

Resolution Under Consideration to Secure Thorough Investigation of the Suffrage Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, author of the resolution presented to the Republican caucus Monday night and to be further considered at a caucus next Monday night, authorizes the following statement as to the general purpose of the movement, to correct any impression that it is in the nature of a "force bill."

SOUTH APPALACHIAN FOREST RESERVATION.

Report Presented in the Senate From Committee on Bill Appropriating \$5,000,000 for Its Creation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Fritchard, from the Committee on Forest Reservations, today presented a report on the bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the creation of a National Forest in the South Appalachian region, as authorized by the committee several days ago.

BIDDLE BOYS BURIED.

Services Conducted by Catholic Priest Mrs. Soffel's Condition Unchanged.

PITTSBURGH, February 5.—The remains of Edward and John Biddle were quietly interred in a single grave at Calvary cemetery today. There were not more than twenty-five persons present at the funeral.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Kitchener Reports Capture of DeWet's Last Gun and Rout of Westell's Force.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The British pursuit of Gen. DeWet has been successful to the extent that his last gun has been captured and Commandant Westell has been routed.

THIRTEEN PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES.

Terrible Effect of Explosion of Illuminating Gas in Chicago Last Night.

MANY PEOPLE WERE INJURED

Two Buildings Wrecked—Property Damage Estimated at \$50,000—An Entire Family of Eight Persons Wiped Out.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Thirteen lives were lost, many people slightly injured, two buildings at 373 and 374 Twenty-second street were wrecked, and \$50,000 damage was done by an explosion of gas to-night at the intersection of Twenty-second street and Archer avenue.

GOING TO THE VERGE.

He Thought He Had Reached Friendship's Limit.

This young man is not so condescending as he was, and his ideas of friendship are not so inflated. He takes it philosophically and is willing to place a heavy credit in favor of experience.

THE TALE OF A TACK.

How an Italian Tack Was Enabled to Reach High C.

"There was once an Italian tacker at Covent Garden of the name of Tack. He was a very clever fellow, and was known as 'the tack' because he was so good at his work."

ADVERSE TO SCHLEY.

President's Response to the Admiral Will Be Made Public Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Post tomorrow will say: "It was stated last night that the President's response to the appeal of Admiral Schley would be made public next Saturday."

THE DOCTOR'S INDISCRETION.

There is no profession which calls for the use of more discretion than the profession of medicine.

"Do you consider acting a profession?" said the young woman who asks very direct questions.

NOT BURIED AT SEA.

The Humane French Boatman and the Dead Englishman.

A long expected French tug was lowered to the water, and the two lowest free traders were on the alert, anxiously seeking an opportunity for communicating with her crew.

GUNS FOR OLD GLORY.

The First Foreign Salute Given to the American Flag.

The Little Ranger ran slowly between the two French frigates, looking at the stars and stripes with admiration like a child.

MY MORTALITY.

As you, 'Mortals, thy life is but a span,' As you, 'Mortals, thy life is but a span,' As you, 'Mortals, thy life is but a span,'

FEASTED ON SPARROWS.

A Diet That Did Not Agree With the Crane.

"Some time ago I had occasion to observe an interesting change in the habits and temper of a crane which had been picked up in the swamps of Arkansas."

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