

20,000 MILES UNDER WATER.

Treasury Department's Statement of Damage to Agricultural Interests

THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF

The Agricultural Property of the Submerged Region is Over Ninety Million Dollars.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department at Washington, under date of April 21st, has made the following report on the damage caused by agricultural interests by the Mississippi river-flood.

Since the publication on April 13 of a statement regarding the agricultural interests of the submerged region of the Mississippi Valley south of Red, Ill., the area under water has considerably extended. This extends from Vicksburg, Miss., but the light or west side of the river, and probably due to a break 2,000 feet 1/2 miles in the levee at Biggs. The overflow of water at this point has totally submerged our parishes (counties) of Louisiana and partially overflowed five others, while a break at La Fourche crossing in the southern part of the same State, has resulted in the submergence of an additional area of nearly 100 square miles in La Fourche and Terre Bonne parishes. In this newly submerged region there was in 1896 a total population of 82,356, in the proportion of four colored persons to one white. The region contained the best farms, 7,747 farms, with a total area of 1,040,000 acres, of which 820,000 were improved. Of this last mentioned area, 218,000 acres, or over one-half, were last year devoted to cotton, over 91,000 acres to corn, 6,000 acres to sugar cane, 2,000 acres to hay and an incalculable acreage to other crops. The value of the improvements, including fences and the buildings, but exclusive of their movable equipment was in 1890 close upon \$11,000,000 and the value of the implements and machinery was over \$600,000. On January 1, of the present year, they contained live stock to the value of \$1,400,000 and so lately as the first of March they were estimated to have all on hand about \$900,000 worth of the crop of last season. The total value of the farms submerged by the breaks in the levees that have occurred since the 10th inst., with their farm implements, live stock and crops on hand, is therefore close upon \$14,000,000. This region produced last year nearly 100,000 bales of cotton, over 9,000,000 pounds of sugar, over 1,300,000 bushels of corn, 200,000 bushels of oats, 100,000 bushels of minor products, the total production aggregating a value, even at the low prices that have prevailed, of more than \$4,350,000.

AN APPEAL FROM ATHENS.

The Union of Which Queen Olga is President, Issues a Plea to Christian Women.

The following appeal has been issued by the Union of Greek Women under the presidency of Her Majesty, Queen Olga and Crown Princess Sophia: "The women of the old and new world, Christian mothers, sisters and wives, workers for civilization and progress, guardians of love and justice, and Christian mothers, sisters and wives, civilized like you, earnestly appeal for your help. Our sons, our brothers and husbands, fighting for the cross, are being killed and wounded in a sacred cause. Their blood stains the last page of history of the nineteenth century, the history of civilization and progress, which you are the promoters. Christian women, do not share the responsibility of your diplomats. Arouse in the hearts of your husbands and sons more Christian and more equitable sentiments. Unite and your just protest will reach in the hearts of the nations and the people. Prove by your energy and Christian work that the women, the true missionaries of right with the Gospel of love and justice in their hearts, range themselves on the side of the wronged." (Signed) HELEN GRIVA, President of the Union.

Bayley Will Address Them. Hon. J. F. Bayley, leader of the Democrats in the U. S. House of Representatives, has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address at Roundoke (Va.) college on June 18. It is expected that Mr. Bayley and Senator Wellington, of Maryland, who will address the literary societies on 15, will be among the speakers at the annual dinner on the afternoon of commencement day, June 18.

A Cuban Dollar Coined. The New York Journal says: The Cuban dollar will be on the streets within a few days. It will be a silver coin of the exact size of the Spanish coin known as pesetas. One million dollars' worth of bullion is to be converted into the coin, which, even if it is no more than a souvenir of the Cuban struggle, will still be worth its weight. The Cuban Junta endorses the circulation of a silver coin bearing the stamp of the Provisional Government.

NEWS ITEMS CONDENSED.

Southern Pencil Pointers.

Greenville, S. C., has secured the Southern Railway terminal that formerly been at Central.

Damage is reported from the frost of the 20th from Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

At Norfolk, Va., a plant has been established with a capacity for five tons of peanuts daily, for the manufacture of peanut oil, peanut flour and stock feed, the estimated combined yield representing more than 200 a day.

W. M. Kidd, of Marshall county, Ala., has decamped. His shortage is \$40,000.

Two Italians, working their way toward Charleston, S. C., were murdered at Salter's, fifty-five miles from that city.

Wm. J. Bryan made an address before a crowd of about 1,000 people in the Kentucky legislature, representing every section of that State.

At Barborneville, W. Va., Mrs. Amos D. Reynolds was killed by her daughter-in-law during a family row. Her head was severed from her body with an axe.

James J. Willis, of Florida, the deputy auditor of the State Department has been removed. It is reported that during the past year Mr. Willis has been absent from his desk 251 days without pay.

Harris Bradford, the most noted moonshiner in Georgia, has been captured and jailed at Ashland.

The Kentucky Building and Loan Association law has been declared constitutional by Judge Scott at Winchester.

Ninety-eight cases of liquor bought in San Francisco for personal use by citizens who clubbed together, was seized immediately upon their arrival in Charleston, S. C.

Saturday in the Criminal Court at Charlotte, N. C., J. Kirk was found guilty of shooting Lake and sentenced to two years on the chain gang. An appeal was entered upon the ground of excessive punishment for a new trial.

Judge Harlan has allowed a writ of error in the case of Elizabeth Nobles, of Georgia, who is under sentence of death on the charge of murder, and who was to have been hanged Friday. It was represented by Mrs. Nobles' counsel that she is insane.

In the Criminal Court at Charlotte, N. C., Friday, Chas. Blackburn, charged with originating the fire which partially destroyed the Charlotte Observer building on January 2d last, was acquitted.

The dead body of Charles Hoffman, a well-known and respected citizen, was found in a chapel, about four miles from Brunswick, Ga. He had shot himself through the head on Friday. It was evidently gone into the building for the purpose of committing suicide.

All About the North. K. C. Bundy (colored), of Cincinnati, O., has been appointed a cadet at the Naval Academy by Representative Slatton.

Joseph E. Kelly has confessed to the murder of Cashier Stickney, Somersworth, N. H., admitting that he committed both the murder and the robbery.

Jas. R. Gentry, who was to have been hanged on the 23d of this month for the murder of Adress Madge York, at Harrisburg, Pa., has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Chicago speculators make \$4,000,000 on the wheat rise of last Saturday.

The body of Gen. Grant was moved last Saturday to its permanent resting place.

The business portion of the town of Beck, Mo., has been burned. The total loss will reach \$80,000. The cause of the fire was attributed to tramps.

Elizabeth B. Tilton, the wife of Henry Ward Beecher's accuser, died on Tuesday last at her home in Brooklyn.

A party of 91 chinamen have arrived in Montreal by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, from China via Vancouver. They are to work on the sugar plantations of Cuba, so sadly neglected during the past two years.

A cyclone destroyed the town of Chandler, Okla., east of Guthrie. A dozen or more people were killed and probably 150 were injured.

Miscellaneous. The King of Siam will visit this country next September.

The Southern Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions have closed their fiscal year free of debt, and with more than \$500 in the treasury. A good showing.

The trial of the only remaining issue in the Fair will case has begun at San Francisco. Instead of a contest for the whole estate, and a struggle over \$30,000,000, it is a fight for \$1,000,000 of the case having narrowed down to a legal battle over two pieces of real estate which Miss Nellie Craven says Senator Fair conveyed to her by pencil deed a few days prior to his death.

One hundred women of the Warren Avenue Congregational Church, of Chicago, have just earned \$1 each for the church. At a meeting the other evening each one told what she did. One shaved her husband; another got five cents whenever she got up before her husband; another offered to wash for her son, and got \$1 for letting the shirts alone; another assessed her husband \$1 for a shine. Still another got the money by her singing a song. One woman starved her husband till he paid up.

Several thousand razor-back hogs imported into Iowa from Texas during the past year have died from kidney worms.

PROGRESS OF THE FLOOD.

River Continues to Rise in Louisiana Levee District.

PEOPLE SUFFERING FOR FOOD.

At Kansas City the River is Above the Danger Line--Vicksburg Asks for Two Thousand Tents.

While the condition of affairs in the overflowed Mississippi delta is reported brighter, the situation between Vicksburg and New Orleans is causing the greatest apprehension. The river continues to rise in the Louisiana levee district and weak spots in the levee are being strengthened.

The water at Osedale, Miss., has not receded. The first train that has entered Clarkdale for many days has arrived there. Trains are also being run from Clarkdale to Minter City and Phillips, from Lind to Jonestown. At Helena the situation is unchanged. At a meeting of the property owners of that city it was decided to begin the erection of a new levee around the city. At Memphis the river rose one-tenth of a foot in 24 hours. An additional slight rise is looked for.

The news that came to the War Department at Washington, from the lower Mississippi valley is conflicting. Below Vicksburg the conditions appear to differ from those above. The most alarming statement is as to the number of people suffering for food, while the prospecting officers in Louisiana counsel against too liberal assistance as likely to lead to bad labor conditions. Just before the close of office hours, Secretary Alger received another telegram from Vicksburg, representing that the people in the Sun Flower district were cut off from dry land and in great need of food and forage. He immediately called his bureau officers in conference and they decided to send a steambot to take on supplies and start for the scene of distress.

The Situation at Kansas City. A special from Kansas City of the 18th inst. says: "The river has risen eight inches since yesterday, marking three inches above the danger line, and is still coming up slowly. Two miles up the river the Burlington tracks are endangered. The last of the families on Lewis Island, a small place at the mouth of the Kansas river, has moved out. The place is entirely submerged and the water at the lowest point touches the eaves of the houses."

Two Thousand Want Tents. A mass meeting was held at Vicksburg, Miss., and a request sent to Washington, through Governor McLaughlin, for tents to shelter 2,000 refugees from the flood. The city council was also requested to estimate \$500 and private subscriptions will be solicited. There are reports of additional loss of life on parts of Davis Island, not visited by relief boats.

At Rosedale, Miss., Mary Robinson, colored, 14 years old, was drowned by the sinking of a canoe. This makes the sixth victim claimed by the flood in two weeks in this vicinity.

At Omaha, Neb., the flood situation is grave. The torrents poured from the Missouri across the North Omaha Gardens, into Florence and cut off lakes. The former has lost its identity in the general flood and the latter may be seen.

NEW ORLEANS'S BIG FIRE. Nearly Half a Million Dollars Loss--Fire at Kansas City. One of the most picturesque business structures in New Orleans, known as the Moresque building, owned by Gault & Sons, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. The conflagration broke out shortly before 1 o'clock, and in an incredibly short space of time the whole building was a mass of flames that burnt with a velocity absolutely astonishing. At 2:30 the edifice had collapsed and upwards of \$400,000 had gone up in smoke. The Moresque building occupied one block, bounded by Camp, Perdido and Church streets and Lafayette Square, and its walls were built entirely of iron, in a design known as the Moresque. The Montgomery Furniture Company and Gault & Sons, crockery merchants, were the occupants, and both firms carried full stocks. The fire is supposed to have originated on the top floor of the Montgomery section.

The following is the estimate of losses and insurance: Gault & Sons \$100,000 on building, \$90,000 on stock, insurance \$125,000; Montgomery Furniture Co. loss \$100,000, insurance \$80,000; German Gazette loss \$25,000, insurance \$12,000; Warren hotel and saloon loss \$10,000, insurance \$5,000; Alken, plumber, loss \$10,000, insurance \$5,000; Heath, Schwartz Sons' Wall Paper Company loss \$15,000, insurance \$10,000.

The insurance is about equally divided between local and foreign companies. Outside the specified cases of loss the damage to adjacent property is estimated to be \$60,000, all fully insured. Total loss \$400,000, with an insurance of \$893,000.

Mother of Senator Hanna Dead. A special from Asheville, N. C., says that Mrs. S. M. Hanna, the mother of Senator Hanna, died at that city, from pneumonia. Mrs. Hanna had only been sick about a week, and was 84 years old. Her remains will be taken to Cleveland for interment.

Oysters in England. Probably few Americans even have any conception of the immense number of oysters shipped to England, which is the sole market for American bivalves, as France rears her own, and the German duty of \$10 per barrel is rather too steep to allow any margin for profit. Hundreds of thousands of barrels are received yearly in England, many of which are transplanted for a few years and then sent up for the summer trade. Norfolk, Baltimore and other points ship large quantities, and the Connecticut trade is also large.

EXPOSITION OF THE CAROLINAS.

Industries Will be Shown That are Not Generally Known.

A special correspondent writing from Charlotte, N. C., concerning the Women's Exposition of the Carolinas, among other things, says: "One of the most interesting features of the exposition, which takes place during the month of May, reaching into June, will be the showing of the industries of these States that are not very generally known. For instance, as fine kaolin as is produced in the United States is here found, and is made into earthenware, china and an excellent grade of porcelain ware. An exhibit of this product will show the process of manufacture from its crude state into articles of dainty shape and attractiveness. Moore county yields sand of most excellent quality for the manufacture of fine glassware, and samples of this finished product will also be shown. Splendid collections of minerals will demonstrate the varied resources of the Carolinas."

The industrial department is attaining large proportions, and manufacturers from all sections are taking space. It is especially desired that each and every cotton mill in North and South Carolina will place an exhibit a bolt or more of each class of goods they manufacture, so that a complete showing of our enormous and fast growing milling industry may be made. It is necessary to arrange for space at once.

A collection of colonial, revolutionary, Mexican and Confederate relics is being gathered together, probably larger in extent and general comprehensiveness, and greater historical value than any similar collection ever made in the two States.

Very low passage rates to the Exposition have been granted by the railroads; and the admission fee is placed at only half the usual charge for such exhibitions, but the desire of the management is that every one may avail themselves of the opportunity which offers so much of interest along art and educational lines.

Arrangements are being made to accommodate the large crowds that will be here during the month of May. To give some idea of the events outside of the Exposition, which is of course the main attraction, that are to occur in May, may be well to recall a few: State Lodge of Odd Fellows meet; General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in session; State Dental Society and Board of Dental Examiners convene; inter-State bicycle races will be held; inter-State firemen's meet with firemen's races; baseball games between teams from the two States; a series of theatrical attractions; and any number of entertainments both at the Exposition and elsewhere; lectures and addresses by prominent men, while one of the leading Southern women will deliver the opening address of the Women's Exposition.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Effect of War Scare--Floods Don't Affect Cotton. Messrs. T. G. Patten & Co.'s review of trade for last week, says: "An unexplained war between Greece and Turkey has been responsible more than any other single cause for the changes in business. Actual fighting, with facts which seem to make a formal declaration of war by Turkey inevitable, have affected grain markets much and stocks slightly. The progress of the Mississippi floods does not change the price of cotton, and settlement of the more important labor difficulties has revived some suspended export trade. The temporary decrease in exports and large increase in imports, at New York, 29.8 per cent. for the month caused questions about the financial future which have not much influence as yet. The increase in imports, \$9,900,000, or over 15 per cent. from last year, and \$17,100,000, or 28.9 per cent. from February, if long continued, may embarrass some branches of business, but can hardly exhaust balances remaining from the unprecedented excess of merchandise exports, \$923,381,519 in nine months ending March 31."

With March closed for the week were 207 in the United States, against 322 last year and 30 in Canada against 56 last year. The total bank clearings in the United States for the week were \$256,264,170; per cent. decrease, 3; exclusive of New York, \$432,034,788; per cent. decrease."

The Naval Militia's Pay. The Secretary of the Navy has made the annual allotment of the fund of \$30,000 appropriated by Congress for the naval militia of the States. Deducting \$2,000 reserved for the purchase of text books, the remainder of the appropriation is allotted among the States having naval militia organizations in proportion to the number of uniformed petty officers and men they had on their rolls on the 1st of January last. The result in the Southern States is as follows: South Carolina, 155 officers and men, allotment, \$1,814; North Carolina, 149 officers and men, allotment, \$1,738; Georgia, 188 officers and men, allotment, \$2,436; Louisiana, 203 officers and men, \$3,480.

Beginning of the End. According to information received from trustworthy sources at Washington, the withdrawal of at least a part of the great army that Spain has maintained for several years past in an island of Cuba will begin when the rainy season sets in. The initial movement will be the departure of 10,000 Spanish troops from Havana for Spain, and within a short time after that 30,000 troops, it is understood, will follow.

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AN IMPORTANT CIRCULAR

Letter in Aid of the United Confederate Veterans' Re-Union.

Below can be found an important circular letter from the headquarters of the United Confederate Veterans, issued April 15th, in connection to the re-union which is to take place at Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1897.

It will be the largest and most important U. C. V. re-union ever held. The Personnel of the Nashville reunion committee under the leadership of its chairman Col. J. B. O'Bryan, is a guarantee that everything will be done for the comfort and convenience of the old veterans and all visitors which is in the power of man; it is a splendid body of very able and distinguished comrades, who are fully alive to the magnitude of the work entrusted to them in entertaining and caring for their old comrades, and it will be their pride to make it the most memorable reunion upon record; and the citizens of Nashville are aglow with enthusiasm."

Also to urge ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors everywhere to form local associations, and send applications to these headquarters for papers to organize Camps immediately so as to be in time to participate in the great reunion at Nashville, and thus unite with their comrades in carrying out the laudable and philanthropic objects of the organization; as only Veterans who belong to organized U. C. V. Camps can participate in the business meeting at Nashville.

Business of the greatest importance to the survivors of the Southern army will demand careful consideration during the session of the Seventh Annual Convention, at Nashville, Tenn., such as the best methods of securing impartial history, and to enlist each State in the compilation and preservation of the history of her citizen soldiery; the benevolent care through State aid or otherwise of disabled, destitute, or aged veterans and the widows and orphans of our fallen brothers in arms; to consult as to the feasibility of the formation of a U. C. V. Benevolent Aid Association; the care of the graves of the lost cause; the burial of dead buried at Gettysburg, Fort Warren, Camp Morton, Chase, Douglas, Oakwood Cemetery at Chicago, Johnson's Island, Cairo and all other points, to see that they are annually decorated, the headstones preserved and protected from complete removal; the location of our dead resting places furnished to their friends and relatives through the medium of our camps, thus rescuing their names from oblivion and handing them down in history; the consideration of the different memorial plans and means to erect a monument to the memory of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, also to aid in building monuments to other great leaders, soldiers and sailors of the South; also to assist in the promotion and completion of the proposed "Battle Abbey," to vote upon the proposed change of the name of the Association from U. C. V. to S. S. A.; and to change the present badge or button which is not patentable for the new one proposed; which is; and to make such changes in the constitution and by-laws as experience may suggest, and other matters of general interest.

Total number of camps now admitted 963, with application in for about one hundred and fifty more. Following is number of camps by States:

Northeast Texas Division 81; West Texas Division 55; Southwest Texas Division 33; Southeast Texas Division 31; Northwest Texas Division 17; total Texas 217. Alabama 59; South Carolina 81; Missouri 71; Mississippi 63; Virginia 62; Georgia 51; Louisiana 51; Kentucky 89; Tennessee 32; Florida 34; North Carolina 29; Indian Territory 12; West Virginia 11; Oklahoma 6; Maryland 6; New Mexico 3; Illinois 2; Montana 2; Indiana 1; District of Columbia 1; California 1. Very respectfully,

GEO. MOORMAN, Adjutant General and Chief of Staff. J. B. GORDON, General Commanding, 824 Common street (up stairs), New Orleans, La.

No Troops Withdrawn from Cuba. The Spanish minister at Washington has received a telegram from the President of the Council of Ministers, Senor Canovas, saying that the report of the recall of 30,000 men from Cuba has no more foundation than the fact of its publication in an opposition paper at Madrid. Minister de Lome says no soldiers will be withdrawn from Cuba. Captain General Weyler has telegraphed that he does not need more reinforcements to terminate the war and that he will soon end it.

He Smells a Mouse. At Washington Senator Pettigrew introduced a resolution directing the Postmaster-General to inform the Senate of the amount he paid out to railroads for carrying the mail from Washington to Atlanta and to New Orleans each year since 1893; also, whether at the last weighing on that road an unusual amount of advertisements were carried, and what steps were taken at that time to prevent fraudulent practices on the part of the railroad officials.

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CROP BULLETIN.

'The Most Favorable Week of the Season.'

The week ending 8 a. m. Monday, April 19, 1897, has been decidedly the most favorable of the season so far. The weather was fair the entire week, excepting light showers the night of the 14th and early-morning of the 15th, and farm work was carried on uninterruptedly and vigorously. The temperature was above normal, especially on the 14th to 16th, and slightly below the latter part of the week. Light frosts occurred, without material damage. The amount of sunshine was considerably above normal. Much progress in planting corn and cotton, and in gardening has been made. Wheat and oats continue to look remarkably well.

It is feared that the freeze expected in the central and western portion of North Carolina Tuesday night, 30th, will cause great damage.

EASTERN DISTRICT. The past week was very favorable for farm work, which is going on rapidly. The latter part was cool with northerly winds and slightly checked growth of crops. Light showers occurred on one day. Much cotton land has been prepared and a good deal of cotton has been planted; some early cotton is up in the South. Planting will commence next week in the North. Planting corn, except on cotton lands, is approaching completion; corn is coming up nicely and looks well. Wheat, oats and rye continue to look promising. Transplanting tobacco will begin next week. Truck farms and gardens have improved a great deal. Peas are getting ripe. Irish potatoes are attacked by bugs in some places. Melons have been planted. The important work of marketing strawberries is under way.

CENTRAL DISTRICT. A favorable week for work is progressing finely. Beneficial showers occurred on the 15th, followed by cooler weather with some frost but no damage. Vegetation is growing rapidly, notwithstanding the cool weather. Much corn has been put in this week, and some is coming up. Potatoes are coming up fairly well, and sweet potatoes are sprouting. Many melons have already been planted. Clover grass is looking well. Farmers are still behind with their work in this district.

WESTERN DISTRICT. While in most places the entire week was favorable, being bright and warm, in many it was good until Wednesday only, when showers retarded planting somewhat. This was followed by cool nights and frost, in some cases heavy, though the damage was generally inappreciable. Corn and its associates are well along and work is a week or ten days behind. Grass is better than usual, being 8 to 10 inches high in some places. Still planting Irish potatoes. Sweet potato slips coming up. But little cotton has been planted yet, though the land is becoming drier and it is to be expected there will be a large crop of apples, almost universal, and some peaches expected. Preparations are being made for a large tobacco area. Gardens are doing well.

Fathered by Kipling. Rudyard Kipling gives out his explanation of the statement in an Australian newspaper that "Rudyard Kipling landed on this island at 12 o'clock, and at 12:16 o'clock he had formulated an Australian policy: A young reporter cornered me just after I landed. I treated him kindly, but said firmly that I was not to be interviewed. 'I have not thought of interviewing you,' replied the reporter, with a sadness in his voice; 'I ask a much greater favor than that.'" It turned out that the reporter had an Australian policy which he knew would be of the greatest benefit to the country. No paper would print it. His modest request was that Kipling would let him put forth his theory as the scheme of the novelist. "They will print it," he said, "if I give it as coming from you." "All right," agreed Kipling, "fire ahead." So the young reporter got in four mortal columns telling the people of Australia how to run their country. "I never read the article," said Kipling; "but there must have been some amazing theories in it from the storm it raised."

Will Celebrate. The Governor of Florida has notified the Secretary of the Navy that the citizens of Tampa are preparing for an extensive celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday on the 24th of next month. The British government, as a mark of appreciation of the spirit of the occasion, will have a warship present at the celebration.

Decrease in the Plague. Dispatches from Bombay, India, indicate there has been a great decrease in the virulence of the plague both in number of cases and death rate in the last few weeks.

Spools are turned and bored by a simple machine, which is said to be able to complete from 5,000 to 6,000 per hour.

First Mistress of the White House.

With regard to the plan for the erection of a cairn on Payne's hill, in Quincy, in honor of Mrs. Abigail Adams, which the Adams chapter of Quincy of the Society of the Daughters of the Revolution are to build on the 17th of June, it seems that the idea of erecting this memorial was discussed by the members of this society at the time of the building of the cairn in honor of Miles Standish, at Squantum, last September. The matter having also been presented to the Quincy Historical Society, it became a matter of courtesy to try to arrange a joint celebration by the two societies, and Mrs. Titus, the regent of the Adams chapter of Quincy of the Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, states that she wrote to the secretary of the Quincy Historical Society, and also to the curators, some six weeks ago, requesting that a meeting should be called to consider the matter.

No action having been taken by the Quincy Historical Society, it was decided to proceed independently with the celebration which has the approval of their president, as there should be no rivalry between societies which have for their object the advancement of patriotic work.

The invitation sent out by the Daughters of the Revolution is as follows: "The Adams Chapter of Quincy, Mass. Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, invites you to be present upon the top of Payne's hill, Quincy, at 12 o'clock noon, June 17, 1897, to assist in the erection of a cairn in honor of Mrs. Abigail Adams, and to mark the spot upon which, with her son, John Quincy Adams, then a boy of seven, she watched the smoke and listened to the guns of the battle of Bunker Hill. Each person present is requested to add a stone to the pile."--Boston Transcript.

There is being tested at the navy department an inexpensive and simple device, the success of which is of great value to shipping. The mechanism keeps the submerged portion of a ship covered with a film of oil, reducing friction and overcoming to a great degree the resistance of the water. It is said the speed of a vessel may be increased 25 per cent by this. The growth of barnacles is also prevented and the hulls will not corrode when covered with the oil, which is crude petroleum.

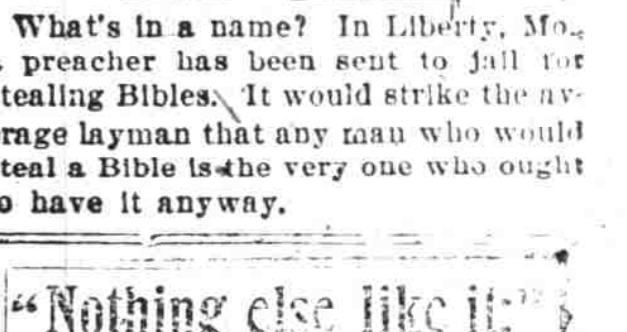
What's in a name? In Lilly, Mo., a preacher has been sent to jail for stealing Bibles. It would strike the average layman that any man who would steal a Bible is the very one who ought to have it anyway.

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