

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS RUM... reported to the Deficiency Sub-Committee of the House Appropriation Committee...

In the Democratic caucus held at Albany, New York, on Tuesday, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic United States senator...

The coldest place on the American continent on Tuesday night was White River, Canada, where the thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero.

In Congress on Tuesday Congressman Miller a Populist member from Wisconsin, offered a preamble and resolution reciting that the Pennsylvania railroad company is discharging men because they are members of labor unions...

The World's Fair commission of this state has expended or contracted to expend all of the \$300,000 state appropriation but \$24,000 reserve to come and go on.

The anthracite coal trade closed the year 1892 in better condition than it has been for years past. Last year was the banner year for production, the total output being 11,000,000 tons, greater than that of the preceding year...

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It is believed at Washington that three cabinet officers have been definitely determined on, namely, Garfield for the treasury, Morrison for the interior department and Lambert for either postmaster general or the navy department.

The band of death has again been laid heavily upon the United States Senate. At 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning the end came to Senator John E. Kennebec of West Virginia...

A Washington dispatch says. Some interest is felt in the bill of expenses which will be filed by the parties in the Groves-Neill contest. That it was a most expensive contest is shown by the large number of votes challenged.

The feminist resolutions on New York Senatorial matters were those adopted on Sunday at the Women's Secret Trade Conference in New York, in favor of woman suffrage and against bachelor legislators, such as Senator Hill, who knew nothing about women.

On Monday the electoral colleges of all the states met at their respective State capitols, and formally cast the votes of the several states for President of the United States.

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Briefly, the object of the bill is to prevent speculators from gambling in grain and provisions. The advocates of the bill claim that those speculators go into the market as "bears," force the price of any grain, say wheat, down below its real value, buy all they can and then, at the right time for their purposes, they run up the price and pocket the profits of their "deal."

An "option" is the speculator's plan for buying without money. He will agree, for example, to pay 75 cents a bushel for wheat at a certain time in the future. If, when that time comes, the market price is 70 cents a bushel, he has the "option" of taking the wheat at the price agreed upon, 75 cents, or he may pay the difference, 5 cents a bushel, and be released from his bargain.

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That is exactly what the advocates of pension reform are now suggesting. They recommend an actual inspection into the circumstances and claims of every person now drawing a pension. The honest veterans had nothing to fear from such scrutiny, while the fraudulent claimant will be detected and the public Treasury relieved to an amount I have reason to believe far greater than has heretofore been suspected.

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AN act to prohibit unlawful military organizations: "That it shall be unlawful for any body of men numbering ten or more, any of whom are subject to enrollment as a part of the militia of any state of the United States, to assemble, drill or bear arms as a military squad, company, battalion or other military organization, unless they are called for by the civil or military officer lawfully authorized to make such call.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

WALB Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

Fight to Hang. RAYMOND, Jan. 8.—Unless Governor Brown interposes, the eight men and boys convicted of the murder of Dr. J. H. Hill will be hanged at Chesterton next Friday afternoon.

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