

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1902.

This Date In History—March 6.

1474—Michael Angelo Buonarroti, famous painter, sculptor and architect, died 1563.
1833—Slaughter of the Texan garrison in the Alamo by order of Santa Anna.
1867—Artemus Ward (Charles F. Browne), the most famous American humorist, died in Southampton, England, born 1834.
1886—Edwin Forbes, a well known American artist and a veteran war correspondent with the armies, died in New York city; born 1839.
1896—Philip J. A. Harper, retired senior member of the firm of Harper & Bros., died at Hempstead, N. Y.; born 1824.
1899—Princess Kaiulani of Hawaii died at Honolulu; born 1875.

Joe Simon has wired Governor Geer to keep his "thumbs up." They are up at last accounts.

Marshal Heathman is again plain Missouri John, but his star is not yet set although it has been laid aside.

The office is seldom found seeking the man, but this year, as usual, there are plenty of men seeking the office.

The latest count shows there are more than 11,000 bills before congress. Congress is a bill "fiend" and a bill nuisance of the worst order.

The Pendleton city government is once more free to look after the interests of Pendleton. No time should be lost in making a good beginning.

Malcolm Moody has a lien on the seat in congress which he occupied for a year or more without a murmur. However, Oregon has one lounge in congress.

A Kansas man prophesies that the dead will rise in 1915. He is the same man who predicted that wheat would go to a dollar a bushel in 1900. A prophet is never to be depended upon, even when he says he is going to pay a bill he owes for washing.

It is said in spite of Japan's rapid advancement there is not a single millionaire in the whole kingdom. Lucky Japan! But, she will have her Russell Sages and John Rockefellers in ample time. Two or three repacious millionaires of the right stripe would swallow little Japan at one gulp.

The rebellion is said to have broken out again in China. Now, that Miss Stone has been redeemed or rescued, it was to be expected that something had to occur to keep the newsgatherers from becoming indolent. A Chinese rebellion offers great opportunity for any kind of story telling for which one is best fitted.

The country press can do great work for Oregon by insisting upon the election of H. W. Scott for United States senator. He is the one man in the state best fitted for the office, but he will not "seek the office" and that is not popular with the average legislature in this day and generation, and it is because of this attitude that the demand has sprung up for the election of senator by a direct vote of the people.

A Swedish scientist claims that he has invented an apparatus by which milk can be brought into the form of powder like flour in appearance, and having all the qualities of milk in concentrated form except the moisture. And more than all it will be cheaper than milk and perfectly pure. If all this proves true, the milk man of the future will have to depend more and more upon the town pump and less and less upon the cow.

The Athena flouring mills failure smells of a job and a big profit for those concerned for less than a year's work. Fully \$20,000 is unaccounted for and yet the manager comes in with a claim for back salary. His nerve entitles him to a high position in some combine. He is not without capacity to conduct a stock jobbing business in Wall street, where talent of this kind is appreciated and where such virtue is not considered its own reward.

We have not heard that Prince Henry is "blowin'" his money in making his tour of Uncle Sam's domain. If Roosevelt should return the visit he would doubtless turn the German Empire into a Dutch republic, as we all know Roosevelt is a strenuous

liver. The president would cut quite a dash on a return tour of Germany with Emperor Bill as a chaperone. He would head a great show and it would play to crowded houses." Since nations are inclined to go into the circus business it is well to have a president who could shine as a ringmaster.

DEYANKEEIZING OF A STATE.

The vital statistics of Massachusetts, recently published in an official report, are causing considerable surprise and much discussion by the newspapers of that state. From statements printed in those papers it appears that during the year 1900, 73,386 babies were born in Massachusetts. Of this number 37,772 were boys, 35,614 girls; 23,006 of native and 36,062 of foreign parentage. The population of the state in that year was 2,805,346, of which number 1,959,022 were native born and 845,324 foreign born. On this basis the Boston Herald figures that while native born outnumber the foreign born by more than two to one, the number of births among the foreign born exceeds those among the native born in about the same proportion.

The same paper states that in 1900 there were 24,342 marriages, 10,965 among the native and 8,807 among the foreign born, but at the result of these marriages there were 2.1 children of native and 4.4 children of foreign parentage.

The rapid disappearance of the old American stock has long been observed in Boston, but from these statistics it would seem that the same process is going on in the state at large. It is not unlikely it is going on all over New England, and that the old Yankee type is rapidly becoming a mere matter of tradition.

The Boston Transcript, commenting upon the figures in the report, dwells in a melancholy way upon "the relative disappearance of the old American stock." It is disappearing in two ways. The large families among Americans which was the rule a century, or even half a century ago, are no longer known. The native New Englanders are little concerned about the scriptural injunction while the foreign born obey it to the letter and increase and multiply at a prolific rate in Massachusetts, as they do everywhere else. Ben Butler recognized this many years ago, when he predicted that the day was not far distant when Massachusetts would be a democratic state by the rapidly increasing foreign birth rate.

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NEWSPAPER SHORT STOPS.

It is now a little over four years since the country began to remember the Maine.

Botha has surrendered—but only on the London Stock Exchange.

J. P. Morgan has promised to give away \$25,000. That man will die poor yet.

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gue the southern part of the country to a standstill, and there are persons still alive who once thought a job of that kind could be done in three months.

The local newspaper, truthfully says an exchange, should be found in every home. No children should be brought up ignorant who can be taught to appreciate home papers. It is said to be the stepping stone to intelligence in all matters not found in books. Give your children one foreign paper with not one word about any person, place or thing they ever saw or heard of and how do you suppose them to be interested. But let them read the home paper and hear from people whom they meet and of places with which they are familiar, and soon an interest is awakened which increases with the arrival of every local paper. Thus a habit of reading is formed, and these children will read papers all their lives, and become intelligent men and women, a credit to their ancestors, and strong in the knowledge of the world as it is today.

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