

The bill increasing the pension of veterans of the Mexican war, who are now receiving \$8 per month, to \$12, passed the House on Monday by an exact quorum, 167, nobody voting in the negative.

The Emperor of Morocco wants to come to the World's Fair with his 6000 wives; but the St. Louis Post Dispatch says that somebody has alarmed him about Chicago divorce facilities, and if he shall come he will leave the partners of his joys at home.

MR. DUBOIS, of Illinois, introduced in the House Tuesday a joint resolution repealing the religious legislation pertaining to the World's Fair. The resolution proposes to leave the matter of Sunday observance entirely within the power of the authorities of the fair.

The manufacturers of the Remington typewriter last week paid \$10,000 for the first Columbian half-dollar issued from the mint. This is said to be the highest price ever paid for a single coin and will enhance the value of the whole issue to the World's Fair Commissioners.

NORTH DAKOTA takes the cake in the distribution of the electoral vote. One Cleveland elector on the fusion ticket has been declared elected by 181 majority; one Harrison elector by 8 majority, and one Weaver elector on the fusion ticket by 14 majority. Each of the three candidates will receive one vote from North Dakota.

POSTMASTER FIELD, of Philadelphia, finds it more difficult to get rid of his office than it was to get it, an experience that has fallen to the lot of but few office-holders. He has twice resigned, but each time reconsidered at the urgent request of the Postmaster-General, who is anxious that there shall be no change until a Democrat is appointed by Mr. Cleveland.

The contested election case from this congressional district between Greedy and Scull was decided on Friday last by a report from the Committee on Contested Elections, in favor of Scull. The action of the committee is in striking contrast with action of the same committee in the last Republican House which threw out every Democrat without any regard to whether he was elected or not.

THERE appears to be no doubt that Ex-Secretary of State James G. Blaine is nearing his end. He was very sick the latter part of last week but the latest news from Washington indicates a change for the better. It is evident that his real condition for some reason is being concealed from the public, but the prevailing opinion seems to be that his life work is done and that his death may be looked for at any time.

THE trustees of the soldiers' and sailors' home at Erie, Pa., have decided that the rule applying to pensioners requiring them to pay 50 per cent of the pensions to the home shall be so modified that a pensioner securing \$4 or less shall not be affected. The board of public charities will be asked to recommend an appropriation of \$50,000 for necessary buildings and \$40,000 for maintenance for two years. The old soldiers and sailors in the home now number 321.

A REMARKABLE jury was summarily dealt with by Judge Brentano at Chicago, on Monday. It was the case in which the mother of 9-year-old Mabel Angel was suing Brown & Co., contractors, for \$25,000 damages in causing the death of the child. The jurors petitioned to have whisky and cigars sent into the jury room, and receiving no response from the court decided to have some fun with the Judge. The result was a rather finding the charge against the defendants and awarding the plaintiff the ten damages Judge Brentano instantly set aside the verdict, administered a terrific tongue-lashing to the jurors, dismissed them in disgrace, and fined the nine chief culprits to an amount equal to their fees.

THE Nicaragua canal bill, which has held the attention of the foreign relations committee of the Senate since the beginning of the session, has at last been completed, and on Wednesday was favorably reported by its author, Senator Sherman, who gave notice in the Senate that he would call it up at an early date and endeavor to secure prompt action upon it. The new bill is drawn on substantially the same lines as the bill reported from the committee to the last Congress, including, as it does, a proposition to guarantee bonds of the company to the extent of \$100,000,000 to aid in the construction of the canal. The new bill contains, however, some additions which materially increase the obligations of the company as well as the security of the Government.

AN income tax, says the Chicago Herald, if honestly and strictly levied and collected, is as fair as any tax can be. It is a tax on possessions and not on necessities. It is proportioned to the ability of men to pay and not to the size of their families and the amount it costs to support them. It is a tax which can be increased or diminished according to the needs of the Government, without turning the markets topsy-turvy and giving speculators a chance to make millions in anticipation or in consequence of increasing some custom-house tax or some excise tax, as, for instance, the tax on whisky. It ought to be American to tax people according to their ability to pay. It ought to be an American to tax consumption and to put millions in private pockets by changing or threatening to increase internal or tariff taxes.

The high-tariff organs of Pennsylvania and of other parts of the country, but especially those of Pennsylvania, says the New York World, are very much concerned lest the Democratic party in possession of the Government, as it soon will be, may ruin "business interests."

They profess great fear that President Cleveland will be unable to control Congress. Just now they are fond of quoting certain selections from Mr. Cleveland's public utterances which afford them a degree of comfort. But they are dreadfully afraid of Congress.

Let them possess their souls in peace. Mr. Cleveland when President will have to tolerate it, and they ought to know that he is not afraid to use it. He will not be apt to consent to anything which he considers destructive of the real business interests of the country. But his view of "business interests" does not include in that term the privilege of fleecing the people under the protection of law which is so dear to Pennsylvanians.

That sort of thing will be stopped. Grover Cleveland cannot be cajoled to tolerate it, nor can the new Congress. It will be stopped as soon as possible. The duty of stopping it will not be postponed in order that the robbers may continue robbing.

We recommend to our high-tariff friends a rereading of President Cleveland's message on the tariff. Let them reflect as they read that he has been elected and a Democratic Congress has been chosen because the people want the doctrine of that message put into law.

This will be done, and done within a year. The Pittsburgh Times, Rep., of the 14th inst., says: "An interesting fact about the condition of the Treasury came to light to-day in rather a roundabout way. Representative Doan, of Ohio, had occasion to call upon Assistant Secretary Bussey, of the Interior department, relative to a pension matter. In the course of the conversation Mr. Doan suggested to the Secretary that it was rather a remarkable thing that there should be 200,000 cases on the completed files of the Pension office."

"Why don't you have certificates issued for these completed cases?" asked Mr. Doan, "if you do not, the Democrats will turn them out as fast as possible when they come into power, and thus get the credit from the soldiers that ought to come to us." "Well," said General Bussey "the fact of the matter is that a cabinet meeting was held especially to consider this matter, and were told that we must not issue any certificates or we would bankrupt the country. That is the simple reason why these completed cases are allowed to pile up in General Ramm's office. There isn't money enough in the Treasury to pay them."

It is expected that there will be at least 250,000 of these completed cases by next March. Nearly all of them are granted under the dependent disability act, and the applicants are known to be, in many instances, in needy circumstances. At the risk of causing prolonging want and doing injustice to deserving cases, the certificates are not granted.

The above, it must be remembered, is from a red hot Republican newspaper. A CONSPIRACY to murder by poison has been developed in connection with the Homestead strike. It was a scheme to poison by wholesale the non-union workmen at the Carnegie company steel plant, and the developments which have been made implicate members of the Advisory Committee, members of the Amalgamated Association, and officials of some of the labor organizations sympathizing with the locked-out men at Homestead. As a result of this conspiracy it is alleged that between thirty and forty persons lost their lives, while scores of others are still suffering, at their homes and in hospitals, from the effects of the poisonous drugs administered to them with criminal intent. Nine or ten persons, who are more or less identified with the strike, are under arrest, ostensibly on less serious charges, but really for the purpose of averting suspicion until all those who are claimed to be in the conspiracy have been secured. The only name given of those charged with administering poison is Robert Beattie, who was arrested at Louisville.

COMPLETE foreign trade returns for November show a more favorable merchandise balance than had been indicated by the preliminary reports published last week. The value of all exports was \$97,721,545, as against \$110,193,527 in November, 1891. Imports aggregated \$73,220,169 in value, as against \$64,890,507 last year. The excess in the value of the merchandise exported last month, therefore, was \$24,501,376, as compared with an excess of \$45,213,080 in the corresponding month last year. In five months of the current fiscal year, however, the value of the merchandise imported has exceeded that of the merchandise exported by \$1,279,430, while in the like period in 1891 there was an excess in the value of the exports amounting to \$104,963,491. Between June 30 and November 30 of the present year this country exported \$14,208,379 more gold than it imported, while in the corresponding five months of the previous fiscal year there was an excess in the imports of gold amounting to \$27,273,319.

It is probable that within the next ten days or so the strike of the river miners at Pittsburgh will cease to exist. The strike against the acceptance of a 3-cent rate, as proposed by the operators, has now been on for a period of two months or more and at least 7,000 men have been directly implicated. Of this number many were fortunate enough to secure work at the railroad pits, but there were others who since its inauguration haven't earned a penny.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16, 1892. Speaker Crisp's mail has been unusually large this week, owing to the unfortunate occurrence at the banquet of the New York Club, but he still maintains the dignified position he has occupied from the first. He has made no complaint and will make none; and neither he nor his friends have ever even for a moment entertained the belief that President-elect Cleveland had any other connection with the banquet than that of the chief guest of honor. As usual, the Republicans have tried to make mountains out of mole hills, and to make or appear to make a Democratic party was already divided into two great factions, with the President-elect at the head of one and the Speaker of the House at the head of the other. It is the wish to see the Democratic party divided that is father to the false statement.

Almost a sensation was created in the House, when the army appropriation bill for consideration, by an amendment proposed by Representative Anthony, of Texas, providing that no payment of salaries should be made from the appropriation to any person receiving a pension or allowance from the Government. There is a bare possibility that the silver question may be taken up in the House this session, but is not very probable. The subject was discussed at the meeting of the House-commerce committee this week, and in response to a proposition that the House be given an opportunity to vote on the bill proposing the repeal of the Sherman silver law, Mr. Blaine said he was perfectly willing, provided that it be offered as an amendment to his free coinage bill, now on the calendar, and that afterwards the House be given an opportunity to vote on the measure. The committee will consider this proposition further at its next meeting.

Senator Vest's resolution providing for a commission to investigate an agreement with the five civilized tribes of Indians for them to take up land in severalty and sell the remainder to the Government so that it might be opened for settlement has been the basis of some interesting talk in the Senate, showing that while there are differences of opinion as to just how they shall be abolished there is practical unanimity in the belief that the present separate and independent government maintained by those Indians must give way to a Territorial government. The Senators express themselves wishing that the logic of the situation should be imposed upon the Indians so that they will themselves see the wisdom of a change, and there are some who are ready to support a movement towards forcing a change, without regard to the wishes of the Indians.

The investigation of the present condition of the Treasury and the probable future revenues of the Government under existing laws, which the House has taken up in the committee on Ways and Means to make, will not begin until after the first of the year, as the committee has decided that it will save time and give a better basis to complete reports, by not taking the figures at the close of business on December 31, which ends the first half of the fiscal year. Meanwhile, members of the committee are hard at work getting themselves thoroughly posted in the matters with which the investigation will deal. Secretary Foster has informed the House committee on Appropriations that there will surely be an available balance in the Treasury at the close of the current fiscal year.

Senator Daniel has offered a resolution instructing the civil service commission to publish a pamphlet giving in detail the names of all persons in the classified service and those outside of it; also a statement showing which states already have their full quota of Federal officeholders, and the number of Federal officeholders, and the number of those in the classified service and those outside of it. The investigation will deal with the matters with which the investigation will deal. Secretary Foster has informed the House committee on Appropriations that there will surely be an available balance in the Treasury at the close of the current fiscal year.

SEVEN MEN SHOT DEAD. CHEYENNE, WYO., Dec. 20.—Meager particulars have reached here by rail of the killing of seven persons in the Big Horn basin a few days ago. The basin is near the Yellowstone park and is inaccessible from the south during the winter. Hyattville, the scene of the trouble, is 15 miles from the railroad. Bill Nutcher and Jim Huff went into the basin to hunt for cattle thieves. Nutcher is himself now under bonds on charge of horse stealing in Fremont county, while Huff is said to be a Deputy United States Marshal. It is said these men came across three alleged cattle thieves. The encounter was desperate from the very start, being maintained by Winchester and six shotguns. Upon its conclusion not only the cattle thieves, but the officers lawfully engaged on their prairie, everybody completely ridged with bullets. The names of the cattle thieves have not been received here.

REVOLT OF YAKI INDIANS. DENVER, N. M., 18.—Yaqi Indians and ignorant Mexicans in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, have abandoned their homes and taken refuge in a stronghold in the Sierra Madre mountains. The trouble arose from some of the Temochians, who were swept out of existence by the Federal troops, and the fear of a like fate for themselves. The discontent has been created into religious fanaticism by a certain young girl named Anita, whom they worship, and who urges them to revolt against Diaz as the only means of salvation. More than 800 troops, under General Rangel, were sent to the mountains to crush the rebellion. The Yaqi revolts heretofore have been very destructive. More than 200 innocent Mexicans are reported to have joined the Yaqis.

ONE THING AT A TIME. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A bill was introduced in the House to-day by Mr. Anthony, of Texas, providing that no person receiving pay from the naval or military service of the United States, whether as commissioned or non-commissioned officer, enlisted man or civilian employee, shall not receive any pay whatsoever from the government for any other service. The bill provides, however, that retired officers and men who do not receive from the government more than \$300 per annum may be employed by the government in any other service, where the pay does not exceed \$725 a year, and if an officer or man accepts a position under the government where the compensation is greater than this, he is to resign as a retired officer.

A SQUAW HANGED BY THE THUMB. DENVER, Dec. 19.—There is considerable excitement at the Indian village near here over the thumb-hanging of an old squaw by the Governor of the village. The squaw, it is claimed, had injured the white tribe with her witchery and one week ago the governor ordered that she be taken and hung up by the thumb for evil that had come from her black art. She was cut down in opposition to the commands of the governor. He ordered the men who cut her down arrested, but the offenders had armed themselves and threatened resistance. A conflict was only averted Saturday by the Governor promising not to again hang the old woman. A troop of cavalry has been ordered to the scene from Wintgate.

DURING the past two weeks many valuable tracts of coal land south of Fayette county, have been sold. The aggregate consideration named in the deeds is about \$5,000,000.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—About 2,000 loaded coal cars stand upon the Reading's track in the vicinity of Palo Alto.

—Twenty-five horsemen of near Reading and 20 hounds chased a fox 20 miles but didn't get him.

—A calf born in Washington township, Snyder county, has three eyes, three nostrils and three horns.

—Happy and content is a home with "The Republic" as a lamp with the light of the morning. Catalogues, write Rochester, Laing Co., New York.

—There are in Pennsylvania eighty-four banks, seventy-five trust companies and sixteen savings fund associations, a total of 175.

—Among the costly things in the Sultan's treasure house at Constantinople are children's cradles of pure gold, inlaid with precious stones and diamonds covered with cloth of gold, embroidered with pearls.

—Ernest F. Eckert, confidential clerk for H. E. Roe & Co., pork packers, of Pittsburgh, was arrested on Saturday charged with embezzlement of from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The thefts are said to extend over a period of more than five years.

—Because John Scaries, aged 20 years, of Stevens Mill, could not locate the wild tales of personal adventure in the West told by Peter Ahnes, a Texas aged 31 years, the latter stabbed Scaries and the victim now lies dying at his home.

—Winter was wedded to May Friday when Nathan Keweenaw, a wealthy farmer, of West Chester, Pa., aged 85 years, led to the altar Miss Sadie Sharp, who is not yet 30. The lovers had kept their intentions a secret and the friends of both were astonished.

—A fight occurred in the state penitentiary at Jackson, Mich., between a convict and one of the keepers. A ring was formed and the two men fought to a finish. The keeper was whipped. The other convicts baffled all attempts of the authorities to intervene.

—The New York Legislative committee that investigated the Reading railroad combine will recommend the annulment of the franchise of the Lehigh Valley railroad and other roads operating in New York that have been leased to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

—The fact that of the 7025 persons who were killed on the steam railroads of this country during the past year, no less than 2500 were railway employes, shows the peril attaching to that occupation. The fatalities to passengers, on the other hand, numbered only 500 which is a very small percentage of the 31,183,588 who were carried during the twelve months.

—A Belleaire, Ohio, special says: The Belmont coal mines, which are the largest of this city were set on fire Monday morning, the timbers being saturated with coal oil. The fire is still raging. It is supposed that several tanks are exploded. The loss will reach \$40,000. The flames cannot be suppressed by water.

—Frederick McGuire, who murdered Mrs. Amelia Gregory near Middletown, N. Y., on October 14, 1891, to steal \$120 from her home, was successfully electrocuted at the State Prison at Auburn, N. Y., on December 18. He confessed to the crime and a female friend named Sarah Brown urged him to commit the crime.

—The Cooley jury at Uniontown on Saturday acquitted the father, Lida Cooley, found the mother and two daughters guilty of the crime of seven counts, and the son, Robert Cooley, guilty of the same crime. Lida Pastorius, the common law wife of the dead outlaw, Frank Cooley, was found guilty on one charge and acquitted on another, while John H. Pastorius was convicted on a single charge. All the indictments were for receiving stolen goods.

—Robert Beatty, who is charged with complicity in the plot to poison the Homestead men at the Carnegie mills, had a hearing before Alderman McMasters in Pittsburgh on Saturday and was held in \$5,000 bail for court on two informations against him. The evidence leaves no doubt of the existence of a plot to poison the Homestead workmen, but the drugs were administered, it is said, to make the men sick and thus break up the strike.

—Celia Boyd, a nineteen-year-old girl of Kittanning, Pa., is in jail charged with murder. On Sunday morning she went to her aunt, Mrs. Philip Boyd, and said she wanted to get a revolver to shoot any man who followed her. Mrs. Boyd's son, John Boyd, who is in jail charged with the murder, on Sunday morning she went to her aunt, Mrs. Philip Boyd, and said she wanted to get a revolver to shoot any man who followed her. Mrs. Boyd's son, John Boyd, who is in jail charged with the murder, on Sunday morning she went to her aunt, Mrs. Philip Boyd, and said she wanted to get a revolver to shoot any man who followed her.

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