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IN CONGRESS.

WHAT'S SEEN AND HEARD THERE—BILLS—GAMBLING IN FUTURES—FREE SILVER—WHAT ABOUT CHILI?

OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST.

[Editorial Correspondence.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13, '92. Congress was in session but little over an hour to-day. They give an excuse for such short sessions, that the committees are at work.

Holeman's resolution pledging the body to economy etc., etc., will pass now, but he probably could not pass it 90 days from now.

Congressman Alexander is preparing a bill that will be a death blow to gambling in futures if it should become a law.

Each of the above-named papers are requested to keep the list standing on the first page and add others, provided they are duly elected.

Prof. Garzand is now writing the story "A Spoil in Office" the opening chapters of which appear in the January number of The Arena.

But few people have any idea of the immense amount of work done by President Polk.

At the supper table at the National Hotel last night a gentleman from Cincinnati, a manufacturer of wagons, said "You Alliance people ought to be satisfied, you have gotten the prices of things down so low that there is scarcely any profit in making wagons now."

We have received a number of letters and requests to hold our \$1.00 special reduction offer open a week or two more.

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WHY ARE THESE THINGS?

If You Can't Answer the Question, Why Not? The person who can't think is an idiot. The person who won't think is a fool.

Eight million bales of cotton flooded the markets of the world, and have hammered the price down to zero. Yet millions of laborers have made their clothing to wear! Corn was made in the west so plentifully that people burnt it for winter fires because it would only bring twelve cents per bushel.

They tell us that this country is suffering from over-production of food! Then why do men go hungry through your streets? Over production of goods? Then why do shrinkers and feeble children go shivering under the icy sidewalk so that their poor parents speak in every line of pinched and jagged features?

In Christendom are some 350,000,000 people. Statistics show that one-third of the number never have enough to eat.

Farmer friend, do you know that you raise here in your beloved Southland about four-fifths of the cotton of the world? Do you know that cotton makes more money for you than any other crop in the world?

Why should not the farmer take a hand in politics? Stop and think about this; and ask who it is that would keep him out of politics?

The farmer has a right in politics. He should take an active interest in all public questions. This is a duty that he owes his country, his posterity, and himself.

Listen to what the patriot and statesman, ex-Gov. Charles M. Stedman, said in his speech to his brother soldiers, on the banks of the beautiful Swanee, on the 15th day of September, in relation to the tyranny of money as practiced at the present time.

Everywhere is peace, prosperity and plenty save where the brutal, coarse, and insolent tyranny of money made liberty a mockery, and home a ghastly unreality.

The silver question has already shown a ready disposition to bob up at any and all times. Several bills have been introduced for free coinage, and although there has been only one "bill" day in the House, four bills of the same sort were introduced.

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News from Washington.

NOTES AND ITEMS FROM CONGRESS AND WHAT IT IS DOING. Some Bills Introduced—Personal Mention.

It is noticeable that it is the Democrats around Washington who have the most of the grip. The Republicans most theirs in the elections of last year and this.

It is charged that Senator Sherman bought votes in the Senatorial caucus which nominated him. Members of Congress and Senators are beginning to get very uneasy over the situation in the Chilean affairs and are waiting patiently for the President's message on the subject before taking any action in the Senate.

There was almost as much betting in Washington on the race for the speakership as there is on an ordinary horse race. The largest winner was W. T. Blackwell, of North Carolina, who is reported to have won \$100,000, in sums from \$500 down.

Representative Pierce, of Tennessee, introduced a free silver resolution in the House, and the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, appointed by the Speaker, are in favor of free coinage of silver.

Gov. Hill, of New York, says that he will not accept a salary as Governor or since his election as United States Senator, but will turn it over to the State.

There is a proposed amendment of the Constitution changing the day for inaugurating the President from March 4 to some time in April. This will be brought about by the disagreeable March weather, which has caused so many deaths on such occasions.

Gen. Porter has asked for a million dollars more to finish his census. He has already spent six million, four hundred thousand.

Bills have been introduced placing the following articles on the free list: Jute, jute bagging, iron ties, binding twine, lumber, tin plate, salt, agricultural machinery, wool, coal and iron ore, and bills have been introduced to repeal the sugar county clause of the law, and so much of the reciprocity clause as gives the President authority to restore the duty upon certain products of countries which fail to make reciprocity treaties with the United States.

Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, has introduced a resolution in the House for the appointment of a special committee to make a thorough investigation into the financial system of the United States.

Senator Vance was appointed on committees on contingent expenses, finance, privileges and elections, and the District of Columbia and Chairman of the Committee on Woman's Suffrage.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS.

SINCE LAST THURSDAY, CAREFULLY ASSORTED AND CONDENSED FOR BUSY PEOPLE. State.

Goldboro has raised the license tax from \$50 to \$100. 230 students were present at the opening of the University for the spring session.

Two thousand negroes have in two weeks gone to sea, from the eastern counties of North Carolina. The biggest hunt reported during the holidays was in Caswell county, 80 men and boys and 110 dogs being engaged in it.

Every inmate of the Confederate Veterans' Home at Raleigh is sick with grip. Four of them have died with this disease. Dr. Thos. H. Clark, of Panama Springs, was killed at Weldon last week, by jamming of two freight cars as he was crossing the track.

W. E. Grimsley will be tried for shooting Rev. J. T. Abernathy at the next term of court for Greene county, which convenes next Monday. A party of twenty-five negroes has left Weldon for Pennsylvania, where they have been promised good homes and work at remunerative wages.

J. C. Palmer, an Asheville policeman, was scratched some weeks ago by a negro whom he had arrested. Blood poison ensued and last week the policeman died. The Mecklenburg Times says that it was in error in stating that a petition was being circulated among Alliance members pleading the signers to vote the Third party ticket.

It is stated that H. M. Bowden, the long missing cashier of the wrecked First National bank at Wilmington, has within the past few days been seen at Baltimore. A special train on the Western North Carolina railroad was wrecked Monday night. Superintendent McEee and Judge Schenck were on the train. No one was injured.

Leon Thos. C. Fuller, of Raleigh, N. C., was confirmed by the Senate Monday as Associate Justice of the Court of Private Land Claims of the United States. The appointment is for life and pays a salary of \$5,000 per year. Mr. Chas. M. Basheer, Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the world has issued a card that he has so far recovered from his recent sickness to be able to resume the discharge of his office. This will be hailed with delight by all Odd Fellows.

The case of John C. Davis, the Wilmington lawyer who cleaned up Fifth Street M. E. church, of that city, as well as many individuals, has been continued until the March term of the Criminal Court of New Hanover. Insanity is to be pleaded in his defence and Dr. P. L. Murphy, superintendent of the State Hospital at Morganton, is to be summoned as an expert witness.

National. There are 151,614 Roman Catholic negroes in the United States. Every messenger of the Southern express company is ordered out on a strike. Baby Ruth defeats Baby McKee in a voting contest for a prize at a Chicago church fair.

District Attorney Carter says the men of the Baltimore were foully murdered in Valparaiso Chili. In an interview published in the Atlanta Constitution, Congressman Livingston says Crisp's victory is Cleveland's death-knell.

On Thursday, Jan. 7th, Senator Peffer introduced a bill providing for a loan by the National Government of \$900,000,000 to the people of Indiana. The Federal Supreme court decides that a man is not compelled as a witness to testify to having got rebates on railroad rates in violation of the Inter-State Commerce act.

The Democrats in Nebraska are victorious. They got their Governor in spite of Republicans' rascality. So decides the Supreme court. This is a fine success for the presidential year. The New York chamber of commerce have adopted resolutions calling on the Legislature for an appropriation of not less than \$1,000,000 for representation of the State at the World's Fair.

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature making January 19th, Gen. Lee's birthday, and June 3rd, Confederate memorial day, and election days legal holidays, and Saturday afternoons in the summer time half holidays. Foreign. Serbia's death rate was increased by seventy on Sunday, caused by grip. It is rumored that negotiations between our Government and Italy are going on in Rome. The rig of the commander of the Yorktown, a U. S. boat, while lying at the landing at Valparaiso on the 9th instant was stoned by roughs at that city. The British Parliament allows to each of the daughters of the queen an income of \$80,000 a year. The younger sons of the queen receive \$125,000 each a year.