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AT THE REQUEST OF MANY PROMINENT RESIDENTS of Washington, Lieut. SHUFELDT, U. S. N., will repeat his Lecture, recently delivered before the American Geographical Society, at Chickering Hall, entitled "Madagaskara," the Land of "Sinbad, the Sailor." Being the narrative of a novel and hazardous journey across the great African Island. Illustrated with numerous stereopticon views from photographs and sketches taken by the author in the interior, representing Forest Scenes; Entering the Hova Capital; Presentation to the Malagasy Queen; Leading the Party to the Westward; Slave Catchers' Attacks; "The Sea! The Sea!" Escape in an Open Boat Across the Mozambique Channel, &c. Marini's New Hall, Wednesday, December 3. Tickets at Brentano's and Paret's. n29-4t*

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☞ THE DEMOCRATS OF THE EIGHTH DIStrict will meet at Mrs. Rueth's, corner 7th and S streets northwest, at 8 o'clock TO-NIGHT (Wednesday, December 3d, 1884). By order of the central committee.*

☞ I. O. M.: NOTICE!

The officers and members of Potomac Lodge, No. 8, I. O. M., are earnestly requested to attend the next meeting of the Lodge (THURSDAY, December 4th), as business of vital importance to every member will be considered. By order of the Lodge.

1t* J. F. BUCKLEY, Rec. Sec'y.

☞ FIFTH ISSUE OF STOCK.

The Union Co-operative Building Association will hold its 39th regular monthly meeting for the payment of dues and making advances on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3, 1884, at 7 o'clock p.m., at Cosmopolitan Hall, corner 8th and E streets northwest.

Parties desiring to take shares in the fifth issue of stock can do so at this meeting.

DENNIS CONNELL, President.
DAN'L DONOVAN, Secretary. 1t

☞ CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CORNER 10th and G streets, is undergoing repairs. The audience room will be closed until further notice. Meetings in social room as usual. By order of the Trustees. d3-3t

☞ THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLUMbia Co-Operative Building Association will be held on FRIDAY, December 5, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Election of Directors and Officers and annual report.

GEO. J. JOHNSON, President.
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THOMAS SOMERVILLE, President.
JNO. JOY EDSON, Secretary, 917 F st. n.w. d2-2t

☞ A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Old Dominion Gunners and Anglers' Association will be held at 615 7th street northwest, at 7:30 p. m., December 12, 1884, to consider proposed By-Laws and Amendments to the Constitution.

A. W. FLETCHER, Pres.
HARRY KING, Sec. d2-10t

☞ THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE Fifth and Sixth Districts Cleveland and Hendricks club, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 3, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Circle House, northwest corner 23d street and Pennsylvania avenue. Arrangements will be made to take part in the Inaugural ceremonies of March 4, 1885.

J. H. O'BRIEN,
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Washington News and Gossip.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.—Internal revenue, $271,809; customs, $485,355.

A CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION of several applicants for the position of assistant examiners in the Patent office will be held December 16th, at the rooms of the civil service commission.

OFFICIALS GOING TO NEW ORLEANS.—Secretary Teller, Postmaster Gen. Hatton, Assistant Postmaster Gen. Hazen and Railway Superintendent Thompson will form a party to attend the opening of the New Orleans Exposition.

AFTER HIS INFORMER'S FEE.—Roland Kane, of the custom office in Montreal has commenced proceedings through Consul General Stearns to secure from the Treasury department here the informer's commission to which he is entitled for furnishing information which led to important seizures of jewelry and diamonds by the United States authorities. A Montreal dispatch states that $60,000 commission money is in the hands of the United States government awaiting claimants.

AMONG the President's visitors to-day were Senators McMillan, Manderson, Van Wyck, Voorhees, Sawyer, Cullom, Miller (N.Y.), Cameron (Pa.), Wilson and Sabin, Representatives O'Hara, Robinson, Reed, Houk, Sessions, Hiscock, Springer, LeFevre and Chace, Gen. Sheridan, Solicitor General Phillips and Judge Wylie.

INDIANS GONE HOME.—The delegation of Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, twenty-six in number, in charge of Capt. Pratt, who arrived here Monday, left this morning on the B. and P. R. R. for their homes, going by way of Carlisle, Pa., where they will visit the Indian school.

A CURIOUS CONSCIENCE CONTRIBUTION.—The following is a copy of a letter received at the Treasury department from Seymour, New Haven Co., Conn.: Some years ago, perhaps 12 or more, I sent to New York to the Methodist book room by mail a little box of jewelry. I think I wrote a little and put inside the box. I don't know that I knew at the time or for some years afterwards, that writing should not be put inside of a parcel or package unless letter postage was paid. I don't know what it would have been had I paid letter postage. I wish to make it right. I enclose to you 13 2c. postage stamps as some years have passed since it occurred which please appropriate as it should be.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SWAIM COURT MARTIAL, headed by Gen. Schofield, called upon the President yesterday in full dress uniform to pay their respects. A pleasant informal chat followed and the court retired to resume business. In this connection it may be remarked that this is the largest and highest ranking court martial that has assembled in this country since long before the war. The court that tried Gen. Fitz John Porter was composed of but nine members and was inferior in point of aggregate rank to the one of thirteen members now in session for the trial of Gen. Swaim.

NAVAL ORDERS.—Commander B. F. Day detached as inspector of the eighth light-house district, January 1, and ordered to settle accounts. Commander Merrill Miller detached as inspector of the sixth light-house district, January 1, and ordered to settle accounts. Lieutenant Commander M. B. Buford detached from the navy yard, Washington, and ordered to duty as assistant inspector of the eighth light-house district and on January 1st as inspector of the district. Lieut. John Hubbard detached from special duty in the bureau of navigation and ordered as assistant inspector of the fifth light-house district. Lieutenant Commander B. P. Lamberton ordered to duty as assistant inspector of the sixth light-house district and as inspector from January 1st. Lieut. J. C. Soley ordered to appear before the retiring board. Chief Engineer Edwin Wells to superintend the construction of a crank shaft at Pittsburg, Pa. Ensign E. E. Hayden detached from special duty at the Howard College University and ordered to duty in the Navy department. Naval Constructor T. E. Webb detached from duty on the board of inspection.

ARMY ORDERS.—The leave of absence granted First Lieut. Charles B. Hall, adjutant 19th infantry, in special orders No. 229, September 30th, 1884, from this office, is extended fifteen days on account of sickness. The following-named officers are detailed at Willets Point, New York, for instruction in torpedo service for the six months' course commencing January 1st, 1885, and will report for duty accordingly: First Lieut. Henry H. Ludlow, 3d artillery; Second Lieut. Clarence B. Townsley, 4th artillery; Second Lieut. Harvey C. Carbaugh, 5th artillery; Second Lieut. Samuel Rodman, jr., 1st artillery. The leave on surgeon's certificate of disability granted First Lieut. Marion P. Maus, 1st infantry, is extended three months on surgeon's certificate of disability.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to organize a cavalry company here, to be known as "The President's Mounted Guards," and e meeting of those interested will be held in one of the parlors at Willard's this evening. It is intended to adopt a showy uniform, and to arm the troop with lance and sabre, making it a striking feature in the military organization of the District.

THE STATUE OF ADMIRAL DUPONT was temporarily unveiled this morning to allow an inspection of it to be made by the Secretary of War, in conjunction with Senators Edmunds, Hoar and Bayard of the Senate committee, and while the flag was removed from the statue photographs were taken of it. At a little distance the statue presents a most striking likeness of the late Gen. Burnside, and might well pass for one of him with the ordinary observer.

PERSONAL.—A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia *Times*, is at the Riggs.——Commodore Schley was given a reception in Hagerstown, Md., on Monday night, by the citizens of that place.——Messrs. H. J. Baxter and F. L. Campbell, of the Interior department, have returned from Idaho, where they went some time ago on official business.——Col. Ingersoll delivered his new lecture, "Which Way?" in Chicago on Sunday afternoon.——Mrs. Dr. Semmes, of Boston, has returned to the city.

BUTTERWORTH AND FOLLETT.

The Commissioner Makes a Few Characteristic Remarks About His Election.

"I have not read Mr. Follett's resolutions," remarked Commissioner Butterworth this morning to a STAR reporter, "and only know in a general way what they are about. I don't care to say anything in regard to them until I know what exactly is aimed at. I have no objections, however, to saying that I am in favor of honest elections and everything that conduces to a fair and proper determination of the will of the people. I know of no one in my district that was prevented from voting the democratic ticket. Mr. Lot Wright is an honest man and a brave soldier, and I don't believe that he would be guilty of any improper act. As to Mr. Follett's statement that he had received more votes than at the election two years ago, when he defeated me for Congress, I have a letter from Mr. Follett, in answer to a congratulatory letter from me at the time, in which he states that it was not his victory so much as defection from me on account of my position on the temperance question. The vote polled at this election was fuller than it was even four years ago, and hence Mr. Follett can show a larger vote for himself, comparatively. The returns, however, will show that I carried all the wards by a greater majority than Mr. Follett, except in the river wards. There Mr. Follett's men had absolute and unchecked control.

"I remember," continued Mr. Butterworth, "that four years ago a great howl and cry was raised over my election, and a committee was sent out to make an investigation. They went out, made the investigation, and returned, but never made a report. The evidence did not materialize as it did here among the orators of Congress. I would have given," added the commissioner, bringing his hand down on the desk, "a month's salary to have been on the floor of the House yesterday; but I never answer a speaker from a crowd. He has the floor, and the interrupter has not."

"It seems to me, however," he went on, "that the object of this resolution, as I understand it, is to bring into question the utilization of U. S. marshals at the polls. They have always maintained that the government had no right to have such officers at the elections. I have always maintained the contrary. In 1878, if you remember, they claimed that we members of Congress were simply ambassadors sent by the states to take part in a sort of conference held at the national capital. The party has held that view in the past, and I suppose still continues to hold it, and this resolution will serve to give ground for legislation upon the subject and discussion."

The Surgeon General's Report.

WHAT HE SAYS OF CHOLERA PREVENTION, ETC.

Surgeon General Hamilton, of the marine hospital service, in his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1884, says it is estimated that there will be a deficiency of at least one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars in the fund for the support of the service by the end of the present fiscal year, caused by the abolition of the hospital tax by Congress. Of the new hospitals authorized by the act of August 7, 1882, those of New Orleans and Cincinnati are nearly ready for occupancy, that at Cairo is under contract, and for that at Baltimore an excellent site has been secured.

Referring to the existence of cholera abroad and the precautions taken against its introduction into this country, the Surgeon General says: "Quarantine measures which are effective against yellow fever are not equally so as against cholera, and all quarantines should be conducted as inspection and disinfecting stations in addition to proper isolation of the sick. But quarantine measures, however efficient, will not alone suffice to prevent an epidemic of cholera in this country if it should once pass the outer barriers. Prompt isolation of the first cases and municipal cleanliness are absolutely necessary factors in the prevention of epidemics." He advises that all rags imported, or in transit from state to state, should be boiled or disinfected.

AT THE CAPITOL TO-DAY.

SETTLING DOWN TO WORK.

THE BUSINESS BEFORE BOTH HOUSES.

Legislative Notes—Committee Work—Nominations by the President, Etc.

Senate.

The Chair laid before the Senate a report of the commission appointed to select a site for the pedestal of the Garfield statue. The report states that the commission has selected as such site the circle at the foot of the Capitol hill, at the intersection of 1st street and Maryland avenue southwest, Washington. The report was referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

A MESSENGER FOR THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Mr. Logan obtained unanimous consent and offered a resolution to appoint a messenger for the committee on military affairs. He said he submitted such a resolution last session, and it was referred to the committee on contingent expenses; that nobody objected to it, but he (Mr. Logan) could never get the chairman of that committee (Mr. Jones, of Nevada,) to report it back. Mr. Logan said that 57 per cent of the business of the Senate went to the military committee, and it needed a messenger.

The resolution was adopted, the messenger to receive $1,440 a year.

THE PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF LEASES OF INDIAN LANDS.

Mr. Vest's resolution of yesterday calling for an investigation into leases made by Indian tribes of lands in the Indian Territory was taken up.

An amendment offered by Mr. Conger was agreed to including within the scope of the investigation leases of lands in the Indian reservations.

Mr. Plumb, referring to Mr. Vest's criticisms made yesterday upon the course of the Interior department, said that the present Secretary of the Interior was only following the precedents set by his predecessors. Much of the lands held by the Indians, Mr. Plumb continued, were lands that they did not and would not need, and which were fit for agriculture. It was becoming a question for Congress to consider whether, owing to the rapid exhaustion of the public domain, some of these lands should not be opened for settlement. He hoped the investigation now contemplated would result in suggesting a plan which would reconcile the needs of the settlers and the Indians.

The resolution was then agreed to.

RELIEVED FROM SERVICE ON COMMITTEES.

Mr. Manderson, at his own request, was relieved from service on the committee on claims. On similar request Mr. Slater was relieved from service on the committee on fish and fisheries; Mr. Morgan from the committee on Indian affairs, and Mr. Dawes from the committee examining the several branches of the civil service.

BILLS PASSED.

Proceeding to the calendar the Senate, on motion of Mr. McMillan, took up, read a third time, and, after amendment, passed a bill authorizing the construction of a railroad bridge across the Saint Croix river, between Stillwater and Taylor's Falls, Minnesota.

On motion of Mr. Harrison, the Senate also read a third time and passed the bill reported at last session from the committee on military affairs authorizing the Secretary of War to adjust and settle the account for arms, ammunition and accoutrements between the territory of Montana and the United States.

Mr. Slater gave notice that on Monday next he would move to take up and would press to passage the bill declaring forfeited unearned lands granted to aid in the construction of the Oregon Central railroad.

THE SELECT COMMITTEES CONTINUED.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the select committees of the Senate in existence on July 7, 1884, were continued, and the presiding officer of the Senate was given power to fill existing vacancies, or such as may occur this week.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE NOMINATIONS.

About a quarter-past one p. m. a list of nominations of appointments made during the recess was sent to the Senate. It was headed with the name of Secretary McCullouch. The Senate immediately went into executive session.

ADJOURNED.

At 1:45 p.m. the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

Nominations by the President.

A LIST OF IMPORTANT RECESS APPOINTMENTS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

Hugh McCulloch, of Maryland, to be Secretary of of the Treasury.

Frank Hatton, of Iowa, to be Postmaster General.

John Schuyler Crosby, of New York, to be First Assistant Postmaster General.

James Harlan, of Iowa, to be presiding judge of the court of commissioners of Alabama claims.

Wm. L. Scruggs, of Georgia, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the United States of Colombia.

Jehu Baker, of Illinois, to be minister resident and consul general of the United States to Venezuela.

Thomas O. Osborn, of Illinois, to be minister resident and consul general of the United States to the Argentine Republic.

Thomas Adamson, of Pennsylvania, to be consul general of the United States at Panama.

G. H. Heap, of Pennsylvania, to be consul general of the United States at Constantinople.

Fulton Paul, of New York, to be consul general of the United States at Bucharest.

Dwight T. Reed to be secretary of legation of the United States at Madrid.

Chapman Coleman to be secretary of legation of the United States at Berlin.

Frederick V. S. Crosby, of New York, to be second secretary of legation of the United States at Berlin.

Willard P. Tisdel, of Ohio, agent of the United States to the states of the Congo association.

Wm. P. Dunwoody, of Iowa, to be a member of the national board of health.

To be consuls of the United States: Wm. A. Brown, of Indiana, at San Juan del Norte; George L. Catlin, of New Jersey, at Zurich; J. Maurice Duke, at San Salvador; Charles Einstein, of New York, at Stuttgart; Frederick F. Farmer, of Massachusetts, at Three Rivers, Canada; Gilderoy W. Griffin, of Kentucky, at Sydney; Gilbert R. Osman, of Michigan, at Auckland; Dewitt T. Relley, of New Jersey, at Athens; George F. Underhill, at Cindad, Bolivar; Robert K. Wright, jr., of Pennsylvania, at Colon, (Aspinwall); James F. Wilson, of Missouri, at Milan; Wm. E. Curtis, of Illinois, to be secretary to the Central and South American commission.

Walter Q. Gresham, of Indiana, to be circuit judge of the United States for the seventh judicial circuit.

House of Representatives.

Mr. O'Neill (Pa.) presented the petition of the widow of Commodore Thomas S. Fillebrown, asking for a pension. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Hart (Ohio), a bill was passed authorizing the Hillsboro' National Bank to change its name to that of the First National Bank of Hillsboro', Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Washburn (Minn.), a bill was passed authorizing the construction of a bridge across the St. Croix river, between Stillwater and Taylor's Falls.

A LAND GRANT FORFEITURE BILL.

On motion of Mr. Cobb (Ind.), the Senate amendments to the House bill forfeiting the unearned land grant to the Atlantic and Pacific railroad company were non-concurred in.

TEMPORARY PROVISION FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE.

At 12:30, on motion of Mr. Randall (Pa.), the House went into committee of the whole (Mr. Cox, of New York, in the chair) on the bill making temporary provision for the naval service. No amendments were offered to the bill and no discussion was had upon it, Mr. Randall merely making a brief statement to show that the total appropriation for the support of the navy for the current fiscal year was $15,636,166, a reduction of $258,268 from the appropriation for the previous year.

The committee rose, the bill was passed and the House resumed the consideration of the inter-state commerce bill.

THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE BILL.

Mr. Seymour (Conn.), a member of the committee on commerce, insisted upon the importance of the subject before the House, and supported with certain limitations the bill reported by that committee. He defended it from the criticism made by Mr. Reagan (Texas), and in return, pointed out what he considered the shortcomings of the measure advocated by that gentleman. It was too strict and minute in its details—so strict as to interfere with the laws of trade and the very object of the bill itself.

Mr. Long (Mass.) and other members of the committee next addressed the House, affirming that legislation on the subject of inter-state transportation was desirable and demanded. But the question should be discussed and considered with care. There is no subject at which an impassioned orator could fire his gun with a louder report for a smaller load of powder than the railroad system.

The District in Congress.

THE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. Townshend introduced a resolution in the House to-day authorizing the printing of 2,500 extra copies of the report of the health officer of the District.

DUPLICATE BOARD OF AUDIT CERTIFICATES.

On motion of Mr. Pike, the Senate to-day passe the House bill to authorize the issuance of duplicate board of audit certificates to Melissa G. Pola of Washington, in the place of two that were lo or stolen from her.

Capitol Topics.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The House appropriations committee will push the various appropriation bills to their passage as rapidly as possible. Mr. Holman says there will be no intentional delay for the purpose of occupying the time of the session, as has been rumored. There will, however, be some delay, owing to the fact that the committee has been obliged to ask the Secretary of the Treasury for new estimates for the customs service. The committee expects to act upon the suggestions of Secretary McCulloch and reduce the number of customs districts. The expenditures in this direction will be cut down at least a million dollars.

A MILLION FOR THE LOUISVILLE EXPOSITION.

Representative Willis, of Kentucky, expects to offer a joint resolution, at the first opportunity, providing for the loan of $1,000,000, and $1,000 additional for each congressional district, for a proposed international agricultural exposition to be held at Louisville next fall.

FOR THE RELIEF OF GEN. GRANT.

The recommendation of President Arthur that Gen. Grant shall be pensioned has been discussed to some extent among members of Congress, but no action towards putting it into effect in the shape of law has yet been taken. Friends of Gen. Grant in the Senate think the speediest and surest way to provide for him is to get the House to take up and pass the Senate bill to place the general on the retired list. Senator Mitchell has prepared and will to-morrow introduce a bill granting a pension of $5,000 a year to General Grant for life, beginning with the date of his retirement from the presidency.

WANTED—AN INVESTIGATION.

In the House yesterday Mr. G. D. Wise asked unanimous consent to offer a resolution for an investigation of the conduct of the United States marshal for the eastern district of Virginia during the recent election. Mr. Reed objected.

JUDGE WILLIAM D. KELLEY'S HEALTH.

Judge Kelley did not come to Washington for the opening of Congress. He is still at the home of his son-in-law, Oden Horstmann, in Philadelphia. He is, however, well enough to be out, and was on the street yesterday. He is only waiting for a return of strength to resume his active duties, and expects to be in his seat in the House next week.

RELIEF FOR THE TALLAPOOSA SURVIVORS.

The bill introduced by Senator Hawley in the Senate yesterday for the relief of the survivors of the wrecked United States steamer Tallapoosa, as mentioned in THE STAR, provides that the officers shall receive $1,000 each, the three mates and pay clerk $700 each, and the members of the crew $100 each. The surviving relatives of the three men who were lost are to receive an amount equal to one year's pay.

THE COLORED PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH.

Southern members of Congress say the stories of negroes in that section fearing a return to slavery because of Cleveland's election are untrue. They deny that there has been any such alarm as some have depicted. Senator George, of Mississippi, says that after the election the negroes were more exacting in their contracts for farm labor for next year than ever before. He says they wanted better houses, stock, etc., than ever before, showing clearly that they felt no fear of slavery.

DINNERS FOR SENATOR GORMAN.

Senator Gorman has informed the business men of Baltimore who tendered him a banquet that he will accept their invitation, and names December 11th as a date convenient to him. The democrats of the District of Columbia have also requested the Maryland Senator to name a date when they can entertain him at dinner. He is unable at this time to specify the time, but it will be arranged to suit his convenience.

NOTES.

The iron railing which formerly cut off the Senate executive clerk and his assistants to an exclusive corner of the secretary's office has been removed and a heavy counter surmounted by a high screen is to take its place. This is done by order of Senator Edmunds, who says the executive clerks must be more private than hitherto.

It is expected that the interstate commerce bill will occupy the House for about two days, and will then be passed by a large vote.

A handsome floral horseshoe was placed on Representative Post's desk to-day by some of those who served under him for the campaign committee.

A. C. Irvin, of Mississippi, has been appointed clerk to the committee on private land claims.

The placing of Senator Manderson at the head of the Senate committee on printing will not disturb Major Ben: Perley Poore in his position as clerk of that committee.

Senator Cullom says of the bill introduced by him to open all branches of the United States military service to colored men, that he believes a negro ought to have the same right to enlist in the army and to receive promotion as a white man.

Senator Hill, of Colorado, is not pleased with Secretary McCullough's tariff views. He says he favors a high protective tariff, so high as to be practically prohibitive.

Senator Maxey, of Texas, is so delighted with Secretary McCullough's report that he proposes to distribute all the copies he can get among his constituents.

Representative Springer maintains that unless the Illinois legislature shall elect a U. S. Senator, the state must go unrepresented in part. He says the law empowering the governor to appoint Senators in certain cases applies to vacancies occurring during a recess and will not cover the Illinois case.

Representative Howey, of New Jersey, expects some tariff legislation this winter. He thinks that a revision of the tariff is necessary, but says it must be done with great care and ability. Representative Nutting, of New York, agrees with Mr. Howey as to the need of wise tariff revision.

Senator Aldrich, speaking of Secretary McCullough's report said that pretty much everybody is now in favor of tariff reform, but the difficulty is to determine just what should be done. He added that it is not easy to decide just what "raw materials" are.

WHAT CONGRESS WILL DO.

Important Measures which Representatives Propose to Urge.

A DOUBT AS TO WHETHER THE TARIFF WILL RECEIVE ANY ATTENTION—PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE PRESENT MARSHAL LAW, &C.—TALKS WITH DIFFERENT MEMBERS.

There seems to be an unusually active interest among Representatives in the present session, particularly among those who will not return. A large number were under the impression that if some of the most important matters already before the House were disposed of and the appropriations passed, it would be about as much as could be done in the limited time they have. There is considerable talk in favor of bringing up the tariff question at once, but the tariff reformers are by no means unanimous upon that matter.

Mr. Hurd says that if there is not something done to reduce the tariff this winter it will not be his fault. He will make the fight with all his might, and believes he will succeed in reducing the revenue.

Mr. Mills, on the other hand, who is also a member of the ways and means committee and a stalwart reformer, says that there will be no meddling with the tariff until the next term, when there will be steps taken to reduce the revenue. He is very positive in this assertion.

Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, also a member of the ways and means committee, thinks that it is hardly likely that the tariff will come up unless it be brought up in relation to some specific item. He thinks the House will have all it can do to dispose of the appropriation bills, some measure to abolish the United States marshals and deputies, and supervisors of elections, and take care of the Mexican and the Spanish treaties. These two last, he says are of vast importance and will occupy much time. The Mexican treaty, which has already been ratified and approved by the Senate, awaits only the action of the House, so far as it effects the revenue. This, he thinks, will probably be quickly disposed of. But the Spanish treaty will have many ardent supporters and some bitter opponents, and the debate will occupy much time. Mr. Herbert is an earnest advocate of the abolition of the marshal system. The national defense, he thinks, will be cared for and the navy increased.

Mr. Stockslager, of Ind., says he thinks that there will beyond a doubt be an effort made to reduce the revenue at once. He thinks lumber, salt and coal will be put on the free list, and the duty on sugar reduced one-half.

Mr. Alexander, of Mo., would like to have a chance to vote for the reduction of the tariff at any time, the sooner the better. He says that lumber, salt, and many other necessaries of life should go on the free list.

Mr. Dockery thinks that the way to revise the tariff is to increase the free list, but he does not think that there is time this session to consider the question. He will introduce a bill to abolish the marshal system.

Mr. Eaton, of Connecticut, thinks there is no time this session to make a judicial reduction of the revenue.

Mr. Mitchell, of Connecticut, a reformer, says the tariff should not be touched this session. The appropriations and routine matter will take all the time there is.

Mr. Cobb will push the land grant forfeiture bills. Mr. Reagan hopes to pass his interstate commerce measure.

Mr. Skinner (N. Y.) will try to get a day for the post office and post roads committee, so as to pass the special delivery bill and the other important matters before the committee.

The indications are that the democrats will call a caucus to decide upon the course to be followed. Mr. A. S. Hewitt thinks this would probably be the proper thing to do.

Early in the present session, perhaps within a week, an effort will be made in the House to take up and pass the Senate bankruptcy bill. Representative Collins, who has charge of the bill, believes it is much stronger than last session, and that if it can be taken up it will pass.

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The revolutions in Panama, Candinamarca and Santander have terminated. Another revolution is in progress in Ecuador.

Telegrams to The Star.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS

Returns From Texas and Arizona.

THREATENED WAR IN KENTUCKY.

THE MAHDI REPORTED DEAD.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Cleveland's Plurality in Texas 134,855.

AUSTIN, TEX., December 3.—The official vote of Texas, just completed, is as follows: Cleveland, 223,208; Blaine, 88,353; Butler, 3,321; St. John, 3,511; Lockwood, 2. Total vote, 318,385. Cleveland's plurality over Blaine, 134,855. Cleveland's majority over all, 128,021. As compared with the presidential vote of 1880, Texas shows an increase of 85,298 votes.

The One-Sided Election in Arizona.

TUCSON, ARIZ., December 3.—The official returns show that Bean (rep.), for delegate to Congress, received 67,047 votes, and Head (dem). 5,595.

A Two-Thirds Democratic Majority.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 3.—The city election took place yesterday. A. S. Lane, the present mayor, was re-elected by a two-thirds majority.

A Democratic Mayor of Cambridge, Mass.

BOSTON, MASS., December 3.—W. E. Russell (dem.) was elected mayor of Cambridge yesterday by 10,085 majority over Fox (rep.)

THREATENED WAR IN KENTUCKY.

A Murderer and His Armed Friends Defying the Authorities—A Curious State of Affairs.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 3.—The staff correspondent of the *Courier-Journal*, who is investigating the plague in Eastern Kentucky, sent the following last night regarding the war now in progress in Letcher county, Ky.: Hon. James H. Tinsley, of Barboursville, and Colonel Robert Boyd, of London, returning home from Whitesbury, Letcher county, where they had been in attendance on the circuit court, gave information of a very warlike state of affairs at Whitesburg, the town being filled with armed men and a bloody fight being imminent. Judge Finley, of Williamsburg, a famous mountain jurist, is judge of this circuit, and for two years past has not dared to go to Whitesbury to hold court, because of a threat made by one of the most deperate men in the county to kill him if he ever entered it. This man recently fell a

VICTIM TO THE PREVAILING PLAGUE,

and after his death Judge Finley again went to Letcher. At this term of the Letcher county court a man was to be tried for murder. The man was out on bail and his friends—all of them being of the same desperate stripe as the murderer—determined that he should not be punished. The case was set for Wednesday, and on that day the accused came marching into town carrying double-barreled shotgun and a belt full of revolvers, followed by a score of his friends armed to the teeth. These were almost immediately followed by another crowd of the same size, all carrying shotguns and pistols. The latter company was composed of friends of the victim, who encamped on a bluff overlooking and commanding the town.

PEACE LOVING CITIZENS ORGANIZE.

Meantime a third band, composed of citizens, who thought the law should be allowed to take its way and the peace be preserved, "even if they had to kill every desperado in the county to secure that end," organized, armed themselves and went on duty, to stay until after the court had adjourned. The bands composed of friends of the murdered man and of those of his murderer are watching each other closely—one to keep the other in town and the other to keep their foes out—while the citizens' band stands ready to attempt to clean out the entire party when the trouble begins. The party composed of the murderer and his friends had been very riotous and drunken since their arrival and several gory engagements had been played between some of its members and outsiders, and on Monday a pitched battle was so imminent that the guns of the opposing squads were prepared for a fight, but for the time an affray was avoided. It is my informant's opinion that serious trouble will occur before the close of the session to-day. Whitesburg is a remote spot, far from the telegraph, and news later than the above regarding the situation is unobtainable.

THE KILLING OF WILLIAM HALL.

Another incident of this session of the court was the killing of William Hall, one of the most desperate characters in this section, by two guards, from whom he tried to escape. He belonged to one of the bands figuring in the above disgraceful affair, and was arrested on a charge of grand larceny committed in Wise county, Va., just across the mountains.

Minister Fish Resigns.

BRUSSELS, December 3.—Mr. Nicholas Fish, the U. S. minister to Belgium, has resigned.

The Railroad Rates War.

A FURTHER REDUCTION OF RATES.

NEW YORK, December 3.—The railroad passenger rate war continues unabated. The West Shore and Erie are selling tickets to-day to Chicago for $8.50. The New York Central and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western roads ask $10.50 to the same point. To Detroit, the Erie road asks $7, and to Cincinnati, $10.50. One firm of ticket agents to-day quotes the following prices by all roads, except the Pennsylvania road: Chicago, $8.50; Cincinnati $8.50; Cleveland, $6; Detroit, $5; New Orleans, $23 round trip, $43, and Buffalo, $4.65.

A Mexican Consul Recalled.

TUCSON, ARIZ., December 3.—A. V. Lomeli, the Mexican consul at this city, has been recalled by his government.

Fires in Maryland.

SALISBURY, MD., December 3.—Fire here yesterday destroyed the residence of R. D. Aldel; loss $1,500, without insurance; the residence of J. E. Thader, the Methodist Episcopal church south, $6,000, and the livery stable of Willoughby Bros. The entire damage was $12,000, with only $3,000 insurance on the church.

DARNESTOWN, MD., December 3.—The drug store of Dr. R. R. Beall, in this village, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss $3,500; no insurance.

A Hall, While Full of People, Set on Fire.

BIDDEFORD, ME., December 3.—While the Salvation Army were holding a meeting in a large hall in Saco last night the building was discovered to be on fire, and a serious disaster was only avoided by the prompt manner in which the audience which packed the hall was dismissed before the danger became apparent. The fire is charged as the work of an incendiary and there is great indignation.

The Paris Shooting Case.

WHAT A SEARCH OF M. MORIN'S APARTMENTS DISCLOSED.

PARIS, December 3.—The apartments of M. Morin, the man who was shot the other day by Mme. Clovis-Hugues, have been searched. In them important documents were found, including a list of witnesses suborned by Mme. Lenormand to testify against her husband. She wished to obtain a divorce, and engaged the services of a private detective agency to prove that a guilty connection had existed between her husband and Mme. Clovis-Hugues.

An International Complication.

A SPANISH CRUISER CAPTURED BY A BRITISH MAN-OF-WAR.

GIBRALTAR, December 3.—The Spanish cruiser which captured a supposed smuggler in British waters, and was afterward captured with its prey by a British steam launch, was a revenue cutter. She showed signs of fight on the approach of the launch, but promptly surrendered when a shot was fired from the fortress.

General Foreign News by Cable.

THE SCENE LAID IN NEW YORK.

PARIS, December 3.—Messrs. Wider and Philippe have sent to the Theatre l' Ambigue Comique a play entitled "La Conquiem Avenue," the scene of which is laid in New York at the present time.

INDIGNATION IN CAPE COLONY OVER A SPEECH.

LONDON, December 3.—Capetown advices state that Premier Upington had made a speech strongly favoring the Dutch party. He spoke in praise of the Bechnana Boers and censured the policy of Sir Hercules Robinson, governor of Cape Colony. The speech has caused much excitement and indignation in the colony.

CHOLERA QUARANTINE ABOLISHED.

ALEXANDRIA, December 3.—The Egyptian government has abolished the cholera quarantine. The overland route for passengers to India has been re-established.

Reported Death of the Mahdi.

HIS FOLLOWERS SAID TO BE DYING FAST.

LONDON, December 3.—A dispatch from Dongola to Reuter's news agency says: "The mudir has received news that the mahdi is dead and that his followers are dying very fast. The camel corps and the Staffordshire regiment will start for Ambukol next week."

Declined to Fight Count Bismarck.

PARIS, December 3.—The *Morning News* reports that Count Herbert Bismarck recently challenged Herr Eugene Richter, on the ground that the latter had insulted the chancellor in a speech in the reichstag. Herr Richter refused to accept the challenge. He declared that he would not fight a duel with Prince Bismarck, even concerning a matter which occurred in parliament, and if not with him, then much less with his son.

Political Notes.

The Albany *Journal* prints a dispatch from Chauncy M. Depew denying that he has withdrawn from the senatorial race in favor of Mr. Morton.

The grand jury investigating the Brand-Leman contested election case in Chicago made their report yesterday, stating the facts with relation to the frauds substantially as given in THE STAR heretofore. They returned a number of indictments, but the names were not made public.

The official vote in Florida on presidential electors is as follows: Cleveland, 31,769; Blaine, 28,031, and St. John, 74. Cleveland's plurality, 3,738.

The committee on organization of the independent Irish-Americans in New York has decided to continue the assembly district organizations under the name of the Irish-American Protective union.

In the New Haven, Conn., election yesterday the democrats made a clean sweep, electing G. F. Holcomb mayor by a majority of 1,218. Democrats retain control of the common council.

At the charter election in Hudson, N. Y., yesterday Henry L. Gregg, democrat, was elected mayor by 341 majority, and Henry W. Dakin, republican, was elected treasurer by six majority.

J. Cummings, democrat, was yesterday elected mayor of Fall River, Mass. The common council and board of aldermen have a republican majority.