

Little Chance of Favorable Action on Homestead Bill. Washington, Jan. 18.—The supporters of the free homestead bill fear that the measure has been killed, so far as this congress is concerned, by the action of Speaker Reed in referring it to the house committee on public lands for the consideration of public lands amendments. The house committee is not strongly in favor of the bill. That committee voted to report the bill to the house by a majority of only one, when it provided only for free homes for the Oklahoma settlers.

The senate amendments greatly widen the scope of the bill, extending its provisions to all public land states, and it is doubtful whether the house committee will sanction the changes. The bill's supporters fear that if the committee does not make an adverse report, it will keep the bill and take no action on it before adjournment, which course would effectually dispose of it.

In the House. Washington, Jan. 18.—The proceedings in the house today were very tame. It was private bill day, but the whole time was consumed in passing through the house bills favoring the act upon in committee of the whole before the holiday recess. The widow of the late Major-General Gibbon was the beneficiary of one of the bills passed carrying \$100 per month, and the widow of Brevet Major-General W. A. Nichols, of another, carrying \$75 per month. The free homestead bill, which came back to the house with senate amendments, was referred under a ruling of the chair to the committee on public lands.

Age for Retirement. Washington, Jan. 18.—A bill fixing the age for retirement from the classified civil service was introduced by Representative Gillette, of Massachusetts. It provides that any officer in the classified service held by a person who is over 62 years of age, shall become vacant in three years. Any officer in the service shall hereafter become vacant when the person holding it becomes 65 years old. Veterans of the civil war and their widows are excepted from the provision.

For the Purchase of Cuba. Washington, Jan. 18.—Representative Spencer of Mississippi has introduced in the house a bill to authorize the secretary of state to hereby authorized to offer to the government of Spain a sum of money not to exceed \$200,000,000 for the purchase of the island of Cuba. And the sum of \$10,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of pending negotiations, is hereby appropriated.

WAS BLOWN TO BITS. Dynamite Exploded in Mine at Dendau's Cabin. Seattle, Jan. 18.—In attempting to place a few sticks of dynamite on a hot stove, F. Dendau was instantly killed and horribly mutilated at Black Diamond Thursday morning about 10 o'clock. Dendau, who is in the employ of Lawson Bros., took ten sticks of the explosive to his cabin to warm them up. From that time until noon he was alone, and the exact manner in which the accident occurred can never be known, but during the noon hour, when all hands were at dinner, a terrific explosion was heard. Everybody rushed out and found the end of the side of another cabin sixty feet distant. The interior of what remained of the cabin was a total wreck, everything in shreds and fragments, with the body of Dendau in the midst. Some flying missile, presumably a bit of the stove, entered his head near the right eye, going directly through the skull and leaving a hole two inches square; the right leg was broken in two places between the hip and knee, and the flesh of the whole right side hung in tatters. Death must have been instantaneous.

BLUE CUT ROBBERY. Alleged Leader Claims There is a Conspiracy to Convict Him. Kansas City, Jan. 18.—John Kennedy who was indicted as the leader of the gang which twice held up and robbed Chicago & Alton trains at Blue Cut, wrote out and signed a statement today charging that there was a conspiracy to convict him. There seems to be some grounds to substantiate his statement as regards John Land, an important witness against him. It is given out, moreover, from authoritative sources that the robbers secured almost \$100,000, and not \$2,000, as first claimed by the express company. For the conviction of the men concerned, it is also said big rewards have been offered. In 1882, Land, who lives in the Blue Cut locality, was convicted of perjury in falsely swearing that three of his neighbors had been connected in the Jesse James train robbery of that year near Independence. Land is a state witness in the present case.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Today a ukase was published which refers to the necessity of the resumption of the mintage. It seems likely that the council's decision on the currency question will be prolonged, and as the country is anxious to settle the doubts which have arisen as to the cash values of gold coins, it orders the minting of imperial gold coins, the value of 15 instead of 10 roubles, these coins, however, being of exactly the same weight and fineness as existing ones.

President of Ecuador. Lima, Peru, Jan. 18.—General Melitao Alfaro has been elected constitutional president of Ecuador by 64 votes.

Tea is better fresh—if it isn't, what does the grocer mean by telling you that he has some tea just come from abroad? Fresh doesn't mean just picked; it means just roasted. Schilling's Best is roasted as fast as your grocer wants it—no faster—in San Francisco.

Gladsong's Advice to Young Men. Be sure that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with himself to find it. Do not believe those who too lightly say: "Nothing succeeds like success." Effort, honest, manful, humble effort, succeeds by its reflected actions, especially in youth, better than success, which, indeed, too easily and too early which, not seldom serves, like winning the lottery, to delude, to blind and stupefy. Get knowledge, all you can. Be thorough in all you do, and remember that though ignorance often may be innocent, pretension is always despicable. But you, like men, be strong and exercise your strength. Work upward and upward, and may the blessing of the Most High soothe your cares, clear your vision, and crown your labors with reward.

A certain youthful curate was taken to task by the new Archbishop of Canterbury for reading the lessons or the service in an inaudible tone. Whereupon the young man replied: "I am surprised that you should find fault with my reading, as a friend of mine in the congregation told me that I was beautifully heard." "And she?" snapped the bishop, and the fair young curate collapsed. His lordship's eulogy had been a young clergyman himself, and he knew a thing or two about the "friend."

MARKET QUOTATIONS. Portland, Or., Jan. 19, 1897.

Flour—Portland, Salem, Casco and Dayton, \$4.50; Benton county and White Lily, \$4.50; Graham, \$4.00; superfine, \$2.80 per barrel. Wheat—Walla Walla, \$3.94; Valley, \$6.67c per bushel. Oats—Choice white, 40¢@43c per bushel; choice gray, 35¢@40c. Hay—Timothy, \$13.00 per ton; clover, \$8.00@9.00; oat, \$5.00@10.00; wheat, \$8.00@10 per ton. Barley—Feed barley, \$18.00 per ton; brewing, \$20.00. Millstuffs—Bran, \$15.00; shorts, \$16.50; middlings, \$25.00; Tilla-mook, 40c; dairy, 22¢@30c. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 65¢@70c; Early Rose, 80¢@90c per sack; California river Burbanks, 55c per cental; sweets, \$2.00@2.50 per cental for Mer-cer; Jersey Red, \$2.50.

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THE FARM AND HOME

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The Use of Clover. Farmers who sow clover seed thickly, with the expectation that it will spread so as to fill the vacant spaces, make a great mistake. It will spread, but so slowly that weeds, which abound in all soil that is rich enough to produce anything, will crowd and stunt it. On the contrary, if the seeds are close enough together, and the soil is in good enough tilth and richness to make a clover plant each two or three inches square of space, the clover will go very far toward crowding out the annual weeds, like ragweed and chickweed. These start very early, but their early growth is slow, and they are completely hidden under the broad leaf of clover when it gets its third, fourth and fifth leaves. Where the clover once gets the start, it will keep it. We have seen in grain fields in June or July good clover growing, and have examined under them the soil with a microscope, finding there thousands of weeds that had germinated and put out one or two leaves, only to be smothered down by the larger clover growth. It is well known to farmers that the second year crop of clover, if a good seedling, fills the soil so that nothing else can grow. But the first year's clover crop cannot smother the weeds like red root, sheepspur's purse and th plantains. These start in the fall, and are ready in spring to make an earlier growth than newly sown clover can be.—American Cultivator.

Ten Acres. A farm of ten acres can be made to produce all of the most things a large family needs, and can be run at small expense. To begin with, a driving horse and two cows can be kept on it, at small expense, and the horse will give a world of pleasure to the family, while the cows, if so managed that one is fresh in the spring and the other in the fall, will furnish milk and cream in abundance, and ought in addition to furnish all the butter needed. Then a quarter of an acre of poultry yard stocked with forty or fifty hens will give eggs and chickens in abundance, and a few turkeys for Thanksgiving and the holidays. An acre in garden and small fruit will furnish family wants, and there will be a constant succession from the time asparagus comes in April until winter sets in, and then the cellar will be stocked with canned fruits and vegetables to last through the winter. Allowing two acres of land for pasture, one for garden and truck patch, which includes small fruits, and half an acre for ornamental grounds, around the house, we have six and a half acres left to cultivate.

Compressed air as a motive power for street railways will in time supersede electric wires and the trolley. Necessity and invention make rapid changes, but some old, unfeeling methods will hold good for all time. The nerves are the electric wires of the human system, and often "jangle out of tune," as when neuralgia strikes the troley of the system and it grinds and groans with pain. The old motor cure of pain, St. Jacobs Oil, will strike the nerves, and will send a current of cure through the disordered wires, and bring about a perfect restoration. Nothing new can improve upon what is known to be the best and surest in the treatment of painful diseases.

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Cycle Chair for the Ameer. A strange vehicle, called a cycle chair, has been constructed in London for the Ameer of Afghanistan. It consists of a miniature carriage body, upholstered in green morocco and embellished with the Ameer's arms. This is placed in front of two parallel bicycles, to be propelled by attendants, and is steered by a small wheel in front. Holes are made in the floor, through which the Ameer can exercise his legs on treadles which he feels like a

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