

A FREE HOMES BILL.

THE MEASURE MEETS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

Its Passage, Which Seems Assured in the House, Means Millions to the Settlers of Oklahoma—Secretary Smith Looks Upon It With Disapproval and Will Oppose It Strenuously.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—After a hot fight, in which it seemed likely that "free homes" would lose the day, Delegate Flynn of Oklahoma carried his "free homes" bill successfully through the public lands committee of the House to-day.

Mr. Lacey of Iowa prepared a bill similar in its terms to that of Mr. Flynn, except that it was general in its application and not restricted in its operation to Oklahoma settlers.

The amendment was hotly debated. Pickler, Flynn, Lacey, Curtis and others participating. The effect in Oklahoma, for instance, where the greater part of the purchase price of several millions remains unpaid, would be to compel the settlers to reimburse the government for the cost of the land.

Mr. Flynn's bill, practically the same as Mr. Lacey's, except that it was restricted to Oklahoma, was then considered. He told how it had been unfavorably reported to the last congress, owing to partisanship, and then said: "Now, gentlemen, the only question is, have we enough Republican votes to pass this bill? I think we have."

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The interior department will oppose it strongly, although the committee to-day did not show the secretary even the scant courtesy of waiting for the opinion it has pretended to solicit.

RED CROSS BARRED.

The Society Will Not Be Allowed to Distribute Relief in Armenia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Turkish legation gives out the following official communication: "The imperial government will not permit any distribution among his subjects, in his own territory, by any foreign society or individuals, however respectable the same may be (as, for instance, the Red Cross Society), of money collected abroad."

"Such interference no independent government has ever allowed, especially when the collections are made on the strength of speeches delivered in public meetings by irreconcilable enemies of the Turkish race and religion, and on the basis of false accusations that Turkey repudiates."

A Boy of 10 Years Kills a Chicken Thief. PERRY, Okla., Jan. 15.—Johnny Brown, aged 10 years, son of W. W. Brown, shot and killed a chicken thief Sunday night. The boy's father was away from home and Mrs. Brown took her son and gun to watch the chicken house, as thieves had played havoc for some time.

Insane Man Hanged Himself. TOPKA, Kan., Jan. 15.—Jacob Shafer, an inmate of the Topka insane asylum, committed suicide by hanging. He made a rope of the sheet of his bed and swung out of the window in view of a score of people. He was dead when rescued.

Presbyterian College Burned. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 15.—Occidental college was burned yesterday. Loss, \$70,000; insurance, \$17,000. The college was built and controlled by the Presbyterians. The building is a total loss.

CHOSEN FOR THE SENATE.

Ex-Gov. Foraker of Ohio Elected to Succeed Brice.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 15.—Ex-Governor Joseph B. Foraker was practically elected Senator to-day. The joint ballot will be held to-morrow, and will be a formality as the vote in the two houses to-day assures Foraker's election.

In the Senate Foraker received 29 votes for United States Senator; Brice, 6, and George A. Groot, Populist, 1.

In the House the vote stood: Foraker, 87; Brice, 21; John H. Thomas, Springfield, 1; Mr. Gage, 1; Judge Biandin of Cleveland, 1; Lawrence T. Neal, 1, all of whom except Foraker, are Democrats.

Senator Hysell, in presenting the name of Mr. Brice, made use of 1,300 words, extolling the Senator as though he were a "sure winner." The Senator was not asking the compliment of this vote, but was the Democratic Senator from Ohio.

Mr. Foraker is an able speaker and has taken a prominent part in several national conventions.

MORGAN ON SILVER.

He Says That Sherman Is a Finance Napoleon Near His Waterloo. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Senator Morgan's speech on the silver bond bill was the event of the Senate yesterday, although a sharp personal colloquy between Mr. Hill, Mr. Butler and Mr. Pritchard enlivened the early hours.

The vice president laid before the senate a letter from the secretary of the treasury in reply to a resolution of inquiry presented by Mr. Peffer as to whether \$100,000,000 in gold had at any time been set apart from other funds.

AMERICA HER RIVAL.

Germans Begin to Feel This Country's Competition in Manufactured Goods. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Germany is beginning to fear the United States as her greatest competitor in the world's markets.

NEWS NOTES.

Torpedoes have been placed in Havana harbor. It is suggested that Spain fears United States interference. The Hough block and several buildings in the business district of Seymour, Ind., were burned. Loss, \$80,000.

HOLIDAY BUSINESS.

SHOPPING NOT AS LARGE AS IT USED TO BE.

Hundreds of Millions Less Money Spent in Buying Presents—Shoppers and Shopkeepers Were Most Busy in 1892—What Bradstreet's Shows.



A year ago the free-trade papers were pointing with pride to an increase in the volume of last November's business as compared with 1894. They stated that the real movement of goods for the Christmas trade begun in November. Let us see how it has been this year.

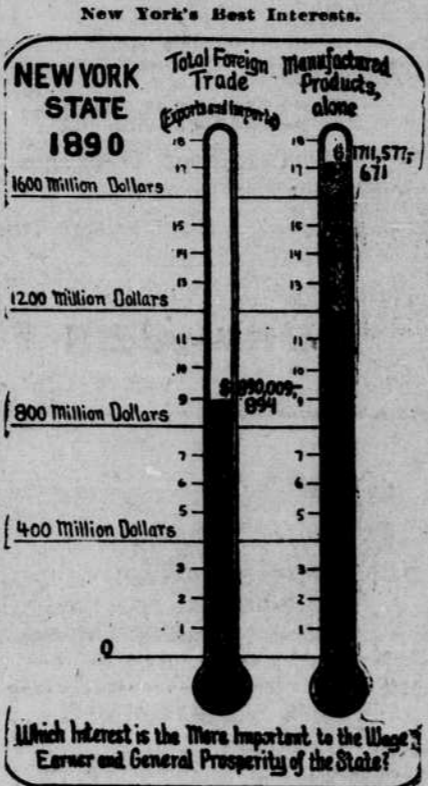
Bradstreet's, December 7, told us that the totals of last month's bank clearings were smaller than for October, and that "the falling off shown from October is not unexpected, in view of the recent lull in trade reported from week to week."

Again we quote from that authority: "Rather more than the usual number of decreases (in bank clearings) are shown to have occurred during November as compared with November a year ago." This is disheartening Christmas cheer.

This is about as cheerful as missing the last car at night and having to walk home. Not even the expectation of a larger demand after the holidays can be inspiring, because business men know perfectly well that there is always a sluggish season after the holidays, so they are likely to "look" in vain for that "larger demand."

Not even free wool can brighten the gloom of the holiday season, for Dun's Review says of this branch of trade: "Manufacturers have much machinery idle at present, and orders thus far are not encouraging."

The rise of the Christmas trade under New York's Best Interests. NEW YORK STATE 1890. Total Foreign Trade. Manufactured Products, alone.

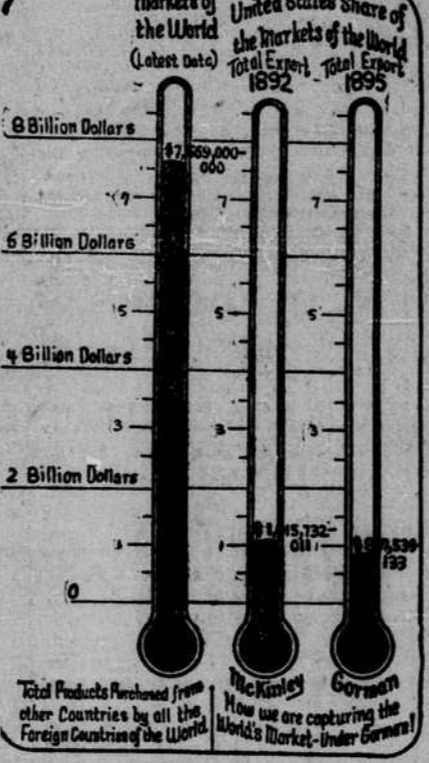


an administration favorable to protection and its decline under the free-trade administration form strong contrasts that should attract the attention of all traders, whether wholesale or retail. Even this year the holiday trade has not yet reached its proportions in 1890.

Republican "Sunday School."

The Republican club of the city of New York is perhaps the most aggressive and effective political-social organization in the country, and from a small beginning this club has attained a membership of between six and seven hundred.

Those Markets of the World.



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The Tariff for Deficiency.

The customs revenue derived from the Gorman tariff last month was considerably below the average, which, from September, 1894, to October, 1895, had been \$13,558,456, whereas last month's customs receipts were only \$11,455,314, or over \$2,100,000 less than the average.

What Time Has Proven.

The American people cannot be fooled all the time by the ward politician or "bummer." It is now plain to be seen that a reduction of the tariff means a disturbance of the business interests of the country.

National Bank Earnings.

Harrison, 1890-93, annual average 4.00 per cent Cleveland, 1894..... 2.25 per cent Excess for Harrison.... 1.75 per cent

Thought He Had Quit.

Colonel McLaughlin sent his Swedish foreman out a few days ago to do some work around the mouth of an old mining shaft, and he took a green countryman with him as an assistant.

High, Low, Jack.

Fine ice means very cold weather, then comes a high old time in skating rinks, and skating ponds, on slides and rinks, and we go home tired and overheated.

Parker's Ginger Tonic.

Of the many good things to be found in American homes, we do not believe that any are held in higher esteem, or have done better service than Parker's Ginger Tonic.

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Recognize the Situation.

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The Personal Side of George Washington

Not the General nor President, but the lover, the man, the husband and neighbor. Three of such articles by General A. W. Greely, the famous Arctic explorer, will shortly begin in the

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