

A BIG JOB FINISHED.

Speaker Crisp Announces the Standing Committees of the House.

LIST OF THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Local Representatives Secure Quite a Number of Good Places.

THE GREAT INTEREST IN THE MATTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Democratic sections of the House were this morning early filled with members, upon whose faces there was a look of anxious expectancy and curiosity.

Little Interest for Republicans. Everywhere there was an air of anxiety, except among the Republican members, who gazed complacently around and now and then banttered some Democratic colleague who, according to rumor, would not be a favorite of fortune.

In his prayer the Chaplain eloquently referred to the death of Senator Plumb, of Kansas. Mr. E. B. Meredith, Representative-elect from the Eighth Virginia district, appeared and took the oath of office.

Crisp Announces His Committees. The Speaker then announced the appointment of the various committees of the House authorized under the rule agreed to Saturday last. They are as follows:

Ways and Means—William M. Springer, Illinois; Benton McMillin, Tennessee; G. C. Turner, Georgia; W. L. Wilson, West Virginia; A. B. Montgomery, Kentucky; J. R. Wadsworth, Michigan; R. J. Sulley, Indiana; W. Bourke Cochran, New York; Moses T. Stevens, Massachusetts; W. J. Bryan, Nebraska; T. R. Reed, Maine; C. Burrows, Michigan; Joseph McKenna, California; S. E. Payne, New York; John Dalzell, Pennsylvania.

Elections—Charles T. O'Ferrall, Virginia; L. W. Moore, Texas; J. E. Cobb, Alabama; T. H. Payne, Indiana; J. G. Brown, Brown; G. N. Lookwood, New York; T. G. Lawson, Georgia; N. P. Gillespie, Pennsylvania; George W. C. Bowers, California; N. H. Hance, Ohio; A. A. Taylor, Tennessee; R. E. Donohue, Indiana; J. H. Johnson, Indiana; John L. Land, D. A. Taylor (O.), John T. Caine, Wyoming.

Appropriations—J. S. Holman, W. H. Forney, J. S. Holman, W. C. Brewster, J. A. M. Dockery, William Mottler, C. R. Breckinridge (Ark.), Barnes Compton, J. H. O'Neill (Mass.), B. E. Livingston, D. E. Henderson, William Cogswell, H. H. Bingham, Nelson Dingley, W. W. Groat.

Land and Foreign Commerce—R. Q. Mills, G. D. Wise, Andrew Price, Isadore Raynor, J. B. Beckner, T. F. George, H. W. Houk (O.), S. R. Mallory, Josiah Patterson, J. J. O'Neill (Mo.), Charles O'Neill (Pa.), John Lind, C. S. Randall, Bellamy Storer, J. H. Ketchum.

Rivers and Harbors—N. C. Blanchard, C. C. Catchings, Charles Stewart, R. E. Lester (Ga.), R. H. Clarke (Ala.), W. E. Haynes, T. A. Woodcock, W. Jones, Charles Palmer, Samuel Byrnes, T. J. Henderson (Ill.), Ringer Herman, S. M. Stephenson, W. A. Stone (Pa.), J. A. Quackenbush.

Foreign Affairs—J. H. Blount, J. B. McCrea, C. E. Hooker, L. E. Chipman, J. F. Fitch, J. F. Andrews, B. L. Cable, Isadore Raynor, T. J. George, R. E. Hitt, A. C. Harner, James O'Donnell, John Sanford.

Military Affairs—J. H. Outwater, Joseph Wheeler (Ala.), W. C. Sewberry, D. H. Payne, H. H. Rockwell, D. E. Eggleston, Oscar Lapham, E. F. McDonald, J. E. Crosby, H. H. Ringham, C. E. Belknap, W. W. Bowers, J. A. T. Hull.

Merchant Marine and Fisheries—Samuel W. Fowler, G. W. Fishburn, L. W. Moore, A. J. Caruth, J. A. Buchanan (Va.), Robert L. DeForest, T. F. Magner, Harman Stump, H. H. Wheatlock (Mich.), A. J. Hopkins (Ill.), L. E. Atkinson, J. H. Wilson (Ky.), C. D. Perkins (Ia.).

C. S. L. Milliken, George W. Shook, W. H. Knouch, W. H. Street. Pennsylvania Get Placed. Patents—G. D. Tillman, J. T. Heard, Louis Turpin, H. S. Greenleaf, L. M. Mitchell, O. M. Hall, O. Lapham, J. T. Hamilton, R. E. De Forrest, James Buchanan (N. J.), C. E. Belknap, A. A. Quackenbush, Edward South, Invalide Penitents—A. N. Martin (Ind.), F. M. McKinney, D. W. Fyan, George Van Horn, W. H. Snook, J. H. Crider, A. J. Pearson, H. H. Harries, E. F. McDonald, W. H. Butler, J. P. Fick, A. A. Taylor (Tenn.), N. M. Curtis, J. H. Johnson.

War Claims—F. E. Beitzhoefer, W. J. Stone (Ky.), B. A. Enloe, J. M. Clancy, J. W. Cobb, M. E. Wynn, G. M. Scott, G. W. Shell, J. F. Holliver, J. A. Pickler, J. C. Hook, J. W. Rife. Education—W. L. Hays, D. R. Brunner, D. D. Donovan, J. L. Breiz, R. E. W. Everett, T. F. Grady, G. P. Coburn, J. H. Edgerly, J. D. Croft (O.), H. C. Johnson, John Sanford, Andrew Stewart (Pa.), Edwin Malloy (Pa.).

Libraries—James J. Cummings, C. T. O'Ferrall, Charles O'Neill (Pa.). Printing—J. D. Richardson, W. W. McKim, Cass Frederick. Enrolled Bills—J. G. Warwick, W. L. Hays, Clark Lewis, O. Scott, J. A. Pickler, W. C. Johnson (Ind.), W. G. McLaughlin, Reform in the Civil Service—J. F. Andrew, C. J. Bontner, Scott Wike, William Brewster, J. M. Patterson, C. A. Cummings, A. Harner, Meredith, W. J. Coombs, W. H. Harries, H. A. Hopkins (Ill.), C. A. Russell, M. Brooks, J. H. Johnson.

Election of President and Vice President—J. L. Chipman, H. St. G. Tucker, W. H. Crane, Barnes Compton, C. A. O. Moore, M. E. Ganiz, D. A. De Armound, A. R. Bussell, I. N. Cox, C. H. Lodge, H. H. Powers, R. Dean, M. E. Johnson, (K. D.). Eleventh Census—W. F. Wilcox, W. J. Owens, W. E. Hyman, T. E. Watson, S. E. Cassady, H. W. Bessley, J. B. Babbitt, J. W. Lawson (Va.), William Baker, J. D. Taylor (O.), C. A. Boutelle, D. B. Henderson, George F. Hitt.

Ventilation and Acoustics—W. G. Stahlnecker, Charles Stewart, R. G. Stout, W. C. Pugh, M. D. Wright, James O'Donnell, G. D. Perkins. Lookers After Liquor Interests. Alcoholic Liquor Traffic—W. E. Haynes, R. H. Clarke, P. G. Lester, Charles Barwig, T. D. English, J. W. Bailey, T. Bowman, J. D. Taylor (O.), E. A. Morse, M. E. Griswold, J. T. Cutting.

Irrigation of Arid Lands—S. W. T. Lanham, J. M. Clancy, I. L. Bretz, J. S. Gorman, F. S. Coolidge, W. W. Dickson, Jerry Simpson, J. A. Pickler, C. S. Randall, C. M. Curtis, C. W. Sweet, J. T. Caine. Immigration and Naturalization—H. Stump, J. W. Corey, William Elliott, J. A. Goussenhauer, J. F. Epps, R. W. Fyan, D. D. Hare, F. P. Coburn, J. H. Ketchum, E. M. Furstner, M. E. Wright. Private Land Claims—A. P. Fitch, J. O. Alderson, J. B. Brunner, C. Habbitt, G. Van Horn, E. W. Brown, M. Arnold, W. C. Ford, A. R. Bushnell, H. H. Bingham, John Lind, B. Storer, J. G. Olin, J. H. Phillips, J. T. Heard, J. D. Richardson, H. W. Rusk, E. E. Cobb (Ala.), J. R. Fellows, T. L. Johnson, E. C. Moore, C. A. Cummings, A. Harner, R. S. Post, Wm. Cogswell, J. J. Beldin.

Revison of the Laws—W. T. Ellis, J. H. Outwater, Robert Bullock, F. C. Edmunds, R. H. Norton, T. F. Magner, E. V. Brockshire, J. A. M. Dockery, J. H. Johnson, J. B. Robinson, J. A. Taylor (O.), D. Waugh. Committees on Money Spending. Expenditures in State Department—R. E. Lester, W. C. P. Breckenridge (Ky.), S. E. Alexander, W. H. Butler, John W. Sanford, C. W. Stone (Pa.), J. M. Weaver.

Expenditures in Treasury Department—G. H. Bricker, J. J. O'Neill (Mo.), W. T. Crawford, B. H. Glover, W. A. Stone, J. D. Wadsworth, C. E. Clark. Expenditures in War Department—A. B. Montgomery, B. H. Bunn, W. F. Daniels, I. Dunham, R. H. Hitt, G. W. Shook, W. E. Hooker (N. Y.). Expenditures in Navy Department—C. A. O. McLaughlin, A. M. Abbott, George Johnston, J. W. Fay, S. E. Milliken, H. F. Bartine. Expenditures in Postoffice Department—W. C. Oates, T. H. Painter, S. P. Gillespie, J. S. Gorman, J. J. Bolken, Andrew Stewart, J. C. Houck (Tenn.). Expenditures in Interior Department—J. W. Owens, E. L. White, R. F. Gray, J. F. Byrnes, W. W. Groat, A. C. Hopkins (Pa.), W. W. Bowers.

Expenditures in Department of Justice—M. Allen, W. H. Cowley, G. D. Wise, J. G. F. Lawson, Ezra B. Taylor (O.), Nelson Dingley, S. E. Payne. Expenditures in Department of Agriculture—P. C. Edmunds, T. L. Bunting, J. Capehart, E. T. Stackhouse, D. K. Halvorson, O. M. Kern, S. W. Jones. Expenditures on Public Buildings—H. M. Youmans, H. S. Greenleaf, J. T. Hamilton, W. Branch, H. Ketchum, Abner Taylor (Ill.), H. P. Cheatam.

The reading of the assignments was listened to attentively, but without any manifestation of approval or disapproval. Mr. Rusk, of Maryland, offered a resolution directing the Committee on Accounts to designate the committees to which clerks should be allowed. Mr. Meredith of Virginia, announced the death of his predecessor, W. H. F. Lee, and as a mark of respect, the House adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 5.

Mr. Cockrell presented three memorials—all of them read, on printed blanks sent out by the representatives of Savannah, Ga., entitled "Georgia's Appeal to Her Sister States." These blanks had been filled in, he said, by the Board of Trade of St. Joseph, Mo., by the Mayor and Aldermen of that city, and by the Commercial Club of Kansas City. They were an endorsement of the movement which seemed to be quite extensive, from the number of blanks sent out in Georgia for securing Congressional legislation for deep water at Savannah, Ga.

Some Important New Bills. Among the bills introduced and referred were the following: By Mr. Sherman—To amend the Nicaragua ship canal bill, Senator Hansbrough introduced a bill authorizing the Postmaster General to extend, when practicable, the free delivery system to rural or farming communities. The bill also authorizes the Postmaster General to expend such portion of the amount that may be hereafter appropriated for compensation of postmasters and for star route transportation as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the act.

Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, introduced a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the improvement of the harbor of New Orleans, to be expended in accordance with the plans of the Mississippi River Commission. Two messages from the President of the United States were presented, read and appropriately referred. One was as to the arrangement and operation of electric wires in the District of Columbia, and the other as to a uniform usage by all the departments of the Government in the spelling of geographical names.

After a short executive session the Senate, at 12:40 o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday, January 5. Confirmations by the Senate. The Senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations: United States Ministers—A. Louden Snowden, of Pennsylvania, to Greece; Roumania and Serbia; Richard C. Shannon, of New York, to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Salvador; Romualdo Pacheco, of California, to Guatemala and Honduras; Minister Resident and Consul General, John S. Durban, of Pennsylvania, to Havti; Jeremiah Coughlin, of New York, United States Secretary of Legation and Consul General at Bogota,ington and McCreery, of Michigan, Secretary of Legation at Santiago, Chile. Late Ander-

son of Ohio, Second Secretary of Legation at London, W. H. Street. POWER OF THE ADHERENTS. A Fear That Non-Communitants May Overthrow Orthodox Beliefs. The matter that has of late disturbed the relations of members of the United Presbyterian Church in West Bellevue has had the effect to direct attention to that tolerant numerous class of persons who contribute to the support of numerous churches, both of Calvinistic and Armenian proclivities, and who are styled "adherents"—that is, people who contribute to the church and exchequer, and in return enjoy more or less authority in the management of its affairs, though not communicants.

Some of the straighter sort among church members say that if these "adherents" are allowed to continue to dictate Christianism with all its (in their view) pernicious tendencies, they will soon obtain supreme control, as ambitious men of means, especially politicians, will all connect themselves to this extent with religious bodies and contribute in time to make orthodoxy a stench, as in the days when all the baser sort under the protection of Cromwell crowded into the church and brought disgrace on the Puritans. To this they ascribe the prevalence of dancing and progressive euchre parties in families who belong to churches of other denominations if they liked them, Rev. Mr. Graham objected, has a host of friends in the church, and some of them say that if it be true, as alleged, that he has run it for 17 years, he ought to be properly recognized and made a D. D., but others think that for a non-communitant to attain

such prominence in the direction of religious affairs is not a whit better than Hobbes. Mainline the "adherent" moves along in the even tenor of his way and gives no indication of either getting entirely into the ark or of hitching his tow-line and going all the way in company in his own pinnaque. He merely smiles when asked to declare his intentions. Episcopalians for many years have been in the habit of shooting vestrymen from other denominations if they liked them, but other churches do not generally look with favor on general affiliation. Clothing as a Xmas Present. To-day we offer extra special bargains in men's suits and overcoats. Read the prices—P. C. C. C.—open to-night until 11 o'clock. Closed all day Friday, Christmas Day. 1,000 men's overcoats and suits cut down in price from \$15 to \$8.00. 1,000 men's fine overcoats, made of kerseys, chinchillas and beavers, cut down in price from \$22 to \$10.00. Also, a big line of men's fine suits at \$10 and \$12; \$15 and \$18 for your choice from a wonderfully large line of men's imported overcoats and custom-made suits. A clear cut of 50 per cent on the price of them. These prices are for to-day only and ought to bring everyone to our store who wants to buy clothing.

The People's Store—Fifth Avenue. Another lot of those 50c silk initial handkerchiefs just arrived. Store open until 11 o'clock to-night. A merry Xmas to you. CAMPBELL & DICK. Books! Books! Books! For young and old, big and little. E. S. DAVIS & Co., 96 Fifth Ave.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MISFIT PARLORS. Our place will be open until 11 o'clock this evening. Closed all day Christmas. MISFIT CLOTHING PARLORS, 516 SMITHFIELD STREET.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. ANIMATED THINKERS BUY OUR GOODS. For no other reason but the superiority of the ordinary ready-made clothing, which is so much despised owing to the inferiority of workmanship, quality and fit. For the approaching holidays our vast stock of MISFIT TAILOR MADE GARMENTS is replete with the fashionable productions from the leading merchant tailors. OUR SPECIAL HOLIDAY PRICES LEAD THE VAN. \$10 to \$30 will buy any \$25 to \$50 made up to order overcoat. \$10 to \$25 will buy any \$20 to \$50 made up to order pantsuit. \$2.50 to \$7 will buy any \$5 to \$15 made up to order pantaloons. A perfect fit guaranteed. Open every evening till 8:30. Misfit Clothing Parlor, 516 SMITHFIELD STREET.

CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS. LAST CALL TO-DAY. STORE OPEN TO-NIGHT UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK.

Boys and Children. Appreciate articles of clothing for a Christmas gift as much as grown people. Why not let the present take that turn? Nowhere in the city will you find better goods of this class, nor a larger or more complete assortment from which to make selection. We are naming special prices on Boys' and Children's Suits, and can fit your children out from \$1.50 up. TO-DAY! TO-DAY! We will give in our Boys' Department a valuable present with every sale of \$5 and up.

Smoking Jacket, Jersey Coat, Bath Robe, Hat, Umbrella, Gloves, Fancy Slippers, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Mackintoshes. For Ladies or Gentlemen and a hundred other things which we cannot name for want of space.

Have you yet made your selections of holiday gifts? Don't forget that Christmas is but a day off, and that this is your last chance. We shall wind up to-day our immense Christmas selling in a blaze of glory. The sensible, sober kind of good will will prompt you to think of the necessities and comforts of those whom you have in mind. Our store is just crowded with goods from which articles of this class may be easily selected. We will mention a few, but to get any sort of idea of the quantity and variety you must come and see for yourselves.

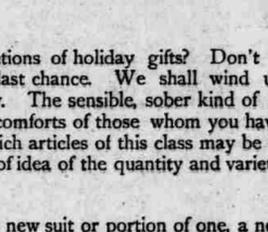
Among the useful articles are a new suit or portion of one, a new overcoat, Smoking Jacket, Jersey Coat, Bath Robe, Hat, Umbrella, Gloves, Fancy Slippers, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Mackintoshes.



UMBRELLAS. We are showing the largest line of umbrellas with attractive handles ever exhibited in Pittsburgh. Natural sticks, silver trimmed, silver inlaid with pearl, oxidized silver, ivory and bone handles. All the above in gloria silk, twilled silk and special guaranteed silk at from 74c to \$20. SPECIAL! We engrave all umbrellas free of charge.

INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS. Always useful and sure to be acceptable. We have these in fine linen, put up in boxes of half-dozen, at \$1.75. Better grade at \$2.75. Plain white hemstitched handkerchiefs 13c to 49c.

NECKWEAR. You can hardly imagine anything in the way of a small gift more acceptable to a gentleman than a handsome scarf. Our line comprises the choicest selections from the foreign and domestic markets. Puffs, Tecks and Four-in-Hands 24c to \$1.74.



SEAL CAPS. An elegant gift and one on which we are now naming prices that will enable you to make it. Piced seal \$2.49. One-piece Alaska seal \$5 to \$9. A complete line of Children's Hats and Caps.



HOLIDAY SLIPPERS. Everybody wears a nd wants slippers. They are a necessity both for ladies and gentlemen. Ours is the stock from which it is easy to make a suitable selection. Easy to please your taste and easy on your pocketbook. An immense and varied line in fancy embroidered velvet, plain leather and alligator, \$1 to \$3.

SMOKING JACKETS. A very fine line of these in very attractive styles and shades both in cloth and silk; plain cloth, fancy striped and checked cloth, silk trimmed and plain silk. Pictures of luxury and beauty at from \$5 to \$20.

POCKETBOOKS. Pocketbooks are always handy. We have them in Seal, Alligator, Russian, Goat and grain leather, silver trimmed or plain, 49c to \$3.50.

Santa Claus will make his tenth annual tour of the Orphan Homes of the two cities, and present the inmates with suitable presents. These presents are now on exhibition at our store. The procession will be in two divisions. The time at which each institution will be reached is appended below:

ALLEGHENY DIVISION: Ridge Avenue Orphan Asylum 9:30 a. m. Colored Orphan's Home, Greenwood Avenue, 10:30 a. m. Woman's Christian Home, Locust street, 11:30 a. m. United Presbyterian Orphan's Home, Monterey st., 12:30 p. m. Doreas Day Nursery, North ave. and Middle st., 1:30 p. m. Allegheny Day Nursery, North avenue. Allegheny General Hospital, Stockton avenue, 2:30 p. m. Protestant Boys' Home, Anderson street, 3 p. m. Home of the Friendless, Washington street, 3:30 p. m. Little Sisters of the Poor, Washington street, 4:30 p. m. Home of the Good Shepherd, Troy Hill, 5:30 p. m. St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, Troy Hill, 6:30 p. m.

PITTSBURG DIVISION: St. Michael's Orphan Asylum, South Side, 11:30 a. m. Homeopathic Hospital, Second avenue, 12:30 p. m. Children's Temporary Home, Washington street, 1:30 p. m. St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, Tanshill street, 2 p. m. West Penn Hospital, 4 p. m. Episcopal Church Home, Fortieth street, 5 p. m. Little Sisters of the Poor, Blandfield, 6 p. m. German Protestant Orphan's Asylum, West Liberty Borough—Presents taken to Sixth ave. and Smithfield st. Children's Aid Society—Presents taken to Dispensary Building, Sixth avenue.