

VENTURING OVER THE MEXICAN BORDER, Louis Poldert and son, of Peos county, Texas, were murdered by outlaws.

THE new treaty with Japan is now before the senate, and it is expected that it will be ratified within a fortnight.

AS the result of a feud between Seminoles and settlers, five Indians were murdered in their cabin, near Santa Rosa, Mexico.

JAMES BROWN, who left Pittston, penniless, eight years ago, now owns the controlling interest in a silver mine in Colorado worth nearly a million.

A DISPATCH to the Central News from Antong says that a Japanese division on Monday, December 10, defeated the Chinese under General Ito near Kin Kwa Hu. The Chinese lost 100 killed and a large number wounded. The Japanese whose loss was only forty killed and wounded, captured two cannons, ten prisoners and a large number of rifles. Four thousand Chinese were engaged. Chinese are concentrating at Foo Chow and a Japanese brigade under General Noge is marching to attack them.

A TOKYO dispatch says Japan has notified China that no further peace proposals will be considered unless made by a regularly accredited Ambassador from the Chinese court. At the same time Japan reminds China that it is not Japan but China that is suing for peace. Japan is dissatisfied with China's temporizing policy, and claims that China is seeking concessions in advance of a formal conference looking to a settlement.

THE London Central News says that China has been offered all the money that the treaty powers are likely to allow Japan to claim as indemnity on the basis of a four and a half per cent. gold loan secured by the uncharged revenues of the treaty ports.

THE Democratic party has had many defeats, but in 1896 it will come up to the surface as serenely as ever, and without a scar on its escutcheon. It has outlived many parties and will outlive many more. It is the party of the people—its principals are eternal. They are the principles on which the government is founded. It is on the side of the plain people, the producers, against the classes who through trusts and combination seek to control the industrial activity of a free people. Strike down the Democratic party, and you strike a blow at the liberties of the people, and give broader leeway to those who would enslave the workingman of the country by the scheme of centralization and consolidation. Yes, the Democratic party will survive the crash and wreck of all other parties, and will live as long as liberty itself has a name in the government of a free people.

THE Pension Bureau will hereafter refuse pensions to widows whose income, from other sources, added to the proceeds of a reasonable effort on their part, afford them comfortable support.

THIS policy is provided for in a ruling of Assistant Secretary Reynolds based on the June 27, 1890, act. In his decision the assistant secretary says:

"It was evidently the intention of congress to supplement the widow's income of support from her own labor and all other sources by the pension only when such means were insufficient for her comfortable support. Under ordinary circumstances, without intention to lay down an arbitrary and inflexible rule, when a widow is shown to have an income considerably in excess of the pension, provided by the strictness of the act, from sources independent of her daily labor she does not occupy a pensionable status thereunder."

SENATOR MORGAN occupied the attention of the senate on Monday for two hours in a speech in favor of the bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. He expressed himself favorably to government ownership in the enterprise, and declared that prompt action should be taken, as to abandon the project now would be dereliction the people would not forget. Senator Cull introduced two resolutions of interest, one requesting the government to commence negotiation with Spain for the recognition of Cuba's independence, and for the guarantee by the United States of the payment of the sum as shall be agreed on between the United States and Spain for Spain's relinquishment of her control of Cuba. The other resolution declared that the interests of the world require that all governments shall unite in negotiating with China and Japan for a settlement of the war.

THE state association of county commissioners in session directed its legislative committee to draft bills for the passage of an act requiring constables to make returns to the court only when violations of law have occurred; to omit registration of voters in December; requiring assessors to make the changes on their September books for the February election; to repeal the act of 1893 regulating and establishing the fees of aldermen, magistrates, constables, etc.; providing for the certification to the state of mortgages, etc., held by any company paying taxes direct to the state; to repeal that portion of the act of 1871 which provides for the payment of costs in discharged cases and to amend the law so as to compel a convicted criminal to serve at least 30 days in jail for nonpayment of costs before being released as an insolvent debtor, and to repeal the act providing for the enrollment of persons liable to military duty.

THE State Forestry bill, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, proposes to establish three forest reservations, one in Pike, Monroe, Luzerne or Lackawanna counties; a second in Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Centre or Potter counties, and the third in Clearfield, Elk, Cameron, McKean or Forest counties.

THE first will cover the headwaters of the Delaware, the Lehigh and the North Branch of the Susquehanna; the second the West Branch of the Susquehanna, and the third both the streams which flow into the Susquehanna and those like the Allegheny river, which eventually flow into the Ohio and find an outlet in the Gulf of Mexico. A glance at the map will show that the water ways of many states besides those of Pennsylvania will be served by the establishment of these extensive forest reservations to Northern Pennsylvania.

THE bill also provides that at least 50 per cent. of the land to be embraced in these reservations shall have an altitude of at least 800 feet above the sea, and it is furthermore proposed that the attention of the public shall be called to the importance of this region as a public sanitarium. The discovery of the beauty and the healthfulness of the mountain regions of Pennsylvania, a discovery that has practically been made by the Forestry commission, will be a great benefit to the people of the region and to the residents of Pennsylvania cities. For several years the hay fever victims, sufferers from asthma, malaria and other complaints have been making long journeys in search of relief, when within six hours, ride of Philadelphia they could find everything except the crowds that they find at Bethlehem or any of the popular mountain resorts.

THE intelligence of the state will throw all its influence in favor of the forestry bill and the benefits to be derived from it, the protection from the water supplies of cities and towns, the prevention of disastrous floods and the preservation of the forests, and will cause to be numbered among the friends of the measure all those persons who must see a direct and immediate return for any outlay.

NO DEMOCRAT, says the St. Paul Globe, need worry a minute over the defeat of November 6. It will result in immense gain to the party in the end. The spectacle is one never before witnessed in American politics—that of a party wholly without a policy winning a victory of stupendous proportions. The voters drove the Democratic party from power after 18 months of hard times without stopping to inquire the cause of the depression. The Democratic head was up, and the voter hit it. Had a Republican administration been in power the landslide would have been just as great the other way. The victory was won simply on the calamity howl, and when the people come to study the causes of the panic of 1893 calmly they will not be slow to reverse the verdict of November 6.

ASK any Republican to day what the policy of his party is, and he will not be likely to say anything further than "to get the Democrats out!" That is good as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough to keep any party long enough in power. Republican papers admit that there is no intention of doing anything with tariff, and a majority of them are not in favor of further legislation upon silver. Both of the great questions of the day are thus put upon the shelf. What, then, is the Republican majority in the lower house of congress going to do but draw \$5,000 a year each? In saying that the party is without a policy the Globe does not mean to hint that it will not be industrious and very entertaining. A glance at the list of cranks and nonentities elected to sit in congressional seats at once suggests that there will be introduced in the Fifty-fourth congress more foolish silver and other money bills than this country ever before dreamed of. The American people will in 1896 make haste to dethrone this accidental congress of a period of panic.

IF it were not that the Populists hold the balance of power in the senate, and that a Democratic executive is in the White House, the Republican party, says the Chicago Times, would be in full possession of government everywhere except in a few southern states. Wherein certain of the northern states overwhelming Republican general assemblies have been chosen, there still abide Democratic executives who may interpose vetoes against radical legislation.

WHAT will the Republican party do with its tremendous power to legislate in the states? Will Iowa re-enact Prohibition? Will Wisconsin place the Penitentiary law anew upon its statute? Will New York take from the city the essential of home rule? How far will the Republican party go on what is popularly called sumptuary legislation? How far will it go in restriction of religious freedom?

SHREW party managers will not let it go far, but the majority in all the legislatures is so pronounced that steering committees will not be able wholly to steer. Within the next two years we may look for some extraordinary efforts at legislation upon the part of the revived Republican party, and we may hear again the cry of persons suffering from religious persecutions or from deprivation of civic right that the Democratic party shall come and help them. This party, however, has painful recollections that where its aid has been given there has been no gratitude. But the party cannot do other than maintain its principles, principles that have never varied from its creation. It is a champion of civil and religious freedom.

A BIG deal in St. Croix river pine timber has just been closed, whereby William O'Brien, of St. Paul, and Captain A. S. Merriam, of Minneapolis, secure 100,000,000 feet of choice timber on the Upper St. Croix river. The timber was purchased from Hyland Brothers, of Dansville, N. Y., and Gardner, Bachelder & Welles, of Lyons, Iowa.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, 1894.—The Democratic senators have made a program for this week to agree upon a programme for the session. Two conferences have been held for the exchange of views, but the same old obstacle to harmony—too many different views and too many would-be leaders—still stands in the way. There is still hope, however, that some sort of an agreement may be reached, but it is altogether too much like the hope indulged in a very sick man that he will get well to please those around him who have no sympathy with the attitude assumed by certain senators elected as Democrats, at the last session, and which is still maintained by them. They then adopted a rule or rule policy and notwithstanding the ruin which that rule has already accomplished they still stick to it.

THE Democrats of the house have deferred holding their caucus until next week so as to give the senators time in which to decide what is to be done, or attempted, at this session. That the Democrats in Congress are doing some hard thinking on the financial plan proposed by Secretary Carlisle and endorsed by President Cleveland is shown by their reluctance to commit themselves at this session to any course against the proposed plan. The short time at their disposal will, of course, increase the chances against the adoption of such a comprehensive financial measure, although the opposition on the part of the southern Democrats to try to pass a bill embodying that part of the plan that provides for the exemption of the currency of such state banks as may adopt the regulations provided for federal taxation. President Cleveland says he considers the plan proposed by Secretary Carlisle as the most statesmanlike financial document ever submitted to congress, and that he proposes to stand by it to the end of his term.

A subcommittee of the house committee on banking and currency was appointed at the last session to consider the numerous bills before that committee and to formulate either from them, or as an original measure, something to take the place of the national banking law. Representative Cox, of Wisconsin, is chairman of this subcommittee, and the other Democratic members are Culbertson, of Texas, and Cobb, of Missouri, the Republicans being Brosius, of Pennsylvania, and Hanger, of Wisconsin. Mr. Cox says the subcommittee will hold daily meetings until it has agreed to some measure to be reported to the full committee or has demonstrated the impossibility of reaching such an agreement. In addition to the financial bills introduced at the last session the subcommittee will consider the plan for increasing the currency of the National bank and for the exemption of the state bank currency from federal taxation, under special provisions, proposed by Secretary Carlisle and endorsed by President Cleveland. Unless there is a very decided change in the attitude of members of the committee there is very little probability of an agreement being reached, more so the party, for something ought to be done.

Chairman Blaine, of the house coinage committee, says he will endeavor to get that committee to report his free coinage bill to the house, and if the committee does not do so he will introduce the bill in the house. While it is known that the majority of the coinage committee favor free coinage, there are several of them who would not vote to report the bill to the house at the last session, because they knew it could not possibly become a law. Whether any of these gentlemen have changed their minds remains to be seen.

THE "Press Claims Co.," of Washington, well known to the publishers of the country through its schemes to obtain advertising, is once more before the courts, as defendant, in a suit which has been brought by a Kansas City publisher, who wants \$250 in cash for the advertising he has done for the "Press Claims Co.," instead of the shares of stock in that company, which he says were misrepresented when the original contract, which he now wants canceled, was made. The suit is against John Wedderburn, manager of the "Press Claims Co.," and William Hearst, of the "Examiner Bureau of Claims." Mr. Hearst has no connection with the concern, he having in a suit against Wedderburn repudiated the whole business, but he was present, the other named Wedderburn, or rather his name and that of his partner, the San Francisco Examiner, was, in the "Examiner Bureau of Claims," hence his figuring in the present suit.

NOTWITHSTANDING the black eye given the Nicaragua canal bill by the failure of President Cleveland to endorse it in his message, the friends of that measure are preparing to make a determined effort to push it through the house. Its principal opponents are Democrats, who believe the measure to be unconstitutional, and who say they will defeat it if possible.

CATHOLICS and Secret Societies. St. Paul, December 8.—A number of prominent Catholics having recently joined the Knights of Pythias a reporter inquired of the archbishop as to whether the introduction had been removed. The archbishop said: "The question whether Catholics shall belong to secret societies, such as the Sons of Temperance, Old Fellows and Knights of Pythias or other societies, being considered by the authorities at Rome, a decision will be given soon. In the meantime Catholics will do well not to seek membership in these societies." It is on the part of those Catholics who joined the secret societies that each case was considered by itself, and a special request made for each to the authorities.

A COVET'S DEATH. Philadelphia, December 10.—Hugh O'Neill, who was pardoned from the Eastern Penitentiary last Friday by President Cleveland where he was serving a two years and six months sentence for conspiring to make a fraudulent election return in this city, died today. O'Neill was attacked with consumption soon after he was sentenced in August, 1893, and it was on this account that he was pardoned, he being in the last stages of that disease. The offense for which O'Neill was convicted was committed during the contest in the Third congressional district in November, 1890, when William McAlister, Democrat, and Richard Vaux, Independent Republican, were elected. O'Neill was a minority inspector of elections.

A DEAF MUTE'S WEIRD SUICIDE. New York, Dec. 10.—Miss Frederica Munch, who was deaf and dumb and employed as a tailoress, committed suicide at her home, at Maspeth, L. I., last night. She would some time around her neck four or five times and securely tied it to the tape to the right end of the bedpost, and the other end of the tape broke, and she fell to the floor, she was dead when found. She left a note written on a piece of brown paper, which read:

"I forgive God, because I am going to hang myself by the neck."

Earthquake Panic in Italy. Rome, December 10.—A torrential rain that fell Saturday flooded the houses in Reggio, capital of Reggio di Calabria, which recently sustained great damage, by earthquakes. In the evening there was a slight earthquake, which caused the people to flee from their homes and camp in the open places, despite the inclement weather. At 5 o'clock yesterday morning there was another sharp shock, which caused a renewal of the panic.

Children Starved to Death.

An investigation has been instituted by the Chief of Police of Harrisburg into the charges made by Agent Leonard of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, that many little ones whose lives are insured in child insurance companies are being starved by their parents to secure the blood money. Leonard claims that he has in a number of cases the past month when children were so insured and are actually allowed to starve to death by their parents. The plan of these companies is to insure the child in much the same manner in which an adult is insured, but the premium is much larger. Fines and does not let the companies quite a large sum. In many cases where children are so insured, every care is taken of the child as though it were a member of the family, and no effort is made to bring a mangled value. But in many cases the reverse is the course pursued by the parents. The agents of the company work largely among the lower and worst classes.

THE agent is quoted as saying: "The only way to put an end to this child murder will be to make the companies cease to operate in the state. Our Society will make a strong fight in this direction during the coming session. The legislature found a number of cases against the proposed plan. The short time at their disposal will, of course, increase the chances against the adoption of such a comprehensive financial measure, although the opposition on the part of the southern Democrats to try to pass a bill embodying that part of the plan that provides for the exemption of the currency of such state banks as may adopt the regulations provided for federal taxation. President Cleveland says he considers the plan proposed by Secretary Carlisle as the most statesmanlike financial document ever submitted to congress, and that he proposes to stand by it to the end of his term.

Committed Suicide. Bradford, Pa., December 12.—Andrew Jentner, an oil producer, committed suicide at his home in this town this morning by shooting himself with a shot gun. Mr. Jentner, for some time past has been operating in the Ohio oil field. He returned from that field about three weeks ago and has since been in bad health. This morning he rose and ate his breakfast as usual, and after the meal went up stairs. As he was passing out of the dining room he picked up a shot gun belonging to his son Sol, and carried it upstairs. Mrs. Jentner heard him enter his room where he got a loaded shell and slipped it into the gun. He then walked to the head of the stairs and, placing the gun barrel against the side of his head, pulled the trigger. The top of his head was blown off and the blood and brains were splattered upon the walls and ceiling. He leaves a widow, five sons and two daughters.

A Daring Robbery. Brockwayville, Pa., December 12.—A daring hold up occurred in this village last night. Two masked men entered E. B. Covill's jewelry store at 8 o'clock and covering the proprietor with revolvers, ordered him to hold up his hands. Mr. Covill did as directed. While one of the men aimed his revolver at Mrs. Covill, the other searched the pockets of the proprietor, taking his watch pocketbook containing \$50. The robbers then turned out the lights, tied Mr. Covill's hands behind his back, and attempted to gag him. Mr. Covill called for help. The robbers, who were dressed in the clothes of a farmer, entered the store and fired three shots at them and then escaped.

Charged With Wife Murder. Williamsport, Ind., December 10.—Several months ago Mrs. William Drollinger, living near Covington, died very suddenly and there were suspicions that she had met with foul play. Some time in July of the corner, ordered a post mortem, and Dr. W. W. Peters, of Lafayette, was employed to make an analysis of the contents of the stomach. As the result of the analysis it was found that Mrs. Drollinger had eaten a quantity of arsenic shortly before her death. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that she had been poisoned by arsenic caused her death.

Meeting of Coal Miners and Operators. Columbus, O., December 10.—The coal miners and operators interstate board of arbitration met here today to consider the further continuance of the national scale. An organization was effected and J. S. Morton, of Ohio, elected chairman. A resolution was adopted that the interstate contract and agreement on mining rates be held in abeyance until the first of January, 1895, so far as it relates to the Pittsburgh district, to take effect after December 17. The meeting was harmonious and it was stated that the two Pittsburgh coal companies that had refused to sign the interstate agreement had been mining coal for about 50 cents per ton, while others had been compelled to pay 65 cents per ton and in this way their trade had been captured.

A Madman's Terrible Crime. Ridgeway, Mo., December 12.—Five miles southwest of this city, during a fit of insanity, David G. Spragg murdered his wife and two children with a butcher knife, mortally wounded his six children, both under 6, and then took his own life with a revolver. The alarm was given by another stepdaughter, 11 years old, who escaped through a window. When neighbors entered the house a most ghastly scene met the eye. Everything was covered with blood, and in one room lay the dead bodies of little Callie, four years old, and Albert, aged five, while in the yard lay the body of Mrs. Spragg, and in the kitchen the author of the tragedy.

What a Broken Bank Caused. Halifax, N. S., December 12.—Latest information from St. Johns is to the effect that the worst fears held in respect to the panic will be realized. The commercial bank is a hopeless wreck, and nearly all its directors, who were among the principal merchants, are also bankrupt. The panic has brought about absolute chaos in every financial institution of Canadian and United States banks, the money of Newfoundland consists of the bills of the two banks. No one will now accept these bills, hence all business is paralyzed.

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GRIMPE, O. T., Dec. 12.—A squad of deputy United States marshals have just unearthed a regular and dangerous gang of counterfeiters, who have been operating in conjunction with confederates in Indiana, Missouri and other states. A chance word uttered by a member of the gang while intoxicated, led to a raid and the subsequent lodging in the United States jail of the following leaders of the gang: Guy Harper, L. Crawford, Joseph Tillery, Jess Lick and Sam Lick.

After showing these men three months the other was nabbed and unwillingly led their captors to an underground cavern a few miles east of Perkins, used by the counterfeiters as a mint and general rendezvous. After locating the underground mint the deputies organized and armed themselves to the teeth, and at 2 o'clock in the morning descended into the cavern. After traversing a subterranean passage for 100 yards, burst in a door and trapped 25 men with Winchester rifles. The counterfeiters had been trapped so adroitly and were so taken by surprise they failed to make a fight and scattered through the hidden passages. The counterfeiters had been trapped so adroitly and were so taken by surprise they failed to make a fight and scattered through the hidden passages. The counterfeiters had been trapped so adroitly and were so taken by surprise they failed to make a fight and scattered through the hidden passages.

THE officers gathered in three buckets full of counterfeit dollars, perfectly made, and two useful dimes, quarters and nickels, beside a costly assortment of moulds and other paraphernalia. The men had been operating in the cave nearly eight months and much of the spurious coin was holed and expressed to agents in western states. All the prisoners are educated and well-dressed. Tillery was at one time an employe in the mint at Philadelphia. The Lickett brothers resided in Perkins, where they were considered exemplary young men. The prisoners so far are reticent and refuse to answer questions.

CAN'T FIND THE LOAN. LOSON, Dec. 12.—Messrs. Armstrong & Co., announcing that owing to the Chinese government negotiating the issues of a 3 per cent loan they have given up the attempt to float a 4 1/2 per cent loan, and have never returned their contract to do so.

A Michigan Farmer's Death. SETH HAYES, Mich., Dec. 12.—Robert Webster, an aged farmer, living near here, set fire to his barn, shot and fearfully wounded Eugene Keays, a neighbor, and then attempted suicide. Webster is fatally injured.

HASTINGS' CABINET TO MEET. HARRISBURG, Dec. 12.—Governor-elect Hastings and the members of his cabinet will have a conference at Bellefonte this week to discuss subsequent appointments and other matters pertaining to the change of administration.

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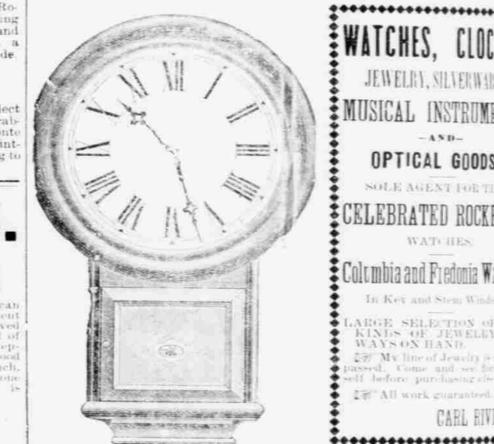
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