

CONGRESS.
Senate.
In the Senate Monday Mr. Bacon (Dem., Ga.) gave notice of an amendment which he intended to offer to the joint resolution for the annexation of the Hawaiian islands. It provides that the joint resolution shall not be operative and of binding effect, either on the United States or on the republic of Hawaii, until it has been consented to and approved by a majority of the electors of the Hawaiian islands—all male natives over 21 years old, and all male naturalized foreigners entitled to vote; the time and manner of the election to be prescribed by the president of the United States.

A feature of the Senate proceedings Tuesday was an extended speech by Mr. Caffery (La.) in support of the pending National quarantine bill. Mr. Caffery said the United States Government was the only authority which could make a quarantine effective, and he added that he was a staunch advocate of the State's rights. He said that the State quarantines were, he said, utterly powerless against an epidemic of yellow fever. Mr. Caffery called on the committee on territories, in calling up the measure making further provisions for a civil government of Alaska, said the committee had not deemed it wise to provide for a legislative assembly for Alaska on account of its anomalous character of the inhabitants and the vast extent of the district.

Mr. Hale, chairman of the naval senate committee, called up for passage in the Senate the Maine relief bill, and it was passed without a word of debate by a unanimous vote last Wednesday. An amendment to the sundry civil bill is pending before the senate committee on appropriations appropriating \$1,000,000 to furnish supplies to the destitute people of Cuba.

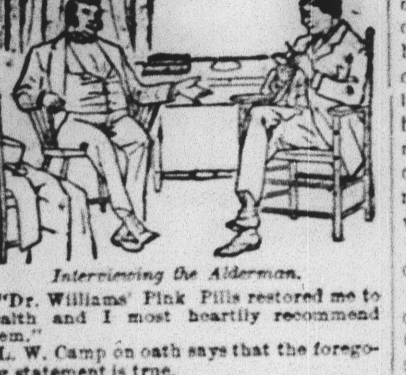
Thursday Senator Thurston delivered a speech on the Cuban situation.

House.
After various corrections had been made in the record, Chairman Boutwell of the naval affairs committee, called up in the House Monday the bill for the relief of the sufferers by the destruction of the United States steamer Maine in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. It reimburses the survivors for losses of personal effects; gives heirs of those who perished a sum equal to 12 months' pay, not, however, to interfere with the right to pensions.

The naval appropriation bill was reported to the House Tuesday, carrying a total of \$5,883,038, an increase over last year of \$3,764,432 and over the current estimate of \$2,514,824. For the increase of the navy the bill allows to be constructed by contract 11,000 tons of the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance, displacement 11,000 tons, with the highest practicable speed for their class, to cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding \$3,000,000 each. One to be named the Maine; six torpedo boats, 150 tons displacement, and six torpedo-boat destroyers, about 350 tons displacement, to cost not exceeding \$2,400,000; and one gunboat, to take the place of the United States Steamship Michigan, to purchase arms and munitions, not over \$200,000, to be built on the great lakes. One of these sea-going battleships is to be built on the Pacific coast.

The army reorganization bill was adopted unanimously by the committee Thursday on military affairs, and it was subsequently reported to the House. In passing upon a measure the committee has depicted a significant point as to the President's functions in war time in allowing the establishment of the third-battalion war formation only upon the declaration of war by Congress or a declaration that war exists. The committee in its report cites official reports as showing the increase of the commissioned force of the line of the army needed to change it from a peace to a war footing, and puts the enlisted strength at 104,334 men, an increase of 78,254 men, an equivalent to 66 regiments of volunteers of 1,200 men each, the pay aggregating \$4,928,800. To offset the same number of troops under the provisions of this bill in time of war would cost \$1,078,600. This, the committee concludes, effects a saving in organization of \$2,850,200 per year.

Gained 22 Pounds in 5 Weeks.
From the By-Stander, Macomb, Ill.
Quite astonished his friends, by a remarkable gain in weight. He has gained 22 pounds in five weeks. Those of his friends who do not know the facts of his sickness will read with interest the following: "I was broken down in health and utterly miserable," said Mr. Camp to our reporter. "I was unable to work much of the time and so badly afflicted with a form of stomach trouble that life was a veritable nightmare."



"I tried various remedies, but during the six months of my sickness I obtained no relief. I had always been a robust, healthy man and sickness bore heavily upon me. "About two years ago I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I purchased one box and received so much benefit that I used five more and was entirely cured. I gained twenty-two pounds in five weeks. Since I stopped taking the pills I have scarcely had an ache or pain."

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous membrane of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running ear, or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for ever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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Politeness of the Swedes.
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WITCH OF BEN-Y-GLOE.
Uncertainly Being Who Delighted in Evil Doing.
The most formidable, perhaps, of the unearthly beings who people the deer forests, at all events in the central districts of Scotland, was the witch of Ben-y-Gloe, which is the highest peak in the forests of Athole. This amiable enchantress, whose diet consisted principally of live snakes, delighted in every kind of evil doing, but none more than in assisting mortals in gratifying the passion of revenge. Upon one occasion her aid was invoked by the Earl of Athole's cupbearer, whose son, a robber, had been executed by the Earl. The witch promised to avert his schemes of vengeance in three days. She presented him with certain herbs, which, if given to his master's horse, would so madden the animal that it would dash out its rider's brains. She further gave him a deadly poison to put in the Earl's food, and led the way to conceal the cupbearer in the Earl's bedroom so that he might stab him in his sleep. She clinched the matter by vowing the most horrid vengeance upon any one who, having heard her secret, should venture to disclose it before St. Andrew's Day.

The Earl's page had happened to overhear what was passing, and was much puzzled how to save his master on the one hand and how to elude the witch on the other if he dared to divulge the plot. King James V. and his court, it should be said, were paying a visit to the Earl at the time, who entertained them with what Captain Glean called "splendid hospitalities." He and indeed, had built a palace especially for their reception. On the following day the cupbearer, as usual, proffered the Earl his "morning."

"Hold!" exclaimed Willie, the page, "and pray to the saints that their blessing may attend the day's sports." The Earl accordingly fell on his knees, when, to his great astonishment, the soblet instantly broke into a thousand pieces. But, the King being mounted, there was no time for commentary or delay. The Earl's fiery steed is brought round; he makes ready to mount, but scarcely has he set foot in stirrup, when the twang of a bowstring is heard, and the horse falls dead, pierced to the heart by the page's arrow. The natural annoyance of the haughty noble at such an occurrence is not sensibly diminished by Willie's somewhat lame excuse that he had been shooting at an eagle and missed his mark. It might have gone hard with the boy but for the timely intervention of the Queen mother.

The cupbearer was now left, so to speak, with but one string to his bow. That night the banquet, the King was summoned to the south to meet the English foe, and set out forthwith, bidding his host follow in the morning with his "tail." The Earl was on the point of retiring to his room, where the cupbearer and his friend, the witch, were carefully concealed, when the latter, at his wife's and how to avert the threatened catastrophe, made the brilliant, though somewhat extravagant suggestion that the palace should be set on fire by way of providing the King with a bonfire or beacon to guide his steps through the darkness. The Earl, like a loyal vassal, jumped at the idea, which was promptly put into execution. The cupbearer's wretched misdeed, uttering loud execrations, in a column of smoke; and the page, when St. Andrew's Day had come and gone, told everything, and was suitably rewarded with an estate and a bride. The last year in which the witch of Ben-y-Gloe is known to have held converse with men was 1773, the very same in which Mr. Samuel Johnson safely accomplished his celebrated tour of the Hebrides.

"What in the world's the matter, ma?" asked Arabella, as her mother turned from the telephone and asked for her bonnet and wraps. "I'm going right down-town," said Mrs. High-top, and there was a cold glitter in her eyes as she spoke. "I just tried to call your father up, and I heard him tell the boy to say he wasn't in."—Cleveland Leader.

Oh, What Splendid Coffee.
Mr. Goodman, Williams Co., Ill., writes: "From one package of Sarsaparilla German Coffee Berry coating I got 200 lbs. of better coffee than I can buy in stores at 30 cents a lb." A. C. G. Sarsaparilla is a coffee and the seed and plant catalogue is sent you by John A. Sarsaparilla Co., La. Chase, Wis., upon receipt of 15 cents stamps and this notice.

I can recommend Fisco's Cure for Consumption to all sufferers from Asthma, C. P. D., Tuberculosis, St. Howard, Wis., Mar. 2, 1904.

Tropical Intoxicants.
Genuine palm wine is made from the Palmyra palm, and is far superior to any potable product of the coconut. Captain Burton, of Burton & Speaks, says that the juice of the oil palm makes a drink that is unapproached by the liquors of civilization. It is of delicious color and flavor, and its effects are exhilarating unmitigated with the dread of a headache next day. Livingstone makes mention of an intoxicant brewed by the Makona tribe of the Zambesi. It is made from the grain of the country, and is gaily boiled. The fermented liquor evaporates into a palatable beer. It will produce a superior brand of drunk, which leaves no ill effect. Indeed, it is an antifebrile of remarkable power, and it was when stricken with jungle fever that the good doctor was made acquainted with it. Despite his protests, the kindly natives poured it down him until he saw visions and dreamed dreams and awoke a well man. The introduction of the drink to this country would cause a wonderful increase in the number of fever cases.—Chicago Times-Herald.

"History repeats itself," said the man who is full of wise saws. "I know it does," replied his morose friend. "That's why I'm beginning to kind of lose interest in base-ball."

TRUMPET CALLS.
Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.
NATURE makes no new laws. The world is what you make it. Thanksgiving is the specific for anxiety. The covetous man finds it uphill work to be honest. A vote without conscience back of it, never represents manhood. If Christ is to be the life of your soul, he must become the soul of your life. The man who can hold his tongue when he should, has the devil at a disadvantage.

"No, sir," said the Kansas editor, "your services are no longer required." "May I venture to ask why I'm discharged?" "You're too blamed funny. That style may do in the blouse and heartless East, but when you refer to a death in a cyclone as 'a terrible blow' to the family, you've got it out here."

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Spring Medicine

These two words emphasize a necessity and indicate a remedy. Spring—the season when the blood is most pure as a result of the winter's closer confinement, higher living, slower action of the kidneys and liver; when humors of all kinds, boils, pimples and eruptions are most liable to appear, when the weak, languid condition of the whole bodily structure demands and welcomes help. Menstruate—that to which the millions turn at this season—Hood's Sarsaparilla. The original and only preparation especially adapted to the present needs of the human family, that which makes the blood pure and clean, as shown by its thousands of wonderful cures of dreadful blood diseases; creates an appetite and cures dyspepsia, as shown by its "magic touch" in all stomach troubles; steadies and strengthens the nerves as proved by people formerly nervous, now calm and self-possessed, thanks to

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Some strange cases come before the police, but a touching incident was reported to Sergeants Andrew Lew and William Wallace yesterday. A little girl with curly hair and big blue eyes, with a very dirty face, walked into Central station and between sobs reported that a boy had stolen her doll baby. She was a daughter of a poor laborer living in Cherry alley, and some boy had grabbed her rag doll white she was seated on the steps leading to her humble home.

A large proportion of the hog bristles that are made into brushes of all sorts are obtained from China.