

Calendar for January 1902 showing days of the week and dates.

The trade reviews continue to report great and general prosperity. The story sounds familiar, but the monotony is of the kind that everybody can cheerfully endure.

By way of suggestion we would again like to remark that a hospital for the crippled of the Carnegie works would be a finer charity than a library that no one reads. All of which we submit to the Honorable Andrew without apology or defense.—Palla. Inquirer.

HAVING predicted that the prices of farm produce would go down to almost nothing if silver was not re-stored to free coinage, Mr. Bryan might try to get even by telling consumers that it is the gold standard that compels them to pay the present high prices for produce.

One of the five great military camps to be located and maintained by the general government is likely to be placed in this State. General Brooks has viewed several locations offered for the purpose. Upward of 10,000 acres of land will be required for military maneuvers and artillery practice, with facilities for the construction of reservoir for a water supply for 60,000 soldiers.

Let us hold to the good old principle which has brought us prosperity as well as honor, that the first consideration is the dignity, the well being and the protection of American labor. These demand the encouragement by all legitimate means of the beet sugar industry in this country; and they demand still more emphatically the repeal of continual assaults upon it, directly and indirectly, by the sugar trust and those to whom its interests are paramount.

ADDED to the \$15,000,000 paid France for Louisiana, there were over \$12,000,000 in interest and allowed claims. These, reckoning the cost of the Indian wars, because of that purchase, at merely \$500,000,000, and we have a grand total of \$27,000,000. What a consummate block-head anti-Philippine purchaser must rate Thomas Jefferson. How can those ants even consent to reside longer in the land of the great original annexationist? But, worst of all, Thomas J. governed the purchased territory without the consent of the governed. What an outrage!

ONE of Pennsylvania's popular sons, Hon. Isaac B. Brown, of Corry, has formally announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Secretary of Internal Affairs. Major Brown as Deputy Secretary of the department for many years has had a wonderful schooling in the important duties of the office, and is thus eminently fitted for the place. The party could go very much farther and fare very much worse in its hunt for an available and popular candidate, and it is our opinion that the Major's candidacy will be very cordially received by the people of the State, who honor and respect him very highly.

FIRST cousins may not enter into a legal marriage contract in Pennsylvania. The new law providing against marriage within the degree of consanguinity went into effect on Wednesday of last week. This, however, will by no means prevent cousins from marrying, if they so dispose. By having the ceremony performed in a State where no such legal objections exist, the marriage will be valid. It is provided by the United States Constitution that no State shall enact laws which will abrogate the laws of another State. Thus the provision can apply only to marriages which may be celebrated in Pennsylvania—not to citizens of the State who marry under other jurisdictions.

THE President-elect, T. Estrad Palma, of the new Cuban Republic, was a school teacher in Orange county, N. Y., for many years. He reared a family there and owns a small farm, which he leaves, it is said with regret, in response to the call of his countrymen. Palma has been a close student of the American institutions, and in the opinion of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, no better man could be selected for the place. It says of him: "He knows the American people and the people of Cuba. No other Cuban appreciates more fully the disinterested action of the United States in freeing and guarding the island until a stable government could be established."

He had grown gray in the service, and when he uttered those words he was giving expression to a conviction that comes to all who remain in the newspaper business: "In contemplating my first paper I firmly resolved to reform the whole world. At the end of one month I thought the State was large enough for my first field; at the end of the second I concluded to fix the county as I wanted it, and at the end of the third month I decided that I would first reform the town. Since that time I have learned that if I wanted to reform myself I would have a pretty large job of it." Commenting on the above, the editor of the Greenfield, (Ind.) Globe says: "Yes, there are editors and editors. There is the callow youth—young in years and in newspaper experience—who, just entering that field imagines himself a 'little tin god' whom it should be a pleasure and duty to follow and obey. He rants against existing conditions; condemns his brother competitor, finds fault with all who do not believe his assertions, and in other ways conducts himself in a manner to make the old-time newspaper man very, very tired. Yes, there are editors and editors."

Alabama.

F. F. Whittekin, who is traveling extensively in the South on business, writes his wife from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, under date of Dec. 23, from which we are permitted to copy the following: For Christmas dinner we had boiled turnip tops, cold sweet potatoes "corn dodgers" and weak black coffee. Supper, I have just eaten, also no good, but better than dinner. These wonderful southern cooks, as the darkeys say are "powerfully no good, shuah." I have not had a square meal since I ate my breakfast in W. L. & N. Dining car at Birmingham, Alabama.

It is warm and nice here now, and very comfortable horseback riding. Tuscaloosa is a town of about 3000 inhabitants located in the extreme southern edge of the great Black Warrior Coalfield, extending northwardly clear up into Clarion Co., Penn. It is situated on the east bank of the Black Warrior River, about 30 miles above its confluence with the Tombigby, and is navigable for small steamers this far for most of the year. There are two railroads here, the Alabama Great Southern, and the Mobile and Ohio, both operated by the Southern R. R. Co. under lease.

The main street in Tuscaloosa is fully 125 ft. wide; possibly 150 ft. wide, and is flanked by two rows of water oaks, with a third row up the center of the street. It is a very pretty street, but lacks paving and side walks. There are no sidewalks except the natural ground and some fine gravel strewn over it. There are a few modern buildings and residences, but most of the large dwellings are of the old colonial style of ante-bellum days, whose present occupants are too poor to maintain the style kept up during slavery times, and one sees on every hand evidences of decay and degeneration caused by the white people depending on the thirty negroes to conduct the most of the business and labor of the country. These people have not yet recovered from the curse of slavery, from which they were only too reluctantly relieved by reason of the civil war, and which curse they freely admit was a blessing when its removal came; yet the system was so thoroughly rooted in their social and business affairs that the whites were in capable of taking up the "burden" of carrying for themselves when the change came, and still depend, like little children, upon the negroes to attend to their wants and do their work for them. Thus we see that nearly the whole labor of the South is the uneducated, untrained, thriftless, delatory negro labor, while the keener intellects of the educated white, do not labor at all, or if in part it is only to direct and not to perform; hence it is easy to see why the North, with its keen, bright, energetic labor, which is not only directing but doing, is fast outstripping the slave cursed, dependent South, whose intelligence, as a rule, is non-productive, and whose labor is uneducated and untrained.

At Birmingham there is to be seen the most rapid development to be found in any of the southern States, but why? It is easily answered. Northern capital and Northern energy, which has entered here are developing the natural resources of the country. Birmingham is the "Pittsburgh of the South," and comes very nearly being its "San-ky City." The tonnage of Birmingham is larger, I am told than any other city, south of Baltimore; however, with Atlanta and New Orleans close rivals.

There is an indifferent public school system here, which I am informed is attended exclusively by negroes, the whites being educated in private schools, academies, boarding schools, and in the great colleges of the northern States. The resources of this section are very great indeed. Coal, iron, limestone, marble, plaster, natural cement and phosphates are a few of the easily exploited resources. Aluminum clay is abundant but worthless where it is. The coal field has not yet had the top scale scraped off it; iron has just been "found"; limestone and cement are being "prospected"; timber is being "operated" in an indifferent manner. Agriculture is almost as backward as it is in Colombia, South America, and while there are thousands of acres of land capable of producing over one bale of cotton per acre, as it is now managed and tilled the average is about one-half, or perhaps better, one-third of a bale per acre. But little corn is raised, no fruit, no other cereal except very little oats, no hay or other fodder plants or grasses; only cotton! cotton! fill the country is cotton poor. Crops are never rotated and year after year for the past century has so impoverished the soil, (because it is not properly tilled or taken care of) that it has become too poor and thin to soil I self ever, and being washed away with every rain and carried down the river to be deposited in the Gulf of Mexico, so that when every thing here is exhausted nature weaves and raises the continent slowly being formed beneath the shallow waters of the Gulf, bringing up a new and virgin soil, enriched by the deposits carried from this vast region throughout ages past and the centuries to come until the time arrives for the earth to rejuvenate its exhausted soils through the agencies which the Creator utilizes for his workers, water and fire. Water, the carrier, leveler and depositor; fire, the upheaver.

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Be prepared to fill the desirable place that has been made vacant.

GOVERNMENT FOR PHILIPPINES

Senator Lodge's Bill Confirms Action of President McKinley.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee on Philippines, today will introduce a bill for a temporary government of the Philippines. The bill does not attempt to establish a new form of government in the Philippines, but confirms the action of President McKinley in creating a commission and ratifies the acts of that commission under instructions of the president dated April 7, 1900. It also gives the president authority, while there is armed resistance in any part of the islands to the United States, to regulate and control inter-island commerce. Section 4 gives the government of the Philippines power to improve the harbors and other instruments of commerce, and section 5 turns over to the government of the Philippines all lands devoted now to public use.

Under section 6, the government of the Philippines is empowered to make rules and regulations for the disposition of public lands, other than timber and mineral lands after they have been approved by the president and congress. Then follows a series of provisions to enable the commission to provide for the small native landholders who are occupying and for a long time have occupied public lands, but who have no titles to protect them in their holdings.

Next come provisions in regard to timber lands, which are not to be sold or leased by the commission, who have power only to issue licenses to cut timber under the forestry regulations now in force in the islands. The provisions as to mineral lands are very elaborate and embody the mineral laws embraced within the report of the commission. One of the most important provisions in the bill is that empowering the Philippine commission to purchase the lands of the religious orders and dispose of them on proper terms to the actual occupants. An appeal from the supreme court of the islands to the supreme court of the United States is provided in certain cases. Municipalities and the city of Manila are authorized to borrow money and to issue bonds for municipal improvements.

Provisions are embodied for establishing a coinage system on the lines of Special Agent Conant's report. The final sections of the bill make provisions for a banking system and authorize national banks of the United States to be established in the Philippines.

Antiquity of Tin.

We find that brass, and consequently tin, existed in Tyre, the great seaport town of the Phoenicians, on the coast of Syria, about 1800 B. C. They are frequently referred to in all works relating to tin or to Cornwall. The Phoenicians were merchants and carried on an important trade from the ports of Tyre and Sidon. These cities rivaled each other in magnitude, fame and antiquity.

Not Interested. "My dear sir, you should at least pay the interest on this bill."

A False Counselor. Family Solicitor—How is it you have sunk so much longer than all our companions? Jack—I took your advice, sir, and started at the bottom. I staid there.—Exchange.

Cream of the News.

—You can't tell some people of any diseases that they will not claim that they have had it.

—Why does every one not insist on a comparison of prices? Get a price-list at T. C. S.

—A dog asleep looks so comfortable that whenever we see one, it makes us long for bed-time.

—Price cuts no ice when Hopkins starts to clean out remnants.

—When people discover anything on a man they want to discover next if his wife knows about it.

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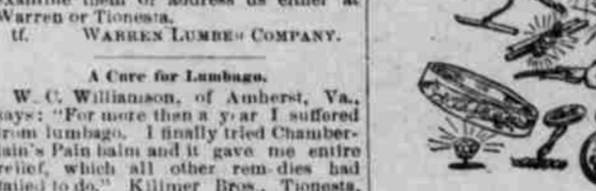
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