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THE SILVER SENATORS

Bolting Republicans Refuse to Attend the Party Caucus.

THE DOOM OF THE DINGLEY BILL

The Caucus Refers the Measure to Its Steering Committee-The Cuban Question to be Pushed in Both Houses-A Joint Resolution Probable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The action of the washington, less will be action of the silver Republican senators in refraining from attendance upon the Republican caucus yesterday has led to no little specu-lation as to whether the course pursued is a forerunner of the future, or whether they will not at some time return to the party. Some Republicans think it posparty. Some Hepublicans think it pos-sible the recusant senators regard yester-day's meeting as merely preliminary, and wiff come back into the fold after a time-This supposition is apparently without foundation or justification.

foundation or justification.

The silver senators are very chary about discussing their motives or intentions for the future. They decline to talk on the subject for publication, but from remarks dropped there can be no doubt they consider that they have attended their last Republican caucus. They say without exception, however, that in taking the position they have they do not mean to place tion they have they do not mean to place themselves in the attitude of opponents of a protective tariff policy, but rather that they desire to be in an entirely indepen-dent position, where they can accept or reject any tariff proposition presented by their former party associates. When asked for statements they de-

When asked for statements they de-clined to say anything specific. "There is nothing to say except that I did not at-tend," said Senator Pettigrew. "I failed to be there, but it was not the first Repub-lican caucus from which I had been ablican caucus from which I had been ab-sent. My action cannot be construed as an intention on my part to enter a Demo-eratic or Populist caucus. Nor does it necessarily mean that I shall nover again co-operate with the Republicans. It sim-ply means that I did not consider it worth while to be there yesterday. As for the Dingley bill, I should not oppose its being taken up. In fact, I should vote for contaken up. In fact, I should vote for con-sideration. It would give us thirty days' discussion of the silver question, in which we could give attention to the late campaign in a way that may not be otherwise

Many overtures by personal friends were made to silver men to induce them to at-tend the meeting. It is considered that Senator Dubois made an especial sacrifice in severing his relations with the party caucus. He had been honored by being chosen secretary of the caucus and a mem-ber of the advisory committee, both posi-tions of honor, and both of which it be-

tions of honor, and both of which it beeams necessary for him to resign.

The notice of the opening of a Cuban
discussion was about the only feature of
interest developed yesterday at the brief
session of the senate, which lasted only
twenty-five minutes. Senator Cusiom
gave notice of a speech on Cuba tomorrow. The senators had expected to start
the wheels of actual business, but the appearance of a house resolution relative to
the death of ex-Speaker Crisp led to the
customary adjournment as a mark of respect. A large number of bureau reports
were received, including that of the goverument directors of the Pacific rallway.

The action of the Republican senatorial

The action of the Republican senatorial caucus in referring the Dingley twiff bill to its steering committee, and the circum-stances under which this action was taken, are accepted in the senate as practically the end of the agitation in the interest of this measure.

The senate committee on foreign re lations meets today. It is understood that the Cuban question will be at once conthe Cuban question will be at once con-sidered. Some of the most conservative senators, who opposed recognition in the last se sion, are now of the opinion that the time for action has arrived.

The Cuban question will be forced upon the attention of the house committee on foreign affairs again this session. Several of the root cuthwateric Friends of the in-

of the most enthusiastic friends of the in surgent cause, who were disappointed by the failure of the president to take action, are drafting resolutions, which will be re-ferred to the committee and must be disposed of in one way or another. A move-ment is on foot to bring joint resolutions before the house if the committee can be

induced to report them. The house proceeded to business, and before the session closed had passed three before the session closest and passed three bills of censide rule in portainer and the first of the regular supply hills—that for pendons. Three of the bills passed related to justif matters. One provided for the use of private mailing cards of the same general size and character as the present postal cards when one cont stamps are affixed. Another provided for a limited in-demnity of \$10 for the loss of registered mail matter, and the third provided for a private carrier service in cities, towns and villages where no free delivery exists.

Liability of a Steamboat Company. NEW YORK, Dec. 2 -Under a decision by the court of appeals, rendered yesterday, a steamboat company is liable for money or valuables stolen while the room is actually occupied by a passenger. The case decided was that of Honry C. Adams against the New Jersoy Stamboat com-pany, proprietors of the People's line of Hudson river steamboats. The corpora-tion contended that it was relieved of Hability by the posting of notices in state rooms that it would not be responsible for articles left in staterooms by passengers but the court held to the contrary.

Massacre of Philippine Insurgents,

MADRID, Dec. 9.-An official dispatch eccived here from Manila announces a terrible massacre of insurgent prisoners in the Island of Luzon, one of the Philippine group. It appears that a number of pris oners succeeded in escaping from the fortress of Cavite, the fortified seaport of Luzon. The fugitives were pursued by the troops, who overtook and killed sixty of them in the streats. The others were recaptured.

Six Workmen Blown to Atoms.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 9.—The pewder and dynamite magazines at Los Gallinas, near Matamoras, Tamaulipas, Mexico were blown to atoms and six workmen killed. The monetery less is estimated at \$25,000. Not a fragment of the buildings larger than a cigar box remained, and the s, wagons and men were blown to

General Lee Going Back to Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Consul General Lee called at the White House Monday evening and said farewell to the president, as he was about to start for his post, taking the first steamer from New York for Havana. It is understood that Mrs. Lee will not accompany the General to Cuba.

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Blood and Good Nerves Mean a Happy Life.

More Ills Arise From a Deranged Nervous System and Impoverished Blood Than From Local Disorders,

You may think it is your stomach, but you will find your stomach trouble is only an indication that you are de-bilitated, and debility is the result of nerve weakness and poor condition of the blood. 'A vigorous condition of the nerves and generous supply of pure blood will relieve your stomach troubles, or any other disease that you may



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Tours to California.

California has been most fittingly termed the "Italy of America." All the delicious balm, the cloudless sky, and the rich verdure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific. Here nature basks in the sunshine of her own beauty; and here she has established her own sanitarium, where eternal apring in-spires everlasting youth. With the snow-mantled peaks of the Sierras upon the one hand, the calm Pacific with its soft breezes upon the other, and a veritable paradise of flowers, fruits and plants between, man can find and needs no lovelier land. To visit such a country is a privilege, a blessing.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company recognizing the need of a more comfortable and pleasant way of crossing the continent, imagurated a series of annual tours to Cali-fornia, running a through train of Pullman palace cars from New York to the Pacific Coast, and stopping at the principal points of interest en route. The great popularity of these tours demonstrates the wisdom of the

For the season of 1807 three tours have been arranged to leave New York, Philadel-

phia, and Pittsburg, January 27, February 24, and March 27.

The first tour will run direct to San Diego via St. Louis and the Santa Fe Route, and return from San Francisco via Salt Lake City,

California. The second tour will run via the Mammoth Cave and New Orleans to San Diego, stopping at the "Crescent City" during the Mardi Gras Carnival. This tour will return via Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha, and Chicago,

allowing four weeks in California.

The third tour will run via Chicago, Denver, and Salt Lake City, allowing passengers to re-turn by regular trains via different routes within nine months.

All of these tours, either going or return ing, will pass through the famous Colorado region, Glenwood Springs, Leadville and the Garden of the Geds.

Rates from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg: First tour, \$310; second tour, \$350; third tour,

\$210 round trip, and \$150 one way. For detailed itineraries and other informs tion, apply at ticket agencies, special booking offices, or address George W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholers and Diarrhoes Remedy Major Picton says : "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysontery. always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For side Gruhler Bros., druggists.

Coming Events. Dec. 21. Second annual ball of the Patriotic Drum Corps in Robbins' opera

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Pennsylvania Railroad to Issue Clerical

From the Village Record (West Chester). It appears the ministers of the gospel have been collisted in behalf of the Philadelphia merchant for United States sen-ator. Indeed, some of them have so far forgotten their sacred calling as to stoop to the plane of the practical politician in order to create a subtrunt among their flocks for Mr. Wanamaker. The other week a Philadelphia elergyman visited a minister in the southern part of this county minister in the southern part of this county to induce him to take a hand in the dirty business. He returned to the city apparently satisfied with the result of his political mission, and a few days later wrote the Chester county minister a letter on the subject, from which we are parmitted to make the following extract, with the understanding that the names would be omitted, at least for the arcane. would be omitted, at least for the present

such a brilliant record as postmaster gen-sral under President Harrison, has been brought prominently before the people, and a very strong sentiment in his behalf has been aroused throughout the state. There is every evidence that the movement will be an irresistible one.
"Upon the occasion of my call you were

the movement discussed by us, and I write to ask what steps, if any, you have taken with a view to creating a favorable senti-ment in behalf of the principles and plans In question, Can you not present the mat ter to your friends, and particularly to the members of your congregation, with a view to having them see or communicate with the Republican members of the leg-islature in your county in order that the views of the latter may be ascertained prior to the election to the United States senate, which takes place in January, 1897? I shall be pleased to have an early line from you, your convenience permit-

The people have a great deal of respe for the ministry, but when some of its leading lights go so far out of the way to sway or influence their congregations in order to promote the inordinate political ambition of a liberal contributor to the church, the fact that considerable scepticism exists as to the sincerity of many of the expounders of the Gospel is easily explained. No minister can serve God and play the role of the practical politician at the same time, and no better or more ef-fective means to disintegrate the church can be invited than to mix religion with politics. No minister who has any respect for his profession, or who is inoculated with the true spirit of Christianity, will cek to coerce the members of his co gation into his way of thinking in matters political, and it is to be deplored that there are some who have so far forgotten their mered calling as to bring this repreach

Whatever sentiment there is for John Wanamaker for United States senator has been created in this way. Whatever demand there is for him to fill this position has been systematically worked up. Not only have the newspapers been subsidized through advertising patronage, but the ministers of the Gospol have even been bribed to "create a favorable sentiment" for him among the members of their congregations, while at the same time the most corrupt methods were used at the primary elections throughout the state to nominate legislators favorable to him. But for these questionable influences, which have created something of a false sentiment, the name of Wanamaker would never have been connected seriously with the United States senatorship, and we venture the prediction that before many days, when the Wanamaker boom is laid bare in its true hypocritical light, it will collapse as suddenly as in iniquity it was conceived

Distinguished Ability.

From the Laporte (Sullivan county) News.

" " The selection of the Hon.
Hotes Penrose to represent the state of
Pennsylvania in the senate of the United
States would not only be a graceful
acknowledgement of his past service to
the state, but would be an absolute guarantee of the most efficient service in that body that could be rendered by any citi-zen of the country. The guarantee is in his past life, and particularly in his pub-lic life, which is known to all men, and known to be unmarred by a single blem-ish, for it presents a record of distinish, for it presents a record of distin-guished ability coupled will absolute in-

Alleged Murderers Discharged.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 9.—Thomas Davenport and Charles and Annie Lam-bern, charged with murdering the father of the two latter, T. J. Lambern, at his home near Fall Leaf on Feb 17 last, were discharged yesterday by Judge Meyer "Detective" Shaffer the district court. who worked up the case, not appearing to prosecute. Lambern was a wealthy farmer, and was supposed to have been mur-dered for his money.

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. C. H. Hagenbuch. Reduced Rates to Washington on Account

of the Inauguration via Pennsyl-

vanta Rallroad. For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inaugura-tion of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates: From New York, \$8.00; Philadelphis, \$5.40; Baltimore, \$1.60; Harrishurg, \$5.06; Williamsport, \$8.70; Buffalo \$11.20; Rochester, \$10.48; Altoom and Pitts burg, \$10.00; and from all other stations the Pennaylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interest-ing event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of he country,
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stroet. Christmas Holiday Tours.

In pursuance of its annual custom the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for two Christmas Holiday Tours, one to Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington and the other to Washington direct, to leave New York and Philadelphia Decamber 20 and 29 respectively. The same high standard of excellence which has made these tours so popular in years will be maintained during the present season. Touris will transition

A HANGING PREVENTED

By the Suicide of Condemned Murderer Eckert.

SWALLOWED A DOSE OF POISON.

He Had Shown Remarkable Nerve the Night Hefore, Even When Hidding a Final Farewell to His Payorite Little Daughter-A Brutal Crime.

Wilkessarrs, Pa., Dec. 2.—At6 o'clock gesterday morning Warden Boland was aroused from his slumbers by one of the night watchmen, who reported to him that Abram Eckert, who was to have been hanged at 10 o'clock for the murder of Frederick T. Birtenbender on July 7, 1893, had taken polson, and was dying. The warden burried to Eckert's cell, and found waroan nurrisal to receive scell, and tound him breathing heavily. He telephoned for physicians, and Drs. Long and Lenahau responded, but nothing could be done for the prisoner, and the condemned mandled at 11:38 from morphine poisoning. There is no solution of the manner in which the polson was obtained by the prisoner. In the afternoon Eckert's body was removed to Nanticoke, where it was interred.

When Eckert's wife and children left the jall shortly before Monday midnight the condemned man appeared to be in ex-cellent spirits. He showed not a trace of the tarrible ordeal he was soon to face. He had previously read aloud, and in a firm voice, the published report that Gov-ernor Hastings had declined to interfere. and that nothing could save him. Then followed an impressive religious service, in which Eckert took unusual interest. When prayer had been affered for the murderer he and his wife sang Eckert's favorite hymn, "God be with you till we meet again." He sang with great fervor, and his deep voice could be heard above all the others.

During the leave taking a very pathetic incident occurred. When his little daughter, Bebecca, his favorite child, elasped her arms about his neck, she said: "Papa, mamua says that tomorrow you will echome to us, and oh! I'll be so glad." well understood what the child did not He would go home to them, but it would be cold in sleath. He present the child close to his broast and nodled in the af-firmative. There was not a dry eye in the firmative. There was not a dry eye in the room. Even Eckert, who had maintained such composure throughout his entire confinement, was visibly affected.

When Eckert retired at midnight he re-quested that he be called at 6 o'clock in the morning. It is supposed that he swal-lowed the poison, which he had probably had concealed for some time, while lying with his back toward the death watch

The crime for which Abram Eckert condemned was the murder, on July ? 1805, of Frederic T. Bittenbender, a prom-inent resident of Nanticoke, this county, The murder was one of the most cold blooded in the annals of Luzerne county

Eckert was the janitor of the high school at Nantleoke, and had an imaginary griev ance against Bittenbender who had but recently been elected a school director, and who was chairman of the building committee. For some time feltert had been neglecting his work at the school house, and Bittenbender spoke to him about it, and told Eckert he was in danger

of losing his place unless he was more at-tentive to his duties as jauitor.

On the moraling of July 7 Bittenbender met Eckert in the street in Nanticoke and told him there was some work at the school house which must be done at once. and the latter replied, good naturedly "All right, Fred, I'll go down and do it." Nothing more was seen of Eckert until about 18 o'clock. As Bittenbender and his father were driving up Main street, Eck-ert, who was standing in front of the First National bank, called to Bittenbender that he wished to speak to him. The latter stopped his horse, and Eckert ap-proached the carriage, saying, "fred, it seems to me you have a grudge against me." Bittenbender said he was mistaken, and that all that he wanted of the janitor was for him to look after his duties at the school in a proper manner. Hardly were the last words out of his mouth, when Eckert sprang backward from the exringe, drew a revolver, and, taking deliberate aim, fired. The bullet entered littenbender's right eye, causing almost in stant death.

Republican Congressman from Virginia RICHMOND, Dec. u.—The supreme court yesterday decided the Flood-Yost case, practically awarding the certificate of election to J. Yost, as Republican memelection to J. Yost, as Republican mem-ber of congress from the Tenth district. The court decided to take jurisdiction of the case and to issue a mandamus against the commissioners and clerk of Buckingham county, commanding the commi sioners to reassemble and sign a new stract of the votes cast in the election Yost is a Republican, and was voted for as "J." and also as "Jacob" Yost, the number of mismarked ballots being suffient to give Flood (Democrat) an apparent urality. Flood recently declined to ac plurality. Flood recently copt a certificate of election.

General Rotoff Forfeits His Ball.

New York, Dec. 9.—When the name of General Carlos Roloff, secretary of war of the Cuban republic, accused of having beer concerned in Cuban fliibustering expeditions, was called in the United States court this morning he did not appear for trial. It is said that he landed in Cuba with an expedition a few days ago. John D. Hart, John J. O'Brien, Colonel Emilio Nunez and others were indicted with him, and all were released on bail.

Appeal of Jackson and Walling Denied. FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 9.—The court of appeals yesterday affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Scott Jackson, charged with the murder of Pearl Bryan, so Jackson must hang. The opinion covers also the appeal of the attorneys for Alonzo Walling, who must also die. Governor Bradley must now fix the date of execution.

William Steinway's Will.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.- The will of the late William Steinway bequeaths nearly the entire fortune to immediate members of the family. There are some small be-quests of a public character, and the Lot-derkranz comes in for a small share, as do some of the German schools, but the char-itable bequests are few.

The International Cyclists. New York, Dec &-At midnight the re in the international bicycle race was Hale, 770 miles: Moore, 672; Reading, 701; Taylor, 689; Schock, 714; Ashinger, Rice, 748; Pierce, 678; Forster, 701; Elkes, 406; Smith, 686; Maddox, 618; Gannon, \$59; Cassidy, 578; McLaod, 472; 6illek, 529.

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