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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. REENARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 24, 1891

A BAD START.

The action of Speaker Crisp in offering the second place on the Ways and Means Committee to Mr. Mills is differently viewed by the respective friends of these gentlemen, the friends of Mr. Mills considering the offer as an affront to the distinguished Texan, while the friends of the Speaker say that he was under no obligations to Mr. Mills, who has shown a putting, sulking disposition ever since he was defeated for the Speakership. We do not think that Mr. Mills has shown that lofty, chivalric spirit that might have been expected, and perhaps he has let his wounded pride get away with his better judgment, and he may have intimated too broadly that he would not accept the chairmanship of the Committee on Ways and Means, as has been alleged, but these are all reasons why Speaker Crisp should have moved with great deliberation and caution, and have exercised the utmost discretion and policy in dealing with his sore and disappointed competitor, not simply for the purpose of placating him, but to avoid a conflict with his friends who have stood so devotedly by him and make his real or imaginary grievance their grievance. Mr. Mills as an individual is one man; Mr. Mills as the representative of a certain line of party policy, with a strong following in Congress and in the Democratic party outside of Congress, is another. As the former he stands for himself; as the latter for a great many.

Mills of refusing it.

It would have been better for him and for the party to have taken the chances of Mills' accepting the appointment, while the indications were all the other way, than to have put himself in the position of being rebuffed by the curt refusal of an offer which did no credit to his sagacity and was lacking in respect for his distinguished competitor.

Placing Springer before Mills, under the circumstances, looks, to say the least of it, like paying him for that decisive vote which settled the contest between Crisp and Mills and gave Mr. Crisp the Speakership. We would not do Speaker Crisp the injustice to say that this was his motive, but his action gives ground for that suspicion, and doubtless that is the construction that Mr. Mills and his friends put upon it.

We know there are a good many Democrats who do not think that Mr. Mills was the man to put at the head of the Ways and Means Committee, and they are not influenced in this opinion by any personal dislike for Mr. Mills. There are many, also, who do not believe that Mr. Springer is the man who should be there. They believe that Mr. Springer will be too much of a trimmer, while the other believe that Mr. Mills would be too extreme. There are those outside and inside of Congress who believe this way, and the difficulty now will be to reconcile these and bring them harmoniously together. The Democratic party is greater than Speaker Crisp, Mr. Mills or Mr. Springer and it must not be made to suffer from the ambitions, disappointments, resentments, or missteps of any one man, and whatever these ambitions, disappointments or resentments may have been or may be they should be sunk, buried, lost, sight of and forgotten in zealous devotion to the cause of the people which is greater than the man, and to the unselfish, faithful performance of the duties imposed upon them by the great party whose representatives they are and which placed its trust in them when it sent them to fill the seats which they now occupy. It did not send them to Congress to fight for Mr. Crisp, nor Mr. Mills, nor Mr. Springer, nor Mr. McMillin, nor Mr. Hatch, Smith, Jones nor Brown, each and every one of whom is very small compared with it. They should remember this and that they are but trusted agents of a greater and a higher power, whose success must not be jeopardized by any unseemly bickering or wrangling, whatever the personal, real or imaginary, grievances may be.

MINOR MENTION.

There must be something radically defective in the constituent elements of the average Russian. As a people they seem to lack those general impulses of humanity that all civilized and even some savage peoples possess to a greater or a less degree. The Government as an absolute despotism is based on the idea of force, its cardinal principle of rule being to inspire its subjects with awe and terror, and command respect and obedience by the infliction of cruel and heartless punishment, sometimes for the most trivial offences, and sometimes for acts which under the circumstances leading to their commission should not be regarded as offences at all. This constantly standing in terror of the uplifted scourge has unmanned and brutalized the people, who fear the pettiest agent of the Government as they do the great grinding machine of torture at the center. Notwithstanding the fact that there are three or four millions of people in the famine-covered region of Russia, who are starving for food, the unyielding Government tax collectors made their accustomed rounds, and deaf to the voice of distress, petitioning for indulgence, the wails and cries of famished mothers and children, these heartless devils forced the people who had anything to pay with to pay, and in many instances resorted to the barbarous knout to enforce payment. Just now the ministers of the law are having starving men whipped to death or imprisoned for life for taking—they call it stealing—food to keep them alive, and almost as ghastly as this is the heartless mockery of the rich merchants of St. Petersburg, who refuse to contribute anything to the relief of their starving countrymen, and make a jest of their sufferings by dropping bits of tin and paper in the contribution boxes placed in the Corn Exchanges. In what noble contrast to this is the benevolence of the American millers, who, while these St. Petersburg merchants jeer at the sufferings of their people, are sending them a ship-load of flour. There are some good Russians, but

LOVE'S LABOR LOST.

She Was a "Nice Girl," but too Blooming Botanical.

"She was a nice girl," remarked J. Clarence Hyde to a New York *Advertiser* reporter, "but she was too blooming botanical." "Her superfluity of knowledge on this point led to our parting, and I am going home shortly to bale up her pictures and letters with the intention of returning the same. It came about in this wise: Gwendolina called on me to experiment in horticulture. She had an idea of grafting a chrysanthemum stem, or something of that kind, and she turned the bay window of the second-floor front into an infant conservatory. The light affection which she formerly professed to have for me gradually shifted to the measly collection of stumps and sprigs which filled this apartment and which ever we were together her side of the conversation was generally composed of remarks of a botanical nature. One afternoon I called and found her in tears. As I had been purposely paying attention to her younger sister in the hope of bringing Gwendolina to terms by rousing her jealousy, I fondly imagined that she was weeping at my neglect. "Gwendolina," I said, tenderly, taking her hand, "what is the trouble?" "Clarence," she sobbed, "the musca florentina are destroying my solentia rudensis." "The situation was a very distressing one. "And the plant can't be saved," she continued, "unless the muscae are killed by tobacco smoke." "I am not a smoker; I detest it. Up to that awful day a pipestem, cigarette, or cigar end had never touched my lips, but as the sacrifice hinted at might remove the coolness between us I determined to make it. "Gwendolina," I said, "provide the wherewithal and I will smoke the naughty muscae into an early grave." "We examined the plant and found it covered with minute parasites. Then she brought me her father's nice, strong, old briarwood pipe. A paper bag was pulled over the solentia rudensis, a hole punched in it, and for the next half hour I puffed cyclones of smoke through this orifice. My sufferings were too awful for mere words, and at each mouthful of that terrible vapor I felt that the next would stretch me a prostrate corpse at Gwendolina's feet. Finally we removed the bag and found that the parasites had gone up the flume. I rose, pale and trembling, expecting an outburst of fervid thanks. "I didn't know you could be so useful," she murmured. "Do come around to-morrow and smoke the geraniums." She is still waiting. This is the first time I have been out of my room since.

TEXAS COWBOYS.

The Description Given in Novels Not True to Life. Washington Post.

Not much similarity is there between the cowboy as he is and the cowboy described in the yellow-covered, blood-and-thunder novel of the present day; and perhaps if the youthful and ambitious portion of the rising generation of the East would stop to consider the dangers and privations of a Western frontier life there would be fewer amateur Indian-slayers to leave a comfortable home in a vain effort to cover themselves with imaginary glory, but more likely with a realistic monad of Texas sod. The cowboy, as a class, is, however, a jolly good fellow, who arises, or rather rolls out, at 3:30 in the morning and works until dark, getting his meals from the "chuck-wagon," which drives over the prairies from the ranch house to wherever the boys may be at meal times, and those who think all he has to do is to pose and look romantic are mistaken. He works for \$25 per month and lodging, gets paid once every six months, goes to town, blows in \$50 for a saddle, \$20 for a sombrero, \$18 for a pair of boots and the rest for whisky. Then his fun commences. He is as lawless and fearless as can well be imagined, especially after "seeing the town." At the same time, if any one of the boys, no matter whether from his particular ranch or not, is in trouble financially or otherwise, he will give his last cent, and perform the other fellow's duties in addition to his own. So much for the sunny side of his life. Now for the other side. In the first place, cow punching is the most dangerous and hazardous undertaking one can imagine. The Texas steer is fond of liberty, and as he never sees a man but that he is subjected to some sort of torture, he naturally learns to look upon the advent of the approach of man as the most baneful period of his life, and his first inclination is to stampede. The word "stampede" is too mild-sounding to express the real terrors and dangers of a stampede of full-blooded Texas steers. As one of the natives expressed it, "it is hell-a-mile."

CURRENT COMMENT.

Speaker Crisp is just beginning to realize the full meaning of Editor Watterson's statement that the present Congress is "dangerously democratic." There are not chairmanships and scarcely enough committees to go around.—*Chicago Mail, Dem.*

STATE TOPICS.

Notwithstanding the low price of cotton, the scarcity of money, and the necessarily resultant dullness in business, most of our North Carolina towns and cities look hopefully to the future, and there are few of them in which the evidences of progress are not apparent. In some of them there is more house-building going on than ever before at this time of the year, while in others the indications are, judging from the contracts reported to be made, for a big building business in the spring. If with this our farmers will abandon the one crop idea, diversify their crops, raise their own breadstuffs and meat and become independent of Western granaries and slaughter pens, we may look for prosperity on the farm too.

POLITICAL POINTS.

It is a question whether Speaker Crisp has acted wisely in making Mr. Springer chairman of the Ways and Means Committee instead of Mr. Mills. His course in this matter is certain to cause a great deal of dissatisfaction in the party.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

From "reciprocity" to "free wood" is but a step. We are not surprised to see that some of our esteemed Protectionist contemporaries, having tried a little free trade, find no particular objection to venturing a further advance. It is a season of education, and the labor of Tariff Reformers has not been altogether wasted.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

La Grippe Again.

During the epidemic of La Grippe last season Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, proved to be the best remedy. Reports from the many who used it confirm this statement. They were not only quickly relieved, but the disease left no bad after results. We ask you to give this remedy a trial and we guarantee that you will be satisfied with results, or the purchase price will be refunded. It has no equal in La Grippe, or any Throat, Chest or Lung Trouble. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Large bottles, 50c. and \$1.00.

I suffered for two weeks with neuralgia of the face, and procured immediate relief by using Salvation Oil Syrup, which had just cured her of a dreadful cough.

PERSONAL.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury will visit America next year and see all the important places in the United States and Canada.

Capt. Jack Crawford, the poet scout, has been in the service of the Government since 1868, when a boy of 15, he enlisted in the army.

Lord Dufferin, formerly Governor General of Canada and recently Viceroy of India, has been appointed British Ambassador to Paris.

George S. Montgomery, a California millionaire, has joined the Salvation Army with his wife. Both have adopted the uniforms of the Salvationists.

Gen. Wolsley is "believed to be trying his hand at romance." Sir Garnet is no tyro in the field romance. He published a two-volume novel fifteen years ago.

Among the 2,000 students whose names have been enrolled at the Berlin University this term 800 are in the American music schools. Of the total number 800 are Americans.

Timothy B. Blackstone, for thirty years President of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is said to be the only railroad president who owns a majority of the stock in the road he manages.

Sanford Hazen, who died at Ripon, Wis., Saturday, was one of eight brothers known as the Hazen band, organized for the Harrison campaign of 1840. Six of the band are still living.

John Fitzgerald, ex-president of the Irish National League of America, is the richest man in Lincoln, Neb., having a fortune of \$1,500,000. He began his career as a laborer with pick and shovel on a western road.

Mrs. Josephine M. Ayer and son of Lowell, Mass., have presented the old Ayer homestead to the Home for Young Women and Children. I consist of a big stone house and six acres of ground.

RECEIPTS.

Cotton, 1,036 bales
Spirits Turpentine, 290 casks
Rosin, 1,016 bbls
Tar, 458 bbls
Crude Turpentine, 44 bbls

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

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