

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

481 B.C.—An eclipse of the sun noted by Herodotus.
1530.—The Elector of Saxony, Marquis of Brandenburg, Landgrave of Hesse, Duke of Lüneburg, Prince of Anhalt, and Elector of the Imperial cities, entered a solemn protest against the decree of the Diet of Speyer, condemning their nonconformity to the Roman Church, by abolishing the mass, etc., declaring the decree unjust and impious. Hence they were distinguished by the name of "Protestants."
1880.—The toleration act, so famous among dissenters and others in England, passed.
1754.—La Caille arrived at the Cape of Good Hope, for the purpose of observing the southern hemisphere. He remained there three years, during which period he determined the exact position of ten thousand stars, and fixed the situation of the islands of France and Bourbon.
1797.—Battle of Diersheim, between the Austrians, under the veteran Gen. Kray, and the French, under Hoche, etc. The former were defeated with the loss of 4,000 prisoners, with all their cannon, baggage, ammunition, etc.
1812.—James S. Rollins, statesman, born. "The Father of the University of Missouri."
1850.—Gen. Lopez, a native of Cuba, organized an expedition in New Orleans, and invaded Cuba (Cardenas) expecting to head a revolution and wrest the island from Spain; failing to receive the support on the island he had anticipated, he returned to the United States and secretly began preparations for a stronger invasion.
1854.—Spain concluded a loan of \$2,000,000, offering the revenues of the Philippines as security.
1874.—A plebiscite taken in Switzerland on the proposal to revise the federal constitution.
1884.—Planters in South Carolina and adjoining States reported starving as a result of the prolonged drought.
1894.—A bill was introduced in the United States Senate by Palmer, providing for government loans on farm products at a rate of one-fifth of their market value.
1905.—Japanese government made strong protest to France for sheltering Russian fleet, contrary to neutrality laws.

NEGROES IN THE ARMY.

Uncle Sam Has Eight Colored Commissioned Officers on Payroll.
New York Sun.
Uncle Sam has on his long pay-roll eight negro commissioned officers of the army, three of these being line officers, while the others are chaplains and a paymaster.
By the Army Organization act of July 28, 1866, there were designated four regiments of negroes. The organizations are now in the Ninth and Tenth regiments of cavalry and the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth regiments of infantry, and since their formation these negro regiments have had assigned to them negro chaplains. Probably the best known of all the negro chaplains is Allen A. Alenworth, now on leave of absence at Los Angeles, Cal., awaiting retirement. Chaplain Alenworth has seen much active duty, and his service with the "Fighting Twenty-fourth," which did good work in Cuba, has been continuous since his entry into the army on April 1, 1888.
Next to him as to age and service is Theophilus G. Stewart, who was appointed on July 20, 1891, to the District of Columbia, and assigned to that other fighting infantry regiment, the "Brunette Twenty-fifth." His service has also been continuous with the regiment to which he was first assigned.
The present chaplain of the Ninth Cavalry is George Washington Proleau, a native of South Carolina but appointed from Ohio. All of his service has been with the Ninth Cavalry, now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He has fourteen years of service before him.
The last of these chaplains is William T. Anderson, now with his regiment, the Tenth Cavalry, which has done service in Cuba and the Philippines.
The last of the negro staff officers of the army is John R. Lynch, of the pay department, who entered the service in June, 1898, as an additional paymaster of volunteers with the rank of Major, which position he held for three years, until honorably discharged in May, 1901, when he was appointed to the permanent establishment as paymaster with the rank of captain.
The only negro officer of the army who is a West Pointer is Charles Young, at present on duty as military attaché at Port au Prince, Hayti. Capt. Young was a member of the Army in 1884, and was not graduated until 1889, when he was commissioned an additional Second Lieutenant and assigned to the Tenth Cavalry, where he remained only about one month, when he was transferred to the Twenty-fifth Infantry as a second lieutenant. In this regiment he remained only 27 days, when he was again transferred to the Ninth Cavalry, where he remained until promoted to First Lieutenant, on December 22, 1896, when he was assigned to the Seventh Cavalry, a white regiment. He remained with this regiment for a number of months, until he made a transfer back to his old love, the Ninth Cavalry. He was promoted a captain in February, 1901, and 88 captain will have to move out of the way before he can be a field officer with the rank of major.

There are two negro officers who have won their spurs by coming up from the line by competitive examination. They are Lieut. Benjamin O. Davis, of the Tenth Cavalry, now on duty as military instructor in Wilberforce University, at Wilberforce, Ohio, and Lieut. John E. Green, Twenty-fifth Infantry, now serving with Company H at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Well-Cooked Morality.
If Mr. Carnegie feels the need of advice as to how to invest his surplus millions he will act promptly on the suggestion of a fair philosopher of the Minerva Club and go to building cooking schools and endowing chairs of cooking. If he has heard for it in advance that he will better the world "physically, morally and financially," "A practical knowledge of cooking," she assures us, "would do more than anything else to decrease the ratio of crime."
When all cooks are good cooks, then we shall no longer need a police force—perhaps not even a traffic squad—or insurance investigations, or railroad-rate regulation bills, or "muckraker" magazines, or anti-graft shooting societies for newboys. People will breakfast, lunch and dine on chemical formulas. Pure food will be predestinated salvation.

Mr. Carnegie has only to cut a few fibrous morsels from his program, turn book shelves into plate shelves and classics into cook-books, and a new moral dawn will burst upon humanity.

BACHELOR GIRL'S BACK BUTTON

Desperate Measures to Get Release From New Dress Gown.
San Francisco Examiner.
The story of fastening women's dresses down the back, although pretty and very becoming to the fair wearers, has decided disadvantages. Comparatively few women have maids, and many are the sole representatives of their sex in their own households. Nowadays exclusively feminine vocations are wont to exchange curious tales relating the shifts to which lone women must resort in order to get in and out of her clothes. Even their best young men, provided they were already proved trustworthy and discreet, have been pressed into service by enterprising girls, who, faring home from some evening festivity, and foreseeing battle and defeat, awaiting them, have permitted their escorts respectfully to undo the central—always the most obdurate—button in the back of the bodice.
Even more desperate measures were reported to by a bachelor maid who, after a recent social occasion, having returned to her bachelor flat after wearing with much satisfaction a brand new dinner gown, discovered to her dismay when she endeavored to undo its posterior fastenings that one or two of them positively refused to unfasten. The bachelor girl lived alone, there was no janitor, and her sole maid had left in a huff the previous day. What to do? She could not go to bed in her best gown, and it looked as if she would have to sit up all night.

After some moments of horrible reflection the distressed woman resolved to brave the terrors of the street and coast the first feminine wayfarer. She stepped out herself out and interrogated the midnight horizon for a sail. At that moment a passing car stopped and a couple alighted. The too firmly buttoned up woman approached the pair and, with a humble apology, proffered her request. An impressive grunt was heard to issue from the otherwise silent lips of the man—the grunt of one who had acquired through experience a cynical disdain of feminine follies—the grunt of one who had seen his wife in doing and undoing recalcitrant bodices.
The woman, however, waved aside all apologies and granted the request with a ready warmth and hospitality that indicated past sufferings of a similar nature. The man, who dealt with a light heart and an open bodice, was enabled to return to her home and bed.

VIRGIN'S GARLANDS.

Memorials in English Church to Girls True.
London Daily Graphic.
There are seven "virgin's garlands" still in existence in Minsterley Church, Salop, the first of them bearing the date 1554 and the last 1775. They consist of silk ribbon and paper, ball shaped, and are covered with rosettes, the inside centre of the cane or wire frame supporting a pair of paper gloves. They represent a romantic custom of very ancient origin, and are sacred to the memory of girls who, while betrothed in their youth, lost their intended husbands by death, yet remained true to their first loves.
Each maiden designed her own garland and, on her death, this simple emblem was borne before her by the village lasses, the white gloves being afterward added. After the obsequies these garlands were suspended in the village church on a rod bearing at its extremity a heart in the shape of an acanthus, upon which the initials and date were inscribed. These were originally fixed above the maiden's pew.
Some of the earliest and forgotten garlands were composed of real flowers, but late and more covered hoops described were substituted.

There is a passing allusion to this "simple memorial of the early dead" in "Hamlet." "Yet here she is allowed her virgin crants," "crants" signifying garlands.
HUME-JEWETT WEDDING.
Miss Nannie Graham Hume Becomes Bride of Lieutenant H. C. Jewett, U. S. Army.
Washington, April 18.—Miss Nannie Graham Hume, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hume, of this city, and Lieutenant Henry C. Jewett, U. S. A., will be married at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the Pro-Cathedral Church of the Assumption, in Washington. The ceremony will be followed by reception in the home of the bride's parents. The bride will be attended by Miss Elizabeth Peters, of Cincinnati, Miss Grace Hanna, of Cleveland, Miss Irene Moore, of this city, and Miss Edith Haffner, also of this city. Mr. Josiah X. Jewett, Jr., of Buffalo, will act as best man for his brother, and the ushers will be of his friends of the bridegroom.

Marriage, Health and Longevity.
American Medicine.
Marriage is an institution highly conducive to the health of both husband and wife.
Statistics prove that among married men over 20 years of age and women over 40 the mortality rate is far less than among those who remain single. Among the widowed and divorced the mortality is exceptionally great. Suicides among the unmarried are much more numerous than among the married.
The matrimonial state promotes temperance in every form. Furthermore, the probable duration of life of a married man of 20 exceeds that of his unmarried brother by five years, and the wife may expect to live one year longer than a single woman of the same age.

The American Invasion.
Philadelphia Record.
An invasion of Europe by American automobiles is indicated by the appointment of an attorney in Paris to represent Americans who get into trouble with the narrow-minded and bigoted natives who lose their tempers when their children are run over and their horses have to climb over the fences to get out of the way of motor cars running like railway trains. If the Automobile Club of America would induce its members to refrain from declaiming the population of European villages it would do more permanent good than in arranging for their defense when arraigned for manslaughter.

Sustaining the Charge.
Washington Star.
"What do you mean by saying that our company causes grief to little children?" asked the street railway official.
"Well," answered the irresponsible logician, "it's this way: Your company bullies the conductor, the conductor bullies the passenger, the passenger feels indignant and when he gets home bullies his wife, and there's nothing left for her to do but to spank the baby."

Sustains Defendant in Insurance Case.
Akron, O., April 18.—The Circuit Court in the ouster case against the Mutual Life and the New York Life Insurance Companies yesterday sustained the motion of the defendant to have the State make its petition more definite. The hearing was continued and no committee was to take depositions was appointed.

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THE DEATH RECORD.

Miss Mary Smith, of Washington, N. C.
Correspondence of The Observer.
Washington, April 17.—Last Friday afternoon Miss Mary Smith, daughter of Capt. T. F. Smith, the light-house keeper of Ocracoke, died of consumption. The remains were brought to this city Saturday and the funeral was conducted from the residence of Mr. U. R. Robinson by Rev. A. B. Cunningham, pastor of the Christian church, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment was made in Oakdale Cemetery.

WETMORE-LANDER.

Well-Known Lincolnton Young People Married in Pretty Church Wedding.
Special to The Observer.
Lincolnton, April 18.—A pretty church wedding was celebrated here this afternoon in the Methodist church, when Mr. Lemuel B. Wetmore, a well-known attorney of Lincolnton, led to the altar Miss Clara Lander, a daughter of Mrs. Frank Lander, and one of Lincolnton's most attractive young society women. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Taber, assisted by Rev. R. M. Courtney. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. William Lander. The attendants were: Mr. A. J. Bagley, best man; Messrs. W. L. and K. R. Lawing and R. M. Michael, ushers; Misses Nora and Sadie Lander, sisters of the bride, bridesmaids; Little Misses Mary Wetmore and Linda Ward, flower girls; Miss Lillie Taber, ring bearer. The wedding march was played by Miss May Wells.

Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association Meets.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 18.—The convention of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association met here to-day. Captain C. E. Garner, president of the Jacksonville board of trade, representing Mayor Nolan, and B. F. Bowen, president of the Jacksonville Wholesale Grocers' Association, delivered addresses of welcome, to which President Van Hoose, of Birmingham, responded. President Van Hoose delivered his annual report, after which the association went into executive session.

HUMAN BLOOD MARKS.

A tale of horror was told by marks of human blood in the home of J. W. Williams, a well-known merchant of Sac. Ky. He writes: "Twenty years ago I had severe hemorrhages of the lungs, and was near death when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It completely cured me and I have remained well ever since. It cures hemorrhages, chronic coughs, and all kinds of lung troubles, and is the only known cure for weak lungs. Every bottle guaranteed by R. H. Jordan & Co., Druggist, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free."

Arrested for Enticing Laborers.

Durham, April 17.—C. J. Dellinger, a white man, was arrested here this morning on charges from Virginia, the prisoner being charged with having violated Virginia laws by soliciting and enticing laborers to leave their employment in that State and come to North Carolina to work. He was locked up, pending the arrival of officers with requisition papers from Virginia.
This afternoon warrants were issued for the arrest of a white man named Parker and a negro named Joe Spencer, both being charged with the same violation as Dellinger.

Wadesboro News Notes.

Correspondence of The Observer.
Wadesboro, April 16.—Rev. E. A. Osborne has been conducting services in Calvary Episcopal church, this city, during Holy Week. Bishop Chesire will hold services next Sunday and a class will be confirmed.
To-day, somewhat cool, reminds the oldest inhabitants of Easter Monday, 57 years ago, when snow covered the ground and, the year being an exceedingly early one, most of the cotton and corn having been planted, was killed. The cotton on the market was bringing four and one-half cents and jumped to eight. Cotton seed for replanting was sold for 50 cents per bushel.
There was a slight wreck on the Atlantic Coast Line, Saturday night in the union station of this city. The engine of a freight ran off of an open switch, and a wrecking crew from Florence was brought to the rescue.

HERPICIDE'S MISSION.

It Takes Away the Dread of Birthdays.
Nothing is more annoying to men and women of middle age than to see those unmistakable signs of age—thin hair and grayness—approaching. But science has discovered that these conditions are no longer "unmistakable" evidences of old age. The dandruff germ theory proves that even very young people may suffer hair loss, while those fortunate enough to escape the ravages of the scalp germ, retain their abundant locks to a ripe old age. Newbro's Herpicide kills the dandruff germ and removes the risk of appearing old before your time. Save your hair and your feelings by using the genuine Herpicide. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. R. H. Jordan & Co., Special Agents.

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