

Rev. Charles A. Trotman, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, St. Louis, is also a practicing physician, having regular office hours during the week.

Probably the largest American institution of learning outside of the United States is the Syrian Protestant college at Beirut, Syria. Its 14 buildings harbor 627 students from Turkey, Greece, Persia, Egypt and the Soudan.

The practice has just been introduced into the German navy of setting up memorial tablets on board ships to sailors who have fallen in action. Fifteen warships up to the present have earned the distinction of possessing tablets.

A curious strike has broken out at St. Germain-Laval (Loire), where all the washer-women of the town have unanimously deserted the public wash-houses and refused to return unless they are given a minimum salary of two francs a day and a liter (1 1/2 pints) of wine.

There never was a year when women collectively expressed so much interest in legislative work. In almost every state legislature bills have been introduced at the instigation or request of bodies of women, and there is hardly a capital city where women have not met in the interests of some forward movement.

The most hazardous section of the Manila telegraph cable is that completed between San Francisco and Honolulu, in which the sea bed is precipitous with valleys 31,600 feet deep. The next two sections extending to Guam, will cross level plains of mud at a depth of about 18,000 feet, while the last section is over a series of mountains.

A barrel of whisky from Cincinnati, addressed to King Edward, is now on its way to England. The barrel is of the average size for long-distance shipping and contains 45 gallons of good bourbon. This is the fourth barrel of the same liquor purchased for his majesty and shipped to him since his accession to the throne. It is the real Kentucky brand.

Grave defects have appeared in some of the edifices on the Palatine hill and threaten them with ruin. Particularly is this the case in the buildings of Severus, the Domus and the Stadium, and signs of collapse are not absent even from Caesar's palace. The cause of the defects appears to be the removal of ground in the making of excavations in the Forum.

In the new senate the republicans have only one senator from the south, southwest or borders states—McComas, of Maryland. The democrats have six from the west, two from Colorado, two from Montana, and one each from Idaho and Nevada. In this division West Virginia is counted as a middle west state, which, politically as well as industrially, it has become.

Prof. Woodward has gone over the calculations of Leplace by the aid of modern data, and concludes that, though in theory the length of the day on earth must be increasing, owing to the increasing mass of the planet due to the constant deposit of meteors, etc., yet the change is so infinitesimal that there has not been a half second of difference in ten million years.

The peons of southern Mexico are singing the praises of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and wife, due to the prodigality with which they have scattered half eagles, eagles and double eagles among them. Wherever they go they leave a trail of gold behind. When they crossed the Rio Grande they brought with them several sacks of silver dollars, which soon found their way into the hands of the peons.

The remnant of a strange tribe of Eskimos has been discovered on Southampton Island, at the north end of Hudson bay. These people have never seen a white man until recently. Their huts are built of the great jaws of whales covered with skins. In the middle is an elevation, on which is a stone lamp used for lighting, heating, cooking, melting snow and drying clothes. The tribe is almost extinct, only some 16 being left.

A comprehensive return of the financial workings of the "public utilities" undertakings in British towns and cities has just been given to the public through a government board. It covers the four years ended March, 1902. The principal undertakings carried on by 299 corporations were: Markets, 228; water works, 193; cemeteries, 143; baths, 138; electricity, 102; gas works, 97; tramways, 45; harbors, 43. The aggregate net profits were \$23,417,522.

The new processes in tanning are surprising. Leather used to be tanned by soaking it for seven days in a weak solution of hemlock or oak bark to give it color, then in pits of stronger solution for six weeks, moving the hides every day or so; then in "lay-away" pits still stronger for another six weeks; by filling them with new bark for another operation three or four times. All this made good leather, but it took from six to eight months. To-day even the thickest hide can be tanned by chemicals in three hours.

HAS GONE TO HIS REWARD

Rev. W. H. Milburn, the Venerable Blind Chaplain of the Senate, is Dead.

THE SAD EVENT OCCURS IN CALIFORNIA.

He Had Long Been a Noted Character—Broken in Health He Tendered His Resignation, But It Was Not Accepted—Died While in Search of Health.

Washington, April 11.—Rev. William Henry Milburn, the venerable blind chaplain of the United States senate, died in Santa Barbara, Cal., Friday. Word to this effect was received here by Col. D. A. Ransdell, the sergeant at arms of the senate. Mr. Milburn, accompanied by his two nieces, the Misses Timley, left Washington for the Pacific coast about a year ago. The chaplain was in broken health. The change brought no great improvement in his condition and when congress met in December he forwarded his resignation to Washington, but it was never acted on.

The deceased was a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1823. When he was five years of age a playfellow accidentally struck him in the left eye with a piece of glass. For two years he was confined to a



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dark room under medical treatment, and when he came out one of his eyes was entirely blind and little sight was left in the other. He, however, pursued his studies at school and college for about 20 years, the sight growing dimmer until gradually he became totally blind.

In the spring of 1838 he went with his father's family to Jacksonville, Ill., and in 1843 he became a traveling preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving charges in various sections of the country.

Mr. Milburn was twice elected chaplain of congress, the first time in 1845, when a little over 22 years of age, was twice chaplain of the house of representatives, and lastly chaplain of the senate, to which office he was elected in 1893.

While serving a charge at Mobile, Ala., Mr. Milburn underwent a trial for heretical teachings. He was widely known as the blind preacher and lecturer, his ministry and lecture field covering many parts of the United States and Canada and of Great Britain and Ireland. He also was known as an author.

UNDETERMINED.

Inquest in Pennell Case Falls to Settle the Question of Accident or Suicide.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 11.—The evidence given Friday at the inquest into the deaths of Arthur R. Pennell and Mrs. Pennell, before Justice Murphy, will not help the authorities in any way to a solution of the Burdick murder mystery. Whether the tragedy at Gehres stone quarry on March 10, in which Pennell was killed and Mrs. Pennell was fatally injured, was due to accident or design, was not proven.

Thomas Penney, who acted as attorney for the Pennell family since Arthur Pennell's death, declared that so far as he was aware nothing in the papers left by Mr. Pennell would throw any light upon the murder of Edwin Burdick. When questioned regarding the alleged defalcations by Pennell, Mr. Penney declined to answer.

"Evidence that would show defalcation would simply be accumulative," said Justice Murphy, after the evidence was all in. "No stronger motive could be proven than has already been brought out here. But proving a motive does not establish suicide. The court is prepared to announce its findings."

Judge Murphy then delivered his verdict as follows: "I find and certify that Arthur R. Pennell came to his death on the 10th day of March, 1903, as a result of injuries received while riding in an automobile, the said automobile plunging into an embankment into the Gehres stone quarry."

"That I cannot determine from the evidence submitted whether such plunge was accidental or designed."

"That Carrie Lamb Pennell came to her death as a result of said plunge of the automobile into the quarry."

Indiana Monuments.

Shiloh Battlefield, April 7.—Indiana dedicated and presented to the government yesterday the 22 monuments erected at a cost of \$25,000 in honor of the 22 regiments that state had in the battle of Shiloh. Gen. Lew Wallace presided at the dedicatory services. Gov. W. T. Durbin presented the monuments to the government.

A SAD DISASTER.

Big Gun on Battleship Iowa Explodes, Killing Three Men and Wounding Five.

Pensacola, Fla., April 10.—A disastrous explosion occurred on the battleship Iowa Thursday, while the vessel was at the target practice in the gulf. The forward port 12-inch gun burst from a premature explosion of a shell, 12 feet of the piece outside the turret being demolished. Three men were killed and five injured, two seriously.

The killed are: First Class Seaman Kiele, Ordinary Seaman Percell, and Gunner's Mate Berry.

The injured: First Class-Seaman Gault, Ordinary Seamen Thursdale, Brown, Mansdale and Purker.

The men killed and injured were on the second or gundeck at mess. Three pieces of the exploded gun, each weighing over a ton, passed downward through the spar deck, falling upon the men at mess, instantly killing the three named. All of the men were horribly mutilated. The heavy missiles, after passing through the gun deck, continued down to the third deck, where they came in contact with the armored deck, the heavy steel bringing them to a stop, thus saving the engineers and firemen who were at work below. Although the upper decks were covered with men, no one there was seriously injured.

The explosion occurred just as the mess call had been sounded. Firing was to have ceased after the shot for the dinner hour. The range had been set and the Iowa was steaming along at a speed of 12 knots an hour, when Lieut. Reed, in charge of the forward 12-inch turret, gave orders to load and fire. The time fuse was cut for the range, the piece charged, breech closed and the word given to fire. Following the report of the gun, there was a smothered noise as the shell exploded midway in the gun, and pieces of the burst gun and shell were scattered broadcast. Three great holes were torn through the deck.

COMBINE IS KILLED.

The Famous Merger of Northwestern Railway Declared Illegal—Government Wins Its Suit.

St. Paul, Minn., April 10.—An important episode in the anti-trust war occurred Thursday when Judge Thayer, of the United States circuit court of appeals, handed down a decision declaring the \$400,000,000 Northern Securities company an illegal corporation, enjoined it from voting stock of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroad companies and decreed that this stock should be returned to the former owners.

The decree entered in accordance with the finding is a drastic one and does not leave a single peg for the great merger of the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Burlington to hang upon. The language of the court is pronounced to the effect that where lines of railway are parallel and competing such a plan as that of the Northern Securities company, which places them under control of one management, is contrary to the Sherman anti-trust act and is clearly in restraint of trade.

Despite the declarations of James J. Hill and J. Pierpont Morgan that another plan is ready which will stand the test of law, general opinion is that the government has succeeded in giving railroad combinations a straight blow between the eyes, from which they will be unable to recover. Immediately upon the delivery of the decision it was announced that an appeal would be taken to the United States supreme court, but as the four judges hearing the case were unanimous in their findings it is not expected that the court of last resort will interfere with their conclusions.

Dropped Dead.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 11.—W. S. Robbins, known as "Pop" Robbins, aged 55, a sheet writer at the big Southern poolroom here, while busy over his sheet Friday, when the crowd was largest in the poolroom, suddenly dropped from his chair dead. He was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and was well known among sporting men.

Legislature Adjourns.

Lincoln, Neb., April 10.—The Nebraska legislature adjourned sine die Thursday afternoon. The feature of the session was the adoption of a new revenue law, which, according to estimates of state officials, will place Nebraska in a position to pay within the next two years \$200,000 of the principal of the state debt.

Ex-Vice President Fatally Injured.

Bloomington, Ill., April 9.—Adlai E. Stevenson, formerly vice president of the United States, lost his hair and mustaches and received painful burns on the face, head and hands Wednesday while trying to extinguish a fire in his home. The loss by fire to the house is \$1,000.

Tillman Trial Postponed.

Columbia, S. C., April 9.—The trial of James H. Tillman, former lieutenant governor of this state, charged with the murder of Narcissos Gener Gonzales, which was called for the present session of court, has been continued until July.

Troops Must Be Vaccinated.

Washington, April 10.—Maj. Gen. Davis, in command of the division of the Philippines, has issued an order directing that no troops be allowed to land at Manila until they have been vaccinated.

Observed Appomattox Day.

Lafayette, Ind., April 10.—Appomattox day was observed Thursday. The public schools were closed and the courts were adjourned.

CYCLONE CAUSES DEATHS

Twenty-Two Persons Lose Their Lives in Portions of Alabama and Arkansas.

MORE THAN THIRTY OTHERS INJURED.

One Town in Alabama Entirely Wiped Out—Had No Intimation of the Storm's Approach—List of Dead May Be Increased—Vast Amount of Property Destroyed.

Birmingham, Ala., April 9.—The little town of Hopewell, 40 miles north of this city, was swept away early yesterday morning by a cyclone, which cut a path a mile wide and two miles long across a prosperous farming section of Blount county. Twelve persons were killed, four fatally, and a score seriously injured. The dead are: Mason Griffin, wife and two children; Henry McCoy and three children; C. C. Oden, wife and three children.

Story of the Disaster.

The storm came from the southwest. The section through which it passed is flat, on an elevated table land in the hilly section of Blount county. There was not the slightest intimation of its

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP—AS BRER' BEAR SEES IT.



The Bear—The President Just Wants to See Us and We Just Want to See the President—I Don't See as Our Case Needs to Go to The Hague.

approach until the houses were being torn to pieces.

One of the first houses visited was that of Nathan Griffin. The house was demolished and Mr. Griffin and his son, James, were killed. Mrs. Griffin was so badly injured that she died at an early hour this morning.

Homes Destroyed.

The home of Henry McCoy, son of John McCoy, received the worst impact of the storm. His wife was severely injured. Two of his children are still unconscious, and may die, and he and his babes and two other children are dead. He was still clasping his baby in his arms when his body was found close to the house.

The storm then took an easterly direction and struck the house of U. C. Oden. The trees in the yard were twisted into gnarled shapes, and even the vegetables in the garden were torn from their roots. Mr. Oden was killed outright, and so were his three daughters, aged 15, 12 and nine years, respectively. Mrs. Oden received injuries from which she died later.

IN ARKANSAS.

Ten Killed and Many Others Injured in Two Counties.

Little Rock, Ark., April 9.—A cyclone swept over White and Cleburne counties of this state, leaving a path of death and desolation. Ten persons are known to be dead, three dying and 13 badly injured, but it has been ascertained that this is only a small part of the casualty list. It is feared that the list of dead may mount up to 15 or 20.

The major portion of the country through which the storm plowed its way is remote from railroads, telegraph or telephone lines. A dispatch from Seary says that trees were twisted from their trunks and houses demolished.

List of the Killed.

The death list so far reports: Jim Leggett, of Little Red; Joe Leggett, of Little Red; Tom King and wife, of Little Red; three King children; young lady school teacher, who was boarding at King's; A. C. Williams, near Heber, and unidentified man. Over 30 persons were injured. It is feared the little town of Hiram, with a population of 150, has been wiped off the map.

Americans Take Baccolod.

Manila, April 11.—Capt. Pershing's force captured Baccolod, island of Mindanao, Wednesday, killed a hundred Moros and wounded many others. Three Americans were wounded.

Nominated for Congress.

Dodge City, Kan., April 10.—C. F. Cline, of Stafford, was nominated by the democrats of the Seventh congressional district to succeed Chester I. Long.

THE PRESIDENT'S TOUR.

Chief Executive of the Nation is Now Enjoying a Rest in Yellowstone Park.

Aberdeen, S. D., April 7.—President Roosevelt yesterday traversed South Dakota and made more speeches than on any other day during his present trip. He began with two speeches at Sioux Falls in the morning and ended his twelfth speech in the evening at Aberdeen. The speeches were confined for the most part to the tariff and to the general prosperity of the country.

Medora, N. D., April 8.—President Roosevelt spent a short and interesting half hour in this town yesterday, which was his post office address when he owned a ranch near here 16 years ago, and was sheriff of Billings county. Medora is small, but the ranchmen from the country for miles in this vicinity came to town and united in giving the president a truly western reception. In the morning the president spoke at Fargo on the Philippines, praised the men in the army, declared our duty to the islands had been done and all promises fulfilled.

Cinnabar, Mont., April 9.—President Roosevelt is taking a rest. He will spend the next 16 days in Yellowstone park, almost entirely shut off from the world, guarded from intrusion, and occupied only with camping and resting. Secretary Loeb will remain here and will be in communication with the

BATTLE OF THE BALLOTS.

Result of Elections in Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas and Other Western States.

CHICAGO REELECTS MAYOR HARRISON.

Wisconsin Elects Supreme Court Justice and Circuit Judges—Cities and Towns Show Their Preferences at the Polls—Democrats in St. Louis Are Victorious.

Chicago, April 8.—Carter H. Harrison, democrat, was elected mayor of Chicago for the fourth time by 7,948 plurality over Graeme Stewart, republican. Alderman Smulski, republican, was elected city attorney, and F. C. Bender, republican, city clerk.

Outside of Chicago.

In Springfield William J. Butler, Gov. Yates' candidate for mayor, was overwhelmingly defeated by Harry H. Devcreaux, the democratic nominee. Springfield is normally 800 republican. Devcreaux won by over 1,000 plurality. Mayors were elected in other Illinois cities as follows: East St. Louis, Silas Cook (ind.); Galesburg, George Shumway (cl.); Moline, C. P. Skinner (rep.); Rock Island, William McConochie (rep.); Quincy, John A. Steinbach (dem.).

In Illinois township elections republicans were successful in the following places: Bloomington, Clinton, Danville, Decatur, Effingham, Elgin, Fairbury, Joliet, Kenney, Maroa, Plano, Peoria, Pawpaw, Sycamore, Waukegan, Wheaton, Woodstock, Wenona, Centralia, Kewanee and Naperville. Democrats won victories in Bement, Chenoa, Galena, Havana, Kankakee, Lockport, Mowequa, Ramsey, Toledo and Taylorville. Nonpartisan tickets carried in Assumption, Aurora, Alton and Alhambra.

In Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, April 8.—The judicial election in Wisconsin passed off very quietly Tuesday. Judge Robert G. Siebecker, of Madison, judge of the Ninth circuit court, was elected to the place on the Wisconsin supreme bench made vacant by the recent death of C. V. Bardeen.

There were no changes in the four circuits which elected judges. Though complete returns will not be available for two days, Judge Silverthorn, of Wausau, is reelected judge of the Sixteenth circuit; John Goodland, of Appleton, of the Tenth; James O'Neill, of the Seventeenth, and O. T. Williams, of Milwaukee, of the Second circuit.

The proposed amendment to the constitution, increasing the number of justices of the supreme court from five to seven, was undoubtedly carried.

Comparatively few mayors were elected in the state, and there were few political changes in the cities which chose an executive. Oshkosh reelected Mayor Mulva (dem.), and at midnight the indications were that La Crosse had defeated the republican candidate, who suffered most heavily in the aristocratic waris.

Fox Lake, Waukesha, Racine and Marinette went republican. The democrats carried Neenah, Menasha, Amherst, Berlin, Portage, La Crosse and Beaver Dam. In Janesville the entire citizens' ticket, headed by Wilson, was elected by 648 plurality, making a complete change of city officers.

License carried in Lake Mills, Glenwood, Stoughton, Sparta, Deerfield, Richland Center, Sturgeon Bay and Broadhead. Virroqua voted against license.

St. Louis Democrats Win.

St. Louis, April 8.—Election returns, completed at 1:30 o'clock, show that St. Louis went democratic by a plurality of over 18,000, in about one-half the registered vote, which is 122,000. Five republicans and one independent candidate were elected to the house of delegates. The other 22 members elected are democrats. The democrats elected their six candidates for the city council.

Ohio Election.

Cincinnati, April 7.—While the republicans had material gains in the municipal elections in Ohio yesterday they did not secure many changes in the administration of the cities. The republicans retained control of Cincinnati and the democrats of Cleveland and Samuel M. Jones was elected as an independent for the fourth time as mayor of Toledo.

Michigan Election.

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—The republicans yesterday elected their state ticket by a majority estimated at between 35,000 and 40,000. The ticket is as follows: For justice of the supreme court, Judge Frank A. Hooker, of Charlotte; regents of the state university, Peter White, of Marquette, and Loyal E. Knappen, of Grand Rapids.

Result in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., April 9.—Returns from all the towns in Kansas which held elections Tuesday disclose the fact that the vote in favor of enforcing the prohibition law is the most overwhelming in the history of the state. A special effort was made by the opponents of prohibition to make a good showing at this election, and thus pave the way for a resubmission campaign two years from now. Only six towns of any importance in the state voted in favor of a liberal policy toward the saloons.

Sentenced to Hang.

Lexington, Ky., April 11.—James W. Bess, convicted of killing Mrs. Martha Martin here March 6, was Friday sentenced to be hanged Friday, June 12.