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ENGLAND SUCCEEDS RUSSIA.

New Arbitration Treaty Means a Diplomatic Readjustment. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Secretary Olney, replying to a question of the Russian minister, E. De Koztzebe, as to whether the arbitration treaty with England was offensive and defensive, or anything in the nature of an alliance, said that the question might be answered yes and no. That in theory and diplomatic acceptance it was not an alliance, but that it is an alliance in support of the Monroe doctrine, which England recognized by the terms of the Venezuelan treaty. "If the arbitration treaty is ratified," Mr. Olney says, "it practically makes Great Britain our ally for the maintenance and enforcement of the Monroe doctrine." The correspondent of the London Chronicle, commenting upon the above, says: "Mr. Olney recognizes that England is the more naturally ally of America than Russia, whose hitherto professed friendship for the United States is merely hatred of England. It is probable that Russia will do her best to persuade the senate not to ratify the treaty." The Chronicle, in an editorial, regards the foregoing matter as of the deepest importance and says that it desires nothing better than that Russia should take the course indicated. "The scales will then fall from American eyes," it concludes.

BRITONS MURDERED.

Slaughter of Consul Officers in Guinea Land. LONDON, Jan. 13.—The foreign office has received private confirmation of the news from Bonny, on the Guinea coast, telling of the massacre of Consul Phillips and his companions while on a peaceful mission to Benin City. The news has created a great sensation, as the victims are well known. It is stated in the foreign office advices that the party was unarmed when it left the consulate at Benin. They were surprised and massacred on the frontier territory of Benin City. The object of the mission is not yet known. Benin City is within the Niger protectorate, and is sixty miles up the river Benue. The population is 50,000 and is governed by a fetish priesthood, which is notorious for human sacrifice. It is thought that the massacre is possibly connected with the recent escape of the king of the Okria tribe to New Calabar, who was captured by the British.

COLORADO'S GOVERNOR.

Alva Adams' Inauguration Cost the State \$2. DENVER, Colo., Jan. 13.—At an expense of less than \$5 to be inaugurated Hon. Alva Adams, of Denver, became the 11th governor of Colorado. He walked from his residence to the capitol, where, in the presence of a joint session of the legislature, he took the oath of office. There was no public reception or demonstration of any description.

Venezuelan Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The last step, aside from the ratification of the treaty by the congress of Venezuela, necessary to give effect to the Venezuelan arbitration agreement between the United States and Great Britain, has been completed by the formal assent of King Oscar of Sweden to the clause of an arbitration convention which makes him the final arbitrator in case the other members of the tribunal are unable to agree. The congress of Venezuela meets in February and while there have been some objections raised in Venezuela to the arrangement for settlement of the long standing boundary dispute, it is understood they are not potent enough to prevent ratification of the agreement.

Ivory Indicted.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The grand jury in the central criminal court, Old Bailey, returned a true bill against Edward J. Ivory, alias Edward Bell, of New York, who was arrested in Glasgow on September last, on a charge of being engaged in a conspiracy to cause a dynamite explosion.

PATENT LAW PRACTICE.

DES MOINES, Jan. 12.—A correspondent at Laurens, Iowa, asks, "What liability attaching to an applicant for a patent who proceeds to manufacture the article for which the patent is applied before the patent is granted in case the application should be refused?" Answer:—As a rule when an inventor applies for a patent in good faith and he has been anticipated and that his invention is subordinate to a prior patent and then quitted, that is the end of the matter. But at the same time he would be liable if prosecuted for infringement and the general rules concerning patents will apply. But the fact that a stranger supposed himself to be the first original inventor of the subject-matter covered by a prior patent is pleaded as a mitigating fact that the courts will recognize and be lenient as possible to the infringer. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address.

THOMAS G. AND J. RALPH OWENS, Solicitors of Patents.

Bicycles are carried free on the French railroads when passengers accompany them. A son, however, is charged for the check. A one-armed man in St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for hugging young women on the street. The girls thought it very impertinent for a man to attempt to perform such a deed with only one arm. A fence composed of 300 elk-horns surrounds the house and grounds of Jay Haynes, at Mammoth Springs, Yellowstone Park. All the horns were shed in March, 1895, and gathered in the following June by Mr. Haynes. James Welton, of Double Springs, Ala., was assisting to lower the coffin of his friend, Julius Roberts, into the grave, when the strap broke, and the lower part of the coffin dropped, and the upper part sprang upward, striking the head, causing Company.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

AN IOWA CITY ROBBERY.

Long and Short Man Get \$600 Worth of Diamond Rings. IOWA CITY, Jan. 13.—In broad daylight two men robbed J. J. Barboza of six hundred dollars worth of diamond rings. While one man held the jeweler's attention with a watch that required repairing the other stealthily opened a showcase and abstracted the rings. The merchant detected the robbery immediately after the smaller thief left, and he locked the first man in the store while he summoned the police. The confederate escaped with his booty. The man in custody says his name is Henry Black and claims he is traveling for a "general furnishing" house of Chicago, but he refuses to give the name of the firm. At eight burglar entered a private residence and robbed a half dozen students. The most notable was the stealing of twelve gold and three silver medals, the complete set of trophies representing the sprinting championship of Iowa. They were the property of John Prall, the successor to John V. Crum.

CONFESSES THE CRIME.

S. W. Powderston Tells a Detective He Helped Rob the Sully Bank. GINNELL, Jan. 13.—S. W. Powderston, who was caught here recently by Marshal Terrell and held on suspicion of being one of the Sully bank robbers, has confessed. He made the confession to Fred W. Waggoner, of the Farley Detective Agency, of Chicago. Waggoner was placed in the cell with Powderston. He soon won the confidence of the fellow, who told him that he and the two fellows in jail at Newton robbed the Sully bank. He also said that a fellow not yet caught was implicated. He told about having a mallet and file in the cell and said they were put there by one of the freeman's hall. They were found and removed by Marshal Terrell.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Recommends "Tama Jim" Wilson for Secretary of Agriculture. DES MOINES, Jan. 14.—The State Agricultural Society adopted a resolution recommending to President-elect McKinley that Hon. James Wilson, of Iowa, be made secretary of agriculture. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. W. Field, of Odebolt; vice-president, John Covnie, of South Annapolis; secretary, P. L. Fowler, of Des Moines; treasurer, G. D. Elysson, of Des Moines; directors, J. P. Manary, of Fairfield; C. E. Cameron, of Alta; John Covnie, of South Annapolis; A. L. Plummer, of Ivy; Dan Sheehan, of Osage.

WITHOUT A SHERIFF.

Floyd County Official Figures in an Embezzlement. MASON CITY, Jan. 13.—Sheriff Fairbanks, until now the popular sheriff of Floyd county, has eloped with Mrs. George Fertig of Charles City. Their meeting place was at Dubuque, and from there they have gone to parts unknown. Mrs. Fertig, it is said, took \$1,300 of her husband's money. The wronged husband is after the elopers with vengeance in his eye. The board of supervisors will at once fill the vacancy of sheriff.

SPINNEY ASKS \$50,000.

Suit Begun Against John McHugh for That Amount for Libel. DES MOINES, Jan. 14.—Dr. E. C. Spinney, secretary of the Home Savings and Trust company, has sued John McHugh, formerly president of the Iowa Deposit and Loan company, for \$50,000 damages alleged by reason of "false, slanderous and scurrilous reports" circulated by defendant about plaintiff. The case is the outgrowth of troubles between Dr. Spinney and the Iowa Deposit and Loan company.

WINTHSET FAILURES.

Minburn & Bell and D. G. Kattiff Are Forced to the Wall. WINTHSET, Jan. 11.—On an attachment being brought by the Studebaker Wagon company against Minburn & Bell, implement dealers, the firm assigned. The assets are worth \$20,000 and liabilities are \$13,000. D. G. Kattiff, clothing merchant, was also forced by the sheriff. It is believed the creditors will get little.

Killed on a Hunting Trip.

WOODWARD, Jan. 14.—A sad accident occurred one mile north of Woodward, causing a young man to lose his life. Thos. Daymer, returning home on horseback from a hunting trip, accidentally shot himself in the leg. The limb was amputated, but the physicians were unable to save his life, the patient dying within a few hours.

Crushed His Life Out.

NEW HARTFORD, Jan. 11.—While engaged in chopping wood at the residence of Henry Inghalls, about three miles south of New Hartford, Charles Esing, aged 19, son of George Esing, was struck by a falling tree and so badly injured that he died.

Boys Held for Manslaughter.

ALBINA, Jan. 12.—The grand jury returned an indictment against William Franklin and James Hazlett for murder in the second degree. This is the Hickory murder case. It will be remembered that Joe Wright was murdered at Hickory church.

Sustained by a Jury.

CHEROKEE, Jan. 11.—The grand jury failed to indict Rev. E. L. Benedict for the shooting of Harry Mewhiter, which occurred at Larrabee on the night of November 9. The jury held that Benedict was justified in shooting Mewhiter.

Voted For McKinley.

DES MOINES, Jan. 12.—The electoral college met at Governor Drake's office and cast their ballot according to the 65,000 plurality received by McKinley in November. E. H. Conger was elected special messenger to take the ballots to Washington.

W. L. Hayes for Representative.

CLINTON, Jan. 11.—The democratic county central committee selected Congressman Walter L. Hayes as a star representative to the next session of the legislature.

DEPARTMENT STORE ROBBERED.

Burglars Get \$500 Worth of Jewelry and Some Clothing at Grandy Center. WATERLOO, Jan. 14.—The large department store of Jacobs Bros. at Grandy Center was entered by burglars and goods taken to the value of \$500. The stolen plunder was mostly from the jewelry department and included gold watches, chains and rings. From the clothing department the thieves seemed only to take what they needed for their own individual wants.

Webster City Failure.

WEBSTER CITY, Jan. 14.—O'Brien Bros., proprietors of the largest furniture store in Webster City, have turned their property over to the Hamilton County State Bank. The bank holds a mortgage of \$2,500. Other secured claims are in the neighborhood of \$6,000, while the total liabilities will reach about \$15,000.

IOWA CONDENSED.

At Creston recently Howard Wilson, son of Al Wilson, and Miss Fay Rawls, daughter of Dr. Rawls, broke through the ice while skating at Summit Lake. Wilson held Miss Rawls until friends rescued her. She was in an unconscious condition. Wilson sank before he could be rescued.

Frank Hickman and Cy Miller were arrested at Oskaloosa a few days ago on suspicion of complicity in the Sully bank robbery. The parties were offering goods for sale in Oskaloosa that were taken from the store of Boat Bros., of Sully, the night of the bank robbery.

Scott Lindley, county treasurer of Humboldt county, has defaulted for \$10,000 to \$15,000. The amount for two years ago last fall and was re-elected last year. He was without means and had difficulty in getting bonds, but his bond is believed to be good. Extravagant living is supposed to have been the cause of his downfall. His default was not unexpected.

At Des Moines recently Judge Spurrier decided the Prime-Guest case in favor of John E. Prime. He has ordered I. M. Earle, attorney for Prime, to prepare the order in mandamus, commanding the governor to issue a commission to Prime, as brigadier general of the First brigade, I. N. G. The decision means a clash between the courts and the executive department of the state. There may be lively times, if the governor deems it prudent to take issue with the courts, and carries out the threat made by Attorney General Remy, that the governor would refuse to obey the order of court, in case the decision was against him. It is possible trouble will be averted by an immediate appeal to the supreme court.

Des Moines dispatch: Harry Oliver, the 11-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Oliver, died in the school room at Grant Park, near the state fair grounds. Miss Florence Mills, the teacher, had just chastised the boy for some offense, and when he dropped dead by her side it caused a sensation among teachers and pupils. In the past the boy has fainted when angry and excited and at first it was thought he was in a faint at the time but when Dr. Curry arrived he made an examination and found that life was extinct. It is said that Miss Mills only whipped the child about the legs and that no marks of violence were found on the body. Mr. Oliver says he attaches no blame to the teacher. He says the boy was head-strong and hard to manage; that he was affected with heart disease and that he ran away to school in the morning without his breakfast because he was angry at his mother.

Mason City dispatch: There is no longer any question but that a remedy has been found for hog cholera. The farmers' institute of Rockwell, was visited by Frank Baumgartner, of Peotone, Ill., Division Freight Agent, Clemons of Dubuque, and District Agent Calkins, the two latter representatives of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Road. Mr. Baumgartner addressed the convention and said that the disease was neither infective nor contagious, and was produced by the disease feeding. He does not call the disease cholera, but malaria, typhoid fever or appendicitis. He is backed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Company, and a commission from the agricultural department will visit him in a few days. He has made public exhibitions at Dubuque, West Union and McGregor. He went into sick herds and absolutely cured them. He has gone into healthy herds and produced the cholera, allowing one hog to die and curing the others. Under the direction of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Road, he made exhibitions at Mason City, Emmetsburg and Algona. The farmers attending the institute were so thoroughly convinced of his ability to cure that had he had his medicine on sale hundreds of dollars would have been expended for the drug as hogs are dying in this locality by the hundreds. The state lost \$15,000,000 in hogs during the past year. The Milwaukee Road alone lost in this freight over \$1,000,000.

Hansen's radical headache cure cures nervous diseases etc., caused by excesses. The widow of the late Dr. G. F. Magoun died at Grinnell a few days ago after a long and painful illness.

Des Moines has a new hospital which is to be devoted exclusively to surgery. It was recently organized and incorporated by the Midland Hospital Company and the company expresses great satisfaction with the success with which it is meeting. It is a co-operative, non-sectarian, strictly professional institution, the staff including seven regular, four homeopathic and one eclectic physicians. A. L. Martin is general manager of the institution.

The two Taylor boys of Wota, aged 12 and 14, broke into the post-office at that place recently, and took some money found in the drawer. They broke open several letters and appropriated the contents. Their consciences smote them and they returned everything to the postmaster, who intended letting the matter drop, until he looked up the law and found he would be held liable for informing the postal authorities of the burglary. W. W. Eller, deputy United States marshal, took them to Council Bluffs, where they appeared before Commissioner Steadman and were bound over.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

FELL INTO THE TRAP.

Spanish Columns Moving Toward the Coast Led into an Ambuscade. KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 10.—A report from Matanzas confirms news of a defeat suffered by the Spanish at the hands of one of Gomez' captains. The Spaniards had an idea that another expedition was to be landed at some point west of Matanzas on the coast. Two detachments were set off to ambuscade the escort they thought the Cubans would send. This the Cubans heard of and organized a counter ambuscade. Four hundred Cubans were concealed on the road that the Spaniards were to take. After the Spaniards had passed a certain point, strong barbed wire was stretched across the road at two points to impede their retreat. The Cubans then began a rapid fire, while men stationed above a cut, through which the Spanish had to pass, hurled hand grenades among them. In a short time over thirty Spanish soldiers and officers were disabled. They rallied and returned the fire but could do little, as the Cubans were almost invisible and their own columns were badly demoralized. The Spanish columns finally retreated, orderly at first, the Cubans pursuing them and firing all the while. When the second wires in their rear were struck a panic ensued, the soldiers forgetting all discipline and running for their lives, throwing away guns and equipments. Over forty-five Spaniards were buried by the Cubans and 100 taken prisoners. The latter, excepting five native born Cubans acting as guides, were liberated. The renegades, as the guides were called, had a short trial and a speedier death, being cut down with machetes.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 8.—The steamer Dauntless arrived in port from its alleged filibustering trip to Cuba, the expedition having been safely landed. The officers of the vessel profess that they have merely been on a wrecking expedition, and say that they have not seen the coast of Cuba. A very rough trip was experienced.

HAVANA, Jan. 12.—The town of Arroyo Naranjo, seven miles from Havana, was captured by insurgents. The garrison and authorities made no resistance.

MUST SELL EXTRA LAND.

Property Holders Threatened by Proposed Kansas Law. TOPEKA, Kansas, Jan. 12.—Chief Justice Frank Foster, who has just been inducted into office, will endeavor to enact his famous campaign theory into law. He declared upon the stump that "the rights of the user are paramount to the rights of the owner."

Judge-Dexter's law partner, Henry McLean, has drafted a remarkable bill, which will be introduced early in the session. It will provide that no one shall own more land than a homestead if any other person desires to purchase any additional tracts of land. For example, Farmer Jones owns and lives on a farm and is also owner of another farm which he rents. Farmer Smith, who has no homestead, can go to Jones and make him a tender of a reasonable sum of money for the additional tract of land. If Jones declines Smith's tender, Smith can go into the courts and the jury will fix the price, which, if below the sum tendered, then Jones must pay the costs. If more, then Smith pays the costs of the suit. This bill, if it becomes a law, will absolutely prevent the ownership of large tracts of land by one individual, and will result in endless litigation.

RECEIVER IS ASKED.

The Great War With the Sugar Trust Takes On a New Aspect. TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 14.—John F. Krumler and Alexander Smith, attorneys for Thomas J. Kuhn, of Cleveland, and Arbuckle Bros., of New York, minority stockholders, filed a petition for a receiver for the Woolson Spine company and an injunction that would practically tie up the entire plant. Judge Morris issued a temporary restraining order and will hear the motion for the appointment of a receiver on January 25. This is a result of the war between the sugar trust and the Arbuckles.

A SNUB TO ALTGELD.

Retiring Governor Not Permitted to Speak. CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—The snub given to John P. Altgeld at the inauguration of John R. Tanner at Springfield is the talk of the city and state. Altgeld was not permitted to deliver the farewell address for which he was down on the program, and the insult was aggravated by the fact that Mrs. Altgeld occupied a seat beside the retiring governor on the stage.

The Final Count. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The electoral vote by states as the result of the meeting of the various state electors is as follows: McKinley and Hobart 271, Bryan 176, Sewall 168, Watson 18.

In the stomach of a cow recently slaughtered by George Dunn, a butcher, of Portsmouth, Ohio, were found six pounds of iron nails, hinges, bolts, etc. The neighbors declare that the cow had discovered that iron was good for the blood.

A manly boy of fifteen entered the office of a London merchant and asked for employment. He gave satisfactory answers to several questions, and then the merchant inquired, "What is your motto?" "Same as your's, sir," the boy replied, "just what you have on your door—push." He was promptly engaged.

The policemen of Bridgeport, Conn., are becoming so rotund that they are required to exercise in gymnasiums to reduce their weight.

The second wife of a man in Bangor, Maine, paid a bill for the burial of her predecessor by washing clothes for the undertaker's family.

Time is always too short to people who improve it.

When a man keeps telling a woman how much he loves her, it either bores her to death or else she can never get enough of it. It depends on the man. —Reflections of a Bachelor

MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Silver Men Fail to Show Up at the Indianapolis Conference. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13.—The national conference of representatives from commercial clubs of the leading cities to consider a plan for improving the currency, was called to order by Chairman Hugh Hanna. B. O. Stanard of St. Louis was made temporary chairman. He advocated the re-arrangement of the treasury notes and wanted the national bank law amended so as to permit them to issue notes up to the par value of the bonds they hold. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Fairchild addressed the convention, commending its purpose. Committee on credentials reported 270 present. C. Stuart Patterson, of Pennsylvania, was made permanent chairman. J. H. Walker, chairman of the house committee on finance, responded to a call. He said the question must be settled at once in order to avoid a cyclone in 1900. He said the legal tender notes could not be retired, but the current redemption of any form of paper money by the treasury must be stopped. Many propositions for currency reform were submitted and referred to the committee on resolutions. All plans submitted provide for the retirement of the greenbacks; increasing the national bank issue; allowing banks to issue to the par value of the bonds; reducing the tax on national bank circulation from 1 to 1/2 of 1 per cent, and favoring a direct redemption from congress maintaining the gold standard.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 14.—The monetary conference, under a debate in which Congressman Walker and Fowler seemed to be the only advocates of anything else than what was finally declared for, adopted resolutions in which the members declare for the maintenance of the gold standard, the retirement of all classes of United States notes, and for a banking system "that will furnish credit facilities to every portion of the country and an elastic circulation." In order that the conference's suggestions may be carried out, a committee is to be appointed to secure the appointment at the coming special session of congress of a monetary commission to consider the entire question and to report to congress at the earliest possible moment. If the effort to secure this commission fails the committee is authorized to appoint a commission of eleven members who will perform the work and report to a session of the conference to be called for that purpose.

RIVER OF BLAZING OIL.

Russian Oil Works at Purfleet, England, Burned. LONDON, Jan. 13.—The premises of the Russian Oil company at Purfleet have been burned, doing immense damage. Cataclysts of burning oil were poured into the Thames, illuminating the river from Greenwich to Gravesend. The Purfleet powder magazine and the Anglo-American Oil company, adjacent, were saved by the efforts of the fire brigade.

Pacific Railroads' Future. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Attorney General Harison was questioned as to the course the government would pursue in respect to the Pacific railroads, since the funding bill has failed. He declined to say more than that some action would probably be taken within thirty days. He believed the first step to be against the United Pacific, inasmuch as foreclosure proceedings against that road are now pending in court.

Fairbanks Got the Pinny. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 14.—Sixty of the eighty-five republican members of the legislature who took part in the joint caucus voted for C. W. Fairbanks for United States senator, giving him the nomination on the first ballot. Fairbanks was temporary chairman of the national republican convention.

BREVITIES.

Late Honolulu advices say that United States Minister Willis is very low, and his death is expected at any moment. The attack of pneumonia has led to other complications. The doctors have given up hope.

Simon Cooper, a negro outlaw who murdered three members of the Wilson family and a colored servant, was lynched near Sumter, S. C., recently. Cooper was captured by the sheriff's posse and was being taken to Sumter, when the mob decided to hang him. The deputy sheriff, aided by two men, resisted the lynchers, but were overpowered.

Chicago dispatch: The Times-Herald, whose editor, H. H. Kohlsaat, is believed to have the confidence of President-elect McKinley, publishes an editorial urging the election of Wm. E. Mason as United States senator. It says "the election of Martin H. Madden would be a menace to the McKinley administration," and concludes with: "Those who are not for us are against us. No friend of President McKinley can vote for Martin H. Madden."

Jackson day was celebrated at Chicago by the local democracy with a banquet at the Tremont house. W. J. Bryan made the principal speech.

In London recently the Article Club, an association made up of the leading commercial clubs of the country, representing an aggregate capital of \$7,500,000, the agents general in London of colonies, the heads of the government departments and many others interested in the commerce of the empire, gave a banquet at the Hotel Cecil, the United States ambassador, Mr. Bayard, being the guest of the evening.

It is announced that the Transvaal government has completed its bill against the British government demanding indemnity for the Jameson raid and is about to forward it to London. The amount of the Boer claims, the paper says, is under 2,000,000 pounds.

At Port Huron, Mich., recently Archie McCullum pleaded guilty to having made a criminal assault upon his own mother. He was sentenced to state's prison for life. Notwithstanding he had anticipated that his punishment would be lighter if he confessed his crime.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE. Washington, Jan. 7.—Mills offered the following joint resolution: Resolved, That the expediency of recognizing the independence of a foreign government, belongs to congress, and when congress shall determine, the executive shall act in harmony with the legislative department of the government.

Second, That the independence of the republic of Cuba ought to be and hereby is recognized and \$10,000 is hereby appropriated for the salary and expenses of a minister to that government, whenever such minister shall be appointed by the president.

Mills gave notice he would speak on the resolution on Monday. Sherman sought to secure the passage of a bill directing the secretary of agriculture to establish a uniform standard for grains and all crops, but Hale, Allen and Bate objected and it went over. Morgan secured the adoption of a resolution for an investigation of the disappearance of certain papers relating to the Pacific railroad from the file of the treasury department. House bill to amend navigation laws passed.

HOUSE. The house spent the day in debate of the Pacific railroad funding bill, which provides, practically, an extension for eighty years of their big debt of \$112,000,000 owed to the government. This bill is regarded as the most important piece of legislation to come before congress at this session.

HOUSE. Washington, Jan. 8.—The day was spent in debate on the Pacific railroad funding bill. More than a dozen speeches were made, but Johnson, of California, made the sensational speech of the day. He favored the bill and attacked Editor Hearst, of the New York Journal and San Francisco Examiner, and Mayor Sutro, of San Francisco, for their attitude toward the California members. Cooper defended Hearst and called attention to the fact that Johnson was in a republican district; that he boldly championed the funding bill and was buried under a majority of 5,000. He said it was the people who did it, not Hearst.

HOUSE. Washington, Jan. 9.—The house finished the debate on the Pacific funding bill and it is now ready for a vote.

SENATE. Washington, Jan. 11.—Perkins, of California, presented a project of California legislation against Pacific funding bill. Mills addressed the senate on the Cuban resolution. He attacked the position of President Cleveland, quoted the Monroe doctrine and made a strong plea for the recognition of Cuban independence. After Mr. Mills had concluded the senate drifted into a discussion of the constitutional question of the rights of recognition, in which Messrs. Allen of Nebraska, Hear of Massachusetts, Chilton of Texas, and Morgan of Alabama, took part.

HOUSE. The Pacific railroad funding bill was laid before the house. Amendment fixing rate of interest at 3 per cent instead of 2, as provided by the bill, was defeated. A substitute giving secretary of the interior and attorney general the power to settle the debts with approval of the president was also defeated. The vote on the motion to order a third reading and engrossment on the bill was 168 against to 102 for, and the bill was thus defeated. Powers wanted the bill recommitted to the committee on Pacific roads, but Dockey raised a point of order which Speaker Reed took under consideration. House then went into committee of the whole on the military academy appropriation bill. The bill was passed. Several bills of minor importance passed. Adjourned.

SENATE. Washington, Jan. 12.—The free homestead bill was under consideration and was debated by Nelson, Allen, Vilas and Peffer. Hill introduced a bill making the terms of postmasters four years, including fourth-year postmasters, as well as those who now hold their offices at the pleasure of the appointing power.

HOUSE. Johnson, of California, rose to a question of privilege and replied to an attack made in the Record by Maguire. He acknowledged that he had been indicted for forgery in New York thirty years ago, but had moved to California and tried to do right by paying everything he owed. A motion to expunge Maguire's remarks from the Record carried. Speaker sustained the point of order against recommitting the Pacific funding bill, and the bill is therefore dead. A little business of minor importance was done.

SENATE. Washington, Jan. 13.—An executive session was devoted to consideration of treaties between the Orange Free States and the Argentine Republic, the senate finally refusing to agree to the treaties as proposed by Secretary Olney. Bacon, of Georgia, made an address upholding the power of congress to recognize new governments, and made an attack upon one-man power.

HOUSE. After several minor bills had been passed the house took up a bill to make oleomargarine, butterine and other imitations of dairy products subject to the laws of the state into which they are transported. A big fight resulted and the bill finally went over without action.

SHERMAN AT THE HEAD.

Ohio Senator Offered and Accepted the Portfolio of State. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The Associated Press is able to positively announce that Mr. McKinley has tendered the state portfolio to Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, and that the distinguished Buckeye statesman has accepted and will be the secretary of state for the incoming administration. It is generally believed that Mark Hanna will succeed Sherman in the senate.

Macanlay's memory was so retentive that, after reading a book once, he could give all the salient points of it, and recite many long passages of it verbatim.

Something squeezed the ankle of a woman in Coffeyville, Kansas, as she was shaking a mat on the piazza of her residence. She discovered that the squeezer was a snake.

From five hundred to six hundred monkeys are annually imported to this country. Most of them come from India and Africa. The price of a monkey here is about \$15.

It is right to be contented with what we have, never with what we are.

Life is a battle, and the downfall of one man is the opportunity of another.

Let friendship creep gently to a height; if it rush to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.

Two water-coolers are in the store of a merchant at Cape Girardeau, Mo. One has filtered ice-water and the other plain and muddy river water. The first has given to cash customers, and the other to "cash payers." He had anticipated that his punishment would be lighter if he confessed his crime.

Almost Had.



Gus—Heav'ngs, Gawg! What's the mattah? Gawg—Mattah! Why, I novah came so near being offended in my life. The keeper of that cafe called me a liah and kicked me out. I tell you what—ah—Gus, it wouldn't have taken much moah to have made me wad mad.

Danger Envoins Us.

If we live in a region where malaria is prevalent, it is useless to hope to escape it if unprotected with a medicinal safeguard. Wherever the endemic is most prevalent and malignant—in South and Latin portions of Mexico and the Isthmus of Panama, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has proved a remedy for and preventive of the disease in every form. No less effective is it in curing malaria, liver and kidney complaints, dyspepsia, biliousness and nervousness.

A Parent's Advantage.

"A child," said the oracular young man, "can ask questions a wise man cannot answer." "There's one satisfaction," said the man of the family, "he can't ask very many of them without getting sent to bed."

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