

Cooperstown Courier.

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COOPERSTOWN, N. DAKOTA

Uncle Sam still has land enough to give us all a farm, more than 900,000,000 acres awaiting entry and settlement. But the inhabitants of the cities, who have grown to love the lights of the hurdy-gurdies, stick to their alley homes.

Mrs. Margaret E. Gulon, now residing in St. Louis at the age of 90 years, claims to be the oldest native-born resident of that city. She is of French descent, and for many years her family has been noted for the longevity of its members, many of them having passed the century mark. Mrs. Gulon has had 12 children and 27 grandchildren are now living.

Some time ago Miss Jennie Foss, a schoolteacher of Florence, Wis., had an encounter with a wildcat, vanquishing the animal and displaying great bravery. An account of the incident was read by John E. Bower, a wealthy farmer of Madison, Ind. He paid court to Miss Foss through the mails, his suit was favorably received and the other day they were married.

The official Gazette of Italy says that by a law of June 27, 1903, the exportation of antiquities found in excavations that have an archeological and artistic value—also articles of antiquity or artistic value in the possession of private parties, regarded by the government as having great value for historical and artistic purposes—is forbidden. The law is to be in force for two years.

The figures representing the white population of Great Britain's colonies will surprise many persons. The important ones are: Canada, 5,525,000; Australia, 2,860,000; South Africa, 875,000; New Zealand, 815,000; which makes a total of 11,075,000 persons. There are, however, says the London Times, 20,000 white persons now going to the colonies to settle each month, as a result of hard times in England.

It is the universal testimony that city dwellers reach the highest age, being close run by gardeners and vine dressers. Ordinary agricultural laborers, although their occupation is so largely in the open air, are not conspicuous as long livers, except in France, Sweden and England. People working with wood are longer lived than those whose occupations are with metals, and both attain a higher age than textile workers and workers in chemical industries. The shortest lived people are miners.

The age of the race of giants is about to be ushered in again. Henceforth there will be no pigmies, for a wonderful food substance has been discovered in Chicago that makes men and animals grow fast and large. The new food is lecithin. Its qualities have just been demonstrated by a series of experiments by Dr. Shinkishi Hatal, professor of neurology at the University of Chicago. Dr. Hatal experimented with white rats, and by feeding them lecithin made them grow 60 per cent faster than they grow ordinarily.

Postmaster General Payne may make a complete change in the present system of mail wagon service between post offices, railway stations and steam wharves in the large cities. At present this service is carried on by contractors, who own the wagons and employ the drivers. There has been considerable complaint from postmasters of inefficiency in the service and their inability to exercise sufficient control over the employes of the contractors. The postmaster general will give the new system a trial in some of the large cities on expiration of present contracts.

Arrangements have been completed for the establishment of a department of forestry in Purdue university. Experiments and testing of the different trees and shrubbery in the United States will be the principal work of the new branch of the school, and the government will soon erect a large building and install apparatus needed in the study. An extensive tract of land will of necessity be added to the already large Purdue farm for the raising and cultivation of the trees and shrubs, and will greatly broaden the scope of the university.

The glasses which Secretary of State W. H. Seward wore when in office and when he wrote the emancipation proclamation which President Lincoln tore up, are in the possession of James H. Arnett, the well known labor organizer, of Kokomo, Ind. Mr. Arnett obtained them from the late Samuel Stratton, and has an affidavit to certify their history. They are interesting to see. The rim of solid gold is of peculiar, but very comfortable, construction. The lenses are of French manufacture and small. They are octagonal in shape. The bridge is also unique in form.

Professor Edward W. Scripture, director of the psychological laboratory at Yale, will not return there with the new year, but will remain in Germany, where he is pursuing special researches in several branches of language study, especially phonetics, following lines he had begun in his student years at Leipzig and Zurich and in his experimental work at Clark university of Worcester. Charles Hubbard Judd, for several years assistant in experimental psychology at Yale, is mentioned as his probable successor.

DECISION FINAL IN MILLER CASE

President Informs Labor Leaders He Cannot Favor Either Union or Nonunion Men.

Point is Made That All Classes of Citizens Stand Alike in Government Service—Personal Fitness Another Question—Has Deep Concern for Interest of Wage Earners.

Washington, Sept. 30.—An important conference took place at the white house Tuesday night between President Roosevelt and five members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, including President Gompers and Mr. Mitchell, head of the miners' union, during which the case of Foreman W. A. Miller, of the government printing office, was dismissed because he had been expelled from the local bookbinders' union and afterwards was reinstated by direction of the president. The principal topic of discussion was the question of discrimination against the labor leaders. The statement of President Roosevelt is as follows:

Cannot Discriminate. "I thank you and your committee for your courtesy, and I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. It will always be a pleasure to see you or any representatives of your organization or of your federation as a whole. As regards the Miller case I have little to add to what I have already said. In dealing with it I ask you to remember that I am dealing purely with the relation of the government to its employes. I must govern my action by the laws of the land which I am sworn to administer, and which differentiate any case in which the government of the United States is a party from all other cases whatsoever. These laws are enacted for the benefit of the whole people, and cannot and must not be construed as permitting discrimination against some of the people.

Must Be Just to All. "I am president of all the people of the United States, without regard to creed, color, birthplace, occupation or social conditions. My aim is to do equal and exact justice as among them all. In the employment and dismissal of men in the government service I can no more recognize the fact that a man does or does not belong to a union as being for or against him than I can recognize the fact that he is a Protestant or a Catholic, a Jew or a Gentile, as being for or against him.

Decision is Final. "In the communications sent me by various labor organizations, protesting against the retention of Miller in the government printing office, the grounds alleged are twofold: 1. That he is a nonunion man; 2. That he is not personally fit. The question of his personal fitness is one to be settled in the routine of administration detail, and cannot be allowed to conflict with or to complicate the larger question of governmental discrimination for or against him or any other man because he is or is not a member of a union. This is the only question now before me for decision, and as to this my decision is final.

Other Matters Discussed. The committee also brought to the attention of the president several matters of legislation in which it is interested. Among these were the enforcement of the eight-hour and the anti-injunction bills which passed the house of representatives at the last session of congress. The president, Mr. Gompers said, expressed himself as favorable to the principles of the short-hour work day and his deep concern for the interest of the wage earners of the country.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

Pleasure Party Run Down by a Train at Sharon Hill, Pa., and Five Persons Are Killed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 1.—A merry party, composed of about a dozen persons, was run down by a passenger train Wednesday night at Sharon Hill, seven miles south of this city on the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington railroad, killing five and injuring three others. The dead are David Farran, Sr., aged 60 years, of Sharon Hill; David Farran, Jr., aged 12 years; A. N. Farran, James Brown, aged 25 years, of Philadelphia; Jane Clark, of Philadelphia.

Massachusetts Republicans Meet. Boston, Oct. 3.—In the same hall which Thursday was filled with democrats cheering to the echo the oratory of their leaders, the republicans of Massachusetts met Friday to nominate their state ticket. The assembly was large, and the unanimous renomination of Gov. John L. Bates, Lieut. Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., and the remainder of the present list of state officers was made.

May Go Through Mails. Washington, Oct. 1.—Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden received a request for information as to the postage rates of cremated bodies and after due deliberation prepared a ruling to the effect that cremated bodies should be classed as merchandise and should pay the regular rate of one cent for four ounces.

Hanged for Murder. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 30.—Peter Lenowsky was hanged in the county jail yesterday morning. The crime for which Lenowsky was hanged was the murder of Anthony Senick.

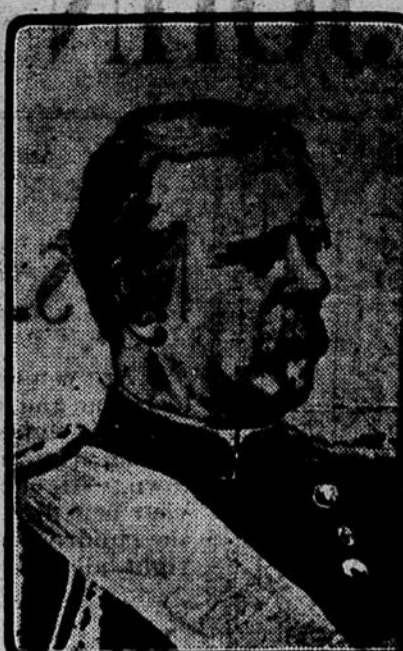
Aged Negro Dies. Springfield, Mo., Oct. 1.—Uncle Ben Youchum, an ex-slave, who, perhaps, was the oldest negro in Missouri, is dead here, aged 104 years.

GEN. CORBIN SHIFTER

Has Been Ordered to Assume Command of the Department of the East.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Major Gen. Corbin, adjutant general of the army, is to be assigned to the command of the department of the east, with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York.

The order for Gen. Corbin to assume command of this department will take effect at once, and it states that he



GEN. H. C. CORBIN.

is given command of the largest department in the United States in recognition of his services as adjutant general during the Spanish war and the Chinese and Philippine campaigns. An order also has been prepared in the war department directing Gen. Chaffee, now commanding the department of the east, to take station in the war department for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the duties of chief of staff, which he will become when Gen. Young retires in January.

DEATH OF A DIPLOMAT.

Sir Michael Henry Herbert, British Ambassador to the United States, Passes Away in Switzerland.

London, Oct. 1.—Sir Michael Herbert, aged 46, the British ambassador to the United States, died yesterday at Davos-Platz, Switzerland, after a long fight against consumption, which terminated with tragic suddenness. He was married in 1888 to Miss Lolla Wilson, daughter of Richard Wilson, a New York millionaire, and she, with two sons, survive him.

Washington, Oct. 1.—President Roosevelt was deeply grieved when informed of the death of Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador to this country. He and Sir Michael and Lady Herbert were personal as well as official friends and he has sent a personal message of condolence to Lady Herbert.

Sir Michael Henry Herbert has been British ambassador to the United States since June, 1902, succeeding Lord Pauncefoot.

CHICAGO CELEBRATES.

Observance of City's Centennial Anniversary—Grand Parade and Sports and Banquet.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The centennial parade last night, showing Chicago's progress in 100 years, was one of the most spectacular features of the celebration. It is estimated that 8,000 persons and over 100 floats were in the line of march.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—The jubilee features of yesterday were the reception by the packing firms at the stock yards in the morning, the aquatic sports at Lincoln park in the afternoon and the reception by the Daughters of the American Revolution at Memorial hall in the evening.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—The address of Mayor Low, of New York, at the banquet given yesterday at the Auditorium theater last Monday night rang down the curtain on the six days' programme of Chicago's centennial.

TROLLEY CAR SMASHED.

Crashed Into by a Fast Train in Chicago and Six Persons Are Killed and Eleven Injured.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Six persons were killed and 11 others were badly hurt when a Wisconsin Central limited train, going 40 miles an hour, struck a Chicago Consolidated electric car at the fifty-second avenue crossing in Hawthorne Wednesday evening. All of the victims of the accident, other than the motor-man and conductor, were race-track employes. They were on their way from the Harlem to the Hawthorne track to care for the animals stabled there.

The dead are: Bert Anderson, William Griffin, James Gallagher, Frank Ross, Fred Roberts and J. Williams. The trolley car was squarely across the railroad tracks when the fast train flashed into sight and there was no time for the doomed passengers to escape.

Stern Is Extradited. Toronto, Ont., Oct. 3.—In the extradition case of Leopold J. Stern, of Baltimore, wanted in Washington in connection with the postal frauds, Justice Winchester Friday directed that Stern be delivered over to the United States authorities for trial on the charge laid in the information.

To Meet in Indianapolis. Chicago, Oct. 2.—The executive committee of the National League of Republican clubs in session here voted an unqualified indorsement of President Roosevelt and selected Indianapolis as the place for the coming convention of the league.

REVENUES SHOW LARGE INCREASE

Treasurer Roberts Gives Interesting Statistics in His Report for Last Fiscal Year.

The Total Net Increase Was \$500,396,674 and Expenditures \$506,886,007, Leaving a Surplus of \$54,907,607—Treasury Is Full of Gold and Money Circulation Large.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, has submitted to Secretary Shaw his report on the condition of the treasury June 30, 1903, and its operations during the past fiscal year. The total net revenue for the year were \$500,396,674, an increase of \$38,988,439 over the year preceding, and the total expenditures \$506,886,007, an increase of \$35,782,034. The surplus was \$54,907,607, as compared with \$91,287,375 in 1902.

Treasury Full of Gold. At the close of the year, the treasury held \$893,068,869 in gold and silver on deposit against outstanding certificates and treasury notes, besides the \$150,000,000 in gold which forms the reserve against United States notes.

Treasurer Roberts places the monetary stock of the country on June 30, 1903, including gold and silver, United States notes, treasury notes and national bank notes, but not certificates, at \$2,688,149,621, an increase of \$124,882,963 for the year. The increase in gold was

TRADE REVIEW.

Reports from Various Sections with Reference to the Prospects Are on the Whole Encouraging.

New York, Oct. 3.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade says: "Mixed trade and crop conditions still present themselves, although some improvement in tone is noted where crop estimates, as in the case of corn, show expansion. Lower prices for cereals point the way to future large business and induce a larger foreign interest in our farm products. Trade reports vary with sections considered, the best reports coming from the southwest, the northwest and the Pacific coast. Spotted trade reports come from sections of the middle west. From the south the reports are in the main favorable as to trade and collections, but crop deterioration is widespread, except from the lower Mississippi valley. Falling prices for cotton, though a hopeful sign for our export trade and domestic manufacturers, do not excite lively satisfaction among producers. Among the great industries iron and steel show the effect of threatened over-production in proposals for a 20 per cent. reduction of Northern furnace output, rumors of like action by southern producers and quiet demand for finished products."

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "Aside from the reduction in blast furnace activity manufacturing plants are more fully engaged, and several encouraging reports are received, particularly as to footwear. Wholesale and jobbing trade is well maintained, many cities reporting a larger volume than last year, and business at Chicago is stimulated by the multitude attending the centennial. Latest returns of foreign commerce at this port are favor-

PRESIDENT ENDS SUMMER SOJOURN

Accompanied by Members of Family He Leaves Sagamore Hill for Washington.

Expected to Return to Oyster Bay Next Summer to Remain Until After the November Elections—Back in the White House Again After an Absence of Thirteen Weeks.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 29.—President Roosevelt's summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill was concluded Monday when at 8:30 he boarded a train en route to Washington. He has been absent from the capital for thirteen weeks and two days and returns in the expectation of remaining there, practically uninterrupted, until next June.

In addition to the president and his family the party included Secretary and Mrs. Loeb, members of the executive staff, representatives of the press associations and secret service officers. As the train pulled out at 8:30 it was followed by the cheers of the crowd, while the president stood on the rear platform of his car bowing acknowledgments.

On arrival at New York the president and party were escorted across town by a squad of mounted police. They crossed the ferry, arriving at Jersey City at 10:30, where President Roosevelt was joined by his daughter Alice, who accompanied the party to Washington.

Will Return Next Summer. It is the president's intention to return to Oyster Bay early next summer. In the event of his nomination for the presidency he will remain here throughout the summer and autumn until after the November elections. As yet he has perfected no plans for the presidential campaign. He has no intention of participating actively in it.

On arrival at New York the president and party were escorted across town by a squad of mounted police. They crossed the ferry, arriving at Jersey City at 10:30, where President Roosevelt was joined by his daughter Alice, who accompanied the party to Washington.

Back in Washington. Washington, Sept. 29.—After an absence of 13 weeks spent at Oyster Bay, President Roosevelt returned to Washington Monday. His special train over the Pennsylvania railroad arrived here at four o'clock in the afternoon. The president was accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Alice Roosevelt and other members of the family and by Private Secretary Loeb. The president was greeted by several hundred people who cheered when he entered his carriage. The president and family drove direct to the white house.

BROTHERS ELECTROCUTED.

Willis, Frederick and Burton Van Wormer Put to Death for the Murder of Their Uncle.

Dannemora, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Willis, Frederick M. and Burton Van Wormer, the three brothers who murdered their uncle, Peter A. Hallenbeck, on Christmas eve, 1901, were electrocuted in the prison here shortly before noon yesterday.

Willis Van Wormer entered the death chamber at 11:34:30, the current was turned into his body one minute later, and at 11:37 he was declared dead. Frederick entered the death chamber at 11:41:30; at 11:42 the current was turned on, and he was declared dead at 11:43:30. Burton entered the death chamber at 11:47; the current was turned on at 11:47:30, and he was declared dead at 11:48:30.

The entire proceeding from the start of the first man from his cell to the doctors' declaration of the death of the last consumed only 15 1/2 minutes, and no untoward incident marred the execution of the law.

Another Indictment.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The federal grand jury which has been investigating the post office cases Thursday brought in an indictment against George W. Beavers, formerly chief of the division of salaries and allowances of the post office department, and State Senator George A. Greene, of New York, on the charge of conspiracy, and two indictments against Scott Towers, who is in charge of a sub-post office station in this city, on the charge of taking a commission on the sale of typewriters to the government.

Murdered by Robbers.

Marionette, Wis., Oct. 2.—Gus Adams, a saloon keeper, at Nathan, Mich., was found dead in his place of business Thursday with three bullet holes in his body. The saloon gave evidence of a terrible struggle. It is believed that Adams was slain by robbers, who are thought to have made away with several hundred dollars of money carried by him to cash time checks.

Business Failures.

Washington, Oct. 2.—During the past nine months there were 8,176 business failures in the United States, with liabilities of \$101,855,865, against 8,676 failures and \$85,407,490 liabilities in the first nine months of 1902.

Mayor Indicted.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 1.—Harry H. Devereaux, mayor of Springfield, on Wednesday afternoon was indicted by the grand jury of Sangamon county on five counts charging malfeasance in office.

Murdered and Robbed.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 2.—George Blain, yard foreman for the Havens Coal company, was found dead in the company's office early Thursday, supposedly murdered and robbed.

PUZZLE PICTURE—FIND THE POLICEMAN.



THAT'S JUST THE TROUBLE—BULGARIA CAN'T FIND THE POLICEMAN.

LAST GAMES PLAYED.

Close of the Season of the National and American Baseball Leagues—Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs in the National league stood as follows at the close of the season:

Club	Won	Lost	Per cent.
Pittsburgh	81	49	.620
New York	74	55	.570
Chicago	72	58	.554
Cincinnati	74	65	.532
Brooklyn	70	66	.516
Boston	68	69	.497
Philadelphia	49	86	.363
St. Louis	45	94	.324
Washington	43	94	.314

Salvation Army Tour Over.

Cincinnati, Oct. 2.—The cavalry brigade of the Salvation Army, that left here September 15 for an invasion of the feud districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, returned Thursday after touring the mountains for over two weeks. The original itinerary was not fully carried out, but the workers report that they have opened the way for the work. Some of the mounted missionaries are still working along the route that has been mapped out.

Killed in Wreck.

Union City, Ind., Oct. 2.—One man was killed, one fatally injured, and five others received broken bones and serious injuries Thursday morning by the breaking of an axle on a lumber car on a Big Four freight. All the injured are tramps, and their names are not known. Thirteen of them were stealing a ride on the car.

Made New Record.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—An American record of 1:05 1/4 for 5 1/2 furlongs was set by McGee, Edward Corrigan's three-year-old, at the Harlem race track yesterday.

Receipts and Expenditures.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The government receipts in September were \$44,969,818, and the expenditures \$38,430,863, leaving a surplus for the month of \$6,540,000.

Nebraska Bank Robbed.

Byron, Neb., Oct. 1.—The Farmers' and Merchants' bank was robbed Wednesday. The safe was blown open with nitro-glycerine, and about \$2,000 taken. The robbers escaped.