

EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

The penitentiary, under the new Republican regime, is said to be going in debt at the rate of \$15,000 a month.

Mrs. Sarah A. Wilson was yesterday nominated for associate justice of the Supreme Court by the bolting prohibitionists at Lincoln, Neb.

The validity of the August school tax election is questioned. Attorney General Walser was telegraphed yesterday to go to Raleigh in reference to the matter.

Two building associations have failed in Louisville, Ky., as a result of a recent decision by the Kentucky Court of Appeals to the effect that all interest charged in excess of six per cent is usury.

The drought we are suffering this year under McKinley prosperity is the worst yet, and the earthquake shocks are unaccounted for, unless the very earth is trembling for the new taxes to be laid on it by the Dingley-Aldrich bill.

Mr. E. N. Smalley, in a letter to the New York Post, says that a real estate man who goes about Chicago a good deal informs him that there are today in Chicago 20,000 vacant flats and dwelling houses, and that on West Madison street alone, a thoroughfare that is the chief business artery of the West Side, 300 empty stores can be counted.

The Senate yesterday confirmed John Russell Young, of Penn., as Librarian of Congress; Bernard L. Owen, of the District of Columbia, to be superintendent of the library buildings and grounds. Also a number of consuls general, consuls and postmasters, as well as army promotions.

Horace L. Chapman was nominated for Governor yesterday at the Ohio Democratic State convention, held at Columbus. Everything was for free silver and every speaker drew cheers by some mention of Bryan. A motion was made to endorse W. J. Bryan for the presidential nomination in 1900.

The railroad commission yesterday heard the matter of providing accommodations for negroes in the union station at Raleigh. Judge MacRea appeared for the Seaboard Air Line, F. H. Busbee for the Southern. The negroes made complaint that they needed another room. The matter was arranged satisfactorily for all concerned.

State Labor Commissioner Hamrick says he has visited one-third of the cotton mills in the South, and finds these have over 340,000 spindles. He says he is sure there are over 1,000,000 spindles in the State. He is now making up a list of the furniture factories; has reports from seventy-five, and is confident there are twenty-five more.

At the recent reunion of the United Confederate Veterans at Nashville, Tenn., the question of the location of the proposed battle abbey, to the erection of which Mr. Charles Broadway Rouss has offered to contribute \$100,000, was discussed, but no selection was made. Richmond, Nashville, New Orleans and other Southern cities had their advocates. The matter was referred to a special committee.

The London National Review says that the United States monetary commission will present to the British government a joint statement from France and the United States declaring their desire to terminate the disastrous experiments inaugurated in 1873, and asking Great Britain to concur. The Review says England is willing to open the Indian mints and will give the movement another material assistance.

Ten million dollars is the difference found by the experts in the amount at which Atlanta property is assessed by the city, and the amount returned to the tax receiver for State and county taxes. This report was made to the grand jury by the accountants who were employed to inspect the books of county officers. By comparing the real estate assessments of the city with the real estate returns made by the receiver they report a discrepancy of \$10,000,000.

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The World's Age.

In a recent address at the Victoria Institute on "The Age of the Earth as an Abode Fitted for Life," Lord Kelvin, the eminent mathematician, expressed the opinion that the earth as a habitable planet was by no means so old as some geologists would have us believe. Old writers used to assert that the age of the earth was almost indefinite. Estimates of from 300,000,000 to 100,000,000 were common, and many scientists at present hold to the latter figure. The idea of there being neither beginning nor end is deeply ingrained in man's mind. But in Lord Kelvin's opinion, 20,000,000 years is an ample time for the duration of the earth. It cooled sufficiently to support the presence of life. He would not concede over 30,000,000 years. A basis for calculations as to the earth's age is found in the rate at which it is now cooling and lessening its speed of rotation. The resistance of the tides is gradually slowing up the earth's movement about its axis. It is cooler than it was, and in the end will be very cool from pole to pole as well as perfectly still. There will be one long day for half of the globe and one long night for the other half, with a temperature some hundreds of degrees below zero everywhere. In its earlier period, after it first became habitable, the earth, according to Lord Kelvin's conjecture, was subject to changes in its physical condition more rapid and violent than those now occurring. Primitive man had more startling experiences of earthquake, subsidence and upheaval, rain and storm than his present descendants can boast of. Climates, it seems, changed with a rapidity and thoroughness that called for a large and varied wardrobe, and that, too, at the very period in man's history, unfortunately, when his skin was his sole costume. The hardships, indeed, of our ancestors at a period so remote from the age of steam and electricity must have been pitiable beyond description.

The Angelus Bird.

When traveling in the forests of Guiana and Paraguay, it is not uncommon to meet with a bird whose music greatly resembles that of an Angelus bell when heard from a distance. The Spaniards call this singular bird a bellringer, though it may be still more appropriately designated as the Angelus bird for, like the Angelus bell, it is heard three times a day, morning, noon and night. Its song, which defies all description, consists of sounds like the strokes of a bell, succeeding one another every two or three minutes, so clearly and in such a resonant manner, that the listener, if a stranger, imagines himself to be near a chapel or convent. But it turns out that the forest is the chapel, and the bell a bird. The beauty of the Angelus bird is equal to his talent; he is as large as a jay, and as white as snow, besides being graceful in form and swift in motion. But the most curious ornament of the Angelus bird is the tuft of black, arched feathers on its beautiful head; it is of conical shape and about four inches in length.

It Isn't Cuteness.

Advertising isn't cuteness. It is plain, hard, cold, business sense. A little humor or a little pleasant isn't a bad thing sometimes, but the main thing is to get the facts forcibly before the people most likely to be interested. Printers Ink.

A Kansas editor who has been figuring on it has discovered that it costs the people of the United States \$25,000,000 a year to be born, \$300,000,000 a year to be married and \$75,000,000 a year to be buried. Judging from this if we could get along without being born, getting married or being buried, we might materially reduce expenses. Wilmington Star.

It is estimated that there are 2,100 disorders to which the human frame is liable. When a man is laid up with the rheumatism, he is apt to think that the entire number has struck him in concert.

Better be called a fool for doing right than be a fool in doing wrong.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### FRIDAY.

Sam'l Elsey, aged 107 years and 8 months, died yesterday in Erie county, N. Y.

Three men were killed and four others fatally hurt by a boiler explosion at Adairsville, Ga.

Mrs. Julia A. Lancer, of Phoenix, Va., has sued her husband, Harry Lancer, to recover \$40,000.

Four young ladies had a miraculous escape in a runaway accident at Wilson, N. C., yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University of Washington, has been made monsignor by the Pope.

Frank Linn, a firebug, was convicted in Portsmouth, Va., yesterday, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 5 years.

It is believed in Richmond that Archibishop John J. Keane will succeed the late Archbishop Janssens, at New Orleans.

Police authorities of Brooklyn will not permit Fitzhugh and Sullivan to give a sparring exhibition in that city next Monday.

Robert W. Harris, a prominent citizen and postmaster at Union, S. C., committed suicide yesterday morning by taking morphine.

C. S. Madison, a brother of Lillian Madison, for whose murder Thomas J. Cluvertus was hung, made an unsuccessful attempt yesterday to commit suicide.

Peter Monahan, of Baltimore, convicted of the murder of his wife, heard the reading of the warrant yesterday, fixing August 13 as the date of his execution.

Kitty Coggins, a seventeen-year-old girl, who ran away from her home in Pennsylvania and joined a travelling theatrical company, committed suicide in New York.

George M. Holland, one of Atlanta's most prominent citizens, committed suicide in Atlanta yesterday morning by shooting himself. He leaves a wife and four children.

A special from Terra Haute, Ind., says on Sunday next, or prior to that day, circulars will be placed in the hands of all the bituminous coal miners in the United States, calling on them to strike. It is estimated that 250,000 men will be involved.

The excessive heat yesterday caused six deaths in Chicago, and a number of persons were prostrated. Five persons seeking relief from the heat went swimming, and the excessive temperature of their bodies induced cramps, and all five were drowned.

At Tampa, Fla., last night Jas. Davis, colored, entered the house of Mrs. Rihard Knowles, white, and assaulted her. He was frightened away by her screams and fled, without hat, coat or shoes. He was captured and jailed without any demonstration of violence.

A Youngstown, O., dispatch says that every mill in the United States whose wage scale is under the jurisdiction of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, will shut down tonight. These mills altogether employ 25,000 men.

John Capron, a wealthy citizen of San Francisco, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head, while temporarily insane. He leaves 7 step-daughters, 5 of whom are married, and an estate valued at \$150,000. He was 76 years old, and a native of Virginia.

An army of fifteen thousand tramps are working west through Kansas in four divisions. They are following the various lines of railways, and so troublesome have it become that the people have petitioned the railroads to carry them on to the coast. They forage upon the country until there is nothing left.

Thomas J. Kenny, master-at-arms of the battleship Indiana, was murdered last night on board the ship as it lay at its moorings, at the Brooklyn, N. Y., navy yard. The murderer, Phillip F. Carter, walked up the hill, and without a word of warning plunged a layonet blade up to its hilt in his back. The murder occurred at 7 o'clock, and all about a bottle of beer.

### SATURDAY.

The new \$5 silver certificates have been counterfeited.

A tramp census is being taken by the authorities throughout Indiana.

Clarence Carter was drowned at Newport News yesterday, while bathing.

A strike at the Roanoke Machine Works has been avoided by mutual concessions.

The first new bale of cotton of this year's crop arrived at Houston, Tex., yesterday.

The Secretary of the Interior will distribute \$1,040,000 to the State Agricultural College.

Settlers in Idaho are alarmed at a threatened outbreak of the Banhook Indians.

Mrs. Rachel Koerner, of Baltimore, was burned to death yesterday by the explosion of an oil stove.

A break in the rates of passage between American and European ports is expected by steamship men.

Rev. Dr. E. M. Richardson, educational secretary of the Presbyterian Church, was found dead in bed at Memphis, Tenn.

It is stated that 120 persons have been killed by the eruption of the Mayou volcano, in the Philippine Islands.

Four companies of State troops were in active service in Virginia yesterday, guarding negroes charged with crime, to prevent lynching.

One thousand miners employed by the Coal Creek Company, near Knoxville, Tenn., returned to work on the old scale, after a brief strike.

The rumor that Vice President John, of the S. A. L., has resigned is denied by Superintendent McKee and other officials of the system.

The German vessel Rembeck was sunk yesterday in the Dardanelles in collision with the German vessel Berthilde. Sixteen men were drowned.

The plug tobacco contract for the United States navy, 150,000 pounds, has been awarded to a Richmond firm at their bid of 32 cents per pound.

Florence Weinheimer, of Syracuse, N. Y., who slept continuously for more than a week, has been aroused, and remembers nothing of her long slumber.

The President yesterday sent a message to Congress recommending the immediate appropriation of \$600,000 to replace the immigration building, at Ellis Island, recently burned.

J. P. Hall shot and killed Dan Jarrett in a quarrel, three miles from Marion, N. C., yesterday. The deceased was a quiet citizen. Both persons were farmers. Hall surrendered himself.

Five Indians are dead and several others are expected to die at Malone's Point, Minn., as the result of excessive drinking of pain-killer, hair oil and other preparations containing alcohol.

Four companies of the Kentucky State Guard, comprising about 200 men, are now under arms and on active duty protecting two negroes from anticipated mob violence at Louisville.

Five men were injured yesterday by the explosion of a locomotive on the Chicago and Northern Pacific Railway, while the train was going at full speed. The fireman was fatally crushed.

Ferdinand D. Herole shot his sweetheart, Rose Drolet, in the head at New York city yesterday, and then shot himself, dying immediately. Jealousy is supposed to be the motive for the deed.

The newspapers of London express anxiety at the occurrences in India intimating that the mass of the natives there are less content under British rule than was generally believed, and that a rebellion of unpleasant proportions may be threatening.

Miss Ethel Sanderlin, of Norfolk, Va., has inherited \$5,000,000 from a wealthy relative, who, until the time of his death, lived in Washington State. The fortunate young lady is now stopping at Virginia Beach, where she will remain until further arrangements are made.

Five persons were killed by a bolt of lightning near Sioux City, Iowa.

There were several prostrations from heat and two deaths at Memphis, Tenn., yesterday.

A census of the population of the Russian empire shows its people to number 129,211,113.

The general strike of miners ordered for July 4 by the national executive board, involves 375,000 men.

Banker Howard Benham is on trial at Catania, N. Y., on the charge of causing the death of his wife by administering prussic acid.

Bradford Leonard, a giant 70 years old, committed suicide yesterday at Taunton, Miss., with Paris green. He was seven feet tall.

A volume of letters of Napoleon I., published in Paris, contains some interesting matter, including a caustic criticism of his brother, Jerome.

Between 75,000 and 85,000 men are idle as a result of shutting down of iron, steel and tin mills, because of failure to agree on a wage scale.

Archbishop Chapelle, of Santa Fe, N. M., is to be transferred to the archdiocese of New Orleans, recently made vacant by the death of Archbishop Janssens.

A dispatch to the London Standard from Constantinople says that Edhem Pasha, commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces in Thessaly, has tendered his resignation of command to the Sultan on the ground that under the present peace conditions, he will be unable to guarantee the discipline of the army.

James G. Burrows, of Nashville, killed himself yesterday in the room Miss Cones, his sweetheart, had occupied. Miss Cones was in Chicago, and when she heard of the suicide she fainted, and when revived sought to end her own life with a pistol, but was prevented from doing so by friends.

Judge Parling, of the United States Circuit Court, at New Orleans, yesterday sentenced ex-President Henry Gardes and ex-Cashier, Walter W. Girault, each to serve eight years in the United States penitentiary. They were recently convicted of wrecking the American National Bank.

Three persons were killed outright and twenty or thirty injured in a rear end collision on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad yesterday morning, at West Chicago. The victims of the collision were Christian Endeavor delegates who left Chicago for the great convention in San Francisco.

Three delegates were killed in another collision on the Vandalia line.

Toll Stone, the negro who assaulted Miss Moore, the white school teacher, at Glasgow, Ky., recently, was sentenced yesterday to seven years in the penitentiary, the limit of the State law. As soon as the verdict was announced a rush was made for the prisoner in the court room, which was crowded with highly-excited people. The soldiers who were massed in the court room guarding the prisoner, pressed the lynchers back. A scheme was formed by the mob to disarm the soldiers in the court yard, but the project failed. The troops are determined and are likely to prevent further trouble, though there are all kinds of threats made.

Lost on an Ace Full and Died.

William Bierle, aged 51, fell dead in George Helt's poker room last night. The betting had been high and Bierle had been losing. He was usually a cool and successful player, but his losses last night excited him.

He finally bet his last dollar on an ace full and his opponent, Geo. Wilson, showed down a straight flush. Bierle half arose, and with a smothered exclamation, dropped back dead.

His body was laid out on a billiard table and, only the edict of the proprietor prevented the other men of the room from continuing the game—Portsmouth, O., Dispatch.

Business is so dull in Kansas City, says the Wilmington Star, that the undertakers have gone to cutting rates to induce people to die.

### Eight Tramps Bagged.

Charlotte News, 30th.

"I have never seen or heard of as many tramps in my life as daily pass through Charlotte."

This expression was made by one of the oldest rail-riders in Charlotte this morning.

The country around about Charlotte is infested with these wandering sons of rest. When No. 38, the north bound vestibule pulled up at the Southern station last night, eight tramps made their appearance. Some got off the front coaches; some from the trucks and one came sliding down from the top of one of the sleepers. Mr. Haney, the depot policeman, was on the job.

He telephoned for a detachment of police to arrest the wanderers. The game was all bagged, eight being taken to the station house. This morning mayor pro tem Brevard fined each \$5. Of course they did not have the required article along with them, so they will be sent to the chain gang where they will assist the road commissioners in their arduous labors for a time.

### The Girl Is a Wonder.

Evangelist Observer.

The colored girl evangelist, Claretta Nora Avery, preached to an overflowing congregation, several hundred of whom were white, at Evans' Chapel last night.

The child, for she is certainly little more than a child, was introduced by her mother, who explained to the congregation that her daughter had never attended a school in her life, and that her remarkable gift as a preacher was a natural one. The girl, she said, was eleven years old and had been preaching four years, during which time, when she was not preaching, she was playing with children her own age, and made not the slightest preparation for her sermons.

The famous girl then arose, and the astonished congregation saw a well-built, rather good-looking colored child in short dresses and apparently not more than the age given by her mother. The punishment grew to a wonder when the child, taking a text from the Bible, launched forth into a well arranged sermon, free from grammatical errors, in a voice and with the manner of an orator, and with a really fine pronunciation.

At times she was eloquent, moving her colored brethren to exclamations of delight and joy, and her simple, child like way of telling incidents to illustrate her points, was very catching. Taken altogether this girl is a wonder.

### Desperate Fight With an Eagle.

A story from the Pennsylvania mountains of a young woman's struggle for a child, is told as follows by the Jersey Shore, Pa., Dispatch:

Miss Bertha Moore, accompanied by eight-year-old Elsie Talsen, went for a walk yesterday on the mountain turn. Becoming weary, she seated herself and beguiled the time by reading. The child was playing near. Suddenly Miss Moore was startled by its agonized cry. She was horrified to see an eagle trying to carry the child away. She went to the rescue. When the eagle saw her it left the child, and with a terrific swoop came down on the shoulders of Miss Moore. Then began a desperate struggle. The girl tried to drive the eagle away. As often as it was driven away it would return with a swoop, tearing her clothes.

When almost exhausted, Miss Moore succeeded in getting a tight hold of the eagle's head. This proved her salvation, for the eagle in its struggle to get free broke its neck.

Miss Moore fainted with exhaustion but soon recovered. Covered with blood, she led the child, which was a little hurt, and dragged the eagle almost a mile to her home. The eagle measured eight feet from tip to tip of wings.

### Bridge of Whiskey Barrels.

The little village of Hertford, on the Perquimans river, in eastern North Carolina, boasts the possession of the only floating whiskey supported by airtight whiskey barrels, in the world. This bridge was the happy idea of an old inhabitant half a century ago, and its result still stands, a monument to his genius. Louisville Courier-Journal.