

The partnership of the Republicans and Populists in the senate does not work serenely.

The Republican politicians of Chicago are all agog over the fact that the Hamilton club of that city, has invited Governor Morton to deliver an address at the annual dinner of this club, which is to take place on January 31.

Eight hundred tons of old cannon and 500 tons of shot and shell, which the Confederates procured in the '40's for their defense of Southern ports from attacks of the Union navy, arrived at Philadelphia on Wednesday night on the schooner James W. Fitch, from Pensacola, Florida.

President of the New York Life Insurance Company, Mr. John A. McCull, which corporation has subscribed \$10,000,000 to the new government loan, declares that the loan will be a success beyond peradventure, not because of any great faith in the men who are juggling in the United States senate with our financial problem, but in spite of them.

New Orleans is doing a big business these days in shipping to Europe the products of American farms. Steamships leave almost daily with cargoes of 15,000 to 17,000 bales of cotton, together with a large list of other products.

There were heavy Republican majorities in Pennsylvania in 1894. There was a two thirds Republican preponderance in the Legislature, giving absolutely uncurbed swing to the grand old party.

The outlook for wool is somewhat better at primary points, and farmers in Washington and Greene counties, Pa., and in eastern Ohio and the Panhandle of West Virginia, are feeling considerably encouraged at the recent tone of the market.

It will not be necessary for the Venezuelan commission to leave Washington in order to obtain evidence upon the question submitted for decision. The proofs are all documentary. The papers and maps constituting the case of Venezuela are understood to be ready for immediate submission, and copies of all the documents supporting the British claim will shortly be published in a parliamentary "Blue Book."

WHAT a mean howl was set up by the rabid Republican press, says the Pitts burg Post, because President Cleveland went off for a few days recently on a duck-hunting trip.

M. ANDREE, of Stockholm, who will attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon, is having his balloon made in Paris. It is to be finished on May 11, when it will be transported to Gothenburg, and then to a small island in the Spitzbergen group, whence the expedition will start.

THE Democratic national committee, says the Pittsburg Post, will meet in Washington on Thursday of this week to fix the time and place for holding the Democratic national convention.

Still there is something of a contest for the convention. New York and St. Louis are the only contestants that have raised a considerable sum of money to defray the expenses of the convention, and about \$50,000 has been contributed by each of these cities.

An important question to be acted on by the committee will be General Collin's resolution, referred to it by the last national convention, that in arranging for this year's convention accommodations in the hall should be provided only for delegates, alternates, the national committee and the press.

Prof. J. H. HAMILTON, deputy secretary of agriculture and director of farmers' institutes, has submitted his report, which will be included in the forthcoming report of the department of agriculture.

Prof. Hamilton discusses at some length the causes of the depression of the agricultural industry, which is gradually crowding men out from the country, and is sending them to the towns and cities to struggle for existence.

The cost of the fertilization of the farms of Pennsylvania and the development of the virgin soils of the far west are mentioned as one of the chief causes of loss to the farmers of this state. The growth of cities, together with the development of manufacturing and other industries has also brought about a rise in the price of labor upon which agriculture is dependent.

A HARRISBURG dispatch says the recently organized state association of school directors is already formulating important legislation relative to the public schools for adoption by the next legislature.

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It is also proposed to make it optional to hold night school in these central buildings. This arrangement has been asked for by the people in the mining districts.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11, 1896.—The whip of the Quay-Platt-Reed combine seems to be just as effective among the Republicans of the senate as it was in the house, but it had to be heavily laid upon some of the Republican senators before they would agree to support the tariff bill arranged by Mr. Reed and passed by the house, without amendment. They swore through two long caucuses that some McKinley amendments should be attached to the bill or they would not support it, but at the third caucus Boss Quay's wielding of the combine whip was more than they could stand and they agreed to support the bill without amendment, thus scoring another decisive victory for the Quay-Platt-Reed combine.

There is a very decided difference of opinion in Washington as to how that call for bids for the purchase of bonds will result, the majority seeming to be on the side of those who think that individuals will not bid, because they haven't the gold.

Senator Gray, of Delaware, jumped upon the idiotic idea advanced by Lodge, of Mass., and supported by the "Little Blue" of N. H., that the editor of the New York World had committed high treason by obtaining and publishing the views of prominent Englishmen on the Venezuela matter and the issue of bonds, with the following vigorous language: "Now in the evening of the nineteenth century, you cannot bark back on the track of the dead centuries and attempt to stifle expression of effort to obtain expression in this country or abroad. In this country and in all civilized countries a just public opinion is the final arbitrator of all questions. It is not necessary for me to say, if this suggestion is serious, that it is impossible in this day and hour to attempt any inquisitorial interpretation of a statute for the purpose of stifling an expression of public opinion."

There are lots of lawyers in both house and senate who regard the supreme court decision against the constitutionality of the income tax as a mistaken one, but Senator Vest is the first one of them who has openly attacked the decision. In the course of a speech, answering Senator Sherman's recent financial speech, Senator Vest said: "In my judgment no judgment has ever in the history of the country been rendered which has done so much to destroy the influence of that high tribunal and excite distrust on the part of the people of this country."

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Perry, Okla., January 13.—Pawnee Bill, who just returned from the four bands of the Pawnee tribe, brings news that the Indians have all left their farms and moved into tepees on Black Bear creek, and have gone to ghost-dancing and making medicine. Chief Horse claims to have made medicine that was bullet proof, but when tried as an experiment on his brother in front of the council of chiefs, the bullet penetrated the brother's heart.

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Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

Horseshipp & His Wife. Berlin, January 11.—The quarrel between Emperor William and Prince Leopold of Prussia, arising out of the latter's treatment of his wife while she was suffering from the effects of sudden immersion in the water, having failed through the ice while skating, some talk of the Prince was arrested and confined under guard in his palace, but no newspaper here dares to take the risk of publishing all the facts in the case.

Fatal Result of a Family Quarrel. Chattanooga, Tenn., January 15.—Three persons were killed and one fatally shot in a family quarrel near Jonesboro to-day. After living together for thirty years and rearing a family of seven children, Joseph H. Mover, recently decided to part and divide the family possessions. Just before entering upon the division one son, sympathizing with the father, struck a partisan of the mother a terrific blow, the latter retorting with two fatal pistol shots, the mother supporter of the father rushed in and received a mortal wound in the abdomen. Then the father hurried to the conflict, pistol in hand and fired at the son who had just been wounded, bringing, but the shot struck a daughter, inflicting a wound from which she died. During the melee, the father was twice wounded, probably fatal.

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THE indictments for embezzling \$62,000 against Treasurer Michael Forstel, of St. Louis, were read on Monday, the state believing that it could not make a successful prosecution.

Gotlieb Noller was driving his family home from Tiffin, O., Sunday, when the express wagon was overturned by a large boulder. A 2-year-old child was killed, and the mother badly injured.

It is officially announced that Collins' hundred-ton blast furnace in Centre county will resume operation shortly. The furnace has been idle for several years, and when running in full blast gives employment to three hundred men.

At the christening of an infant on the farm of Angelo Forstner, near Vineland, N. J., Monday afternoon, Frank Angelo, of Newfield, was shot and probably mortally wounded by his cousin, John Gordians, of Vineland, who was then in court on the charge of shooting his sister, Gordiana, to death.

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