

#### Good-By, '95! Welcome, '96!

THE Republicans do not exactly love Cleveland for the enemies he has made, but they do like him for the friends he has lost in his own party.

THE Britishers who dropped their American stocks last week sold at a loss and Americans bought them at a gain. For the time being, of course, the country was hurt, but the damage was not as bad as it seemed to be.

THE United States had but a small Sea was simply phenomenal. The history of the American victories on the ocean during that war reads like a ro-

SECRETARY CARLISLE is officially on record that the Wilson-Gorman tariff would produce not only sufficient to

wait until next year."

RECENT statistics show that the increase of divorces exceeds in percentage the increase of population in nearly all of the states. The causes are such as Indicate a growing disposition to regard marriage as a mere contract instead of ion should be unfavorable to British also provides that all bonds shall be first n sacred union. Can it be that the new woman with her advanced ideas of lib- to expect that nation to consent to a seterty and her improved chances of selfsupport is making this change?

IT DOES seem pretty tough, after Mr. Cleveland has started a financial crisis and called upon a Republican Congress to help him out of the scrape, to now have his Secretary of the Treasury and himself oppose the measures adopted nothing whatever to gain from a war unfor relief, and his followers charge that the Republicans are merely devising a can nation. There is not the slightest depresidential scheme. It now looks as if the "crisis" created by the President was merely a scheme of his own to forward his partisan views on the presidency. If Mr. Cleveland determined in advance to have his own way, why did he make his piteous appeal for speedy help from a Republican congress? Who created the crisis, any

RECAUSE the House on Friday last passed an emergency bill for the teming our revenue through the means of heavy withdrawals of gold for export, the a slight duty on wool, lumber, and Czar of Russia, through his Minister other articles placed on the free list by the Wilson-Gorman bill, and a general increase of fifteen per cent, on the present tariff duties, some of our Demoeratic friends have been thrown into "conniption fits," and the old-time cry of "dear clothing and shoddy blankets for the poor" is again doing duty in the free trade journals. These patriots would rather see the treasury bankrupt and our national debt increased by continuous issues of millions of bonds than have the present tariff, which the Pres ident refused to sign, and denounced as an "iniquity," amended.

THE decision of Congress to remain in session during the holidays was both an emergency as the President fancied or professed to fear. Nevertheless, an adjournment, in the face of the President's hysterical message, might have been taken ami-s. The fact that it remained in session and at once address ed itself to the business in hand has strengthened it in public estimation. It is true it did not commit itself to the President's financial theories, but the House, where all financial measures passed a couple of bills which, if adopt- ter days of the republic. Elevated into a ed by the Senate and approved by the President, will at once provide for the and crystalized into a policy by the expresent emergencies of the treasury As in these bills there is no provision made for the retirement of our greenback currency, they will not meet the desire of the President, and if they reach him, will probably be vetoed; but, neverthe- pot may be a good Governor; but a desless, the House has done its duty, and he must shoulder the responsibility.

MR. CLEVELAND hysterically called upon Congress to forego its customary had perfected measures to provide the Mr. Cleveland might take to himself a necessary revenue by a slight increase more significant warning. Aaron Burr of duty on a portion of our imports. Then Mr. Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle step to the front with the assertion that our sources of revenue are sufficient; and this in the face of their official statements that we are rapidly running into debt, and the President's pit- killed his party, not his man, and that eous appeal not to adjourn until the his expeditions have stopped short of house, in which his little daughter, Belinpending financial crisis was provided Cuba at Cobb's island, and have, therefor. Evidently the President thought fore, nothing dangerous to answer for. that, because his Venezuelan message was unanimously sustained, he had Congress so well in hand that it would follow his lead in other matters, and assent to his pet project to wipe out our entire greenback circulation. Finding it was proposed to raise the additional that no further revenue is needed. At the same time it is announced that preparations are being made for another issue of bonds, amounting to not less impracticable?

#### Mortality in High Places.

From the Philadelphia Times. The death of Allen G. Thurman recalls the fact that two of the three candidates for Vice President with President Cleveland on the national ticket are dead. Mr. Hendricks, who was elected Vice Presi-

dent with Cleveland in 1884, died in the early part of his term, and Mr. Thurman succeeded him on the Democratic national ticket for Vice President with Cleveland in 1888, It is also a remarkable fact that there and but one living ex-Vice President. lican Representative from this city, is The living ex-President is Benjamin Harrison, who is yet in full mental and

President, aithough he has already passed the patriarchal age. Another fact worthy of notice is that

single living ex-Vice President is Gov-

ernor Morton, who is also a candidate for

The Somerset Herald. | ing excepting Harrison and Reid. | Blaine and Logan were defeated in 884, Hancock and English were defeated It Goes Through the House by a Party in 1889, Tilden and Hendricks were defeated in 1876, and Greeley and Brown were defeated in 1872, all of whom have

gone to join the great majority. There are now but two widows Presidents among the living. They are whom receives an annuity of \$5,000 from the Government. A few years ago there were five widows on the honorary pension roll of that class-Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Polk, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. law of the nation to pay the widows of Presidents an annuity of \$5,000. At no time in the history of this Re-

public have there been so few ex-Presiients, ex-Vice Presidents, widows of in other schedules. Presidents and defeated candidates for President and Vice President surviving as there are to-day.

## Some Sober Sentiments.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The dispute between British Guiana navy in 1812, but the havoc it created Great Britain seeks to occupy country alamong the ships of the Mistress of the ready belonging to British Guiana, the 1890), and woolen goods are given a specidefray the expenses of the government the first question to be determined is that of the tariff of 1800 are transferred to the this year, but also leave a handsome of governmental jurisdiction over the dutiable list with 60 per cent, of the duty and his party friends now pooh-pooh to appoint will be charged with that duty sugar, which is not touched) have all the that as a mere trifle and say "Only and nothing more. Its decision is inernment of the United States, and can-

either Great Britain or Venezuela. standing alone, will hardly be refused to Venezuela supported by the United

It should be observed, moreover, among the circumstances militating against the possibility of war, that the American people are peaceful and have dertaken on behalf of any other Amerisire in this country for territorial aggrandizement. Notwithstanding the proximity of the great Dominion of Canada, there is not one American out of a thousand who cares anything about the annexation of that country.

#### Russia's Generous Offer.

The facts in regard to Russia's offer in gold, with which to meet the emergency then existing are gradually coming to light. It can now be stated, on unquestionable authority, that during the panic porary relief of the treasury by increas- of three years ago, which resulted it here--Prince Cantacuzeno--formally tendered to this Government a loan of \$60,-000,000 for the term of three years.

No specific rate of interest was named nor were any details as to terms or to repayment entered into. The proposition not passing to this stage, it was simply a generous offer of a nation on particularly friendly terms with ours, and was not coupled with any hard conditions such as might have been reasonably expected from a Power on a less friendly eling with the United States.

Mr. Cleveland, after deliberation, very ourteously declined the offer. It has mother bond issue, however, it possibly wise and patriotic. There was no such thought to the advisibility of proposing Morton gives his decision on this sub-

#### No. No. No Third Term.

Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.

The opposition to a third term for any can in the Presidency, which amounts to an organized understanding among the statutes which forbid the employthe people of the United States, has come ment in the army or navy of the United must originate, at once framed and has down to us like an oracle from the bet- States of any person, who having held a Hurd realized that her guest was only principle by the precept of Washington | the confederate army. There was no of . | membered is, if he is alive, 30. So the ample of Jackson, it stands as distinctly the bill itself, but only to passing it witha part of our democratic system as if out its going through the regular form of it were embodied by the written law. All good government, and especially all free government, rests at last upon the was made by Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, but wisdom and virtue of the people. A des- was subsequently withdrawn and the bill potism is never good government. There is not a congressional district cacy, expressing the hope that as the senn the United States ignorant enough ate had the other day without distinction

session, and in three days the House heroic tragedy of his closing days. But senator. was once a popular favorite. Yet he fell from grace, and his name became a byword among men, because he killed Hamilton and went on a filibustering Conn. expedition. Grover Cleveland should beware of the fate of Aaron Burr. It is true, that the President has only But Burr was a more brilliant New Yorker than Cleveland, and as to the details, history does not always repeat

The third-term menace is not a specter: but even if it were, it would still affront freedom and assail free instituthat he was mistaken in this, and that tions. Santa Claus is a specter. But who would be willing to surrender the ing a hearing. needed revenue from an increase of tar- good, gray saint, though his air-castle iff duties, he faces about and declares should be beleaguered by all the allied armies of reason and common sense Beshrew the assassin who would strike down a single ray of light and warmth extent of damage is becoming known. that plays about the grizzled beard and The valleys of the Osage and Gaseonade laughing eyes of the one guest in all the Rivers suffered most, and it is not an exthan \$100,000,000. Is this statesman- earth and sky who is welcome every- aggeration to place the aggregate loss at ship, or is it pure, pig-headed cussed- where alike in palace, and in hovel, and \$5,000,000. ness? A determination to go on piling in prison cell! Beshrew the assassin Famine threatens in some localities. up our public debt rather than give up his free trade tariff theories, which the and warenth that plays about the noble ies is exhausted and not a train has arpresent law has proved to be utterly mien and royal porte of that sublime rived for ten days. Great destitution tradition, which rises, like the monument at Washington, and, towering and a relief fund has been started there. above all else, stands at once an image of renunciation and an inspiration to

patriotism. Even Mr. Cleveland, for all the incense the self-elect are burning under his nose, might see the truth of this.

#### Kentucky Senstorial Fight.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.-Democrats have been much worried over the illness of Senator J. W. Ogilvie, of McCracken, who will probably not be able to attend the joint session to elect a United States is to-day but one living ex-President, Senator, New W. H. Slightz, a Repubconfined to his bed with muscular rhea matism. The Legislature will continue physical vigor, and a candidate for the to be a tie on joint ballot until the Re-Republican nomination in 1896, and the publican House unseats Kanfman, Democrat, of Lexington, which proceeding will enable them to elect a Senator.

Hagerstown and Lancaster Almanaes. there is not a single defeated candidate | German and English, Wholesale and Re- | sale at 25 and 30 cents per bottle by Ben- | feared the terrible combat will result for President or Vice President now liv- tail at Fisher's Book Store.

#### A NEW REVENUE BILL

Vote of 205 to 81.

The Ways and Means committee agree apon two bills relating to the revenues and finances, and both measures were reported to the House Thursday and their consideration at once entered upon. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Garfield, each of The Democratic members of the committee resisted both bifls, with the single exception of Mr. Tarsney, who voted with the Republicans on the adoption of the bond bill. It is estimated that the revenue bill will yield additional revenue Garfield. It has become the unwritten to the amount of \$40,000,000 per annum, of which amount \$12,000,000 will come from the duty on wool, \$14,000,000 from the compensatory duties on manufactures of wool and \$14,000,000 from the increa

The revenue bill is not intended to be a tariff revision, but simply an exigency bill to raise about \$40,000,000 of revenue to meet the deficiency. The bill is limited to two and a half years, the expectation being that by that time the Republicans will be in full power and able to revise the tariff on their own lines. Wools are and Venezuela may or may not involve a taken from the free list, and clothing violation of the Monroe doctrine. If wools given a duty of 6 4-10 cents (60 per United States would have no ground for fic compensatory duty, 60 per cent. of complaint. If, on the other hand, the what they had under the act of 1890, in territory in dispute is really and of right addition to the ad valorem duty of the a part of Venezuela, then the United present law. Carpet wools are placed States must either resist the effort of where they were under the act of 1890, and Great Britain to take possession of it or the same specific duty given to carpets as abandon the Monroe doctrine, and here- under the act of 1880, in addition to the ad after allow extensions of European do- valorem duties of the present law. The minion in America. It is manifest that articles of lumber placed on the free list territory in dispute. The commission that they had under the act of 1890. Then which the President has been authorized all the other dutiable schedules (except

The bond bill gives the secretary of the treasury authority to issue a 3 per cent. not, of course, be made binding upon five-year coin bond to maintain the redemption fund, in addition to the author-In the ordinary course of events both | ity he now possesses, but provides that f these governments will avoid any col- the proceeds of all bonds sold under this lision pending the investigation of this act and under the redemption act shall be commission, and if, at the end, the decis- used only for redemption purposes. It claims, then there will be every reason offered to the people of this country. The bill also authorizes certificates of indebt-That which was refused to Venezuela, payable within three years, to be issued, to meet any temporary deficiency of

revenue. The only object of the bond bill s to reduce the rate of interest and the time to run, as the bonds which the secretary is not authorized to issue bear four or five per cent, interest. The bill practically separates the redemption fund from the cash in the treasury, and is intended o put a stop to the practical use of proceeds of bonds to meet the deficiency in the treasury.

REVENUE BILL PASSED. The Revenue bill was passed Thursday by the House, according to the Republican programme, the vote standing 205 in the affirmative to 81 in the negative. With the exception of four Populists the affirmative vote was made up entirely of Republicans. The Populists voting with the Republicans were Howard of Ala-Skinner of North Carolina, The negative die Francaise. vote was entirely Democratic.

#### Morton is in The Field.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Governor Morton friends in New York State may regard who is heir to \$500,000. He was comhim as a full-fledged candidate for the mitted under the name of Frank-Smith, Republican Presidential nomination. but it is thought he might be Henry Governor Morton's personal friends said | Walsh. to-day they believe he would decide to

According to present indications Governor Morton will have the untiring support of Mr. Platt, General Benjamin F. Tracy, Edward Lanterbach and their make the Morton boom one to be remembered. If things turn out right General not since been re-offered. In view of Tracy will be requested to nominate Governor Morton for the New York may result in a loan being placed with delegation at St. Louis. That things will Russian capitalists, and it is probable turn out right there was very little ques- further than that he had shipped on that the President has given some tion to-day, "Just as soon as Governor erms with them, rather than with cap- ject," said one of his stalwart admirers italists of other European Nations, in to-day, "it will be informally announced case all of the bonds are not placed in the Then we'll get to work, and the fur will fly."

## Disability Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-There was a rather interesting discussion in the senate to-day on the bill introduced last week by Mr. Hill, of New York, to repeal position manifested to the provisions of investigation is now in progress. being referred to and considered by a committee. A motion for such reference was then passed. Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, was conspicuous in its advoand base enough to surrender its birth- of party come to the support of a Demoright of freedom to the alleged exigency cratic president when he announced naof a third term for any ambitious poli- tional principles in relation to Venezuela. holiday recess and save the country tician in the Presidency. Grant's fame so the senate would, without delay, withfrom bankruptcy. Congress hearken- was rehabilitated by the personal dis- out criticism, freely and generously, pass ed to his appeal, decided to remain in asters that overtook him and by the this bill by the affirmative vote of every

> "Burdock Blood Bitters entirely cared me of a terrible breaking out all over my body. It is a wonderful medicine." Miss Julia Elbrige, Box 35, West Cornwell,

### Daughter Perished in Fire.

SCHANTON, Pa., Dec. 26.-Edward Lynn is in jail charged with setting fire to his

da, perished while asleep. Just before the fire broke out Lyne parreled with his wife, and in his fury drove her and another daughter from the house. The daughter Belinda was asleep apstairs at the time. Soon after the building was found on fire and was almost destroyed before firemen subdued the flames. Lynn was at once arrested charged with arson and locked up pend-

#### Famine Follows Floods.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 27 .- As the water

prevails at Linn Creek, Camden county. that he may not recover.

#### Long Church War Ends.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Dec. 26.-The question of the disposition of the Evangelical approached the animal carelessly. The Church property in this part of the State | beast made a mighty spring and broke has been amicably arranged by the Dubs- loose from the trap, then jumped upon ites becaming purchasers of all the de- the limb of a tree above the old man's sirable charenes and parsonages. They will pay part cash for the same, giving upon his back. The hungry beast fastenbonds for the balance. This settlement | ed its teeth in his shoulders, its claws being satisfactory to the Esherites, the digging deep into his nack. The old case will not get into the Courts.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert | rolled on the ground. Rowls, of Hollands, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I which was somewhat weakened from its had la grippe which left me in a low long fast, to thrust out its tongue and state of health. I tried numerous reme- the old man grabbed it. One strong dies, none of which did me any good, jerk tore the tongue from the animal's until I was induced to try a bottle of head and in a few minutes the heast Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The bled to death, Smith was terribly bitfirst bottle of it so far relieved me that ten and scratched. He hurried to a I was enabled to attend to my work, and shingle cabin a mile distant, where h the second bottle effected a cure." For fell exhausted from loss of blood. It is

#### Lebaudy's Sad Death.

LONDON, Dec. 29.-The doing to death of Max Lebaudy by the French conscript system is one of the results of the reign of scandal in France. It is an amazing story. All the world had heard about this young man and his millions which he squandered so recklessly. He was a most eccentric spendthrift, and his eccentricity kept full pace with his love

of notoriety.

or three years ago, and spending some of it his generosity has been often princely and judicious. When the time came for him to serve the three years' military system which the French law exacts, the Socialists and Radicals, who had been scandalized by his extravagances, were delighted at his being constrained to shoulder a musket, and they kept strict watch over him. Every time he obtained leave of absence for a day there was an outery in every revolutionary, Socialist and Radical newspaper. His colonel was accused of showing him favon, and, when he first fell ill in the summer, the doctor who had given him a certificate of vacation to that effect was openly accused of having received a bribe of 20,000 francs. The attacks were so persistent that the military authorities recalled the unfortunate young gentleman, who had received an unlimited furlough,

Instead of recovering he soon showed signs of consumption. Any one else in his conditition would have been sent that he was unfit for service, the military authorities dared not release him. Mme. Severine, a woman journalist, was particularly bitter in her persecution of the young man through the press. Some of the opportunity to levy blackmail on the millionaire conscript, but he resisted their demands, and the attacks went on.

himself wrote to a friend: It is an absolute denial of justice that have to suffer on account of my milions. I am more ill treated than the lowest of peasants, and I envy their lot. The doctors have all admitted that I am sick. They have all declared that my emaining in the army means my death, and no one will give me a chance of life cause my name is Lebaudy, and because they do not wish to be attacked in certain papers.

Let them finish the business then. If am well let them send me to the barracks, and if I am sick let them release me from service. But they ought not to toss me any more from hospital to hospital. I am here as a dying man in the fortunate soldiers who have come back in them, and who are going to die before mp, perhaps. It seems to me that I live in the midst of phantoms, among spec- tection to labor which exists.

gascar fever until within a few days of Northern on the west slope of the Cashis death, where he contracted this fever | cade Range. The storm in Washington and died of it. It is said that he has left his entire fortune to his mistress, Mlle. between Madison and Wellington the ma, Newlands of Nevada, Shuford and Marsy, one of the actresses of the Come-slide of snow and earth made it impos

#### Ex-Convict Claims \$530,000.

ALLEGHENY CITY, Pa., Dec. 29,-The police authorities of this town are just will by January I make known his de- now trying to discover whether or not cision whether or not his Republican they had a prisoner in the penitentiary Mrs. Charles Hurd, of Newark, N. J.

brought the matter to the attention of Detective Daniel Murphy, of that city. Her story is as follows: John and Agnes Walsh the latter a when Mrs. Hurd came to this country,

sister of Mrs. Hurd, kept a tailor shop in friends in the State, and Chauncey M. Prince street, Liverpool, England, about Depew and Warner Miller will help thirty years ago. Twenty-four years ago, she said the Walshes had a son named Henry, who was about 5 years old. This body is completely paralyzed from the boy several years later ran away fron home and was never afterward heard o steamer bound for this country. John Walsh died about a year ag

worth more than half a million dollar and left his fortune to the missing boy. The heir was advertised for, and Frank Smith, the ex-convict, saw it. He was just completing a two years' term for a burglary in a physician's house in Alle gheny City. He called upon Mrs. Hurd several days ago and announce imself as the legal claimant. He appeared familiar with the Walsh surroundings in Liverpool, and told of his wanderings and his arrest. He took up his residence with the Hurds. Mrs. ommission therein, afterward served in about 23 years old, while the son she re-

#### Scenes of Distress.

Bosrox, Dec. 28.-A correspondent writing from Constantinople concerning the recent Turkish atrocities in Asia Minor, says that at Arabkir 2,000 Christians were killed and wounded, and tha out of some 2,000 houses of Christians fully three-quarters were burned. In the remaining houses are huddled thousands of Armenians verging on starvation. Thousands of Armenian Christians have been forced to accept Mohammedanism at the point of the sword, and Christian women without number have been carried off by the Kurds and Turks.

The apathy of Europe and America far as the governments are concerned is almost as surprising as the cruelty of the Turks. There is still talk of committing reforms to these murderous Turks. They will take care, unless Europe intervenes speedily, that there shall be left no Arme

#### nians to participate in reforms. Refused to Deny Christ.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 29.-The house of the Protestant pastor at Chumkush, near Diarkbekir, was set on fire by Kurds and the pastor was badly burned in seeking to escape. When he reached the outside of his burning home he was seized by the Kurds who told him that he must make his choice between accapting Islamism and being killed. He

At Sivas a pastor named Kuneidjan met a similar fate after refusing to abandon his faith. Eleven Protestant pastors in the Karput district, who were connected with the American Board recedes in the submerged districts the of Foreign Missions, gave up their lives rather than abandon Christ.

#### Combat With a Wildest.

RIDGWAY, Pa., Dec. 27 .- An aged trapper and hunter, George Smith, had a thrilling combat with a catamount in the killed the ferocious beast, but not until it had bitten and scratched him so badly Smith is nearly 8) years old. He set

a trap for a mink and returned three days afterward. He found a half fami thed catamount fast in the trap. Smith head. An instant later in sprang down hunter was unarmed. He seized the catamount by the throat and together they

Smith choked the big cat with all his might. This caused the catamount, fatally to the aged trapper.

#### QQ<del>QQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQ</del> Venezuela is endeavoring to form a

union of South American republies to resist the demands of the British. Mrs. Margaret King, of Greensburg, Ind., celebrated the one handred and ninth anniversary of her birth on Christ-

Congressman Sulloway, of New Hampshire, is one of the tallest men in the new Congress. He is six feet six inches He inherited a fortune of \$9,000,000 two

Governor Hastings continues to have chills and fever, and on the advice of his physician will go away from Harrisburg until he shall fully recover. A charter has been granted to the La-

trobe and Ligonier Electric Street Railway Company of Westmoreland county; ength, 12 miles; capital, \$72,000. Mrs. Hester Curtis, an aged woman, of Lafayette, Ind., who was murdered re-cently, had been the mother of 25 children, including seven pairs of twins.

Certain army officers who have apseared in recent interviews in the news papers on the possibilities of war have been rebuked by the secretary of war. Policeman Henssler, of New York, was handed a bundle by a citizen, with the remark: "Here's a Christmas gift for you." The man disappeared, and the

It has been decided that the President's proclamation admitting Utah to home, but, although 20 doctors declared the union of States shall be issued on Saturday, January 4, and the State officers will be installed on the following

the venal sheets of Paris did not neglect tude on the Venezuelan question, Gov-General-Orendorf. He was sent from one military hospital to another until it happened, as he

> lives a thousand years longer it will not 🖠 have another President like President Cleveland. Just think of it! Two panies in one administration and still a year to The only Northern States which now

have Democratic governors are Indiana, California, Nebraska and Bilnois; or rather they will be the only Northern | & States which will have Democratic governors after the first of January next. Successors to all four will be chosen in the election of 1896.

Uncle Sam has still for sale to intending settlers or speculators 979,083,495 acres of public lands. Of the aggregate, however, 370,000,000 acres are in Alaska, midst of the dying, to see all these un- and are not likely to attract settlers for other than mining purposes. The 609,from Majunga without any breath left | 083,495 acres within the boundary of the states and territories exclusive of Alaska constitute the greatest and only real pro-

St Paul, Minn., reports heavy snowstorms in the Northwest. The storm beward among the sufferers from Mada- gan Friday and blockaded the Great 2 to give all their money's was especially severe, and for ten miles sible for the overland trains to get

Taylor of being the cause of his domestic

Local physicians at Alton, Iowa, are nuch interested in the case of Menry Hackman, a farmer, who although his neck was broken in a runaway about 5 clock last Thursday afternoon is still living, and from present indications has a fighting chance for recovery. Hackman is a man of seventy years. Although his neck downward, he is conscious, able to talk and seems to suffer but little pain He is an unusually robust man, however and his physician hopes with proper care to prolong his life at least several months,

and perhaps to effect a complete recovery. Galena, Ill., furnished the gavel with which Speaker Reed opened the Fiftyfourth Congress. For many years Ga ena's most treasured possession has bee the bench at which U. S. Grant worked as a tunner. Lately this fell into th possession of a Grand Army Post, and when Reed's election to the Speakership eemed certain it occurred to some of the nembers that it would be a good thing to have the new Republican Congreopened with a gavel made from lece of Grant's bench. The gavel was made, and Mr. Reed accepted it gladly The first three taps that teld the legis lators their work had began were struck with the Galena gavel. The heavy work of the session was done with the gavel presented by the Hamilton Club, of Chi-

### 22 Met Death.

Baltimone, Md., Dec. 27.-Twenty-two persons, mostly women and children vere crushed to death, and thirty or mor injured, some fatally, during a panic which occurred at the Front Street Theatre to-night.

Just as the curtain was about to be rung up for a theatrical entertainment to-night at 8 o'clock the flaming of a gas et near the left side private boxes under he second gallery startled a woman b the large audience, which was composed entirely of Rebrews. She screamed "Fire!" and a fearful panic followed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.-The House to-day passed the bond bill by a vote of 170 to 136, and thus having discharged the task for which it has been sitting during the holiday recess effected an agreement by which the House should adjourn next week three days at a time in order to give members an opportunity to spend New Year's Day at

tion acts so as to permit the issue of 3-per cent, coin bonds, redeemable after five years at the pleasure of the Government and payable in fifteen years, with the specific provise that nothing in the bill shall be construed to repeal the act of 1878 for the reissue of greenbacks, and that the bonds shall first be offered for subscription at the sub-treasuries and depositories of the United States. The second section of the bill provides for the ssue of three-year 3-per-cent, debt cerificates of denominations of \$20 and multiples thereof, in amounts not exceeding \$50,000,000, to meet temporary deficiencies

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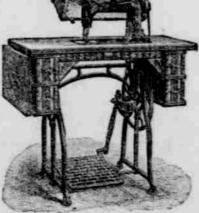
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