

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NAVY.

Senator Butler Precipitated Discussion of the Armor Plate Question.

A SENSATION IN THE HOUSE.

Representative Brown, Republican, from Ohio, Condemned McKinley's Colonial Policy—Urged Congress to Give Philippines Independence.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—During almost the entire session of to-day the Senate had under consideration the Naval Appropriation bill. Practically the bill was completed when it was laid aside for the day, all of the committee amendments being adopted; but as the measure was about to be placed on its passage, Senator Butler, North Carolina, precipitated a discussion of the armor plate question.

In order to make some others to speak upon the matter, the bill was laid aside until Monday. Replies upon the late Representative Alfred O. Harmer, of Pennsylvania, concluded the session.

The passage at the beginning of the session of the Senate of a bill granting \$800,000 a month to Stacy H. Cogswell, Company, of Indiana, a volunteer infantry, induced Senator Tillman, South Carolina, to make some forcible comments upon the House in not taking action upon a bill providing a pension for a Mexican war veteran who had resided in South Carolina during the civil war and naturally had been in sympathy with the Confederacy.

The resolution offered yesterday by Senator Terry calling upon the President to order the withdrawal of the American minister in China has joined with the representatives of other powers in mandating the execution of Bruce T. Swan and other Chinese officials, was adopted without debate.

While the Naval bill was under consideration Senator Butler, called attention to the paragraph in the bill appropriating \$4,000,000 for armor plate already contracted for.

He declared the Senate absolutely precluded from considering the matter now because Congress has authorized the Secretary of the Navy to pay for armor which ever the armor trust could hold him up.

In the course of his speech, in which he was supported by the Democratic side, and the close of his speech many of his Republican associates crowded about him and congratulated him on his boldness.

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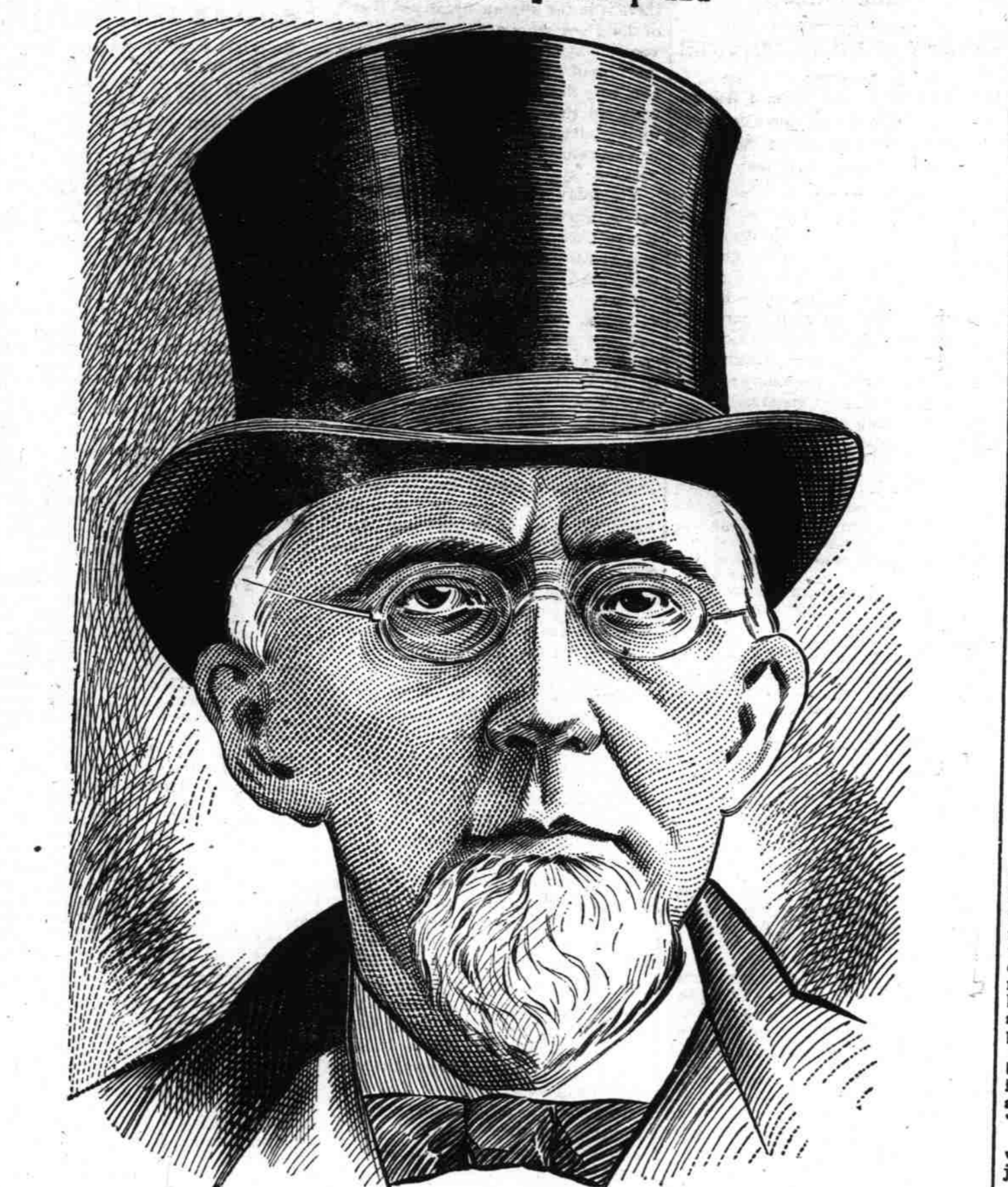
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TREASURER POTTER VIGOROUS AT 82. Aged Bank Official Writes a Long, Grateful Letter to Proprietors of Paine's Celery Compound



Eighty two years old, and free from aches, pains, and feebleness! The last ten years of his life the healthiest he has known. And forty five years—a life span for most people—of hard work and responsibility as a bank cashier and treasurer to look back upon.

For the past ten years Mr. Potter has never known a day of serious sickness. Previous to that time he suffered from nervous prostration that obliged him to rest for six years.

The remarkable immunity from weakness and disease at such a time in life, has not happened by chance. He knows better than the average man that it is the result of a preventive.

I am inclined to believe in the old adage that "An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure," so when there has been prevailing illness in the community, such as grippe, influenza, fevers, etc., I take the compound, and thus far have had none of these ailments, although they have been prevalent all around me, so that I have great faith in Paine's celery compound.

I have great faith in Paine's celery compound. I have recommended the compound to many of my friends, and I have the satisfaction of knowing that it has done them very much good.

I was cashier of the bank in South County for 29 years, and for the last fifteen years was secretary and treasurer of the new savings bank in connection with the National Bank.

My position in the bank was my last work. I am 82 years old.

Most sincerely yours, J. B. POTTER.

LARGE FIRE IN PITTSBURG.

Armstrong Brothers' Cork Factory and Other Building Destroyed—The Loss Nearly \$500,000—Fully Insured.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 9.—The five story brick building at 23rd street and Allegheny Valley railroad, occupied by the Armstrong Brothers, cork factory, was completely destroyed by fire to-day together with the foundry and machine shop of the Totten Hog Iron and Steel Foundry Company on 24th street adjoining the Armstrongs. The loss will reach almost \$500,000, with insurance covering the amount fully.

The fire broke out at 10:30 p.m. and in a few minutes the flames were out of control. The fire was extinguished in quick succession, calling all the engines in the lower city to the scene.

At that the highwayman sprang upon Mr. Will, who was 70 years old, knocked him down and ran off with the watch.

A brick layer at work near by witnessed the assault and captured the highwayman, who in the struggle, dropped the money, which was promptly recovered by Mr. Will.

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Wilmington's Big Racket Store, 208-210 North Front Street. As a Special in LADIES' SHOES this week. We offer the "VICIOUS" SHOE for \$1.50, worth \$2.00. Nice, new goods. In any sizes.

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO. Capital Surplus, &c \$250,000.00. Deposits \$1,100,000.00. Do you rest easy about your money? 4% PER ANNUM. Compounded Quarterly.

MICHIGAN FLOUR. Seed Potatoes and Cuanos. 150 BAGS GENUINE SEED POTATOES. 10,000 BAGS FERTILIZERS.

In The Summer. Of life a woman may find herself fading and falling. She doesn't understand it. She goes to doctors, who treat her for this or for that, but she gets no better.

OPEN THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART. MOSSES G. SHIRLEY. Open the door of your heart my lad. To the angels of love and truth. When the world is full of unnumbered joys.

CURRENT COMMENT. "Ann" Hanna Rivers, the only negro ever allowed to live in Nashville, Ill., has moved away taking her permit with her.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS. Good living is worth more than plausible theories. When he that is rich in purse is "poor in spirit," the world is made better.

FATAL AFFRAY IN CHARLOTTE. Nelson Hamrick Shot and Killed and His Brother Fatally Wounded. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

THE VANDERBILT HEIRS. Served With Notices Calling for Payment of the Inheritance Tax. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

THREE MEN WERE SHOT. Postmaster's Fight With Four Masked Men Who Attempted to Rob the Office at Emma, N. C.

WINKLING. He (musingly)—"Let me see! What is the rest of that old saying? 'When in doubt—'" She (helpfully)—"Give her a diamond." Judge.

WARM WIRELETS. General James M. Roggels, who died the first day of the Republic, died yesterday at Springfield, Ohio.

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