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It may be laid down as a rule of genuine application, says the Petersburg Messenger, that no farmer can afford to keep hogs over winter.

A Race of Pigmies. BRAZIL, December 4. The explorer Ludwig Wolf, just returned from the Congo, reports having met in the Sankourou region many tribes of dwarfs.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—A majority of the powers have replied to the Porte's circular asking advice as to the solution of the Bulgarian difficulty.

This week we shall offer some great bargains in Gents' Eoy's and children's caps; also in Gents' clothing of all kinds.

NEWS OBSERVATIONS.

They've got a tonsorial artist on the McQuade jury in New York, and it's going to be a close shave for the boodle alderman.

What is in a sausage? is the latest conundrum before a Nebraska jury. What isn't is the real answer in this part of the world.

A man in Dakota named Tough stole another man's wife, children, and seven horses. Mr. Tough's name fits him like the paper on the wall.

There are five hundred mind cure doctors in Chicago. It will soon be necessary to import some mind for them to work on.

There are 350,000 telephones in operation in this country. Multiply that by the rent you pay for yours and it will give you the income of the owners.

"Winifred" is not the name of Miss "Winnie Davis." The name "Varina," which the young lady inherited from her mother, is the name she signs to her letters and by which she is formally addressed.

Two years ago, one of the most beautiful and brilliant of society ladies at Washington was Mrs. John Davis. Last summer she was injured by a runaway horse. She is now a hopeless paralytic.

It is said that Stanley, the African explorer, wanted to marry a Greek maiden, but her mamma demanded a deposit of \$5 000, not for expenses, but as a guarantee of good faith, and that broke the match.

In 1852 Samuel Baker, of Wheeling, W. Va., bet \$10 with a friend that he, Baker, would live thirty-four years. Recently Baker drew the money, with interest, from the bank. The man he bet with and his entire family of five were dead.

It is claimed that O'Donovan Rossa has been chosen chief of the Fenians in Philadelphia who were out of the parent body. A meeting on Thanksgiving day in Philadelphia perfected an organization. The revised programme includes secret intrigues in Canada, to get the people there discontented and willing to throw off British authority.

Some remarkably natty hussar jackets are displayed this winter, many handsomely braided in arabesques, the designs formed of wide flat gimps. In addition, the jackets have narrow bands of fur outlining the edges.

It is an excellent plan to line cloth jackets with plain surah (which now comes for the purpose at the low price of 69 cents a yard, this of firm quality and wearing excellently). This done, the coat slips on easily over all materials alike.

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Mr. Doekery of Missouri, on behalf of the committee, offered an amendment so as to make the bill provide that letter-carriers shall be employed for the free delivery of mail matter as frequently as public business may require in every incorporated city, village or borough.

After brief remarks by Mr. Baker, of New York, and Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, the House proceeded to vote upon the House amendments to the Senate bill. They were agreed to, but the amendments (fared by the minority of the House committee were rejected.

On motion of Mr. Oates, of Alabama, an amendment was adopted—yes, 141, says, 169, striking out the clause directing the president of the Senate, upon declaration of the vote to announce the persons elected. The bill was then

CONGRESS.

POSTAL SERVICE BILL PASSED.

THE ELECTORAL COUNT BILL DISCUSSED AT LENGTH—THE PRESIDENT IMPROVING IN HEALTH—FIRE IN GEORGIA—OTHER NEWS BY WIRE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9th. SENATE.—Among the matters submitted by the presiding officer, when the Senate met today, were the following: A communication from the director of the mint recommending the repeal of the limit of the coinage of subsidiary silver coin.

The House amendment to the Senate bill for the relief of the graduates of the United States military academy and to fix their pay. The amendment provides that the cadets shall be allowed full pay as second lieutenants from the date of their graduation to the date of their acceptance of commission.

Mr. Cameron moved that when the Senate adjourned today it be till Monday next. Agreed to—yeas 23, nays 22. The Senate, after the introduction of several bills, proceeded to the consideration of a resolution introduced by Mr. Morrill, Tuesday, declaring that the promise of making any revision of the tariff in a spirit of fairness to all interests, not to injure any domestic industry, but to promote their healthy growth so that any change of the law must be at every step regardful of the labor and capital involved, and without depriving American labor of the ability to compete successfully with foreign labor, and without imposing lower rates of duty than will be ample to cover any increased cost of production which may exist in consequence of a higher rate of wages prevailing in this country, appears so obviously hopeless and impracticable that any further attempt at revision by the present Congress in contravention of the foregoing cardinal declarations are to be regarded as inexpedient and detrimental to a revival of the trade and industry of the country.

The tariff debate was continued by Messrs. Beck and Sherman. After them, Mr. Dawes got the floor to speak on the subject, but the Senate at 3.30 adjourned until Monday.

Mr. Forney, of Alabama, from the committee of conference on the fortifications appropriation bill, reported a continued disagreement. A further conference was ordered, and Messrs. Forney, Randall and Butterworth were appointed as conferees.

Mr. Reagan, of Texas, rising to a question of personal privilege, sent to the clerk's desk and had read a Washington card to the New York World, published on December 4th, purporting to give an account of a dispute in a conference of the committee on inter-state commerce bills, between Mr. Reagan and Senator Cullom; in the course of which Mr. Reagan was compelled to retract a statement, that all opponents of his favorite measure were setting in the interest of monopolies. He also had read from the same paper, of December 9th, a card from Senator Cullom denying the report of a dispute, and a further article in the paper reiterating its first story. Mr. Reagan denied the truth of these statements.

Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, from the committee on ways and means, reported back the bill relating to the taxation of fractional parts of a gallon of spirits, with Senate amendments thereto, with recommendation of non-concurrence. The report was agreed to and a conference ordered.

Mr. Payson, of Illinois, from the committee on public lands, reported back the bill to restrict the ownership of real estate in territories to American citizens with Senate amendments thereto. The amendments were non-concurred in and a conference ordered.

In the morning hour, the House resumed the consideration of the bill extending the free delivery system by an arrangement with the commissioner on post fees and postroads. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, withdrew the amendment offered by him yesterday, and Mr. Doekery, of Missouri, on behalf of the committee, offered an amendment so as to make the bill provide that letter-carriers shall be employed for the free delivery of mail matter as frequently as public business may require in every incorporated city, village or borough containing a population of 50,000, within its corporate limits, and may be so employed at every place containing a population of not less than 1,000 within the corporate limits, according to the last general census taken by the authority of the state or the United States law, or to any postoffice which produced a gross revenue for the preceding fiscal year, of not less than \$1,000.

Mr. Doekery's amendment was adopted, and as amended the bill was passed. Mr. Ward, of Indiana, on behalf of the committee on postoffices and postroads, called up, and the House passed the bill authorizing the employment of mail messengers in the postal service.

The House then resumed the consideration of the electoral count bill.

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passed, as amended, without division. The bill as passed by the House directs that the electors of each state shall meet and give their votes on the second Monday in January following their appointment. Section two provides that if any state shall have by law enacted prior to the day fixed for an appointment of the electors, for the final determination of any controversy concerning the appointment of all or any of the electors of such state by judicial or other methods or procedures, and such determination shall have been made at least six days before the time fixed for the meeting of the electors, such determination shall be conclusive; and shall govern in the counting of the electoral votes so far as the ascertainment of the electors appointed by such state is concerned.

Section three prescribes the manner in which the electoral vote of each state shall be certified and communicated to the secretary of state at Washington. Section four prescribes the meeting of the Senate and House in the hall of the House, on the second Wednesday in February succeeding the meeting of the electors.

After providing for the appointment of tellers, and the reading by them of certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of electoral votes, the bill continues: "and votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules in this act, provided the result of the same shall be delivered to the president of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice-President of the United States, shall together with a list of the votes be entered on the journals of the two Houses. Upon such reading of any such certificate or paper the president of the Senate shall call for objections, if any. Every objection shall be made in writing and shall state clearly and concisely, and without argument the ground thereon, and shall be signed by at least one Senator and member of the House of Representatives before the same shall be received."

When all the objections so made to any vote or paper from the State shall have been received and read, the Senate shall thereupon withdraw, and such objections shall be submitted to the Senate for its decision; and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall in like manner submit such objections to the House of Representatives for its decision; and no electoral vote or votes which shall have been regularly given by the electors whose appointment shall have been certified to according to the third section of the act, from any State from which but one return has been received shall be rejected. If there are any returns or papers purporting to be returns from the State shall have been received by the president of the Senate, those votes and those only shall be counted, which shall have been regularly given by the electors, who are shown by the determination mentioned in section two of this act to have been appointed, if the determination in said section provided for shall have been made, or by such successors or substitutes in the case of vacancy in the board of the electors so ascertained, as have been appointed to fill such vacancy in the mode provided by the laws of the state; but in case there shall arise a question as to which of the two or more of such state authorities, determining what electors have been appointed as mentioned in section two of this act, is a lawful tribunal of such a state, the votes regularly given of such electors, and those only of such a state shall be counted, whose title as electors, the two houses, acting separately, shall concurrently decide, in support of a decision of such a state so authorized by its laws. And in such a case of more than one return or paper purporting to be a return from the state, if there shall have been no such determination of the question in the state aforesaid, then those votes and those only shall be counted, which were cast by the electors whose appointment shall have been certified under the seal of the state by the executive thereof in accordance with the laws of the state, unless the two houses, acting separately, shall concurrently decide such votes not to be lawful votes of the legally appointed electors of such a state. When the two houses have voted they shall immediately meet again, and the presiding officer shall then announce the decision of the questions submitted. No votes or papers from any other state shall be acted upon, until objections have been made to the votes or papers from any state shall have been finally determined upon. Section five gives the president of the Senate power to preserve order. Section six limits to two hours any debate, which shall be held on any question after the two houses shall have separated. Section seven provides that a joint meeting shall not be dissolved until the count of the electoral votes shall be completed, and the result declared, and prevents either house from taking recess beyond the next calendar day. In case the electoral votes shall not have been completed before the fifth calendar day after the first meeting of the two houses, no further recess shall be taken by either house.

The House then, at 8:10, went into committee of the whole on the bill creating a department of agriculture and labor.

Mr. Weaver, of Iowa, supported the bill as being in the interest of the greatest industry of the country.

Mr. Breckenridge, of Arkansas, opposed the measure as creating a political department, and he contended that agriculture would not be benefited by tinsel and frippery. What it needed was a reduction of the load of taxation.

Mr. Gibson, of West Virginia, took the same view.

Mr. Randolph Tucker also took this view, and he also opposed the bill on constitutional grounds.

Mr. Reagan argued that there was no constitutional ground for the proposed legislation.

Mr. Anderson, of Kansas, and Mr. Hatch, of Missouri, supported the bill, both as to constitutionality and expediency.

Pending further debate the committee rose.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on appropriations, reported the sundry civil bill, which was referred to the committee of the whole, and the House at 6 o'clock adjourned until tomorrow.

R. & D. Stockholders. IN ANNUAL SESSION—STATEMENT AND FIGURES SHOWING THE PROFITS AND EXPENDITURES.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 8.—The stockholders of the Richmond & Danville railroad company met at 12 o'clock today. Present—Col. A. S. Buford, Messrs. John P. Branch, James B. Pace, W. D. Oakman, George Scott and Isaac L. Rice. President Buford submitted his report which was received. It showed a gross earnings, \$399,248,119; net earnings, \$189,047,662; net surplus \$422,818,08; balance over all expenditures, \$98,860,02; showing an increase of \$12,880,42, or 33 1/3 per cent. The operating expenses and taxes decreased \$109,033 69, or 5 per cent. The operating expenses and taxes were 68 2-100 per cent of the earnings. Appended to the president's report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1886, was the report of Messrs. Geo. S. Fott, Geo. F. Baker and F. W. Huidobro, the committee, giving financial condition of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Co., for December 1886. The report is comparative with August 1883. At that date the net floating liabilities were \$103,158 987; December 1886, net surplus, \$391,065 647. Duo company under contract of lease by the Atlanta & Charlotte Air line securities \$1,000,090, upon which 2 3/4 per cent, not was earned during fiscal year ending September 30, 1886, and which is constantly improving.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet December 16, for the purpose of electing a president and board of directors.

The President Much Better. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The President was very much better today. He presided at the cabinet meeting as usual and received several callers on official business.

Business at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Greene & Co.'s report on cotton futures says: It has been a strong "bull" market all day. As prices advanced there was a disposition in several quarters to realize, but the demand appeared to be waiting for everything available, and an absorbing offering promptly renewed the buoyancy, which would follow until the close, prices stood 2 points above last evening and was very strong the entire line. English advices were strong, the continent sent encouraging reports and the South added its support, but the most prominent feature is the pressure of a liberal addition of special capital on the "bull" side.

The Huddle Alderman Trial. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The court officers today refused as in a former trial of McQuade, to allow any people in the general sessions court, part second, unless connected with the case. None of the accused aldermen were present except the prisoner and Fullgater. The latter has completed his direct testimony, and is now undergoing the pillory of cross examination.

Expecting a Change. Col. Yeager, looking over his daughter's shoulder while she was writing, exclaimed, "Why, Jennie, is it possible that you, who are 10 years old, don't know how to spell your own surname, and you a graduate of Vassar college, too?" Jennie—"Well, it don't make much difference how I spell my family name; in a couple of years I'll have a different one."

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the R. & D. AND W. P. TERMINAL COMPANY IN RICHMOND. CHARLOTTE Chronicle, Dec. 8th.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Danville and West Point terminal railway and warehouse company was held in the city of Richmond yesterday, in the R. & D. office. Those present were Mr. Isaac Rice of New York, Messrs. James B. Pace, E. D. Christian, Colonel W. W. Gordon, Colonel A. S. Buford and Major James H. Dooley. Major Dooley was made chairman of the meeting and Mr. R. Brock elected secretary. Upon the examination of those present it was shown that 11,000 shares of stock were represented in person; 99,953 shares were proxied—a total of 110,953 shares, 88,952 shares more than necessary for a quorum. On motion of Mr. Rice the stockholders adopted a series of resolutions providing for increase of the capital stock, in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the stockholders at a meeting held in November. The following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: T. M. Logan, John A. Rutherford, Isaac L. Rice, George F. Stone, Emanuel Lehman, A. M. Flieger, John H. Imann, John G. Moore, Simon Morrison, Robert H. Dow, New York; J. B. Pace, E. D. Christian, Richmond; John Wannamaker, Philadelphia. Mr. Alfred Sully was elected president of the company. The meeting adjourned to meet December 16.

Miscellaneous Telegraphic Ticks. MAON, Ga., December 9.—A fire destroyed the entire stock of Priest & Hecht, dealers in notions and toys, early this morning. The stock was valued at \$25,000; insurance \$18,000. It was an incendiary fire.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 9.—Four young people were walking on the track of the Pennsylvania railroad at Braddock, Pa., last night when a fast train came, coming around a short curve struck them all. Two were killed instantly. The other two were thrown clear of the track, but not seriously injured.

Experience of an Ex-Champion. Athletes and men who take ordinary outdoor exercise such as walking, running, bicycling, jumping, swimming, tennis, etc., are often the subjects of acute troubles. The experience of an ex-champion walker will be of interest to all who are afflicted. Read the following letter: "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years, and have been unable to walk for some time. I have tried many remedies, but have not found any relief. I have read of your 'Cassard's Pure Lard' and have purchased a bottle. I have used it for some time, and I feel much better. I can now walk for some distance without pain. I am very much obliged to you for your kind attention to my case. I am, Sir, your truly, 'REV. W. J. W. CROWDER.'"

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GENERAL NEWS.

TH ESENATE DISCUSSES THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE BILL.

A POSTAL AGENT ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY—GENERAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The conferees on the inter-state commerce bill finished their labors this morning and will report their bill as soon as it can be printed on the question of enforcing the act. The commission feature of the Senate bill is accepted by the House conferees, while the Senate conferees accept the system proposed in Mr. Reagan's bill under which a shipper is entitled to sue for damages in the United States courts in his own behalf. This gives the shippers the option of making complaint to the commission or instituting suits in the Federal courts.

The railroads are prohibited from charging more for shorter than for longer distances, upon their own lines in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance, and the circumstances and conditions being the same; but the commission is authorized upon the application of the railroad and after the investigation of the facts to relieve the roads from the operation of the general rule in special cases.

The Senate conferees agree to the absolute prohibition of the pooling contained in the House bill. These were the main features of the difference. On the question of the publicity of the rates, the provisions of the two bills have been merged so as to require each railroad to make public the rates between the points upon its own road as proposed in the House bill, and in addition the commission is required to secure the publicity of through rates in so far as it may be found necessary.

Postal Agents Arrested. LYONSBURG, Va., Dec. 9.—George H. Southall, who has been for fourteen years postal clerk between this city and Bristol, was arrested today for robbing the mail. The case was worked up by Detectives Smith and Troy, of the secret service.

GOOD RESULTS IN EVERY CASE. D. A. Bradford, wholesale paper dealer of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes that he was seriously afflicted with a severe cold that settled on his lungs; had tried many remedies without benefit. Being induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, did so and was entirely cured by use of a few bottles. Since which time he has used it in his family for all Coughs and Colds with best results. This is the experience of thousands whose lives have been saved by this wonderful Discovery. Trial bottles free at Lee, Johnson & Co's drug store.

Many minor details in men's attire are borrowed by women nowadays.

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