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Seems to feel happy over ex-Speaker Grow's success.

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Democrats

As well as Republicans speak and write well of Grow.

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## THE DEMOCRACY NEXT WEEK COULDN'T DO BETTER THAN TO MAKE IT UNANIMOUS.

### INCOME TAXES NOT REALIZED

The Bill Will Be Killed in the Senate If It Ever Reaches It.

### AND IT MAY NOT PASS THE HOUSE

It Will Not If the Republicans Vote to Strike It Out—Reed Has a Different Policy—if the Republicans Stand Together the Whole Bill May Be Recommitted in the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The income tax is almost certain to be knocked out of the Wilson bill by the senate if it is retained by the house. If the Republicans will vote with the eastern Democrats in the house the chances are that the proposition will never get as far as the senate.

The Democrats who want to make a fight against the ways and means committee on this proposition have been making an estimate of their strength, and have come to the conclusion that the committee can be defeated in the house if the Republicans will cast a practically solid vote against the income tax. It is proposed to hold meetings of the eastern delegations and make a thorough canvass of the matter.

THE MATTER FIGURED OUT.

One of the most influential of the southern men in the house said today that, as he figured, the Republicans would be almost solidly opposed to the income tax, the Democrats of the east would oppose it almost to a man, and that there would be a serious division among Democrats of the south and west on the question. If the opposition can be brought to act together the committee will be defeated.

It is understood that Mr. Reed does not want the Republicans to act with the Democratic kickers. If his policy is acted on and the income tax is not stricken from the bill it is probable that many of the Democrats who oppose this tax, together with the sugar men, will vote with the Republicans to recommit the bill to the committee.

Chicago Menied Men Do Not Relish the Income Tax.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The income tax clause of the Wilson bill, as adopted by the sub-committee in congress, is causing much discussion among the prominent business men and capitalists of Chicago. It is the principal topic of conversation at the clubs, and every possible shade of opinion is represented. A number of those who expressed opinions thought that men whose incomes exceeded \$8,000 or \$10,000 should be taxed, but did not favor the limit of \$4,000. Not more than one man in every twenty expresses himself as pleased with the conditions of the clause, and a large majority disapprove any income whatsoever.

### AFTER PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS CLOSED.

Free Text Books Cannot Be Supplied to Subscription Schools.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 4.—Various inquiries have been received at the department of public instruction relative to the question of "subscription" schools, and the use in them of the free text books provided for the public school children.

The law requires the school term in each district to be at least six months. Some parents wish the term lengthened, and after the close of the public school term, form a subscription or select school, to which only those can send who are able to pay. They then ask to use the free text books provided for the public school term.

The superintendent of public instruction, however, decides that free books can be used only for free schools, and as the entire district is taxed to pay for the books they can be used only in schools open to all children. The remedy he suggests lies in the lengthening of the public school term and the consequent abolition of "subscription" schools.

NOT TRYING TO MEDIATE.

Our Minister Is Not Seeking to Pacify the Brazilians.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—State department officials when asked in regard to an alleged dispatch from Montevideo, asserting that negotiations were in progress between President Pelotzo and Mr. Thompson, United States minister to Brazil, for a settlement of the Brazilian trouble by the intervention of the American fleet, said there was not a particle of truth in it.

No such negotiations were going on or had ever been contemplated.

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which J. B. Simonds bought with the cottage furniture from Revell's establishment and had removed to the Clark street flat. The strap which appears on the scene today after being in hiding, as alleged for four and a half years, corresponds exactly with the salesman's description of the genuine article.

To give color to the story, a stain of reddish brown hue, which is suspected of being Dr. Cronin's blood, is noticeable at one end of the strap. In strapping the piece of leather over the trunk containing the bleeding corpse of Cronin, it would be only likely for the red handed assassins to stain the strap little.

FORTUNE AT LAST TO THE ORPHAN.

Disinherited by the Uncle Who Adopted Her, She Gets \$100,000.

WILLIAMSPORT, Jan. 4.—In 1878 Samuel Sankey, of California, came to Lycoming county. While there he was attracted to his little niece, Carrie Sankey and he proposed to adopt her. Sankey was worth over \$100,000, but relatives opposed the plan, so Sankey kidnapped the girl and took her to Illinois, and afterward to California.

After the death of his wife in 1886 he began to abuse his adopted daughter. July 26, 1886, Judge Coffey gave the child into the possession of the society to protect children from cruelty and the next day Sankey disowned Carrie. Sankey finally died and since then John Sankey and his brother's adopted daughter have waged a legal battle for possession of Sankey's money. Now the court of last resort in Illinois decided in her favor and she will get over \$100,000.

MATTERS ARE UNCHANGED IN RIO.

Government Troops Are Advancing on Bage in Rio Grande do Sul to Raise the Siege.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 4.—There is no important change in the situation here. Rumors have reached this city that the town of Bage, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, which has been besieged by the insurgents for about a month, had finally capitulated, but these rumors are not confirmed by official dispatches received here.

Orders have been issued by the minister of war for a force to proceed once to the relief of the town. Acting under these orders, General Hysolito, commanding a column of 2,000 men, left Livramento for Bage. At about the same time General Sampanio with 3,000 men left Cirra Chato, his destination also being Bage. This force, it is thought, will be more than strong enough to raise the siege.

Bage is an important place and the government disposes a strong force there in order to guard against any possibility of its falling into the hands of the insurgents.

THE TRAGEDY RUINED HIM.

Fatal Dolors of a Burglar Injure Jewish Schmitt's Business.

HOMESTEAD, Jan. 4.—Judgments amounting to \$20,000 have been confessed by J. F. Schmitt, of this place, and an assignment has been made to the cashier of the First National bank. Schmitt's property is worth \$20,000.

Since the sensational robbery of his jewelry store and tragic developments connected with the arrest, trial and escape and suicide of the robber, Fitzsimmons, he has done little business.

BOND ISSUE IS FAVERED.

Preliminary Steps Taken to Organize a New Jockey Club.

Gotham's Chamber of Commerce Unanimous for Carlisle's Plan.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—At the meeting of the chamber of commerce today a resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing the suggestion of the secretary of the treasury that authority be given by congress to issue \$200,000 of short time bonds in such small amounts as will permit all classes to invest their savings in a government security.

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### STATE DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE

Most Elaborate Affair in Menu and Decorations, the Latter Lavish.

VERITABLY A TROPICAL BOWER

Blue Room, Red Room, Green Room and Dining Room Adorned with Oleanders, Smilax, Plants and Flowers of Every Description, Which Are Admired by a Host of Prominent Guests Who Were Entertained by President and Mrs. Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The first state dinner of the official social season was given tonight at the executive mansion. It was an elaborate affair both in menu and decorations, the lavishing of the latter being unprecedented on similar occasions. The tasteful arrangements of the state dining room, where the table was laid, was a subject for remark by the guests. Pointed plants and cut flowers, the usual white house decorations, were used, but the profusion made the room a veritably tropical bower.

Never before, perhaps in its history, was the spacious east room so luxuriously adorned in floral appointments. Great palms were bunked together from end to end of the apartment, oleanders ten feet high filled nooks and corners, while smilax wreathings graced the windows from the chandeliers. The fire places, mantels and windows were masses of growing plants and no available space was left untiled. The blue room, the red room and green room, as well as the main corridor, were also elaborately ornamented with similar decorations.

DINING AND MUSIC.

The guest went to the dining room at 7:30 to the music of the United States Marine band, stationed in the public lobby. The president and Mrs. Stevenson led the way followed by the vice president and Mrs. Cleveland and the members of the cabinet with ladies of the cabinet circle, led by Secretary Gresham and Mrs. Hale. Covers were laid for forty-eight persons, namely: The president and Mrs. Cleveland, the vice President and Mrs. Stevenson, Secretary and Mrs. Gresham, Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle, Secretary and Mrs. Lamont, Secretary and Miss Herbert, Attorney General and Mrs. Olney, Secretary and Mrs. Smith, Post Master General and Mrs. Bassell, Secretary and Mrs. Schofield, Admiral Gherardi, Senator and Mrs. Patterson, of Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Russell, Senator and Mrs. Jones, of Arkansas; Mr. Henry T. Thurber, Senator and Miss Voorhees, Representative and Mrs. W. L. Wilson, Senator and Mrs. Mills, Speaker and Mrs. Crisp, Senator Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Goodyear, of Buffalo, N. Y.; James Stillman and Miss Stillman, New York city; Miss Thomas, C. C. Baldwin and Miss Baldwin, of New York.

TO ELEVATE HORSE RACING.

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Expressions of Democrats Who Will Confer as to How the Bill May Be Defeated.

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ONE REPRESENTATIVE, WHO FRANKLY ANNOUNCES HIS PURPOSE OF VOTING AGAINST THE BILL, IS NOT MATERIALLY AMENDED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The most difficult matter the department has to cope with is the report of the Boutelle resolution.

At a meeting at the Hoffman House this evening, in which a large number of leading lights of the American turf participated, the preliminary steps were taken by the drawing up of a rough plan and the appointment of a committee whose duty is the organization of such a club.

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A log jumped from a slide on Pine Creek, above Waterville, instantly killing George Moore, a native of New Hampshire.