

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, Jan. 5, 1900. As soon as Congress reassembled the hammering of Secretary Gage for his favoritism in depositing government money in national banks was begun.

Senator Chandler, who is one of the Republicans who acknowledges fear of the comital of his party to the single gold standard, has offered an amendment to the gold standard bill, now before the Senate, providing for more attempted bamboozling in the shape of a continuance of the alleged efforts to secure international bimetalism.

Senator Hoar gave the imperialists in the Senate quite a scare when objections was raised to Senator Pettigrew's resolution asking the Secretary of War whether it was true that Aguinaldo had sent a flag of truce to Gen. Otis the day after the fighting of our men began, with a message saying that the fighting started through an accident and asking his co-operation to stop it, and Otis had replied by saying: "If there is to be an absolute suppression of all requests for information concerning the war with the Filipinos, I shall object to the taking up of other matters during the morning when such resolutions are pending."

Senator Allen put a quick stop to the rumor that he was to be brought out by the Nebraska fusionists as their candidate for President, by declaring that he was not a candidate, would not be, and would not accept the nomination if it were unanimously tendered him. He clinched it by adding: "Mr. Bryan undoubtedly will be the candidate of the Democratic, Populist and Free Silver parties for the Presidency, and Nebraska will give him a united, active delegation to all three conventions."

There may be a minority report from the Roberts committee, not concerning the polygamy of Roberts, which is regarded as having been proven, but on the right of a member of Congress with proper credentials to be sworn in. Most Democrats have been of the opinion from the first that the proper way to proceed was to swear in Roberts and then take a vote as to whether he should be expelled from the House.

When orders issued last week by the War Department are carried out the U. S. will own and maintain two lines of ocean steamships, one from San Francisco to Honolulu and Manila, and one from New York to Cuban and Porto Rican ports. In view of this, it would seem to be about time for the Republicans to stop calling men who believe that the government should own all transportation lines cranks.

Instead of squaring the Administration with the users of hemp cord and rope, Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn's two contradictory statements about the war in the Philippines having nothing to do with the present high price of hemp, have served to

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direct public attention to what looks like a scandal involving the War Department, or some of its subordinates. How the thing looks to outsiders may be judged from the following remarks of Mr. L. J. Powell, a Hong Kong business man who is now in Washington: The surprising inactivity of the U. S. War Department in the matter of opening the hemp ports in the Philippines is hard to understand. With the price of hemp more than 400 per cent. above the normal, and the whole supply in the hands of a few wealthy speculators holding on for a still greater advance, it will be a hard year for the wheat-growers and shipping men. American farmers use \$10,000,000 worth of binder twine each harvest, and if the bill should be to two or three times that figure no doubt there will be some lively kicking from them. It is openly charged in the East that some of the military authorities in the Philippines are on the friendliest terms with the speculators who have cornered the market, and are representing that to open the ports and slip out hemp would put money in the insurgents' pockets. This is absolutely a false statement, for all the hemp now stored at blockaded ports is owned by American and English merchants. There are no insurgents in the vicinity of any of the closed harbors, yet the military authorities refuse to let reputable merchants remove their property.

FUTURE OF PUERTO RICO.

General Davis Says the Island Looks as Kansas Did After the Grasshopper Plague.

General G. W. Davis, Governor of Puerto Rico, recently spoke briefly of the present condition of affairs in that island.

"It would be impossible for me to discuss any of the proposed schemes of government for Puerto Rico," he said, "even if I desired to do so. I will say, however, that the necessity of a military government for Puerto Rico is rapidly passing away.

"It is true that the people have had little or no experience in the exercise of civil rights, but they are rapidly improving, and the municipal elections which I have been conducting show most gratifying results. There is no doubt that the limited suffrage already given is giving them an incentive toward helping on the education of the people and preparing themselves for more extended rights. Whether they obtain these or not, it will not be necessary to retain the present military government long.

THE WHEAT CROP.

Yield Last Season Placed at 547,300,000 Bushels.

The statistician of the department of agriculture reports the wheat crop of the United States for 1899 at 547,300,000 bushels, or 123 bushels an acre.

The production of winter wheat is placed at 291,700,000 bushels, and that of spring wheat at 255,600,000 bushels.

Every important wheat growing state has been visited by special agents of the department, and the changes in acreage are the result of their investigations. The newly scheduled area of winter wheat is estimated at 30,150,000 acres, which is about 200,000 acres greater than that sown in the fall of 1898. The sowing of wheat is still going on in California and some of the southern states, and the foregoing estimate is subject to correction. The average of condition is 97.1.

Things Worth Knowing.

Store pulverized sugar in wooden kegs. For a burn take sweet oil and lime water (equal parts), mix and keep the burn well covered with it.

If sweet oil is applied to the skin immediately after a blow or bruise, it will not turn black and blue.

While traveling, a good way to carry bottles to prevent their being broken is to carry them in the shoes in the trunk.

A mucilage that proves satisfactory is made of equal parts of gum arabic and gum tragacanth dissolved in sufficient water to make a thick paste.

Fat will not burn if it has something to do, so if it has to be left idle for a few minutes put a crust of bread or a slice of raw potato into the kettle.

The cleanest way to drive water bugs or roaches from bureau drawers or closet shelves is to sprinkle powdered borax over and around the shelves and cover with clean paper.

For a stiff neck, pains in the chest: Warm some sweet oil and rub on thoroughly with the hands, then cover with sheet wadding, the shiny side out. Wear it until you feel comfortable.

Soaped upon the hair is apt to make it brittle. If any is to be used, tar soap is best, and after using rinse the hair in several waters, in which a little powdered borax has been dissolved.

To remove a refractory screw from wood, heat a piece of iron red hot and hold it on top of the screw for a minute or two; then the screw driver will easily take out the screw it used while the screw is warm.

Deception.

In speaking of the despicable trait of character, deception, the Punxsutawney Spirit is led to say: "Of all the mean characteristics of humanity the one that everybody hates most is deception. It is easy to forgive a man who is boldly and openly your enemy, but we can have nothing but the keenest contempt for a pigeon-livered individual who pretends to be your friend when he is in fact your enemy, and is secretly plotting your overthrow.

It is only the weak and cowardly that practice deception. The manly spirit disdains disguise. Deception always implies knavery. We never deceive for a good purpose. But double dealing brings its own punishment as inevitably as a violation of the laws of health brings disease and weakness. It is better to appear unfeeling and brutal in an honest display of your real feelings than to be suave and smiling for the purpose of ensnaring your victim in the meshes of misplaced confidence.

It pays to be honest and straightforward in all things, for by rugged honesty a man continues to grow in the respect and esteem of his fellow-man as long as he lives, while by the practice of duplicity he gradually but slowly becomes an object of universal distrust and contempt."

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