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## CUBA IN THE SENATE

A Large Crowd Present in the Galleries.

## WEYLER GETS GAY.

Says the Rebellion will be Over in Two Weeks—Hall Says the Cameron Resolution will be Referred Back to Committee.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The report just before the session opened today is that the Cameron resolution will not be called up in the Senate today.

Even if not called the Cuban question will likely come up in some way and if it does the indications point to a sensational debate.

The Senate galleries are crowded and the hope is that the Cameron resolution, recognizing the independence of Cuba will give rise to an exciting debate.

The friends and enemies of the bill among the Senators gathered early, and both sides are confident of victory.

Senator Hale expressed confidence that he would be able to defeat the bill. He will move that it be referred back to the foreign relations committee. He declares that he has enough votes to carry such a motion.

HAVANA, Jan. 5.—Gen. Weyler in an interview says the rebellion will be over in a fortnight. The Spanish situation is exceptionally good.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Call has introduced a resolution calling for information regarding the imprisonment in Cuba of Julius Sanguinelli, an American citizen.

He will speak upon it tomorrow. He wants the president to demand that Sanguinelli be released.

Minister Wills May Die.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—Honolulu information of December twenty-eighth, says that United States Minister Willis has been suffering from pneumonia some time and is given up by his physicians. For three days previous to the dispatch the information is that death is hourly expected.

The Trial of Lady Scott Resumed.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The trial of lady Scott has been resumed. George Santiano, instructor of the Harvard University, testified to cruising in the Earl's yacht and saw no improper conduct and heard no complaints.

CITY LIGHT CONTRACT

Expires in May—It Costs the City \$5,000 Per Annum.

The contract for lighting the streets of the city, which has been held by the Raleigh gas company for five years, expires in May. The city pays near \$5,000 per year for lights. Now that the present contract is about to expire a good deal of talk is heard about a renewal.

That the streets of Raleigh have been improperly lighted is a fact recognized by every one. There will be a number of applicants for the lighting contract and in view of this the question of the city establishing its own plant and placing a light on every corner in the city is being agitated. It is claimed that this can be done for less than the present cost.

At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Drewry introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

"Owing to the fact that our city last night sustained the grievous loss of having the electric power house burned, thereby preventing for at least a season the operating of our street car system, now therefore be it resolved by this board, that the mayor is hereby instructed to appoint a committee of three from this board with the mayor ex officio, as chairman to take into consideration the advisability of the city purchasing this plant or some other and operating it not only for street car purposes, but for purposes of lighting the city and supply its citizens with lights."

This committee is to report back to the board at a subsequent meeting for final action.

A committee consisting of Mayor Russ, Aldermen Drewry, Mills and White was appointed.

Do not fail to read the new announcement of Messrs. Woolcott &amp; Son today and call and see their big bargains.

## LEGISLATIVE EDITION.

The Press-Visitor's Special General Assembly Issue is Progressing.

Work on the Legislative Edition of the Press-Visitor, which will be issued at an early date, is progressing rapidly, and Mr. C. Beauregard Poland, who has the edition in charge is making vigorous efforts to make it the most complete edition ever published in the State. It will contain bright and interesting sketches of political life, without up-to-date history of the present general assembly with biographical sketches of the prominent members thereof. Also, interesting sketches of the governor and the state officials of note.

This edition of the Press-Visitor will be gotten up in a manner that will make it interesting to everybody who takes an interest in the political workings of the state.

Every State officer and member of the Assembly should see that he is represented in this edition.

Mr. Poland, who is an experienced journalist, will call on you and explain the matter thoroughly.

Thousands of copies of this edition will be printed and circulated throughout the State.

This paper will exert quite an influence in the political fields of the State, and each member of the General Assembly will find many attractive features therein.

The prominent political leaders of the State are taking an interest in this edition, and are helping to make it a success.

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## A STRANGE TEST.

A Suspected Murderer Talks While Hypnotized.

It will be remembered that some months ago a mind reader and a hypnotist named Laska was in Raleigh and gave some interesting tests. A special from Galveston, Texas, gives account of a curious performance by Prof. Laska there a few days ago. The Galveston Dispatch says:

William Hanson, who was arrested on suspicion of having murdered Samuel Martin, a labor leader, whose body was found in the bay with 100 pounds of iron tied about the neck, was hypnotized and questioned in detail about the crime. While in the lethargic state he confessed that Martin had reason to be jealous of him; that Mrs. Martin intended to get a divorce and become Mrs. Hanson, but he denied all knowledge of how the murder was committed, and repeated the story he told the police when arrested.

Hanson was hypnotized by Prof. Laska, a peripatetic lecturer, who came to Galveston a few days ago to give exhibitions of his proficiency in hypnotism. Laska was sent for by the chief of police this morning. He said he would be glad to try his hand on the suspected man. Hanson was asked if he would agree to the arrangement. He expressed willingness to be put to any test.

The professor and the prisoner were then introduced. Laska said he would like to see what sort of a subject Hanson was. He began work on him, and in a few minutes Hanson seemed to be wholly under the professor's control. To prove the suspected man was not shamming, a woman's hatpin was jabbed into Hanson's cheek.

The subject did not flinch, and when the hatpin was pulled out of the flesh, no blood flowed from the wound. Then the man's arm was put in a cataleptic state, and the most powerful detective on the force was asked to bend it. He did not succeed. Then Laska awakened Hanson, told him he was a fine subject, and after consulting Chief Jones and learning that the police wanted the test made at noon in the presence of more witnesses, the professor said:

"Mr. Hanson, I'm going away; you will be asleep when I return at 12 o'clock."

The chief of police and half a dozen detectives and reporters remained in the room with the prisoner after the hypnotist departed. Shortly before noon Hanson seemed to become drowsy. He lay down, and apparently was in a deep slumber in a few moments. Laska returning, the detectives were told to awaken the prisoner. They tried to do so by shaking and slapping him and by shouting in his ears, but without avail. The hypnotist rubbed the prisoner's face many times, instructed him to sleep soundly, and then said: "When you open your eyes

you will see Sam, the murderer, standing before you. Open your eyes."

Hanson's eyes opened. Chief of Police Jones was standing directly in front of the subject.

"Do you remember the quarrel we had, William?" the chief asked. "We had no quarrel, Sam," Hanson replied. "Yes, we did." "No, Sam; we never had but one quarrel, and that did not amount to anything." "Did I tell you that if I caught you around my house I would kill you?" "No, Sam; you never told me anything of the kind." "Did we not have a quarrel?" "Yes; but you said you did not mean me when you said you would kill him." Who "him" is could not be ascertained.

Then the professor showed how he could make the subject believe the chief of police was Mrs. Martin. The chief, posing as Mrs. Martin, put a new set of questions to the recumbent man. Hanson addressed the chief familiarly as "Clara," and when asked to tell what he knew about the murder he repeated the story he had told the police when arrested.

For nearly an hour the prisoner was subject to every sort of question the spectators suggested. To the question as to whether he thought Martin was murdered he replied affirmatively, saying he believed the wound in the head was made with an ax.

When released from the hypnotic state, Hanson did not show any undue desire to learn what he had said.

The police said they were fully satisfied with the test made, but later in the afternoon Hanson was again hypnotized in order that some further questions might be propounded to him. A spectator asked the privilege of interrogating the suspected man. Hanson was told the spectator was Mrs. Martin.

Again he addressed the supposed Mrs. Martin familiarly. "William," said the questioner. "I've turned state's evidence and confessed how we murdered Sam." "If you say I murdered Sam you lie," said Hanson.

At this juncture Chief of Police Jones stopped the seance. He said he did not consider it fair to the prisoner to subject him to any further interrogation, and the professor awakened the subject.

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## TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 5.

Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert &amp; Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 300 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

MONTHS. OPEN- HIGH- LOW- CLOS- ING EST. EST. EST. ING

MONTHS.	OPEN- ING	HIGH- EST	LOW- EST	CLOS- ING
January,	6.18	6.31	6.76	6.80
February,	6.83	6.85	6.81	6.85
March,	6.90	6.93	6.82	6.92
April,	6.99	7.00	6.97	6.99
May,	7.03	7.08	7.02	7.06
June,	7.08	7.12	7.08	7.11
July,	7.13	7.14	7.13	7.16
August,	7.17	7.17	7.14	7.17
Sep'tm'r,	6.92	6.92	6.90	6.91
October,				6.92
November,				6.94
December,				6.94

Closed steady, sales 117,300 bales.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

New York Stock Market.

Sugar .....	1104
American Tobacco .....	774
Burlington and Quincy .....	704
Chicago Gas .....	744
Dex. and Cat. Feed .....	334
General Electric .....	482
Louisville and Nashville .....	894
Manhattan .....	264
Rook Island .....	662
Southern Preferred .....	264
St. Paul .....	722
Tennessee Coal and Iron .....	254
Western Union .....	834

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—May, 834; July 784.
Corn—May, 254; July, 264.
Oats—May 19; July .....
Pork—January, 7.80; March, 7.85.
Lard—January 3.80; May, 3.97.
Clear Rib Sides—January 3.87; May 4.00.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

January .....	3.66 b
February .....	3.65 s
March .....	3.66 v
April-May .....	3.65 b
May-June .....	3.67 b

Closed steady, sales 10,000 bales.

Notice.

The St. Luke circle of King's Daughters will meet at the residence of Mrs. Jos. Blake tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Mas M. E. Moore, Pres.  
Mas. Kinney Joyce, Sec.

## HILEMAN, THE SPEAKER

Skinner Out Boldly for Senator Pritchard.

## ALLOCAUCUS TONIGHT

Pritchard Sure of Election—Republicans Say that Butler is Whipped—Claude Dockery Candidate for Speaker—Pritchard Arrives.

Congressman Harry Skinner arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. The representative from the First district is taking as much interest in the election of a United States Senator as any other man on the ground. Indeed, it may be said that Mr. Skinner has come here to make open war on his party leader, Senator Butler, who is here directing the fight against Senator Pritchard. Mr. Skinner, in championing Senator Pritchard's cause, makes that gentleman's re-election almost sure, and by so doing defies the dominant wing of his party. From now on it will be a fight between Skinner and Butler for the mastery inside the Populist ranks.

Congressman Skinner made a declaration in favor of Senator Pritchard last night to a reporter of the Press-Visitor. Mr. Skinner said:

"If Mr. Pritchard is for the free coinage of silver, which I believe him to be, then good faith should cause him to be voted for by the Populists."

"I think Senator Pritchard is as good a silver man as there is in the state of North Carolina. The indications are that he will be elected under caucus, legislative and personal assurances to support the People's party in its fight for financial reform."

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Mr. Skinner is quartered on the fourth floor of the Park and has a constant stream of callers.

Representative Morton, of Richmond county, is a Populist. He is as much wedded to the free silver cause as most people are to their wives. Mr. Morton was cussing out the "traitors" last night. He said:

"I want a free silver conference in which all parties can unite. I want a silver Senator elected, free and above aboard. I'll never touch any of Mark Hanna's money."

Ex-Senator Westmoreland is here.

Mr. Westmoreland says a silver Senator should be elected by all means.

As the Press-Visitor indicated yesterday A. F. Hileman of Cabarrus will be speaker of the House of Representatives, unless some unforeseen event intervenes. Mr. Hileman is almost assured of the nomination tonight in the Populist caucus. The report was spread today that J. B. Schulken had withdrawn from the race, but this is denied by his friends, though Mr. Schulken, says he is making no fight for the nomination for speaker. Senator Butler stated last evening that he was not working for Mr. Schulken or any particular person for the speakership, but that on the other hand he was keeping himself free from the contest. Republicans assert that Butler has been doing his utmost to defeat Hileman and that he significantly failed. All the republican leaders allege