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Breaking Down With Their Own Supremacy.

The passage of the financial bill in the House on Saturday by a vote of 170 yeas to 136 nays shows that speaker Reed's political lines are already broken, and it is doubtless but the beginning of Republican disintegration in the House that is likely to make the Democratic demoralization in the last Congress comparatively respectable.

The bond bill forced through the House by speaker Reed, is purely a political invention, conceived primarily to aid speaker Reed's nomination for the Presidency and next to save the party. It was well known to every Republican leader in the House that bond bill could not pass the Senate; that if passed by the Senate it could not be approved by the President, yet it was forced through under whip and spur; but 47 Republicans had the courage to declare their independence and vote with 82 Democrats and the Populists squarely against the measure.

The fact that speaker Reed's forces have been broken into fragments at the very threshold of the session clearly indicates that the different elements of the Republican party will play politics rather than statesmanship during the present session, regardless of the interests of the nation; and it is not improbable that before this session shall have closed the Republican majority of the House will be in little more favor with the nation than was the Democratic majority of the last Congress at the close of its first session.

The New Year and America.

With the new year the base of probable war appears to be transferred from Europe to America. For several years past the world has been almost monthly expecting a war between the powers of Europe. Now America occupies the centre of the stage as the principal actor with European states as the heavy villains.

The Venezuelan matter of course is the most important of all and need not be referred to at any length. It need only be said here that England must submit to arbitration all of the territory claimed by her west of the Essequibo, except the boundary decided upon by the United States boundary commission or fight.

Next in importance is the war in Cuba. In less than a year the Cuban patriots have marched two-thirds the length of the island despite the best efforts of a trained soldiery superior in numbers and equipment, have greatly harassed the foe, destroyed his revenues, added to their own reputation in men as well as in valor, have appeared almost at the gates of Havana and by reason of all this are knocking for recognition at the doors of every American state.

Brazil, too, has sent an ultimatum to England in the matter of the Trinidad dispute. England wants the island and has made threats of seizure, which Brazil promises to resist. England suggests arbitration, Brazil declines and says she would rather fight.

France has a boundary dispute with Brazil which has been dragging along for some time. France thinks her share of Guiana should extend into Brazilian territory, while Brazil thinks otherwise, and the natives of French Guiana believe it ought to be an independent state and are trying to make it so.

The government of Colombia sent a British minister out of the state for reasons which are not quite clear and sent the Spanish minister after him when that gentleman sympathized with the Briton, as his country sympathized with England in the Monroe question.

And even little Porto Rico, inflamed by the heat of American opposition to Europe, has almost determined to attempt to wrest her independence from Spain during the progress of the Cuban.

This is a somewhat startling exhibition from peaceful America and the European powers may well be exercised over the situation. There will be no change until Europe learns once for all the lesson that no interference by her will be tolerated on this continent.—Patriot.

If the Governor of Pennsylvania can find no other cure for his biliousness possibly Schlatter, "the healer," might do him some good.

Railroads and Investments.

There are two features of the railroad reports for the year just closed that are significant. Only 1,782 miles of new road were built last year. It doesn't pay to build more at present. During the past twenty years 645 railroads, with an aggregate mileage of 75,755 miles and a capitalization of \$4,289,916,000, have been sold under foreclosure and during the past twelve years 378 roads with a mileage of 85,426 miles and a capitalization \$4,640,447,000 have gone into the hands of receivers. In other words, nearly one-half the road mileage of the country has been found to be unremunerative and has been foreclosed to furnish a capitalization in its actual earning capacity.

The terrible shrinkage of the capital furnished by first investors, as shown by these foreclosure and receivers' statistics, has been offset to a large extent by the development of country made possible and stimulated by the opening of new railroads. While investors in railroad enterprises have suffered enormous losses the communities reached by the several bankrupt lines have profited beyond computation. The country is richer, though the owners of railway shares and the purchasers of railway bonds are poorer to the extent of the shrinkage in the values of their securities.

The effect upon investors, however, is certain to be one of greater conservatism, and it may be taken for granted that the days of excessive railway building in the United States are past. High water mark was reached in 1887 when 12,938 miles of new track were laid. The decline since that time has been steady, and, while the lowest level was probably reached last year, there will be no 12,000 mile years in the near future. The railway construction of the future will be chiefly of short lines intended as feeders or branches of existing lines.

It does not follow that because there will be no excessive railway construction hereafter that there will be nothing for furnaces and rail mills to do. The maintenance of the 180,000 miles of track already in existence with necessary sidings and extra trackage will call for thousands of tons of new rails every year, and it may be taken for granted that in the matter of new rails and other supplies the demand will not only be extensive but much more regular and more easily computed in advance than ever before.—Times.

The war still flourishes in Cuba. The insurgents are taking everything they can lay hands on and in this are only forestalling General Campos of the Spanish forces. The main features of the warfare down there seems to be the press gang and the pillagers. Both sides confiscate everything they find then press the unfortunate property holders into service. If the trouble keeps up much longer there will be nothing left on the island but the two armies.

Morton a Candidate.

Governor Levi P. Morton has finally announced to his friends that he would stand as a candidate for president before the National Republican convention to be held at St. Louis. He stated his position at a dinner given at Chauncey M. Depew's residence in New York.

In naming three Republicans and two Democrats on the Commission to ascertain the rightful boundary line between British Guiana and Venezuela President Cleveland has given evidence that there is no partisanship or merely political meaning in his practical assertion of the Monroe doctrine.

We acknowledge the receipt from Ex-Congressman Wolverton the complete United States Census of 1890, and a full set of Congressional Records. They are valuable works of reference to have in a newspaper office, and we thoroughly appreciate the kindness of Mr. Wolverton.



Mr. A. J. Davenport

Impure Blood Caused large boils on my face and neck. I was told to take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully, and after using 3 bottles was free from all eruptions. I am perfectly cured and in excellent health. A. J. DAVENPORT, Milton, N. J. Hood's Pills are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. Try a box. 25c.

JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

January 8, 1896

SPECIAL SALE



The cut at the head of this column indicates the masses of shoppers who daily attend our store. This is the occasion of our Grand Annual Trade Sale, when the price cutter is given liberty to cut prices as at no other season of the year. This great sale is gotten up solely to reduce stocks, and we are sure it will overtop in interest anything of the kind ever given in Wilkes-Barre. Many of the big stocks in the store are reduced in price absurdly out of proportion to their real worth, and throughout the entire store values are given that will make it an object for you to make a special trip to the city to procure your needs for the coming six months. We know it will be a big saving to you. Don't neglect this rare opportunity to come here yourself or send in your order by mail. We will fill all orders so received at the advertised list price, only asking you to pay postage or freight charges, which is but a trifle. Write for our full price list. It will be found of great interest and will enable you to make some choice selections.



MAIL ORDER

Some specimen bargains are: Yard wide Unbleached Muslin at the yard 3/4c. Black Rock unbleached Muslin, one of the finest muslins made, at per yard 5/8c. 40 inch Unbleached Muslin, regular value 8c., sale price 6c. Celebrated Hill Muslin, during this great sale will be per yard 7c. Fruit of the Loom and Lonsdale Muslin will be 7/8c. White Shaker Flannel will be per yard 4/8c. Outing Flannel for wrappers, Dresses, etc., medium dark in stripes and plaids, 4/8c. American and Merrimac Shirting Prints will be the yard 4/8c. Best Indigo Blue Calico, sale price the yard 5c. Standard 10c. Dress Gingham will be 5c. the yard. Bleached Muslin Pillow Cases, 45x36, will be 6c. 10-4 Blankets in tan and grey, regular 75c., are now 45c. 11-4 Grey Blankets, extra size and weight, fancy borders, worth \$1.75, will be \$1.19. 50 inch Cream Damask Table Linens, worth 23c., will be 15c. 50 inch Turkey Red Table Damask, regular 18c., will be 11c. 50 inch Turkey Red Damask, regular 20c., will be 15c. Twilled Crash will be per yard 2c. Fringed Huck Towels, colored borders, will be 5c. Colored border hemmed Huck Towels will be 8c. Women's fine scarlet all wool Medicated Vests and Pants, worth \$1.50, will be 98c. 110 dozen men's natural wool Underwear, worth 69c. and 75c., will be 39c. Men's natural grey Shirts and Drawers, regular 50c., will be 27c. Ladies' Box Coats of Boucle cloth, large sleeves, ripple back were \$7.48 are now \$4.48. Fleece Lined Wrappers, large sleeves, full collar, with frill, were \$1.25, are for the sale 98c. 84 pairs of ladies warm beaver lined Shoes, reduced from \$1.33 to 97c. 113 pairs of men's satin cork sole Shoes, worth \$3, will be \$2.15. Window Shades, Spring Rollers and Fixtures will be 15c. Nottingham Lace Curtains will be 45c. 25c. Ingrain Carpets will be 17c. 50c. Tapestry Brussels will be 39c. Please write for full price list. Mailed free to any address. Respectfully,

Cor. W. Market and Public Squares, WILKES-BARRE, PA.



A GREAT SALE

Five hundred and ninety eight earnest students are now in attendance at Wood's College, Scranton. Mr. Williams, the owner and manager has, at Rochester, N. Y., taught and lectured to ten thousand students, and wrote business college text books now used all over America. The splendid faculty is retained and President Williams teaches day and evening. If you wish a thorough course in business or short-hand, call and investigate or send for College Journal. O. F. WILLIAMS. 1-3-3t.

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GENERAL NEWS.

It is reported that ex-President Harrison will marry Mrs. Mary Dimmick, of New York, a niece of his deceased wife.

A new star has been added to the flag. Utah has been admitted into the Union as a state.

A frightful accident occurred at the Luke Fidler colliery, Shamokin, at an early hour Monday morning, through which four men lost their lives. The victims were: Patrick Lynch, Peter Boubert, Steven Mourat and John Mauret. A shaft is being sunk at this colliery and a depth of 900 feet has been reached. The unfortunate men had been in the mine and had prepared a charge for blasting and gone to the surface for safety, and also to fire the blast, which is done at the top of the mine by means of electricity.

The blast was successfully accomplished and the men took their places in the bucket and gave the signal to the engineer in charge of the hoisting engine to lower them to the bottom of the mine. When they had been lowered to a distance of 300 feet from the bottom the rope caught and the men were thrown headlong down the shaft to instant death. This colliery was burned out about a year ago and a brother of Peter Boubert, one of the victims of this accident, was smothered in the flames. The workings are the property of the Mineral railroad and mining company.

The weather on Monday was the coldest of the season throughout the Wyoming valley. In Wilkes-Barre the mercury was ten below; at Harvey's Lake, fourteen; Glen Summit, eleven, and Bear Creek, twelve. At the latter place the ice was ten inches in thickness.

Robert Adams, a well known resident of Danville, says: "We sympathize in Danville with our Harrisburg neighbors in their water trouble for we have been in the same boat. Our water supply has been as bad as yours if not worse, being polluted not only with the mud and culm but also with sewage discharge from the state hospital for the insane which is located just above our town. Our borough has spent thousands of dollars in trying to procure pure water but as yet without lasting results. We had wells made out in the river which answered very well for a time, but they would soon cease to filter enough water for our supply. During the past Summer we put up a filtration plant. This went into operation last week, a good time to test it, and the results have been gratifying."

It looks as though the next Democratic National convention will be held in Cincinnati.

Congress celebrated the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans yesterday as "Jackson Day" by remaining in session but forty minutes.

An Army of Students.

Five hundred and ninety eight earnest students are now in attendance at Wood's College, Scranton. Mr. Williams, the owner and manager has, at Rochester, N. Y., taught and lectured to ten thousand students, and wrote business college text books now used all over America.

The splendid faculty is retained and President Williams teaches day and evening. If you wish a thorough course in business or short-hand, call and investigate or send for College Journal. O. F. WILLIAMS. 1-3-3t.

Married.

December 30, 1895, by Guy Jacoby Esq., Mr. Richard Splain and Miss Pearl E. Bauman, both of this place.

Advertisement for Dr. A. P. O'Malley, a specialist in ruptures. Text: "DON'T WEAR A TRUSS... RUPTURE CURED... DR. A. P. O'MALLEY, RUPTURE SPECIALIST, 20 N. Washington St. WILKES-BARRE, 11-24-1y"

Bargains. Bargains.

We are in the midst of stock taking and if you are looking for bargains in coats, dress goods, blankets, underwear and linens, we are ready to show them to you. Coats go at nearly cost. Dress patterns at any price you want. In lamps and dishes we have an assortment that will suit any body.

Grocery Department.

We carry the finest line of groceries in the city. Best hemlock flour \$3.60, bbl. Buckwheat flour 40c. a sack. Best New York State full cream cheese.

Pursel & Harman, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Advertisement for William H. Slate, Exchange Hotel Bldg. Text: "We claim to handle the finest line of Writing Paper in town. When you want the necessary materials to write letters, call on us. We can supply you. Our leader is a box containing 48 sheets paper and 48 envelopes for 25c. Our general line of books, stationery, etc., etc., is complete at very low prices. We also do picture framing. WILLIAM H. SLATE, EXCHANGE HOTEL BLDG."

Advertisement for Rain. Text: "RAIN in its season is a highly valuable element. We don't want it all the time, but there is one thing we do want. It is MEAT. Last article is indispensable. Then, why not get the best? Get it from a butcher that understands his business depends on his good meat. Such a man is WOLVERTON, IRON STREET, BLOOMSBURG, PA."

Advertisement for Dissolution Notice. Text: "DISSOLUTION NOTICE. The partnership heretofore existing between C. B. White and J. W. Conner, at Orangeville, Pa. was dissolved on the 4th day of January, 1896, by mutual consent. The business will be conducted at the old stand, in the same line as by J. W. Conner, who will collect all accounts and pay all bills of the firm. C. B. WHITE, J. W. COSSER. 1-9-96."

Advertisement for Sheriff's Sale. Text: "SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of a writ of Plur. Fl. Pa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county Pennsylvania, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m., all of the interest of the defendant, Phoebe E. Hulme, including her dower interest and arrears of same in the following real estate to-wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate in the township of Benton, county of Columbia, and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Bounded on the north, south and west by lands of W. L. Cole, and east by lands of John Smith, containing 9 ACRES. more or less, whereon are erected TWO DWELLINGS, a grist mill and water power, barn and other outbuildings. Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Margaret Jones vs. Phoebe E. Hulme, and to be sold as the property of Phoebe E. Hulme. J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff. R. R. LITTLE, Attorney."

Advertisement for Notice. Text: "NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the following property lately belonging to E. J. Kitcher of Bloomsburg, Pa., has this day been sold to the Rockford & Higham Co. of Macclesfield, N. Y.: 3 horses, 3 sets of harness, 3 buggies, delivery wagon, harness, 2 desks, 3 chairs, stool, letter file, hay baler and book case. C. R. WHITE, J. W. COSSER. 1-9-96."