

THE BILL PASSED.

Senate Indorses Measure to Restrict Immigration, 45 to 28.

Bill for the Reorganization of the Indian Territory—Indian Bill Amended to Open Certain Surplus Lands to White Settlement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—In the senate yesterday a speech was delivered by Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, chairman of the bimetallic commission, upon the negotiations of the commission with European countries relative to international bimetallicism. When he had concluded the immigration bill was taken up and discussed until three o'clock, the hour at which, by previous agreement, it had been arranged to vote finally upon the amendments and the bill. An amendment offered by Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, providing that the ability on the part of the immigrant either to read or to write should be accepted as sufficient test of his literacy was adopted by a vote of 42 to 22. Another amendment by Mr. Spooner providing that the members of the family accompanying an immigrant rejected under the conditions of the bill should be returned to the country whence they came by the steamship companies, was also adopted. Other efforts were made to amend the measure, but failed. The bill was then passed by a vote of 45 to 28.

The bill as passed provides that all immigrants physically capable and over 16 years of age shall be able to read or write the English language or some other language, but a person not able to read or write who is over 50 years of age and is the parent or grandparent of a qualified immigrant over 21 years of age and capable of supporting such a parent or grandparent may be sent for and come to join the family of the child or grandchild over 21 years of age qualified under the law; and wife or minor child not able to read or write may accompany or be sent for and come to join the husband or parent who is qualified.

Senator Pettigrew introduced a bill amending the act compelling railroads to equip their cars with automatic couplers. It adds a section to the present law providing that when there are any collisions and a passenger train or any part of it accidentally leaves the rails it shall be the duty of the officers in charge of the road at the time to submit a full and detailed report under oath of the accident and its causes to the interstate commission. Penalties are provided in the section.

Senator Hanna was sworn in by Vice President Hobart.

THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—This was District of Columbia day in the house, but only three bills of local importance were passed. The remainder of the session was devoted to further consideration of the army appropriation bill. The debate was particularly notable for a vigorous speech by Mr. McClellan, of New York, a son of Gen. George B. McClellan, attacking the present army organization as obsolete and inefficient. He asserted that we were woefully unprepared for war should a crisis come, and contended for modern methods in organization, equipment and supplies, which would enable the United States to meet an emergency.

Mr. Lewis, of Washington, made a vigorous speech against any increase of the army. He charged that the trusts were in control of the country and constituted the mailed hand of power behind the decrees of the courts. If the army were increased, the people would, he said, be justified in asking whether it was not to be used to barricade the courts and break down everything that means the freedom of the government.

Mr. Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on military affairs, expressed concurrence in the views of Mr. McClellan to the extent that he believed that the army should be reorganized, as the present organization was obsolete. Without completing the bill, the committee arose.

The Curtis bill for the reorganization of the Indian territory with the changes made in joint session of the Indian committee was introduced by Mr. Curtis, of Kansas.

Mr. Broderick secured an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill which provides for opening to white settlement of the surplus lands of the Pottawatomie Indian reservation in Jackson county, and of the Kickapoo reservation in Brown county. The two include about 12,000 acres of land, much of it valuable agricultural land. The clause put in the bill amends the law of three years ago by providing for allotment to the children of Indians not included in the previous allotment.

PENSIONERS DEFENDED.

Wealthy West Virginian Offers to Pay \$100 for Each Case of Fraud Proven.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 18.—Col. William Kirk, an ex-union soldier of Wood county, publishes a card in which he criticizes what he calls the assaults made upon the pension rolls, denouncing Commissioner of Pensions Evans especially, and announces that he will pay \$100 for each case of a fraudulent pension now being paid by the United States to a civil war soldier. His property is sufficient to cover at least 1,000 cases.

MARCUS HANNA ELECTED.

He Secures the Necessary Number of Votes to Make Him Ohio's Senator.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 13.—The battle is over and Mark Hanna succeeds himself in the senate. He was elected at noon, yesterday, for both the short and long terms, which gives him a seat in the upper branch of congress until 1905. The opposition candidate to the last was Robert E. McKisson, mayor of Cleveland, who announced that if elected he would stand on the Chicago free silver platform.



SENATOR MARCUS A. HANNA.

The election took place when the two houses of the legislature met in the hall of the house at noon, Lieutenant Governor Jones presiding. After some preliminaries a ballot was taken and resulted: Hanna, 73; McKisson, 70; Lentz, 1. This gave Hanna a clear majority of one of all members of the legislature.

An effort was made in the house before the meeting of the two houses in joint session to cause postponement of the final ballot until after an investigation of the bribery charges made by Representative Otis, but the 55 republicans who had voted yesterday for Hanna voted down the motion and this ended for the time being the sensational denouement promised last night by the anti-Hanna men.

TWO NEW MINISTERS.

Edward H. Conger Transferred from Brazil to China—Bryan Sent to Brazil.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate: Mark S. Brewer, of Michigan, to be a civil service commissioner; Edwin H. Conger, of Iowa, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to



CHARLES PAGE BRYAN.
(New Minister to Brazil.)

China; Charles Page Bryan, of Illinois, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Brazil. Bryan was originally named for the Chinese mission and Conger for Brazil, but serious objection was made by senators to Bryan going to China owing to his inexperience in diplomatic affairs.

WILLIAMS FOR SECOND PLACE.

The Massachusetts Democrat Would Run with W. J. Bryan in 1900.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 13.—Among populists leaders in Lincoln the recent visit of George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, and his tour of the west is taken as a confirmation of the report that he is organizing a boom for the vice pres-



GEORGE FRED WILLIAMS.

idential nomination in 1900, with Bryan at the head and, furthermore, that it is with Mr. Bryan's approval. The prospect is not pleasing to fusion populists, who declare such a movement would widen the breach between the parties in this state.

Fifty Killed by an Earthquake.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 13.—An official dispatch from Batavia announces that the capital of Amboyna, one of the Moluccas islands, had been completely demolished by an earthquake. Fifty persons were killed and 200 injured.

TWO SCORE DEAD.

An Appalling Storm Strikes Fort Smith, Ark., in the Night.

Many Killed While They Were Asleep and Dozens of Dead and Injured Were Dug Out of the Ruins—Property Loss \$1,000,000.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Jan. 13.—Two score of human lives and upward of \$1,000,000 worth of property were destroyed by a terrible tornado which burst upon this city a few minutes past 11 o'clock Tuesday night. Men, women and children, peacefully asleep in their homes, were, without a moment's warning, awakened to meet a horrible death in the fearful storm, while others, momentarily more fortunate, and who escaped the furies of the wind, met a far worse fate a few minutes later in the flames, which soon engulfed many of the wrecked buildings.

The scene following the first terrific crash of the storm was one of awful grandeur. Business blocks, handsome mansions, hotels and humble cottages were razed to the ground and scattered in shapeless masses. Several of the wrecks caught fire and the inflammable timbers burned furiously. The city was crowded with rural visitors, many of whom were sleeping at boarding houses unregistered. For this reason the number of victims who perished in Fort Smith Tuesday night may never be definitely known.

The storm struck the city near the National cemetery and swept its way through the heart of the town. Leaving Fort Smith, it bounded by Van Buren and continued down the river, demolishing everything in its path. News from outside points is not at hand, but rumors of much damage as far south as Alma has reached here, it being reported that a number of persons were killed near that place.

Two of the largest houses of worship in the city, the Baptist and Central Methodist churches, were completely destroyed. The Brownstone church was badly damaged and the towers and roof of the high school building blown off. The scene in the neighborhood of the wreck was horrible. Men and women, clad in their night clothes, from the neighboring houses, were seeking shelter and calling for aid for some absent member of the family or friend who failed to escape from the wreckage of the buildings in which they had been living. Men, women and children sought refuge in O'Keefe's saloon and were afforded shelter. In the back part of the saloon a number of injured were stretched out on the floor with only their night clothes to protect them from the chilly midnight air. Miss Wood, one of the nurses of the St. John hospital, was on the scene and did all that could be done to relieve the immediate wants of the injured in the rear of Mr. O'Keefe's saloon. The drug stores were opened and the clerks were kept busy filling prescriptions and otherwise doing their share toward relieving the sufferers.

Owing to the fact that the tornado, after passing through the residence district, did its worst work in that portion of the business district, in which the older buildings were located, the totals of damage done do not amount up very rapidly, although many buildings were partially or wholly ruined. The debris of many of the buildings, which were in the lodging house district, caught fire, and those unfortunate who were not at once extricated alive, perished miserably by being burned or smothered to death. Add to the fact that many of the people in the outside district were killed in the crash of the falling residences and it will be seen why the list of the dead rolled up so rapidly.

All the nurses and doctors that can be pressed into service are being utilized, and there are scores of temporary hospitals through the city in addition to the regular hospitals, where the injured are being taken. The morgue is taxed to its utmost capacity and additional bodies are being brought in every few minutes.

The tornado crossed the Arkansas river one-half mile south of Van Buren and tore a path 200 yards wide through Crawford county and at least five were killed.

THE PERILS OF THE DEEP.

A Japanese Steamer Sunk and About Eighty Lives Lost.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 13.—Latest advices from the orient state that the Japanese transport steamer Nera, of 2,510 tons, bound to the Peccadores, was wrecked on December 24, and about 80 lives lost. The only survivors were five seamen, who were picked up by the steamer Madsuru Maru. Capt. Yasuda, of the Japanese navy, and nine cadets were among the missing. The vessel struck an uncharted rock, her cargo shifted and she went to the bottom.

SNOW IN CALIFORNIA.

Even the Semi-Tropical Belt Visited by the Storm—Hopes for Fruit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—During the last 24 hours a cold storm has swept over the entire state of California. Snow has fallen in many counties, the semi-tropical belt not being exempt, and rain, which was badly needed, has come in sufficient quantities to gratify all growers of cereals. The weather is still cold, but the indications favor a rise of temperature and fruit growers are confident that no injury will result.

THE FIGHT IS ON.

Tammany and Ex-Senator Hill Sore to Have a Battle in the Empire State.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Tammany politicians admit that the fight between Richard Croker and ex-Senator Hill, for the control of the state organization and the next democratic convention, is on in earnest. Croker has discovered that up the state there is a strong sentiment among democrats in favor of the Chicago platform and of nominating for governor next fall a man who supported that platform in 1896. The Tammany politicians believe that Hill is encouraging and developing the sentiment and that along that line he is going to oppose the plans of Croker. It is well understood that Croker favors the nomination for governor of a man from this city who did not support Bryan in 1896. He is also in favor of keeping the Chicago platform in the background in the next state campaign.

FELL IN BAD COMPANY.

D. H. Fish, a Young Collector for Scribner & Sons, Under Arrest for Embezzlement.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 17.—D. H. Fish, collector for the local office of the publishing house of Charles Scribner & Sons, was arrested in Jefferson City, Mo., Saturday, for embezzling \$100 from the concern. E. M. Downing, Kansas City manager, swore out a warrant for Fish. Fish, whose home is in St. Louis, came here a year ago to be city collector for the publishing house. He fell in bad company and took to drinking. Then he began to appropriate to his own use money he collected for the publishing house. He is only 24 years old and his parents are reputed to be wealthy. Fish telegraphed Mr. Downing this morning that he would make good the shortage if the case against him was dismissed.

FOR CHURCH INSURANCE.

The Methodist Episcopal General Conference Incorporates a Company.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Methodist Insurance company, authorized by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois and the headquarters will be in Chicago. The company is restricted to placing fire insurance upon property owned by the denomination, such as churches, schools and parsonages. The intention is to have the Methodist churches of the United States carry their own insurance. The scheme had the sanction of the conference.

THEY WANT TO KNOW.

Michigan Republican Editors Will Send a Man to Investigate Workings of Free Silver in Mexico.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 17.—The Republican Editors' association adopted a resolution to send a representative to Mexico to study the practical workings of the unlimited coinage of silver. There was a strong anti-Pingree sentiment among the editors, who are weary of the governor's attacks upon Senators Burrows and McMillan and other leaders of his party, and he was cautioned to be more tolerant of party leaders if he desired a renomination.

INSURGENTS STOP WORK.

Over a Million Tobacco Plants Burned in Cuba—No Sugar Grinding.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—According to the Herald's correspondent in Havana, the insurgents destroyed 1,000,000 tobacco plants growing under the protection of forts at Camajuani, Santa Clara province, on the night of January 5, and 25,000 plants within sight of the forts of Sitto Grande. A correspondent who has just made a journey from Havana to Sagua la Grande reports that not one sugar mill is grinding.

A DECEPTIVE MEDIUM.

Chicago Woman Who Paid \$100 for a Ghostly Kiss Wants Her Money Back.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. B. E. Riggs, who appeared to prosecute Mrs. Celia Hughes for obtaining \$100 by false pretenses, told the court that she had paid the Hughes woman \$100 for the privilege of kissing the spirit of her father. She said she believed her father was dead, and felt that she had received value for her \$100 until she learned that her sire was alive and well on his farm in Ireland.

Army Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The appropriation bill for the army has been submitted to the house by Chairman Hull, of the committee on military affairs. The bill appropriates \$23,185,992, as against \$23,129,144.80 last year. The estimate for the present year was \$24,235,741.04. The appropriation for the pay of the line of the army is \$13,608,102, against \$13,128,254.80 last year. The estimate for the present year was \$14,032,007.29.

In Revenge for Punishment.

HILLSBORO, Ill., Jan. 17.—E. B. Mill-sap, a teacher in the Taylor school, six miles northeast of this city, was assaulted and beaten by six large boys, some of whom used brass knuckles. The assault was committed in revenge for the punishment of some of their number in school. The six boys have been arrested and placed under bond to answer a charge of riot.

To Make Hard Coal from Soft.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—C. W. Smith, of Moline, Ill., is here to establish a plant which is to completely transform and revolutionize the anthracite coal industry. Mr. Smith has invented a process by which the common bituminous coal can be converted into anthracite and sold almost as cheaply as the soft coal.

THREE NOTABLES DEAD.

Benjamin Butterworth, Gen. Auger and Logan Carlisle Pass Away.

The Former an Ex-Congressman from Ohio—Auger a Friend of Grant—Carlisle the Son of the Treasury Ex-Secretary.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Jan. 17.—Benjamin Butterworth, United States commissioner of patents, who has been ill at Pineywoods hotel here several weeks, died at 3:15 yesterday afternoon. The end was peaceful, and when it came his wife and children were at his bedside. He came here to recuperate from an attack of pneumonia and recovered rapidly till two weeks ago, when he suffered from uremic convulsions. From that relapse he never recovered. His body will be sent to Washington.

Benjamin Butterworth was what is known as a "birthright Quaker." He was born in Warren county, O., October 22, 1837; was a member of the state senate of Ohio from Warren and Butler counties in 1873-74; was elected from the First Ohio district to the Forty-Sixth, Forty-Seventh, Forty-Ninth and Fiftieth congresses, and was re-elected to the Fifty-First congress as a republican. During the war he attained the rank of major in an Ohio regiment. He was commissioner of patents first during the administration of Garfield and Arthur, and his record made then and subsequently had great weight with President McKinley in selecting him for that position. He was made secretary of the world's fair project early in the inception of that great enterprise at Chicago during the early '90s, and worked along in that capacity with honor to himself and profit to the company until its close.

He Was Grant's Friend.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Gen. Christopher Colon Auger, U. S. A., retired, died of old age at his home in West Washington last night. He was one of the three surviving members of the class of '43, at West Point, the class with which Gen. Grant graduated. Gen. Auger served with Grant in Mexico and with distinction through the civil war. He was retired in 1855 and has since lived in Washington.

Son of Ex-Secretary Carlisle.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—A private dispatch received here states that Logan Carlisle, chief clerk of the treasury department under the late administration and son of ex-Secretary Carlisle, died in New York yesterday.

BY INOCULATION.

Secretary Wilson Thinks a Positive Cure for Hog Cholera Has Been Discovered.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Nothing that has occurred since he became secretary of agriculture has given James Wilson half as much gratification as the results of the experiments that have been going on under his direction in Iowa and Nebraska during the last few months in the treatment of hog "cholera" by inoculation, for he thinks the discoveries that have thus been developed are worth \$100,000,000 a year to the people of the United States. The experiments have been eminently successful and justify the belief that the disease which has carried off so many swine in the past years and has cost the farmers of the country millions of dollars cannot only be cured but prevented at a trifling expenditure of money and labor.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

Interesting Figures from the Bureau of Statistics for the Month of December.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The monthly statement of the exports and imports, issued by the bureau of statistics, shows these facts: The exports of domestic merchandise for December last amounted to \$123,181,743, an increase as compared with December, 1899, of over \$7,000,000. For the 12 months the increase was over \$93,000,000. The imports of merchandise during December last amounted to \$51,514,733, of which \$24,184,388 was free of duty. This is a falling off in dutiable merchandise of over \$8,500,000.

Money for Jails Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Attorney General McKenna has sent to congress through the treasury, a recommendation for urgent deficiency appropriations for United States courts aggregating over \$500,000. The principal item called for is \$10,000 to establish and erect United States jails in the northern, central and southern districts of the Indian territory at Muskogee, South McAlester and Ardmore respectively, and incidental purposes.

Hanna's Foes Will Use Caution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—There is no doubt that the democrats, populists and silver republicans in the senate are wishing for an opportunity to attack Senator Hanna on the ground of fraud, but such a contest cannot be lightly entered into, and it will not be taken up unless the Ohio investigating committee shall satisfy senators here that the charges made can be sustained by proof.

To Appraise Abandoned Reservations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—These western appointments have been made: Richard W. Evans and Robert M. Wright, of Kansas City, appraisers of the abandoned military reservation at Fort Dodge, Kan., at \$4 a day each; Michael J. Weigand and William H. Smith, of Oklahoma, appraisers of the abandoned military reservation of Fort Supply at the same compensation.

The Pension Force to Be Reduced.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Mr. Evans, commissioner of pensions, says that the pension department can be run with 100 less clerks. A list of inefficient employes has been made and the ax will soon fall. Evans says he will run the bureau on a sound business basis.