

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17th, 1897.

That the democratic party fights best and wins oftenest when it is aggressive is well known. Therefore the action of the democratic caucus of the House in running up the party flag with declarations, writ so large that even he who runs may read, against the retirement of the greenbacks, either directly or indirectly, against any extension of privileges enjoyed by National banks, and for the recognition of the belligerency of Cuba, and the enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law, was wise as well as good politics. It shows the country that if the republicans in Congress were afraid to announce a policy for the session in advance of the Christmas recess, which extends from tomorrow until Jan. 5th, the democrats were not.

It has been often denied on the floors of Congress that the logical outcome of the present civil service law would be a civil pension list, but now Secretary Gage has actually started a civil pension list, under the alias of a "roll of honor," to which all Treasury Department employes more than 70 years old are to be transferred for life, at a uniform annual salary of \$900 each—that is, they are to be, unless Congress upsets this programme, which it is more than likely to do. Nothing has occurred since the civil service act was placed upon the statute books that will do more to open the eyes of the people to the correctness of the position of those democrats who favor the repeal of that law. The country is today staggering under the burden of its military pension list, and will not carry a civil pension list.

Those snide patent attorneys, said to be quite numerous, who make a practice of getting the cash of inventors under the pretense of procuring and selling foreign patents on their inventions, knowing that no foreign patent that is worth the paper upon which it is written can be gotten for them, and that no sale can be made, are in a bad way. Acting Commissioner of Patents Greeley, who earned his spurs by his conduct of the investigation that resulted in reforming a number of glaring abuses in Patent Office practice, is on their trail, and determined to break up such criminal methods, and his determination, ability and honesty are all of the A. I. brand.

An attempt is to be made to have the House and Senate Indian committees agree on legislation for Indian Territory, but inasmuch as the Senate Committee has already agreed to a bill for apportionment of the lands of the five civilized tribes, it looks as though that means merely an attempt to get the House Committee to accept the bill of the Senate Committee, which is supported by the Dawes Commission and opposed by the representatives of the Indians.

Although the National Board of Trade, which held its annual session in Washington this week, changed the time for holding its annual meetings from January or February to December for the avowed purpose of influencing Congress, its members must be fully convinced of the impossibility of getting the gold legislation they, in common with Secretary Gage and his side partners of the "monetary conference," are trying to secure from the present Congress.

This has been a red-letter week, indeed, in the career of Senator Daniel, of Va., who has been chosen to succeed the late Senator Harris, of Tenn., as a member of the Senate committee on Finance, and unanimously re-elected to the Senate by the Va. legislature. Two such honors seldom come to any man in a single week, and it is not surprising that Senator Daniel should be overwhelmed with congratulations on his good fortune.

The republicans of the House should be held responsible for their failure to save the \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000 a year which Representative Bingham asserted could be in the opinion of himself and his colleagues on the Appropriation committee be saved by the reduction of extravagant salaries paid to clerks in the departments. If that committee has such an opinion, it failed to perform its duty when it reported the legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill, now before the House, without providing for those reductions.

There are reasons for believing that there are a sufficient number of republican Senators who will refuse to reverse their previous votes against the right of a governor to appoint a Senator after a legislature has failed to elect when it had an opportunity, to make it certain that Mr. Corbett will not be given that Oregon vacancy, even if a majority of the committee on Elections and Privileges reports in his favor, as it probably will.

Mr. Richard Crocker, the widely known Tammany democrat, was a guest of Senator Murphy this week. He said that he only ran over to Washington for a rest and a change,

but there was probably considerable New York politics in the long talks he had with Senator Murphy.

Search for Minister's Body.

Believed to Have Been Murdered and Thrown in a River.

The police of Harrisburg are trying to locate Rev. S. Sparrier, a Church of God minister at New Bloomfield, whose satchel and blood-stained derby hat were Friday found along the Susquehanna River bank in that city. Sparrier was in the habit of wearing a silk hat, and the finding of a derby, cut with a knife across the side, mystified the officers. A blood-stained pocketbook was found near the satchel, which leads to the belief that the minister was murdered by highwaymen and his body thrown into the river. Mr. Sparrier is about 75 years old, and is well-known in this locality as a preacher and a book agent.

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How Iceland Was Discovered.

According to Pliny, Iceland "is an island in the northern ocean discovered by Prytheas (384-322 B. C.)." A colony from Britain is said to have settled there in the beginning of the fifth century. The Venerable Bede gives a pretty accurate description of the island. We must therefore conclude that Iceland was known in the seventh century, but the Iceland chronicles go no further back than the arrival of the Norwegians. They relate that Naddod, a famous Norwegian pirate, was driven on the coast of Iceland in 861. He named the country Snowland. He did not remain long, but on his return so extolled the country that one Garder Snafarin, a Swede, sailed quite around the island in 864 and gave it the name of Garder's Island. In the following spring he returned to Norway, when he described the country as being pleasant and richly wooded. This excited Floke, another Swede, to undertake another voyage thither, and he staid there the whole winter. He described it as a wretched place, and because he found a great deal of ice on the north side he gave the country the name of Iceland. The Island was finally settled by Ingolf in 874, within 60 years of which date the whole island was inhabited.

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A Financial Problem.

Now who lost? A banker sauntering home for his dinner, saw a \$10 bill lying on the curbstone. Of course he picked it up and took the number in order to find the owner. While at home his wife remarked that the butcher had sent in a bill amounting to \$10. The only money he had with him was the bill he had found, which he gave to her and she paid the butcher. The butcher paid it to the former for a calf and the farmer paid it to the washerwoman, and she owing the banker a note of \$10 went to the banker and paid the note. The banker recognized the bill as the one he had found, and which up to this time had settled \$50 of debts. On a careful examination he found that the bill was counterfeit.

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I was afflicted with catarrh last autumn. During the month of October I could neither taste nor smell and could hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured it.—Marcus Geo. Shautz, Rahway, N. J.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent of Public Instruction Ready to Report on Education in Pennsylvania.

The advance sheets of the annual report of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, for the fiscal year ending June 1 last, have just been issued. The report shows that the number of school districts has reached 2482, that the total enrollment of pupils during the year ending June 7, was 1,109,872, the average monthly cost per pupil was \$2.26 in Philadelphia, and for the State outside of Philadelphia, \$1.22, and the total expenditure was \$19,618,187.09. Of this amount \$11,113,379.02 was expended for text books and supplies, \$3,688,604.36 for building purposes and \$15,929,582.73 for maintenance.

Dr. Schaeffer suggests that the powers of school boards be limited in the amount of money to be expended upon apparatus for ungraded schools. He declares the State appropriation of \$5,500,000 has put Pennsylvania in the front rank of States that have advanced education. Taxation, distribution of the funds and legislation also receive attention and the subject of free libraries is exhaustively dealt with.

Of the county institutes Dr. Schaeffer says: "Comparison of the overflowing houses which now greet the school officials with the slim audiences of the early days of the system shows how the interest in the public schools has grown everywhere. In some of the cities and larger boroughs the high school attendance has almost doubled in the last five years. Without doubt, more should be done to establish high schools in rural districts and to give commercial and industrial education in city high schools. The era of manual training has hardly begun to dawn outside of Philadelphia."

The report concludes as follows: "Under the act for the distribution of the school appropriations more money will go to the sparsely settled rural districts. This should be used to secure more efficient teachers and to lengthen the school term. It is to be regretted that all efforts to lengthen the minimum term from six to seven months have thus far ended in failure.

"The plea that the people cannot bear the expense was used when the free schools were established, and it will continue to be used whenever men are afraid of losing votes or fear that there will not be money enough for purposes dearer to their hearts than the education of the rising generation. If the country boys and girls are as good as those of the city they deserve equal educational facilities."

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At the Brink of Death.

Hunter's First Thought in Extreme Peril Was for his Dog.

Charles H. Eldon, a taxidermist, was hunting in Sullivan County last week, and walking along the Narrows skirting Loyalsock Creek, after dark, when the soft earth gave way beneath his feet and he rolled to the edge of a precipice 75 feet high, where he caught a sapling and saved himself. His dog, which had been following him, tumbled down on top of him, but Mr. Eldon, while he clung to the sapling with one hand pushed the dog back to safety with the other. Then E. W. Warner, his companion, managed to pull him out of danger, after he had hung over the ledge fully five minutes.

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The newspapers so persistently expose swindlers that the gentry find it necessary to invent new schemes every week. One of the latest is the farmer looking chap that travels around with some ears of corn in his pockets. The ears are about six or eight times the size of ordinary ears of corn. He raised the corn from seed sent him by a brother away off some where. He'll sell you a hundred kernels for twenty-five cents, or a whole ear for \$2.00. It is nothing but ordinary corn, a number of ears dextrously cut, and the sections glued together to form one large ear. He looks like a granger. His clothes are rough, and there is a trace of hayseed in his abundant stock of hair, but he is a sleek swindler, and we would advise you to feel under his coat tail with the toe of your boot.

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A new ferret muzzle for use in hunting rabbits, etc., has one or more short spikes in the tip of the muzzle to drive the animal out of its hole and yet prevent the ferret from killing it.

To protect horses' feet from injury on barb-wire fences a flexible metal band is used, which is adapted to fasten around the foot, with an armor shield at the rear to prevent the barbs entering the flesh when the horse gets its foot caught on the wire.

A Michigan man has patented an air ship, comprising a cigar-shaped inflatable vessel, a car attached to it by pivoted arms, so that the car can be tilted up or down to guide it; the propelling and steering being done by the usual fanblade propellers.

In a recently designed refrigerator the ice chamber is formed of a series of parallel bars, set in one side of the refrigerating chamber, which hold cracked ice and permit the free circulation of air between the bars and around the small pieces of ice.

A procession of icebergs sent against the surface of the sun would melt at the rate of three hundred million cubic miles of solid ice a second, and its heat is estimated to produce a force of about ten thousand horse power to every square foot of its surface.

Of the children born alive one-fourth die before eleven months, one-third before the twenty-third month, half before their eighth year, two-thirds of mankind die before the thirty-ninth year, three-fourths before their fifty-first year, and of about twelve thousand only one survives a whole century.

Frank W. Vary, of the Ladd Observatory, R. I., has made some curious observations on the flight of migrating birds seen at night crossing the face of the moon. He watched them with a telescope of four inches aperture, magnifying forty times. The observations were made in the latter part of September. The great majority of the birds moved from north to south, and traveled in little companies. Their average speed, as calculated by Mr. Vary, was sixty-seven miles an hour, although some appeared to travel at the rate of more than one hundred miles an hour.

DELIGHTFUL RELIEF FROM CATARRH—Here is one of a thousand such testimonies. The Rev. A. D. Buckley, of Buffalo, says: "I wish all to know what a blessing Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder is in a case of catarrh. I was troubled with this disease for years, but the first time I used this remedy it gave most delightful relief. I now regard myself entirely cured after using it for two months."—54. Sold by C. A. Klein.

Vaccinating Cattle.

The first vaccination of cattle by the State Sanitary Live Stock board since its recent meeting, when it was decided to stamp out disease, was ordered last week by State Veterinarian Pearson. "Blackleg," a form of disease premonitory of anthrax, was reported in cattle at Warriors Mark, Huntingdon county, fourteen in three herds being affected. The state authorities secured vaccine matter from Washington Thursday and a man was sent from Philadelphia to give the herd attention.

Disease in Pencils.

An investigation of the spread of diphtheria among the pupils of the public schools of Baltimore has led to the conclusion that it is largely caused by the use of pencils and penholders. Health Commissioner McShane has sent a communication to the school board recommending a different system than the one in vogue of collecting the pens and pencils at the close of school each day and redistributing them next day. The commissioner says the children place the pencils in their mouths and disease is thus communicated from child to child by the indiscriminate use of pens and pencils. He has recommended that each child be given the same pen and pencil every day and that all the penholders and pencils be sterilized.

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