

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF IMPORTANT EVENTS.

Month of May Most Conspicuous by its List of Appalling Disasters and Natural Catastrophes by Land and Sea—Record of Fires and Crimes.

A Backward Glance. Following is a chronological record of the most important events of the past twelve months: May, 1896, will be remembered as a month of disaster. On the 3d twelve persons were killed by an explosion in Cincinnati; on the 15th, 120 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 32 by cyclones in Kentucky and Kansas; on the 18th, 44 by a cyclone in Nebraska; on the 21st, 10 by a cyclone in Oklahoma; on the 22d, 5 by a cyclone in Missouri; on the 24th, 40 by a cyclone in Iowa; on the 25th, 86 by cyclones in Michigan and Oklahoma; and on the 26th, 12 by a storm at Cairo, and between 75 and 100 by the fall of a bridge at Victoria, B. C. Otherwise the record is not out of the ordinary.

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April. 1. Ten die by fire in a Brooklyn tenement. 2. Trains on B. & O. and Frisco roads held up.

May. 1. President Cleveland appoints Fitzhugh Lee Consul General to Cuba. 2. Unknown man kills Alvin M. Stone and wife, and wounds three daughters near Akron, Ohio; cause unknown.

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September. 1. Twelve killed by powder-house explosion at San Francisco. 2. Gold Democrats at Indianapolis nominate Palmer and Buckner.

October. 1. Iowa semi-centennial Jubilee. 2. Death of Du Maurier, the novelist. 3. Chicago Day celebration.

November. 1. McKinley elected President. 2. Storm of sleet and snow in Northwest and Middle States.

December. 1. Alarming ice gorge in Chippewa Valley, Wisconsin. 2. Strong indications that Cuban insurgents will be successful; Weyler fails in his campaign in Pinar del Rio.

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27. Fatal storms in South Dakota. ...Roofs past sentence of death upon leaders of the Transvaal insurrection; President Kruger commutes sentence.

28. Second fire at Cripple Creek, Colo., does \$4,500,000 damage and wipes out the town. Illinois Republican convention declares for McKinley.

29. Fearful loss of life by explosion of a gas generator at Cincinnati; nearly fifty hurt. Street car strike in Milwaukee.

30. Cleveland's sweeping civil service order protects 30,000 office-holders. Many points record temperature of 90 degrees.

31. L'Anse, Mich., has \$750,000 fire. ...Aahand, Wis., loses half a million by fire. ...Continued excessive heat.

1. Elven killed by explosion of boiler of raftering steamer Harry Brown, at Vicksburg, Miss. Bold bank robbery at Buffalo, N. Y. ...Big windstorm at Chicago. ...Methodists re-tire Hishop Foster and Bowman.

2. Eighty killed by cyclone at Sherman, Texas. Great loss of life and property by cyclones in Kansas. ...Five sailors drown off Gross Point, Ill. ...Blue Island, Ill., three-sweep. ...\$300,000 fire at Atlanta, Ga.

3. Nebraska cyclone kills 44. Oklahoma cyclone kills 74. Missouri cyclone kills five. Four Ohio families die by gasoline fire at Chicago. ...Cyclone in Polk and Jasper Counties, Iowa, kills a score of persons and does tremendous damage; Chicago and suburbs also suffer.

4. Over 100 killed by cyclone in Michigan. ...Forty die at McGregor, Iowa, in a cloud-burst. One hundred killed in street-car disaster at Victoria, B. C. ...James Dunham murders six people at San Jose, Cal. ...Car of Senator crowded. ...Calro, Ill., storm kills twelve.

5. St. Louis, East St. Louis and several Missouri towns swept by one of the most devastating storms in the world's history; 1,000 reported dead. Two thousand Russians killed in a panic at Moscow. ...Eighteen people die in a cyclone at Seneca, Mo.

6. Excessive heat in Northwest. Death of ex-Gov. Felch of Michigan. Earthquake in Japan kills thousands. ...Republican convention in St. Louis. ...Samuel Drummond and 249 lives lost off France.

7. Ten thousand lives lost by earthquake and tidal wave in Japan. ...McKinley nominated at Chicago. ...Silver men hold convention. ...Ten killed by exploding yacht boiler at Little Falls, N. Y.

8. Five killed by collapsing building at San Francisco. ...Death of H. B. Brewster, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, at New York. One hundred miners buried at Pittsburg, Pa. ...Six drown in Shawano Lake, Wis.

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10. Twenty-eight killed in wreck at Logan, Iowa. ...\$1,700 hold-up at noon in Chicago. ...\$300,000 fire at Nashville, Tenn. Five killed in wreck at Chicago. ...Four drowned at Lawrence, Kan.

11. Half million fire loss at St. Louis. Intense heat at Chicago. Hot wave sweeps the country; 94 degrees at Chicago.

12. Temperature drops 36 degrees at Chicago. ...Twenty-eight drowned at Cleveland, Ohio. Three lives and half a million in property lost by fire at Chicago car barns. ...Malvern, Ark., rased by incendiary fire.

13. Twenty-six drowned by cloudburst in Colorado. ...Serious floods in Ohio and Pennsylvania. ...Pulvis at St. Louis nominate Bryan and Watson.

14. Eleven die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst, near Pittsburg. Indiana gas belt swept by floods; three killed at Anderson. Fifty killed in railroad wreck at Jersey City, N. J.

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16. Furious heat increases; 72 deaths from sunstroke in New York and Brooklyn; 19 at Chicago; similar reports from all quarters. Seven killed by trolley accident at Columbia, Pa.

17. One hundred and eighty people die of heat in New York and Brooklyn; 69 at Chicago; 12 at St. Louis. Cool wave. ...Thirty die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst. ...Seven killed by boiler explosion near Alliance, Ohio.

18. Undertakers and cemeteries in New York overwhelmed with business; hundreds of funerals postponed; heat the cause. Death of Nicholas Crouch, author of "Kathleen Mavourneen." Whitney-Vanderbilt wedding. ...Ontonagon, Mich., destroyed by fire. ...National Democratic State convention of Illinois nominates John C. Black for Governor.

About Good Roads.

"Constant dropping wears away stones," and it is only by constant reminders by the press that the public mind can be brought to the sensible conclusion that good roads are among America's essentials. They are not merely wheelmen's wants, but wants demanded by the comfort and convenience of everybody. It does not by any means follow that because a man has not a team of his own, or does not ride a wheel, that he has not a direct personal interest in the improvement of roads. European countries have long recognized their merits, and for centuries in some portions have enjoyed their benefits. We, in America, have only begun to appreciate, and mainly in the immediate vicinity of large cities, their great importance.

The importance of the subject demands a much wider-spread feeling of interest. While the area of the United States is too immense and the population too sparse to hope for many years to come, for a general good roads system, yet great progress can be made in sections of the country where farmers are prosperous, and where they have occasion to use roads to a considerable extent in order to get the products of their farms to railroad stations for shipment to large cities and towns. Were it possible to estimate the dollar and cent extra cost for repairs to wagons and carriages, the wear and tear of horse, mule and ox flesh over wretched roads, and the delays caused in winter by their impassability, the aggregate would be startling, and would, we feel assured, aggregate a sum far in excess of what would be needed to provide good roads and keep them in good condition. And if, to the economy referred to, be added the increased value of property, and last, but not least, the comfort of farmers and their families, there would be overwhelming argument in favor of immediate action. The work is a stupendous one, when viewed as a whole, but a beginning once made and the advantages clearly demonstrated, there would be steady improvement.—West Chester (Pa.) Republican.

Don't Do It! It is stated that when Boadicea led her army to battle she wore a man's armor, but was always careful to leave her golden hair floating over the steel links that all men might know that she was not a only warrior but a woman. Queen Elizabeth, the most shrewd and prudent sovereign of her day, when she held important councils with ambassadors from other countries, not only, we are told, brought all her learning and sagacity to bear against them, but "tricked herself in her most splendid apparel and rarest jewels, using all little female arts to win them to her service."

Victoria has laid deep the foundation of her empire over her subjects in their affections. It is not the hereditary queen that they reverence so much as the modest young girl, the faithful wife, the good, kindly woman on the throne. The first lady in our own land has endeared herself to the nation not as a politician or social leader, but as a most gracious gentlewoman. It is a singular fact that no woman has ever long influenced the world as ruler, writer, or even reformer who shied aside her feminine weapons. The charm of a womanly woman is a real power. Her gentleness, her delicacy, her modesty are real forces. The girl who dresses like a man, who swaggers, who talks loudly, discusses risque books and smokes cigarettes is like a soldier who has thrown away his weapons before he goes into battle.

Her bicycle, for example, may be a good, useful thing, but she will not induce the public to approve of bicycles for women by appearing on it as an offensive caricature of a man. She will not win the world to her cause, however just, by disgusting it with herself. Why should any of our girls throw away the weapons which God has given them?—Youth's Companion.

Success in Life. If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.

The Colorado Desert. The most famous of waste places in America, the Colorado Desert, is popularly regarded as an empire of hopeless sterility, the silence of which will never be broken by the voices of men. But the great desert is the life work of the Colorado river. The scientific men of the University of Arizona have analyzed these waters, and found that the actual commercial value of the fertilizing matter which would be deposited upon each acre by irrigation amounts, in the course of a year, to \$9.07. What, then, is the potential value of the land which this river has created in centuries? The products of the region include oranges and the dates of commerce. The place is more like Syria than any other part of the United States, and the daring imaginations may readily conceive that here a new Damascus will arise, more beautiful than that of old.

With the occupation of the Colorado Desert, and of the great peninsula which adjoins it, a powerful impulse will be given to agriculture, mining and commerce in a vast region now little peopled. One of the inevitable consequences will be the rise of San Diego to the proportions of a large city—probably the largest in the southern part of the coast.—"Our Great Pacific Commonwealth," by William E. Smythe, in the December Century.

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TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed. THE pond is an ocean to the tadpole. It robs the world for a man of ability to live in idleness. Be a friend to the friendless, if you would keep close to Christ. When the world is at its worst, it will soon be at its best.

Keep the heart young, and the body will be slow in growing old. The man who wears a hair shirt bates those who dress comfortably. The inventor of pins did more for the world than the builder of pyramids. It is safe to believe that God is still against the devil, no matter how things look.

The man who has never had a wish to be good and true, has not yet heard God speak. We should use all the light God has given us, to help those who are still in the dark. How easy it would be to love unlovely people, if we could only see them as God does. It is better to have little talent and a noble purpose than much talent and no purpose.

A sanctified millionaire made the devil very tired in the days of Job, and the same kind of a man can do the same thing yet. The power of rum will some day be overthrown, with as little ceremony as the legion of devils went out of the Gadarene. Much of the trouble in this world is caused by the man with the beam in his eye trying to point out the mote in his brother's eye. Nothing pays smaller dividends in spiritual results than making a specialty of discovering the shortcomings of other folks.

If we could see men as angels see them, there would be as much joy on earth as there is in heaven over the sinner who repents. No man has a call from God to go as a missionary to the other side of the world, until he has done something for Christ at home. How it would soften the push of the door in the book agent's face sometimes if we could see the little hands that stretch out to him for bread.

Sleepless Fishes and Insects. The experts in the different branches of the sciences are now pretty well agreed that there are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during their stay in this world. Among the fish it is now positively known that the pike, the salmon and the goldfish never sleep at all. Also that there are several others of the fish family that never sleep more than a few minutes during a month, and which take no rest whatever during the breeding season. There are dozens of species of flies (mostly tropical) which never indulge in slumber, and from three to five species of serpents on each of the continents which the naturalists have never yet been able to catch napping.

Some years ago a theory founded on the observations of Leuwenhoek, Sir John Lubbock and others was put to the effect that the ant is another of the insects that are never caught asleep. At that time (1874) the result of these observations excited considerable comment, and it was declared to be "the only exception known in the animal world to the general rule that sleep is a necessary consequence of labor." More extended observations, however, have proven that there are several exceptions to the general rule of periodical slumber in the animal creation.—St. Louis Republic.

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HOW TO RELAX.

Cold weather, whether damp or dry, will produce, even if we are extremely careful, sudden soreness and stiffness of the limbs and muscles. This is much owing to sudden change of temperature from a warm room to out-door air. Cold contracts and warmth expands or relaxes, and it is for this reason that when one is sore and stiff from sudden cold, the application of St. Jacobs Oil brings immediate and sure relief, as it gives warmth and relaxation to the stiffened muscles and makes supple the sore and cramped limbs. With a vigorous rubbing with this great remedy for pain, no one need suffer with soreness and stiffness more than a very short time. It is especially the best remedy for suffering where we require a prompt cure, as it is particularly the best because its effects are permanent.

Mind and Health. The mental condition has far more influence upon the bodily health than is generally supposed. It is no doubt true that ailments of the body cause depressing and morbid conditions of the mind, but it is no less true that sorrowful and disagreeable emotions produce disease in persons who, uninfluenced by them, would be in sound health; or, if disease is not produced, the functions are disordered. Agreeable emotions set in motion nervous currents which stimulate blood, brain, and every part of the system into healthful activity; while grief, disappointment of feeling, and brooding over present sorrows or past mistakes depress all the vital forces. To be physically well one must, in general, be happy. The reverse is not always true; one may be happy and cheerful, and yet be a constant sufferer in body.

Termites Destroy a Cable. The French Academy of Sciences was informed last summer of the destruction of an electric cable in Tonquin by the attacks of termites. The cable crossed a marshy tract and was enclosed in a tube of lead. The insects bored holes in the tube and completely destroyed the insulation of the cable. It has been proposed to guard the cable against future attacks by enclosing it in an envelope of cotton and jute impregnated with sulphate of copper, which, it is believed, would prove a fatal poison to the insects.

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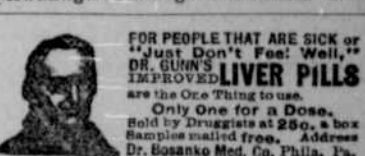
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