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SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 19, 1896

THE FOLLOWING members of the committee on foreign relations of the U. S. Senate yesterday voted to recognize the independence of the negro and white scalawag insurgents in Cuba, though they have none of the attributes of government and though neither the personnel or address of those to be recognized is known: Messrs. Sherman, Frye, Davis, Cameron, Cullom and Lodge, republicans, and Morgan, Turpie and Mills, democrats. The Senate used to be the conservative branch of the government, but a great change has come over the spirit of its dreams, and it is now the jingo branch, and defies the whole human race. The committee referred to has succeeded in placing the country in an awkward position, inasmuch as its action must either be repudiated by Congress, or war be entered upon with Spain, the result of which, no matter what it would be in the end, at first could hardly be any thing else than injurious to the United States. And then, too, though nations do not assist each other for sympathy, in helping Spain other European countries might consider that they were helping themselves, as, in case this country should succeed in depriving Spain of her American possessions, she might be induced to attempt to do the same with them.

ALL THE Virginia Congressmen, except Mr. Tucker, interviewed on the subject, are, as might naturally have been expected, entirely opposed to the re-revived project for adding Alexandria to the District of Columbia. Mr. Tucker, however, says "the needs of the Capital require the territory, Virginia does not need it, the government has to spend money for the bridges crossing the river and should control every thing around those bridges, and that he believes the legislature would cede it back without any serious opposition." Mr. Tucker is as much at variance with the people of his State on this matter as he was with those of his party at the late election. Virginia not only needs the territory, but the legislature will never consent to relinquish it. Virginia has already been robbed of one-third of her territory, and will resort to all the available means at her disposal to prevent the robbers from stealing any more. In respect of politics as of morals, it seems that the first wrong step is almost necessarily followed by others. That a native born Virginian should favor the further despoliation of his own State is positively unnatural.

THE NEW YORK *Herald* says: "There will be a new tariff bill of a very extreme and drastic kind unless the business community and the general community, seeing how their promised prosperity is imperilled, support, and support heartily its opponents." Why of course there will, and that too, whether either the business or the general community opposes it. A drastic tariff Mr. McKinley has always favored, and on it he laid more stress during his late campaign than on any other question at issue. Every reasonable and well informed man knew, as well before the election as he does now, that if success should attend the republican ticket, a high tariff bill would be enacted as soon as possible. The *Herald*, which assumes to be both reasonable and well informed, did all it could to elect Mr. McKinley, but its opposition to the legitimate and necessary consequence of the success of the object for which it strove, is well calculated to throw doubt upon the substantiality of that assumption.

IF THE entire Congress, Senate and House, would enlist in the Cuban service, and sail away for the "never faithful isle," few people, except the families, relatives and personal friends of the members would care if the ship that bore them would "ever return again;" and that the country would sustain no loss, goes without saying. But it is "dollars to doughnuts" that not a member of either house will ever engage in such service.

AS THE Constitution does not provide for the permanent location of the capital of the country, and as the opposition to none of the many propositions to move that capital to a more central position has ever been based upon the alleged unconstitutionality of such a movement, why Mr. McMillan should question the constitutionality of the retrocession of Alexandria to Virginia, is what few other people than himself can tell.

PRECEDENTS are bad things, as a general rule. The President having set the pace of a Christmas war alarm last year, the Senate has followed his example this one, and the slumbers of many people will be disturbed during the times of good will to all men by dreams of the "blood thirsty Spaniard."

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani is expected to leave San Francisco this evening for the east. She will go direct to Boston, so it is given out, and not to Canton or Washington.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.

Secretary Olney in an authorized interview deprecates the adoption of the Cameron resolution and warns Congress that recognition of Cuba is purely an executive matter which the resolution cannot compel. This announcement by the Secretary of State is accepted as the action of President Cleveland. It is considered as probable that when Capt. Lamberton and Dr. O'Reilly made their special trip to Georgetown, S. C., yesterday, and took possession of the wire, they conveyed to Secretary Olney the President's approval of his proposed announcement. It is regarded by many Senators as a step in advance in American diplomatic history for the President thus to assert that he and not the Congress is the judge when executive action should be taken in the matter of recognition of a new government. Said Senator Chandler: "It is the most unprecedented statement I have ever heard from a cabinet officer, and no criticism of such conduct can be too severe. It is evidently inspired and comes direct from the President. In effect he says that if we pass the resolution he will veto it and if we pass it over his veto he will defy us. It is worse than the conduct of Andrew Johnson. The only trouble is that if we were to pass it over the veto and Mr. Cleveland should refuse to execute the law, there would be no time to impeach him. Thank God, however, we will not have him in the executive mansion after March the fourth." Senator Teller declined to discuss the manifesto, but intimated that it would in all probability be the subject of debate on the floor of the Senate, which he thought was the proper place to discuss such matters. Senator Gear, of Iowa, was inclined to the opinion that the statement would make votes for the resolution and increase the Cuban sentiment in Congress. Congress was, he said, very zealous of the encroachments of the executive upon its prerogatives.

Consul Wallace, at Jerusalem, reports to the State Department that according to the consular records of his office it appears that there are 530 citizens of the United States residing in Palestine. Of this number 438 are Jews, who are only nominally Americans, having lived in the United States just long enough to obtain citizens' papers and passports. The majority of these emigrated from Russia to the United States and thence to Palestine. Of the other 92 American citizens, nearly all have gone there because of peculiar religious views, and among them may be found all possible shades of Christian beliefs. The one idea which seems to possess all to a greater or lesser degree, is that of the second advent of our Lord. This is by all considered to be an event soon to take place in Jerusalem. Some of them, during the period of waiting, are suffering for the necessaries of life, but are content to endure privation in the hope of being present and witnessing the Lord's coming. The Spoffordite colony, or "overcomers," as they call themselves, have recently been increased by an addition of 117 Swedish Americans, mostly from Chicago. Just how many of them are citizens of the United States the consulate is not informed, because of their refusal to register. The leader, Mrs. Spofford, lays claim to prophetic powers and, claiming to be under the direct protection of the Almighty, is averse to having any human power interfere. As they are a peace and law-abiding community, or have been for some years, the consulate has not been called upon in this regard.

The Congressional committee that reported in favor of the retrocession of that part of the original District of Columbia south of the Potomac to Virginia, was composed of the following members: R. M. T. Hunter of Virginia, J. J. McDonald of Ohio, O. B. Ficklin of Illinois, W. W. Payne of Alabama, G. P. Marsh of Vermont, Washington Hunt of New York, J. G. Chapman of Maryland A. D. Sims, of South Carolina, and J. H. McHenry of Kentucky. As congressmen at that time were elected on account of their conceded ability and familiarity with the Constitution and laws of their country, and did not buy their election with money or promises of office, it is only natural to suppose that the committee referred to knew what they were doing when they made their report, and that the other members of both branches of Congress would not have adopted it if there had been any doubt about its constitutionality.

A well informed resident of this city, talking to-day about the disorderly behavior and alleged unlawful practices carried on near the southern ends of the bridges across the Potomac opposite this city, said that if Senator McMillan would not confine his drives to the golf grounds near Rosslyn, but extend them along the other boundaries of the district, and even to Bloody Land, Murder Bay, Foggy Bottom and some of the other slums near the centre of the city, he would learn that there is a great deal more disorder, violence, vice and crime in any one of them than in the whole county of Alexandria, and that before he attempts to reform that county by annexing it to the District, he would do well to try reformatory measures in some of the localities referred to, all of which stand in infinitely more need of them.

No matter what the Senate foreign relations committee has done in respect of Cuba, it has become evident that its report on that matter will certainly not be adopted before the Christmas recess, and probably not after it, as the conservative members of both branches of Congress have sense enough to see and realize the dangers of such jingoism, and will do all they can to avoid them. In the House all the powerful influence of Mr. Speaker Reed and Mr. Hitt, the latter the chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, will be exerted to prevent the adoption of a measure so risky and absurd, and it is well known that the President will sit upon it with his whole three hundred pounds weight.

The only Virginia members of the House present to-day were Messrs. Swanson, Otey, Turner and Walker. When asked their opinion of the proposed annexation of Alexandria to the District of Columbia, the former said he was utterly opposed to it, but that if his State, from which the territory comprising West Virginia had been stolen, and which can not even recover the money she advanced with which to build the Capitol, shall be so munificent as to give another large slice of her territory to the federal government without recompense he, as her loyal son, would do as she desired; but, that he didn't think she would push his loyalty to that extent. Mr. Otey said Virginia needed all the territory she had, and that he had no idea the government would attempt to take any more of it away from her. Mr. Walker said he would never consent to surrender any more of his State's territory, and Mr. Turner, that if the federal government would devote more time and attention to suppressing vice, crime and disorderly behavior within the limits of its own legitimate jurisdiction, and let Virginia and her territory alone, it would be better for all concerned. The prevailing impression on the subject in this city is that land speculators are at the bottom of this business, and that the people here think the District is sufficiently large for all necessary purposes.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Bishop John J. Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic University at Washington, has arrived in Rome.

A U. S. Senator said yesterday that Messrs. Sherman, Dingley and Bliss will certainly be in Major McKinley's Cabinet.

John Rudolph Niernsee, of Washington, shot himself in the head in a Pratt street lodging-house, Baltimore, yesterday.

Captain George E Lemon, of Washington, the millionaire pension agent and patent attorney, died at Coronado Beach, Cal., yesterday afternoon, of a complication of diseases.

Fifteen thousand uniformed members of the republican clubs of the United States is the estimate of the number which will visit Washington for the inaugural ceremonies.

A frightful accident occurred in the Virginius mine, near Ouray, Colo., yesterday, by which five men were almost instantly killed. The cage in which they were working fell 1,000 feet.

F. C. Miles, for more than twenty years the trusted treasurer of the Boston Safe deposit and Trust Company, one of the oldest and most conservative of Boston banks, is a defaulter for at least $100,000

Miss Lulu Felix, of Shamokin, Pa., attended a social function 11 weeks ago, and was seized with an attack of hiccoughs, which have continued almost without interruption. Her suffering at times is pitiable. Physicians, since her return from a Philadelphia hospital, now have hopes of her recovery.

The American Federation of Labor in session in Cincinnati yesterday adopted a resolution in favor of the free coinage of silver as an economic proposition without indorsing any political party; re-elected Samuel Gompers to the presidency by a unanimous vote, and selected Nashville, Tenn., as the next place of meeting.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Rev. Benjamin Dennis has resigned the rectorship of Meade-Memorial Episcopal church, Manchester.

Rev. J. A. Barker, of Petersburg, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Clifton Forge.

Rev. T. S. Dunaway will to-morrow celebrate his 30th anniversary as pastor of the Baptist church at Fredericksburg.

Hon. J. Randolph Tucker, dean of the law department of Washington and Lee University, is extremely ill at his home in Lexington.

J. Warren Reamy, thirty-four years of age, of Fredericksburg, died yesterday afternoon at St. Agnes' Hospital, Baltimore, of consumption.

Andrew Broadus, for fifty years pastor of Salem Baptist Church, has resigned his charge on account of feeble health. He has been longer in continuous service than any Baptist preacher in Virginia.

The home of Professor R. R. Powell, in Spottsylvania, was, on December 16, the scene of a beautiful marriage, the contracting parties being Miss Alene Estelle Powell and Mr. Franklin Earle Highland, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Governor O'Ferrall last night granted a requisition for A. P. Harkin, the Massachusetts shoe drummer, who is held in New York for the Richmond authorities. Harkin is indicted for passing a worthless draft on Mr. Ike May, of the latter city.

CHRISTMAS DELIGHT.—With round eyes of wonder throngs of children daily gaze at the marvelous playthings which are to be found in the toy stores, and which they earnestly hope their own kindly saint may see fit to bestow upon them as a Christmas token. Whatever the heart of child can desire is to be found. Dolls big and little, baby dolls in long clothes and with all the accompanying necessaries of babyhood from coach to nursing bottle are to been seen. Paris-dressed maidens as large as your year-old specimen of the human variety, smile alluringly, while wee rubber ones, indestructible companions of the juvenile playtime and the mechanical wonders that talk, walk, go to sleep and smile to the amazement of the live children who gaze upon them, are all here waiting to be carried home and make Christmas a day to be remembered by the little one to whose stocking such good fortune has been given.

Toy kitchens, fully equipped and able to teach the little girl by play the real principles of culinary art, appeal to the mothers who are anxious for their daughters to learn all that is necessary to make them useful women. Theatre, with scenes, actors and every necessary stage appointment suggest many happy hours on rainy Saturdays when the express wagons, sleds and skates cannot be used. Iron toys of all sorts, from the single cart with one horse to a full train of cars or a dashing fire engine, appeal to the buyer who wishes to give something that juvenile curiosity or carelessness cannot manage to break the first day. Then there are full soldier outfits, drums, trumpets, Christmas tree decorations, German mottoes and favors, books, games, in fact everything that can possibly be deemed essential to a really jolly juvenile Christmas. Such a stock to choose from makes holiday buying easy and it is certain that even though the child to be favored by a gift has almost everything that one can imagine in the toy line, there will be found in the collection some novelty that he or she would be delighted to possess.

DIED.

On Friday morning, December 18th, at 5:20 o'clock, JOHN L. BOYER, beloved husband of Lucy Boyer, in the 77th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 808 King street, to-morrow (Sunday) at 3 o'clock p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

On Friday, December 18, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., LILLIE M. BOYD, beloved daughter of John T. and Martha A. Boyd, in the 26th year of her age. Funeral will take place on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from her parents' residence, No. 427 Queen street.

SILK MUFFLERS, all prices, at A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.

SENATE.

The Senate was not in session to-day.

HOUSE.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, announcing the result of the election on the 16th instant to fill the vacancy caused by the death of ex-Speaker Crisp, to the effect that Mr. Charles Crisp, son of the decedent, was the only candidate and received all the votes cast. As soon as the returns were at hand, the Governor continued, the usual credentials would be forwarded to the clerk of the House.

Mr. Turner asked unanimous consent that upon the statement just read Mr. Crisp be sworn in. There was no objection, and, escorted by Messrs. Bartlett, of the Georgia delegation, the youthful new member appeared at the bar and took the customary oath. As he turned to take the seat formerly occupied by his father, a wave of applause swept over the House, and later Mr. Crisp was warmly congratulated by many of his father's old friends. This fills the House for the first time this Congress, there being now 357 members on the roll. Governor-elect Black, of New York, has sent his resignation to Governor Morton, but the latter has not yet transmitted it to the Speaker.

Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committe on appropriations, reported the urgent deficiency bill authorized by the committee to-day, and it was considered at once. Mr. Cannon said that by urging the passage of the bill he did not mean to threaten anybody or anything, there was quite enough of that going on in the world.

Mr. W. A. Stone, sotto voce—We'll leave that to the Senate.

A bill reported from the Committee on Ways and Means appropriating $130,000 to enable the government to make an exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial exposition at Nashville next year was passed.

An order from the Committee on Rules setting aside Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 5th and 6th, until four o'clock of the latter day, for the consideration of the bill amending the postal laws so as to shut out from the mails serial publications and samples, was adopted.

A similar order for the consideration of the Union Pacific Railroad funding bill on January 11, immediately after the reading of the journal, was also reported by Mr. Henderson, who made an explanation of the necessity of considering the bill which had been pressed upon Congress for years by the executive officers. On January 1 next, he said, the indebtedness involved would be in round numbers $111,000,000, to secure which the government had a second lien upon about 2,300 miles of road.

Mr. Maguire opposed the bill, and opposed its consideration.

The order was agreed to.

The House went into committee of the whole on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

A CURIOUS ACCIDENT.—A fatal wreck from a very peculiar cause occured on the the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway, at the east edge of Hamden, near Chillicothe, Ohio, yesterday afternoon. The fast westbound express, in charge of engineer Cutler and Conducter Thomas Brown, was entering Hamden, going forty-five miles an hour. Just as Cutler whistled for the station the engine struck a cow. She was thrown against a switch with force enough to open it. The engine took the switch track, while the coaches kept on the main track. The engine jumped the track, ran into the bank and overturned the tender. The coaches struck the tender which lay partially across the main track, and jumped to another siding where they encountered a car of shelled corn. The baggage and postal cars also left the track. Michael King, postal clerk, of Cincinnati, was buried in the shelled corn and smothered to death. O. H. Smith, postal clerk, also of Cincinnati, sustained a fractured rib and was injured internally, so badly that he may die. Postal Clerk Shannon, of Cincinnati, was seriously injured. Conductor Brown was badly bruised in the abdomen and narrowly escaped death. None of the passengers was much injured.

MURDERED A TEASING GIRL.—At Galveston, Tex., Mary Falk, 15 years old, a servant in the family of Edward Basil Stravensky, was found dead in the kitchen of the house yesterday morning by Mr. Stravensky. The forehead had been turn out exposing her brain.

Mr. Stravensky had left home early in the morning, while his wife and little daughter came to town, leaving at home with the girl, James Louis Sheppard, an 11-year-old son of Mrs. Stravensky by a former husband.

The boy was found at his grandmother's, a few blocks away, and finally confessed that he shot the girl because she was all the time teasing him. He says Mary threw him down, rubbed flour in his face and teased him until he was so angry that he went into the house, got the shotgun and shot her.

The girl was washing dishes at the time in the kitchen and fell dead at the crack of the gun. The boy is in the custody of the sheriff and talked freely yesterday evening about the affair. He is a lad of average intelligence.

NEW NORFOLK LINE STEAMER.—The Baltimore *Herald* says: "It is now authoritatively stated that the new steamer line established by the Southern Railway between Norfolk and Baltimore last summer, and which was the cause of the rate war between the Southern and the Seaboard Air Line, is to be continued despite the proposed transfer or amalgamation of the Seaboard and Baltimore Steam Packet Company by the Ryan syndicate. It is now stated authoritatively that the Southern will shortly advertise for bids for the construction of a new and modern passenger steamer. She will be one of the largest and finest of her type, and will be built for great speed. The specifications are now being drawn, and contemplate a vessel similar to and on the lines of the New York Sound steamers. It has not been decided when the vessel will be built."

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign News.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The tenor of the comment of the evening papers on the action of the foreign relations committee of the United States Senate in regard to Cuba is that nothing will come of the matter, at least in the near future.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—The foreign office is advised that the Brazilian government has formally declared that Brazil will not recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents.

BUDA PEST, Dec. 19.—An explosion occurred in a colliery at Resilza, Hungary, to-day, killing 11 men and injuring twelve. Fifty-nine others are entombed in the mine.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—James Charles Herbert Welbore Ellis-Agar, third earl of Normanton, is dead. He was 73 years of age and sat in the House of Lords as Baron Somerton.

Hotel Burned.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 19.—The annex to the Ryan Hotel was burned this morning, together with the Schutte Block adjoining. The fire was discovered at 2:30 o'clock, and the flames spreading with great rapidity the guests left their beds and rooms as quickly as possible. On the second floor of the annex the Catholics of St. Paul were holding a fair, for which they have been in preparation over a year. The stock was badly damaged. The total loss will reach at least $450,000.

Cruisers and a Filibuster.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The first officer of the steamer Comal, which arrived here this morning from Galveston, Tex. reports that on Tuesday last, at 10 a. m., off the southeast coast of Florida, he passed the United States cruisers Raleigh and Newark, bound south. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day the Comal passed the filibuster Commodore, under full steam, making south at her best speed, as if she were being chased.

Death May Cause a Deadlock.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 19.—State Senator James is said to be dying of pneumonia at his home at Penrod. His death at this time would mean the probable loss of a United States Senator to the republicans, who now have barely a majority on joint ballot in the legislature and the death of a republican would form a deadlock.

Later—It is now reported that Senator James is improving.

Postoffices Robbed.

CRANFORD, N. J., Dec. 19.—Burglars forced an entrance to the postoffice here early this morning, forced the safe and $2,300 in postage stamps and $25 in cash were taken.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 19.—The postoffice here was entered Thursday night by burglars. The safe was blown open and about $2,000 in money, registered letters and stamps taken.

A Terrible Holocaust.

ASHTABULA, O., Dec. 19.—At Sheffield, seven miles from here, P. Aelo and his wife, natives of Finland, were awaked at 3 o'clock this morning by neighbors shouting that their house was on fire. The man and his wife escaped in safety, but returned to secure a grandchild who was left behind. The floor gave way and the three were precipitated into the cellar, where they burned to death.

Killed Her Through Jealousy.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—Anton Benning, a huckster, returned to his home last night and found the dead body of his wife stretched upon a cot in one room and in the front room the corpse of his step-brother, Henry Kimmerling, both shot through the temple. It is believed Kimmerling was in love with the woman and killed her through jealousy.

A Spanish Consul Arrested.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 19.—Senor Fernando Llano, Spanish consul for the northwest, was arrested on the street here early yesterday morning. A policeman questioned him as to where he was going. The senor resented this and was locked up. He gave bail and forfeited it when his case was called in court.

FAUQUIER NOTES.

Mr. James Douglas and Miss Sudie Gaskins, both of Fauquier, were married December 9th by Rev. Mr. Grant.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Edwards, was in holiday dress Thursday when Miss Nannie E. Edwards and Mr. Chas. L. White were married.

At a meeting of the club held December 17th the resignation of J. D. Hooe as master of hounds was accepted and Mr. Bevan was elected in his place. Mr. E. R. W. Baker was re-elected secretary,

In the Circuit Court this week the case of Baker and wife vs. Cochran, the court overruled motion to appoint R. S. Cochran trustee, and entered decree directing Eppa Hunton jr., to sell the Warren Green property, omitting from the advertisement lot on Waterloo street, according to the terms of the trust deed. The suit was retained on docket for further decree.—*Warrenton Index.*

COURT OF APPEALS.

Before adjourning on Thursday the Court of Appeals transacted the following business:

Davis vs. Lester. From the Circuit Court of Henry county. Appeal and supersedeas.

Harrison and als. vs. Walton's executor, etc. Appeal and supersedeas

Petition for J. Yost for mandamus. Mandamus awarded.

Petition of Charles M. Wallace, jr., for mandamus Mandamus awarded.

Chipley vs. Commonwealth. County Court of Rockingham. Writ of error refused.

Clarkson, etc, vs. Garrette, etc. Chancery Court, city of Richmond. Appeal refused.

Reeves Catt, trustee, vs. Knabe & Co. Petition for rehearing refused.

Ferguson & Fries vs. Gooch, trustee. Petition to rehear. Petition refused.

Stoneburner vs. Roller. Petition to rehear. Petition refused.

No opinions were delivered.

The court adjourned for the term. The next term begins January 5th.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Randall, Selby & Bell, agricultural implement dealers, of Des Moines, Iowa, failed this morning for $125,000.

The body of E. E. Cartwright, late superintendent of the Lucas county infirmary, was stolen from Forest cemetery, near Toledo, Ohio, yesterday, and placed in a box and sent to the express office for transmission, where it was found.

Joseph Atkinson, a prominent business man of Inwood, Ont., shot his wife dead as she lay asleep in bed this morning and then shot himself, dying within an hour. Atkinson had been sick for some time and is supposed to have become temporarily insane.

The bituminous miners' strike came to an end this morning. The men of the four big companies in Vigo, Park and Vermillion counties, have voted to accept 55 cents. It is expected that operators elsewhere who conceded 60 cents will ask for a reduction. The strike has been on since May 1.

Senator Francis E Warren, of Wyoming, who submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the Auditorium Annex in Chicago yesterday, is reported by Dr. Hammond, the attending physician, to be much improved to-day. The doctors who performed the operation, entertain great hopes of the Senator's recovery.

The United States revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch, the queen of the revenue fleet, was successfully launched at Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia, this afternoon. The christening ceremonies were performed by Miss Madge Shoemaker. Several officials of the revenue service were in attendance.

Warriors from the Carlisle Indian school and students from the University of Wisconsin will meet on the football field of the Colissum, at Chicago, to-night. This is the first time in the history of the game that a big match has been held at night.

A boiler explosion occurred at the Kent woolen mills, Centreville, R. I., at 8 o'clock this morning. Four persons were killed and several injured. The fireman's wife who had gone to the mill with her husband's breakfast was among those killed.

Henry D. Welsh a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and prominent in financial circles, died this morning at his home, Wissahickon Heights, Philadelphia, after a protracted illness. He was 72 years of age.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.—At the annual meeting in Fredericksburg of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society the election of officers resulted as follows: President, P. W. Smith; secretary and treasurer, S. J. Quinn; board of directors, F. W. Smith, chairman; S. Wellford Corbin; Henry W. Edwards, M. B. Rowe, T. McCracken, St. George R. Fitzhugh, S. J. Quinn, J. B. Gray, John M. Griffin, Alex. Pratt, Oliver Eastburn, S. S. Bradford, J. J. Sale, E. D. Cole, A. P. Rowe, jr., A. M. Garner, H. F. Crismond, G. W. Shepperd, C. H. Hurkamp, T. J. Haydon, W. B. Tyler, T. F. Morrison, A. T. Embrey, G. R. Coleman and J. W. Jones. The same list of vice presidents was selected, except that Councilman M. S. Chancellor was elected in place of Mr. Jones, who was made a director.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The security markets were decidedly stronger this morning and prices were higher all around. London contrary to general expectations was not disturbed by the serious decline here yesterday and paid little attention to the actions of the Senate committee on foreign relations This, with the statement that the republican leaders in the House intended to oppose the Cameron resolution, caused the bears to make a change of front and led to an advance of ½ to 2 per cent. during the first hour of business. At 11 o'clock the market was a shade easier on realizations.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Virginia 3s, new, 74½ asked; do. century 61¼a61½.

Alexandria Market, December 19.

But little was done in the grain market today, the offerings being light and sales correspondingly so. There are no changes to note in quotations. There is a fair demand for Country Produce.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat firmer; spot 90¾ bid; May 87¼a87½; Southern wheat by sample 88a92; do on grade 87¼a91¼. Corn firmer: spot 27½a27⅝; year 27a27⅛; Jan 27¼a27½; Feb 27⅝a27⅞; Mar 28a28¼; steamer mixed 25¼a25⅜; southern white corn 26a27¼; do yellow 26½a27. Oats steady; No 2 white 25a26; No 2 mixed do 22½a23. Rye steady; No 2 nearby 41a42; No 2 Western 43a43¼. Hay quiet, steady and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Dec 76¾; May 80¼a80⅛; July 74⅝a74⅝. Corn—May 25⅜; July 26. Oats—May 20a20⅛. Pork—Jan $7 22½; May $7 90. Lard—Jan $3 82½a3 85; May $4 02½. Ribs—Jan $3 65; May $4 02½. Wheat opened higher. Corn opened firmer with wheat

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