

SILVER MEN WILL CONTROL.

The Senate Finance Committee Will Stand Eight to Five for Free Coinage. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the reorganization of the senate committees by the republicans which will probably be announced this week, the personnel of the finance committee has been so changed that hereafter the silver men will be in a strong majority. Two republicans, Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, an anti-silver man, and Mr. Wolcott, of Colorado, an advocate of free coinage, have been added to the committee, so that it will consist of thirteen members instead of eleven as heretofore. Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, will continue as chairman, with Messrs. Sherman, Allison, Aldrich and Platt representing the anti-silver element, and Messrs. Voorhees, Harris, Vest, Jones, of Arkansas, White, Daniel, Wolcott and Jones, of Nevada, the free coinage men. With the committee thus made up of eight silver and five anti-silver members, it is as certain as anything can be that no legislation not acceptable to the free coinage senators as a whole will be reported favorably during the life of this congress and it is even more certain that there can be no legislation on the lines of the president's recommendation.

CONGRESSIONAL FORECAST.

Speeches Promised This Week in the Senate on Certain Topics—Nothing Much Will Be Done in the House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Speeches are promised in the senate during the week on various topics now before that body. Senator Hill will probably talk on the Monroe doctrine, Senator White on the senate rules, and Senator Stewart on the resolution regarding the effect of the rate of exchange on agriculture and manufacturers between gold standard and silver standard countries. There also is probability of some speeches on Senator Peffer's bill regarding senatorial funerals. This is the only bill of general importance which has been reported from committee. The adjournment for Christmas is expected to take place on Friday. This will be the last week in the house before the recess for the Christmas holidays, and practically the only thing that will be accomplished will be the appointment of committees, which Speaker Reed will announce on Friday or Saturday, when the recess is taken.

IRISH ARMY FORMING.

Clan-Na-Gael Lodges Organizing Uniformed and Armed Companies. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A local paper will say: For the last ten months a movement has been under way in the lodges of the Clan-Na-Gaels in this and other large cities to organize among the best Irishmen military companies. In this city alone there is a well drilled and equipped regiment of 500 men, and companies and regiments are in process of formation in Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago and other large cities. It is said the whole movement is a scheme to prepare a well trained and armed body of men to be used when there is an opportunity to free Ireland. This scheme is denied by the leaders of the movement, who declare that the men are drilled for the purpose of furnishing the United States with trained soldiers in case of an emergency; but, notwithstanding this assertion, it has leaked out that Ireland's cause is the principal object of the movement. One of the oaths which every recruit takes, it is said, is to serve the cause of Ireland.

FRAKER OUT ON BONDS.

The Notorious Doctor Goes Back to Excelsior Springs to Resume Practice. RICHMOND, Mo., Dec. 16.—Dr. George W. Fraker, the alleged insurance swindler, who has been confined in the Ray county jail here since his capture, was released on bond yesterday morning, his bondsmen being Capt. J. L. Farris, of Richmond; M. L. Morse, A. P. Benson and Col. Bissell, of Excelsior Springs. He left yesterday evening for his old home at Excelsior Springs, and will engage in the practice of medicine at that place.

MILLION DOLLAR GIFT.

Miss Helen Culver Makes a Handsome Bequest to the Chicago University. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Chicago university was the recipient of another million dollar gift, the donor being Miss Helen Culver of this city. The condition of the gift is that it shall be devoted to the increase and spread of knowledge within the field of biological science. One-half of the sum donated may be used for the purchase of land and for the erection and equipment of buildings.

Judge Thurman Laid to Rest.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—With simple yet solemn ceremonies the body of Allen G. Thurman, jurist, statesman and beloved citizen, was consigned to the earth Saturday morning. The entire city felt the loss and all joined with the bereaved family in their grief. It was the desire of the deceased that there should be but the simplest exercises when the end came and in accordance with this desire was the funeral ceremony.

Ex-House Clerk McPherson Dead.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 16.—Edward McPherson died from the effects of an overdose of nuxvomide taken by mistake. He was an ex-member of congress and clerk of the house of representatives during seven congresses, besides holding other positions at Washington. He was 65 years of age.

"COIN'S" NEW PARTY.

The "Patriots of America" Organized, Whose Mission Will Be to Advance Silver's Cause. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—W. H. Harvey, the oracle of free silver, who is better known as "Coin," yesterday launched his new political party. According to the press notice which Mr. Harvey gave out, it is to be known as "Patriots of America." Its especial mission is to advance the cause of free silver, as well as to eliminate selfishness from politics. The national officers are: W. H. Harvey, first national patriot; Charles H. McClure, national recorder, and James F. Adams, national treasurer. Mr. Harvey was first elected head of the order and he then appointed Messrs. Adams and McClure, and the organization was declared complete. No salary attaches to any of the offices except that of national recorder, and Mr. McClure announces he will not accept this.

On the first Tuesday of next April, however, when the organization is expected to be in good working order, an election will be held and a new set of officers chosen or the present set re-elected. The constitution expressly provides no national officer can accept any elective or appointive office, nor can he acquire private property in excess of \$100,000. A side order, called the Daughters of the Republic, is also to be started. Its membership will be confined to the gentler sex, and the head of it will carry the proud title of "first woman of the republic." It is not to be a female suffrage organization, but rather a helping hand to the Patriots of America, who are expected to do the voting.

ISLAM OR DEATH.

The Atrocities Committed Upon Christian Armenians Most Appalling. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—The secondary effects of the outrages perpetrated upon Armenians in the months past are seen in the advices now being received from Anatolia, which dwell upon the terrible distress existing everywhere. A thousand fugitives have taken refuge in Black sea ports, where they remain in a deplorable condition. The Kurds continue to pillage the Armenian villages without opposition from the helpless inhabitants or from the authorities. During the last three weeks 160 villages have been sacked and 70 men killed. The villages of Serai, Hazira, Bohazkessen, Badjikishla and the Armenian district of Haisalsira have been laid waste. The village of Lamasnurd has been raided four times in one week. The authorities make no attempt to put a stop to the Kurdish raids or to punish the perpetrators of them. It is feared that the inhabitants of numbers of villages who have fled through fear of threatened outrage and have taken refuge at inaccessible points in the mountains, will perish during the severe weather of the winter which is now coming on. The Armenians are held in a state of utter despair over their situation. The scenes which are daily enacted are too horrible to allow of description. The survivors of these massacres are compelled either to adopt the faith of Islam or be killed.

M'BRIDE DEFEATED.

Samuel Gompers Once More Head of the Federation of Labor. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The election of Samuel Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor over John McBride, by a vote of 1,041 to 1,023 was generally accepted as an anti-socialist victory. Gompers has all along been unsparring in his denunciation of the socialists. The full vote of the Typographical union 191 went to Gompers. He got 150 out of 200 carpenters' vote. After the cheering had ceased Gompers formally accepted the office. James McGuire was re-elected as first and James Duncan as second vice president. M. M. Ganland was elected fourth vice president. John B. Lannon was re-elected treasurer and Augustus McCraith secretary.

CRUSHED BY A BOWLDER.

Five Men Meet Instant Death at Big Stone Gap, Va., While Eating Their Dinners. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 16.—News reached Knoxville yesterday of an awful disaster that occurred at Big Stone Gap, Va., Saturday at noon, in which five white laborers lost their lives. The men were working on a cut and had stopped for dinner, seating themselves under a ledge of rock projecting from an embankment. Suddenly, and without the slightest warning, a large bowlder broke loose and came down upon them, causing the instant death of all.

TYPHUS IN DULUTH.

Nearly Eight Hundred Cases Reported—The People Greatly Alarmed. DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 16.—For the past two weeks an epidemic of typhoid fever has been raging here and during the last few days it has grown to such proportions that alarm is felt on all sides. The board of health is sending out warnings to the citizens to boil all the water and milk before drinking as it is thought that the disease has been spread by these two fluids. Nearly 800 cases are now on record and there have been many deaths.

Ex-Gov. Brown for President.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 16.—The Lexington Observer, edited by ex-State Senator Hodges, proposes ex-Gov. Brown, of Kentucky, for the democratic nomination for president, and says his name will be presented in the convention.

Scarlet Fever Settled in the Back.

An Operation Was Unsuccessfully Performed.

The Patient Was Finally Restored, After Eighteen Years.

From the Evening News, Newark, N. J. About eighteen years ago, when Mrs. Annie Dale, of 88 Bruce street, was a bright, merry school girl, she was taken ill with scarlet fever. She recovered, but she was a very different girl from a physical standpoint. She was cured of the scarlet fever, but it left her with an affection of the back. As she grew older the pain seemed to increase. Her sufferings were intensified by her household duties, but she never complained, and with one hand pressed tightly to her back she did her work about her cozy home.

"I was fourteen years old when I was attacked with scarlet fever, and have now suffered with my back for eighteen years. "Night and day I suffered. It really seemed as if I must succumb to the pain, and then to make matters worse, my head ached so badly that I could scarcely see, at times. Finally I went to St. Michael's Hospital, at the corner of High Street and Central Avenue, and there the surgeons performed a difficult operation on my back, but it did no good; it was like everything else. I was told at the hospital to return for another operation, but the first had left me so weak I could not go back. Then again I had become discouraged and my three children needed my attention and care at home. The pain became harder to stand and my back was almost broken, it seemed. I thought I would never know what it would be like to be well again. When I was told to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, with many doubts, a faint heart and an aching back I went to get the pills, and little dreaming that they would prove the elixir of a new life to me, I began to take them. Only a short time elapsed before I began to improve. Could it be possible that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were doing what everything else had failed to accomplish? I asked myself the question many times and before long I was enabled by my improved condition to answer the query with an emphatic 'Yes.' Now the pain of almost twenty years is cured by these Pink Pills in a few months. I have no pain of any kind now, but I have got some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and while I do not think it will ever be necessary to use them again, I shall certainly never be without them in the house."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

When a tunnel is projected, it is generally put through.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

Table with market prices for various goods like CATTLE, HOGS, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, RYE, FLOUR, HAY, BRAN, BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS, POTATOES across different cities like KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO, and NEW YORK.

Annual Half Rate Excursions to Canada.

Via Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway. The Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway has arranged for the usual Half Rate Holiday Excursions to principal points in Canada for season of 1905. Thursday, December 19th, Friday, December 23rd, Saturday, December 24th. Tickets good to return up to and including January 9th, 1906. Avail yourself of this opportunity to visit Canada and spend the holidays with the folks at home. All through trains of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway pass through the Great St. Clair Tunnel, one of the wonders of modern engineering skill, and is the only line offering the public advantages of through Pullman car service to Canadian points. Tickets may also be purchased reading via Detroit if desired. Excursion tickets on sale at all stations. For further particulars apply to Ticket Agent, 103 So. Clark St.

KANSAS—"Say, Bill, it says here that the crew of the schooner were compelled to rig a jury mast. What's a jury mast?" Missouriian—"Why, anybody could tell you that. It's one of those big masts that it takes twelve men to put up."

The Pilgrim. (Holiday Number.) Full of bright sketches—prose, poetry and illustrations—by bright writers and artists. Entirely original, new and entertaining. Mailed free to any address on receipt of six (6) cents in postage stamps. Write to GEO. H. HEAFORD, Publisher, 415 Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill.

The class in natural history being asked the difference between a dog and a tree, the head boy answered: "A tree is covered with bark, while a dog seems to be lined with it."

Business Chance—A Good Income. We pay you to sell fruit trees, Stark Nurseries, Louisiana, Mo.; Keokuk, Ill.

TEACHER—"What does the reign of King Charles I. teach us?" Tommie—"Please, sir, not to lose our heads in moments of excitement, sir."—Truth.

For Whooping Cough, Piso's Cure is a successful remedy. M. P. DIETHELM, 67 Throop Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 14, '94.

It is no sure sign that the west is a polished country because so many people scour the plains.

Like Oil Upon Troubled Waters is Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar upon a cold. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

A MAN is like a razor, because you can't tell how sharp he can be until he is strapped. —Texas Siftings.

BEECHAM'S PILLS for constipation 10c and 25c. Get the book (free) at your druggist's and go by it. Annual sales 6,000,000 boxes.

PRESENTS of mind—having a mind to give something, but never giving it.

The skipper of a vessel need never be without fresh eggs. He can always lay to.

ITALIAN music is fine because it is ground so much on the streets.

Advertisement for NOTO-BAC tobacco, featuring the slogan 'Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away!' and 'GUARANTEED TOBACCO HABIT CURE.' Includes contact information for THE STERLING REMEDY CO. in Chicago, Montreal, and New York.

CASCARETS candy cathartic cure constipation. Purely vegetable, smooth and easy, sold by druggists everywhere, guaranteed to cure. Only 10c.

Advertisement for RISING SUN STOVE POLISH, featuring an illustration of a tin and the text 'BEST IN THE WORLD' and 'For durability and for cheapness this preparation is truly unrivalled.'

Advertisement for KENNEDY'S MEDICAL DISCOVERY, featuring the text 'The Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age' and 'DONALD KENNEDY, of ROXBURY, MASS., Has discovered in one of our common pasture weeds a remedy that cures every kind of Humor, from the worst Scrofula down to a common Pimple.'

Advertisement for IMPERIAL GRANUM, featuring the text 'World's Fair! HIGHEST AWARD. IMPERIAL GRANUM Many competing FOODS have come and gone and have been missed by few or none but the popularity of this FOOD steadily increases!' and 'Sold by DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE! John Carle & Sons, New York.'

Advertisement for ST. JACOBS OIL, featuring the text 'Get rid at once of the stinging, festering smart of BURNS OR SCALDS or else they'll leave ugly scars. Read directions and use ST. JACOBS OIL.'

Advertisement for NOTO-BAC tobacco, featuring a large illustration of the product and the text 'Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away!' and 'GUARANTEED TOBACCO HABIT CURE.'

Advertisement for THE AERMOTOR CO., featuring the text 'THE AERMOTOR CO. does half the world's windmill business, because it has reduced the cost of wind power to 1/4 what it was. It has many branches, and supplies its goods and repairs at your door. It can and does furnish a better article for less money than others. It makes pumps, gears, steel, galvanneal after-Completion Windmills, Tiling and Fixed Steel Towers, Steel Box Saws, Frames, Steel Back Cutters and Fixed Grinders. On application it will name one of these articles that it will furnish until January 1st at 1/3 the usual price. It also makes Tanks and Pumps of all kinds. Send for catalogue. Factory: 12th, Rockwell and Filmore Streets, Chicago.'

Advertisement for FREE ROBYN'S Waist Shapers, featuring the text 'By return mail. Full description FREE ROBYN'S Waist Shapers. Also latest skirt and sleeve fashion and new complete directions for cutting, busting, boning, stitching, trimming, making and finishing entire dress. K. C. LIVING CO., 153 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.'

Advertisement for MORPHINE Habit Cured in 10 to 14 days, featuring the text 'MORPHINE Habit Cured in 10 to 14 days. DR. J. STEPHENS, Lebanon, Ohio.'

Advertisement for AGENTS WANTED for a new paying business, featuring the text 'AGENTS WANTED for a new paying business. Money to it for you. Sample and terms FREE. CHAS. MARSHALL, Lockport, N. Y.'

Advertisement for OPIUM and WHISKY habits cured, featuring the text 'OPIUM and WHISKY habits cured. Book sent FREE. DR. H. M. WOODLEY, ATLANTA, GA. NAME THIS PAPER every time you write.'

Advertisement for PISO'S CURE FOR COUGES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS, featuring the text 'PISO'S CURE FOR COUGES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION.'

Large advertisement for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, featuring the text 'The Best. Rest. Test.' and 'There are two kinds of sarsaparilla: The best—and the rest. The trouble is they look alike. And when the rest dress like the best who's to tell them apart? Well, "the tree is known by its fruit." That's an old test and a safe one. And the taller the tree the deeper the root. That's another test. What's the root,—the record of these sarsaparillas? The one with the deepest root is Ayer's. The one with the richest fruit; that, too, is Ayer's. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has a record of half a century of cures; a record of many medals and awards—culminating in the medal of the Chicago World's Fair, which, admitting Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best—shut its doors against the rest. That was greater honor than the medal, to be the only Sarsaparilla admitted as an exhibit at the World's Fair. If you want to get the best sarsaparilla of your druggist, here's an infallible rule: Ask for the best and you'll get Ayer's. Ask for Ayer's and you'll get the best.'