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> A QUESTION. S. E. KISER

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Whose rule is the rule of love, Or is it a dream? Is there a hand to sway, And can there be One on high Who hears when the faithful pray,

When the stricken sigh? Is faith but a foolish thing For the weak alone? Must the hope to which women clin Be but their own?

Shall we laugh at the men who pray Shall we scoff the men who preach Shall we call them fools who may Believe there's a heaven to reach? If the precious stone have flaws

Shall we cast it out? Shall we, too, doubt because Some wise man had a doubt? Be deemed a clown,

And he be rated great and grand Who burns it down? Is there over us all to-day A God who rules? Or must we conclude that they

Who believe are fools? The ape and the ox and the ass bend knees To no hidden gods of theirs; Shall we join in the unbelief of these

And give up our prayers?

CURRENT COMMENT.

- No part of the British army has distinguished itself more greatly in the present war than the Irish contingent and none has suffered more. No better or faster fighters have appeared upon the scene of action than General Kelly-Kenny whose name sufficiently indicates his racial origin. And what is the matter with Robers and Kitchener, who are bossing the whole job? They are both Irishmen and at the top of the world's list of cotemporaneous commanders, -Atlanta Jour-

Lord Roberts has not enhanced his reputation—at least outside of England-by forcing the defeated Cronje to present himself at the door of the tent of the victor and beg the privilege of surrendering himself and his troops. The action was not magnanimous, it was not chivalrous, it was not Christian. It was a departure from the custom of war between civilized peoples. It must surely have escaped Lord Roberts' mind that he was fighting white men and not savages .- Savanah News, Dem.

-When the Frye-Hanna Steamship Subsidy bill was introduced its advocates proclaimed that it was so perfect a measure that Congress should make it a law without delay. All who ventured to suggest that in its original shape the bill was a flagrant scheme of favoritism and and spoliation were denounced as no better than "Free Traders," or as agents of foreign steamship companies. But in spite of their denunciations and of their alleged prefectness of the bill its champions have been compelled to amend it in nearly all its essential features. In fact, the bill has been so much mutilated since its first introduction that its champions claim that its usefulness as a means of restoring the American merchant marine is seriously crippled. In that case, the bill may as well be abandoned.

-Philadelphia Record, Dem.

- To become like Christ is the only thing in the world worth caring for, the thing before which every am-bition of man is folly, and all lower achievement vain .- Drummond.



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GOLD STANDARD BILL DISCUSSED.

Senator Teller's Speech in Criticism of the Report on the Financial Measure.

QUAY'S CASE CONSIDERED.

Private Pension Bills Passed—Resolution Concerning Adjutant General Corbin. Action Taken on Announcement of Death of Epes of Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, March 3.-The Senate held a brief session to day, adjourning early on account of the death of Representative Epes, of Virginia.

During the session Senator Ross, Vermont, spoke in opposition to the seating of Hon. M. S. Quay and Mr. Teller spoke in criticism of the conference report upon the currency bill. A number of private pension bills were passed during the day.
When the Senate convened, Senator

Pettigrew introduced and the Senate passed a resolution instructing the Secretary of War to send to the Senate the record in the court martial proceedings of 1864 against the then Lieutenant Colonel Corbin, now adju-tant general of the army. The resolution also calls for other information bearing upon General Corbin's mili The Quay r solution was then laid

efore the Senate, and Senator Ross, Vermont, made an address in which ne opposed the seating of Mr. Quay. At the close of Senator Ross' speech. Senator Teller, took the floor to discuss the conference report on the Financial bill. He maintained that too much power was given the Secretary of the Treasury, and he was opposed to all the provisions of the measure which he discussed in detail.

Senator Teller said he did no believe it was a good thing to extend the public debt, but he did not think the gold standard would be maintained Senator Teller asserted that there

had been no effort made in the last twelve years to reduce the public debt nor would there be by the Republican party. Senator Teller asked why, with all of the money in the treasury, it could not be used to pay current expenses instead of issuing bonds.

Senator Allison replied that this would prevent any evil effects from a possible endless chain and was to pre-

vent a drain upon the treasury. Referring to the premium of six per cent. on the proposed bonds, Senator Teller argued that they would still go higher because the holder could at any time get the full face value of them in money, drawing two per cent. interest while holding the bonds, meantime paying no taxes. He predicted that under the operation of the proposed law the banks would control the volume of the currency.

Referring to the recent act of the treasury in con ing to the assistance of the banks in an emergency, he said that the money then deposited could not now be taken out without creating disastrous effects. Senator Teller criticised the bimetal

lic declaration of the bill as silly and weak, because it meant nothing. Senators who had stood here for years. calling themselves bimetallists, had accepted the gold standard bill at the dictation of a caucus, and the probability was that they would go to the full length demanded by the banks.
At 3 o'clock the Pension appropria

tion bill was taken up, but on account of the slim attendance of Senators its final consideration was postponed. After the executive session the doors were re-opened and the Senate toop up private pension bills, of which thirty seven were passed.
Senator Martin, of Virginia, announced the death of Mr. Epes, and

the following Senators were appointed a committee to attend the funeral on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Daniel, Perkins, Scott and Harris. As a further mark of respect the

Senate then, at 3 45 P. M, adjourned. House of Representatives. WASHINGTON, March 3.-In the House to day the desk of Representa-

tive Epes, of Virginia, who died last night was hung with crape and covered with a profusion of cut flowers. lilies, roses and carnations. The chaplain, in his invocation, made feeling reference to the death of Mr. Epes. It had been intended to proceed to-day with the Aldrich-Robbins contested election case, but unanimous consent was given to vacate the order heretofore made and prepare the final vote until next Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., the debate continuing Monday and

Mr. Weeks, Michigan, from Committee on Elections No. 3, gave notice that the Wise Young contested election from the second district of Virginia, would be called up immediately after the Aldrich Robbins case was

Mr. Hay, Virginia, then announced with an expression of profound sorrow on the part of himself and his associates the death of Mr. Epes. He offered resolutions of respect and sympathy which were unanimously adopted. A committee of eighteen members was appointed by the Speaker to act with a Senate committee as a funeral escort. It includes the entire Virginia delegation in the House and Representatives Rhea, Kentucky; McCall, Massachusetts; Dearmond, Missouri; Henkins, Wisconsin; J. S. Williams, Illinois; Jerry, Missouri; Clayton, Alabama, and Henry and Bailey, Texas. Then at 12.48 P. M., as a further mark of respect to the deceased, the House adjourned.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

The Line Completed from Camden to the Outskirts of Columbia, S. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. COLUMBIA, S. C., March 2.—The Seaboard Air Line has finished its line from Camden to the outskirts of Columbia. A train with General Superintendent V. E. McBee's car attached made the trip between the two places to-day. Material for the depots places to-day. Material for the depots at both places is being put on the grounds. Between Columbia and Cayce, the terminus of the Florida Central and Peninsula, nearly all the track has been laid, but freshets have interfered with the completion of the bridge across the Congaree. The entire line of eighty miles will be complete from Cheraw to Columbia and thence to Cayce in three weeks.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The follow-NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1899: Galveston, 1,560,748 bales; New Orleans, 1,507,858; Mobile, 178,681; Savannah, 931,740; Charleston, 229,279; Wilmington, 255,797; Norfolk,327,340; Baltimore, 72,875; New York, 66,340; Boston, 68,930; Newport News, 15,743; Philadelphia, 71,875; Brunswick, 64,524; Port Arthur and Sabine Pass, 53,190; Pensacola, 99,539. Total, 5,483,522 bales. **GREAT REJOICING OVER NEWS FROM LADYSMITH**

London Went Mad With Joy-Business Suspended in All the Towns and Cities Throughout England.

By Cable to the Merning Star. LONDON, March 1 .- When the news of the relief of Ladysmith became generally known, London literally went mad with joy and throughout England the scenes witnessed have no parallel in the memories of this gene

The Lord Mayor of London imme diately telegraphed his congratulations to Generals White and Buller. When the Queen received the news at Windsor the bells on the curfew tower of the castle were rung in honor of the

The strain that for 118 days had kept the nation in terrible anxiety was relieved. The Lord Mayor showed himself at a window out of which hung a huge City Imperial volunteer flag and the crowd yelled itself hoarse Staid magnates grabbed flaring posters from newsboys and brandished Ladysmith Relieved" to the roaring throng. All thought of business was forgotten. Nothing could be done on the Exchange except to sing "God Save the Queen," and cheer. Busi-ness on the Baltic wheat market for cargoes closed at 1 o'clock. No one wanted to trade on such a day as this.

A General Hollday. The stores put up their shutters and gave their emp'oyes a holiday.

The Lord Mayor ordered a holiday

for the city schools. The great bell in St. Paul's was rung this evening. The stately Foreign Office so far forgot itself as to display large union jacks from the windows. A cabinet meeting was held and as the members met at the entrance to the Foreign Office they exchanged the warmest congratulations.

Crowds blocked the War Office lobbies, struggling to see for themselves the announcement, and cheered the British generals in South Africa to the

Outside Marlborough House, the London residence of Wales, a large and jubilant crowd assembled At Glasgow, Liverpool, Edinburg, and in fact in all the cities, big and little, flags flew everywhere, whistles tooted, bells chimed and crowds paraded the streets, singing patriotic songs, Business was given up for the day, the schools were closed, in the harbors all the vessels dressed ship, and at the military and naval depots scenes of the wildest enthusiasm prevailed.

Lord Mayor's Address.

At Liverpool, addressing a crowd of twenty thousand people assembled around the Town Hall, the Lord

"I thank the Almighty God for the glorious news. We have awaited it patiently. We are satisfied that under the humane laws and government of this country the Boers, in a very short time, will be loyal citizens to the British empire.

The Queen has telegraphed her con-gratulations to General Buller and General White and the Prince of Wales has telegraphed congratulations to General Buller. Lady White, in a message in reply

to congratulations, says:
"All the world is in symprthy with me to-day and I am in sympathy with all the world. I am delighted at the joyful news of the relief and am happy at the intelligence that my husband is seen at least. band is safe at last. As a wife I can say no more. What happy wife could

Cheering Thousands.

All day cheering thousands kept up the incessant roar before the Mansion house and all traffic in what is London's busiest concours ceased. Pan-demonium reigned. The news of the Mansion house demonstration had spread to all quarters of the city and there poured in a stream of boodlums and fakirs, laden down with flags; women, boys, and all sorts and conditions of people. Silk hats flew into the air and small fights were of fre-quent occurrence. The hundreds of policemen on the spot had their hands full, but as long as the enthusiasm of the crowd was only confined to horse play, the officers did not interfere. Tons of fireworks are being bought n preparation for elaborate celebra-

In several provincial towns effigies President Kruger and General Cronje were paraded through the streets and maltreated. At Glasgow an effigy of President Kruger was subjected to indignities at the foot of the Queen's statue.

Over one thousand university and college students paraded the streets of London, singing "Rule, Britannia,"

SENSATIONAL CHARGES.

Concerning the Loss of the U. S. Cruiser Charleston at Manila. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Washington, March 3.-Sensational charges are contained in an anonymous letter which has been received at the Navy Department from Manila. The communication relates to the wrecking of the Charleston and makes a serious statement that a number of officers of the vessel at the time of the disaster were under the influence of liquor. The correspondent furnishing the information claims to have verified the allegations by diligent inquiry among the officers of the Charleston. The letter was not placed on file on account of the peculiar nature of the charges, but it has been referred to the judge advocate general of the navy with instructions from Secretary Long that the matter be investigated at once Captain Pigman, who commanded the Charleston at the time of the wreck is not involved in any of the charges.

MORE MONEY FOR STATE GUARD.

Bill Now Pending in Congress to Make Appropriation \$2,000,000

[Raleigh News & Observer.] There is a bill now before Congress the two to increase the appropriation made by the Federal Government to the militia of the several States from \$400,000 to \$2,000,000. This would give North to \$2,000,000. This would give North ist. "The right thing, stranger," re-Carolina five times as much as it has sponded Amber Pete "What was it?" been receiving heretofore. Attorney General Royster and Mr. J. C. L. Harris will go on to Washington When the bill comes up, probably next week, to urge its passage. The present appropriation is wholly insuffi-

> A ghastly find of the corpse of a woman at Palmetto Beach, Fla., was made yesterday. The body lay in a big marsh near the beach and was in such a state that it was impossible to tell the color, age or condition of the deceased. When touched the clothing and corpse fell to pieces. Officers from Tampa are investigating the case.

The extensive anvil plant of the Hay Buden Company, occupying three buildings in Brooklyn, N. Y., was destroyed by fire last night, the loss being about \$80,000.

NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION.

Strict Censorship Exercised Over News from the Seat of War in South Africa.

BRITISH PLANS NOT KNOWN.

Meeting of Presidents Kruger and Steyn Give Rise to Suggestions of Peace Negotiations - Discredited -Boers Show Firm Pront.

By Cable to the Morning Star

LONDON, March 4, 4.10 A. M.-It is evident that a strict censorship is being exercised over the news at the seat of war, as the night has not added anything to the scanty dispatches received during the day, most of which referred to matters preceding the recent stirring events.

The War Office intimated at midnight that there was no prospect of news until something definite shall have been done. This is quite in keeping with the complete silence which Lord Roberts has hitherto observed while his plans were in progress of accomplishment, and until he is in actual grip with the Boers it is probable that the public will hear little or nothing of his doings.

Talk of Peace Negotiations. President Kruger is said to have left retoria with the intention of meeting resident Steyn. The place where they will meet is not stated, but it is believed to be somewhere in the Orange Free

Those who are conversant with he effect the recent reverses have had on the Boers express the opinion that the meeting of the two presidents is preliminary to a suggestion o' negotiations for peace. But the closest observers do not anticipate any sud den cessation of hostilities, and cer tainly, the reports from the theatre of war do not tend to encourage the ad vocates of immediate peace. The Boers are apparently rallying with their accustomed ability to repair a temporary reverse, and Great Britain has yet to test their force as a defen sive power under the new conditions

No Change in Situation.

Outside the meeting of the Presidents there is no news indicative of any change in the situation. Telegraphing from Osfontein to day thanking the Lord Mayor of Liver pool for his congratulations in behalf of the city, Lord Roberts says: "I trust Her country will gain such further sucersses as will speedily restore the free dom and prosperity of South Africa.' Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing th situation in South Africa for the As

sociated Press at midnight says General Buller seems to have been surprised to find that he had beaten the Boers on Tuesday. Nothing is commoner in war than for an army after hard fighting to be doubtful of the extent of its success. Few general learn, as Grant did in his first command, 'that the enemy was as much frightened of me as I was of him.' The Future Course of Events.

The question now is as to the future course of events. There cannot be much doubt as to the issue, provided no foreign powers or power interfere Lord Roberts can either order Gen. Buller, with the 40,000 men of the united Natal army, to advance on Pretoria, while he himself moves by Bloemfontein and the Free State rail way, or he can bring round most of Buller's force to reinforce his own army. In either case the Boer strategists will have a hard task to make a promising plan of campaign.

The best Boer plan is, perhaps, to leave the rear guard to cover the passes from Natal and to concentrate all the rest of their forces to resist Lord Roberts. In this way they might in a week from now meet Lord Roberts with perhaps equal numbers, but Roberts will be reinforced from week to week, while the Boers cannot be for the moment.

The position seems to be that there are six thousand or seven thousand Boers within striking distance of Roberts at Osfontein. If this is the case he will either disperse or capture this small Boer force unless they retreats rapidly until reinforced.

Lord Roberts will probably contrive o-push forward a small force on the Mafeking line and raise the siege while he is drawing the principal Boer army on to himself. The Boers Captured at Paardeberg.

CAPE Town, March 3.- The railroad s now repaired northward from Kim berley to Riverton. The engineers are pushing the work rapidly. The Boer prisoners captured at Paar-deberg total up 4,660 men. About 3,000

of them are now on their way here. The pressure on the rolling stock is enormous. London, March 3.—The Queen to-day received the following dispatch from General Buller: "The troops much appreciate your majesty's kind telegram. Your majesty cannot know how much your sympathy has helped

to inspire them. A special dispatch from Brussels an nounces that Dr. Leyds authorizes an absolute denial of the report that he had received news that Mafeking had been relieved.

TWINKLINGS.

- "He's from the wild and woolly West, isn't he?" "Oh, no! I believe he hails from the cottony South." Teacher-"I just gave the proverb. 'The burned child dreads the fire.' Now can any one of you tell me a similar proverb?" Pupil-"I can teacher.
"The washed child dreads the water." -New York World

- Feminine Logic-"Now, John, you know very well if I don't get that bonnet I shall cry and worry myself into an attack of nervous prostration, and the doctor's bill be ten times the

rice of the bonnet. - "Hit the Nail: "What did the poor man say when he was accused of taking the cattle?" inquired the tour-'I'll be hanged."-New York World.

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MR. BELLAMY'S SPEECH.

Strong Presentation of Objections to Porto Rican Tariff Bill.

Washington, February 28.—Mr. Bellamy, in his speech against the Porto Rican bill, among other things,

"Mr. Chairman: The present bill providing a rate and system of taxa-tion for Porto Rico different from that imposed upon the people of the rest of the United States presents a question so far reaching in its consequences as to make this occasion a real crisis in our history; and upon correct solution of the problem will depend whether we shall continue our government upon the plan and scope designed by our fathers, or whether we shall embark upon the colonial system-a new and untried experiment-totally in conflict with the spirit of our constitution and which may seriously im peril the safety of the republic.

This government can no more ex-

ist permanently half republic and half empire than it could exist half slave and half free. That the fathers sought to establish on this continent a government different from the monarchies of Europe is a trite but a true saying and the basis of the constitution which they adopted and on which it rests are the fundamental principles of eternal justice, which were inherent in the hearts and minds of those sturdy settlers who had fled here to escape the oppression and exactions of the governments of the old world Even though there was not a clause or word in the constitution requiring uniformity in the levy of duties, to assess upon the inhabitants of one section of our American territory a tax different in amount and burden from that levied upon another is so discriminative and unfair and repug nant to national justice that it con flicts with the fundamental principles of society and government, which of themselves prescribe a limit to legisla

"While I hope never to see the representatives of Asiatic people in the Congress, or their millions of subjects be allowed to compete with American labor, yet we must meet the questions as they arise under constitutional powers conferred and deal with them in accordance with and subject to, and not outside of the limits prescribed in the constitution, under which alone we derive the power to deal with any territory at all. went as far as we were justified in going when we said to Europe that America was for Americans; but if we are now to govern the islands bordering on America, or on Asia, by force, as a colony subject to such unequal taxation as we deem desirable, and govern them as subjects pur chased from their former masters what further rights have we to com mand that European monarchies shall not found imperialistic governments on American soil?

"If the constitution secures to every man under the flag the rights of freemen, the right to travel and live in any part of our common country wherever our flag floats as the emblem of freedom and liberty, where is the power granted to restrain that right if we claim them as American countries, subject to our laws? May constitutional liberty be maintained in this en-tire nation, including every territory embraced within i s extended borders, in full force and vigor foreyer.' (Loud applause.)

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT. Dividends Paid-6 Per Cent. Per Annum. Last Instalment of Capital Paid in October 1892. feb 21 tf WORLD'S SUPPLY OF COTTON

New Orleans Exchange's Statement Showing Movement of the Crop Since September 1st.

By Telegraph to the Merning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2 .- Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease for the week just closed of 78,-712 bales against a decrease of 95,601 last year.

The total visible is 3,941,059 tales against 4,019,771 last week and 5,398,-121 last year. Of this the total Amercan cotton is 3,917,059 against 3,260, 771 last week and 4,305,121 last year; of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 744,000 against 725, 000 last week, 1,093,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply there is

now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe, 1,959,000 bales against 3,394,000 last year; in Egypt, 201,000 against 273,000 last year; and in the United States 1,444, 000 against 1,244,000 last year. Secretary Hester's New Orleans Ex change statement which covers the monthly movement to the close of February, shows the total for Febru ary to have been 841,580 bales against

552,010 last year and 893,341 year be fore last The amount brought into sight for he six months from September to February, inclusive, shows a decline of 1.755,000 bales under last year and decline of 1,885,000 under year before last. The movement from the 1st of September to the close of February shows receipts at all United States por:s 5,566,814 against 7,236,061 last year; net overand movement by railroads across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers 1,032,202 against 1,081,127; Southern mill takings exclusive of consumption at Southern outports, 851,906 against 779,509, and interior stocks in excess

339,583 same time in 1887. These make the total amount of the cotton crep brought in sight during the six months ending close of Febru ary, 7,693,018 against 9,447,542 last year and 9,578,268 year before last, Northern spinners took during Feb ruary 231,893 bales, against 209,666 ast year. Foreign exports for the first six

of those held at the commencement of

the season 242,906 against 350,848 last

year; 428,015 year before last, and

057,246 bales, a decline under last season of 1,786,965. Stocks at the seaboard and the wenty-nine leading Southern interior markets at the close of February were 1,436,064 bales, against 1,287,244 the

months of the season have been 4.

same date last year. Including the stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the previous season and the number of bales of the current crop brought into sight during the six months, the supply has peen 8,311,916 bales, against 9,215,108 last year and 9,694,822 the year before

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47 yards of White Homespun at 24c \$1.20 28 yards Calleo, fast colors, at 4c 1.12 9 yards Feather Ticking, good quality at 124c 1.13 10 yards pretty Worsted, goods for Fallie's dress, at 13c 95 Well, Moses, hold on; stop right here and et me put you on a little Racret. You see that mile post youder at the crook of the road? Yes. Sam. I see it
Well, Moses. it is just 2 miles from there to
Geo O. Gay ord's Branch Store, corner of
Fourth and Campbell street; and Moses, I just
want you to look in my cart and see what I
have just bought from there for \$10.49.

pair Shoes for my wife, cloth top...... Just see what I got for\$10 49

That is the cheapest place in the city to buy goods. Yes, Sam, I think so; and I am surely going there to *pend my cash Yes, Bud, and they will give you a present with every Ten Dollars' worth you buy there.

We are yours, with Bargains for the Spot Cash, G. O. GAYLORD'S Branch Store,

J. R. BOYD, General Manager.

Corner Fourth and Campbell Streets.

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