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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3rd, 1896.

President Cleveland may or may not have felt complimented when Senator Sherman offered a resolution providing that when greenbacks or U. S. Treasury notes are redeemed for gold they shall not be reissued except for gold, but that resolution and a speech made in its favor by Mr. Sherman have been the most sensational occurrences of the week in Congress. It will be remembered that when President Cleveland in his annual message, and Secretary Carlisle in his annual report, recommended the retirement of the greenbacks and Treasury notes as the best remedy for our financial troubles, Senator Sherman was foremost among those republicans who hooted at the idea. Now Senator Sherman offers a resolution which, if it became a law, would probably result in retiring the greenbacks and Treasury notes, although he claims that it wouldn't. The basis for his claim is not, however, a very substantial one. He figures that the law would work like the assurance of a bank cashier to a frightened depositor, that he could have his money if he wanted it; and that those who have been presenting these notes for redemption in gold will stop as soon as they know that the notes so presented will not be paid out for them to present again.

The scrambling among those who want more of the protection pork than the tariff bill which the House passed gives them, has not been equalled since the McKinley bill was being made up. It has been and is making life miserable for the republican members of the Senate Finance committee, which is now trying to decide in what shape the bill is to be reported back to the Senate. The greed of those seeking protection for special lines, at the expense of everybody else, would make the scramble sufficiently disagreeable, but Presidential politics have also been brought into it. The McKinleyites declare that the bill as passed by the House is in the interest of Reed's candidacy, and that they will have more McKinleyism put into it, or know the reason why it isn't done. The democrats are not taking much interest in the bill, although the nearer it gets to McKinleyism the better it will suit them; they believe that the country is as strongly opposed to McKinleyism now as it was when it elected the democratic House of the Fifty-second Congress and when it elected Mr. Cleveland President and gave the democrats control of both branches of the Fifty-third Congress, and that the nearer the bill approaches the original McKinley bill, the greater will be its effect towards helping to elect a democratic President next November. Democratic Senators have not agreed upon any program on the tariff bill, but the general sentiment among them indicates that after putting the party on record against the bill they will place no obstructions in the way of reaching a vote. Even if the bill passes the Senate in a shape to meet the approval of Mr. Reed, who is to all intents and purposes the House, it is well-nigh certain that it will be vetoed by President Cleveland.

Mr. Reed wanted a rest this week. Consequently the House has done nothing except to go through the form of holding sessions Tuesday and Friday.

There has been considerable change

of opinion as to the attitude of England towards the Venezuelan boundary commission, the membership of which could hardly be improved. Instead of being violently opposed to the commission, as many supposed it would be, it seems, from trustworthy information, that the British government, while not officially recognizing the commission, proposes to unofficially assist it in every way possible to get at the actual facts as to the true boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana.

The resolution adopted by the Senate, calling upon the Secretary of the Navy to state whether in his opinion it would be advantageous to contract for six battleships, instead of two as authorized by the last Congress, is intended to give Secretary Herbert an opportunity to call the attention of Congress to the favorable nature of the bids submitted to the department for the building of battleships, and it is expected that his communication will result in Congress authorizing the construction of four battleships in addition to the two which have been ordered of the Newport News ship yard.

New York City is for the first time in my recollection making a real effort to secure the democratic national convention, or in fact, any convention. The residents of that city seem at last to realize that this is the bay of the hustler and that things not worked for are seldom obtained. Whether New York will get the convention is a problem. Only two of the democratic National Committee—Wall, of Wis., and Wallace, of Wash.—are now in Washington, and neither will commit himself on the subject.

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A Big Assignment.

The Solicitors Loan and Trust Company Go Under.

The Solicitors Loan and Trust company, of 142 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, made an assignment last Friday. The failure of the company resulted from unsuccessful and unauthorized speculations on the part of J. Rush Ritter, real estate officer of the company and a member of the board of directors. Mr. Ritter speculated heavily in a number of securities. He became deeply involved and to meet certain obligations drew four drafts on a Mr. Cook, of New York, to which were attached bills of purchase for certain securities. The drafts aggregated \$200,000 and bore the signature of Mr. Ritter and the name (by rubber stamp) of the Solicitors Loan and Trust company. The drafts were taken by Mr. Ritter to the Trademans National Bank, of Philadelphia, whose cashier, J. S. McKee, instead of entering them for collection, paid Mr. Ritter the \$200,000 in cash. The drafts were returned from New York dishonored. Directors of Solicitors Company repudiated the transaction and the action of the president and the bond given by him. The Trademans Bank threatened to bring suit for the amount, and the assignment of the Solicitors company was then decided upon by the directors.

The counties that have increased their indebtedness during the past year are Bedford, Cameron, Carbon, Crawford, Elk, Fulton, Jefferson, Juniata, Lancaster, Lycoming, Mercer, Northumberland, Perry, Potter, Tioga and Union. All the other counties either maintained the same indebtedness or have reduced the amount.

Did you ever stop to think what indigestion really means? It means simply that your stomach is tired. If our legs are tired, we ride. The horse and the steam engine do the work. Why not give your stomach a ride, that is, let something else do its work. Foods can be digested outside of the body. All plants contain digestive principles which will do this. The Shaker Digestive Cordial contains digestive principles and is a preparation designed to rest the stomach. The Shakers themselves have such unbounded confidence in it that they have placed 10 cent sample bottles on the market, and it is said that even so small a quantity proves beneficial in a vast majority of cases. All druggists keep it.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Woman Could Not Drown.

The wife of Alexander Geese, a Newville farmer, is incapable of drowning. Last Wednesday she jumped into Conodoguin creek, intending to commit suicide. Mrs. Geese weighs 300 pounds, and her body would not sink. After floating for three hours she was discovered and pulled out by her neighbors, just as she was floating over the falls. When rescued she was almost frozen, but will recover.

It was no effort for Mrs. Geese to keep her head above water. She cannot swim a stroke, but she bobbed about in the deep water like a cork. She couldn't wade out, as the water was far too deep, and so she floundered about helpless. It was a frightful situation, as the water was freezing cold.

A VERITABLE PRODIGY.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Boy Has Been Taught to Speak and Write.

Orris Benson was born in Grahamsville, Sullivan county, on September 7, 1881. At birth, and for two years and a half thereafter, he was a bright child, with the usual five senses and all his faculties. When eight years old he was sent by his parents to the New York state institute for the instruction of the deaf and dumb. He had become deaf, mute and blind by sickness.

No correct appreciation of what this boy has achieved can ever be had except by contemplating the obstacles he has had to surmount. He has been but six years in the Deaf Mute institute, and yet in that time he has been taught to write and to speak.

Enoch Henry Currier, the principal of the Deaf Mute institution, thus writes of young Benson: "He has been taught to write—I send specimen letter—and to speak. Yesterday I put a typewriter in his classroom. In 40 minutes he had mastered the keyboard, and I inclose you the first letter he attempted, as an indication of his ready mind and hand."

The first typewritten letter gives no indication of its unusual authorship, except that in the signature the last few letters are not in correct alignment. It is as follows:

MY DEAR MR. CURRIER— I thank you for you gave me this typewriter. I am a happy boy to-day. Your loving pupil, ORRIS BENSON.

The following letter from the boy is written as legibly as as could be expected from a boy with none of the handicaps which Benson overcame:

MY DEAR MOTHER— Please send me some note paper. I want some pretty paper. I am very sorry my baby brother is dead. I am glad Myrtle and Hazel remember me. I love them very much.

Your loving son, ORRIS BENSON. If anyone fancies that it is an easy task for a blind person to write a letter,



ORRIS BENSON AND HIS TEACHER. A Deaf, Dumb and Blind Boy, Who Can Use the Typewriter.

let such a one make the attempt by blinding or conscientiously closing the eyes. Then write a letter of a couple of pages. You will have a good laugh at your miserable failure at keeping the lines straight, and at many other things. In short, the effort is full of ludicrous surprises.

Miss Bessie Myson is one of the oral teachers in the New York deaf mute institute. Orris Benson, in oral instruction, is under her care. The method of teaching Benson to talk is that known as visible speech. The letters by this system, or rather, the sounds which these letters represent, are labials, linguals and gutturals. By that extremely acute sense of touch which lodges in Orris Benson's finger tips he must learn the position in which to place his own tongue and teeth and lips that he may enunciate a sentence.

If he does not readily grasp the idea which his teacher wishes to impart, you may note him lean his head to one side, as though the better to hear, and then make another attempt. Sometimes it is necessary (his hands are always properly cleansed before he comes to his talking class, in anticipation of this emergency) for his teacher to let him put his fingers in her mouth and thus "see" the position of her tongue and lips. At other times she places his tongue and lips.

There are two things in thus learning to talk that the pupils must learn—first, to speak the word, and second, to know when he has that mastered, so that he can enunciate understandingly for his hearers. There are now those at the New York institute who could not hear a pistol if it were fired close to their head, but who can yet speak as distinctly as anyone, and, moreover, read the lips of those who speak to them.—N. Y. Herald.

Why He Didn't Answer.

It was little Charley Rayder's first day at school. His name came first on the roll, and it was the teacher's custom to call the roll in the evening just before dismissing for the day. The teacher was busy over the names of the pupils, and without raising her eyes from the roll called: "Charley Rayder!" No response. "Charley Rayder." Still no response.

Growing somewhat impatient, she raised her eyes from the roll and called: "Charley Rayder! Charley, why don't you answer me?"

Meekly and tremblingly came Charley's answer: "I—don't—know—what—to—say!"—Ram's Horn.

Hatching Alligators' Eggs.

The demand for young alligators as curiosities has led to the artificial hatching of alligators' eggs in Florida. The eggs are placed in boxes and covered with sand. A few days' exposure on a roof to the hot sunshine suffices to bring the young reptiles out of their shells. Alligators' eggs are sometimes eaten by negroes.

Not Many Are Like Her.

This must be a very dear little girl who could not keep her anger even when she was teased. Because she was so gentle, the older children imposed upon her, and one day the little girl rushed to her mother, and leaning up against her, said: "Oh, mamma, do help me to keep mad at Helen all day! I can't do it by myself."—Outlook.



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A Man with a Turnpike on His Hands.

Some time ago the courts, lower and supreme, awarded Isaac W. Raven, of Milheim, \$5,000 damages for injuries to his leg, sustained by being thrown from his buggy while driving on the Milheim turnpike.

The pike owners, having refused to pay the award, the property was sold at sheriff's sale, and as Mr. Raven was the only bidder it was knocked down to him. He did not want such a "white elephant" on his hands, however, and quickly compromised, taking \$3,000 from the original owners and returning their property.

To Open a Clogged Pipe.

For the benefit of many housekeepers, we give the following—the method of a retired plumber: Just before retiring for the night, pour into a clogged pipe enough hot liquid soda lye to fill the "trap" or bent part of the pipe. Be sure that no water runs into it until the next morning. During the night the lye will convert all the offal into soap, and the first flush of water in the morning will wash it away, leaving the pipe as clean as when new.

New Use for Potatoes.

The price of potatoes in many parts of western New York is so low that some farmers who have large quantities in pits and cellars, are feeding them to their horses and cows. One man, who has a large number of hens, boils a quantity of potatoes daily, feeds it to them, and says he is getting good results, and that since he began this he has secured a large increase in eggs, which at this season pay well.

Celebrated 105th Christmas.

On Christmas Mrs. Nancy Barger, of Roland, Centre county, was tendered a reception in honor of her having seen 105 Christmases. She is hale and hearty, and able to do all the housework for her son, Samuel, who is 78 years old. Mrs. Barger has a wonderful memory, and can tell much of the early history of Centre and Cumberland county, where she was born.

A prize was recently offered by a journal for the best answer to the question, "What is home?" Among the answers received were: "Home is the blossom, of which Heaven is the fruit. A world of strife shut out, and a world of love shut in. The golden setting, in which the brightest jewel is mother. The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world. The only spot on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under a mantle of charity."

Now that the new year of 1896 is fairly under way, let one and all resolve to get down to solid work and make a strong effort to put our town on a more prosperous footing and increase its business in every way possible.

Harper's Weekly IN 1896.

HARPER'S WEEKLY is a journal for the whole country. It deals with the events of the world that are important to Americans. In carrying out this policy in 1896, Julian Ralph visited China and Japan, and journeyed through the West; Richard Harding Davis took a trip through the Caribbean Sea; the evolutions of the new navy were described and illustrated by Irtus P. Zograff; Frederick Rowington presented studies of Army and Frontier life; Foutney Higelow attended the opening of the Kiel Canal.

In 1896 like attention will be given to every notable happening. The chief events in art, literature, and music and the drama will be artistically presented. W. D. Howells, in the new department, Life and Letters, will discuss in his interesting way books and the social questions of the time. E. S. Martin's sprightly gossip of the Busy World will be continued. The progress of the Transportation Commission around the World will be followed, and Caspar W. Whitney will conduct the department of Amateur Sport.

In 1896 will occur a Presidential election. In its editorials and through its political cartoons the WEEKLY will continue to be an independent advocate of good government and sound money. In fiction the WEEKLY will be especially strong. It will publish the only novel of the year by W. D. Howells, and a stirring serial of a Scotch feud, by S. R. Crockett. The short stories selected are of unusual excellence and interest. In every respect HARPER'S WEEKLY will maintain its leading place in the illustrated journalism of the world.

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