

THE DAILY ARGUS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1886.

Signs of life are visible at the capitol. Some of the more industrious congressmen have begun to prepare for the coming session. There have been preliminary meetings of certain committees—rather of quorums of certain committees, and the preparation of bills has begun so that the necessary business may be reached with as little delay as possible after the assembling of congress. As usual it is predicted that very little beyond the money bills, which are necessary for the expense of the government, will receive much attention this winter. Many earnest, conscientious legislators intend to do more if possible, but up to the present time congress has found itself too lazy in the long sessions and too busy in the short, to accomplish anything.

In the report of Postmaster General Vilas, which was made public several days ago, it is shown that the United States leads all the world in its mail facilities, and in the number of letters sent. The letters mailed in this country during the year were more than were mailed in France, Germany and Austria combined. The number of postoffices in this country now is 53,614. The report also shows a great deal in the line of reform. Owing to the reduction of the rate of postage on second class matter and the enlargement of the unit of weight for first class matter, the expenses of the postal department were expected to exceed its revenue for the fiscal year of 1886 at least \$2,000,000. A decrease of expenditures, however, has made the actual deficit \$3,000,000 less than that, and the deficit for the current year will be still less. Figures show that the net increase of revenue in the department was 3.2 per cent, and that the volume of business by which it was gained increased over 7 per cent. That is another proof, which commercial and other statistics establish, that there has been a steady return of business prosperity during the past year and a half. That is the way in which the country goes to ruin under democratic rule, which must be very depressing to the republican propensities of evil.

SOME of the secondary bureau chiefs and department officials are falling into the habit of padding their annual reports with newspaper puffs, extracts from the letters of friends and other testimonials as to their efficiency, much in the manner of patent medicine advertising. This is very properly stigmatized by the New York Sun as a ridiculous practice. The Sun instances the report of one head of a department in which not less than twenty-one pages, or one-fifth of the entire report, are devoted exclusively to compliments and flattery of the commissioner, all printed at the expense of the people. The report of another high official has a page of the same sort of stuff. We agree with the Sun that the proper offices of the efficiency with which the officers of the departments do their work are, first, their immediate superiors, and behind them, the people who are taxed to pay the salaries. The opinions of subordinates, admiring personal friends, volunteer correspondents and rural newspapers are not required in the annual reports. The administration ought to put a stop promptly to this ridiculous practice.

English Official Courtesy. Gen. Augustus G. Cook, who has been traveling in Europe on his wedding trip, and with a return in the English house of commons at the opening of parliament, which is characteristic of English official courtesy. The general happened to be in the house of commons on the day before the opening, and it occurred to him incidentally that without waiting on the American minister to secure the courtesy he would wait on the clerk of the house of commons, and secure a favor from an official of the corresponding rank with his own. He accordingly wrote on his card, on which was printed plain August G. Cook, the title "Clerk of the United States Senate," and sent it in to the clerk of the house of commons.

After he had been waiting some time a flunky came out and called out his name. When the general responded the flunky asked identity. "What do you want with me?" he asked. "I am here to see you," he answered. "I am here to see you," he answered. "I am here to see you," he answered.

Shortage in His Accounts. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 1.—A. G. Kist, a farmer living near Warsaw, Ind., acted as Indian agent at the Pawnee Agency, Indian Territory, six years since. He has been deposed since his retirement that a shortage of \$5,000 in the agency accounts existed. Suit has been begun here in the federal court against Kist and his bondsmen. His defense is that he has inadvertently received for supplies which he never received.

He Killed His Brother-in-Law. WILLIAMSBURG, Ky., Dec. 1.—Lewis Smith, a local desperado, shot and killed his brother-in-law, James H. Smith, at Woodbury, Saturday night, because Smith had interfered to protect Smith's wife from her husband's abuse. Smith narrowly escaped lynching. He is a quantity of farm implements and school commissioner at Woodbury.

Maxwell Respected. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 1.—An extension of time from Jan. 7 to Feb. 1 has been granted the attorneys for Brooks, alias Maxwell, the murderer of Freiler, and Chio Chioyok, the Chinese murderer, in which they request the transfer of the testimony for their appeals to the supreme court.

Barns and Cattle Burned. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 1.—A number of barns on the stock farm of J. W. Allen at East Syracuse, together with fifty-seven head of cattle, a large amount of hay and grain, and a quantity of farming implements, were burned Tuesday morning. The loss is \$40,000.

Requaring the Delta Natives. The natives of the Delta who befriended the late Governor Johnson, and who solve in many instances at the point of starvation when Gen. Schenck, of the United States army, visited them to distribute the presents sent by congress. They received him tumultuously, and shot off their guns in his honor.—Harper's Bazar.

Baron von Faber in Clover. Baron von Faber was in clover the other day. He owns the far-famed Faber pencil factory at Nuremberg, and was celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding. Hundreds of congratulatory telegrams, written with "Faber's," reached him.—New York World.

Thomas F. Pencil, Lincoln's body guard, is still an attack of the White House.

In the treatment of all nervous and muscular diseases, such as rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, the douloureux, semi crania, &c., the value of Salivation oil cannot be over-estimated. It kills pain. Price twenty-five cents a bottle.

Michael Munkersy goes into raptures over the beauty of New York women.

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DASTARDLY OUTRAGE COMMITTED BY FIFTY MASKED MEN.

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A Crank Who Insists on Entering Her House Without Knocking.

PAINEVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 1.—About one year ago a man was arrested in Cleveland and taken to Painesville, Ohio, where he refused to talk. He was sent to an insane asylum. Monday another crank, Labradore A. Bode, was arrested in the probate court here on a charge of annoying Mrs. Garfield and her daughter, Mollie. Anonymous letters were sent Mrs. and Miss Garfield and last August Mrs. Garfield entered the house without knocking, and revealed the contents of the letters by asking why they had not been answered. He was ejected by Mrs. Garfield's son and went off swearing. He continued writing, and last Saturday a gain entered the house and asked to see Mrs. Garfield. He was warned away, but soon returned with another letter, but Mrs. Garfield told him she would no further correspond with him. The alarm was then given and he was arrested. He is a Dutchman, 35 years old, of pleasant address, and good education. He has worked as a farm hand. He claims to be from heavily wooded lands, and he has been in the neighborhood of Painesville, Ohio, for some time. His letters to Miss Mollie Garfield were affectionate in tone, and asked the lady to let him visit her at her father's library. He was sent to the insane department of the infirmary.

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