, fearing his father would not believe his story. He went to bed without telling of his injury, but his mother saw his blood-stained garments and he was aroused and walked a mile to Bellevue hospital with his father. The shot may prove fatal.

A Paris jury decided that Edward Baudin was justified in killing his wife at her request to end her suffering. The woman was a victim of asthma and the disease was strangling her.

Mrs. Linda Baldwin, who says she doesn't know how old she is, but who is supposed to be over 100, is detained at Ellis island, New York. She lived 60 years in Brooklyn and returned from Ireland to look after some property.

Ex-Gov. McSweeney of South Carolina, who had been under treatment in a private sanitarium at Baltimore, Md., for several months, died there. He was born in 1855 and rose from newsboy to governor.

Taking of the testimony for the defense in the suit of the state to oust the International Harvester Company for alleged violation of the Missouri anti-trust law began in St. Louis.

Hunter Harry Whitney, who has arrived at St. Johns, N. F., from Labrador says he believes both Cook and Peary reached the pole and sees no reason why the latter should doubt Cook's claim.

At the International Dry-farming congress at Billings, Mont., October 26-28, prominent men from European countries and Canada, as well as the United States, will take part.

Eight stockmen from Montana were killed and 14 other men injured at Chicago when the Panhandle "flyer" crashed into the rear end of a stock train in the St. Paul yards.

After running amuck and attacking the officers and hospital stewards of the United States hospital ship Relief, John Ransom, a fireman of the ship, was shot and killed by Civilian Mate Heinke at Manila.

Six survivors of an unknown vessel are aboard Winter Quarter lightship, the remaining 12 men of the crew having perished, according to a report made by Capt. Delano of the steamer Porto Rico which arrived at Baltimore from New York.

General conference of the German Evangelical Synod of North America, in session at Burlington, Ia., has adopted resolutions denouncing prohibition and started a movement for the formation of a national organization.

William L. Keiser, conductor, and Peter McCourty, motorman, were killed and 20 passengers injured in a trolley car collision in Des Moines, Ia.

Slight earth shocks were felt through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana but no damage was reported. The general direction was from west to east.

WE MUST PROTECT OUR WATER POWER

GIFFORD PINCHOT SAYS THAT MONOPOLY IS FORMING TO CONTROL THE SITES.

CONGRESS SHOULD GET BUSY

Will Have to Deal With Question of Disposition of Vast Areas of Coal Lands in the West, but Principally in Alaska.

Washington, D. C.—Unequivocally asserting that a monopoly is now in process of formation whose object is to obtain possession of the water power sites of the country, Gifford Pinchot, chief of the bureau of forestry, who returned from an extended inspection in the west, declared that remedial legislation must be enacted at the coming session of congress if this great natural resource is to be preserved to the people.

The problem of how best to prevent the nation's water power sites from being gobbled up by such combinations, Mr. Pinchot predicted, will be one of the biggest issues which the next session of congress will have to thresh out. While he stated that the alleged trust is now only in the formative stage, Mr. Pinchot declared that prompt action on the part of congress is necessary to throttle it. Upon the proper solution of this question, the future happiness of a great many people rests, he said.

Looming up as another big problem which will confront congress will be the question of the disposition of vast areas of coal lands in the west, but principally in Alaska. It is important that congress should take prompt action on this important matter, Mr. Pinchot said, for the protection of the country's fuel supply and also to prevent a monopoly in that product.

Any doubt that may have existed as to whether Mr. Pinchot would continue to advocate the policies for which he has fought so hard, was set at rest by him. As a result of his western tour he is as fully determined as ever to continue his policies regarding the conservation of the country's natural resources and the great national forest reserves. Not only did Mr. Pinchot assert that President Taft is thoroughly imbued with the conservation movement but he declared that the people of the country are now more completely aroused over the matter than at any previous time. President Taft, Mr. Pinchot said, has expressed himself in favor of a conservation commission, and added that he was also in accord with that suggestion.

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TEST FOR CENSUS AGENTS

Director Durand Announces That Applicants for Appointment Will be Examined November 3.

Washington, D. C.—Census Director E. Dana Durand announces November 3 next as the date for making a practical test of the qualifications of applicants for appointment as special agents for the collection of the thirteenth census statistics of manufactures, mines and quarries. Blank applications may be obtained now by writing the bureau of the census. No applications which are received after the close of business October 25 will be considered.

In a circular of instructions relative to the subject, approved by Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor, the director states that about January 1, 1910, the bureau will employ from 1,000 to 1,800 special agents. As far as possible it is desired to obtain for this work persons who have had college or university courses in statistics or economics, and persons who have had service in the accounting department of some manufacturing or other business establishments.

If the applicant's statements as to business training and experience and education are satisfactory, and the application is complete in every respect, a card will be mailed to the applicant advising him when and where to appear to complete the prescribed practical test in filling out a schedule such as is required in the actual work of a special agent.

THE WEEKLY TRADE BULLETIN

Industrial and Commercial Situation, as a Whole, is That of a Full Return to Normal Conditions.

New York City.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

The industrial and commercial situation, as a whole, at the beginning of the last quarter of the year, is that of a full return to normal conditions. The southern trade, it is reported, is better than for several seasons past. The chief flaw in the situation is to be found in the high prices which serve to check operations in some direction, and are a conservative influence. Business in steel rails is expanding.

Newspaper Man and Novelist Dead.

New York City.—Frederick R. Burton, 48, a newspaper man and novelist, died suddenly at Lake Hopatcong, N. J. The cause is supposed to have been heart failure. Mr. Burton was the author of several novels, among them "Strongheart."

Acres of Lumber Burned.

Midland, Ont.—Fire on October 1 wiped out the lumber yard of Manley Chew, at Dollartown, sweeping an area of 13 acres bare. This is the second fire in two weeks.