

CURRENT COMMENT.

The wife of President Loubet, of France, celebrated her New Year's by giving 150 widows enough money to pay their January rent.

South Carolina, it is estimated, ranks next to Massachusetts in the number of its cotton mills, and expects to lead Massachusetts by the end of 1900.

The Congregational church has opened two schools in Puerto Rico, one at San Juan and the other at Utuado. Together they accommodate 400 children, though it is said that 11,000 applied for admission in two weeks.

It is observed by travelers in Siberia that the effect of constant cold is practically the same as the effect of constant heat. The people develop a disinclination to work and become strangers to ambition of any description.

Labori, the famous lawyer who defended Zola and Dreyfus, is to visit the United States and deliver a series of lectures in the chief cities, if amnesty is granted, as seems now likely in those cases arising out of the Dreyfus trial.

No comet, so far as known, has ever come in contact with our atmosphere. The nearest approach ever observed was the comet of 1770, which approached to within a short distance, astronomically speaking—that is, 1,400,000 miles.

Our army losses in the Philippines covering the whole period back to the beginning of hostilities with Spain are 364 killed, 203 died of wounds and accidents, 783 died of disease, and 1,892 wounded. The total is 3,242, or about one-third of the British losses from bullets, disease and captures in South Africa.

Honore Palmer, eldest son of Potter Palmer, and one of the two prospective heirs of \$100,000,000 dollars, and a graduate of Harvard college, has gone to work as a manager for a loan and trust company, at \$20 a month. Wealth and a university education seem of little use to a young man in Chicago.

An old rusty safe in the office of Edward Elliott, near Atlanta, Ga., undisturbed for half a century, was opened the other day and, to the amazement of his aged widow, found to contain gold, silver and greenbacks in excess of \$7,000. Elliott, who died last month, was a farm hand and of miserly disposition.

Rev. Dr. Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church—the church which claims to have more congressional members than any other in Washington—has been called upon to decide that progressive eucure in the church parlors, at the church socials, is not quite the proper thing from a Presbyterian viewpoint.

Another blue law revival is on in South Norwalk, Conn., and the mayor, who appears to be the leader of the movement, has ruled that Sunday shaving, ice cream, soda water, shoe shines and Sunday newspapers are necessary, while cigars, fruits, confectionary and peanuts are entirely unnecessary, as well as harmful to digestion, and, therefore, not to be allowed on sale on the Sabbath day.

A resolution looking toward separate schools for boys and girls from the fourth grade up through the high schools will be submitted to the Chicago board of education soon. Trustee Schwab, who is at work on the matter, says: "The inherited traits and home training of many of the boys in our cosmopolitan schools are not such as to make them desirable companions for girls. The language you may hear on any of our streets from boys bears this out."

According to the Wichita Eagle a western Kansas merchant was at his dinner one day when some one entered his store and stole \$400 in cash. The merchant said nothing of his loss not even to his wife. Seven years later a prominent merchant strolled into the store, and while gossiping from the top of a sugar barrel, remarked: "Jake, did you ever catch the man who stole that \$400 from you?" And the merchant grabbed the prominent citizen and yelled for the police.

The United States has always been a nation of peace, having on an average hardly one war in a generation, and England has always been a nation of war, hardly a year in her history when the smoke of her guns was not somewhere ascending. And that is why it seems strange that the United States should be better prepared for war than England. There seems no doubt at all that the leafiest British reverses in South Africa have been due to the fact that the English artillery was inferior to that of the Boers.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT

Estimates Concerning the Mississippi and Big Sandy Rivers.

THE PUBLIC LANDS OF HAWAII.

House Committee Hearing Evidence About Their Disposition—Board of Ordnance Reorganized—Clark Investigation—Dead soldiers—Customs.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, yesterday sent to the house the report of the commission appointed to prepare a project for improving the southwest pass of the Mississippi river. The project will cost \$6,000,000 and contemplates a channel 1,000 feet wide and 35 feet deep throughout the pass, the construction of two jetties, with sills across the Cubitte gap, the jump and Baptiste Collet's canal and the closing of the outlets below the forts. The board reports that a ship channel can be open within three years and the work completed in five years. Gen. Wilson also sent to congress a project for improving Big Sandy river in Kentucky and West Virginia, and an estimate of \$4,795,000 for the large number of locks and dams which would be required.

The Public Lands of Hawaii. Washington, Jan. 23.—The house committee on territories yesterday gave a hearing upon the subject of disposition of the public lands of Hawaii. Mr. Hermann, commissioner of the public land office, favored placing the lands under the public land office and his attitude was opposed by William Owen Smith, attorney general of Hawaii, and other Hawaiians. R. W. Wilcox, a native Hawaiian, spoke in general approval of the bill, but urged that the provision as to the crown lands be changed, as these lands, he claimed, rightfully belonged to the heirs of the old line of kings. Gilbert F. Little, a Hawaiian attorney, presented the views of the small property owners and Americans in Hawaii and incidentally took occasion to sharply criticize the present administration.

Board of Ordnance Reorganized. Washington, Jan. 23.—The secretary of war issued an order almost entirely reorganizing the board of ordnance. Gen. Miles, who is ex officio chairman of the board, is the only member of the former board retained. It is said that there is no especial significance in the action of the secretary of the war in this matter, beyond a desire to recognize the supreme importance of the board, which is charged with the duty of protecting our extensive sea coast from foreign attack, and to include in its membership the best military talent possible under existing conditions of the service.

The Investigation of Senator Clark. Washington, Jan. 23.—The senate committee on privileges and elections held but a brief session yesterday on account of the non-appearance of witnesses. President Smith, of the Montana national bank, and Representative Murray, of the Montana house of representatives, were the only witnesses on the stand. Mr. Smith's testimony was immaterial. Mr. Murray testified that he was offered \$10,000 to vote for Senator Clark by persons whom he considered representatives of that gentleman.

Dead Soldiers from Santiago. Washington, Jan. 23.—The remains of 46 soldiers recently brought to this country from Santiago will be buried at Arlington cemetery with full military honors Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

Estimate for Collecting the Customs. Washington, Jan. 23.—Secretary Gage has sent to congress an estimate of \$7,872,000 as the cost of collecting the customs during the next fiscal year.

Rod Mill Men Go on Strike. Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 23.—The rod mill workers at the plant of the American Steel and Wire company, at Rankin, went on strike yesterday, closing that department of the big works and throwing idle about 1,000 men. Only about 50 skilled men are involved. These men were organized Sunday night into a lodge of the Rod Mill Workers' Association of America. The demands at Rankin are the same as those at the other rod mills.

Fall of a Miner's Cage. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 23.—The cage at the Spaulding Coal company's shaft at Spaulding, 15 miles east of this city, fell 30 feet yesterday with eight miners, six of whom—Harry Ducker, Charles Minney, William Wulness, Edward Stringham and two men whose names are unknown—were injured. Ducker sustained a broken leg and other injuries.

An Oregon Legislator Suicides. Portland, Ore., Jan. 23.—Sidney G. Hawson, of Arlington, Ore., a member of the Oregon legislature, committed suicide yesterday afternoon in a room at the Esmond hotel by shooting himself in the head. Drink and domestic trouble are said to be the cause of the suicide.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

Proceedings of Our National Lawmakers from Day to Day in Condensed Form—Resolutions and Bills.

At the conclusion of routine business in the senate on the 13th the resolutions calling for information regarding the Philippine insurrection were debated and the one offered by Senator Hoar (Mass.) was adopted. The resolution offered by Senator Hale (Me.) as to the seizure of the Philippine insurrection was adopted after a spirited debate. The resolution of Senator Pettigrew (S. D.) calling for information from the secretary of war as to the fiscal operations in Cuba was also passed. Senator Teller (Col.) then made an address on the financial bill. It having been decided to take the final vote on the measure on February 15, the house had another inning over the sale of the New York custom house by Secretary Gage, Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.) charging that his resolution to investigate the transaction was to be suppressed. This precipitated a debate lasting for three hours. The urgent deficiency bill was afterwards passed.

In the senate on the 13th Senator Wellington (Me.) continued his debate on the Philippine question, declaring that the United States, after subduing the insurrection should confer upon the Filipinos the right to govern themselves, affording them such protection as they might need. Senator Teller (Col.) afterwards spoke on the financial bill, criticizing it because the government surrendered its power to make money and gave banks the opportunity to issue paper money. He also declared this was not a safe time to effect a change in our monetary system, there having recently been a serious money panic in New York. The house passed the senate bill to extend the powers of the director of the census after striking out the committee amendment to contract for extra printing with private firms. Mr. DeArmond (Mo.) introduced a bill to repeal the bankruptcy law and Mr. Fitzgerald (Mass.) a resolution that soldiers and sailors should have chaplains as far as practicable of their own faith.

In the senate on the 13th Senator Hale (Me.) made an impassioned speech in which he declared that the American people sympathized with the Boers in their struggle for liberty against Great Britain. The occasion of the speech was caused by a resolution by Senator Allen (Neb.) calling for information as to whether a representative of the Transvaal had applied to the United States government for recognition. The resolution was adopted. Senator Morgan (Ala.) then spoke on the financial bill and an adjournment was soon afterwards taken until the 22nd. The pension appropriation bill carrying \$145,235,250, was passed by the house. It was made the vehicle for an attack upon the commissioner of pensions by Messrs. Curtis (Kan.), Lentz and Norton (O.), and several others. The commissioner was defended by a score of members from both sides of the house. A rider was put on the bill empowering the commissioner to withhold the fees of attorneys where he was satisfied they had not prepared the cases under their personal supervision.

The senate was not in session on the 20th. The reports of the special committee in the Roberts case were presented to the house. A bill was passed to grant the Rock Island railway a right of way through the Fort Sill and Fort Reno military reservations in Oklahoma. Mr. White (N. C.) presented a petition signed by 2,433 persons for national legislation against lynching and mob violence and eulogies were pronounced on the late Representative Danford (O.).

The 23d was a day of oratory in the senate and little beyond routine business was transacted. Senator Pritchard (N. C.) called up his resolution relating to the proposed amendment of the constitution of his state and delivered a carefully prepared address upon the race question in the south. He was followed by Senator Turner (Wash.) in a speech on the Philippine question in which he arraigned the administration's policy. Senator Platt (N. Y.) offered a resolution authorizing the president to invite Great Britain to join in the promotion of an international commission to report on the diversion of waters that are boundaries of the two countries. The resolution of Senator Rawlins (Utah) for an inquiry as to polygamous marriages was passed and the bill granting the abandoned Fort Hays military reservation to Kansas for a branch agricultural college was reported favorably from the committee. The house was in session 40 minutes and nothing of public interest was done, only a few District of Columbia bills of minor importance being passed.

Fussy Man (hurrying into a newspaper office)—I've lost my spectacles somewhere, and I want to advertise for them, but I can't see to write without them, you know.

Advertising Clerk (kindly to be general manager some day)—I will write that ad. for you, sir. Any marks on them?

"Yes, yes. Gold-rimmed, lenses different focus, and letters L. O. C. on inside. Insert it three times."

"Yes, sir. Eighteen shillings, if you please."

"Here it is."

"Thanks. It gives me, sir great pleasure to inform you, sir, that your spectacles are on the top of your head."

"My stars! So they are. Why didn't you say so before?"

"Business before pleasure, you know."—Fit-Bits.

Broken Commandments. The brilliant young preacher when he makes his parochial calls endeavors to cultivate an acquaintance with the development of the younger minds, thus after a fashion keeping tab upon his Sunday school teachers.

While he was waiting in the drawing room of a Cass avenue residence for the appearance of Elsie's mamma, he was entertained by the little daughter herself. He began a review of the church lessons that had been given to a little maid of five. "Can you tell me, Elsie, how many commandments there are?" "Yes, sir; seven or eight." "Oh, no, dear; there are ten." "Yes, I know there used to be, but I heard papa tell mamma yesterday that he had broken two or three of them at least, and that would leave only seven or eight, you know."—Detroit Free Press.

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A New Method.

The public schools of a certain New England city have recently taken to an exacting form of art. The pupils are placed before a model and told to sketch as they see. One day a little girl was seated on a chair on the platform, and her classmates were given the usual order. The results varied. Some of the drawings looked like a human being in a state of repose, others like wooden dolls. But one little girl had drawn the chair and a tiny figure standing in front of it. "Mary," said the discouraged teacher, "didn't I say: 'Draw Amelia as you saw her?'" "Yes'm."

"Well, is she standing in front of the chair?" "No'm. She's sitting in it." "Then why didn't you draw her sitting?" Tears came into the child's eyes. She was misunderstood. "But I hadn't got to it," she said. "I was just going to bend her down when you rang the bell."—Youth's Companion.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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