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NO TOWN CAN PROSPER unless it has a full share of manufacturing industries to give employment to the people of that town. Will some of our citizens remember this during 1892 and endeavor to furnish our mechanics with work.

SENATOR PLUMB, THE brainy Kansas Senator, is dead from apoplexy. The dead senator was another exposition of the possibilities of this country—he rose from a printer at the case to be one of the brainiest men in the senate. We always admired the plucky, brainy Kansas senator, and we regret his death.

WHEN IT'S TOO LATE Chili will wish it hadn't monkeyed with Uncle Sam's buzz-saw. The old fellow is a generous cuss but he can give some mighty big whacks when the time comes. England knows this and the "old lion" is a much bigger institution than Chili can ever expect to be. Before it is too late Chili had better crawl off.

AS THIS ISSUE REACHES OUR readers we will be revelling in the pleasures of Christmas tide with its host of pleasant associations and happy remembrances. The Christmas of 1891 should be a period of great rejoicing for our people, the year was one of beautiful harvests and of few calamitous events. The vehicle of time in moving us along has steered clear of many dark places, giving us health and happiness for sorrow and pain, therefore we should be glad and our voices should be lifted in praise and thanksgiving to God, "peace on earth good will to man." With a full appreciations of God's blessings and favor the CARBON ADVOCATE hopes for one and all A Merry, Merry Christmas.

RAILROAD RUMB LINGS

The Lehigh Valley Railroad directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent. payable January 15th. It has been a very prosperous year with the road, and considerably more than has been distributed has been earned, but next year is expected to be even more prosperous.

SECRET SOCIETY GOSSIP.

*** At their last meeting in 1891 Lehigh Council, 101, Jr. O. U. A. M., will elect new officers for a six months term.

*** An important meeting of Camp 541, P. O. S. of A., will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29. All members are earnestly requested to be present on the above date.

*** Carbon Castle, 111, K. G. E., will elect new officers on Dec. 28, and Gnaden Huetten Castle, 316, will elect their officers on Dec. 30.

*** The old Presbyterian church at Beaver Meadow, has changed hands and after it receives a general over hauling and painting, it will be known as the P. O. S. of A., Hall. The proceeds of the fair, recently held by them will go toward repairing and furnishing it and when completed the camp expect to have one of the finest club rooms in the region. Carpenters are now engaged in putting on a new roof.

LITTLE GAP.

A Lively Community Briefly Itemized by a Bright Pencil Pusher.

—Charles Green accompanied by his son Dallas F. made a business trip to the County Seat, on Wednesday, last.

—George M. Henry is on the sick list. A speedy recovery is wished for him.

—Steward Smith, of Kunkletown, on Friday last, shot a pheasant and a rabbit on one shot, who can beat this? if nobody can beat it, it beats the record.

—Butchering is all the go now a days by the people of this place, and vicinity.

—On Monday last, Nathan George lost one of his chestnut brown horses by death which resulted from the wounds they had received by the accident, on the Saturday previous. We are glad to say that Mr. George is gradually convalescing.

—Alvin H. Sillfes, teacher of Ashland school at Little Gap, reports that his roll now numbers twenty-six, and that he had four who attended every day last month. The following are their names: Emery Serfass, Bulah Henry, Ella M. Wagner and Hattie George.

—Amandus Wagner, teacher of George's school reports that his roll now numbers twenty-four, and that he had twelve who attended every day last month. The following are their names: Eugene George, Preston E. George, Nathan H. George, Oscar Gouger, Cora A. Beltz, Clara A. George, Lillie C. Beltz, Amanda L. George, Hattie M. George, Ella V. George and Luzetta George. The average attendance is 22, and the per cent is 99.

—Assessor George M. Henry is still confined to his bed by a severe attack of cold and swelling in the sides.

—James O. Smith and wife, of this place, paid a visit to the latter's parents at Lehigh Gap on Sunday last.

—J. W. Paul, County Superintendent of Monroe county, celebrated his thirty ninth birthday anniversary on Sunday last.

—Alvin H. Sillfes holds a teachers' professional certificate under the above named superintendent.

—Frances Green, of Philadelphia, paid a visit to his parents and friends of this place over Sunday.

—William Eckhart, of Jonesville, and Elizabeth Getz, of Kresgeville, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Saturday evening last, by the Rev. S. B. Stupp, of Pleasant Valley.

—The Jerusalem, Lutheran and Reformed church, at Trachsville, is rapidly coming to a completion; it will be dedicated on Sunday next, Rev. Bower and others are engaged to deliver impressive ceremonies.

—The game season is rapidly drawing to a close, it will be unlawful to shoot any kind of game after December 31st on Pennsylvania soil.

—Nathan George, a well-to-do-farmer of near this place, while hauling coal, met with a crossing accident on Saturday last, on the Central Railroad, a short distance above the Lehigh Gap station. His team was hit by the through passenger train and his wagon demolished. Mr. George received severe injuries on his skull and legs. No harm fell to the horses, although the shoes were torn from one of the horse's hoof.

—Mary Ann, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Green, of this place, died on Wednesday evening after an illness of only two days. The cause of her sickness was due to diphtheria. The age was 9 years, 5 months and 8 days. The funeral occurred at 9.30 a. m. on Saturday, and the services were conducted by Rev. Wuchter, of Weissport. The pall bearers were Edvin J. Kletz, James Correll, Lewis H. Hahn and Frank George. Burial was made in the St. John's church at Lehigh Gap.

—The services which were held in the Ashland school house, at Little Gap, on Sunday evening, by Rev. S. B. Stupp, were largely attended.

DEATH OF A STATESMAN.

SENATOR PLUMB SUCCUMBS TO APOPLEXY.

The Strain Upon His Nerves and Mind Was Too Great—Warned by Physicians to Abstain from Active Work Lest Brain Trouble Might Set In.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Preston B. Plumb, of Kansas, died suddenly of apoplexy shortly before noon Sunday. His death occurred in the unpretentious three story boarding house, 610 Fourteenth street, in which convenient location he had for the last five or six seasons taken up his quarters during the sessions of congress. In a very short space of time the news spread over the city, and the expressions of regret were universal and not confined to any political party.

Vice President Morton, accompanied by Mrs. Cameron, wife of Senator Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, was one of the earliest callers and placed his services at the disposal of the friends of the dead senator. Senator Peffer, Mr. Plumb's Alliance colleague, remained in attendance several hours, answering questions and rendering any assistance in his power. During the afternoon nearly every senator in town either called in person or sent a message of condolence, and some of the most earnestly expressed of the latter came from senators on the Democratic side, by all of whom the Kansas statesman was respected. Mr. Charles B. Reade, assistant sergeant at arms of the senate, took charge of the remains and caused telegrams to be sent to the absent wife and children of the dead senator.

Campaigning Ruined His Health.

Mr. Plumb has been ailing more or less ever since the close of his herculean labors in the last campaign in his state, which resulted so satisfactorily to himself and his party. He was at all times an indefatigable worker, but in this campaign he outdid himself. On his return to Washington he attempted to throw into his senatorial duties his accustomed ardor, but complained that he could not concentrate his faculties with his accustomed readiness. He felt dazed and uncertain both mentally and physically.

On the street he occasionally lost himself. Several days ago, just after the opening of

PRESTON B. PLUMB.

the senate, walking with Colonel E. C. Manning, his frequent companion, he stopped as Mr. Manning was about to leave him, and said, "Don't go, Manning; I want you to stay by me; I don't know exactly where I am." He thought the trouble might arise from some impairment of his vision, and after the adjournment of the senate on Thursday last went to Philadelphia, where his eldest son is under treatment for defective eyesight, to take advice in his own case. The eminent medical man he consulted told him frankly that unless he gave himself an immediate rest and exercised the greatest care, softening of the brain might result.

About 2 o'clock in the morning he aroused his landlord, Mr. Jennings, saying he felt really ill, and asked him to send for a doctor. Dr. Philip S. Wales, ex-surgeon general of the navy, was summoned and remained in charge of the case until the end. Hypodermic injections were administered, and about 7 o'clock in the morning the senator became unconscious and continued in a state of coma with scarcely any intermission until his death. Just before he dozed off he raised his hand to the back of his head, where he had all along complained of feeling intense pain, and exclaimed, "Oh, God, my head."

The End Came Suddenly.

Shortly after 11 p. m. he commenced to breathe stentoriously and Mr. Jennings, who was watching by his bedside with the senator's secretary, became alarmed. When Dr. Wales arrived the senator's face had turned purple, and it was apparent that apoplexy had supervened. The surgeon called for stimulants, and Mr. Jennings ran to a neighboring drug store and seized some spirits, with which he immediately returned.

"It is too late," said Surgeon Wales, and almost immediately afterward the senator expired.

Dr. Wales says the immediate cause of the senator's death was apoplexy, brought on by fatty degeneration of the brain from overwork and fatigue.

Born in Ohio in 1837, he was fifty-four years of age. Before he became a lawyer and a banker he worked at the case as a practical printer. He moved to Kansas in 1856 and participated in much of the early exciting history of that state. Unlike most senators of long service, he did not undergo a previous apprenticeship in the lower house of congress, but came straight to the senate in 1877. He had previously, however, served in many important positions in the Kansas legislature, closing his local career there as speaker. During the war he fought his way up from a second lieutenancy to the lieutenant colonelship of the Eleventh Kansas infantry.

His Services in the Senate.

Senator Plumb had served fourteen years in the senate, and two years ago was re-elected for a term which would have expired in 1895. He was one of the best known men in congress. His tall, athletic form, his swinging western gait, his breezy method of speaking and his rugged independence and originality of thought and action made him a notable man in the senate, and he was a power on all questions to which he gave his mind. He was an omnivorous reader and an untiring worker. In the few days that the present congress has been in session he had submitted more than thirty bills of a more or less public character, embracing almost everything of interest to his constituents from free silver coinage up and down. The senator leaves two unmarried daughters, who are now living with their widowed mother at his late home in Emporia, Kan.; a son twenty-two years of age, now under treatment for his eyesight in Philadelphia, and a boy of twelve and a girl of fourteen at school in Pennsylvania.

Mormon Bishop Sharp Dead.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24.—Bishop John Sharp, of the Mormon church, died here Dec. 23.

Death of a Postmaster.

MEDIA, Dec. 22.—Joseph A. Thompson, aged seventy-one years, postmaster at this place, died Saturday from a complication of ailments, aggravated by grip. Before his appointment as postmaster Mr. Thompson was editor of the Chester News.

Killed by Falling Ice.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 23.—A huge piece of ice became detached from the side of the shaft of the Exeter mine at Pittston, and falling 500 feet struck a miner named Ready, killing him instantly. A laborer named Linen was struck by flying fragments and fatally injured.

An Engineer Instantly Killed.

SLATINGTON, Dec. 23.—As the northbound Buffalo express of the Lehigh Valley railroad was drawing near Rockport it collided with a large rock which had become detached from its resting place and had rolled down the steep embankment. Michael Lebelle, engineer on the Jersey Central, was instantly killed and the fireman severely injured. The engine was totally wrecked, but no passengers sustained any severe injuries.

Mayor and Ex-Mayor Indicted.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The grand jury has indicted Mayor Wyman, of Allegheny City, for embezzlement of city funds, two counts, and with extortion in the matter of witness fees, two counts.

Ex-Mayor Pearson, of Allegheny City was also indicted for embezzlement of city funds on two counts. Market Clerk Hastings, of Allegheny City, was also indicted for embezzlement of city funds on one count.

Fall of Rock in a Colliery.

SHAMOKIN, Dec. 23.—An enormous quantity of rock fell in slope 2 of the Luke Fidler colliery last evening, presumably killing a workman named Anthony Socha. The slope is two miles deep and will require some time to be cleared by the large squad of workmen trying to remove the rock.

Bank Building Burned.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 24.—A fire on Brill block, Hazleton, totally destroyed the First National bank building and the store of Platt & Co. The loss is estimated at $50,000, while the insurance amounts $20,000.

Able to Meet the Judgments.

WILLIAMSPORT, Dec. 24.—Mr. H. L. Taylor, a Buffalo oil operator, has filed judgments amounting to over $200,000 against George L. Sanderson, a prominent business man and banker of this city. Mr. Sanderson says he has plenty means to meet the judgments

Failure of a Clothing House.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 24.—Judgments aggregating $15,300 have been entered against Baird & Goestman, clothiers, and the firm has failed.

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS OF THE WORLD FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Developments of Each Day During the Week Caught Fresh from the Busy Wires and Carefully Edited and Condensed for Our Readers.

Monday, Dec. 21.

Michael Kelly, of 10 Elm street, Jersey City, was struck by a locomotive on the Erie railroad at the Monmouth street crossing and instantly killed.

The congregation of the First German Evangelical Reformed Church of Jersey City voted not to accept Pastor Stachli's resignation.

The fire at Kennedy, N. Y., Thursday night, which it was feared at one time would destroy the whole town, was checked with a loss of $6,000.

Ninety Russian Jews, supposed to be a portion of the Baron Hirsh importation, are quartered in the synagogue at Fall River, Mass., waiting for work.

World's Fair Director E. E. Laurence, of Chicago, and Secretary Dickinson are in Washington to invite congress to visit Chicago to inspect the preparations for the exhibition.

Suit has been begun at Galveston by Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship company to recover $2,943,358 from the Houston and Texas Central Railroad company.

Congressman William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, has been elected president of Richmond college.

John Stephens, colored, was killed, and Dr. D. Hudson and his son George, whites, were mortally wounded in a fight between whites and colored men near Centburg, Ala.

Anselme Homen Panquet, senator for the division of De la Talere, Canada, died at his residence at St. Cuthbert at the age of sixty-one years after a lingering illness.

The Duke of Devonshire died in London.

Robert Cummings, twenty-eight years old, residing at Stony Road, Paterson, N. J., attempted suicide by cutting his wrist with a razor. His condition is serious. The doctors, however, believe they will pull him through.

Harry Vanhouter, twelve years old, son of William Vanhouter, broke through the ice opposite the Cornell boat house, Ithaca, N. Y., and was drowned.

Tuesday, Dec. 22.

The Chilian government has received a message from Minister Montt saying that Secretary Blaine expressed his confidence of an amicable settlement of the trouble with the United States.

A crowd of roughs and ex-convicts attacked Policeman Mulholland at Second street and Avenue C, New York, and one of the gang stabbed Policeman Schopper, who came to Mulholland's assistance. Two of the roughs were arrested.

Coroner's Physician William T. Jenkins, of New York, admits that he tried to prevent the fact that ex-Naval Officer Tillotson committed suicide from becoming public.

The Hebrews issued an appeal to the citizens of New York for contributions to the transportation fund to be used in sending the Russian refugees where they can get work.

John O'Connor, of Paterson, N. J., it is alleged, attempted to drown his stepson by throwing him into the Passaic river.

The will of the late Mary A. Wetzel, of New Haven, which bequeathed all her estate to Mrs. Ravena Kilsey, of New York, and Mrs. Sawter, of Philadelphia, has been contested by the decedent's relatives.

France's request for a joint protest to Turkey against Bulgaria's ejection of Chaudine has been declined by England, Italy, Austria and Germany.

The Duke of Devonshire, who died Monday, owned 193,000 acres of English land, lying in fourteen counties. The rent roll of his estate amounts to over £170,000 per year.

Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The home of the late Senator A. B. Conger was burned in Conger, N. Y.

President Ezeta, of San Salvador, has issued a decree suspending the exportation of cattle to Guatemala.

True bills were filed by the grand jury against Mayor Wyman and ex-Mayor Pearson, of Allegheny, Pa., for embezzlement.

The two hundred and seventy-first anniversary of the landing of the pilgrim fathers was celebrated by the Congregational club in Boston.

J. G. Shaw, a notorious burglar, escaped from the state prison in Columbus, O., by cutting his way through the roof and lowering himself to the ground with a rope.

The Republican state committee held a meeting at the Fifth Avenue hotel Tuesday, but did not fix a date for holding the state convention to select delegates to the national convention. Another meeting will be held shortly after the holidays to arrange the time and place for the state convention.

Governor Hinans, of Michigan, formally accepted Secretary of State Soper's resignation.

The Christian church of St. Paul has extended a call to the Rev. E. E. Edwards, of Brooklyn, known as the "Boy Preacher." He will go to St. Paul in two weeks.

The hotel owned by Thomas Roach, and three dwelling houses at Sugar Notch, Pa., were burned.

Charles A. Kilday, a New York traveling salesman, was arrested in New Haven for threatening to shoot Charles H. Miller, proprietor of a billiard saloon.

John Givens, the missing heir to the immense Givens estate in Cortland, N. Y., has been found in Wheeling, W. Va. It had been supposed that he had been killed in San Francisco.

Keeper Johnson, of the Fort Point life saving station, California, and Keeper Holihan, of the Golden Gate park station, California, have resigned on account of the small pay allowed.

Private Barrett, the American cavalry soldier who was arrested in Laredo, Mexico, for striking a soldier policeman while being arrested during a row, has been acquitted by a Mexican court martial.

Thursday, Dec. 24.

Hon. George L. Davis, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Boston, is dead. Davis was a member of the Massachusetts senate in 1875-6.

Alfred H. Batcheller, at one time the leading boot and shoe manufacturer in New England, died at Boston, aged sixty-one years.

C. J. Littlewood & Co.'s cotton mill at Manayunk, Pa., was gutted by fire. Loss, $60,000.

The total number of postoffices in the United States is 65,007, the first time in the history of the department that figure has been reached. Of this number about 5,000 are presidential offices.

Tobias Pothemus, a farmer of Red Bank, N. J., who was thrown from his wagon, died from the effects of his fall.

General Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Spot lots quiet; middling uplands, 7 15-16c. Futures steady; January, 7.86c.; February, 7.86c.; March, 8c.

FLOUR—Dull and weak; Minnesota extras, $3.50@5.50; city mill extras, $5.10@5.25 for West Indies; fine, $2.85@3.50; superfine, $2.15@3.75.

WHEAT—Opened weak and 4@c. lower, but subsequently rallied ½c.; receipts, 294,750 bushels; shipments, 223,188 bushels; No. 2 red winter, $1.07¼ cash; December, $1.08¼; January, $1.09¼; February, $1.09¾; March, $1.07¾.

CORN—Opened weak and declined ½c.; receipts, 168,175 bushels; shipments, 23,825 bushels; No. 2 mixed, 56c. cash; December, 55c.; January, 55½c.; February, 55c.

OATS—Dull; receipts, 119,000 bushels; shipments, 64,222 bushels; No. 2 mixed, 46½c. cash; January, 39½c.

RYE—Dull and lower at $1.01@1.02 for the whole range.

BARLEY—Nominal.

MOLASSES—Dull and unchanged.

SUGAR—Refined slow; cut loaf and crushed, 5¼c.; granulated, 4⅞@4¾c.; cubes, 4⅝c.

COFFEE—Spot lots steady; fair Rio cargoes, 18½c.

RICE—Dull and nominal.

PORK—Quiet and steady; new mess, $19@19.50.

LARD—Quiet; December, $6.38; January $6.45.

BUTTER—Moderately active and firm; state, tulip, fall made, best, 25c.; western firsts, 24@26c.

CHEESE—Steady, but slow; state factory, full cream, fall made fancy, 11@11½c.

EGGS—Quiet and steady; state, fresh, 26@27½c.; western, fresh, 27½c.

TURPENTINE—Moderately active and steady at 33½@34½c.

RESIN—Quiet; strained to good, $1.35@1.40.

TALLOW—Dull, but steady; prime city, 4⅝c

PETROLEUM—Nominal.

Judge Kennedy's Sarcasm.

STRAUSSE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Justice George N. Kennedy was asked by a reporter what he had to say in regard to Supervisor Welch's pardon. "I want to wait and see what the governor has to say for himself," replied the justice. Early in the morning he said to a lawyer: "The governor had better abolish the court of appeals, hadn't he, and substitute himself in their stead?"

Election Cases Still Undecided.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—The court of appeals concluded all the cases before it except the nine appeals in the contested election cases. They will be decided at noon next Tuesday. The judges are proceeding very cautiously and exhausting every idea and suggestion which has the slightest bearing on the appeals.

Hitt Elected Assemblyman.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Galen R. Hitt, Democrat, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the Third assembly district of this county, caused by the death of William Murphy. Hitt had a majority of 2,304 over McCabe, his Republican opponent.

CRISP NAMED SPRINGER

ILLINOIS GETS THE WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMANSHIP.

Crisp Names His Committees, and Then Goes Home Feeling Very Sick—Mills' Friends Indignant Because of Their Favorite's Treatment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Speaker Crisp left Washington last night for his home in Americus, Ga., where he will spend the holidays. While not seriously ill, Mr. Crisp is still quite weak, the result of a bad cold and recent hard work. The speaker has appointed his son clerk to the speaker's table, vice Edwin T. Goodwin. Young Crisp resigned his position as clerk in one of the executive departments Tuesday. Before Speaker Crisp left the city he announced his long looked for committee appointments. As every one expected, William M. Springer was made chairman of the ways and means committee. Mills was given several important places, but none to compare in importance with the ways and means berth. The veteran Indiana congressman, William M. Holman, was named as chairman of the important appropriations committee.

The Mills men are very bitter at the treatment their leader has received, and are not placated by the small places given to the Mills supporters. The southern men severely criticise the fact that the north has three-fourths of the important committee places. They say that the speaker, in his anxiety to be fair, went too far, and snubbed the south unnecessarily.

The Important Committees.

The following is the list of the principal house committees, as announced by Speaker Crisp:

Ways and Means—William M. Springer, Illinois, chairman; Benton McMillan, Tennessee, H. G. Turner, Georgia; W. L. Wilson, West Virginia; A. B. Montgomery, Kentucky; J. B. Whiting, Michigan; B. F. Shively, Indiana; W. Bourke Cockran, New York; Moses T. Stevens, Massachusetts; W. J. Bryan, Nebraska; T. B. Reed, Maine; J. C. Burrows, Michigan; Joseph McKenna, California; S. E. Payne, New York; John Dalzell, Pennsylvania.

Appropriations—W. S. Holman, chairman; W. H. Forney, J. D. Sayres, W. C. Breckinridge, A. M. Dockery, William Mutchler, C. H. Breckinridge, Barnes Compton, J. H. O'Neil, L. F. Livingston, D. B. Henderson, William Cogswell, H. H. Bingham, Nelson Dingley, W. W. Grout.

Coinage, Weights and Measures—E. H. Bland, chairman; Charles Tracy, J. R. Williams, C. B. Kilgore, S. M. Robinson, Rice Pierce, J. P. Epes, G. F. Williams, W. A. McKeighan, H. H. Bartine, Abner Taylor, T. W. Stone, M. N. Johnson.

Interstate and Foreign Commerce—R. Q. Mills, chairman; G. D. Wise, Andrew Price, Isador Rayner, G. H. Brickner, T. J. Geary, G. W. Houk, S. R. Mallory, Joshua Patterson, J. J. O'Neill, Charles O'Neill, John Lind, C. S. Randall, Bellamy Storer, J. H. Kotcham.

Foreign Affairs—J. H. Blount, chairman; J. B. McCreary, C. E. Hooker, L. E. Chipman, A. P. Pitch, J. P. Andrews, B. T. Cable, Isador Rayner, T. J. Geary, R. R. Hitt, A. C. Harmer, James O'Donnell, John Sanford.

Elections—Charles T. O'Ferrall, chairman; L. W. Moore, J. E. Cobb, T. H. Paynter, Jason B. Brown, D. N. Lockwood, T. G. Lawson, N. P. Gillespie, George Johnstone, Nils Haugen, A. A. Taylor, R. E. Dean, H. M. Johnson, John E. Rayburn, C. D. Clark.

Postoffices and Post Roads—John S. Henderson, chairman; J. H. Blount, B. A. Enloe, R. P. C. Wilson, E. J. Dunphy, J. D. Alderson, E. V. Brookshire, J. C. Kyle, J. M. Pattison, J. C. Crosby, A. J. Hopkins, J. A. Caldwell, J. L. Wilson, C. A. Bergen, E. F. Loud, John T. Cutting.

Agriculture—W. H. Hatch, chairman; Clarke Lewis, S. B. Alexander, H. M. Youmans, G. W. Shell, W. S. Forman, F. E. White, Anthony Caminetti, Charles L. Moses, J. P. Long, E. H. Funston, E. H. Wilson, J. L. Jolley, Daniel Waugh, H. P. Cheatham.

Railways and Canals—T. C. Catchings, chairman; P. G. Lester, W. H. Cate, H. W. Bentley, F. E. Beltzhoover, J. W. Causey, S. W. Cobb, Kittel Halvorson, John Davis, C. S. Randall, C. A. Bergen, J. A. T. Hull, E. F. Loud.

Chairmanships.

The chairmanships of the other committees are as follows:

Judiciary, D. L. Culberson; banking and currency, Henry Bacon; rivers and harbors, N. C. Blanchard; merchant marine and fisheries, Samuel Fowler; military affairs, J. B. Outhwaite; naval affairs, H. A. Herbert; agriculture, W. H. Hatch; public lands, T. C. McRae; Indian affairs, S. W. Peet; territories, J. H. Washington; manufactures, C. H. Page; mines and mining, W. H. Cowles; public buildings and grounds, J. H. Bankhead; Pacific railroads, J. B. Reilly; levees and improvements of Mississippi river, S. M. Robinson; education, W. H. Hayes; labor, J. C. Tarsney; militia, Edward Lane; patents, O. D. Tillman; invalid pensions, A. N. Martin; pensions, R. P. C. Wilson; claims, B. H. Bunn; war claims, F. E. Beltzhoover; private land claims, A. P. Pitch; District of Columbia, J. J. Hemphill; revision of laws, W. T. Ellis; expenditures state department, R. E. Lester; expenditures in treasury department, G. H. Brickner; expenditures war department, A. B. Montgomery; expenditures navy department, C. A. O. McClellan; expenditures in postoffice department, W. C. Oates; expenditures in interior department, J. W. Owens; expenditures department of justice, J. M. Allen; expenditures in department of agriculture; F. C. Edmunds; expenditures on public buildings, H. M. Youmans; library, Amos J. Cummings; printing, J. D. Richardson; enrolled bills, J. G. Warner; election of president and vice president, J. L. Chipman; eleventh census, W. F. Willcox; ventilation and acoustics, W. G. Stahlnecker; alcoholic liquor traffic, W. E. Haynes; irrigation of arid lands, S. W. T. Lanham; immigration and naturalization, H. Stump.

Precedent Thrust Aside.

The prediction that Speaker Crisp, in making up his committees, would do violence to the rule of precedence as established by years of practice, was verified by the list as announced.

Speaker Crisp made better time in the announcement of his committees than either Mr. Carlisle or Mr. Reed. The former did not announce his list in the Fifties congress until Jan. 5; Mr. Reed on Dec. 31. But in the latter case congress met Dec. 2, so that Speaker Reed consumed nineteen days in making up his list while Mr. Crisp completed the job in sixteen days. The announcement of the house committees necessarily disappointed some members, but there is no more than the usual fault finding over the result. Mr. Crisp's friends are much pleased in pointing out that the speaker in his selections gave good places to some who did not support him for speaker. The committees on ways and means, on appropriations, and on coinage weights and measures are supposed to reflect the policy of the house as to those matters most important to the Democratic party.

The ways and means committee represents every section of the country, but it is pointed to as an indication of progressive tariff reform policy that the most advanced tariff reformers of the several sections have been selected to constitute the committee. The committee on appropriations is regarded as very strong, and it is believed to indicate that a policy of strict economy is going to be followed.

There is some difference of opinion as to the meaning of the construction of the coinage committee. A majority of its members are known to favor free coinage, and from this it is inferred by most persons at first blush that it means that a free coinage bill is to be passed. It is said, however, that the free coinage men on the committee have been selected with a view to their conservatism and judgment, and that the interest of the Democratic party will stand first before all things.

Proceedings in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Quay introduced a bill fixing the pension of soldiers who have contracted total deafness in the service of the United States at seventy-two dollars per month, and for all lesser degrees a pension on the same ratio. Senator Turpie introduced a bill appropriating $1,500,000 for a new public building at Indianapolis. Senator Carlisle introduced for Senator McPherson a bill increasing from $100,000 to $160,000 the appropriation for the public building at Camden, N. J. Senator Stanford introduced a bill appropriating $950,000 for the extension of the executive mansion in accordance with plans proposed by Mrs. Harrison.

Would Not Take Second Place.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The announcement that Speaker Crisp would not appoint Mr. Mills chairman of the ways and means committee has been officially verified by the following correspondence:

SPEAKER'S ROOM,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1891.

Hon. R. Q. Mills, City:

MY DEAR SIR: Having been too much engaged to call on you and being now about to enter on the work of constituting the house committees, I drop you a line to know if it would be agreeable to you to be appointed second on the committee on ways and means and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the committee on commerce, or chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads, or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than commerce or postoffices?

Would be glad to have a reply at your earliest convenience as I desire to make up and announce the committees in a few days. With great respect, I am sincerely yours,

CHARLES F. CRISP.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1891.

Hon. Charles F. Crisp, Speaker, House of Representatives:

MY DEAR SIR:—I have received your letter of the 18th inst., asking me "if it would be agreeable or acceptable" to me to be appointed second on the committee of ways and means and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the committee on commerce or chairman of the committee on postoffices and postroads, or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than commerce or postoffices."

Having been a member of the committee on ways and means for ten years and chairman in the Fiftieth congress, the reasons which have in your judgment rendered my appointment as chairman unwise would disqualify me for service in any other place on that committee, and it would not be sincere to say that it would be agreeable to accept your tender.

I leave to you without any suggestion from me to make such other assignments as you in the discharge of your official duty may determine. Yours truly,

R. Q. MILLS.

Elkins for Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate proceedings were made interesting from the start by the completion of the committees and the presentation of Senator Hill's credentials.

Expectations of an objection to the reception of Governor Hill's credentials were not realized. The papers in his case were read and filed without incident, after the committees had been adopted.

After speeches by Mr. Turpie in favor of choosing presidential electors by the popular vote and by Mr. Stewart on the silver question the senate went into executive session on the nomination of Mr. Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, as secretary of war. Mr. Elkins' nomination, it is understood, was referred without action. There is some dissatisfaction among Republican senators over the nomination of Mr. Elkins, but this is believed to be not deep enough to cause any opposition to his confirmation. The alleged objection to the appointment is based on sectional grounds, New England senators believing that the war portfolio should have gone to their section, while the western men are put out because Acting Secretary Grant was not promoted.

The political aspect of the nomination was much discussed among members of both political parties in the senate and house. Many incline to the belief that it is a forerunner to the withdrawal of Mr. Blaine from the presidential race, and a number did not hesitate to say that they believed Mr. Blaine would shortly issue a letter announcing that he would not be a candidate in 1892.

Two Appointments at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The office of assistant chief of the weather bureau was filled by the appointment by Secretary Rusk of Mr. S. S. Rockwood, heretofore chief clerk of the department of agriculture. Mr. Henry Casson, who has been serving as private secretary to the secretary of agriculture since last January, was appointed chief clerk of the department of agriculture.

Tim Hopkins Asks for Delay.

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 23.—A motion for delay in the issuance of a commission to take the depositions of Newman and other witnesses in the Searles will case has been filed in behalf of Timothy Hopkins by his counsel. The absence of Mr. Hopkins from the state is given as a reason for the request.

Dr. Peters Shooting Natives.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—A private letter from Dr. Peters, the explorer, shows his principal occupation has been the killing of natives. He shot 130 natives between 8 and 3 o'clock in one day. He is now intrenched at Kilsamanjaro.

Trichinosis Claims a Victim.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 22.—Edna Rees, aged eight years, died here of trichinosis, caused by eating improperly cooked pork. Six other members of the same family are now ill with the same symptoms.

To Bridge the Hudson.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ground was formally broken in New Jersey today for the building of the new eight track railroad bridge across the Hudson river.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Rev. Dr. E. EDWARDS BEARDSLEY, rector of St. Thomas' church, at New Haven.

Colonel R. S. STRADER, a noted trotting horse breeder, at Lexington, Ky.

CHARLES F. COFFIN, prison commissioner of Massachusetts, at Lynn.

Color Sergeant JOHN INGALLS HANDLEY, the tallest soldier in Maine, at East Wilton.

Rev. REUBEN RILEY, an Episcopal minister, at Jersey City.

JULIAN ABBOT, the oldest lawyer in Lowell, Mass.

Rev. W. B. KINNEY, a Methodist minister, a veteran and G. A. R. man, at Binghamton, N. Y.

FRANK G. PARKE, postmaster of Coatesville, Pa.

WILLIAM H. KING, a United States commissioner, at New York.

JOHN B. RICHARDSON, one of the greatest cotton planters in the south, at Chattanooga.

Ex-Postmaster General J. A. J. CRESWELL, at Elkton, Md.

TEMS WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIANS.

Brief Mention of Matters Which Everybody Should Know About—A Week's Accidents and Crimes Accurately and Concisely Chronicled.

IRWIN, Dec. 18.—T. S. Pool & Co.'s bank here has made an assignment. The bank failed some weeks ago, but was enabled to resume again by borrowing money to tide them over. Since the bank resumed the firm has paid out $105,000. The bank's liabilities are about $100,000, and it is thought that all creditors will be paid in full.

Is This Missing Attorney Monaghan?

WEST CHESTER, Dec. 18.—The family of Robert J. Monaghan, the missing West Chester lawyer, have received a cable from Sydney, Australia, signed by "Robert James Monaghan." It read as follows: "Love to yourself, Francis and Walker. Cable $500." Relatives doubt the authenticity of the sablegram and are making an investigation.

Pittsburg Electric Roads Make a Deal.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—The stockholders of the Pittsburg, Oakland and East Liberty and the Duquesne Traction companies, parallel street railroads, have approved an operating contract between the two companies by which the net receipts shall be divided, 57½ per cent. going to the Pittsburg Traction and 42½ per cent. to the Duquesne. After Jan. 1 the two roads will be under the management of Colonel Elkins, of the Pittsburg Traction company.

Fatal Heroism.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—W. C. Crask, aged twenty-six years, a Reading railroad brakeman, sacrificed his own life to save another's. Seeing a woman picking coal in the path of a moving train, he called to her to get out of the way, but as she paid no need he seized her in his arms and threw her out of danger. In so doing he lost his footing and fell across the track under the oncoming train, which cut off both his legs. He was taken to a hospital, where his injuries were pronounced fatal.

Died of Her Burns.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—Gertrude Rankle, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Charles D. Rankle, of Knoxville, a suburb of this city, was burned to death by the explosion of an oil lamp. Mr. Rankle was also painfully burned. The house caught fire and was badly damaged.

Killed by Accident.

HAWLEY, Dec. 20.—William Cornish, of Pittsburg, while hunting near here accidentally shot and killed John Myers. Cornish's gun caught in some bushes and exploded.

Whisky Thieves Arrested.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—Patrick Kearns, a druggist, and Arthur Seybert, a telegraph operator on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, both of Bradford, Pa., were arrested here charged with breaking into freight cars and stealing whisky. They were taken to Connellsville and locked up. They sold the whisky stolen to "speak easies" in the coke region.

Two Miners Killed.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 20.—Edward Maldonwey and Hugh Reilly, two miners, were killed by the falling of coal in the Manville mine.

Prison Abuses Shown Up.

READING, Dec. 22.—Ex-Night Watchman Rhodes, of the county prison, on trial here charged with releasing two prisoners, created a sensation by pleading in court to cross cardexamine. In the course of his statement he made some damaging and sensational statements regarding the manner in which the affairs at the prison were conducted. He said that the officials and female prisoners got drunk nightly and carried on the highest kind of