

## LATEST STATE NEWS.

### INTERESTING ITEMS PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

**A Carefully Prepared Selection of the Leading Topics of the Day Throughout the Commonwealth Compiled in Suitable Form to Tickle the Fancy of the Busy Reader.**

At Battle Creek, Neb., Frederick Sargent shot and killed his wife and then cut his throat. Jealousy was the cause.

The Columbus caravels have started on their trip to Chicago. They are in charge of the cruiser Newark and towed by the government tug Iwana and two chartered tugs.

A message from Hagerstown, Ind., says that a terrific cyclone has passed over the northwest part of Wayne county. The path of the storm was about a half a mile wide and great destruction resulted.

Henry Baaken of New York placed the muzzle of a revolver in his mouth and fired. The whole lower portion of his jaw was shot away and the bullet fell on the floor. He lived but a few hours.

Baron von Surma Jeltach, the first German ambassador to the United States, is expected in this country within the next month.

Dr. J. Ransom of 30 East Thirty-third street, New York, found a dead man sitting upright on the stoop of the adjoining house. Letters and cards in his pockets showed that the dead man was J. J. Ruddy, a rich cracker baker of Scranton, Pa.

The second annual open-air horse show of the United States Horse and Cattle Show society has opened at New York.

The Norwegian explorer Atstrup has sailed for New York city where he and the 10 men accompanying him will join Lieutenant Peary. They expect to proceed northward with Peary early in July.

The district attorney at Pittsburgh says the nolle prosequing of the cases against Frick and other Carnegie officials will not quash the charges against the strikers.

The war department has decided to send the entire corps of cadets from West Point to Chicago about the middle of August.

Captain J. F. Hasslock of South Dakota has been appointed chief clerk of the interior department, vice E. M. Dawson, resigned.

Dr. Thomas P. Conlon of Brooklyn, Mass., and Miss Lulu Wilcox, who recently renounced her vows as a sister of the Order of Mercy in the convent of Mount St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn., were married at the church of St. Francis Xavier.

Dr. Bartlett is of the opinion that the Briggs case from beginning to end cost the general assembly about \$50,000. Colonel Cook of the prosecuting committee, a wealthy man, spent out of his own pocket, according to Mr. Bartlett's opinion, at least \$20,000.

#### DR. BRIGGS SUSPENDED.

No Longer Permitted to Preach in the Presbyterian Church.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Rev. Dr. Briggs offered the opening prayer at the afternoon session of the Presbyterian general assembly. Dr. Craig then convened the assembly as a court to hear the report of the committee appointed to prepare the explanatory minute in the Briggs case.

Rev. Mr. Hoyt, chairman of the committee, before making the report called upon Dr. Baker, chairman of a subcommittee, sent to interview Professor Briggs in a spirit of conciliation, to report the result of that interview.

Professor Briggs stated his irrevocable determination to abide by the declarations made in his address before the assembly in his defense and to continue to teach the doctrines there avowed.

The report after reciting the charges in the case proceeds: This judiciously finds that said final judgment of the Presbytery of New York is erroneous and should be and is hereby reversed, and this general assembly sitting as a judicatory in said case coming now to enter judgment on said amended charges, finds the appellee Charles A. Briggs has uttered, taught and propagated views, doctrines and teachings as set forth in said charges contrary to essential doctrine of holy scripture and the standards of said Presbyterian church in the United States of America and in violation of the ordination vow of said appellee which said erroneous views and doctrines strikes at the vitals of religion and have been industriously spread.

Wherefore this general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America sitting as a judicatory in this case on appeal does hereby suspend Charles A. Briggs, the said appellee, from the office of a minister in the Presbyterian church in the United States of America until such time as he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America of the violation by him of the said ordination vow as herein and heretofore found.

#### THE LAST SAD RITES.

Remains of Jefferson Davis Reinterred at Richmond.

RICHMOND, June 1.—The remains of Jefferson Davis, were visited by thousands of people at the rotunda of the capitol, where the body lay in state. At 3:30 o'clock they were removed and placed on a caisson drawn by six white horses, caparisoned in black, and the line of march was taken up for Hollywood cemetery, arriving at the Hollywood cemetery, the distinguished guests, the Louisiana escort and staff and the Texas, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia delegations which came on with the funeral cortege, descended from their carriages and formed on the circle which contains the grave. The infantry formed the outer circle and between the two marched the Confederate veterans. When the military movement was completed the coffin, the open grave and the family were surrounded by three solid walls of men.

Rev. William Mumford then read a selection of Scripture. Rev. W. Landrum then read the hymn "How Firm a Foundation," which was sung by the crowd. At the close of the hymn Dr. Hoge offered prayer.

Rev. Dr. O. S. Barton of Norfolk pronounced the benediction.

Immediately after the benediction the casket was lowered into the grave.

After the bugle signal came taps and the infantry fired a salute which announced that the services were over.

#### Little Falls Cheese Market.

LITTLE FALLS, June 6. Sales were 6,187 boxes at 94¢; 24 boxes of farm dairy at 94¢; 183 packages of butter at 18¢.

#### Utica Cheese Market.

Utica, June 6. Cheese sales: 4,500 boxes large white at 94¢; 200 boxes small white at 94¢; 210 boxes small colored at 94¢; 68 packages of cream butter at 18¢.

## TRAGEDY AT CHAUTAUQUA.

Dr. Elderkin Commits Suicide After Performing a Fatal Operation.

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., June 5.—Mrs. Colton of Chautauqua, N. Y., went early Saturday evening to the office of Dr. Elderkin, a local physician of extensive acquaintance. The object of her visit is not known, but it is argued that she desired treatment. Anyway Mrs. Colton was never seen alive after she passed the doctor's door.

The doctor's apartments are in a house occupied by a Mrs. Harwood. About an hour after Mrs. Colton's visit the lady of the house had occasion to speak with her tenant. To her surprise her rap received no attention. Confident of the doctor's presence she knocked again louder than before, and was most startled when a smothered groan reached her ears.

Best with violent emotion she then opened the door unbidden and her gaze fell upon a most appalling spectacle. Mrs. Colton lay stretched upon the floor in seeming repose, but upon investigation she was found to be dead. Her undisturbed posture indicated a painless death.

The horror of the scene was further intensified by the aspect of the doctor, who, pallid and with staring eyes, had sunk back into his easy chair in a manner that indicated something serious to even the excited landlady's mind.

Assistance was summoned and it was found that Mrs. Colton had been dead for some little time and that the doctor was beyond recovery from morphine poisoning. He sank rapidly, and died shortly after without recovering consciousness.

#### A Written Statement Found.

CHAUTAUQUA, June 6.—A statement written by Dr. Elderkin has been found, saying that he had performed an operation for the purpose of removing a tumor from Mrs. Colton, which resulted in death from the shock and heart failure. He felt that he could not endure the consequences and had administered a hypodermic dose of morphine.

#### EDWIN PARDRIDGE ARRESTED.

The Wellknown Financier Held on a Charge of Abduction.

CHICAGO, June 3.—Edwin Partridge, the wellknown board of trade man, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Frances Korzinski, who accuses him of abducting her daughter, Sarah Korzinski, 16 years old.

The warrant was issued by Justice Hamburger, before whom Partridge was taken, and gave bail in the sum of \$1,000 for a hearing June 9. The complaint alleges that Partridge met the girl on State street, March 28, and induced her to accompany him to a down town house.

Although the grain operator could not be found his bondsman, Mr. Smith, emphatically denied the truth of the complainant's charge, and characterized the warrant as the result of an unsuccessful attempt at blackmail. "Neither Partridge nor myself," continued Mr. Smith, "know anything of the girl."

#### MARION PHELPS WEDDED.

The Ex-Minister's Daughter Becomes Mrs. Von Rottenberg.

BERLIN, June 2.—The marriage of Miss Marion Phelps, daughter of William Walter Phelps, ex-United States minister in Berlin to Dr. Von Rottenberg was solemnized yesterday at the residence of Mr. Phelps. Twenty-four guests were present, including Minister Runyon and Mrs. Runyon, Frederick Krupp, the gun manufacturer, Chapman Coleman, first secretary of the American legation; J. B. Jackson, second secretary; Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Evans, military attaché. Count von Waldersee was not present.

The bride was attired in a dress of white silk covered with silk mull made by Doucet of Paris. Her traveling gown is of blue cloth.

EDWIN BOOTH DEAD.

The Great Tragedian Breathed His Last at 1:15 This Morning.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Edwin Booth died at 1:15 a. m. at the Players' club. The change for the worse came at 7 o'clock last evening, from which time he sunk rapidly until the end came.

#### Rainmaker Jewell Successful.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 3.—C. B. Jewell, the Rock Island rainmaker began operations at Meade Center, at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He claims to have discovered the secret of Melbourne's plan for rainmaking, and to have added various important improvements to it. His apparatus sent gases into a cloudless sky for six hours and clouds began to appear which at 10:30 had collected together and began to discharge rain. The rain continued falling until daylight.

#### Uncle Sam's Money Matters.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The government receipts during the month of May were \$9,971,497.64 and the expenditures \$9,372,522.70. In April the receipts were \$9,599,942.92 and the expenditures \$9,771,365.72. Customs receipts increased from \$15,418,687.53 to \$15,424,553.83. Internal revenue receipts increased from \$11,790,367.73 to \$13,212,108.42. Payments on account of pensions increased from \$12,871,761.38 to \$14,208,020.35.

#### Good Crops in Oklahoma.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 5.—J. S. Platt, a Kansas farmer, has returned from an extensive trip through Oklahoma. He says the crops in that territory will be larger than the people anticipated, the wheat being almost ready for the reaper and in splendid condition. A heavy corn crop will be raised and the surplus for the market, he says, will be sufficient to put the entire territory in a prosperous condition.

#### Extra Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The president said last evening in reply to a direct question by a reporter that he intended to call an extra session of congress, not earlier than the 1st nor later than the 15th of September, unless unexpected contingencies should necessitate an earlier meeting.

## LEGEND OF THE HOLY SHADOW.

He Kept Simply on His Way, and Love and Peace Were With Him.

A long time ago there lived a saint so holy that the angels marveled at his sanctity and came from heaven to see how any one on earth could so closely resemble them.

They found nothing extraordinary in his life. He kept simply on his way, unconsciously spreading the example of his virtues as naturally as the stars give light and the flowers give perfume.

Two words summed up his way—he gave and forgave, but these words were never on his lips. You only read them in his smile, in his amiability, in his kindness, in his untrusting charity.

The angels said to God, "Lord, grant him the gift of miracle."

"Willingly," replied our Lord. "Ask him what he wishes."

And the angels said to the saint: "Wouldst thou have the gift of healing, so that when thy hands touch an infirm body it shall be healed?"

"No," replied the saint. "I would rather God alone would do it."

"Wouldst thou have thy words win back guilty souls and erring hearts to God?"

"No, that is a mission most unworthy of a poor creature like me. I am satisfied to pray; I do not preach."

Finally the angels said, "What wouldst thou have?"

"Well," said the saint, "let me do a great deal of good without knowing it."

The angels consulted together for awhile as to how this could be accomplished; then they asked our Lord to grant that every time the saint's shadow fell at either side or behind him, so that he could not see it, it should have the power of curing the sick, consoling afflicted and comforting the sorrowful.

Our Lord assented, and wherever the saint's shadow fell thus the pathways bloomed, the parched earth was refreshed, the turbid streams became pure and limpid, the dying flowers revived, a fresh, healthy bloom came to the pale cheeks of the little children and tears of joy to the eyes of sorrowing mothers.

But the saint kept simply on his way, unconsciously spreading the example of his virtues as naturally as the stars shed light, as the flowers give perfume, and the people, respecting his modesty, silently followed him, never speaking to him of his miracles. They gradually forgot even his name and spoke of him simply as "the holy shadow." Selected.

Assistant General of the Jesuits.

Official notification has been received of the permanent appointment of Rev. Father Meyer, rector of Marquette college, Milwaukee, as assistant to Rev. Father Martin, general of the Jesuits.

Rev. Father Meyer will have charge of the affairs of the Jesuits in all countries where the English language is spoken. In those countries the members of the order number 12,047. He will take up his residence in either Rome or Fiesole. Father Meyer is a native of Missouri. He was born in St. Louis in 1841. He graduated from the St. Louis university in June, 1858, and joined the Jesuits a month later. He was ordained a priest at Woodstock, Md., in 1874. He has been rector of the colleges in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Milwaukee, provincial of Missouri and visitor to the California missions. Nuncio-censor to Father Meyer as rector of Marquette college has been appointed.—Church News.

The Discoverer of the Mississippi.

The historic chamber of the capitol at Washington which was used as the hall of representatives until the completion of the new wing has been since the building reserved for the reception of statues of America's greatest historic characters. By order of congress each state is permitted to contribute two statues representing the two men most eminent in its history. The state of Wisconsin has recently honored itself by selecting as one of its two representatives in the national temple of fame the saintly Jesuit priest, the tireless explorer and Christian missionary, Father James Marquette. The necessary steps have been taken to carry out the purpose, and the marble statue of the discoverer of the Mississippi will soon be added to the historic group of bronze and marble effigies that represent the genius, the struggles and the triumphs of American civilization.—Exchange.

Made the Convocation Laugh.

The archbishop of Canterbury complained at the last meeting of the convocation that curates in the English church are insufficiently paid. He attributed this to the fact that the church was robbed first by Henry VIII and then by Edward VI, and that what was left was stolen by Elizabeth. Thus, he said, "the church was beaten by two kings and a queen." This allusion to a hand at cards made the convocation laugh, but the prime minister omitted to say that the robbery was perpetrated on the Catholic church and not on the new fangled church of Henry VIII's creation.—Catholic Review.

Take Heed of the Speeding Moments.

Every moment of time could purchase eternity! If the poor damned souls could have the time we lose, what good they could make of it! If they had but one half hour, that half hour would empty hell. If we could say to damned souls long since in hell: "We are going to set a priest at the door of hell. All who would like to go to confession have only to go out to him," do you think one single soul would be left behind? Oh, how speedily would hell be emptied and heaven filled! We have the time and the means which the poor damned souls have not.—Cure d'Ars.

The Pillars of Human Happiness.

George Washington in his farewell address says: "Religion and morality are the pillars of human happiness." Let us with caution, indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles.

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## THE ATHEIST'S REPENTANCE.

Brought Back to the Faith by the Memory of His Mother.

The once famous atheist Delauro Dubez was brought back to the faith of his childhood by the thought of the dreadful separation of the good from the bad at the last day.

As he was once walking pensively alone his thoughts turned back to the days long past when his beloved mother was with him as a protecting angel. He called to mind all the beautiful features of her noble character, and remorse seized upon his heart as he thought that for all eternity he might be separated from her and would be suffering everlasting pain. The thought that he should be damned and would forever blaspheme that God whom his mother had so loved and served was intolerable to him.

Full of these gloomy thoughts he unconsciously drew near a church, and almost in spite of himself fell on his knees at the entrance and prayed aloud:

"O God of my mother, if thou dost really exist, and if thou art, as she so often assured me, the sovereign truth, wisdom and goodness; if thou hast made me for thyself and if thou knowest the honest desires of a wretched heart, I pray and beseech thee to stretch forth thy Almighty hand, to reveal thyself to thy miserable creature and to be to him the light and the life and to show him the way by which he may come to thee."

He was deeply moved, and his tears flowed freely. He resolved to seek the truth honestly. He found it, embraced it with a believing heart and thenceforth bore witness to it in his life and in his writings.

If the mere remembrance of an earthly mother is capable of awaking such a longing in the human breast, how much more should the thought of our heavenly mother affect us and make us long to be forever with her, the best of mothers, who never abandons the least worthy of her children.—Ave Maria.

#### Burial of a Trappist Monk.

The following account of the burial of a Trappist monk at the monastery, Gethsemane, Ky., is taken from the Chicago Herald:

The departed brother was laid out on a bier in the abbey church in his habit without coffin or shroud, with his face, fringed with the cropped gray beard, uncovered. All the monks, in number about 60, were in their places. Right Rev. Father Abbot with his assistants, robed according to the rite of the church, performed the funeral service with solemn chant, accompanied in responses by the voices of all the choir monks. The procession filed through the long cloister corridor, through the chapter room, chanting as they went, while two noble looking monks tolled the bells in a most graceful manner. They could not have done it more impressively if they had actually posed for effect. The cemetery on the brow of a rocky hill just behind the church is surrounded by a brick wall and is laid out in walks fringed with flowerbeds, among which rise the black wooden crosses about 5 or 6 feet high. On these are inscribed the names of the dead brethren.

When the chant was finished and the service at the grave completed, four monks stepped forward and raised the body from the bier. Straps of white cloth were passed under it, and it was lowered gently and laid on the hard bottom of the grave. A monk descended and pinned the cowl and habit over the face of the dead, the abbot dropped a shovelful on the body, and then the earth was thrown in until the grave was filled. The absence of the dreadful noise of stones and dirt that shocks us so much at burials in coffins was quite a relief.

The executors of the estate of Mrs. Mary Jeanette Keeney of Hartford have been instructed to make certain gifts in her name and memory to the amount of between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

There has been an attempt to introduce thumb rings. I know of no one, however, who wears them except Ella Wheeler Wilcox, says a New York writer.

A branch of the English Needlework guild has been established in Brussels conducted by resident English women.

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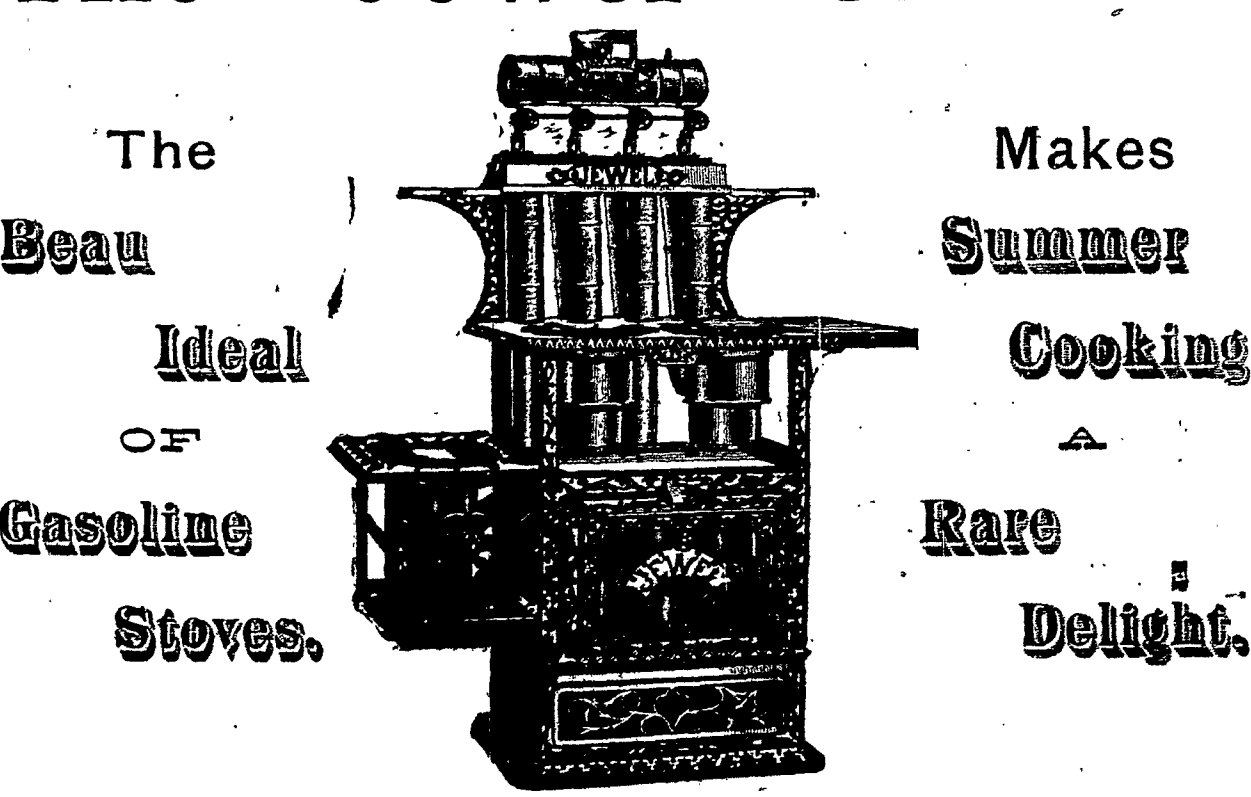
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