

SCORING THE POPULISTS

Senator Morrill's Sarcastic Review of Peffer's Erratic Measures.

ARGUMENT FROM SCRIPTURE

The Senator from Vermont Believes that Populism May Yet Hang Like Absalom While the Mule Skips Away

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 11.—There were just nineteen senators present today when President (pro tem) Harris called the senate to order.

The venerable senator from Vermont, Mr. Morrill, then entertained the senate with one of his witty speeches.

Senator Peffer, who is responsible for most of these bills, moved down and took the seat adjoining Mr. Morrill, so as to hear every word.

Mr. Morrill began his speech by reporting adversely from the committee on finance nine bills introduced chiefly by Mr. Peffer and referred to three others now lying on the table.

DESTRUCTIVE THIRD PARTY.

He concluded as follows: "The chief potency of third parties is destructive of the rule of the majority, and however eccentric the measures of a third party may be they are apt to be tolerated by some greater party, though in the minority, in order to conquer the majority."

DR. TOWNSEND'S CASE.

He is Not Responsible for Colonel Boshybell's Retainers.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 11.—The director of the mint states that he has no knowledge of any shortage in the accounts of the Philadelphia mint since Dr. Townsend entered on duty as superintendent.

IN FEAR OF MASSACRE.

Foreign Residents of Peking in Deadly Peril from Natives. London, Dec. 11.—The Globe this afternoon, in connection with the dispatch from Peking announcing that the anti-foreign feeling is increasing there, has a letter from a British resident in China which brings him in touch with the Mandarins and the masses.

MISS SCHILLING'S LOVER.

St. Louis Sensational Shooting Case Called for Trial.

By the United Press. St. Louis, Dec. 11.—The sensational case, in which Dr. Edward St. George Courtney is charged with having assaulted and attempted to kill Miss Minnie Schilling, daughter of the late Brewer Schilling, will be taken up in the criminal court today.

THE ARMENIAN OUTRAGES

President Cleveland's Letter to the Senate on the Subject.

NOT IMPRESSED BY PAPERS

Evidently Swallows Turkey's Assertion That the Tales of the Massacre Were Exaggerated—Mr. Jewett, However, Has Been Ordered to Investigate.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 11.—Accompanying the letter to the senate today of Secretary Gresham in relation to the Armenian atrocities was a communication from the president in reply to the senate asking for what information he may have resolved upon citizens who have declared their intention to become naturalized in this country, or upon any person who had a right to claim or have claimed for any reason the protection of the United States government.

TOLD THE TRUTH ONCE.

Holmes, the Insurance Fraud, Is Corroborated in One of His Many Wild and Weird Narratives.

By the United Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—The mystery which shrouded the appearance of J. W. Spencer, president of the Mechanics National bank, of Fort Worth, Tex., in this city yesterday in the Holmes-Mitzel insurance conspiracy case, was explained today when that gentleman paid a visit to Superintendent of Police Linden.

PROPOSED SHIP CANAL.

A Scheme to Connect the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 11.—The war department board, which has been considering the most feasible report for the Chesapeake and Delaware ship canal, has reported in favor of the back creek route, which is substantially located upon the line of the existing canal, connecting Chesapeake and Delaware bays.

MORE TROUBLE AHEAD.

Coal Miners of Pittsburg District Prepare to Fight an Expected Reduction.

By the United Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—The coal miners in the Pittsburg district look upon the dissolving of the inter-state agreement as a declaration of war by the operators and they have accepted the gage.

TILLMAN A SENATOR.

The Ex-Governor of South Carolina Elected to the Upper House.

By the United Press. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 11.—B. R. Tillman was elected United States senator today at noon, receiving 131 out of 155 votes cast. M. C. Butler received 21 votes, three negro members of the house voted—two for George Murray and one for W. D. Crum.

STATE GLEANINGS.

Wilkes-Barre hunters shot two bears in Sullivan county, the largest weighing 250 pounds.

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BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY.

Three Men Hold Up a Rock Island Passenger and Express.

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The Old Armory of Company F Is Burned to the Ground.

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KENTUCKY COURT EPISODE.

Judge Hall Is Shot at and Chased Off the Bench by Mountain Desperados on Trial.

SUICIDE WITH DYNAMITE.

Michael Davis Re himself Tired of Life and Scatters Himself Over a Ton Acre Lot.

By the United Press. Birmingham, N. Y., Dec. 11.—A special to the Binghamton Republican from Walton says: Michael Davis, son of Joseph Davis, living in Marston Hollow, near the town of Greely, committed suicide with dynamite about 9 o'clock Sunday evening and literally blew his body into a thousand fragments.

BIG FIRE IN FUFFALO.

One of the Largest Wall Paper Factories in the World Burned.

By the United Press. Buffalo, Dec. 11.—Birge's wall paper factory, at Niagara and Maryland streets, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning before daybreak. The loss is estimated at \$250,000, and the insurance is said to nearly cover the damage.

NATHAN GREELY DEAD.

Last Surviving Brother of the Great Journalist Passes Away.

By the United Press. Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Nathan Barnes Greely, the last surviving brother of the New York Tribune, died at the old Greely homestead in the town of Wayne, Erie county, Pa., just across the state line from Clymer, this county, Monday, aged 82 years.

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