

AMERICA AND IRRIGATION.

Ours is the foremost country in the world in the reclamation of its arid land. To the untraveled easterner the extent of the irrigation of western lands under direct government supervision is unknown. The work of individual and corporate concerns raises the actual reclamation of arid land in the west to an enormous total acreage. Most of this work has been accomplished within the past decade, while each year the plans for still further pushing the conquests of artificial irrigation are extended, says the Pittsburg Gazette-Times. That the prestige in this important department of home building belongs to the United States is further demonstrated by a request recently submitted to the state department by the Australian government. Australia has several wide extended areas of arid land. The reclamation of much of this has been undertaken, but the first difficulty that confronted the government was a lack of expert knowledge of the actual work to be done and of the means used to secure the largest and surest returns on the money invested. In this dilemma Australia turned to the United States, where irrigation on the broadest lines has been ably demonstrated under government control.

Workers in demolishing an ancient house situated in the Rue de Strasbourg, opposite the old Mont de Pieté at Nantes, have made an interesting discovery which is likely to attract considerable attention, since the find was at once dispersed by the men. It consisted of a number of gold and silver coins of different epochs. The most interesting bore the effigy of Alphonso VIII, king of Galicia and Castile, who reigned from 1126 to 1158. They bear on the exergue an inscription in Arabic in these terms: "The Emir of the Catholics is aided by Allah, and Allah protects them." The find is interesting in more ways than one, and it is likely that economic writers will not fail to make use of these coins to show the trade relations of Nantes about the period of the Hundred Years War.

The defendant in a case before Judge Bacon, who objected to being described as a gentleman, may be commended on his refusal, to be labeled with a term which even Sir James Murray is shy of defining, says the London Chronicle. There is the old legal definition, "all above the rank of a yeoman," and there is Sir William Blackstone's description of a gentleman as "one who can live idly and without labor." There is also the historic definition given by a witness at the trial of Thurtell for the murder of Mr. Wear as "one who drives a gig." And the cabman probably expresses the average opinion as to "what constitutes a man, a gentleman when he says: "You're a gentleman, sir," to the spendthrift who does not ask change for half a crown on a billing fare.

Two of the rare dollars of 1804 have been found. It is affirmed that only four of these coins are in existence, and numismatologists attach great value to them. The last coin sold brought \$3,000. But of course if they continue to be found in this fashion the discoveries are likely to "bear" the market.

Radium has also come down among the other necessities of life, a grain of it having recently sold for \$72,000. Still, at that rate, the time is not clearly in sight when families can afford to lay in an entire winter's supply with reduced prices for cash.

A veterinarian on Long Island refused to take an anesthetic for an operation because he wished to watch it that he might get surgical points. A man like this is just the kind not likely to inflict needless pain on others.

The meanest man has been found in New Jersey. In a quarrel with his wife he took the false teeth from her mouth and kept them, saying he had paid for them. Naturally, in court she made a biting charge against him.

Fashion decrees that men must propose on their knees hereafter," says an esteemed contemporary. Fashion is "dame," all right—or is she a Mamsell?

Prof. Garner says his female chimpanzee has a vague moral sense. And that is the sort that some folks in high societies have.

It has been a banner hunting season in northern Michigan, the returns showing 5,000 deer and 20 hunters killed.

There are 800 varieties of chrysanthemums, but no one seems to know why there are so many.

Pittsburg is 152 years old. The fact constitutes another argument to the effect that smoking promotes longevity.

Some of the dresses the women are now wearing resemble the wrapper of a thin cigar. They fit just as tight, too.

Maine hunters killed very few moose this year, but double the moose considered it a successful season.

RICHES TO FIND  
MORE WORLD'S

Carnegie Gives \$10,000,000 More For Scientific-Work.

PLEASED WITH SUCCESS OF INSTITUTION

Faciously Objects To Being Interrupted and Asks Scientist Out Of a Room. But Hands Over Big Donation With the Hope That It Will "Interest" Caller Until Carnegie Has Time To See Him—Ironmaster Enjoys Incident.

Has Given Nearly \$200,000,000.

Andrew Carnegie on December 14 established a \$10,000,000 fund to encourage world-wide peace.

At that time it was estimated that the ironmaster's benefactions aggregated \$187,000,000.

Among the most notable gifts had been the following: Carnegie Institution, of Washington, \$15,000,000; Carnegie Foundation, \$15,000,000; libraries in the United States, \$41,500,000; libraries in foreign lands, \$10,000,000; Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg, \$16,000,000; Scotch universities, \$10,000,000; hero funds, \$5,000,000; Carnegie Steel Company employees, \$5,000,000, and Dunfermline endowment, \$5,000,000.

Others were these: Polytechnic schools, \$5,500,000; Peace Temple at Hague, \$1,750,000; Allied Engineers' Societies, \$1,500,000, and Bureau of American Republics, \$750,000.

New York (Special).—The donation of an additional endowment of \$10,000,000 to the Carnegie Institution of Washington by Andrew Carnegie, the founder, was announced Friday. This brings Mr. Carnegie's gifts to the institution up to a total of \$25,000,000.

Coupled with the formal announcement was a declaration by Mr. Carnegie that the work of the institution had cleared from blame the captain of a British ship who ran his vessel upon the rocks by proving that the British Admiralty charts, by which the captain was guided, were 2 degrees or 3 degrees astray.

60,000 New Worlds Discovered. The discovery of 60,000 new worlds by Professor Hale at the observatory on Mount Wilson, California, also was announced. The observatory was established by the institution, and its operations and discoveries afford Mr. Carnegie more delight, perhaps, than any other work of the institution.

Mr. Carnegie also announced that a far more powerful telescope than man has ever made is now under construction for the Mount Wilson Observatory. With it he hopes to make possible the discovery of still more celestial bodies.

In confirming a report of the endowment, Mr. Carnegie said: "The report is correct. They had a large endowment before and \$10,000,000 makes the total of their endowment \$25,000,000, but the institution has already scored successes to justify even that sum. I believe that the institution in research will pay tenfold in service to the world."

WORKED HER FARM AT 93.

Oldest Native Resident Of Pittsylvania County, Va., Dead.

Danville, Va. (Special).—Mrs. Judith Coleman Anderson, the oldest native resident of Pittsylvania county, who was born in May, 93 years ago, died at her home near Danville Friday. She was twice married, but both husbands preceded her to the grave many years ago.

Mrs. Anderson lived on her farm, Miss Jane Reid, an aged friend, being her only companion. She was confined to her bed only two days, and up to her recent illness attended to her own household duties and managed the farm. She leaves no direct descendants.

YOUTSEY DENIED PARDON.

Governor Willson Believes Him Guilty Of Murder Of Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky. (Special).—Governor Willson has refused a pardon to Henry E. Youtsey, convicted of the murder of Governor William Goebel. The Governor says he believes Youtsey is guilty of a cruel murder and therefore refuses to grant the pardon.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN PEKING.

Disease Slowly Spreading In Manchuria and Northern China.

Peking (Special).—The first death in Peking since the outbreak of the present epidemic of bubonic plague occurred in a missionary hospital Friday. There have been earlier reports that the disease had entered the capital, but not until Friday had a fatality been directly due to the plague. In Manchuria and Northern China the plague is slowly extending.

Young Woman Kills Father.

Gravette, Ark. (Special).—Nellie Allen, the 21-year-old daughter of John B. Boyer, a wealthy planter, shot and killed her father following an exchange of half a dozen shots with the parent. The father, she alleges, was advancing with a knife on her husband of a few weeks, John Allen. Rushing into the house, the young woman secured a revolver, and just as the father was in the act of stabbing young Allen she fired.

LODGE WINS LONG FIGHT  
PAUL MORTON  
DIES SUDDENLY

Stricken With Hemorrhage in New York Hotel.

WAS UNCONSCIOUS TO THE END.

President Of the Equitable Life Assurance Society Had Been Suffering With a Fatal Illness, But He Did Not Know His Life Was In Danger—Was Secretary Of the Navy Under Roosevelt—Wife Reaches Side After Death—Was An Authority On Railroads.



HENRY CABOT LODGE. U. S. Senator from Massachusetts.

Two Democratic Senators, Martin H. F. Curley and Michael J. Murray, left their party to vote for him, but their support was not necessary. Representative James R. McInerney, another Democrat, was in the chamber but did not vote. He did not care to oppose Senator Lodge, because of personal friendship.

GATHERING OF THE LEADERS.

Harmony Banquet Of the Democrats a Success.

Baltimore was the scene Tuesday of the greatest demonstration in the history of the Democratic party since its national convention of 1908 in Denver.

It was the Jackson Day National Democratic celebration which began at 1 o'clock in the afternoon with a mass-meeting in the Lyric and which ended after midnight with the close of the banquet in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

The most striking development of the many during the day and night was the inauguration of a movement for holding the Democratic National Convention in Baltimore next year.

It marked the passing of Hon. William Jennings Bryan as a Democratic party leader and as a possible fourth-time candidate for the presidency, as far as the sentiment of the speakers—notably, Senator Bailey, of Texas—could relegate him to the rear. Mr. Bryan himself was not present, nor would he write a letter to be read at the gathering.

Still another striking development was the expression of a decided preference for Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, as the Democratic candidate for president next year.

At 1 o'clock the doors of the Lyric swung open and the waiting crowd rushed in. The first sight in the lobby which greeted the throng were the posters urging female suffrage.

The Lyric was beautifully decorated. American flags were in evidence. Gen. Murray Vandiver, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, called the meeting to order and introduced Gov. Austin L. Crothers, who presided.

The speakers were: GOV. JUDSON HARMON, of Ohio. SENATOR JOSEPH W. BAILEY, of Texas.

HON. CHAMP CLARK, of Missouri, prospective Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The tenor of all the speeches was that as a result of the November election the Democratic party had been placed on probation; that the people would watch its course with great care, and that it must live up to its promises to win continued support.

RESCUE 155 CHILDREN.

Firemen Drag Little Ones Out Of Beds and Down Ladders.

Binghamton, N. Y. (Special).—Fire in the basement of the main building of the Susquehanna Valley Home imperiled the lives of 155 children and the 18 attendants and officers of the institution, and but for the bravery of the teachers, the firemen and, in instances, the children themselves, grave loss of life must have resulted.

Train Hits Cow; 30 Hurt.

Fort Smith, Ark. (Special).—Thirty persons were injured, four probably fatally, between Hartford, Ark., and Monroe, Okla., when a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train struck a cow.

FEWER AND BETTER LAWS.

Gov. Colquitt, Of Texas, Wants a Conservative Government.

Austin, Texas (Special).—The inauguration of Governor Colquitt and Lieutenant-Governor Davidson Tuesday was witnessed by one of the largest gatherings on record in this State. Governor Colquitt made his inaugural speech along lines of conservative government, fewer and better laws, and safer and saner legislation.

Carnegie Hero Medals.

Pittsburg (Special).—Twenty-six awards in recognition of acts of heroism have just been made by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, 16 bronze and 10 silver medals, besides cash awards being authorized. Nineteen of the awards were made in rescues or attempted rescues from drowning, three from fire, two from suffocation in wells, and one each from train wrecks and shooting. In nine instances the heroes lost their lives and the award is made to a member of the family.

CLARK IS NAMED SPEAKER  
WOMEN AND CHILDREN KILLED

Also Gets Ovation as Presidential Candidate.

SOME HARD FIGHTING DONE THERE.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, the Democratic leader of the House and receptive candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, was nominated by acclamation Thursday night for Speaker of the House in the Sixty-second Congress. This, with the selection of a committee on ways and means to make an early preparation of tariff legislation for submission to Congress immediately upon the beginning of the next session in December, when the House becomes Democratic, was one of the features of a caucus of the Democrats—the old and new members—of the next Congress held in the hall of the House at the capitol.

Life Sketched In Brief.

Born in Detroit, Mich., May 22, 1857. Taken to Nebraska City when six months old.

Got a position with the Burlington Railroad in 1872 at \$16 a month.

Became assistant general freight agent on the Burlington at 21.

Promoted to general passenger and general freight agent.

Engaged in the coal and iron business in 1890.

Vice-president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company and president of the Whitebread Fuel Company, 1890 to 1896.

Became third vice-president of the Sante Fe in 1896.

Was made second vice-president of the Sante Fe in 1895.

Appointed Secretary of the Navy in 1904.

Resigned to become president of the Metropolitan Street Railway in 1905.

Elected president of the Equitable Life Assurance Company in 1905.

New York (Special).—Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and Secretary of the Navy under Theodore Roosevelt, died of a cerebral hemorrhage in the Hotel Seymour here Thursday night.

His wife and his elder brother, Joy, were at his side 15 minutes after he was stricken, but he never regained consciousness and at 6:45 o'clock, an hour after he was stricken, he died. There will be no autopsy.

Mr. Morton himself had no idea that his life was in danger, but his family, his physicians and a few close friends knew that his condition was precarious and that if he did not take care of himself grave results would follow.

Joy A. Morton gave a full account of his brother's ill health and sudden death.

"Paul and I took luncheon together at noon," he said. "I had just come on here from Chicago, and Paul met me at the station. We went to the Equitable building together, where, at Paul's request, I attended a meeting of the board of directors at which he presided. Then we had luncheon together in the building, and sat together talking until perhaps 2:30 o'clock.

"I had other business and so had he. 'See you at the house at 6 or a little before,' I said, and we parted. I never saw him alive again."

Mr. Morton was to have started on a vacation trip to Europe February 22.

Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon said that from the antecedent history and the symptoms there was no doubt in his mind that death was due to arterial sclerosis, a hardening of the walls of the arteries, terminating in a cerebral lesion.

The death was reported to the coroner's office in the usual stereotyped form.

Few, if any, of the directors of the Equitable had news of the death until they were informed by the newspapers. E. W. Bloomingsdale, Robert De Forest and Frank S. Witherbee, the last named also of the executive committee, were all deeply shocked.

Denounces the Press.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).—Weak from illness, Coleman Livingston Blease, of Newberry, was inaugurated Governor Tuesday. Lieutenant-Governor Charles A. Smith, of Timmonsville, was also sworn in. Governor Blease devoted nearly half of his inaugural address to a denunciation of the press.

Kaiser Kicks Against Tax.

Berlin (Special).—The Reichstag debated the second reading of the government's unearned increment tax bill Friday and adopted an amendment subjecting the German sovereign houses to the tax. The government is strongly opposed to this innovation in German constitutionalism.

Need More Funds.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Requesting that Congress provide additional funds for continuing the work of raising the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor, Secretary of War Dickinson has written a letter to Senator Hale, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, calling attention to the fact that the appropriation of \$300,000 made at the last session of Congress will be exhausted in about six weeks.

Irish Re-Elect Redmond.

Dublin (Special).—At a private meeting Tuesday the Irish Parliamentary party re-elected John E. Redmond chairman. The other officers were also re-elected and the resolutions governing the party were reaffirmed.

Cook Will Get His Notebook.

Copenhagen (Special).—The university committee decided to accede to the request of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, made through Walter Lonsdale.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN KILLED

Mexican Troops Fire Into Houses at Galeana.

SOME HARD FIGHTING DONE THERE.

The Revolutionists Attempting to Take All Towns Along El Paso Road—The Federal Troops In a Serious Condition At Guerrero and Ojinaga As At Galeana—General Navano Cut Off From Chihuahua For Some Time—Gen. Lagoe Reported Surrounded.

El Paso, Texas (Special).—Fighting continues at Galeana, south of Casas Grandes, and runners brought the news to Casas Grandes Sunday that among the dead were many women and children, killed in their homes as the Federals fired on the insurgents in the houses. Unless these couriers are greatly excited it promises to be the bloodiest battle of the present insurrection when all losses are totaled. Reports say that the dead and wounded will total 300. Casas Grandes is still in the hands of the Federals but the inhabitants are not certain how long it will be held.

It is claimed now that the rebels are attempting to take all towns along the El Paso Northwestern road south of here and hold the line in order to use it to take supplies to their troops from El Paso. Juarez, opposite El Paso, according to these statements, is to be taken. As indicating that the Mexican government places credence in these reports it sent another hundred cavalrymen to Juarez from Chihuahua Sunday. Fiscal guards in Juarez reported Sunday that 200 revolutionists crossed the Rio Grande at Guadalupe east of El Paso Saturday going south. This report was made to their commander.

Reports from Guerrero and Ojinaga show the Federals in a serious condition there as at Galeana. Navarro is completely cut off from Chihuahua and the rebels boast that their retreat from Guerrero was to draw him further away from his base of supplies and then annihilate his command. He has been cut off for a week and the rebels are attacking his commands in all the smaller towns, around Guerrero and Temascaltepec, assisted in their attacks by the Tarhuanara Indians.

A great ovation was given Champ Clark when Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, in a speech declared that he would gladly vote for Clark for president.

About 210 Democrats were present. Mr. Hay, of Virginia, presided, and Mr. Ashbrook, of Ohio, was secretary.

ATLANTA JOURNAL INDICTED

Said To Have Violated Postal Laws In Mailing Sample Copies.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special).—On the charge that sample copies of the semi-weekly Atlanta Journal were mailed on several days in 1908 as though they were copies for subscribers, a Federal grand jury Wednesday indicted the Atlanta Journal Company, James R. Gray, president of the company, and John D. Simmons, C. H. Babb and V. P. Harper, employees. The indictment in no way involves the daily or the Sunday Journal. The amount involved is said to be \$700 postage charges.

STEEL HEAD GETS \$50,000.

Salary Of Farrell Only Half That Of Schwab and Corey.

New York (Special).—Although Charles M. Schwab and William F. Corey, as president of the United States Steel Corporation, received \$100,000 a year, James A. Farrell, the new president, will receive only \$50,000.

The Finance Committee of the corporation is empowered to fix salaries, and Mr. Farrell's salary has been placed at just one-half of what his predecessors received.

Money Put In Right Place.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Taft received a telegram informing him that San Francisco had returned \$75,000 for the American Red Cross. He has replied to William W. Morrow, chairman of the endowment fund, as follows: "I congratulate you on the contribution to Red Cross from San Francisco of \$75,000. It is very much money in the right place."

\$2,000,000 For Naval Base.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—A \$2,000,000 appropriation for the new naval home at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, including not exceeding \$300,000 for a naval hospital, of which \$75,000 is immediately appropriated, was agreed upon for inclusion in the naval appropriation bill by the House Committee on Naval Affairs.

WALSH ASKS FOR PAROLE.

Banker Not Eligible Under Law Until September 19, 1911.

Leavenworth, Kan. (Special).—John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker, serving a sentence in the Federal prison here, has applied for a parole.

Under the terms of the parole act, approved June 25, 1910, prisoners must have served one-third of their sentences to enjoy the benefits of the law.

Turned Over To Prohibitionists.

Canton, N. C. (Special).—Mayor Curtis, of Canton, has turned the control of the town over to the prohibitionists, asking them to demonstrate how the North Carolina prohibition laws can be enforced. He has given two ministers and a number of laymen to appear before him and be sworn in as special policemen.

John Bunyan is in jail in New York charged with speeding his automobile.

THE NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Butler.—The Pittsburg and Shamnut Railway line will be built from Nickelson's Run on the Allegheny River to North Butler, where it will connect with the Bessemer and Erie Railroad. The line will cover up 50,000 acres of coal, and a number of towns will be built. The most important collieries have been leased. The line will give the road an outlet to Lake Erie, and the Shamnut will gain an entrance into Pittsburg over the Bessemer line.

Altoona.—Following out the Pennsylvania Railroad's plan of employing its employees to study the work of their respective departments, the Mountain City Traffic Club has been organized here by young men in the traffic department, with Lawrence Mattas as president, A. M. Boylan, secretary and Howard Noggle, treasurer. The club will meet once a month to discuss traffic problems and also to listen to talks by experts.

Lewistown.—Chief Burgess William Ryan died Thursday from pneumonia after an illness of six weeks. He was 63 years old, and had served as Sheriff, County Treasurer and school director. His administration was known as the golden rule policy, as he made it a rule to send prisoners of intoxication and other petty offenses to their homes rather than to the borough prison.

Pittsburg.—Charles Bastian, been released from the State prison because the print of the thumb did not agree with that found on the dresser in the residence of Rev. A. C. Howell, whose house was robbed recently. Bastian was suspected of the crime, which involved diamonds to the amount of \$2500.

Seranton.—Matteo Geruzzi, 59, died from wounds received, it alleged, at the hands of Alfonso Terracini, who is now in the county jail. An operation showed that the bullet fired into Geruzzi's body passed through the general vertebrae of the spine. The men quarreled over a load of coal.

Media.—Ray Showers, of Nitany, a student at Williamson School, was struck by a train on the P. R. & W. R. R. near Elwyn, and probably fatally injured. His skull was fractured. He and a half dozen companions stepped from the eastbound train to the westbound to escape a train, when the westbound train horns derailed and all jumped except Showers.

Pottsville.—Andrew Grandy, of Grandy, of Briar City, a candidate for the Legislature last Fall, was crushed to death at Pine Hill colliery Thursday, several tons of coal falling on him. Companions pulled Grandy's bruised body to the Pottsville Hospital, but he lived only a few hours.

Altoona.—Falling to hear the approach of a train at Hollidaysburg, Gertram Cessna, aged 37, son of Professor John Cessna, a noted educator, was run down and probably fatally injured. His skull was fractured for the second time in his life. The first time was when as a boy he was kicked by a horse.

South Bethlehem.—Andrew Gaska, a three-year-old boy, attracted to a bon fire which boys had built to keep warm while playing, was fatally burned. His clothing took fire, when a stiff breeze suddenly scattered the embers, blowing them against his clothing.

Williamsport.—Fire totally destroyed the plant of the Williamsport Packing Company entailing a loss of \$15,000. John Smith, 71 years old, watchman, was badly burned by an explosion of an ammonia tank, and is in a serious condition.

Pine Grove.—Jonathan Freeman, a retired farmer, died at his home in Wayne Township of dropsy, aged 75 years. He was a Civil War veteran, having served in the 124th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Shenandoah.—M. J. Warren, Alexander Lechenk, Enoch Jones and Andrew Hoesbeck, miners, were seriously injured by falls of coal at Packer No. 5, William Penn and El-Lagowan collieries. Warren must die.

Chester.—The Chester Police Department has commenced a campaign to clean out alleged gambling houses which are said to be in operation here. Chief McCarey had Julius Hayward, 24 years old, arrested on the charge of keeping a gambling house. At a hearing in City Hall a large number of witnesses testified that they had shot "crap" and indulged in other games of chance in Hayward's house. The defendant was held for court under \$400 bail.

Chester.—Two years ago, Alfred Taylor, a young man of this city, went to the office of the Progress League, and asked that his child be allowed to remain for a short time as he was going to look after some business. Taylor never returned and nothing was learned of him until Thursday when a police officer accosted him and took him before Magistrate Elliott, who ordered Taylor to pay the sum of \$1.50 per week for the child's board while at the institution, and also directed that he pay \$1 a week for the two years past.

Carlisle.—Miss Nora Smith, of Carlisle, while eating oysters at a local restaurant bit into a large pearl, which upon investigation proved to be worth \$150.

Editor Mistaken For a Spy.—London, (Special).—Dr. Champlain, of Kansas City, Mo., proprietor of the Agricultural Journal, was mistaken for a spy at Guernsey Monday, and arrested. He was soon afterward released.