

CURRENT EVENTS.

Yellow fever seems to be traveling north along the Mississippi valley, and deaths are frequently occurring.

Hobson has succeeded in raising the sunken Spanish cruiser Maria Teresa and towing her to Guantanamo harbor.

The Dreyfus case still hangs fire in France and seems far from being "brought to a head." Trouble is liable to ensue.

The president has appointed a committee of eight to investigate the various departments of the army against which complaints have been made.

The great rate war which has been carried on by the transcontinental lines for some time past is now at an end, and travelers will have to pay nearly twice the amount charged a week ago. This settlement was brought about by the Canadian Pacific's acquiescence in the decision of the inter-state commerce commission.

Oregon's legislature convened in special session last Monday. The last biennial session failed to organize and Oregon has been without a senator. Quite a senatorial contest is imminent this term, but it is to be hoped that it will be of short duration and Oregon will have another senator at Washington this winter.

Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy, it is said, will shortly forward an ultimatum to the Sultan of Turkey, summoning him to accept Italy's proposal, which includes the dismissal of the Turkish troops, and thus end the Cretan question. If this is not complied with the four great powers will send fleets to the Dardanelles.

Resigned from Ministry.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 26.—Rev. Hugh Miller, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, has resigned his pastorate and left the ministry. He made the following statement to members of his church yesterday:

"A week ago I read my resignation. Today I desire to assign a cause. It is simply this: There is a movement nowadays gathering force called the Liberal movement. This I am compelled to join, since I can no longer hold the views of the orthodox church. I am not leaving the ministry because I do not believe in Jesus Christ, in the bible, in the church and in religion, but because doctrines held by orthodox churches I can not faithfully preach and conscientiously endorse in my pulpit ministrations. Therefore the only honest course for me to pursue is to step from the

pulpit and make way for some man who can do this."

The scene in the church when Dr. Miller made his statement was affecting. As he ceased speaking he walked down the aisle and left the church.—[Ex.

Civil Government Upholding Religion.

Sunday, the 11th, two newsboys were arrested in New York for shouting the name of a newspaper "extra," to attract the attention of prospective buyers. The magistrate before whom they were taken told them they had made themselves a nuisance, and fined them three dollars each.

But what makes the shouts of the newsboys a nuisance on Sunday when it is all right on other days of the week? Oh, it is religion—that religion which holds Sunday as a sacred day, during which everybody ought to keep quiet. There is no other explanation that can be offered.

The civil government of the city of New York lent itself on that occasion to the maintenance of a religion. This is an undeniable fact.—[Sentinel.

Are Unitarians Christians?

A writer in the Toronto Mail and Empire of Saturday last, speaking of a "joint memorial service in memory of Mr. Gladstone, held in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, at which Presbyterian, Methodist, Unitarian and Congregational ministers took part," says that "it certainly argues, if nothing more, a very lax hold on the foundation truths of the Christian religion to recognize the Unitarian ministry and Unitarian doctrine as even remotely connected with Christianity (the very name implies this.)" In short, a man who believes in only one god can not be a true Christian, according to this writer's point of view. Or, to put it another way, a man is not even remotely connected with Christianity unless he believes in three gods. "Christians" might very reasonably be taken as the fair designation of those who endeavor to "follow Christ" as an ideal, whether he were a man or a god; and in this sense the Unitarians would easily stand at the head of all Christian sects for their intelligence, culture and honesty. Indeed, the Unitarians are much too ardent worshippers of truth and common sense and freedom to win approval from the old school Jehovistic evangelicals.—[Secular Thought.

"Pa, what does that mean about that man being gathered to his fathers?" "Why, my son, that means that he went to heaven." "And are his mothers all in the other place?"

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