

CENTURY'S GROWTH.

Banks in 1797 Numbered 25, and in 1897 There Were 9,457.

Capital increased from \$2,000,000 to nearly \$2,000,000,000—Money circulation in 1800 was \$4,000,000, in 1898, \$24,740,000.

The statistics of banking, currency, coinage and the production of precious metals in the United States are presented in great detail by a series of tables just issued by the treasury bureau of statistics.

An examination of the tables reveals some interesting facts. The earliest figures are those of 1774, which give the specie at that date at \$4,000,000.

The statements regarding the amount of money in circulation in the United States at various periods are equally interesting.

TAKEN IN BY IMPOSTOR.

De Wolf Hopper Wins and Dines a Man Who Pines Himself off as Hayden Coffin, English Tenor.

A man, evidently an Englishman, occupied a box at the Knickerbocker theater at New York the other night.

During the performance he sent word to De Wolf Hopper that Hayden Coffin, the English tenor, would like to meet Mr. Hopper behind the scenes.

The delighted Hopper invited Mr. Coffin behind the scenes, made much of him, and invited him to supper at the Lambs club.

Mr. Coffin arrived at the club before Mr. Hopper that night, made himself known, and was wine and cocktailed and highballed until Dennis O'Sullivan, of Francis Wilson's company arrived.

O'Sullivan knows Coffin. He declared the stranger to be an impostor. When Hopper arrived at the club the man was unmasked. He protested he was Coffin.

"There's one way to prove whether you're the real thing," said Hopper. "There's a piano upstairs. We'll all go up and you shall sing."

Mr. Coffin didn't submit to the test. He left the clubhouse. It is said he has been stopping at the Holland house claiming to be an English army officer.

LEAD PRODUCTION.

Large Increase Noted in This Country Balanced Fully by a Notable Growth in Consumption.

Returns to the geological survey show that the total production of lead in the United States from all sources during the past six months of 1898 was 166,113 net tons, as compared with 289,598 tons during the year 1897 and 264,994 tons in 1895.

The estimate of consumption for the first half of 1898 is 118,767 short tons. The figures presented indicate an increased production in this country, balanced fully by a notable growth in the consumption which is at the rate of 237,000 tons per annum.

SUCCEEDS WINNIE DAVIS.

Miss Hill, New of Chicago, Will Be Chosen Daughter of the Confederacy.

Miss Mary Lee Hill, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Gen. A. P. Hill, who was one of the confederacy's most distinguished corps commanders, is regarded by her admirers as the logical successor to the place held in the esteem of the southern people by Miss Winnie Davis as the daughter of the confederacy.

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FOUND A CHEST OF GOLD.

New Jersey Farm Hand Digs Up a Quantity of Spanish Doubloons.

Harold James, a farm laborer at Oak Tree, N. J., reports having found a chest of Spanish doubloons in a hole in the woods near his home.

Only a corner of it was visible. It crumbled at the touch and disclosed a number of gold coins. James got a spade and dug around the chest. He found it was about six feet long and contained besides money the skeleton of a human being, which crumbled on being moved. He concealed his discovery until he examined the place thoroughly.

Then, he got a sack and began carrying the money home. He has shown some of the money to his friends, and rumors say that he found anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000. He exchanged some in New York for currency and is overjoyed with his good luck.

GREASE AND TROUSERS.

Peculiar Cause of a Fight on a Trolley Car in the City of Chicago.

Robert Collins, of Chicago, had a new pair of light trousers Sunday. They had been delivered by his tailor late Saturday night. The following day he donned them and then started out trolleying.

The car on which he climbed was crowded, and Collins was compelled to take a seat beside a man who was busily engaged in devouring a large ham sandwich.

Collins sat down and the man with the lunch at once noticed the new trousers. He apparently admired their pattern, for he leaned over and fixed his eyes upon them.

Incidentally crumbs of bread and morsels of ham dropped upon the admired garments. Their owner saw the fate of his belongings and removed said man with the refreshments continued to drop crumbs upon the natty trousers.

Collins got up, and in loud stentorian tones announced that his "pants were no picnic ground for any old bum."

But the man with the ham and the eye for the beautiful had a friend who resented such language in a forcible manner. His name was Murphy, and he and Collins clinched.

GENERAL PROSPERITY.

George Gould Thinks All the Signs Seen Abroad Warrant That Prosperity for This Country.

George Gould, who has just arrived from Europe, said he was asked: "What is your impression of the general financial outlook?"

"Most satisfactory. The crops are as large as ever before. Everything indicates a return to prosperity. The railroads will have all the grain and produce they can carry. I see no reason why the stock market should not be buoyant."

"What did you hear on the other side about the contest for the American cup?"

"I am a member of the Royal Ulster club that sends the challenge. They are a first-rate lot of men, square and fair. When we lick them they will take it in a sportsmanlike manner. I hope we will keep the cup and have not any serious doubt of it. I know nothing about the prospects of the Volunteer being used in the trial races."

PROFESSIONAL HOUSEKEEPER.

Society Women of New York City Undertakes to Take Care of the Homes of the Wealthy.

Mrs. W. E. Wilmerding, prominent in New York society, has become a professional housekeeper. She has an office in a big white stone building in Fifth avenue, where she keeps a corps of clerks busy.

Mrs. Wilmerding undertakes to care for the homes of patrons who go out of the city and clean and refit them. She has plumbers, porters, housemaids, cooks, waiters, organized in an army. She arranges luncheons and dinners, polishes floors, puts in order cellars, fuses and furnaces, repairs plumbing, cleans curtains, rugs, carpets and blankets. She supplies groceries, coal and wood. She finds rooms, apartments and houses for those who do not know how to look for them. She furnishes a house from cellar to garret, and even does the shopping of others.

CZARINA DIDN'T OBJECT.

Allows Picture of Herself in English Paper to Pass the Russian Censor.

A photograph of the czarina nursing her baby recently appeared in an English newspaper, and when it reached the Russian censor the latter was a much puzzled official. He consulted with the minister of the interior, who was equally perplexed, and who decided to consult with the czar.

"The best thing I can do," said the Russian emperor, "is to show this to the czarina and let her decide."

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CAPTAIN WAS CRAZY.

New and Startling Light on the La Bourgoigne Disaster.

Evidence Called Out by Damage Suit Instituted by Relatives of Victims Shows That Capt. Deloncle Courted Death.

The statement that Capt. Deloncle, of the ill-fated steamer La Bourgoigne, was insane at the time the ship left New York has caused much talk in New York. The statement, as has been told, is made in answer to suits brought for damages against the French steamship company on behalf of relatives of 15 of the victims of the disaster.

The lawyers will make the startling claim that the mad captain of La Bourgoigne not only did not avoid danger and death, but that, pursuing a delusion that he and his ship were fated, he actually courted the tragic end that came.

In yielding without effort to a death he had predicted he sacrificed with himself the passengers on board.

These charges are the result of a personal investigation by Asa A. Alling, member of the firm, who has just returned from Paris and London, where he went to talk with the survivors and to consult with Lawless & Co., English solicitors, who represent the owners of the Cromartyshire, the vessel which was in collision with La Bourgoigne.

According to the statement of a member of the firm, evidence of the delusions of Capt. Deloncle in their possession in the form of a book wherein Deloncle depicted his own death and prophesied that he would go down with the ship at sea.

A member of the firm of Kennesson, Crain & Alling said: "We have ample evidence to prove that the captain of La Bourgoigne was a victim of delusions, and that his firm belief that he would die as he had prophesied made him court the tragedy of La Bourgoigne instead of seeking to avert it. This, too, explains the lethargy which pervaded the ship after the disaster and the lack of any attempt to save the lives of the passengers."

E. D. Lacasse, of Plainfield, N. J., who escaped with his wife, was formerly a French naval officer, and was on deck at the time of the collision. He has repeatedly said that after La Bourgoigne was struck he saw Deloncle and the second captain on the bridge. Deloncle never spoke a word. He would give no order to his sailors and made no effort to save the lives of the passengers. Instead of this, with the ship sinking fast, the captain stood transfixed on the bridge and gazed at the sky as if he saw there a vision."

RICH CALIFORNIA VAGRANT.

Although Worth Over \$50,000, He Found His Food in Ash Barrels.

Police Judge Conlan at San Francisco has found Peter Cunningham guilty of vagrancy. Cunningham is one of the most remarkable vagrants that has ever come under the notice of the police.

It was shown in court that he had deposited in local banks \$50,000, and yet the old man has for years made it his habit daily to visit downtown saloons and restaurants to pick from ash barrels food sufficient to keep him alive.

Cunningham was arrested by Policeman Langford for vagrancy. He was searched at the station house, and his pockets and coat linings produced a whole basketful of discarded bread, cakes, pies, meat, vegetables, toothpicks, pins, needles and papers.

The old man filed a vigorous protest against his arrest, claiming that he had plenty of money, and that he was entitled to live as he pleased. Bank books found in his pocket bore out his claim of wealth, and his added threat to have Policeman Langford dismissed from the force so preyed upon the officer's mind that a day or two later he committed suicide by shooting himself.

WANTS IRRIGATION BUREAU.

Report of the Congress Favors Also the Fostering of the Country's Forests.

The report of the committee on resolutions at the irrigation congress held recently at Cheyenne, Wyo., favors an appropriation of not less than \$100,000 for hydrographic surveys for the measurement of streams and the survey of reservoir sites; strongly commends the care of forests being by the secretary of the interior, and urges the formation of a forestry bureau and an appropriation by congress sufficient for its support and management; favors the creation in the department of agriculture of a bureau of irrigation and a liberal appropriation for its support; requests the congress of the United States to make sufficient appropriations to construct a watershed reserve near Butte, Mont.; and provides that a committee of five be appointed to present a bill to this congress regulating and establishing uniform methods for appropriation and control of the waters of interstate streams.

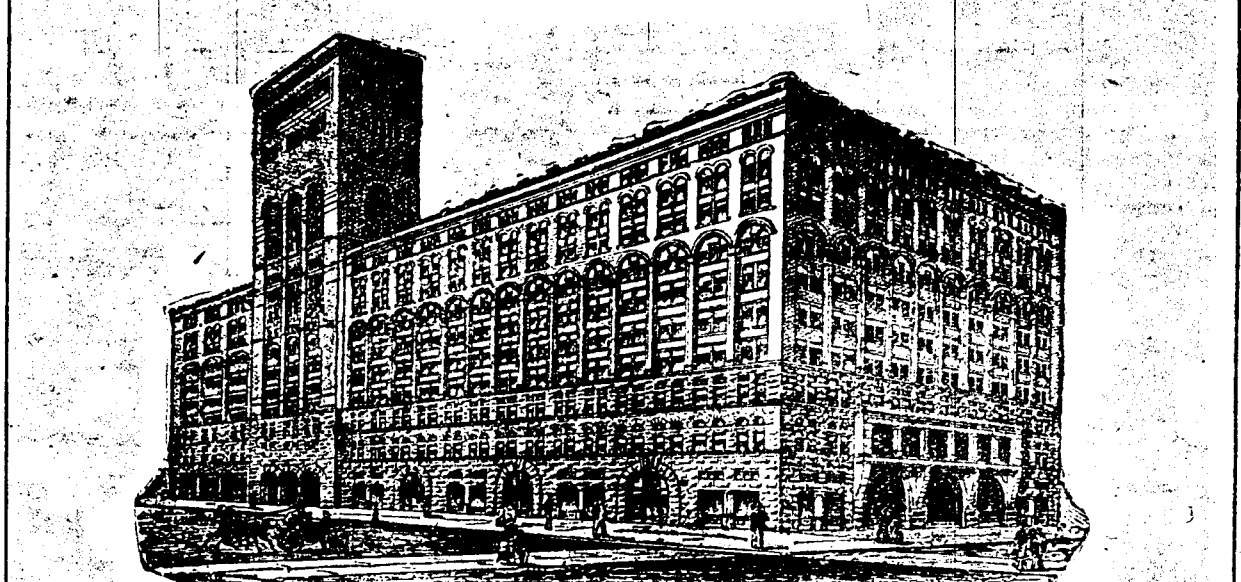
Low Natural Races.

The Australian aborigines are now ranked by ethnographers as fifth or sixth in the list of so-called natural races, the Vedhas of Ceylon being the lowest in the scale of savage culture.

No Strikes in New Zealand.

Since the legislative foundation of arbitration courts there have been no strikes or lockouts in New Zealand.

AUDITORIUM HOTEL CHICAGO.



La bâtisse la plus vaste et la plus massive au monde. Construite en pierres et en fer; dix étages; devantures à l'Est, au Sud et à l'Ouest, ayant une moyenne de 710 pieds sur les trois rues. Cet hôtel est à l'épreuve du feu, inspirant la plus absolue sécurité aux occupants en toutes circonstances. La salle à manger est au dixième étage et est la plus somptueuse connue du genre. Dans tous ses départements, le Auditorium Hotel est reconnu le plus riche du monde. Sa situation sur l'avenue Michigan, la rue Congrès et l'avenue Wabash, à l'entrée d'un des plus beaux chemins du pays, ayant vue sur le lac et le parc Michigan et à quatre îlets de la Poste et du centre de la ville, en fait assurément un hôtel hors de pair. L'Auditorium est tenu sur le plan américain et le plan européen, avec un superbe restaurant au rez-de-chaussée.

Auditorium Hotel Company, BRESLIN ET SOUTHGATE.

Bulletin Financier.

Mercredi, 2 novembre 1898.

COMPTEUR D'EXCHANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE ORLEANS.

Marginal cash \$4,834,370.00 \$307,499.00

Marché Monétaire.

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JAMBON-899.

Le Board of Trade donne les cotes suivantes pour le marché de gros: Les prix des denrées sont de 25 à 50c. plus élevés sur l'Europe, et de 2 à 3c. pour les autres articles extra haut de prix.

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