

RAILROAD REBATE BILL.

SENATOR ELKINS FRAMING BILL.

He Will Endeavor to Carry Out the Views of the President—The Senator From West Virginia Thinks the Remedy is Not to be Found in Giving More Authority to the Commerce Commission.

By W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Special to The Observer. Washington, Dec. 28.—The banquet which citizens of High Point have planned, with a view to promoting closer relations with Cuba, will not be given until the latter part of January.

RAILROAD REBATES.

Senator Elkins, chairman of the committee on Interstate Commerce, is engaged in the framing of a bill for the purpose of carrying out the views of the President in relation to the final abolition of rebates on railroad rates.

THE AMERICAN FOREST CONGRESS.

The American Forest Congress, which will convene in this city January 2nd, will be an affair of decided importance.

CHARGES AGAINST A BISHOP.

Incidents that have stirred a Pennsylvania Diocese for some time—the case has its foundation in a letter written by the Bishop.

READY FOR THE CEREMONY.

Secretary of the Navy Morton to be accompanied by Admiral Dewey to the destination of the ships after the inspection.

ARMY OFFICER FOUND DEAD.

Captain Howard W. French, constructing Quartermaster at Chattanooga, Tenn., was found dead in his quarters.

SYNDICATE OF BONDSMEN.

Willing to Furnish Bill Up to \$40,000 for Mrs. Chadwick—Officers Discourage the Proceeding.

JACKSONVILLE'S NEW LIBRARY.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the building committee this morning the Carnegie Library was accepted and contractors paid for their work.

TWO KILLED BY FALLING TREE.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—A special to The Telegraph from Ellijay, Ga., says that William Cantrell and Joe Chastine were killed and a brother of Chastine seriously injured near Fort Mountain by a falling tree.

Southern Educators Gather.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.—The advance guard of the Southern Educational Association came in to-day, the first party arriving from Texas, others from Southern Carolina and Georgia.

BOY KILLS HIS COMRADE.

TRAGEDY NEAR FALLS OF NEUSE.

The Lads Were Hunting Together and the Shooting Was Accidental—Burke Residence Near Holly Springs Burned—Incident in One Soldier's Life—General Stoesel Injured by a Fall From His Horse—Price of Food in the beleaguered Fort Exorbitant.

Observer Bureau.

In this county, near Falls of Neuse this afternoon, Berry Mangum was accidentally shot and killed by James Gailley.

The home of Dr. B. W. Burke, near Holly Springs, this county, was entirely destroyed by fire to-day.

At the home of ex-United States Marshal Joshua B. Hill here to-day, his daughter, Margaret, and Dr. Wm. C. Schroeder, of Portsmouth, Va., were married.

Vice President Frank S. Gannon, of the Metropolitan Railway of New York who receives a salary of \$20,000 a year will on the 5th of January become Vice president of the Howland Improvement Company.

The Raleigh Insurance and Realty Company was to-day incorporated in the office of the Secretary of State.

State Superintendent of Schools Joyner has issued a circular letter to the county superintendents calling their attention to the use of fire in the schoolhouses in regard to their liability to fire.

NEW ORPHANAGE BUILDING.

The new main building at the Methodist Orphanage here is now regularly occupied, and early in the new year the arrival of new inmates will be begun.

The inmates of the soldiers' home have had a good time during the holidays. To tell the truth, a lot of them had to go to the hospital temporarily for this very reason.

NEW MASONIC LODGE.

The grand secretary reports a new lodge of Masons to be organized here in the near future.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

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PORT ARTHUR HOLDING OUT.

Relief is Confidently Expected by March 1st and the Russian Troops Are Determined to Resist as Long as There is One Soldier Left—General Stoesel Injured by a Fall From His Horse—Price of Food in the beleaguered Fort Exorbitant.

Observer Bureau.

The garrison is reported to be confident in the belief that relief will arrive before March 1st.

The advice says that the stern of the battleship Sevastopol has sunk in shallow water. Her bow is damaged in two places and the steering room gear is also damaged.

The price of food in the beleaguered fort is exorbitant. Rice is a rouble and one-half per pound; horse meat six copeks per pound; dog meat twenty-five copeks per pound; turkeys 150 roubles a piece; eggs 190 roubles per hundred.

It is expected that the capture of the heights of Pigeon Bay will further curtail the landing of supplies.

QUET AT THE FRONT.

Little Expectation of Decisive Action Until Spring—The Japs Fortifying and Strengthening Their Positions.

General Kuriki's troops are reported to be quiet along the front with the Russian army. There is little expectation of a decisive movement till spring.

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Japanese Cruiser Arrives at Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, Dec. 28.—A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Amoy yesterday. Two Japanese cruisers were sighted off Hong Kong to-day.

Moving Steadily on Port Arthur.

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Watching Russian Battleships.

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SUICIDE FACT DISCLOSED.

Two Residents of Massachusetts Go to New York to Die—Both Take Morphine and One Dies Despite Efforts of Physicians—The Survivor Sorry.

New York, Dec. 28.—Benjamin J. Riley, of Brooklyn, Mass., to-night declared that he and Octavia A. Wood, of Boston, came to this city with the intention of committing suicide together.

"Weed and I have been chums since boyhood. Both of us had met bad success and we were both what you may term as down and out.

"I am now awfully sorry that I tried to die. I want to live and in the future will do my best to earn my living. I am awfully sorry that that Weed is dead. He was a fine fellow and was married and had two children."

NAN PATTERSON FINDS FRIENDS.

Four Prominent West Virginians Said Her Offered to Go on Her Own in Any Amount to \$50,000—New Trial May Not Take Place for Several Months.

New York, Dec. 28.—Nan Patterson, the former show girl, who is in the city on a preliminary charge of the murder of Caesar Young, was in better spirits to-day than at any time since the second jury which heard the testimony in her case reported that they were unable to agree upon a verdict.

"I have received telegrams from men offering to go on my bond," she said to-day, "but I do not feel at liberty to give out names of any of my friends until I have consulted with my attorney."

If the offers from Wheeling have been made in good faith it is possible that the court will be asked within a few days to fix the amount of bond.

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RUTHERFORDTON SOCIAL ITEMS.

A Reception at the Home of Miss Louise Carpenter—A Dance at the Central—The Good-Managed Wedding.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 28.—The most enjoyable social event of the season was the reception given at the home of Miss Louise Carpenter last evening.

The lovely hostess entertained in her usual charming manner, and the entire evening was one of mutual pleasure.

The Story Continued. Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 28.—T. A. Dewey, chief of the section for to-day this city, confirmed the report to-day that he, H. J. Price and Edward Slack, also local business men, would furnish Nan Patterson bond to the extent of \$50,000.

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LIST OF CASUALTIES.

Reports Indicate That Another Cruiser Has Been Sunk or Damaged. Tokio, Dec. 28.—The authorities this morning published a list of thirty-three names of the crew of the cruiser, which was sunk or damaged.

Paris, Dec. 28.—A message from St. Petersburg stated that the Russian Kuropatkin has asked for as many reinforcements as it is possible to send him.

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HELPLESS ON DIAMOND SHOALS.

Heavy Seas, Lashed by a 40-Mile Gale, Throw Her on Her Beam Ends and Her Decks Are Awash—Life-Savers Cannot Reach the Ill-Starred Craft Until Wind and Wave Subside—The Helpline Vessel First Sighted by the Weather Observer at the Hatteras Station—The Life-Savers Stand by.

Norfolk, Dec. 28.—Battered by heavy seas that have been lashed to fury by the 40 mile gale, an unknown steamer lies helpless on the inner Diamond Shoals, eight miles off Cape Hatteras to-night and faint lights seen now and then carry a message to the life saving corps on shore that there are human lives aboard the wrecked craft that cannot be saved until wind and sea have calmed sufficiently to allow the surf boats to be launched.

The observer of the United States Weather Bureau at Hatteras first saw the steamer when the fog lifted shortly before noon to-day.

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THE NURSE A SPY.

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The nurse is the person who supplied the revolutionaries in Russia with the government's intention and introduced mysterious messages threatening the czar's life.

Prince Fushimi Going Home.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Prince Fushimi, step-brother of the Emperor of Japan, who has been visiting the United States, sailed for Japan to-day.

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Eminent Scholars in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Some of the most eminent historians, political scientists and economists in the United States are in Chicago to-day.

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Archaeologists in Session.

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Delaware Republicans to Caucus.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 28.—As a result of several serious conferences concerning the political situation in this State, the Republicans of both counties have determined to organize the Legislature without a ripple of discussion.

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CONVENTION HELD AT COLUMBIA.

Resolutions Adopted Memorializing Congress to Construct Water-Ways Connecting Chesapeake Bay With Beaufort Inland—The Commercial Organization Effected by the Election of Officers—Delegates Present at the Meeting From Five States.

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COTTON BUYER SUICIDES.

Bad Break in the Market, Which Caused Him Heavy Losses, Responsible for Rush Death.

Barnesville, Ga., Dec. 28.—J. B. Harrison, a prominent cotton buyer and brother of J. M. Harrison, of Forsyth, fatally shot himself at 4 o'clock this afternoon in his room at the Magnolia Inn, the ball entering just above the right ear and lodging in the brain.

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