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BILL ARP'S LETTER.

HE FINDS FOOD FOR THOUGHT IN THE TRUTHFUL CAMERA.

Photo Gallery by the Countryside Marks Civilization's Progress.

The photograph gallery in a country town is one the most pleasing marks of Christian civilization and the advancement of modern science. I pass by one every day and it is gratifying to see its patrons awaiting their turn or coming out with smiling faces and all arrayed in their best apparel. It is a family diversion before they come what dress to wear, what ornaments, and whether to sit or stand, whether a side view or a front or whether the baby shall be taken alone or with its mother. All classes are on an equality before the camera, for the sunlight of nature has no favorites. So far as faces and features are concerned, the camera tells the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. This morning as I passed I saw a countryman sitting on the steps with a child in his arms. His wife and little girl were inside awaiting their turn. I used to know him before he was married, and so I stopped and gave him my hand. His folks were poor, honest and industrious, and I have great respect for all such. The women do the housework and have the care of the children. The men cultivate their little farms, work the roads, sit on the jury, nurse their sick neighbors, and take the family to meetings on Sundays. They are generally Populists, not because of any political principles involved, but because of affiliation and association. Most of their kind are Populists and therefore clannish. They stick together because they are either poor or less than rich. Their fathers fought in the late war, and these will fight in the next if it comes in their days. It may be a rich man's war, but it will be a poor man's fight.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED

Washington Items.

The new Ministers from Haiti and Korea were formally introduced to President Cleveland. Secretary Olney has appointed Dr. James Howard Gore of the Columbian University, and Mr. Thomas Wilson, Custodian of the National Museum, United States Commissioner to the International Exposition to be opened in Brussels on April 24, 1897.

The United States Supreme Court began its annual session in Washington. The Secretary of War is receiving the congratulations of his friends over the good health of Mrs. Lamont and a new-born little daughter.

The Comptroller of the Currency has received a telegram announcing the failure of the First National Bank of El Paso, New Mexico. The bank had a capital of \$300,000, and its last report showed an indebtedness to depositors of about \$75,000.

Dr. Burrows, Sanitary Inspector of the Marine Hospital Service at Havana, in a recent report, says that yellow fever continues to be epidemic there, and he is informed that it is so in most of the places where Spanish soldiers are found.

Secretary Herbert awarded contracts for gun forgings to the Bethlehem Iron Company and Midvale Steel Company.

Domestic. William Delch was killed, Emily Rae and Mary Schladack were fatally and two other girls seriously injured by a runaway team at Union Hill, N. J.

The Edgar Thomson Steel Works, of the Carnegie Steel Company at Westmoreland, Pa., were put in operation in all departments after a suspension, which was due to a total lack of orders. New orders were received.

An alleged plot of Highlanders, in Boston, Mass., to assassinate every member of the Chinese Christian Union in that city, has been revealed to the police by a member of the Highlanders.

John Krueger, a sleep-walker, went into Saloon Keeper Matsoche's bedroom, New York City, and was shot dead under the impression that he was a burglar.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company reports the largest gross and net earnings in its history.

Theodore Meyer, head baker of the Manhattan State Hospital, on Ward's Island, New York City, was killed by an iron safe, which struck him in the head with an ax.

D. C. Crawford, the St. Louis (Mo.) merchant who discharged twelve clerks because they said they were Bryan, was arrested for intimidation on a warrant from the Democratic State Committee out of town.

The Marine National Bank of Duluth, Minn., closed its doors and the bank examiner is in charge. The bank has a capital of \$250,000. Liability for deposits and heavy withdrawals are given as the cause of the failure.

Major McKinley received at his home in Canton 300 early settlers from Cayahoga County, Ohio, most of whom were less than twenty years old. Many women were among them.

Three men were instantly killed by a fall of rock in the Larkin mine, at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Walter Hunt, of Plainfield, N. H., shot and killed Irving Smith, a farmer, and then killed himself.

In a fight between a Sheriff's posse and the Green gang of outlaws at Oolagh, Indiana Territory, two of the outlaws were killed and the others were captured.

BOSTON'S OLDEST VOTER.

Joseph D. Jones Has Nearly Reached the Age of Ninety-nine.

The oldest inhabitant in Boston, and, incidentally, the oldest voter, is Joseph David Jones, and he is an inmate of the Home for Aged People in West Springfield street. If Mr. Jones lives until December 30, 1896, he will have reached the age of ninety-nine. This special citizen is wide-awake to the topics of the times, and is intensely interested in the Presidential election.

Mr. Jones is a registered voter, and declares that he will exercise his privilege as a sovereign citizen just as long as he is able to do so. Mr. Jones was born in Boston, not far from Faneuil Hall, in 1797. In his early days he was a dry goods merchant, and later became a manufacturer of fireworks. He is remarkable in his day for retaining his faculties. His mind is clear, his hearing is acute, but, as he himself puts it, "I am compelled to use glasses when I read." He is active on his feet and the only aid he uses when walking is a small cane. He is registered as being ninety-nine years old.

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BANK ROBBERS KILLED AT BAY. Tried to Escape With Their Booty, But Were Surrounded. Three bold robbers were killed and two citizens wounded during an attempt to rob the Bank of Meeker, at Meeker, Col.

The bands, with drawn revolvers, compelled Cashier Houston to throw up his hands. All the employes and the customers were told to hold up their hands, and were marched on pain of death, not to move. The leader of the trio then ordered Houston to march ahead to the safe and unlock it. He did as ordered.

A shot fired in the bank had alarmed the town, and while the robbers were lurching toward the city every man in town was arming himself to the teeth. As the robbers followed the crowd out of the bank they were confronted by a dozen men armed with Winchester rifles. The bank was surrounded, retreat was cut off and they had to fight or surrender. To be caught meant death by lynching or otherwise, and the robbers concluded to fight.

The bands, Jones and Smith, fell to the ground at the first volley, pierced by rifle bullets. Harris, the last of the trio, was shot through the back.

DOUBLE MURDER AVENGED. Crazy Shoemaker Kills Two Policemen and is Riddled With Balls.

Three men were slain and two others wounded, one perhaps fatally, in Columbus, Ga. One of the dead men was J. A. White, a shoemaker, who, aided by his nineteen-year-old son Henry, killed two of the city's policemen.

Officers Adams and Jackson gave White a summons to appear before the recorder for disorderly conduct. He made threats against the officers, although he never went home. He subsequently returned to his father's home, where he was met by his son, Henry White. About that time Officers Jackson and Adams appeared at the front of the bar.

A lone bandit robs a train. The Union Pacific fast mail plundered in a Unique Way in Utah.

The Union Pacific fast mail and express train stopped at a water tank near Ninth station, eight miles from Ogden, Utah, about 1 o'clock a. m.

A man rose out of the darkness behind the tank and pointed a pair of revolvers at the engineer and fireman. He ordered the engineer to pull the train about a mile beyond the tank. Then the bandit put cotton socks over the heads of the fireman and the engineer and ordered them to get out of the cab and walk with him to the mail car.

The mail car was forced, the clerks thinking that three men were engaged in the operation, several registered mail bags were thrown out. The bandit took these and disappeared in the underbrush at the mouth of the Weber canon.

Forty Spanish Gunners Rebel, But Are Overcome and Put in Irons.

A dispatch from Ferrol says that a mutiny had occurred on board the Spanish warship Alfonso XIII, lying at that port.

Oyster Beds Destroyed. Engineer Sanford, of the Connecticut State Shell Fish Commission, received notification that the natural oyster beds in the vicinity of Bridgeport and Stratford, 8700 acres in extent, had been covered with sand by the hurricane and the oysters destroyed.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

NOT A CATHEDRAL.

The Episcopal Church Will Devote All Energies to St. Mary's School. At a special meeting of the standing committee of the Diocese of North Carolina, held at the Bishop's home, October 9th, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, in the opinion both of the Bishop and of the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, it is impracticable at this time to develop and carry out a Cathedral for this diocese, as for other causes, so especially because of the efforts of the churchmen of North Carolina should be concentrated upon the permanent establishment of St. Mary's School therefore,

Resolved, That in the judgement of the Standing committee, acting under the sanction of the resolution adopted by the convention of May, 1896, the action of the Bishop, and of the convention of 1895, in accepting the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, as the cathedral of the Diocese, should be rescinded, and by the authority reposed in the Bishop and Standing committee, said action is hereby rescinded.

The Bishop assents to and joins in the above action.

Fusion Is Complete. At a full meeting of the Democratic central committee in Raleigh Monday night it was decided to make a proposition to the Populists for fusion on congressional, State and county matters. The decision was unanimous.

The State debt statement has been made public. The 4 per cent consolidated debt is \$31,360,700. To complete the taking up of all outstanding bonds requires only \$255,000 more of 4 per cent.

Presentation of the Punch Bowl. Wednesday Governor Carr and staff, with the presentation committee, accompanied by prominent ladies and gentlemen from all over the State, went to Southport, a few miles below Wilmington, to present the Battle Ship Raleigh, of the United States Navy, named after the capital of this State, and one of the finest war ships afloat.

Boy Sent to the Penitentiary. Marion Ring, a young white boy, who poisoned his father, Dr. Ring, and his family last March in Surry county, and who was sent away to the West, returned home recently and was instantly arrested, jailed, tried and convicted and has been taken to the penitentiary to serve five years.

Adjutant General Cameron has received a letter from C. S. Merrill, of the Cuban Relief Corps, New York, asking him to send, at his earliest convenience, a roster of the State troops and his latest report of their efficiency.

Clerk Brown, of the Railroad Commission, is now busy preparing and reading the proof of the report of the Board of Commissioners, which is now in the hands of the printers and will be issued about the first of the new year.

Requisition has been made to the Secretary of War for fifty more rifles for the A. and M. cadets at Raleigh. The number of students exceeds any former record.

Fire at Murfreesboro last Saturday swept away an entire block. The total loss is estimated at about \$40,000. Insurance very slight. Among the burned buildings was the Episcopal church.

Chairman Holton says the official Negro vote of this State is 120,000. Wild oats cost as much as ever, in spite of the fact that everything else has been greatly reduced in price.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction has sent \$1,000 to the State Industrial School (colored) at Winston. Winston also raised the same amount.

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