

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, Dec. 18, 1899. Mr. McKinley isn't satisfied with the bossing Congress; he intends to boss the whole Republican shooting match.

Senator Allen, who has been appointed by the Governor of Nebraska to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late Senator Hayward, will be warmly welcomed as a staunch and valuable recruit to the ranks of the anti-gold standard Senators.

The Republican speeches in the House, last week, have contained lots of gush about "Republican prosperity" and "sound money," but very little praise of any portion of the gold standard bill.

Representative Cochran, of Mo., in an able speech against the McKinley gold standard bill, presented figures showing that there is not enough gold in the world to do the business of the world, and declared that the importation of gold to pay for the surplus crops exported to supply the failure of crops abroad had quickened trade and produced the prosperity of which the Republicans boasted.

Senator Pettigrew's resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy to inform the Senate whether the flag of the Philippine republic was carried by vessels in Manila Bay and saluted by Admiral Dewey or any of the vessels of his squadron at any time since May 1, 1898.

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Some of the members of the House Committee which is engaged in investigating the charges against Roberts are themselves charged with being

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more anxious to get a free trip to Utah and back, with all expenses paid, than to complete the investigation and make a report. There seems very little probability that the report will be made to the House before the Christmas recess.

It is no new thing to charge the U. S. Senate with being an extravagant body, but the itemized cost, as shown by the report of the Secretary of the Senate, of the furnishings bought for the Vice President's room in the Capitol, show that it is growing more extravagant all the time.

The Democrats intend pushing trust legislation at this session of Congress. Senator Morgan of Ala., has introduced an anti-trust joint resolution which he says he intends forcing to a vote if it possibly can be done.

The appointment of Gen. Leonard Wood, whose nomination to be Major General of Volunteers was confirmed by the Senate last week, to be Military Governor of Cuba, is regarded as the best thing that has happened for the Cubans for some time, as he has shown by his management of the province of Santiago that he thoroughly understands how to get along with them.

Bishop Doane on Divorce. Bishop W. C. Doane, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Albany, writes to the Press on "How to Check Divorce" as follows:

"In reply to your inquiry as to some methods of arresting the evil of frequent divorce I would suggest that the first thing to do is to make marriage a more serious and solemn thing, and to safeguard it more than it is now. In dealing with the matter of divorce, the distinction ought to be more drawn than it is between separation from bed and board (which ought to be granted for many causes) and divorce with the right to remarry, which ought not to be granted, even by the State, for any but the one cause.

"In seeking to improve the general divorce laws this, I think, ought to be the aim: That the permission should be given only to the innocent party in a suit which proves sin before, or unfaithfulness after, marriage.

"Meanwhile, the recommendations of the national commission on reform laws are helpful and hopeful in many directions, requiring a residence in all faith for one year. The attitude which I think the churches ought to take is to forbid the clergy to marry any divorced persons divorced for any cause whatever arising after marriage. At the same time, in the case of the innocent party in a divorce suit for unfaithfulness I think that no clergyman should be allowed to refuse the sacraments without having the case submitted either to the bishop or to somebody authorized to investigate it, in the form of a diocesan court, if such arrangement shall be made.

The Baby's Go-Cart. "There lie before me the opinions of some twelve of the best informed physicians on the question of the go-cart, and without exception they condemn its use for a child under two years of age," writes Edward Bok, in the December Ladies' Home Journal, pointing out the dangers of the "go-cart" for babies.

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The Next Century Question Settled. The question as to when the next century begins has been settled by the Pope, so far as Catholics are concerned. This is done in the official text of the Congregation of Rites at Rome, proclaiming the Holy Year, which was received at the Apostolic Delegation, at Washington. The Pope in this decree grants the extraordinary privilege of celebrating midnight mass on December 31, so that throughout the world in all Catholic churches the holy sacrifice of the mass will be solemnly offered "at the moment the old century dies and the new one begins."

THE MERCANTILE TAX.

It Will Be Collected From Large and Small Dealers.

Merchants will find a great change in the mercantile tax next year, when the tax bill passed by the last legislature will be enforced for the first time. Under the old act of assembly, which has been in force for many years, only those whose annual sales amounted to \$1,000 or over were subject to the payment of tax, but under the new bill, which will soon go into force, there will be no exemption whatever.

Every man or woman engaged in business, no matter how small their sales may be, will be compelled to pay tax on the same. The change will add largely to the work of the mercantile appraisers.

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English Plum Pudding.

Seed first one pound of raisins, when preparing to make an English plum pudding; mix with them a pound of currants and half a pound of minced orange peel; dust over a quarter of a pound of flour. Chop fine one pound of suet; add to it a quarter of a pound of brown sugar, half a nutmeg, grated, three-quarters of a pound of stale, dry bread-crumbs. Mix all the ingredients together. Beat five eggs, without separating, until light; add to them half a pint of grape or orange juice; pour over the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. The mixture should not be wet, but each particle should be moistened. Pack this into small greased kettles or moulds. It will fill two three-pound kettles. Put on the covers, stand the moulds in the steamer, and steam steadily for ten hours. The easier way is to get the ingredients ready the night before; mix and put them on early in the morning, allowing them to cook all day. Take them from the steamer, remove the lids of the kettles or moulds, and allow the puddings to cool; then replace the lids and put the puddings away. They will keep in a cool place for several months or a year.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

Where Private Stateville was Shot.

Albert Stateville, of Company L, Twentieth Kansas, living south of Abilene, Kas., has a curiosity in his rifle carried in the Philippines. After he had discharged it at Malolos and before he took the gun from his shoulder a Filipino bullet entered the muzzle of the gun and lodged there. The government has asked Stateville to place the gun in the Smithsonian institution, with an account of the incident, which he will do.

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