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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent)

June 30, 1902.

"All hinges on the Philippine Bill," said Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means Committee, Saturday, when I asked him the probable date of adjournment and it is no exaggeration to say that the attention of every member of Congress is centered on that measure.

The currency provision, the House having legislated for a gold standard in the Philippines and the Senate having continued the currency on the present silver basis, is giving the conferees the greatest amount of trouble, but the provision of the House that there shall be established a Filipino legislature, whereas the Senate provides only for a census which is to be made the basis for establishing a legislature at some future period, is almost equally difficult of adjustment.

The Appalchian Bill, as passed by the Senate, carries an appropriation of \$10,000,000 and requires the Secretary of Agriculture to file with Congress a plat of the land he proposes to purchase. The bill will not come up for action in the House at this session, although the House Committee on Agriculture has considered it and has determined to report it favorably early in the next session.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Admiral Dewey appeared before the Philippines Committee and furnished valuable testimony in regard to the taking of the city of Manila and the subsequent initiation of the Philippine Insurrection. The Admiral maintained that from the first he regarded Aguinaldo as merely an adventurer and that he considered his object in coming to the islands as pre-dacious, his purpose being personal gain.

A recent decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia places the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands in a somewhat equivocal position. They are, according to the decision of the court, men without a country. It seems that one Antonio M. Opisso, a native Filipino, petitioned the court to permit him to file a declaration of his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, but the Department of Justice rendered the opinion

ion that the court had no power to take such action because, pending the action of congress, the government of the United States could not recognize a Filipino as a citizen of any country, the Philippines not coming under the head of any government, recognized by the government of the United States.

Acting Secretary of State Hill by the direction of the President, has already commenced negotiations with Senor Quesada, Minister from Cuba, looking to the formulation of a reciprocal treaty with the Island. This treaty will be completed and presented to the Senate early in the Short Session.

The engrossed copy of the Panama Canal Bill is now at the White House and requires only the signature of the President to become a law. The necessary treaty with Colombia is already drafted and the State Department has received assurances from the French government that it will do all in its power to facilitate the transfer of the canal from the French company to the United States.

Popularity of the Peanut.

An observant State contemporary, considering the virtues of the "pindar," remarks that "they do say a South Carolina legislator can eat more pindars than anybody else."

It is a fact that the average South Carolina legislator is abnormally fond of "pindars," as our contemporary calls the fruit scientifically known as the Arachis hypogaea, and variously designated in the everyday language of this country. Even the strictest rules against eating in the legislature halls are insufficient to abolish the habit in the House and while the sedate Senate is not so openly addicted to it, still we have known the most punctilious Senator to send out surreptitiously for a bag of pindars and devour them in that dignity of manner becoming a Senator of South Carolina.

In this article we have followed our contemporary in designating the Arachis hypogaea as the pindar, but there are many other names for this popular fruit. In the South, where the fruit is best known, pindar is the most common name given it, although it is spelled either pindar or pinder. While the form "pinda" is also found as "pindal." In Georgia the

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The peanut has been found to be a profitable crop and many Virginia farmers have made fortunes out of it. The market is sure and the expense of planting, cultivation and harvesting is by no means great. The Newberry Observer interviewed a peanut dealer in its town who "has a \$240 peanut roaster and has eleven acres planted in peanuts on his farm out beyond Helena." This gentleman expects to gather 500 bushels of good, sound peanuts, leaving the undergrown and defective on the vines for stock. Last year he planted one acre late and got 60 bushels. "Peanut vines yield abundantly, says the authority. "If each vine on an acre yields only a pint, the yield of an acre is 75 bushels. Often a vine will yield a quart. Good pindars bring from 90 cents to \$1.25 a bushel through the year. So that there is

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