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From our Regular Correspondent.

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Rarely has the supreme power of the Speaker of the House, under Reed rules, been more clearly demonstrated than it promises to be when the Aldrich financial bill goes over to the House. There seems to be little doubt that a very considerable majority of the House earnestly and conscientiously opposes the bill. It is probably true, too, that a considerable majority favors the Fowler measure, which in theory and principle is the antithesis of the Aldrich measure. Despite this situation, however, Mr. Cannon comes over to the Senate at frequent intervals and assures the author of the Senate measure that he need have no anxiety as he, Cannon, will "whip the insurgents into line and make them vote for the Aldrich bill."

Another striking instance of the Speaker's autocracy is to be found in his opposition to the Appalachian and the White Mountain forest reserves. There are no Republican votes to speak of in the vicinity of the proposed Appalachian reserve and therefore the Speaker has caused it to be referred to the Judiciary Committee, with a view to preventing any action whatever. For a time Mr. Cannon was rather more favorable to the White Mountain proposition. He has opposed this for years, but recently it was pointed out to him that it would be impossible to secure any Cannon delegates in New England if he continued his opposition, and he appeared temporarily to relent. Now that it is becoming daily more obvious that there will be no Cannon delegates from New England, anyway, there is resuscitation of the Speaker's opposition.

The Democrats in the Senate are not presenting as forceful an opposition to the Aldrich bill as they might if they would only get together. As matters now stand, Senators Bailey, and Owen of Oklahoma, stand for a bond secured currency, while a majority of Democratic Senators are opposed to this form of circulation. Of course were the Democrats to present a united front their opposition would be more effective, especially as the Republicans are not a unit in its support. Another radical difference between Democrats is that regarding bank reserves. Senator Johnston has introduced an amendment which will have considerable Democratic support and will doubtless be adopted, providing that national banks must retain two-thirds of their reserves in their own vaults but one-half of this fraction may be in the securities enumerated in the Aldrich bill. On the other hand, Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, is violently opposed to this measure. Numerous Democrats are in favor of the Nelson amendment guaranteeing all depositors in national banks against loss which is a policy advocated by Mr. Bryan, but on the other hand, Senator Paynter of Kentucky is earnestly opposed to this provision and will make a speech against it. Were the Democrats solidly for it they could probably attach it to the bill, as they would receive considerable help from the Republicans.

The outcome of the Brownsville investigation demonstrates to a striking degree the evil resulting from the enfranchisement of the negroes. It is probably a safe assertion that no Senator who heard the evidence against the negro soldiers of the 25th Infantry doubts

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the guilt of some members of that regiment in connection with the "shooting up" of Brownsville. Only two members of the Military Affairs Committee, Foraker and Bulkeley, were willing to vote for the Foraker resolution declaring that the evidence showed that the negroes did not do the shooting. Nevertheless, when it came to saying that the negroes did do it, five Senators, all Republicans, were found who were afraid to express their convictions. They were Foraker, Bulkeley, Scott, Hemenway and DuPont. In the case of DuPont, he said he was convinced that the shots were fired from rifles which had been issued to the 25th Infantry and which were in the hands of negroes, but was not willing to say it was the negro troopers who did the shooting. But although a large majority of the committee voted for a resolution saying the negro soldiers did do the shooting, Mr. Foraker has introduced a bill providing that the discharged soldiers shall all be restored to the army and to their respective rank and shall receive all back pay. Of course the Ohio Senator does not expect such a bill to pass, but he hopes to make political capital with the negroes and incidentally to injure Secretary Taft. The only man who has in anyway profited by the Brownsville investigation, which has cost thousands of dollars, is Senator Foraker who has charged the government with a hotel bill of \$6 a day for the three months of the investigation, despite the fact that all that time he was living at his own handsome residence in Washington.

Another evidence of the demoralizing effect of negro suffrage on the Republican party is the violent effort which is being made by Mr. Foraker and others to secure con-

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testing delegations from the Southern states. It is well known that it only takes a box of cigars and a very few one dollar bills to get up a contesting Republican delegation in any southern state, and yet there is a possibility that the decision of the next Republican National Convention may be dictated by these contesting delegations. Such a situation is deplorable from any standpoint, although there is satisfaction of knowing that such a course by the Republicans would unquestionably insure the election of Mr. Bryan.

Facts of Interest.

The Pope's daily mail consists of about 1,000 letters.

Wine is part of the daily rations of the French soldier.

Londoners used over 2,000,000,000 gallons of water last year.

It is possible to read by the light emitted by a half dozen Jamaica fire-flies.

According to statistics issued at Tokio, 65 per cent. of the Japanese are tee-totallers.

Midshipmen and marriages are interesting the Navy Department at present considerably.

The oyster will not flourish in water which contains less than 37 parts of salt to every thousand.

The ears of a child seldom change as it develops into an adult, but after middle age they sometimes grow larger.

The imports to this country of tropical and subtropical products will amount this year to at least \$600,000,000.

In 1906 Germany took out 5,000 patents for electrical devices, more than twice as many as the United States did.

"Suffragettes" of New York are planning a great street demonstration after the manner of their English sisters.

Olive oil is injured by being kept in the light. When used at the table it should be removed to a cool, dark place after each meal.

Gypsies of Granada, Spain, are remarkable among their race, for they are cave-dwellers, living in recesses hollowed out of a hillside not far from the city.

Digging for angleworms J. B. Hamilton of Springfield, Mass., dug up a Roman copper coin, coined 249 B. C., worth to the finder \$1,500.

Of the 443,969 recruits enrolled in the Russian army in 1905, 144,709 could read and write, 39,245 could only read the remaining 260,105 were totally illiterate.

The value of \$25,000,000 placed on the annual output of honey puts this farm crop only slightly behind raw, cane sugar, which had a valuation at the refineries of \$28,000,000.

In the English cider countries all

the inns still display the old legend: "Drunk for a penny; dead drunk for twopenny." Cider plays a notable part in the Christmas festivities.

Alabama is the only state in the Union which holds a legislative session only once in four years. Her lawmakers get \$4 a day, and the quadrennial session is limited to 50 days.

Historic names were introduced to Police Court, Washington, when John Adams charged George Washington with stealing \$2. Washington denied it, and the case was dropped.

More patents were issued during 1906 and more money collected by the United States Patent Office than in any single year previous, with the exception of 1905, since the establishment of the Patent Office in 1836.

The German census of 1905 showed 423 cities of 10,000 population or more, 164 cities of 25,000 or more, and 99 cities of 25,000 or more, and 99 cities of 40,000 or more. In many of these smaller cities manufacturing is the chief industry.

An open-air museum is planned for Bremen of the type already familiar in many Scandinavian towns. An epitome of the local culture and art from the earliest days is to be offered in a park dotted with old peasant houses.

Some church congregations are particular. Rev. L. Moore Smith, pastor of the Scottish Baptist Church, Plainfield, N. J., has resigned rather than be forced to give up the breeding of dogs.

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