



TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 26 1899

Mr. CRUMPACKER says unless Congress shall speedily take up and pass his bill to restrict Southern representation in the U. S. House of Representatives, the committee on rules of that body will appoint a day on which to consider that bill. And this, too, during the Christmas season, when amity and good feeling should prevail among all men. But the strangest part of all this, is that at the same time, there are Southern men who turned against their own people three years ago, threaten to do so again because the democratic party won't declare for gold monometallism. Why, the right sort of men would prefer lead or even iron money to the protracted, injurious, sectional and South-hating rule of the republican party. And then, too, the men referred to don't reason well, even for their own interests, for the value of the gold dollars they have locked up in bank vaults would be increased by lead or iron money.

WHILE Mr. Hanna may not remain as the nominal head of the national republican committee, it is well known by all the leading republicans, in as well as out of Congress, that he will continue to be the real head of that committee, as he, better than anybody else, can squeeze money out of the men who supply it, with which to elect republican Presidents; and as money will certainly not be dispensed with, especially as Mr. McKinley will be the nominee, and as Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley are a pair of brothers.

COUNTRY LIFE in Virginia previous to 1861 was the happiest that men could lead, and a country Christmas was unalloyed bliss; but it is sadly different now, so different that it is hardly strange the heira from the country to the towns and cities should be as great as it is. White people on many farms found it impossible yesterday to obtain the necessary labor to attend to their stock, let alone to keep up the fires and do the cooking. The contrast between old and new times, in Virginia, is made painfully distinct in the country.

DURING the last democratic administration nearly all the consular appointees were required to pass a severe examination. As a natural consequence, many of those who were nominated for such positions were never commissioned. It is not so at present, however, and all the nominees now obtain their commissions without any difficulty, as the payment of political debts is of vastly more importance to Mr. McKinley than efficiency in the discharge of the important duties of the consular service.

WHEREVER it was possible in Virginia, yesterday was observed with the charity, generosity and conviviality that marked the day in the earlier and better times of the State. Evidences of good will toward relatives, friends and neighbors, and the poor, were apparent everywhere, and good cheer seemed to be ubiquitous, and today all those who enjoyed the customary festivities with moderation feel the better for the temporary relaxation and rational enjoyment.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, December 26. The President today commuted to six months the sentence of John B. Parkins, convicted at Alexandria, Va., July 8, 1899, for violation of the postal laws and sentenced to one year imprisonment.

It is reported here that this government has been notified by England of her intention to seize and hold temporarily Delagoa Bay and the line of railway from Lourenzo Marques to Pretoria. This is to be done, it is said, because England has become satisfied that not only food supplies, but recruits and munitions of war have been and are being transported through Portuguese territory to the South African Republic. It is also said that the original intention of the Navy Department was to send Rear Admiral Schley to Delagoa Bay with the Chicago but that plan was changed at the request of England because such a move might cause embarrassment in the English plan of action.

There is some talk here to the effect that Representative Livingston, of Georgia, will be the chairman of the democratic congressional committee. But influential democratic congressmen say such a thing could hardly be, as the man for the place referred to must be of different stuff than that of which Mr. Livingston is made. And then, too, it is reported that President McKinley has said that if all democrats were like Mr. Livingston, he would have no difficulty in electing all of his objects.

The cabinet today had under consideration the question of the return to Spain of the Spanish soldiers, friars and civilians who have been held as prisoners by the Filipinos and who have been released by the American forces. It was decided that the most liberal construction should be placed on the treaty and that the United States should send back not only the Spanish soldiers, but the civilians, together with their wives. Secretary of War Root was authorized to negotiate for contracts with vessels to carry these people home. With reference to the financial situation, Secretary Gage, who recently

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Because she would not marry him, Carl Pfeiffer, 33 years of age, shot Katie O'Neil, 32 years of age, in Baltimore, last night, and then shot himself in the head. The woman died this morning at the Maryland University Hospital. Pfeiffer will recover.

An accident that may turn out to be murder or suicide, or a double suicide occurred last evening at the Whitpool Rapids Park Promenade, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Two young men arrived at the cliff above the promenade yesterday afternoon. They asked to be allowed to the promenade which runs near the rapids. This request was complied with. Nothing has been seen of them since.

John Leonard, colored, was found dead in a limo-kiln near Camden, N. J., this morning. Yesterday, it is surmised, he got intoxicated, staggered into the kiln and laid down on the brick edge of the kiln. It is supposed for warmth. Gas from the burning shells suffocated him and he slipped down in the furnace. He had been from Hopewell, N. J. Mrs. Henrietta Fingerhut, of Somerville, N. J., who was found guilty of killing her husband, Paul Boehrer, when he tried to exit her by force, was today sentenced to six months imprisonment and to