

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28th, 1896.

There is no more probability that the independence of Cuba will be recognized by the United States during President Cleveland's administration than there is of Grover Cleveland becoming president of the Cuban republic, and unless McKinley is misrepresented by Republicans who are supposed to enjoy his confidence, the present policy will be continued by him until there is some decided change in Cuba.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has never set up for a wit, but if he gets off a few more flashes like his answer to Senator Vest's inquiry as to the meaning of that clause of the President's message dealing with the Pacific Railroad, the title will be forced upon him.

Among the members of the House who did not go home to spend their Christmas are a number of Republicans who were re-elected to the next House, and who prefer to stand their office-seeking constituents off with letters which do not commit them, instead of meeting them face to face and being compelled to commit themselves.

The Government isn't expecting war with Spain, but if war comes it is going to be as well prepared as possible for it. A secret meeting of high naval officers was held in Washington a few days ago for the purpose of preparing a complete program, offensive and defensive, that might be carried on by our present navy if there should be war at short notice, and such a program was prepared and is now in the hands of Secretary Herbert.

It is as true to-day as it was when written by Macaulay that "Where'er ye shed the honey, the buzzing flies will crowd." There is going to be honey shed by the Republican tariff bill, and the flies, in the shape of those who are anticipating benefits through protection are already crowding Washington hotels, preparatory to telling the Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee, at the hearings which are to begin next week, just how much interest they want on their campaign contributions.

Representative Barham, of California, thinks the Pacific Railroad funding bill, which is to be considered by the House for the four days beginning January 7th, can be defeated. He said: "If we can get enough time to show the whole thing up, I am satisfied that many votes will be changed. The passage of the present bill is a present of \$100,000,000 to C. P. Huntington and his associates. If it becomes known that the United States is going to treat these debtors like it does all others there will be plenty of buyers at the full value of the property."

The Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia have received orders for 13 locomotives for Japan. The company also expects to build eight engines for China. These works are very busy, having besides the above orders 32 locomotives for various roads in this country.

BASE BALL CHAT.

It has been about settled that the Pittsburg team will do its spring training at Mobile.

Pitcher Yerrick, formerly from Berwick, who was with the Boston team for a time last season, has been signed by Rochester.

The Scranton Club has signed a Texas League pitcher named William Willner.

Charley Nichols, of the Boston's, has entered the ranks of cigar drummers.

The Lancaster club needs a good, hard-hitting third baseman. Applicants should address Mr. H. H. Hensel at once.

The Louisville club is reported to be trying to secure second baseman Connors from Chicago.

Pitcher Jerry Nops has turned in his signed contract to the Baltimore club.

Frank Dwyer is a member of an indoor base ball team in the local league at Geneva, N. Y.

The Springfield club has about 100 stockholders and all of them are dead-heads at the games.

The Pittsburg club has re-opened negotiations for outfielder McCreary, of the Louisvilles.

Boston is still on a hunt for a catcher and an outfielder.

Tony Mullane has been pitching fourteen years, and yet his arm is as good as ever it was.

According to Pittsburg advices the excollegian, first baseman Goeckle, may get a chance to don a Pittsburg uniform. The Philadelphia Club tried to secure Goeckle last season, but the collegian declared he did not want to become a professional. However, last season he played first base for Wilkesbarre, leading the Eastern League in that position.

Pitcher Charlie Jordan requests us to deny the statement going the rounds to the effect that the Philadelphia Club had transferred him to the Athletics. He says the Philadelphia Club has released him outright, and that he is open for engagement. He can be addressed at 69 South Pine street, Hazleton, Pa.

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They called it eccentricity when Millionaire John E. Dubois had a man stand at the doors of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, in DuBois, on Sunday, and hand every one who entered the building an envelope in which he had placed 20cts. It was his idea of making a subscription to the church, for the envelopes were all dropped into the collection baskets. Possibly it was eccentricity but it was of the kind that will always gladden the ministerial heart and help church work. You need not be ashamed of being called such an eccentric.

The man who is anxious, and able to work, though he may not be able to secure it, is not a tramp. In every community there are a few men who are not working simply because it is an absolute impossibility for them to secure any, yet they are none the less esteemed for their predicament. It is the class of lazy loafers who would rather stumble over a stick in their path than go to the trouble of removing it, that should be forced to know St. Paul's injunction: "If any will not work, neither shall he eat."

While Uncle SAM has very little to be afraid of in the event of war with Spain there are some things that are causing him to scratch his head and wonder how he is going to protect our woefully defenceless extensive coast line with nine boats that are calculated for heavy fighting. We have plenty scattered over the world to blow Spain clear out of water, but should we become involved before they could be called home it would take pretty large shooting for the nine boats now ready to ward off Spanish attack from Eastport, Me., clear around to the mouth of the Rio Grande.

Hall's Hair Renewer contains the natural food and color-matter for the hair, and medicinal herbs for the scalp, curing grayness, baldness, dandruff, and scalp sores.

Maud—"Charlie what was the first animal that ever came down?" Charlie—"Rein-deer."



The prospect of a Christmas dinner has its forecast in the breakfast. General Miles was twitted about "ravens" and "manna in the wilderness," and while it was not said, it was thought he was a poor sort of Moses.

The day wore on, and there was a midday meal of bacon and beans. Baldwin again took copious draughts of parched-corn coffee.

Supper call was sounded. At headquarters they sat down to the usual repast—beans and bacon. Just as Captain Baldwin was about to quaff a second quart of parched-corn coffee—an apparition appeared in the tent door, substantial, savory. It was a turkey, plucked of its feathers, paraded on a tin platter, done to a turn, smoking hot and redolently odoriferous. It was held aloft by an Eighth cavalry trooper. The astonishing spectacle was immediately duplicated—another trooper bearing a similar tray laden with a smoking saddle of venison. Another trooper—a dish of vegetables. Another trooper—a camp kettle full of fragrant coffee, strong enough to float an iron wedge.

The Christmas dinner to which General Miles had invited his staff, 24 hours before, had materialized.

It was the gift, Christmas present of the Eighth cavalry. They had been reveling as hunters over in the Palo Duro. Soon learning, after going into camp, of the starvation rations at headquarters, they sent of their larger, a feast. But while this "manna in the wilderness" was being consumed, a hospital attaché of the Eighth cavalry appeared.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the officers at headquarters were the guests of the Eighth cavalry officers at Dr. Collins' tent, except General Miles, who had business to detain him in his quarters. Without any reflection on the general, it can be said his absence was not regarded as an unmitigated affront. Had he attended, his presence as commanding officer might have marred the interpretation put upon Dr. Collins' "how." An army officer can no more take a drink without calculating "how" than he can draw his pay without signing a pay account.

"How" was ladled out of a great iron pot, half the size of a country wife's soap kettle, with quart cups. And it was a punch with the most peculiar taste and startling effects that ever a well-seasoned man tackled. Everybody tackled it, however, unreluctantly. The queries were many: What is it? And as stoup after stoup was fearlessly taken, the doctor being at hand, the recipe, or make-up of this "Christmas prairie punch" was disclosed. An iron pot had been used, for nothing less strong could possibly hold the mixture. The body of the fluid was tea, boiled to the consistency of lye—and in alkaline water, too—and into this had been dumped a couple of pounds of crisp, burnt brown sugar, for the sake of a color. Next a quart of portable lemon sugar had been added to give it flavor, and then two gallons of alcohol—taken from the veterinary surgeon's chest—had been poured in. When the mixture was steaming, or on the point of explosion, a two-pound lump of butter, or "axle-grease," as the rancid fat was called in the army, was dropped in.

Concluded to Help Providence. A little girl told a friend who was visiting her father that her brothers set traps to catch the birds. He asked her what she did. She replied: "I prayed that the traps might not catch the birds." "Anything else?" "Yes," she said, "I then prayed that God would prevent the birds getting into the trap," and, as if to illustrate the doctrine of faith and works, "I went and kicked the traps all to pieces."

In the night before Christmas will likely appear a miniature sleigh with electrical gear. And the man at the motor, so lively and quick.

You'll know in a moment for July St. Nick. Do the top of the porch, to the top of the wall, you'd think that air riding was nothing at all!

And up on the housetop there are lamp's bright hue (as shed on the toys and St. Nicholas, too) "The dynamo works," he cries with great glee.

"For the first time in ages the chimney I see! And, placing his hands in the shape of a cube, He shoots down the gifts—through a pneumatic tube!

It takes scarce a minute, they are filled with a jerk. Those stockings which formerly gave so much work.

The saint grabs the motor and whisks out of sight.

With "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

GIRLS IN STORES,

offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially those who are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense.

When the first symptoms present themselves, such as backache, pains in groins, headache, dizziness, faintness, swollen feet, blues, etc., they



should at once write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., stating symptoms; she will tell them exactly what to do, and in the meantime they will find prompt relief in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which can be obtained from any druggist.

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THE FATE OF TRIPLETS IN CHINA.

In the southern provinces of China there is a superstition that if triplets are born one of the three children will eventually become a robed rebel. In order to avoid that direct of Chinese curses, a bad son, a "wise man" is sent for in order to decide which of the three children is the destined black sheep. The three infants having been conveyed into a perfectly dark room, the "wise man" takes three pieces of twine, each of a different color, as white, red, and black, and entering the room ties one of these pieces of string round a wrist of each baby. The one which, when brought out into the light, is found to have the red string on its wrist, is drowned like a puppy.

—From "Chinese Superstitions," in Demorest's Magazine for January.

The controller of Luzerne county has been in office only four months, but in that short time it is stated that he has saved the county nearly \$30,000.

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The past season holds the record for the largest crop ever raised in America. Even nature seems to have conspired against the temperance forces.

Pugilist Sharkey was awarded \$8,500 in the recent contested case, in which Fitzsimmons' blow in the eighth round was declared a foul.

The Kansas Legislature is being urged to pass a law to prohibit the admission of homeless children into that state.

The best way to cure disease is to drive it from the system by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A man never realizes what a hard world this is until he falls off his bicycle.

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