

Calendar for December 1900 showing days of the week and dates.

The present Congress is making a fine record for the intelligent and rapid dispatch of business.

The present indications are that the army canteen will give way to the half-pint flask and the bootlegger.

In a few weeks Mr. Towne will be qualified to write a magazine article entitled "A Senator by Accident."

One of the industries that has received a black eye under the influence of Republican prosperity is that of octopus chasing.

It is evidently the opinion of the country that the proposed increase of the army is not military, but simple common sense.

NEXT to Great Britain the United States is constructing the most merchant ships, and the English wonder if we are after those laurels also.

THE Suez Canal already stands second in business to an American ship canal and will take third place when the Nicaragua Canal is in full motion.

THE German paper that calls the wonderful growth of the United States a menace is all wrong. Uncle Sam is a man of peace and he is illustrating the fact in China.

OUR trade with new possessions and with Cuba has run up to \$30,000,000 a year, or three times what it was in 1897. It will be far in the hundreds of millions ten years hence.

"If England wins it will be at a price that will stagger humanity," said Kruger at the outset of the Transvaal war. And to-day it looks as though he spoke from a spirit of true prophecy.

MR. WANAMAKER's candor, in regard to politics, deserves commendation. When asked about the senatorial situation, he said: "I don't think, and I know less than I think." He spoke as the insurgent leader, impersonally and truthfully.

JUDGE TAFT confirms the view that the insurgents in the Philippines are now merely bandits and brigands. He calls the insurrection "a conspiracy of murder, threats and assassination by a small number of Filipinos in arms against their own people." The United States is performing a great work of benevolence in the islands.

THE surrender of 1200 bolshewik in the Philippines at one time, which has just been reported, would have been depressing news to the Bryanites if it had occurred during the recent canvass. The poor Democracy is in such a shattered condition now, however, that the surrender of Aguinaldo himself—while, indeed, may take place any day—would not injure that party.

SOME of the Bryanites are saying that Bryan is popular in his own state. This is not shown by the vote, however. If the plurality for McKinley in Bryan's home town and state mean that Bryan is popular there, he must be almost invincible in Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts. The fact is, Nebraska repudiated Bryan, and even the south will do this in 1904 if he is the candidate that year.

It is computed that the list of pensioners has passed the million mark, as on the first of July the official report showed 993,529 names on the list, starting with 11 widows and daughters of the revolutionary soldiers. New laws going into effect, with the additions from the Cuban and Philippine wars, added several thousands. And the end is not yet; for there are 436,164 pension claims pending, but most of these are for increases, there being only 155,990 claims for original pensions. Last year 43,824 pensioners were dropped from the list by reason of death in nearly all the cases.

Clearwater to Oust Hall.

The DuBois Courier of the 11th inst. says: "Last evening papers were served on Hon. J. K. P. Hall, at Ridgway, imitating proceedings in" contesting his seat in Congress. Col. A. A. Clearwater, of Wilcox, is, of course, the contestant. The papers in the proceedings were prepared by Hon. W. C. Arnold, of this place. Mr. Arnold has given careful attention to the preparation of the case, and it is assumed that has been done has been well done. Had the opportunity not arrived for serving the papers on Mr. Hall at home, service would have been secured at Washington. It is more than a month since the election, and expectations of a contest, in the public mind, had subsided. Nobody will say "I knew it was coming," for everybody had about arrived at the other conclusion, except those who were interested in preparing for the contest.

In this connection an interview with Col. Clearwater by Walter J. Christy, staff correspondent of the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette, is interesting, as showing the methods used to carry elections in Elk county: "I am prepared to substantiate all of the allegations I have made about Mr. Hall's method of conducting campaigns," said Col. Clearwater of Wilcox. "The Republicans all over the district have been writing letters demanding that I make a fight for the seat. It is the gen-

eral opinion that had the election been honestly conducted in Elk county the result would have been in my favor. We know of many illegal acts of the opposition. It is doubtful if there is a county in the state where the election laws are so lightly regarded.

"In the last election but one of the 50 saloonkeepers gave me any assistance and he had to be extremely careful that he was not discovered. A number of these men are Republicans, but they are not always at liberty to support their party. When we appear before the congressional committee evidence will be given of an extremely sensational character about the liquor influence. I am informed that each tavernkeeper is expected to contribute 20 votes.

"I am confident that we shall be able to win this contest. Any fair-minded committee will admit that the Republicans were victorious in their county. Even if I should not be given the seat, the airing the Democracy of Elk county will be subject to will do much toward purifying politics here. Were it not for fraud and intimidation, the Democrats could not control their county. There are districts where one's life is in danger if attempt is made to thwart the will of the machine."

The Insurgent Jig is Up.

One of the mendacious insurgent organs of Philadelphia says:

Colonel Quay knows better than any one can tell him that his failure to control the organization of either house of the legislature would make any further pretense of his candidacy entirely hopeless. He would no longer be able to devote the most devoted of his worshippers, or keep up the least show of possible success. He knows to-day that he has not the votes to control either house.

For five years the morning newspapers of Philadelphia, with the single exception of the Inquirer, which is not for sale at any price, have been hired to lie.

They have lied persistently and consistently and not once have they won a political victory. They are still in business at the old stand, held in the mighty grasp of a page advertisement. There is not one of them that dares speak the truth or print the facts for fear of losing their bread and butter.

The truth about the situation is just this: Mr. Snyder will be chosen president of the senate. He has the votes, and nothing but death can change the result, not even the vast amount of money that the insurgent agents are placing in the market for the purchase of strength.

Mr. Marshall will be elected speaker of the house, and there is not enough money among the bolters to purchase his defeat.

The organization of both the senate and the house is definitely settled, for the votes are pledged.

Senator Quay has in his pocket the written promises of a majority of the membership of the legislature, promises made and signed since the election, and within a few days.

The insurgents and bolters and members of the Flynn-Martin brigade of party wreckers can put this in their pipe and smoke it.

Members of the legislature will choose at Harrisburg whether they will remain Republicans or be classed with the Guffey Democrats in future.

Cream of the News.

- Tears are one of woman's best weapons of defense.
-Finest umbrellas, mufflers, handkerchiefs, shirts, etc., at T. C. S.
-Jump onto the plank before it gets away.
-Most curious thing in the world is a small boy who is not curious.

- The way the Christmas goods go out of Hopkins' store is evidence that they have the proper things.
-The average man can never understand the pleasure a woman gets from trading a pair of trousers for a tin dishpan.
-Medallion photos and frames at Killmer's.
-Furs make nice presents for ladies.

- Best assortment of ladies' coats at Tionesta Cash Store.
-Queen Victoria is reported in poor health.
-A fur collar makes a very acceptable present.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

CORRY—Mayor Davison welcomed the Pennsylvania Dairy union to this city for its two days' session. A large number of dairymen from all over the state are present.
CONNELLSVILLE—A reward of \$100 has been offered by Michael Cuneo of Greenburg for the return of his boy Andy, before Christmas.
DUBOIS—Emery Johnson, a well known employee of the Erie Railroad company at Dagnon Mines, made an attempt on his life by cutting his throat with a razor.
GUMBRELAND, Md.—As Dr. John Legg of Oakland, accompanied by his driver, Webb Orcutt, was driving down a steep hill their harness broke and the horse ran away.
ALTOONA—Mrs. Harriet March, aged 32, has died from the effects of burns received on Oct. 19.

CHEER UP!

Christmas is coming and if you are looking for SERVICEABLE PRESENTS, gifts that your friends will appreciate when the holidays are a thing of the past WE ARE IT!

A Few Suggestions.

CHINAWARE, GLASSWARE, LAMPS, NICKELWARE, UMBRELLAS, MUFFLERS, NECKTIES, GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, POCKET BOOKS, BOOKS, in fact almost everything except toys.

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The Nickel Plate Road will sell holiday excursion tickets on Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 31st and Jan. 1st, at a fare and a third for the round trip, tickets good returning until Jan. 2nd, inclusive, on any one of our Peerless Trio of daily express trains, where scheduled to stop. Write, wire, phone or call on nearest agent. Call at or address City Ticket Office, 920 State Street, Erie, Pa., H. C. Allen, C. P. & T. A. No. 271-24.

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C. C. ULLER, Branch Store, TIONESTA, PA. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on the 27th day of December, 1900, by G. W. Robinson, L. J. Hopkins, J. C. Bowman, A. B. Kelly, T. D. Collins, Thomas J. Cullen, R. F. Alexander, et al.

Notice is hereby given that the shareholders of the Forest County National Bank of Tionesta, Pa., will meet on Tuesday, January 8th, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the office of the Bank, for the purpose of the election of directors for the ensuing year.

'TIONESTA MARKETS' CORRECTED EVERY TUESDAY, BY RELIABLE DEALERS. Flour per sack 1.10@1.05, Corn meal, feed, per 100 lb. 1.05, Ham, sugar cured 136.14, Bacon, sugar cured 136.14, Butter 22.00, Eggs, fresh 14.00, Lard 1.15, Potatoes, per bushel 1.00, Nails per keg 2.75.

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