

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec., 24th, 1897.

"Wobbling Willie" is again being applied to Mr. McKinley as a nickname by members of his own party. The republicans who still call themselves bimetalists have about decided that Mr. McKinley must either declare himself to be a gold monometalist or a bimetalist; they are tired of having him coddle them by talking bimetalism and then allowing Secretary Gage to publicly announce, without remonstrance, that the administration was for any and everything that was regarded as likely to help perpetuate the single gold standard.

Mr. McKinley has been wobbling on the civil service rules quite as badly as upon finance, and he is likely to find himself brought to book on this subject soon after Congress resumes business. Just before Congress adjourned for the holidays, Mr. McKinley indicated, if he did not actually make the promise, to some of the republicans who had been taking an active part in the movement to secure anti-civil service legislation, that he intended to issue an executive order that would remove from the protection of the civil service rules many of the offices that were included in Mr. Cleveland's extensions of the rules. This week, with Congress away, Mr. McKinley told his Cabinet that he was inclined to stand pat on civil service and that while he might make some changes he did not expect to make any extensive modification of existing rules.

The joint sessions of the House and Senate Indian Committee, the object of which is to agree upon a single bill covering all the legislation for the Indian Territory and the five tribes of civilized Indians that this Congress will be asked to pass, have so far merely served to show how many divergent interests there are in this matter and how difficult it will be to draw a bill that will not be unjust to some of these interests.

The nomination of Mr. Charles Page Bryan to be minister to China, if persisted in by Mr. McKinley, may be the cause of a big fuss in the Senate. It has been represented to Mr. McKinley that the European grab game which is now being played in China makes it imperative that the U. S. minister to that country should be a man of wide diplomatic experience, and that Mr. Bryan lacks that qualification. Such Senators as Teller, Wolcott and Frye have announced their intention to fight the confirmation of Bryan, if Mr. McKinley sends it to the Senate in spite of the protests which have been made to him.

The republican policy of cutting the appropriations regardless of what is needed, in order to try to help the Dingley tariff lessen that deficit nightmare, has been shown in a striking manner by the way in which the House committee on Appropriations treated the recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior, who had himself, under orders from the White House, cut the estimates of all his bureau chiefs. Everybody knows that the work of the Patent Office has steadily increased with the growth of the country, and perhaps everybody doesn't know, but it is true all the same, that the U. S. Government makes a profit out of the Patent Office, the amount to its credit at this time in the U. S. Treasury being in excess of \$5,000,000.

The Secretary of the Interior asked Congress to provide for just one-half of the additional help that the Commissioner of Patents says is needed to get the business of the office up to date, and the House Appropriations Committee declined to provide any additional help at all, although the business of the office is now from two to six months behind. If a private business establishment refused to employ help enough to promptly handle its business, it would soon find that rivals were getting it away from it, but as the government has no rivals in this business those who have dealings with the Patent office will have to grin and bear the delay until better business sense prevails in the House, unless the Senate comes to the rescue by properly amending the Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill.

Every republican office holder from Ohio, in Washington, who is supposed to have the slightest influence with the republican members of the Ohio legislature has been ordered—not requested—to report at the Hanna headquarters in Columbus, for the purpose of helping the boss to land that Senatorial plum. Another proof that this is a civil service reform administration.

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Southern Iron Mills Have All the Trade They Can Handle.

Employees of iron and steel plants in the South are getting more work just now than they have for the past three years, and most of the mills have orders enough ahead to last them for the next three months.

Such, in brief, is a statement made by President M. M. Garland, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, who has just returned from a trip through the mill districts of the South. He visited the mills in and about Cincinnati, Riverside, Covington, Newport, Birmingham, Anniston and Gate City. The mills in all these places are running full time, and have all the trade they can conveniently handle.

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An Insurance Ruling.

Law Laid Down as to How Joint Policies May Be Issued.

In an opinion given Friday to Insurance Commissioner Lambert in the matter of insurance proposed to be issued by combinations or associations of insurance companies, both foreign and State, Deputy Attorney General Reeder decides that no two or more companies can lawfully unite in issuing a joint policy of insurance in which it does not distinctly appear that each receives a certain and definite proportion of the premiums and assumes only a certain and definite proportion of the liability, and in which it does not also distinctly appear that each company acts for itself and not for the other. No two corporations have a right to engage in a joint business where either may become liable for the engagements or defaults of the other, or where, by any possibility, there may be such a community of interests as might be construed into a partnership.

The opinion was drawn out by the desire of the department to have a ruling on the policies that have heretofore been issued by the Philadelphia Underwriters' Association and other organizations doing business in the western part of the State.

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Child Lawyer.

Kansas comes to the front with a lawyer only seven years old. Bryant Gilbert, a son of J. G. W. Gilbert, a lawyer of Atchison. The Liliputian lawyer was subjected to a severe examination by the Kansas Supreme court Tuesday afternoon. He successfully passed the examination and a certificate was awarded to him.

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NEXT YEAR'S COMET SHOW.

A Bevy of Celestial Visitors is Promised.

Next year quite a bevy of these cosmical wanderers are timed to appear in our skies, says the London Globe. The Pons Winnecke comet should open the list by appearing in April, after an absence of about five and one half years. In May the celebrated Eneke comet is due. This comet has a period of only three and one-fourth years, and its frequent reappearance has been the means of astronomers discovering a great deal about comets and their wanderings through space. In June we should have two of these cosmical visitors—Swift's and Wolfe's comets—the former after an absence of six years and the latter a trifle longer. Temple's comet completes the visitors' list by arriving in September. These comets are all regular visitors, whose periods are so well known that their arrivals may be timed almost to the hour. Others no doubt will arrive, but they will doubtless be casuals, or whose antecedents nothing is known, and most of them such small fry as only to catch the eye of the most assiduous observers.

There is one other comet whose visit falls due in November, 1898, but this poor body went to pieces fifty years ago. This comet is known as Biela's, and has not been seen since 1852, although it ought to have returned half a dozen times since then. It began to divide in 1846, and on its next and last appearance 1,250,000 miles separated its parts. It was this comet which an astronomer predicted would approach within 20,000 miles of the earth's path on its visit in 1832, and so accurately was this prediction made that its fulfillment was consummated within twelve hours of the time foretold. The near approach of this comet to the earth's orbit caused a considerable amount of consternation throughout the country. Nor was the excitement greatly allayed by the assurance that the earth would not reach that portion of its course which the comet approached so closely for at least a month after. However nothing very serious happened, and the public mind reassumed its wonted calm.

Although Biela's comet is not likely to appear, there will doubtless be seen about November 26 or 27 a shower of meteors associated with the orbit of the lost comet. This shower regularly returns at periods coincident with the times at which the parent comet would have arrived had it maintained its coherency.

Mr. Bryan Will Remain on Deck.

There have been reports that William J. Bryan had expressed his intention to retire from politics. Such rumors may have sprung from the desire of the goldbugs that so formidable an opponent should cease to antagonize their policy by a cessation of his political activity. If this was a case of the wish being the father of the thought it has proved to be entirely vain, as we have the assurance of Mr. Bryan's own words that he is not going out of politics just yet.

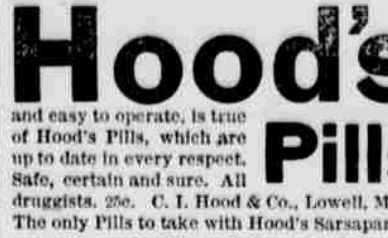
In reply to an inquiry as to the truth of the report of his intended retirement he has written to Congressman Gaines, of Tennessee, effectually exposing its untruth by saying "I expect to remain in politics all my life. Whether I shall ever run for office again depends on circumstance." It would indeed be a great misfortune to the country if it were deprived of Mr. Bryan's political service. This may be said without regard to the eventuality of his being again a candidate for the Presidency. Circumstances will determine what occasion there may be for his service in that capacity; but he has proven himself so staunch an advocate of true Democratic principles, at a time when the fate of the Republic depends upon the success of those principles, and so able and fearless a tribune of the people that the nation will profit by his service in whatever capacity he may render it. He is a born leader and he may be trusted to lead in the right direction.

It is not merely in his advocacy of silver, as a part of the constitutional currency of the country, that he is serving the cause of the people and maintaining a Democratic principle. There is in his championship something higher than the mere question of money. It involves the preservation of popular institutions and free government.

That the people should have a free and sound currency, uncontrolled by the monetary monopoly which the gold standard is intended to establish, is a matter of great material interest to them, but it is transcended in importance by the enforcement of those principles of Democratic government and essentials to civil liberty which were so forcibly re-asserted in the Chicago platform and so ably and fearlessly maintained by William J. Bryan, whom the country cannot afford to have retired from political life until it shall be determined that the will of the people, and not the banded interests of wealth, shall rule this nation.—Ex.

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TRAIN SAVED A FATAL PLUNGE.

Many Lives Placed in Jeopardy by Boys Opening a Switch.

An engineer's watchfulness averted what must have been a fatal wreck on the Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkes-Barre Railroad, near Danville, and Thursday Chief of Police Pusey arrested Cleveland Coleman, and Ross G. Thomas, boys, for having jeopardized the train and its human freight by opening a switch. At the point where the switch had been tampered with, between Danville and Catawissa, the railroad skirts the Susquehanna River. The engineer saw the danger barely in time to avert a catastrophe. Had the train run through the switch it would have gone into the river, and many lives would probably have been lost. Coleman and Thomas admitted their guilt and were committed to prison.

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The Dead of the War.

From the records of the war department corrected to date, by the investigations of the Pension office, it is ascertained now that out of the 2,000,000 union soldiers of the late war the aggregate number of deaths was 360,297. While 67,058 men were killed outright in action and 42,581 died of wounds making a total of 109,639, more than double that number died of disease or to be exact, 224,586. It is worth noting that out of the more than 2,000,000 individuals who were in the service from first to last, only 267 men were executed for crimes by the United States military authorities. Soon after the war the government took measures to identify the vast army of dead and mark their graves. Seventy-six national cemeteries were established throughout the union, including one in the city of Mexico, where the dead of the Mexican war lie buried. They are mostly on Southern prisons, Arlington, the most beautiful of all, being opposite the capital on old Custer Lee plantation. In these over 135,000 soldiers graves are marked.

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Coal and Railroad Notes.

The Pennsylvania statement of earnings for the month of November makes quite as good a showing as that for October, the banner month of the year.

The president of one of the soft coal roads says trade conditions are somewhat improved and there is a general tendency toward better prices. A number of meetings of representatives of the soft coal companies have been held lately, and it is probable that a settlement of differences will soon be reached and prices advanced.

A miner who has just returned from the gold fields gives the following advice to all who contemplate going to the frozen country: "Keep sober and work hard and you will make money in the Klondike." This is very good advice, but any one who will carry out these instructions will not have to go to Klondike to get rich, but can stay right here in Bloomsburg, provided he can get the work to do.

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STATIONS. A. M. P. M. A. M. P. M.

Table with columns for stations (Northumberland, Carlisle, Danville, Catawissa, etc.) and times for A.M. and P.M. trains.

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Connections at Pottsville with Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for Tanawana, Tanawana, Williamsport, Sunbury, Pottsville, etc. At Northumberland with P. & E. Div. P. & R. for Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Emporium, Warren, Corry and Erie.

W. F. HALLSTEAD, Gen. Man., Scranton, Pa.

SOUTH—H. & S. R. M.—NORTH

Table with columns for stations (Sunbury, Danville, Catawissa, etc.) and times for A.M. and P.M. trains.

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