## THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

### A Synopsis of the Proceedings of Both Houses.

THE SENATE.

Half the time the Senate was in session on Tuesday was consumed in the reading of the President's message. The duties of the United States in relation to affairs transpiring in other countries were the theme of various bills, resolutions and memorials presented to the Senate. Various annual reports and departmental communications were laid before the Senate and laid on the table. Two hundred and seventy-two bills and eleven joint resolutions were introduced and referred. Many of these were inherited from previous Congresses.

On Wednesday immediately after the reading of the journal Mr. Mitchell, Republican, of Oregon, presented the claim of Henry A. Dupont to be admitted as a Senator from the State of Delaware under an election by the Legislature on the 9th of May, 1895, and it was referred to committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Chandler presented petitions from various counties in Alabama alleging the commission of election frauds and asking that Congress shall secure to that State a republican form of government; and they were referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Sherman presented a petition from the citizens of Ohio for recognition of the independence of Cuba. Referred to committee on foreign relations. Like petitions were presented from Florida by Mr. Call.

Mr. Hoar offered the following resolution which was referred to the committee on foreign relations:

Resolved, That the Senate will support the President in the most vigorous action he may deem fit to take for the protection and security of American citizens in Turkey and to obtain redress for injuries committed upon such citizens there.

Resolved, That the President be desired to make known to the government of Turkey the strong feeling of regret and indignation with which the people of America have heard of the injuries inflicted upon persons of the Christian faith in Turkey, and that the American people cannot be expected to view with indifference any repetition or continuance of such wrongs.

Mr. Hoar also offered a resolution, which was agreed to, requesting the President to communicate to the Senate all information received by him or the State Department in reference to injuries inflicted on the persons or property of American citizens in Turkey, and in reference to the condition of affairs there, as to oppression or cruelties practiced on the Armenian subjects of the Turkish government.

Also to inform the Senate whether all the American consuls in the Turkish Empire are at their posts of duty; and, if not, to state any circumstances that have interferred with the performance of their duties.

Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, then addressed the Senate in behalf of the Cuban Belligerents.

In the Senate on Thursday bills were introduced to provide for the coinage of the silver in the Treasury; by Mr. Chandler to provide, in connection with other nations, for the unlimited coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 1 to 15½, a resolution was introduced by Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, declaring it to be "unwise and inexpedient to retire the greenbacks." Mr. Call, of Florida, addressed the Senate in behalf of the Cubans. He says Spain's warfare is disgraceful. "It is merciless and in disregard of age, sex and condition. Spain and England recognized the Confederacy as a belligerent power, and why should not the United States recognize the Cubans as entitled to the rights of struggling patriots?" The Senate then adjourned until Monday.

The Senate held a session of a few minutes Saturday, but the House did not meet. Many members of both bodies went home to stay until Monday. When the Senate decided to adjourn to Monday it was with the understanding that the House could do likewise. The House refused to adjourn at first, but, after learning of the Senate's action, reconsidered the motion. The Senate also reconsidered and decided to meet when the news that the house would be in session was received. Neither body learned of the final decision of the other until the adjournment for the day was taken.

In the Senate on Monday, Senator Morgan, of Alabama, addressed the body for two hours on the Bering sea controversy between this country and Great Britain. In the course of his speech he made an attack upon the British Ambassador. A bill was introduced to establish Postal savings banks. Several bills relating to public buildings were introduced. Quite a number of bills and resolutions, of minor importance, were introduced; and all were referred to the proper committees.

Henry J. Robinson, of Buel, N. Y., who constructed in Gould's shop in Albany the tender for the first locomotive used on the Albany and Schenectady Railroad, nearly sixty-five years ago, died a few days ago, aged ninety-five years.

### PROTECT USERS OF "ROYAL."

**Baking Powder Company Wins Its Case in United States Court.**

The decision of Judge Showalter in a recent case that came up before him sustains the claims of the Royal Company to the exclusive use of the name "Royal" as a trade-mark for its baking powder. The special importance of this decision consists in the protection which it assures to the millions of consumers of Royal Baking Powder. The excellence of this article has caused it to be highly esteemed and largely used almost the world over. Its high standard of quality having been always maintained, consumers have come to rely implicitly upon the "Royal" brand as the most wholesome and efficient. If other manufacturers could sell under the name of a well known reputable brand incalculable damage would be done to the public by the deception. The determination of the Royal Baking Powder Company to protect the users of the Royal baking powder against imitators by a rigid prosecution of them makes such imitations of its brand extremely rare.

Give people cause, and they seldom fail to be grateful. The trouble is that they so seldom have cause.


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### THE HOUSE.

In the House on Tuesday no business was transacted except the reading of the President's message and the referring of it to the committee of the whole. The House adjourned until Friday.

In the House on Friday Speaker Reed announced the following committee on Mileage: Messrs. A. B. Wright, of Massachusetts, chairman; J. B. Barham, of California; Orlando Burrell, of Illinois, and George C. Pendleton, Democrat, of Texas. Quite a number of bills and resolutions—one calling upon the Secretary of Agriculture to report to the House his action in regard to the expenditure of the appropriation made in the agricultural act for the purchase and distribution of seeds and the printing and publication of farmers' bulletins; and one signifying American indignation over Turkish oppression of American citizens in Armenia—were introduced and referred to the proper committees. There was a colloquy between the Speaker and the Ex-speaker.

On Monday a bill was introduced in the House providing for a harbor of refuge on the North Carolina coast; the first bill of the session was passed; bills and resolutions were introduced calling on the President for the papers in the Waller case; providing for public buildings in different parts of the country; to increase the circulation of national banks by authorizing them to take out circulating notes to the per value of the bonds they have on deposit; imposing an import duty of $30 per head on horses and mules, $10 per head on all cattle; increasing the duty on wool from 8 to 24 cents per pound, according to grade, and on hides from 5 to 50 cents; to maintain the parity between coins of the United States by providing for payment in gold and silver at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury; also withdrawing the right of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds; to secure the separation and independence of the executive and legislative departments by forbidding Senators and members from soliciting, directly or indirectly, the appointment of persons to office.

### Impatience Results in Death.

John Royster, a stenographer, was killed in Atlanta, Ga, Tuesday at the Whitehall street crossing before the eyes of 400 persons. A freight train was standing across the street, which is one of the leading business thoroughfares of the city. Royster became impatient at waiting and started to crawl under a car. Instantly the train started. Royster's coat caught on a brake rod and he was thrown across the rails. The car passed over his body and was thrown off the track. A large crowd had assembled at the crossing waiting for the train to pass and looked on horrified but powerless. Royster died in ten minutes after the accident. He was employed by ex-Governor Northen. He leaves a widow and one child.

## NEGRO DAY.

### They Will Celebrate in Force in Atlanta on Saturday, 21st.

Saturday, December 21st, has been designated as Negro Day at the exposition. The railroads have been asked to make very low rates in order that the negroes, who have recognition for the first time at this exposition and have made there an exhibit which proves a revelation, may have an opportunity to go in large numbers and get the full benefit of the work their race has done there. The directors of the exposition have published an address to the people of Atlanta asking that they give their servants a holiday on the 21st in order that the negroes may come en masse.

### Closes December 31st.

Inasmuch as a false impression prevails in some quarters about the duration of the Atlanta Exposition, President Collier has given out the following statement:

To the Public,—I wish to correct an erroneous impression that the Exposition will be extended beyond the present year. It will close finally and forever on December 31st, and but four weeks remain to see the model Exposition of the century.

### Murdered for Their Sister.

George Morris, agent for Wells-Fargo Express Company at "Chinese Camp," near Stockton, Cal., was brutally murdered a few weeks ago. Miss Ada McReynolds, of "Chinese Camp," confessed that she was enamored of Morris, who rejected her, and in a fit of pique she induced her brothers, Albert and Wesley McReynolds, to murder him.

Sharp earthquake shocks were felt at Athens, Greece, and also at Chaichis, Livadie, Thebis and Corinth.

### The Obedient Egg.

Some curious tricks can be performed with eggs prepared in the following way: Pierce an egg with a pin, and empty the contents of the shell. When the interior is quite dry, pour into it some fine sand until a fourth of the shell is filled. Then seal the hole with a drop of white wax. You can then place the egg on the edge of a knife or the margin of the decanter, and it will stay where you put it. Take care to shake the egg well before placing it in any of these positions, and thus bring

THE OBEDIENT EGG.

the center of gravity to the place where you desire it to be. To make a disobedient egg introduce into an empty egg shell some grains of shot and sealing wax: Close the hole, and hold the shell over a flame until the wax inside has melted. The shot and wax will then adhere to the bottom of the egg. When cool place the egg on the table, and it will stand upright like the one shown in our illustration. The egg will be a source of mystery to your friends, as it will refuse to assume any other position.


**Drs. Maybe and Mustbe.**

You choose the old doctor before the young one. Why? Because you don't want to entrust your life in inexperienced hands. True, the young doctor *may* be experienced. But the old doctor *must* be. You take no chances with Dr. Maybe, when Dr. Mustbe is in reach. Same with medicines as with medicine makers—the long-tried remedy has your confidence. You prefer experience to experiment—when you are concerned. The new remedy *may* be good—but let somebody else prove it. The old remedy *must* be good—judged on its record of cures. Just one more reason for choosing **AYER'S** Sarsaparilla in preference to any other. It has been the standard household sarsaparilla for half a century. Its record inspires confidence—**50 years of cures.** If others *may be* good, Ayer's Sarsaparilla *must be.* You take no chances when you take **AYER'S** Sarsaparilla.


# JUDGE PECKHAM CHOSEN

## A New Yorker Nominated for the Supreme Court Vacancy.

## JUSTICE JACKSON'S SUCCESSOR.

**President Cleveland Sends to the Senate the Name of Rufus W. Peckham, a Judge of the Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y.—Brother of W. H. Peckham, Whose Nomination Was Rejected.**

President Cleveland nominated Rufus W. Peckham, of New York, to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, to succeed Howell E. Jackson, of Tennessee, deceased.

The nomination was received in the United States Senate simultaneously with the message. For the time being it divided interest with the President's review of the country's condition, and when the Senators had heard the message read it was one of the main topics discussed.

When the Senate went into executive session Senator Pugh, of Alabama, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, made a motion, which was adopted, referring the nomination to his committee. Senator Pugh immediately called a meeting of the committee to consider the nomination and report upon it to the Senate.

RUFUS W. PECKHAM.

A dispatch from Washington says: "The nomination of Judge Peckham seems to have ended a series of incidents by which New York has been deprived for two years past of a seat in the highest National tribunal. Judge Peckham has the support for confirmation of both Senator Hill and Senator Murphy, and his eminence on the New York bench made his acceptance by the Judiciary Committee and the rest of the Senate a foregone conclusion. Senators on both sides of the Chamber expressed themselves as highly pleased with the appointment, and in no instance was any doubt expressed as to the nominee's acceptability. Senator Hill was not present in the Senate, but he expressed himself so favorable to Judge Rufus W. Peckham when engaged in making the campaign two years ago against Wheeler H. Peckham that it was generally believed he would accept the nomination without cavil and even with satisfaction. Senator Murphy, of New York, pronounced the selection as equal to the best that could be made, and said there could be no doubt of speedy confirmation."

Judge Peckham's promotion leaves a vacancy on the bench of the New York Court of Appeals which sits at Albany. It devolves on Governor Morton to appoint a successor who will hold office for a year, when a special election will be held to fill the unexpired term.

Rufus W. Peckham, a younger brother of Wheeler H. Peckham, who was also nominated for Supreme Court Justice by President Cleveland, and rejected by the Senate, was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1838. His father, also named Rufus W. Peckham, was one of the Judges of the New York Court of Appeals. He was admitted to the bar when twenty-one years old. Soon after his admission to practice, he became a member of the firm of Peckham & Tremain, and continued in that connection until the death of Mr. Tremain, when the firm became Peckham & Rosendale. In 1869 he was elected District Attorney of Albany County. He was President of the Albany Democratic County Committee for several years. In 1883 he was elected Justice of the New York Supreme Court to serve a term of fourteen years and in 1886 he was elected to the New York Court of Appeals, taking the seat of Judge Miller, who had been the successor of the elder Peckham. Judge Peckham in his eight years of service has written opinions in many important cases.

## PECKHAM CONFIRMED.

### Hill Told the Senate All About the Judge.

The Senate committee on the judiciary Monday morning, on motion of Mr. Hill, of New York, directed a favorable report to be made on the nomination of Rufus W. Peckham, of New York, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Similar action was also taken with regard to the nomination of ex-Representatives Springer and Kilgore nominated to be judges of the United States Court for the district of Oklahoma.

There was but little discussion over the nomination of Mr. Peckham, Mr. Hill stating that he was perfectly satisfied with the presentation of his name; that if he had been called upon to select a candidate he could have made no better choice. It will be remembered that when the name of William H. Hornblower was sent in, Mr. Hill remarked that Rufus Peckham should have been nominated. The nominee's qualifications were discussed in a general way, Senator Hill being able to enlighten the rest of the committee as to the legal attainments of the new justice. Later in the day the Senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of Judge Peckham and also those of Walter E. Faison, of North Carolina, Solicitor for the Department of State, and Elmer B. Adams, United States judge for the eastern district of Missouri.

### Several Nominations.

The President has sent to the Senate the nominations of the United States judges, marshals, and attorneys made during the recess of Congress. Included in these are those of Walter E. Faison, of North Carolina, to be Solicitor for the Department of State; William M. Springer, of Illinois, judge of the northern district, and Constantine B. Kilgore, of Texas, for the southern district of Indian Territory, and William L. Mabury, United States attorney for the district of Maryland. Mr. Mabury was nominated during last Congress, but the Senate took no action.

### Reed's Committee's.

Congressmen who have interviewed Reed are of the opinion that the committee list will be announced on or before the 15th of this month. Former speakers have seldom had the list made up before Christmas, but Reed has had advantages, practically of a year in which to make up his committees. He says that he is anxious to have congress complete its work and adjourn.

### Three Nominations.

The President Tuesday sent the following nominations to the Senate: Rufus W. Peckham, of New York, to be associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of State; Judson Harmon, of Ohio, to be Attorney-General.

## TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Peter Conlin has been made chief of police of New York city, after a civil service examination in which he obtained a rating of 93.03 per cent.

Attorney General Judson Harmon in his report recommends that the United States Supreme Court be relieved of all criminal appeal cases except where capital punishment is involved.

A violent storm swept over England, Belgium, Denmark and Germany. Rivers overflowed, and great damage is reported.

Comptroller Eckels has appointed J. F. Flournoy receiver of the Chattahoochee National Bank, of Columbus, Ga., which failed a week ago.

The "Pittsburg Flyer," a fast train on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, which left Newcastle, Pa., at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, collided with an eastbound freight train, near Newport station. Engineer, fireman and mail clerk are fatally injured.

The South Carolina Republican State committee at Columbia have issed an address to the people, in which the committee refuses to accept as final the new constitution foisted upon the State by the Tillman faction, on the ground that it is per se fraudulent, and because it is not to be submitted to the people for ratification.

Dr. William J. Murray, an aged physician of Toledo, O., died Wednesday, after fasting 47 days.

M. H. Gibson, the Chicago member of the Illinois Legislature, who was indicted for boodling, has been acquitted.

Secretary Carlisle has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on the government finances to the business men of Richmond, Va.

When his love affair was frowned on by his father, the millionaire harvester manufacturer, C. W. Deering, Jr., enlisted in the army and is now a private at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Everett B. Pomeroy, editor and proprietor of the Oakland, Cal., Times died Thursday night, after a brief illness. He was one of the best known newspaper men of the West.

The New York Reform Club's committee on sound currency distributed during the past year twenty-four pamphlets, of which 1,637,000 copies were disseminated where they would do the most good.

## THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES.

Cotton steady, middling uplands 8⅜; middling gulf, 8⅝. Futures steady. Sales 178,600 bales.

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| December | 8 12@8 13 | April | 8 30@8 31 |
| January | 8 14@8 15 | May | 8 34@8 35 |
| February | 8 19@8 20 | June | 8 33@8 40 |
| March | 8 25 | July | 8 40@8 41 |
| | | August | 8 41@8 43 |

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Cotton, fair demand. Middling 4⅝. Futures quiet but steady. Sales 12,000, including American, 10,800.

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| Nov. & Dec. | 4 28@29 | Apr & May | 4 28 s |
| Dec. & Jan. | 4 27@28 | May & June | 4 28@29 |
| Jan. & Feb. | 4 27 s | June & July | 4 29@30 |
| Feb. & Mar. | 4 27 v | July & Aug | 4 30@31 |
| Mar & Apr. | 4 27 b | Aug. & Sept | 4 30 s |

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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| WHEAT—Jan. | 58⅝ | May | 61⅞ |
| CORN—Jan. | 29⅝ | May | 29⅞ |
| OATS—Dec. | 17⅝ | May | 20⅛ |
| PORK—Jan. | 8 65 | May | 9 02½ |
| LARD—Jan. | 5 35 | May | 5 57½ |
| RIBS—Jan. | 4 25 | May | 4 60 |

HOME COTTON MARKETS.

| | Charlotte. | Columbia. | Charleston. |
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| Good middling | 7⅞ | 8 | 8 |
| Strict middling | | 7⅞ | 8⅛ |
| Middling | 7 81 | 7⅝ | 7⅞ |
| Strict low middling | | 7½ | 7⅞ |
| Low middling | | 7⅛ | |
| Middling fair | | | 8⅛ |
| Fully middling | | | 7⅞ |

AT OTHER POINTS.

COTTON—Middling quotations: Augusta quiet, 8. Norfolk, firm, 8. Charleston, steady, 7⅞. Boston, dull, 8⅜. Savannah, quiet, 7⅞. Baltimore dull, 8⅛. Philadelphia, quiet, 8⅜. Wilmington, quiet, 8. New Orleans, quiet, 8.

SEA ISLAND COTTON.

The sea island cotton market was firm this week with sales of 600 bales. The quotations are: Medium fine, 23 to 23½; fine, 26 to 27c; fully fine, 28 to 30; extra fine, 35 to 40.

RALEIGH COTTON MARKET.

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| Middling | 7⅝ |
| Strict middling | 7¾ |
| Good middling | 8 |

Market firm.

RALEIGH TOBACCO MARKET.

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| Smokers, Common | 2 50@ 4 |
| " Good | 5@ 8 |
| Cutters, Common | 10@12 |
| " Good | 8@12 |
| " Fine | 12@18 |
| Fillers, Common Green | 20@27 |
| " Good | 2@ 4 |
| " Fine | 5@ 8 |
| Wrappers, Common | 12@18 |
| " Good | 20@35 |
| " Fine | 40@55 |
| " Fancy | —@— |

Market firm for all grades.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

FLOUR—Quiet. Western superfine 2.45@2.55; do extra $2.75@3.00, family $3.20@3.50; winter wheat patent $3.55@3.85, spring wheat, patent $3.50@3.70; spring wheat straight $3.50.

WHEAT—Steady: Spot 66. December 69⅛@70; May 69⅝@70; steamer No. 2 red 62⅝@63; Southern wheat by sample 66@67; do on grade, 67½@66⅝.

CORN—Firm; spot 33⅞@38⅝; the year, 33⅝@33⅞; January, 33⅝@33⅞; February, 33⅝; steamer mixed, 32½@31¼. Southern white corn, 32½@33⅝; do yellow corn 32½@82⅝.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white western 24½@25; No. 2 mixed western 23 asked.

RYE—Inactive; No. 2, 44@45 near by; No. 2 western 47@48.

HAY—Firm; choice Timothy $15.50.

NAVAL STORES.

Wilmington, N. C.—Rosin firm, strained, 1.35; good strained, 1.40; Tar steady, at $1; crude turpentine steady, hard 1.10, soft, 1.50; virgin, 1.60.

COTTON SEED OIL.—New York—Cotton seed oil quiet and steady; prime crude 26, yellow prime 29@29½; off grade 28.

RICE.

The rice market was steady at Charleston. The quotations are: Prime 4½@4⅝; Good 3⅝ a 4¼; Fair 3⅛@3⅜; Common 2⅝@3.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Country Butter—Choice Tennessee 18@25c, medium 12½ to 15c.

Cow Peas—90c and $1.00 per bushel.

Poultry—Grown fowls, choice 3.50 to 3.75 per dozen. Chickens 1.75@2.50 per dozen, according to size and quality. Ducks—Muscovy 4@4.50. Geese, young 4.50 per dozen.

Eggs—Eggs 15c. per dozen.

Wool—Washed 15c per pound; unwashed 11c. Hides 11c to 12c. Wax 25c to 27c.

### The Kentucky Legislature a Tie on Joint Ballot.

In the special election held in the sixth and seventh wards of Louisville, Ky., on Saturday, Anthony Carroll, ex-speaker of the last House, defeated Charles Blatz, Republican, by a majority of 452. The election of Mr. Carroll makes the General Assembly a tie on joint ballot with 68 Democrats and 68 Republicans and two Populists. One of these Populists is pledged to vote for the Republicans, who endorsed him, and the other with the Democrats.

### Bi-Metallic Congress.

The International Bi-Metallic League has received intimation that British and German delegates will attend the bi-metallic congress to be held in Paris December 10th, 11th and 12th.

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

### Dun & Co. Say that Business Was Rather Sluggish.

R. G. Dun & Co., of New York, say of the business of the past week:

With all the shrinkage in present business and prices it is encouraging to find but a small increase in failures. Liabilities for four weeks' of November were $12,099,293 against $10,581,873 last year. Manufacturing liabilities were $3,565,781 against $3,242,849 last year, but trading liabilities only $6,728,912 against $7,297,367 last year. Failures in the United States for the week have been 324 against 285 last year and 52 in Canada against 40 last year.

Business is still sluggish, as if gorged by excessive indulgence of the appetite for buying when prices were advancing. In nearly every branch stocks not yet distributed to consumers stand in the way of new orders, and competition of a producing force largely exceeding the present demand puts down prices, that decline retarding purchases yet more. After the holidays business men look for a larger demand. Financial influences have not hindered, and rarely has the opening of a session of congress affected business so little.

Iron and its products are lower, anthracite No. 1, at $13, plates at 1.5 and bar at 1.3 cents and Bessemer $12 at Valley Mills, with billets $16.50. The average of all quotations is 8 1-2 per cent. below the highest point in September, but actual sales are frequently made below quotations. The proposed combination of lake ore producers has not yet been effected, and with the fall in the price of iron it is less probable. There is more pressure to sell Southern pig here, and some large transactions have been made by concessions, while the small demand has broken the barbed wire combination and two nail and the two bar associations are now in session to consider their policy. Rails have not changed while Bessemer pig has declined $5, and billets $6 per ton, and a purchase of 10,000 tons for San Francisco from England is noted, with a considerable importation of wire nails at Boston.

### An Alabama Infirmary Burned.

At 9 o'clock Saturday morning fire broke out in Dr. Watkins' infirmary at Highland Park, a suburb of Montgomery, Ala. There were three large two-story frame buildings, all of which were destroyed. There were a number of patients under treatment in the building, but all of them were safely removed. A portion of the furniture was saved but Dr. Watkins lost all of his valuable instruments. The loss will amount to about $20,000, with insurance of $7,000.

### Additions to the Classified Service.

The President has amended the civil service rules and brought into the classified service about 45 additional employes. The amendment reads that special department rule No. 1 is amended by striking from the list of places excepted from examination in the Department of Labor statistical experts and temporary experts. So much of executive orders as provides for the appointment of special agents in the Department of Labor by noncompetitive examination is hereby revoked.

### World's Visible Supply of Cotton.

The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 2,754,100 bales, of which 2,418,909 bales are American, against 4,232,884 bales respectively last year; receipts of cotton this week at all interior towns, 191,230 bales; receipts from the plantations, 265,571 bales; crop in sight 3,809,609 bales.


TO GAIN WEIGHT.

PALE, THIN PEOPLE USUALLY ARE DISEASED.

The First Thing Necessary to Gain Flesh is Health, Then Proper Food for Both Body and Nerves.

*From the Journal, Kirksville, Mo.*

Henry Gehrke is a thrifty and prosperous German farmer living four miles south of Bullion, in this (Adair) County, Mo. Mr. Gehrke has a valuable farm and he has been a resident of the county for years. He is very well known hereabouts and well respected wherever he is known. Last week a reporter of the *Journal* stopped at Mr. Gehrke's and while there became much interested in Mrs. Gehrke's account of the benefit she had not long since experienced from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. She said she wanted everybody to know what a great medicine these pills are, but as so many people are praising them now-a-days, she modestly doubted whether her testimony could add anything to what others had already said of them. Her only reason for talking for publication about Pink Pills was that the people of Adair and neighboring counties might be convinced, if any doubted, that oft published testimonials concerning Pink Pills were genuine statements from the lips of persons who had been benefited by the use of them. Speaking of her own interesting experience, Mrs. Gehrke said:

"A little over a year ago I was completely broken down. I had been taking medicine from a doctor but grew worse and worse until I could scarcely go about at all. The least exertion or the mere bending of my body would cause me to have smothering spells, and the suffering was terrible. I thought it was caused by my heart. When everything else had failed to relieve me and I had given up all hopes of ever being anything but a helpless invalid, I chanced to read some testimonials in the *Farm, Field and Fireside*, also in the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* and the suffering of the people who made the statements were so nearly like the suffering I had endured that when I read that they were so greatly benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People I did not hesitate to go at once and purchase two boxes. I took them according to directions and before the first box was used I felt a good bit better. Really the first dose convinced me that it was a great remedy. Before the two boxes were used up I sent my husband after three more boxes, so I would not be without them. When I had used these three boxes I felt like a different woman and thought I was almost cured.

"Since that time I have been taking them whenever I began to feel badly. When I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, I weighed only 113 pounds and after I had been using the medicine for about six months I weighed 122 pounds. I have had a good appetite ever since I commenced taking Pink Pills and instead of mincing along, picking such food as I could eat even with an effort, I eat most anything that comes on the table. I am not the invalid I was. I do not have to be waited upon now as if I was a helpless child, but I work all the time, doing the housework and ironing, and working in the garden without that dreadful feeling which comes over a person when they are afraid they are going to have one of those spells that I used to have.

"Work don't hurt me any more. I honestly believe that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I would now be in my grave. I still have what the doctor calls bilious colic but the Pink Pills have made me much better and the spells are not so frequent and are nothing like as painful as before I began to use them. I would not be without the Pink Pills for that disease alone under any circumstances, to say nothing of the other diseases for which they are especially recommended. I take pleasure in telling my neighbors the benefits I have received from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and I know of several who have taken my advice and have been greatly benefited by them."

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