

ANCIENT HISTORY.

The Chicago Evening News Tells of the Rise of St. Louis.

St. Louis now claims a population of 600,000, which, if supported by figures, makes the Missouri metropolis the fifth in size of the large cities of the United States.

St. Louis was founded in the year 3001 B. C. by a protoplasm who was of his feed and didn't care what he did.

About the twentieth century, B. C. the late Mr. Chedorlaomer made an expedition to St. Louis and up to the day of his death he regarded it. In his memoirs he says: "Of all the dead, past-due burials that I ever honored with my presence St. Louis takes the cheese."

Mr. Chedorlaomer would scarcely recognize the St. Louis of today. It has several business blocks, a post-office and a railroad lands freight and passengers within walking distance of the town pump.

Though Mr. F. Marion Crawford probably earns more money by his pen than any other living writer he is perhaps not so well paid in proportion to the amount of work that he does as Mr. T. B. Aldrich.

THE YOUNG DOCTOR—"Just think, six of my patients recovered this week." The Old Doctor—"It's your own fault, my boy. You spend too much time at the club."

The Magic Touch Hood's Sarsaparilla. You smile at the idea. But if you are a sufferer from Dyspepsia...

PENSION JOHN W. MORRIS. Successfully Prospects Claims. Late Principal Examiner U. S. Pension Bureau.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

New York's base running is weak. The Brooklyn are playing winning ball. There is too much kicking at the umpire on all sides.

THE LEAGUE teams that have yet to be shut out are Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

THE CLEVELAND pitchers are doing the best work of the League. They are all pitching winning ball.

THE POSITION of the League is a new sensation for the people of Baltimore, but none the less a welcome one.

PENNANS never before in the history of the major League has there been such a pretty race for the five leading positions.

THERE ARE no outfielders in the League who can throw more accurately or quicker than McCarthy and Cannon, of Boston.

MANAGER WARD, of New York, is said to have a craze for hunting, and has instructed all his players not to hit the ball hard, but to hit for singles and sacrifices.

THE FOLLOWING table shows the standing of the present clubs composing the National Base Ball League:

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PROMINENT PEOPLE.

THE Sultan of Turkey will soon make a tour of Europe. MOONEY's books of hymns have earned their author \$1,250,000 in twenty years.

ALLEN Candler, the Secretary of State of Georgia, is popularly known as the Pigeon of Pigeon Roost.

ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Boston, is the oldest living ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT BONNER, of New York, was chosen President of the Scotch-Irish Society, in session at Des Moines, Iowa.

CUBAN people of England are flooding Premier Rosebery with protests against his patronage of horse racing.

QUEEN VICTORIA entertained the delegates of the Young Men's Christian Association in her private gardens at Windsor.

BROOKELAW HUBERMAN, the new ten-year old violin prodigy who is astonishing London, is a Pole, only four feet high.

ANDREW CARNEGIE and Henry Phelps, Jr. will give to Pittsburgh a telescope containing the largest lens in the world.

THE grandmother of the German Kaiser was, in early life, a musician of marked ability, and composed many marches for the Prussian army.

DR. JOHN CONTER FAIRFAX, of Maryland, is the only English peer who is an American citizen. He has never taken his seat in the House of Lords.

VERDI, the composer, was a handsome youth, and though now past eighty he retains some of his former good looks. He is spry as an 18-year-old.

THE position of British Consul-General at New York, from which post Sir William Lamb is soon to retire after a very long term of service, is the most valuable in the British Consular service, being worth \$10,000 a year.

JOHN L. GRIFFITHS, Supreme Court Reporter for Indiana, is called the silver-tongued orator of the Hoosier State. He holds the same office that General Harrison resigned to go into the field at the outbreak of the war.

SENATOR HILL, of New York, takes all his meals in his room privately. He takes the same thing every day for breakfast and dinner—stir-fried potatoes, coffee and bread.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, the founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, was knighted the other day by Queen Victoria, is still hale and hearty, and has an absorbing interest in everything relating to the welfare and progress of the association.

Mrs. Drew, Mr. Gladstone's daughter, first reads over all the new books sent to her. She selects those she thinks he would care to see. Mr. Gladstone reads more than an hour to the average novel, but he manages to get its points.

ONE of the most popular songs written in England is "L. L. Molloe, an Irishman or birth, and a lawyer by profession. He stands high at the English bar, but he is passionately fond of music, like Silas Wegg, he drops into poetry by way of recreation, but he writes with more heart than mind for broad and butter.

THE Emperor of Germany drinks nothing but Mexican coffee, and a year's supply is sent to him regularly after every harvest from a plantation in the State of Mexico, which lies on the Pacific coast of Mexico about midway between the United States and Central America. There is a large German colony there which has been cultivating coffee for many years.

THE King of Italy has conferred upon Professor Virchow, the famous German surgeon, the grand cross of the Order of St. Maurice and Lazarus. Professor Virchow is one of those men who seem to have time for everything. He is a university professor, a politician, an editor, a lecturer, a member of the meetings of scores of societies to which he belongs.

JOHN BULL'S LATEST GRAB.

Uganda a Large and Fertile Country Inhabited by Industrious People. The resolution of the Government of Great Britain to declare Uganda a British protectorate adds another considerable slice of valuable territory to the imperial dominions.

The kingdom of Uganda is perhaps the most advanced of all the native African States. The country is very fertile and lies to the west and north of Lake Victoria Nyanza. The population is estimated at nearly 5,000,000.



MWANGA, KING OF UGANDA.

As gunsmiths, carpenters, boat builders and blacksmiths the people—the Wa-Ganda—excel, and they have a passionate desire for all useful knowledge. They have quick, sharp minds, delight in argument, are easily excited and are very brave.

"WERE you a bull or a bear?" asked in acquaintance of a speculator. "Neither," he replied; "I was an ass." —Tid Bits.

NO MATTER how much the wicked get, they only get to lose, but whatever the righteous get they get to keep.

MARKETS.

Table of Grain, Flour and Feed prices. WHEAT—No. 1 Red... \$1.25 @ \$1.35. No. 2 Red... \$1.20 @ \$1.30. CORN—No. 1 Yellow ear... \$1.10 @ \$1.15. High Mixed ear... \$1.05 @ \$1.10.

Table of BUTTER, EGGS and POULTRY prices. BUTTER—Elgin Creamery... 20 @ 21. Fancy Creamery... 15 @ 16. Fancy country roll... 12 @ 13.

Table of FLOUR and FEED prices. FLOUR—Fancy winter pat... 3.50 @ 3.75. Fancy spring winter... 3.40 @ 3.60. Fancy straight winter... 2.90 @ 3.15.

Table of SEEDS, RAGS, MAPLE SYRUP and BUTTER prices. SEEDS—Clover 42 lbs... \$6.35 @ \$6.50. Timothy prime... 2.20 @ 2.25. Blue grass... 1.40 @ 1.60.

Table of FLOUR prices. FLOUR—Wheat—No. 2 Red... \$2.35 @ \$2.50. WHEAT—No. 2... 50 @ 55. RYE—No. 2... 45 @ 48.

Table of PRIME STOCKS prices. Prime Steers... \$4.50 to \$4.75. Good butcher... 4.25 to 4.50. Common... 3.90 to 4.20.

Table of SHEEP and CALVES prices. Prime 95 to 100 lb sheep... \$3.00 to \$3.50. Good mixed... 2.50 to 3.00. Common 70 to 75 lb sheep... 2.00 to 2.50.

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