TROUBLE FOR FRANCIS.

Senator Vest Bars the Secretary's Confirmation.

DUE TO POLITICAL DIFFERENCES.

Unusual For the President's Cabinet Appointees to Be Help Up In the Senate. Not Likely to Prevent Confirmation Finally—Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The nomination of Secretary Francis as head of the interior department, has been referred to the finance committee in accordance with the custom of the senate. Nominations of the president for cabinet positions are usually confirmed very promptly. The nomination of Mr. Francis was sent to the senate a week ago and yesterday was the first meeting of the finance committee since the nomination was referred to it. Secretary Francis will not be confirmed until after the senatorial election in Missouri.

It is understood that Senator Vest, a member of the finance committee, suggested that the nomination go over until after the holidays. The opposition, if such it can be termed, can be traced to the recent election, in which Secretary Francis supported the gold Democratic candidates. Considerable feeling has been engendered, but it is not believed that the opposition will be carried so far as to prevent a confirmation

WASHINGTON EVENTS.

Republicans Deny There Is Any Intention of Passing a Tariff Bill at This Session — Wouldn't Go Through the Senate—Other Matters of Interest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Members of the ways and means committee say that there have been no developments either in their various conferences or in suggestions from leaders of the house indicating that there is any desire or intention to pass a tariff bill during the present congress. It had been reported that the bill, on which the committee was now working would be passed at this session. Chairman Dingley said that nothing of the kind was in contemplation and no such plan would be considered, unless something was done by the senate which would be to take up the bill it now has, amend it and put it into conference. Mr. Dingley indicated that it would be impracticable to pass a bill which could not receive consideration in the senate. Another member of the ways and means committee said that it would be foolish for this house to pass a bill which would be torn to pieces in the senate. The next house would have to pass it again over the opposition the bill aroused in the senate. The present work of the ways and means committee is the preliminary work which that committee would have to do in the beginning of a new session.

The secretary of the treasury has announced that sealed proposals for the purchase of $2,780,000 first mortgage bonds of the Central Pacific, Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railroads, now constituting a part of the sinking fund of the Central Pacific railroad, will be received at the treasury department, office of the secretary, until 12 o'clock on the 21st day of December, 1896. The bonds will be sold with all interest accrued and unpaid thereon.

The senate committee on Pacific railroads has agreed that in view of the fact that the mortgages on both the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific are now practically due it was important to secure the action of congress at the earliest practicable date.

Senator Allen of Nebraska has introduced a bill appropriating $1,000,000 for the survey of the headwaters of the principal rivers of the country for the location of available sites for reservoirs for irrigation purposes.

The house committee on appropriations finished the bill for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898. The bill carries a total of $21,667,869, which is $1,099,281 less than the estimates and $87,899 less than the appropriations for the current year. The principal new item is for the clerical force of the new congressional library.

The house and senate committees on invalid pensions have arranged to hold a joint meeting next Friday to hear a delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic on the subject of pension legislation.

The Tennessee delegation in the house has waited on Speaker Reed to ask that an early day be given to consideration in the house to the bill to give Tennessee Centennial exposition a government building and exhibit to cost $130,000. The speaker replied that the committee on rules would consider the matter at an early meeting.

The statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance $226,044,627; gold reserve, $133,252,597.

THE COMPETITOR CASE.

Denied at Havana That Execution of Prisoners Is Near.

HAVANA, Dec. 16.—The second trial of the crew of the American schooner Competitor, captured on April 29 last, by a Spanish gunboat while apparently landing a filibustering expedition on the coast of Cuba is still in its preliminary stages and consequently, according to Spanish law, the proceedings are yet private. It is expected that the case will shortly pass into open court when all the features of the case will be made public.

The stories circulated in the United States of the secret trial, sentence and approaching execution of the prisoners are wholly false.

Perjured Witnesses Sentenced.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—John Seward and William Truste, witnesses in the Bryan murder case who were convicted of false swearing, have been sentenced in Newport, Ky. Seward was given two years and Truste one year in the Kentucky penitentiary. They attempted to make the jurors believe that Pearl Bryan was beheaded on the Ohio side of the river and conveyed to Fort Thomas afterward.

McKinley Invited to the Game.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—An invitation has been extended to President-elect McKinley by the management of the University of Wisconsin-Carlisle Indian football game to be the guest of the Press club at the Coliseum Saturday night. The major will be in Chicago at the time.

Ready to Go to Cuba.

DES MOINES, Dec. 16.—George P. Guiot, railway ticket agent at the Union depot here, has organized a company for the Cuban war. He has arranged to equip 50 men and has 28 on the list now. The men have agreed to go as soon as belligerent rights are recognized.

Shot For a Double Murder.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 16.—Patrick Coughlin has been shot in Sage Hollow, Rich county, Utah, 25 miles north of Echo, for the killing of Deputy Sheriffs Thomas Stagg of Echo, Utah, and E. A. Dawes of Evanston, Wyo., on July 30, 1895.

Joined Spain's Enemies.

MADRID, Dec. 16.—A dispatch received here from Singapore says that the natives of Mindano island, one of the Phillippine group, have revolted and that many of the native troops are deserting to the insurgents.

Actor Salvini Dead.

FLORENCE, Dec. 16.—Alexander Salvini, the actor, the son of Tomaso Salvini, the great Italian actor, is dead.

WILL PROTECT LAURADA.

The State Department Gives It's Word. U. S. Consul Not Directed to Prevent Her Landing at Valencia, Spain—Taylor Probably Has Instructions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Messrs. Tucker and Seward of Baltimore, representing the Baltimore concern which chartered the Laurada to bring fruit to the United States, and John L. Vandiver, representing Hart & Co. of Philadelphia, the owners of the vessel, have called at the state department to inquire into the report that the Laurada had been prevented from entering the Spanish port of Valencia. They called to see Secretary Olney or Assistant Secretary Rockhill, but the chief clerk listened to their statements and answered for the department. The shipping men said that they had been informed the Laurada had been forbidden by United States Consul Mertens at Grao, the port of Valencia, to enter the harbor. The chief clerk replied that this was impossible; the department had sent no such instructions to the consul.

Mr. Tucker next asked what the department of state would do if the Laurada entered the port of Valencia and was seized by the Spaniards. The chief clerk assured Mr. Tucker that the Laurada would be afforded the same protection extended to any other American vessel.

It is probable that the state department has been advised by United States Minister Taylor at Madrid of the situation, and he is satisfied to leave the management of the matter to his discretion.

IF YOU HELP CUBA.

The Penalty the Government Can and Will Likely Enforce Against Enlistment and Accepting a Commission Under the Flag of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The attention of officials here has been attracted by the stories coming from all portions of the country indicating that enlistments are going on of parties of men to go to Cuba to join the insurgents in their struggle against the Spaniards. These enlistments are in direct violation of the neutrality laws and are prohibited under severe penalties. For accepting a commission to serve against Spain, a country with which the United States is now at peace, the penalty prescribed by section 5221, revised statutes, is $2,000 fine and three years' imprisonment, while for enlistment to serve against Spain, or hiring anyone to enlist, the penalty is almost as heavy, being a maximum of $1,000 fine and three year's imprisonment.

The enforcement of these laws naturally fall within the functions of the United States officials to whose knowledge the attempt at infringement is brought, but if the movements continue on as large a scale as reported, it is probable that the department of justice will send instructions of a special character to all of its agents calling their attention to the proclation issued by the president last spring and enjoining upon them a strict enforcement of the neutrality laws.

DISCONTENT WITH WEYLER

He Is Jealous of Major Cirujeda—May Be Recalled.

MADRID, Dec. 16.—According to surface indications, Captain General Weyler will soon be relieved of his command in Cuba. The discontent with Weyler is noticeable, even in the government organs. They say that instead of going to Havana to receive an unmerited ovation, he ought to have continued the military operations in the province of Pinar del Rio.

A bad impression has also been created here by the dispatches of the Spanish correspondents at Havana announcing that General Weyler has suppressed all dispatches referring to the ovations in Spain in honor of Major Cirujeda. It is supposed the captain general's action was due to jealousy and it is currently reported that the government is disposed to replace Weyler by General Marin, now governor of the Cuban province of Puerto Rico.

TO EXAMINE FAILED BANKS.

The Comptroller Appoints William H. Hardt of Philadelphia.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 16.—The comptroller of the currency has appointed William M. Hardt of Philadelphia, as a special bank examiner to investigate the causes which led to the suspension of the First National bank of this city, and the consequent collapse of the Martinsburg and Williamsburg banks.

It will not be known for several days whether or not Comptroller Eckels will permit the banks to resume business. While the excitement over the closing of the three institutions has died out here, the depositors at Martinsburg are at the highest pitch of indignation and threaten violence.

A Murder and Suicide.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 16.—During a family quarrel Morris Pope shot John Keithline, fatally wounding him. When Pope saw his friend falling to the floor with a mortal wound in his head he placed the revolver in his own mouth and blew a portion of his head off, dying almost instantly.

The President Killing Ducks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The presidential party enjoyed splendid sport off South island, the number of ducks bagged being about 90.

STATE HAPPENINGS.

The self-confessed Murderer Erb, now in jail at Harrisburg, is suspected by a Chambersburg detective of being concerned in the death of his wife. Erb denies it.

Senator Thomas opened Penrose headquarters at Harrisburg, where it was said ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres would not be a candidate for senator.

The divorce case of Rev. G. Heathcote Hills against his wife was postponed for a few days at West Chester.

Caleb D. Thomas was badly wounded by another pupil in a fight at the West Chester Normal school.

Fire in the Williamsport Candy company's faetory destroyed $35,000 worth of property.

At Mechanicsburg thieves made an unsuccessful attempt to force the safe of Wonderleigh & Brother.

At Lebanon the sixteenth anniversary of the constitution of St. Mary's Catholic church was observed.

Frank Ruf of Braddock died from the effects of a horse tramping on his head

Thieves forced an entrance into Hale's distillery, in lower Cumberland county, and secured ten gallons of whisky.

At Catasauqua the Wahnetah silk mill, which has been idle for some time, started up on full time in every department, giving employment to many men.

At the request of the Journeymen Bakers' union, C. L. Magee, the new state senator from the Forty-third district, will present to the legislature the bill providing for the inspection and sanitation of bakeries.

John Eggee, the oldest native resident of Allentown, fell down the steps at the Hamilton street crossing of the Lehigh Valley railroad and was severely injured.

John Powell, a woodcutter, aged 80 years, was found dead on a pile of wood clippings in a miserable hut in O'Hara township, near Pittsburg. A search of his person revealed $500.

At the Church of the Annunciation the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rev. Father E. A. Garvey's assumption of the charge of the parish was informally celebrated at Williamsport.

A WAR IS WELCOME,

Says Morgan, If Needed to Protect Americans In Cuba.

CUBAN HORRORS DEPICTED.

The Senator Advocated Strong and Decisive Action In Dealing With the Cuban Question—Resolution Adopted Asking For Important Information.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Cuba continues to be the most live topic in congressional circles.

Senator Morgan of Alabama held the attention of the senate and well filled galleries for an hour by his earnest advocacy of a strong and decisive policy in dealing with the Cuban question. The prominence of Mr. Morgan in the Cuban debate of last session, when he had charge of the Cuban resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations, gave special interest to his speech

He spoke in dispassionate style, although his words had a directness and severity in picturing the horrors existing in Cuba, such as is seldom heard in the senate. Mr. Morgan spoke freely of the possibilties of war, welcoming it if necessary to guarantee the protection of American citizens. He asserted that Spain's bankruptcy would prevent the collection of any indemnity for wrongs. The senator questioned the wisdom of the president's position that the granting of belligerent rights would be "untimely." Mr. Morgan's views on the line of action which should be adopted was summed up in the following:

Although I believe that belligerent rights should be accorded the Cubans, inasmuch as the president prefers a more coersive policy and warns Spain that the time is near at hand for decisive action, I will support him in any movement that will save our people on that Island from further outrage; I will not obstruct his course with questions of propriety, but will follow the colors when planted by the president on the advanced ground that the concession of belligerent rights has become "untimely" and that our duty now demands active intervention. If that crumbles away, I will again fall back to the position that a just case for our own people requires us to declare an armed neutrality, ready to assail either belligerent that inflicts wrongs on our own people. If the president should say "the time has arrived, the hour has struck," would any American be so base as not to hold up his hands while the battle was raging?

I will confine my remarks to comments upon the facts stated in the recent annual message of the president and the report of the secretary of state. I am not able to discover that the president has made any specific recommendations or indication as to any action he deems it proper or expedient for congress to take with reference to Spain or Cuba; nor that he has indicated any course except a still patient waiting, that the executive proposes to take. Congress, then left to its own initiative, must assume its own responsibility in a matter of the most serious gravity.

Congress must give to the statements of the president unhesitating acceptance as to matters that were committed by the constitution to his especial charge. When he undertakes to state the facts that affect our relations with other powers we must accept these facts, unless the disproof of them is overpowering.

This message is therefore of the most impressive importance, as a statement of the leading facts and conclusions that bear upon our duties in respect to the compiling of arms which has raged for over two years in the island of Cuba, and it has the support of nearly all American beliefs. I have not heard that Spain controverts any statement of the president in his message. The evidence that comes from private sources relative to the condition of Cuba and the horrors of persecution, rapine and extermination visited upon the people of Cuba admits of no doubt as to its credibility. Yet it presents pictures so incredibly inhuman and so disgraceful to the civilization of this age that it stuns the mind into disbelief that such things can be true.

Mr. Morgan went on to speak of the trying situation, which required prompt action to save thousands of innocent people from cruel and deliberate butchery. The wholesale massacres of Spain was no surprise to the senator, who had anticipated it. Then he said:

If war with the United States is necessary to reconcile the Spanish people to the loss of Cuba by foreign conquest, said Mr. Morgan, we shall be compelled to meet that emergency. If the destruction of Cuba is enough to satisfy the popular sentiment of revenge, we can avoid a war with Spain by remaining inactive, while our own people are being ruined or slaughtered along with the Cubans. If we mean to take any action toward stopping this war of annihilation and extermination we have no time to lose.

Mr. Morgan spoke of the resolution of congress at the last session, which he said left to the president the choice of concurring with the policy of congress or delaying. The president chose delay. The war has continued, said Mr Morgan, until it has reached the final and desperate stage of a war of devastation and extermination, with the people of Cuba as a prey to those who have set aside the usual honorable usages of warfare, "and have become robbers, cutthroats, assassins, ravishers and pirates."

Mr Morgan spoke of the necessity for protecting our citizens abroad. Referring to Turkey he expressed the hope that the policy of this government should not be relaxed and that we would not much longer hear of these Turkish offenses against humanity.

At the close of Mr Morgan's speech his resolution was adopted requesting the secretary of state for papers and information relative to the Competitor prisoners and other American citizens held in Cuba by the Spanish authorities.

Representative Woodman of Illinois has introduced a joint resolution directing the president to intervene in Cuban affairs. The resolution, after reciting General Maceo' assassination and Spanish cruelties in Cuba, says that the president has failed to carry out the wishes of the people; that the honor of the United States is at stake and that history gives no precedent on which to base a hope that Spanish operators will change to compliance with civilized warfare. The president is directed to express severe condemnation of the Spanish methods of warfare, especially the murder of Maceo; to recognize the independence of Cuba and to demand of Spain the withdrawal of all troops from Cuban soil. He is also directed to take proper steps to see that this demand is carried out.

Suspected of Train Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Walter Jackson, a cigarmaker, has been arrested on suspicion of being one of the men who held up and attempted to rob the Iron Mountain train in this city on the night of Dec. 9.

A Bad Man Killed.

CLAREMORE, I. T., Dec. 16.—Ed Reed, who one year ago killed the Crittenden brothers outlaws at Wagoner, has been himself shot and killed here while treating a disturbance.

HOT SHOTS FOR CUBA.

A Spanish flag was burned at a public meeting in Lexington, Ky.

Resolutions of sympathy for Cuba were passed by the Chattanooga city conneils.

Mexico is wild over a report that a Spanish mob assaulted the Mexican consul at Barcelona for sympathizing with Cuba.

Frank Mayer, a Virginius survivor, will head a Cuban sympathy parade in New York, Monday evening.

St. Mark's Lyceum (religious), New York, will hold a Cuban sympathy mass meeting Friday evening

A big Cuban massmeeting was held in Jersey City.

Cuban sympathizers of Jacksonville, Fla., held a big torch light procession.

The offices of the Cuban junta at New York are besieged by applicants for enlistment.

St. Paul physicians are subscribing money to buy medicine for the Cubans.

THE LOUD BILL CONSIDERED.

It Reforms Abuses In Second-Class Mail Matter—The House Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house has entered upon the consideration of the Loud bill to amend the law relating to the transmission of second-class mail matter. The bill has been widely discussed in the public press and has met with most intense opposition from certain quarters. It denies the right of social novels to admission to the mails at the newspaper cent per pound rates, denies to newspapers the sample copy privilege, prohibits the return of unsold publications at pound rates and makes some other changes in the present law designed to correct existing abuses. A change in the second-class mail matter law has been repeatedly urged by successive postmaster generals. It was estimated that the abuses of the law had cost the government $240,000,000 in the last ten years. Mr. Loud (Cal.), the author of the measure, brought it forward quite unexpectedly to a majority of the members of the house. The opposition, led by Mr. Quigg (N. Y.), inaugurated a filibuster and attempted to prevent its consideration by adjourning, but the house stood by Mr. Loud on two votes, defeating the opposition—134 to 102 and 141 to 83. The opposition, however, are hopeful of defeating the measure when it is put on its final passage.

Before this bill was brought up, the bill to reorganize the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad company was called up and passed with some amendments after an hour's debate. The bill as passed gives to the purchasers under foreclosure sale all the rights of the old company under its government charter, but it provides that it shall assume all the debts and obligation of the old company and that the lands unearned July 6, 1896, along the then uncompleted portions of the road shall, as a condition precede to reorganization be relinquished in writing by the purchasers.

MAJOR M'KINLEY'S TRIP.

He Will Go to Chicago Tomorrow Evening—Hanna Visited Him.

CANTON, O., Dec. 16.—Major McKinley will go to Chicago, starting tomorrow night. The object is to join Mrs. McKinley for a few days' visit with her cousins, Captain and Mrs. McWilliams, as well as to obtain some rest from the continuous strain of receiving and entertaining callers.

It is believed that Major McKinley desires some time the better to prepare for the drafting of his inaugural address, to which he is now giving some attention. This document will likely well be under way before he does much toward forming a cabinet

Chairman Hanna has been here conferring with the major regarding the inauguration. H. H. Kohlsaat of Chicago has also been here and Lieutenant Governor Saxton of Kentucky.

Fitzsimmons-Sharkey Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The Fitzsimmons-Sharkey witnesses gave no sensational testimony, but Fitzsimmons' friends say they are now able to prove a doctor performed an operation on Sharkey to produce external evidence of an apparent foul, and that he was paid $1,000 for the service.

A MUNICIPAL SCANDAL.

The Grand Jury Investigating Boodling Charges at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Minneapolis is apparently on the work of a municipal schandal sensation. The announcement that a warrant is out for the arrest of City Clerk Charles E. Haney and that Haney is on his way to Mexico by devious routes is received by astonishment. The charge is bribery in connection with city fuel contracts.

He left very suddenly last Friday night and although the local authorities have made every effort to arrest him before he crosses the border, they have not yet succeeded. The grand jury is now in session and is investigating a number of aldermen charged with boodling in paving, sewer and other contracts.

It has leaked out that at least two indictments have been found and some 30 others are promised. The evidence has been gathered by Chicago detectives under the direction of certain members of the Good Citizenship League. Among the charges made is one that the ballot boxes in the Eleventh ward were tampered with to secure the election of an alderman favorable to the combine. The contest over this seat is still in progress.

Tried to Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Henry Van Brunt, a dealer in sand, general contractor and president of the New York Horse Manure company, attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum and subsequently gashing his throat at the Imperial hotel in this city. It is believed he was temporarily insane.

THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.

WHEAT—No. 1 red, 96@97c; No. 2 red, 95@96c; spring wheat, 95@96c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow ear, old, 29@29c; No. 2 shelled, 28@28½c; old high mixed shelled, 27@27½c; mixed ear, 26@27c; new No. 2 yellow ear, 26@26½c.

OATS—No. 1 white, 25½@25½c; No. 2 do, 24@24½c; extra No. 3 white, 23½@23½c; light mixed, 21@22c.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, $11.25@11.50; No. 2, $9.00@10.00; packing, $7.00@7.50; No. 1 feeding prairie, $8.00@8.50; wagon hay, $14.00@15.00 for timothy.

POULTRY—Large live chickens, 45@50c per pair; live chickens, small, 25@35c; dressed, 8@9c per pound; live ducks, 60@75c per pair; dressed, 11@12c per pound; live turkeys, 8@9c per pound; dressed, 12@13c; live geese, $1.00@1.25 per pair.

GAME—Pheasants, $4.50@5.00 per dozen; quail, $1.25@1.50 per dozen; rabbits, 20@25c per pair; squirrels, 10@15c; wild turkeys, $1.50; prairie hens, $7.00@7.50 per dozen; whole deer, 10@12c per pound; saddles, 15@16c.

BUTTER—Elgin prints, 23c; do creamery, 23@23c; Ohio fancy creamery, 19@23c; fancy country roll, 15@16c; low grade and cooking, 8@10c.

CHEESE—Fancy New York, full cream, 11½@11¾c; new Ohios, full cream, late make, 9½@10c; Wisconsin Swiss, in tubs, 11½@12c; limburger, new, 10@11c; Ohio Swiss, in tubs, 11½c; Swiss, in square blocks, 11½@12c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh Pennsylvania and Ohio, in cases, 20@21c; Southern, 19@20c; storage, 16@18c.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.

CATTLE—Receipts fair on Monday, about 70 cars on sale; market active; prices 10c higher; today, run light, market steady and unchanged. Wrgnold Prime, $4.50@4.70; good, $4.25@4.35; tidy, $4.00@4.10; good butchers, $3.70@3.95; fair, $3.25@3.60; feeders, $3.60@3.90; bulls, stags and cows, $2.00@3.40, bologna cows, $5.00@15.00; fresh cows and springers, $20.00@45.00.

HOGS—Receipts fair on Monday, about 30 double-deck cars on sale; the market ruled steady; today the run is light; market shows the following quotations: Prime pigs, $4.00@4.10; prime medium weights, $4.50@4.55; prime light Yorkers, $4.55@4.60; common to fair Yorkers, $4.50@4.55; heavy hogs, $4.30@4.40, good roughs, $2.70@3.00; piggy sows and stags, $2.00@2.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Supply on Monday fair, 16 cars on sale; market steady; supply today, 7 cars; market steady at yesterday's prices. We quote: Prime, $4.60@4.70; good, $3.90@4.50; fair, $2.50@3.00; common, $2.00@2.50; culls, $1.00@1.50. Lambs—Choice, $4.20@5.00; common to good, $3.50@4.50; veal calves, $5.50@6.25; heavy and thin calves, $2.00@4.00.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.

HOGS — Market dull at $2.50@3.40. Receipts, 4,500 head; shipments, 3,100 head.

CATTLE—Market steady at $2.25@4.40. Receipts, 900 head; shipments, 800 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market for sheep steady at $2.00@3.35. Receipts, 900 head; shipments, 800 head. Lambs—Market steady at $3.00@4.35.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

WHEAT—Spot market weaker; No. 1 hard, 93½c.

CORN—Spot market steady; No. 2, 29¼c.

OATS—Spot market dull; No. 2, 25½c.

CATTLE—No trading. European cables quote American steers at 11½@12c per pound dressed weight; sheep at 9@9½c per pound dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 8@8½.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—No trading. Sheep, $2.50@3.85; lambs, $4.90@5.60.

HOGS—Market steady at $3.50@4.00.

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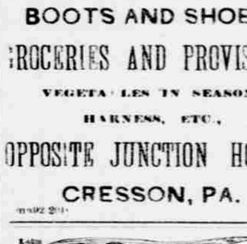

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