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and place in its stead light-hearted mirth. Therefore, the gathering last night was a gala occasion in which there was but one common spirit of gaiety. The chairman and grand factotum of the carnival last evening was Mr. Henry Griffin, esquire of Portland Lodge, No. 142. When he ascended the platform even the storm ceased and the stars shone forth brilliantly in the sky. Bright as a new gold dollar, witty as an Irishman, handsome as an Apollo, this gifted interlocutor of the evening kept the large assemblage in a roar of laughter for hours. Without cessation song followed recitation, fines were imposed, members and guests alike paid penance at the clerk's desk and still the merriment went on. Among those who contributed largely to the evening's entertainment were the male quartet of Astoria, Dillon and the Stanfords, Terry McKean, and Messrs. Levy, Helcher, Jergens and Johnson, who rendered solos which called for repeated encores. Mr. Weaverson was the accompanist of the evening, and did good work on the piano. The entire session was one round of fun. Duncan McTavish as chief of police, arrested every one in the hall, and each culprit had to see Clerk Carney before he was released. Mr. Dillon's rendition of "Angeline, the Sweetest Gal You Ever Saw," brought down the house. He was accompanied by the entire Stanford Glee Club. Billy Mead, the irrepressible from Portland, almost lost his head, but by a flank movement Chairman Griffin saved his life. Chief McTavish was discharged and hired over again several times during the evening. Every discharge caused him a fifty "Crackerbarry" of Portland, and Judge A. A. Cleveland was waltzed down the middle to the tune of Annie Laurie, and amidst the shouts of the audience were compelled to put up because they could not give a good account of themselves. To give a full record of all the funny incidents and interesting numbers given last night would fill a book. Many of Astoria's most prominent singers and best elocutionists took part during the evening. As a sample of the program, the following few numbers are given: Quartet—"The soul-string melody," entitled, "Sammy, Set Up the Pins," by Brothers Maddock, McTavish, McCarty and McHughes. First appearance in public. Recitation—"A Twig from Scotland," in the Scottish dialect, with music, by Brother Gabriel Wingate. Duet—"Just Tell Them That You Saw Me," by Brothers Gorman and Morrison. Recitation—By Brother Chas. McDonald, pathetic and pantalette, entitled, "Papa's Pants will Soon Fit Willie," with slow music on the fiddle. Song—"Dance"—"Scotch Lassie Jean," by Duncan McTavish in kilts. Song—"She Ain't No Longer Mine nor I Ain't Her," by Bro. Alex. Megler. Duet—"Two Little Cops in Blue," by Brothers Hallock and Loughbery. Recitation—"Nickle in the Slot," by Brother Beveridge.

NEW CIVIL SERVICE RULES. Washington, December 29.—The president has extended the civil service rules so as to include all officers and employees in the federal penitentiaries who are to be subject to the law of classification. This principally affects the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, though it is to apply to all such government institutions, and to all penitentiaries hereafter created, immediately upon their establishment. Attorney General Harmon is subjecting the recent civil service schedule, as affecting the department of justice, to a rigid scrutiny.

IN TOTAL DARKNESS. New York, December 29.—Fire swept through the dynamo building of the New York Electric Light, Heat and Power Co., on Passaic river, tonight, and Newark was plunged in total darkness. All the streets and residences which depended on the company for light were cut off. The loss will probably reach \$155,000.

THE MARKETS. Liverpool, December 29.—Wheat, spot, steady; demand, moderate; No. 2 red winter, nominal; No. 2 red spring, 6s 1d; No. 1 California, 7s 1d. Futures—January, 6s 9/4; May, 6s 11d. Portland, December 29.—Wheat—Walla Walla, \$1.92; Valley, \$1.85.

RAINS IN INDIA. Calcutta, December 29.—Light winter rains are becoming general. The reports from Agra and Singapore are promising and the prospects for breaking the drought are materially brighter.

THE UNIVERSAL CURSE. Housewife—It is dreadful to think what whisky will bring a man to. Tramp—That's so, mum. Afore I took t' de road I never though I would hev t' eat sich things as are bein' handed out t' me every day.

UNUTTERABLE. "How do you pronounce the last syllable of that word 'butterine'?" asked the customer. "The last syllable is silent," attily replied the tradesman.

ALL RIGHTS ARE CLAIMED FOR HIM Delgado, the Cuban Newspaper Man, to Receive Protection. NEW LINE OF ACTION TAKEN Against the Filibuster Three Friends—The Vessel May Be Forfeited to the United States. Washington, December 29.—Secretary Olney today received a report from the United States consul at Havana regarding the case of Henry Delgado, Cuban correspondent of the Mail and Express, whose capture and confinement by Spanish authorities the secretary ordered investigated. The secretary subsequently made the following public statement: "It appears from the report of the Havana consul that Mr. Delgado was made a prisoner by Spanish troops in the course of secret military operations in the province of Pinar del Rio; that he is reported to have belonged to the staff of the insurgent Major General Maceo, and to have been in command of artillery, and that a letter to Maceo and one from Maceo to the prefect at Las Tunas were found on his person. It being represented to the consul that Delgado is a native born American citizen, all the rights to which he is entitled under our treaty with Spain, and the subsequent protocol, have been claimed for him." Delgado is confined in the military hospital of San Ambrosio, outside Havana.

CONTROLLER ECKLES Says the Present Bank Failures Are Local and of No Significance. Washington, December 29.—Controller Eckles said this afternoon that he feels no apprehension over the bank failures which have occurred of late. Two more failures, the Commercial National Bank of Roanoke, Va., and the Columbia National Bank of Minneapolis, were added to the list today. They are comparatively small institutions, however, and under ordinary circumstances their failure, it is said, would attract only passing attention. Mr. Eckles, when asked today by a representative of the Associated Press as to the general situation, said: "Of course bank failures are more or less disquieting, but those which have occurred recently have little or no general significance attached to them. They were due largely to local causes, wholly unconnected with the general condition of banks throughout the country at large. As against these few failures based on local causes, the general condition of the banks is excellent. Reports received under the last call, that of December 17th, are uniformly favorable and show an average reserve held of considerably above the 35 per cent required by law. One of the last reports, that of a Brooklyn bank, shows the average reserve held to be 34.62 per cent, and most of the reports run five or ten per cent above the legal requirements. In each case, too, the assets in detail make an entirely satisfactory showing as compared with the liabilities. On the whole it is evident that the national banks today are as stable as they ever were and the sporadic failure of a bank here and there through defects peculiar to the failing of banks of small importance is wholly without general significance.

BICYCLE RACERS. The Score of the Contestants in Washington. Washington, December 29.—Waller, the German, held the advantage by two laps over Maddox, the American, at the close tonight of the second day's racing in the international six days eight-hours-a-day contest at convention hall. The two men have kept almost neck and neck during the long ride until today, when Maddox punctured a tire and lost two laps. He made a desperate effort to make up the loss sustained but was unable to do so. The day was marked by an example of "the survival of the fittest," the two weakest men dropping by the wayside after pedaling as long as they could stand the

terrible pace set by the leaders. These were Schlock and Albert, who threw up the sponge and left the track to the remaining eight riders, who, with the exception of Hall, are bunched within five miles of each other. When the racers finished for the night the score stood as follows: Waller, 292.3; Maddox, 291; Ashinger, 290; Lawson, 288; Hunter, 288; Chappell, 286; Foster, 286; Ball, 269.

HISTORY OF AMERICAN SHIPPING. In 1789 only 23 per cent of the foreign commerce of the United States was carried in American ships, although American ships were built from 23 to 50 per cent cheaper, and better, and lasted longer, than foreign ships. The first act of the first congress, and subsequent acts of that and other congresses during the latter part of the last century, created a preference for American ships in the carriage of American commerce, by taxing imports in foreign ships more than they were taxed in American ships. That policy, during the nearly forty years that it was in force, enabled American ships to carry 90 per cent of American foreign commerce. In the mistaken belief that American ships could thereafter carry all of our foreign commerce, without any statutory preference, the legislation that had created that preference was partly repealed in 1815, still more was repealed in 1817, and in 1828 was wholly and finally repealed. From that time American ships carried less and less of American commerce, and at the beginning of the civil war they carried but 66 per cent, which had fallen at the close of the war to but 28 per cent, and is today but 11 per cent of our foreign commerce. In 1792 an act was passed which confined our coastwise and inland commerce to vessels of the United States, an act that has never been disturbed, and which has given to the United States the finest inland shipping in the world. In 1792 American registry was denied to foreign vessels, which act has been continually in force ever since. But the act of 1828, above referred to, nevertheless permits foreign ships to freely compete with American ships in the carriage of American foreign commerce. From time to time attempts have been made to again give the carrying of our commerce to our own ships, by bounties and subsidies. In 1848 subsidies were granted to two transatlantic American lines and withdrawn in 1850, whereupon the lines failed. The subsidy act of 1891 has, by the help of another act, placed four vessels under the American flag, two of which are of American construction. That is the sum total of accomplishment under subsidies in the United States. There has never been a bounty act passed for the benefit of American ships, although such a bill has been discussed and advocated.

MURDER IN WASHINGTON. Killed for His Crops by the Old Tenant of a Farm. Seattle, December 29.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from North Yakima says: A telegram from Zillah this morning called the sheriff to that place by the statement that Neil Wright had been shot and killed by a man named Going last night. The farm where the tragedy occurred is eight miles below Zillah, and twenty-seven miles from this city. The roads are bad, hence the sheriff and a coroner who accompanied him have not returned. Enough is known, however, to say that the fight occurred on the ranch of Louis B. Harris, now a resident of Spokane, his farm being in the hands of a receiver. Going was his tenant last year, and Wright and Lambrie were tenants for 1897. The receiver had instructed the new tenants not to allow the produce to be taken off the ranch until the courts had decided the ownership, and it is supposed that Going had gone to get some of the crops only to be stopped by Wright, thus bringing on a fight.

FILIBUSTERS TO SUE. Jacksonville, Fla., December 29.—The master and owner of the filibuster Dauntless today presented a manifest of his cargo and asked for clearance papers to Neivitus, Cuba. The cargo consisted of arms and ammunition. The collector refused clearance until he should hear from Washington and a telegram was sent asking for instructions. No reply was received up to a late hour. In case clearance shall be refused, the owners of the Dauntless will bring suit against the government for damages.

MRS. CRAVEN ILL. San Francisco, December 29.—Mrs. Nettie R. Craven, claimant in the estate of the late Senator Fair, is seriously ill at her home. While her condition is not immediately dangerous, it is such as to arouse the apprehension of her friends. Her illness has been of long standing and apparently baffles the skill of her physicians. They have been treating her for nervous prostration, but those who are in close touch with Mrs. Craven say she is suffering from heart disease.

WAYS AND MEANS. Washington, December 29.—The ways and means committee devoted the day to listening to the reports of delegations interested in the schedules relating to cotton manufactures, and silk and silk goods. The attendance was not as large as yesterday, and the number who appeared to make oral arguments was much smaller. The committee is encouraging the filing of bills wherever possible.

BOILER EXPLOSION. Medical Lake, Wn., December 29.—The large boiler used for heating the state hospital for the insane, exploded this morning with a commensurate shock, the entire town, demolishing the brick boiler house, and fatally wounding Fritz Tielman, the fireman.

"POPS" TO ORGANIZE. Indianapolis, December 29.—The Populist state committee, after being in session two days, decided tonight that the Populist organization should be maintained in Indiana, and recommended an organization of clubs throughout the state.

A NEW RECORD. Denver, December 29.—F. A. L. Hackenberger, brother of the well-known professional cyclist, today lowered the world's road record for 200 miles, riding it in fourteen hours and two minutes.

UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACT As Arbitrator Between Spain and Cuba in the Settlement of Their Present Difficulties. Madrid, December 29.—An emphatic denial is given here to the report credited to the Washington Post that Senator Dupuy De Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, and Secretary Olney have concluded negotiations for the acceptance by Spain of the good offices of the United States in the settlement of the Cuban insurrection.

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HIGHEST OF ALL IN LEAVENING POWER.—LATEST U. S. GOV'T REPORT.

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