LIVELY AMATEURS.

Local Athletes Have Some Exciting Wrestling and Boxing Contests in the East End.

HAGAN CAPTURES THE SILVER CUP

Cline Defeats Burris in the Final Game at the Philadelphia Billiard Tournament.

SPALDING AND THE BOSTON TRIO.

The Triumvirs Become Very Obstinate—General Sporting News of the Day.

Professor Kirchner's efforts in arranging an indoor athletic exhibition were well rewarded last evening at the East End Gymnasium. The splendid hall of the gymnasium was well filled by a fashionable audience, fully 50 per cent of which were ladies. Everything passed off successfully, and the professor has much encouragement to make another venture.

Of course the leading features on the programme were the wrestling and boxing contests. Just before the proceedings commenced Secretary Henderson remarked to the writer: "There is a strong prejudice prevailing against boxing, and even wrestling. I don't know why there should be, but it exists all the same."

Those who witnessed last evening's contests would certainly be of the same opinion as Mr. Henderson. The young gentlemen who took part in the boxing caused lots of fun; nobody was hurt, as in a football game; everybody was pleased and the ladies applauded. The boxing wasn't first class by any means, but it was earnest, and the few "warmers" that each contestant received only served to make matters more interesting.

A horizontal bar performance by Messrs. H. B. Layng, W. H. Hastings, E. C. Morgan, H. C. Fry, Jr., E. E. Kehene and J. B. McClelland, opened the evening's entertainment. They all did well, Layng and McClelland being very good. This was followed by a light-weight wrestling contest for a silver cup. There were four entries, but only George Hagan, of the Twelfth Ward Athletic Club, and W. C. Neill, of the East End Gymnasium, put in appearance. The contest was under catch-as-catch-can rules, best two falls of three. Fred Goodwyn was referee. The contest was somewhat exciting, although Hagan knew a little too much about the "game" for Neill. In the first five minutes Neill was fairly downed mostly by his own carelessness. Hagan acted on the defensive, and while Neill was busting on getting a "Nelson" hold Hagan slipped on a "half hang" and twisted him cleverly over.

The second bout was extremely exciting, as Neill had Hagan almost downed three times. He was much quicker than his opponent, but he didn't know his work so well. After wrestling about ten minutes, during which time Hagan was on the defensive, he got a half elbow hold and forced Neill over square on his shoulders, winning the contest. This again was mostly the result of Neill's lack of knowledge of how to protect himself. Neill is a promising young wrestler.

A contortion exhibition followed in which Messrs. Charles Close and Howard Layng took part. They both did well. Fencing by A. C. Cunningham and Prof. Kirchner followed. They gave a splendid exhibition, and wound up by a contest for five points, which Mr. Cunningham won.

Then there was boxing by J. C. Moore and H. R. Fleming. They were evenly matched, Fleming had the advantage of a longer reach and took a good lead in the first two rounds. In the third round Moore evened matters up by using his left and parrying the left of his opponent. The boxing contest was between G. Bostwick and E. C. Morgan. The former thumped Morgan about the stage quite merrily in the first two rounds, but in the third round Morgan had a little the best of it. He banged away with his left and gave Mr. Bostwick a little more than he wanted. The style of each was exceedingly faulty in attitude, delivery and judgment. They were all over the stage, and at times it looked like a race. They caused lots of fun, however. It is perhaps fair to say that on the whole Bostwick had the best of it.

High kicking came next. The contestants were Messrs. Taylor, McKennan, Morgan, Layng, Fry and Hastings. The kicking was of an exceedingly lively kind, all of the contestants getting their feet high up in the air. The programme was brought to a close by a boxing contest between J. H. Aull and C. S. Miller. This was very interesting. Aull was much the prettier boxer and the pair gave general satisfaction. Fred Goodwyn fulfilled the duties of referee ably and altogether the large audience was well pleased with the night's entertainment and at times was very enthusiastic.

The committees appointed by the gymnasium directors to investigate as to the prospects of an indoor athletic tournament on a national scale are inclined to report favorably. If the tournament is held it will take place in some large hall in the city in January or February next. Pat Farrell is to be engaged to teach boxing two or three evenings a week at the gymnasium.

THOSE MIGHTY TRIUMVIRS.

The Boston Trio Won't be Persuaded by A. G. Spalding's Arguments.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—President Spalding, of Chicago, is in Boston hobnobbing with the Triumvirs. He comes in the interest of harmony, but unless he uses brand new arguments of tremendous strength he will not succeed in bringing out the particular kind of harmony which he wants to see.

Soden, Conant and Billings are unalterably opposed to giving the Boston Player's League people an Association franchise, and Mr. Spalding, while he will doubtless enjoy his visit here, as he always does, will not succeed in his mission.

As before stated, he has found some new lever with which to work. He said this afternoon: "It is my intention to leave just as few scars as possible of the late war, and in doing this I find that the business end of it must be first settled up. There will be nothing whatever done about players until we have the League and Association circuit all arranged. I can see the trouble ahead in fixing up the players, but I think it will come out all right as there will be plenty of players to pick from."

Mr. Spalding didn't care to say where he thought Ward, Kelly, Pfeffer or any of the seceding stars would play. He said: "In Brooklyn Mr. Byrne is finding it anything but pleasant working, as the Players' League people are fighting among themselves and don't know just what they do want. He will most likely insist on playing at Washington Park, and this is the one thing the Players' League people will not agree to.

"I think they will settle on some fair basis soon, however. The Players' League people talked of buying until they got Mr. Byrne's price, and then they found they had no funds."

NEWS FROM HARVARD.

A List of Candidates to Represent the Crimson in the Boat Race.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 16.—Harvard athletes have not quite recovered from the torpor into which they are usually flung after the football season. Although the baseball team, the Mott Haven men, and the senior class crew will not begin training till January 1, still the freshmen, sophomore, junior and 'varsity crews are now taking light exercise.

If the number of candidates is any sign of encouragement or show of success, Harvard's chances are very bright at New London next spring. A large number have presented themselves for the 'varsity, over 20 men at present, and after the holidays the number will be largely increased. The freshmen crew has the largest number of candidates, somewhere about 50, but they will soon be reduced to three crews. The sophomore and junior crews are plodding along, with about two crews of each practicing regularly. Captain Parker, of the senior crew, is busy coaching the freshmen, and will not start his crew into any sort of training till after the recess.

Captain Perkins, the only man of last year's crew who is rowing thus far, practices the 'varsity men regularly and coaches them himself. There are about two crews that practice regularly, and thus far their exercise consists in using the rowing weights, taking dumbbell work, and, beside this, taking long runs of two miles, with some days a still longer run. One crew will not begin practice in the tank till after Christmas. The men who are trying are J. O. Powers, N. Rantoul, D. F. Jones, J. O. Porter, F. N. Watress, C. K. Cummings, C. X. Slade, D. G. Earle, D. R. Vail, R. G. Muller, Shaw, M. Newell, M. J. Henry, J. P. Burling and Captain F. Perkins.

All is Quiet.

Nothing of importance transpired yesterday among the local baseball magnates. The application for the Jersey charter was mailed and the charter is expected this week. Manager Hanlon has left for home and as soon as the club is organized he will meet Mr. O'Neill in New York to make efforts toward securing good players. It is expected that there will be no more trouble and that as soon as the charter arrives the club will be harmoniously organized.

Homestead Club Organized.

The Homestead Association Football Club is now thoroughly organized. The following officers have been elected: Captain, William Woods; Vice Captain, John O'Brien; Committee, John Fleming, Peter Gordon, William Johnston and John O'Brien. The Secretary and Treasurer is George Stewart, to whom all communications must be adressed. His address is box 148, Homestead, Pa.

Will Run the Champion.

TORONTO, ONT., Dec. 16.—In an interview last night, Oarsman O'Connor says he will not row Kemp in America, as that oarsman has lost the championship to McLean, but that he will claim the forfeit now posted in New York. O'Connor is prepared to row McLean for $500 a side, and the purse of £1,000 which will be put up at Seattle, Wash.

Cline Wins the Tourney.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The tie for first place in the billiard tournament was broken to-night by the defeat of Burris by Cline. The winners played steadily throughout and ran out the necessary 215 points in 47 innings. Burrows displayed unusual nervousness and his playing was weak and erratic. His score was 204.

Another Interesting Rumor.

There is another rumor in circulation regarding the local club. It is stated that Manager Chapman, of the Louisville club, in the event of Ward playing in Pittsburg, will exchange Third Baseman Raymond for Corcoran. Raymond is a good man and Chapman wants a good shortstop.

Sam Wise's New Venture.

Jimmy Galvin was in receipt of a letter from Buffalo yesterday, which stated that Sam Wise, the ball player, had gone into the saloon business. He is now "mine host" of the "Office" saloon, recently run by Jimmy Faulkner, the wrestler, and a partner.

Hogan Won.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Jimmy Murray, of New York, and Hogan, the "St. Paul Kid," lightweights, fought with skin gloves to a finish at Rockaway Beach early this morning. Thirteen rounds were fought under Queensberry rules, and Hogan won the match.

Sporting Notes.

THE Boston League club wants Pat Tebeau if he can be secured.

THERE will not be a player addicted to drink on the New York team next season.

ELMER GRANT easily defeated Ryan in their glove contest at Beaver Falls Monday night.

ED SWARTWOOD and Jim Crowe left last evening to spend a few days in hunting in Morgan county.

THERE is a deal on for the transfer of Pfeffer and Duffy from Chicago to Boston in return for Mike Kelly.

AD GUMBERT states that he never has and never will play ball on a Sunday. This ought to be a pointer for the Boston P. L. magnates.

THE ex-secretary of the Players' League is losing many friends by printing the confidential business of his late benefactors at space rates.—*New York Herald.*

IN all the baseball hubbub Chris Von der Ahe keeps very quiet. When the time comes he will be found in the front rank looking out for himself with the best of them.

THE directors of the Brooklyn Players' League club held a meeting yesterday. Little was done, as President Wendell Goodwin was suddenly summoned West on business.

ONE of the most clear-headed and sensible men in baseball is J. Earle Wagner, of Philadelphia. Mr. Wagner's implicit confidence in Spalding and his logical ideas for settling the present troubles are very much in his favor.

JACK MCAULIFFE'S latest is: "I am now ready to meet Bowen, Meyer, or anyone who desires to make a match with me. Any forfeit posted with the Sun will receive early attention and be promptly covered. All I desire is that the purse or stakes shall be sufficient to pay the winner for his trouble and pains in getting into shape."

"How much stock have you in baseball?" asked President Prince, of Boston, of a baseball magnate in New York a short time ago. After being told the figures, which were in the tens of thousands, Prince was asked if he would return the compliment and tell him how much of money he had invested. "I have $500," was his answer.

BRUNELL says: The first time I ran across Al Johnson after the first New York conference I said to him: "We are in bad shape." "What shall we do?" said he. "Go home, keep quiet, throw out your chest." "Yes," was the answer, "that's all right. I've thrown my chest out before, but some one hit it with an ax and I don't want to take any more chances."

"IT is Spalding's idea," says a magnate, "to have A. G. Mills draw up a new form of national agreement, in which the objectionable features of the reserve rule and the sales system will be modified. Spalding's reorganization scheme will place the game on a basis where there will never be any more outbreaks like the Players' League."

JOHN L. BREWER, the celebrated pigeon shot, and Dick Irwin, of Philadelphia, were in the city on Saturday. Their mission was to try and get on a match with J. A. R. Elliot, of Kansas City. Brewer proposed to shoot a match for $1,000 a side, and offered to wager $5,000 on the outside. The match to take place within 100 miles of New York. Elliot objected to the grounds, as he preferred to shoot in the West, Chicago preferred. He left for that city on Saturday night, so that no definite arrangements for a match were made. The Brewer party were supplied with cash and were anxious to place a forfeit.—*New York Sun.*

THE POOR COMMISSION.

SOME IMPORTANT MODIFICATIONS IN THE PROPOSED BILL.

The Duties of the Commissioner and His Assistants, Together With the Inspectors, Are Defined—Each County to be Made a Poor District.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

HARRISBURG, Dec. 16.—The State Poor Commission had several sessions here today to put the finishing touches to the bill proposed to be submitted to the next Legislature. Among the modifications made was one establishing an independent State bureau, to consist of a commissioner and two inspectors, who shall be salaried. As originally drafted the bill placed the Commissioner under the control of the Department of Internal Affairs. He is empowered to appoint as many inspectors as may be needed, but only two shall receive any compensation. No State aid is asked for the prosecution of the act except the furnishing of the agents indicated to secure uniformity in the manner of meeting the wants of the poor.

Each county is to be made a separate poor district under the general supervision of the State Commissioner, but no special act of any county affecting the care of the indigent will be supplanted by the proposed general law. Provision is made for a uniform system of accounts for all officers who receive and expend the poor taxes as well as the records for county houses and other institutions, and that poor law districts be generally enlarged in area by conformity with county lines for the maintenance of almshouses or other institutions.

All indoor and outdoor relief shall be charged to the small municipal divisions, settlements to depend on birth, one year's residence, marriage and percentage beneath the age of 16. The poorhouse or workhouse shall be used as a test of destitution and a home for the destitute, and penalties are imposed for refusal to perform labor prescribed, or other breach of discipline. Outdoor relief to persons able to labor is prohibited.

One of the objects of the bill is to relieve the court of quarter sessions of connection with the disposition of the poor and vesting the power in the contemplated State bureau. The commission makes no provision in its bill for the disposition of vagrants, allowing present laws to control it.

ELECTRIC WIRES ON FIRE.

One of the Peculiar Results of the Fall of Snow.

During the heavy snow fall last night the snow in some manner caused considerable trouble to the electric street railway wires in the lower part of the city.

Shortly after midnight a Duquesne Traction wire became charged from some other wire, and at the corner of Fourth avenue and Smithfield broke out into a bright flame, which in a few moments burned the wire through and one end fell to the street. A Central Traction car passed soon after and, the hanging wire rubbing against the side of the car, caused a bright flash that terrified and almost stampeded the passengers. Officer Robert Riley and Detective McTighe saw the wire and appreciated the danger in time to call an experienced electrican who cut the dangerous line.

At the postoffice corner and at the Seventh avenue and Smithfield street corner the Pleasant Valley wires formed connections through the melted snow and emitted beautiful, bright flashes that threatened to burn the wires out, and frightened people on the streets considerably. The company was notified at 1 o'clock this morning, and sent out men to look after the trouble.

PARNELL'S EYES OUT.

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Kilkenny spoke he would not be in the minority. He did not wish to assail men that had stood by his side many a long day, but he was not going to ask permission to speak from a cock-sparrow like Tanner or a jackdaw like Davitt.

The Parnell Carriage is Mobbed.

While other Parnellites were addressing the crowd, a number of Davitt's followers got together and began hooting at the speakers. The Parnellites closed around the vehicle from which their orators were addressing the people, and the police appeared and tried to divide the factions. The meeting ended in a scene of wild confusion and Parnell and his friends drove off amid a shower of stones and mud. Frequent attempts to assail the members of the party were made, and several bags filled with lime were thrown at them. Mr. Harrington's shoulders were covered with lime and a mass of lime struck Mr. Parnell full in the face, completely blinding him. This insult infuriated Mr. Parnell's friends. Mr. Harrington turned, and advancing toward Father Downey, who was at the head of Mr. Parnell's opponents, shouted: "Coward, you are a disgrace to your church."

The police here again interfered, and Mr. Parnell's party, who had left their cars, again took their seats, and finally got away on to the road. Mr. Parnell's eyes, which were quite closed, were intensely painful. He was soon obliged to stop his carriage, which he left and entered a laborer's cabin in a fainting condition.

Lime Thrown Into Parnell's Eyes.

A local physician attended him. The lime had become caked beneath his eyelids, and the doctor was only able to remove some of it by using a silk handkerchief and some hair oil he found in the cabin.

The physician finally advised Mr. Parnell to drive to Kilkenny, so the latter re-entered his carriage and proceeded on his journey. But the pain again became so intense that a second halt was made, this time at a roadside public house, where the doctor made further efforts to relieve the terrible pain. The doctor was able at this place to procure a quantity of castor oil, which he poured freely into Mr. Parnell's eyes. He then tried to scrape off some more of the lime, using for this purpose the point of an ordinary lead pencil. The lime, however, had become crusted inside the eyelids, and the physician, with the crude implements at hand, was only able to remove the torturing substance slowly and with much difficulty.

The doctor apologized to Mr. Parnell for causing him so much pain, but said it was unavoidable. Mr. Parnell replied: "Never mind the pain. Do your best. Don't let me lose my sight." The doctor poured more oil into Mr. Parnell's eyes, and said he "hoped that the case wasn't as bad as that." Finding that he was unable to remove all the lime, the doctor urged Mr. Parnell to drive with all speed to the town, and this was done.

Arriving at the Victoria Hotel, Mr. Parnell had to be led from the wagonette to his room. He reclined in an arm chair, apparently sightless and suffering the most intense agony. He still remains in the hands of his doctor. Surgeon Hackett, who attended Mr. Parnell along the road, stated at a late hour to-night that all the lime had been removed, but that the patient was still suffering intensely. He said that he did not anticipate, from present appearances, permanent injury to Mr. Parnell's sight.

ASSASSIN PADLEWSKY.

Two People Arrested in London for Aiding Him to Escape.

[BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.—George Labruyere, a journalist, and Mme. Ducquercy, who assisted the assassin Padlewsky to escape and concealed him, were arrested this morning at 8 o'clock.

A Dispatch from Geneva says: A former director of the Suris Nihilist party has declared positively that Padlewsky left Paris on the very day he shot Seliverstroff. That he stopped a day at Brussels and thence proceeded to Hamburg, where he intended embarking for America, but he changed his mind and returned to Bremerhaven, whence he sailed to Yarmouth and went to London.

FOUGHT TO A FINISH.

Two French Duelists Who Meant to Draw Blood.

[BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.]

PARIS, Dec. 16.—A duel was fought at Guadeloupe between Governor Feillet and M. Cicero, a member of the Council General, as a result of a violent altercation during the sitting of the council.

The parties fought with rifles at 60 paces, and M. Feillet was shot through both thighs.

AN ALPINE ACCIDENT.

Seven Men Swept Into a Yawning Abyss by a Blast of Wind.

By Associated Press.]

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The news of a horrible accident in the Alps has been received from Nice. Seven Alpine chasseurs, who were working under command of an officer at the new fortress on the summit of Mount Sacharal, between La Brigand Riviere, were swept with their superior by a sudden blast over a precipice into an abyss.

Five of the men and the officer fell a distance of 2,500 feet. Their bodies have been recovered in a frightfully mutilated condition. Two of the men managed to cling to some rocks, and so escaped death.

'Twas All the Fault of the McKin——.

LONDON—The threatened strike of weavers at Bolton has been averted, the employers having conceded an advance in wages. Seven hundred plush weavers employed by Lister & Co., of Bradford, have struck against a reduction of wages. Three hundred will strike to-morrow, and 400 more will go out at the end of the week. The reduction in wages is said to be due to the McKinley tariff bill.

Minister Reid Received by the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE—Whitelaw Reid, the American Minister at Paris, and Mrs. Reid, who are making a tour of the East, spent several days in this city and received marked attentions. Mr. Reid was presented to the Sultan and was afterward the guest of honor at a dinner given by His Majesty. Mrs. Reid was also honored by the Sultan, who conferred upon her the Order of the Shefkat, the highest decoration that can be given to a woman. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have left Constantinople for Egypt.

Investigating the Loss of the Serpent.

LONDON—The court of inquiry appointed to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of the British cruiser Serpent on the Spanish coast met to-day. The evidence presented showed that the crew died manfully wishing each other goodby, and that the commander acted with coolness and gallantry to the end. There was no panic whatever aboard the vessel.

The Argentine Republic Retrenching.

BERNE—The Government of the Argentine Republic has decided to withdraw its Minister from Switzerland, and to close its legation here. This action is taken on the grounds of economy.

SHE CAPTURED A COUNT.

The Brilliant Wedding of Miss Catherine Bailey and a French Nobleman.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Many carriages and cabs outside, a long awning to protect the guests as they arrived, and all the usual accompaniments of an elegant wedding marked the early afternoon reception to-day following the marriage of Miss Catherine Bailey and Count de Sibour, of Paris. Within the brown stone mansion the candelabra were lighted, and in the drawing room and the dining room beyond it, separated by an archway of pillars in groups, masses of foliage hid the walls. The marble of the mantels was brightened by flowers, and all the furniture was removed so as to give more room.

The ceremony, which was quite private, took place at noon and was witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the bride and the bridal party, including la Vicomtesse de Sibour, the mother; le Comte, the brother of the bridegroom and best man; and Mlle. de Sibour, his sister. Bishop Potter, of New York, to whom the bride is related, performed the ceremony. Jean Theodude Francisque Louis, Comte de Sibour, is a young gentleman, a decided blonde, with rather large gray-blue eyes and a curling mustache. Although not tall, he is erect and quite good-looking. Although a thorough Frenchman and speaking with a slight accent, he was born in this country and his mother was an American. During the Civil War his father, who was connected with the French diplomatic service, represented the French Government at Charleston and Richmond, and at various times held intimate relations with officers of the Southern Confederacy.

Safe Crackers' Heavy Haul.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—At St. Helens, 30 miles from here, this morning, burglars blew open the safe of Muckle Brothers' store and secured $2,000 in coin and $17,000 in bonds.

A Bridge Wrecked by Ice.

BURLINGTON, IA., Dec. 16.—The ice in the river went out to-day, carrying with it the second pier of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad bridge.

SILVER LEGISLATION

Must Now Take the Lead of Everything in the Senate.

FREE COINAGE MEN IN EARNEST,

But the Administration Has a Measure They May Have to Swallow,

TO BE CONSIDERED IN CAUCUS TO-DAY

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The elections bill is so generally looked upon as being virtually dead that the continued and laborious efforts of the Democratic Senators are viewed as one would estimate the fellow engaged in kicking a corpse, as the performance is merely taking time until a finance bill can be agreed upon.

Senator Morgan was put forward for most of the declamation of yesterday and to-day, as he is the Blaine of the Democracy—that is, he is the Senator of the Democrats, who, like Blaine of the Republicans, can talk till the crack of doom without fatigue and their protest against Gabriel's blowing his horn. The galleries have been nearly emptied the last few days. Most of the occupants are visitors who drop in to have the noted Senators pointed out to them, and then they get away from the humdrum debate as though anxious to save their lives.

The Financial Situation.

There was some further canvassing of the all-absorbing financial question to-day. Members of the Senate Finance Committee and Caucus Finance Committee got their heads together informally and overhauled the differences between the factions. Occasionally a statesman from the House wing would stick his head into the circles that formed and broke away only to form again.

The ultra silver men are somewhat disconcerted at the situation. So much has been granted by Sherman and Windom and Harrison in the way of liberal purchases of silver that there is evident a disposition with some of the warmest friends of the administration among the silver men to desert to that side and see what will be the result of the administration proposition. It is now being charged against them that they have not at any time been sincere in their demand for unlimited silver coinage, but they merely took that radical ground for the purpose of urging the conservatives as far in their direction as possible.

Free Coinage Men in Earnest.

This is not true, however, never were men more in earnest than the free coinage men in their purpose, no matter what their private individual interests may be. Free silver has a melodious sound, something like free money to Western people of all conditions, especially the Alliance element, and to a Senator like Plumb, the voice of the Alliance is the voice of the political Joss. Other Western Senators demand free coinage because silver mines mean meat and drink and rich toggery, and fast horses, and other good things for them.

As for Senator Cameron, no one knows why he is for free coinage, and if he knows why himself, he will not tell. But whatever their reasons, they are all in dead earnest and with them are the Democrats, almost unanimously Southern, and knowing the rank and file of their constituencies wants free money more than anything else in the world.

They May Go Too Far, However.

In their earnestness, however, the Republican free coinage Senators are not blind to the fact that the President, Secretary Windom, Senator Sherman and others, are devising a cunning measure, which if rejected for a free coinage bill, will afford the Chief Executive ample excuse for vetoing the ultra silver legislation on the ground that the administration plan would afford all the relief needed without the danger of a glut, and a reaction that would plunge the country into reckless speculation as might result from unlimited coinage, and it is just possible that they may in the end acquiesce and take what they can surely get, instead of insisting on what would be vetoed, in which case they might secure far less than is now offered.

At any rate, judging from the talk to-day, the administration bill will probably be accepted all around as the caucus to-morrow evening, the election bill may be laid aside and a financial measure be placed formally before the Senate. In due time, if this course be taken, the ultra silver men will doubtless propose free coinage as an amendment to the bill under discussion, and urge none of the various free coinage bills now in the pigeon holes of the room of the Committee on Finance.

There appears to be no doubt in the minds of any of the Senators that the caucus which is expected to meet to-morrow evening will reach a conclusion on the financial measure and that a bill will be introduced before the holiday recess that Congressmen in both wings of the Capitol may digest it with their Christmas plum pudding and New Year mince pies.

LIGHTNER.

BARRUNDIA'S MURDER.

LIEUT. COMMANDER REITER HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY TRACY

In Reference to His Actions at San Jose While in Command of the Ranger at the Time the Attempted Surrender of Barrundia.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Lieutenant Commander G. C. Reiter, who was in command of the Ranger in the harbor of San Jose, Gautemala, at the time of the killing of General Barrundia on board the Pacific Mail steamer Acapulco last August, arrived here yesterday from his home in Pittsburg and has had a long talk with the Secretary of the Navy.

Lieutenant Commander Reiter was the senior officer of the navy in the port at the time, and was thus practically in command of both the Ranger and the Thetis. Orders were sent out to the Pacific station detaching him from his command soon after the occurrence, and it was understood at the time that his version of the story was wanted by Secretary Blaine, but it is since understood that the Navy Department was not entirely satisfied with his action, or rather inaction.

That department believed he might have taken a different course. He was not ordered to Washington to make any statement until he had been at home for three weeks, and had asked to be permitted to make a statement. Just what took place at the interview in Secretary Tracy's office, is only known to the Secretary and Lieutenant Commander Reiter, neither one of whom will make any statement for publication, but it is the general understanding among naval officers at the department that the Secretary believes the Lieutenant Commander ought to have found some way in which to interfere.

The official correspondence in the case transmitted to Congress by the Secretary of State, Mr. Blaine, does not criticise the action of the naval officers in the least, but the Secretary makes it very clear that if Minister Miner had accepted Lieutenant Commander Reiter's suggestion and sent General Barrundia to sea in the Thetis, the General's life would have been saved. It seems that the naval officers are now blamed for not taking that course, regardless of the Minister's action.

If this is the position taken by the department, it is not in strict accord with the theory that naval officers in foreign ports are subordinate to the Ministers of the United States abroad. Just how the matter stands, however, it is impossible to say, as it is being surrounded by the same mystery and secrecy that have characterized all the proceedings in the Barrundia case.

WILL PRESENT GRIEVANCES.

The Switchmen to Meet Officials of Railroads at 10 O'Clock To-Day.

The switchmen held a large secret mass meeting last night in Knights of Labor Hall, the session lasting until early this morning. At 2 o'clock a press committee, composed of Henry Lanon, Peter Weinman and F. T. Hawley met a DISPATCH reporter and said that a list of grievances would be presented simultaneously this morning at 10 o'clock to the officials of each road centering in Pittsburg.

The list of grievances will include a demand for an increase in wages for switchmen, conductors and trainmen.

Killed by Coal Gas.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Seneca Fall, aged 65 years, and her grandchild, Olive Torrence, aged 11 years, were found dead in bed this morning at their home. It supposed that they were suffocated by coal gas.

THE WEATHER.

FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND WEST VIRGINIA: SNOW, WINDS SHIFTING TO NORTHWESTERLY, COLDER.

FOR OHIO: RAIN OR SNOW, EXCEPT IN WESTERN TENNESSEE, FAIR; NORTHWESTERLY WINDS, COLDER.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 16, 1890.

The United States Signal Service officer in this city furnishes the following:

Time.	Ther.		Ther.
8:00 A. M.	35	8:00 P. M.	33
10:00 A. M.	37	Maximum temp.	38
11.00 A. M.	38	Minimum temp.	29
12:00 M.	34	Range	9
2:00 P. M.	36	Mean temp.	33.5
5:00 P. M.	35	Snowfall	.04

SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN.

Snow in a Triangle From the Ohio Valley to Lake Superior.

[PREPARED FOR THE DISPATCH.]

The storm in the Northwest moved to the lake region yesterday. It formed a triangle, extending from the Ohio Valley to Lake Superior, in which heavy snow was falling. A considerable storm was developing in the extreme Northwest and moving southeastward. The high pressure area in the Lake region had moved to the New England States, and a second high pressure area was central in the southwest. An unbroken rise of 10° occurred over the territory extending from Texas to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, except in the lake region and the middle Atlantic States, where it was colder. It was 10° colder in the extreme Northwest.

River Telegrams.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

MORGANTOWN—River 4 feet 6 inches and stationary. Weather snowy. Thermometer 36° at 4 P. M.

BROWNSVILLE—River 4 feet 10 inches and stationary. Weather snowy. Thermometer 38° at 6 P. M.

WARREN—River frozen. Weather cold, with light snow.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—River 3 feet 3 inches and falling. Cloudy and snowing.

MEMPHIS—River fallen 1 inch. Clear.

CINCINNATI—River 14 feet 6 inches and falling. Raining and cool.

VICKSBURG—River falling. Clear, cold and high wind from the Northwest.

LOUISVILLE—River falling; 7.8 canal; 5.4 on falls; 13 feet foot of locks. Business good. Weather cloudy and raining, with promise of cooler weather and snow.

ST. LOUIS—River down 2 feet 1 inch. Snow and rain.

IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE LAW.

WILLIAM HICKEY was arrested last night on a charge of purloining a pair of shoes from a Wylie avenue store.

JOHN HAWLEY appeared before Magistrate Gripp yesterday. He tried to pose as a Chesterfield, but Detective Shore said he was a barrel-house loafer and he got 30 days.

BUSINESS was dull with Mayor Wyman, of Allegheny, yesterday. He sent two women to the workhouse for disorderly conduct, and fined Charles Hiskel $15 and costs for fighting.

JACK O'BRIEN and Maggie Whittiker were sent to the Twenty-eighth ward station last night. The woman charged the man with having stolen her satchel on the Tenth street bridge.

HENRY BISHOP was a cab driver, but he now holds a position in jail awaiting trial at court on a charge of assault and battery. His commitment was made out by Alderman Gripp yesterday.

JOHN STEILTSER will have a hearing Monday, charged by William T. Jenkins with having struck the latter's 12-year-old son with a bar of iron while working as helper in Bryce's Glasshouse.

THOMAS O. QUINCY will have a hearing Friday evening on a charge of assault and battery, and maliciously breaking articles of chinaware in a house at which he was making a call and was ordered to leave.

WALTER STEVENS, of Pine township, is in jail, and will on Saturday afternoon have a hearing on the charge of obtaining a horse worth $125. He gave an order for that amount on a man he alleged owed him.

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Sworn and subscribed to November 6, A. D. 1890. [Signed.] MARSHALL H. RENO, [Seal.] Notary Public.

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