

DEMOCRATS CAUGHT NAPPING

REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE PLAY A TRICK UPON UNSUSPECTING OPPONENTS.

PASSED AN IMPORTANT BILL

It Confers Power Upon President To Dispose of Porto Rican Revenues.

President McKinley sent the following special message to congress Friday recommending that all the revenue collected on importations from the island of Porto Rico since the evacuation of the island by Spain, amounting to more than \$2,000,000 should be placed at the disposal of the president for the relief of the island.

since the evacuation of Porto Rico by the Spanish forces on October 18, 1898, to January 1, 1900, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law, shall be placed at the disposal of the president to be used for the government and benefit of Porto Rico in any otherwise provided by law, and the revenue herein referred to, already collected and to be collected under existing laws, are hereby appropriated for the purposes herein specified out of moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

DAVIS' BOLD STAND.

Minnesota Senator Offers Amendment and New Section to Porto Rican Bill.

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, offered an amendment to the Porto Rican bill in the senate at Monday's session. Its effect is to have the tariff laws of the United States applied to Porto Rico upon foreign imports, and allow absolute free trade between the United States and Porto Rico. He also proposes a new section as follows:

For the purpose of this act the following provisions of the constitution of the United States are hereby extended and made applicable to Porto Rico: The congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imports and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties imports and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Call Issued For an Important Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

The committee recently appointed to perfect arrangements for holding a state good roads convention in Orlando, Fla., consisting of representatives from the city council, board of trade, county commissioners, Democratic committee, have issued the following call: Believing that every citizen and every industry within the state of Florida are vitally interested in public highways, and being fully convinced of the benefits to be derived from discussion and conference over this important question, a state good roads convention is hereby called to be held in Orlando on March 22 and 23, 1900.

KING COTTON CLIMBING UP

Price of the Fleecy Staple Jumps to Ten Cents.

NEXT CROP IN DEMAND.

Dealers Are Buying For Delivery Next Fall at Prices Ranging From Seven to Eight Cents.

Monday at the closing of the cotton market in New York middling spots were selling in that city at 9 13-16 for uplands and 10 1-16 for gulf. May closed Saturday at 9.38-9 and Monday rose to 9.54. Atlanta spot cotton jumped up to 93, at which point the staple was worth about \$47 per bale, which is more than it has brought in some years.

H. M. COMER'S WILL.

Document Is Probated But Amount of Property Is Not Given.

The will of the late H. M. Comer was probated at Savannah, Ga., Monday in common form. It will be probated in solemn form later.

PRESIDENT AT BANQUET.

Was Guest of Honor at Annual Meeting of the Ohio Society.

The Ohio Society of New York held its fourth annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria last Saturday night. President McKinley was the guest of honor. More than 400 covers were laid.

CENSORSHIP IS CLOSE.

Lord Roberts' Movements in South Africa Are Well Guarded.

A London dispatch says: The air of mystery which covers the movements of the main British army in South Africa continues, though what information leaks through indicates that the campaign is being carried on with steady progress.

RECEIVER APPOINTED

For Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Company by Judge Simonon.

P. S. Hill, of New York, has been appointed temporary receiver of Blackwell's Durham Tobacco company. The appointment was made by Judge Simonon, of the United States circuit court at Charleston, S. C., and Hill qualified in Raleigh and gave bond in the sum of \$50,000, and is now in charge.

INDECENT PLAY SUPPRESSED.

Actress Netherole Held in \$500 Bond by Magistrate Flett.

A New York dispatch says: As the result of a decision of Magistrate Mott, holding Miss Olga Netherole, now famous for her part she has been playing in "Sapho," Hamilton Breyer, the leading man; Marcus Meyer, manager of the company, and Theodore Moss, lessee of Wallack's theater each in \$500 bail for trial at the special session on a charge of producing a play that offended public decency.

To Repeal Paper Duties.

Representative Deveries, of California, introduced a joint resolution in the house for the repeal of duties on white or printing paper and the material from which it is made, and directing the attorney general to proceed under the anti-trust law against those maintaining a monopoly in such paper and material.

M'ILLIN A CANDIDATE.

Tennessee Now Has a Three-Cornered Senatorial Contest.

The senatorial race in Tennessee now has three entries. Governor Benton McMillin is an assured starter, the contest thus becoming three-cornered. For some time the tenth district, and David L. Snodgrass, chief justice of the supreme court of Tennessee, have been candidates without an expression from the governor, his friends have been actively at work in his interest.

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS.

A Historic Flag.

The South Carolina veterans will take to the Confederate reunion at Louisville, May 30 to June 3, the famous flag of the Palmetto regiment. The flag probably has a more interesting history than any flag in the country. The flag was presented to the South Carolina regiment by General Scott at the city of Mexico, to be carried in lieu of the tattered banner which had been presented to the regiment by the ladies of Charleston in 1846.

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THE INSURGENTS ARE UNWHIPPED.

Aguinaldo's Followers Determined Not to Give Up Fight.

MANY TRAITORS FOUND.

American Officers Know Not Whom to Trust.

Reports reach the Associated Press from various sources, including army officers and the heads of commercial houses with agents throughout the islands, of continued activity among the insurgents who are endeavoring to keep alive the armed opposition to the United States and are planning to continue the insurrection with guerrilla warfare on a larger scale when the rainy season begins.

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GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.

List of New Industries Established During the Past Week.

The more important of the new industries reported for the past week include an asbestos goods factory in Virginia; brick and tile works in North Carolina; a broom factory in South Carolina; brown stone quarries in North Carolina; carriage factory and coal mines in Kentucky; two cotton mills in Alabama, one in Georgia, and one in North Carolina; a Virginia, South Carolina, two in Texas; a cotton seed oil mill in Texas; an electric light and power company in North Carolina; a fertilizer factory in Virginia; flouring mills in Georgia, Louisiana, Texas and West Virginia; a foundry and machine shop in Virginia; two furniture factories in North Carolina; acetylene gas works in Virginia; an ice factory in Tennessee; knitting mills in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina; lumber mills in Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina and Virginia; a machine shop and mattress factory in North Carolina; a mosquito net factory in Tennessee; a naval stores company in North Carolina; ochre and sienna mines in Georgia; a paper mill in Louisiana; a petroleum company in West Virginia; a soap factory in South Carolina; telephone companies in Florida and North Carolina; tobacco factories in Kentucky, South Carolina and Virginia.—Tradesman, (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

SHORT HOUSE SESSION.

Death of Representative Epes Is Announced and Resolutions Adopted.

In the house Saturday the death of Representative Epes, who died Friday night, was being with crepe and covered with a wreath of flowers, ribbons, roses and carnations. The chaplain in his invocation made a feeling reference to the death of Mr. Epes.

FOR MURDER OF FARMER.

Seven Prominent South Carolina Men Are Tried. One of the most important criminal trials in South Carolina in years has been in progress in Lexington the past week. An extra venire had to be drawn to get a jury. During the trial the dispensary was closed by order of the judge. Seven white men are charged with the assassination of a prosperous farmer named Bowers. It is alleged that they wished to get Bowers' land, and he would not sell. All are men of property.

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ROBERTS' CASUALTY LIST.

Sends Supplemental Report of Losses in Fighting Cronje. A London special says: Lord Roberts has forwarded an additional list of the British casualties during the three days' fighting at Paardeberg, showing twelve killed, eighty-two wounded and four missing and including seven officers and four Canadian privates wounded.

OUR FLAG DESECRATED.

There has been extravagant rejoicing in Cape Colony at the surrender of General Cronje. At Durban, Natal, the stars and stripes have been flying alongside the Union Jack.

VANDALS STEAL DRAPERY.

Goebel Mourning Emblems Are Stripped From Capitol Building. Vandals have stripped the Kentucky state capitol building of emblems of mourning with which the front of the building was draped on account of the death of the late Governor Goebel. The work must have required the cooperation of a number of people and occupied some time. The soldiers were on duty during the night. Captain Cochran, who is in charge, will hold a court of inquiry.

SYMPATHY FOR BULLER.

Queen Expresses Sorrow Over Heavy Losses Sustained. The queen has telegraphed General Buller as follows: "I have heard with deepest concern the heavy losses sustained by my brave Irish soldiers, and I desire to express my sympathy and admiration for the splendid fighting qualities they have exhibited throughout these trying operations."

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