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DELAY OF THE CUBAN RECIPROCITY BILL.

The president, we are told, has been lecturing the republican leaders in the senate on the failure of that body to pass the Cuban reciprocity bill. He cannot see why there should be such delay in this matter when his party friends are in control of both houses of congress. It is said some of the republican senators are purposely allowing the opponents of the bill to delay action and are using the Cuban bill as a lever for securing legislation in which they are interested. It is reported, for instance, that Senator Penrose is anxious to have the Isle of Pines matter settled to the satisfaction of some friends who have interests on the island and that he is demanding that this shall be done before the senate takes a vote on the Cuban bill. So anxious is the president to have this bill enacted that he has hastened back to Cuba, our consul general at Havana, who has been in this country on leave, with instructions to settle up the Isle of Pines matters. There are some other pet schemes of senators which they are trying to carry through by delaying the Cuba matter.

It is hardly possible that the senate will vote on the bill until after the Christmas recess. Neither house is making any progress in the work before it. Congress has been in session over a month and the only thing that has been done is the passage of the Cuba bill by the house. The discussion of this measure in the senate has given opportunity for tariff discussion. It seemed rather peculiar that in the senate on Friday the principal speech favoring the bill should have been made by a democrat and the one in opposition by a republican. When the senate does come to a vote it will be found that party lines are pretty well blotted out. There will most probably be an effort made to strike out the differential clause and the provision against amending the tariff as to sugar duties for the next five years. The democrats will support these amendments, but if they are defeated most of them will vote for the bill as it is, notwithstanding these objectionable features, as to some extent carrying out the democratic contention for lower tariff. If the bill is passed by the senate it will be done with the aid of the democrats. Mr. Roosevelt cannot get his pet measure through that body by the votes of his party. He will have to look to his political enemies for the necessary support.

BERSEEM, THAT WONDERFUL PLANT.

The universally accepted theory that the fertility of the soil of Egypt is caused by the silt deposited by the overflow of the Nile has been exploded. There is no foundation in fact for it. On the contrary we are now told that such deposits are really injurious to the land. The great productivity of the soil is due to an entirely different cause. The plant berseem, which grows very luxuriantly wherever planted, is said to produce this wonderful fertility. This plant will grow in barren alkaline land. Not only this, but it will reclaim and fertilize this kind of soil. A desert can soon be made a fertile spot by the growing of this plant upon it.

It is said that the Nile soil is so lacking in nitrogen that two crops of Indian corn cannot be raised in successive years upon it. Start this berseem to growing upon such land and it will soon consume the saline and alkaline properties in the soil and impregnate it with nitrates.

Berseem is somewhat of the nature of clover and alfalfa, but is more nourishing to cattle and stock. The Egyptians use it a great deal for feeding.

Another peculiarity of this remarkable plant is that it will kill weeds. The two cannot grow together, and the latter soon disappear after the former is planted.

Mr. Fairchild, the agricultural explorer for the United States, has been in Egypt studying this plant and he is enthusiastic over his discoveries. Our government is going to test the plant in various sections of the country as a cattle and stock food and for enriching the soil. In the southwest it is to be planted in rotation with cotton. It is of quick growth and in the northwest it can be planted and harvested during the warm weather. It cannot stand frost.

If the government's experiments are successful the introduction of berseem

FRUIT AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE

Nature Provides Its Own Remedies, Which If Used Judiciously, Insure Perfect Health at All Times.

Aside from the pleasure of eating seasonable fruits before beginning the first meal of the day, this custom has undoubtedly arisen from the well known fact that nearly all fruit and more particularly plums and PRUNES contain natural laxative principles which act directly on the stomach and bowels.

Constipation, that dread and troublesome complaint which is undoubtedly the basic cause of nine-tenths of the dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness, etc., so prevalent among our people to-day, and which, if neglected, surely leads to more complicated and serious organic diseases, can surely be prevented, and when not too far advanced can be absolutely cured by the judicious use of the modern laxative and cathartic California Prune Wafers.

They are not a patent medicine in the ordinary sense of the word, being compounded from fresh California Prunes, which every intelligent person knows is truly nature's laxative.

A dainty little wafer, always the same, compounded in a highly concentrated form from fresh California Prunes, they are a natural dissolvent, acting on the contents of the stomach and bowels and not on the organs themselves.

They regulate the Liver and Stomach, Cleanse the System and Purify the Blood, Cure all Bowel Troubles, Biliousness, Bad Breath, Bad Blood, Wind on the Stomach, Bloating, Bowel Pains, Headache, Indigestion, Pimples and Dizziness.

Every household should have a family package of CALIFORNIA PRUNE WAFERS, and at the first signs of approaching illness, or when under the weather, take a couple of wafers, and the doctor's bills will be much smaller than they are now.

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BIG SALES OF TOBACCO.

The Week a Good One—Fine Minstrel Performance—The Holiday Germans.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Wilson, N. C., December 12.—The minstrel given on Wednesday night for the benefit of the Wilson Cornet Band, was a great success and resulted in netting the band a neat sum. The cast was composed of local talent, the following composing same: E. Bass, W. H. Woodard, Guy Winstead, H. H. Houston, E. J. Smith, E. Fulghum, D. B. Gaskins and Dr. J. H. Newberry. The parody on "The good old summer time" sung by Louis Nolley was something rich and deserves special mention.

The Presbyterian Bazaar closed on Thursday afternoon, having been a great success. The ladies deserve great credit for their untiring labors.

The German Club is making extensive preparations for a big time during the holidays. The club met in executive session last night to perfect arrangements, and they intend making the Germans through the holidays long to be remembered.

About 1,200,000 pounds were sold on the tobacco market this week. Prices are up and most of the farmers seem better satisfied than they have been for some time. Sales will adjourn on Friday the 18th until the 4th of January for the holidays.

ANOTHER COLD WAVE.

Storm Warning Sent to Points on Atlantic Coast.

The cold weather which has prevailed in this section of the country for the past month is unprecedented for this season of the year and Mr. George W. Felger, the observer of the weather bureau, stated last night that a cold wave was heading this way and would probably strike here by this morning. A storm area covered the western part of the United States yesterday extending from the upper lakes southwestward to Texas and was attended by strong winds. A cold wave is following closely in the path of the storm and temperatures have fallen in the Rocky Mountain and slope regions and are from 12 to 16 degrees below zero in the Dakotas.

A cold wave does not seem to be the only bad weather in store for the next few days. The following storm warning was sent out from the weather bureau at Washington, late yesterday afternoon, to all points on the Atlantic Coast:

"Southwest" storm warning from p. m. Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Morehead, Washington, Columbia, Norfolk, Newport News, Fort Monroe, Baltimore, Breakwater, Ready Island, Port Norris, Cape May, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Sandy Hook, New York. Storm over Indiana moving east northeast, increasing southeast to south winds tonight shifting to southwest and west Sunday."

GOODS FROM CLARENCE H.

Part of Household Goods Taken From Wrecked Vessel Brought Here Yesterday.

The steamer Blanch arrived in port yesterday from Southport and had on board a portion of the household goods taken from the Clarence H. The articles brought by the Blanch consisted of several trunks and some bed clothing. All of the furniture has not been taken from the wrecked vessel as it is extremely hard to get it out, the boat being deep in the sand and partially covered with water.

The boat is badly damaged, but the hull appears to be intact and it is thought that the boat is worth saving.

No more bodies have been recovered.

Mr. M. S. Weaver, who until recently was a resident of Wilmington, arrived last night from Augusta and is spending today in the city.

Temperance Topics.

Mrs. S. F. Thompson, Superintendent. Assistants—Mrs. Mattie Blair, Miss Blanch Pentress, Miss Bessie Hankins, Mrs. F. M. Shamburger.

For God and Home or The Saloon—Which?

In introducing this column to the readers of The Messenger it is the earnest desire of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to interest the women of our beloved city in the great cause of temperance, and with this end in view we would especially call the attention of the womanhood of our city to the regular weekly meetings held on Thursday in the parlors of the First Baptist church, at 4 o'clock. A special prayer service is held, conducted by the various members of the society, and a strong sentiment along the line of temperance is developing. We say we wish to interest the women, but through their efforts we hope to make an appeal that will stir the thoughts and hearts of the men of this place. They have the power to remove the cause of intemperance from among us and why will they not use it. The Nashville American recently made this statement: "What American cities most need is to raise the standard of men elected to municipal office. We need less barroom influence in our municipal politics." If this sort of sentiment shall prevail among the daily papers of our country, we may look for a revolution in political ideals and methods. When "barroom influence" is eliminated from not only municipal but also state and national politics, we will have a new heaven and a new earth, politically speaking. There is no corrupter of political morals to be compared to it."—Christian Advocate.

"There is some thing finer than to do right against inclination, and that is to have an inclination to do right."

The Union Signal reports that Miss Helen M. Gould is establishing a club for the young men of Livingston-on-the-Hudson. In order to keep them out of the saloon she is erecting a \$30,000 club house for their exclusive use. She found that many boys and young men had no place to spend their evenings except in saloons. She has arranged for a large library, and each month she will have artists give an entertainment for their benefit.

Death of Well Known Ex-Confederate.

Augusta, Ga., December 12.—George Conway, famous secret service man of the Confederacy and after the war for a short time Grand Master of the Klu Klux Klan in this section, died here today.

CALIFORNIA PRUNE WAFERS. Are made from the fresh California fruit used all over the land to cool times, and to keep the bowels active. The most delicate invalid can take these Wafers for Constipation, Indigestion, and all Liver and Bowel troubles, without fear of griping or pain. They act gently but surely, stimulate digestion and hasten the passage and absorption of food, refreshing the whole body.

100 Wafers 25 Cents.
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NEW STORAGE BATTERY

Has Been Installed for the Fire Alarm System.

Mr. Chas. Best, of the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company, of New York, who has been here for the past week installing a storage battery for the fire alarm system, completed the work late yesterday afternoon. After installing the battery an alarm was turned in to test it, and it was found to be in good working order.

This new feature makes the fire alarm system in this city complete and up-to-date in every particular.

The old battery was removed because it was inaccurate.

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Charged With Assault.

G. W. Mills and S. Buford, an Egyptian, were before Justice Bordenmann yesterday upon the charge of assault upon each other. Neither of the men seemed to have been injured in the affray, so they were released upon the payment of the costs which was \$4.20 each.

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The great tonic cathartic, an invaluable cure for Malaria, Biliousness, Constipation, Nervousness, Catarrh of the Stomach, Bad Breath, Oily Skin, Sleeplessness, Wind and all Liver, Stomach and Bowel trouble.

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There will be services at St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner Fourth and Orange streets at 11 o'clock this morning. The new heater has been put in and the building will be comfortable. It is hoped that the entire congregation will be present.

Catarrh

Is a discharge from the mucous membrane of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels etc., when kept in a state of inflammation by an impure condition of the blood and a want of tone in the system.

Soothe the inflamed membrane, strengthen the weakened system, and the discharge will stop—to do this purify the blood.

"I was troubled with catarrh for years and tried various remedies but found nothing that would cure me. I then resolved to try Hood's Sarsaparilla and took four bottles which entirely cured me. I have never been troubled with catarrh since. As a blood purifier I can find nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla." WILLIAM SHERMAN, 1030 6th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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28 Boxes Evaporated Peaches.

15 Boxes Fancy Citron.

13 Cases Carolina Rice Flakes.

207 Boxes Stick Candy.

49 Tubs Fancy Broken Candy.

36 Tubs Southern Penny Candy.

148 Pails Fancy Mixed Candy.

20 Boxes Peanut Mixed Candy.

213 Boxes C. C. Jap Candy.

37 Barrels Baldwin Apples.

115 Boxes Violet Kisses.

6,666 Cocoanuts.

777 Bushels N. C. Peanuts.

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Leggings in Canvas and Leather, Brass Fenders in several designs \$3, \$6, \$7.50, \$8.75.

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