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Tax President signed the proclamation admitting Utah to Statehood at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Tax Denny-Owens contested election case was promise to be settled within the next thirty days.

Hon. D. M. Cunningham, of Corington, has been appointed Insurance Commissioner by Auditor Stone.

S. S. Carnes, the well-known newspaper man of Mt. Sterling, has become associate editor of the Bath County Bugle.

A BILL has been introduced by Congressman Dunn to give a pension of $50 a month to Mrs. Orvan Clay Smith, of Louisville.

James Jason H. McLemore, our Consul at Rome, is honorably honored. How the Judge would enjoy being in the Senate of Spain at Frankfort!

Warren Anderson removed at Frankfort that nothing like twenty women will arrive daily within a day or two to enter the race for State Librarian.

It was a big day Monday in the Senate. Friday, Senator Hill paid a tribute to Secretary Carlisle as "one of the greatest public men that this country ever produced."

Senator W. H. Jones has presented a bill to abolish the State Board of Equalization, and will probably measure high for reducing the salaries of several State officials.

Good news comes from Cuba. The insurgents are marching on Havana, and that city is in real danger of capture. We hope, Dolan will pass her liberty from Spain.

Tax Judge of Albert S. White, Democrat, of Somerville, are urging him for a position on the Supreme Court bench to the Robertson National Commission from the State.

On our first page to day will be found the beginning of a series of articles in favor of the Populist party. The series will be edited by a Populist, who will be responsible for whatever may appear in it.

Tax Judge of the Mercury will not be recognized with the present Legislature for he has missed every session since 1873-4. He served in two consecutive sessions, but has only appeared three years without a skip.

Tax will be one or more in session at Frankfort on the second Monday in January, the meeting of the Legislature for two years. Judge Bronston, Hon. Mac Wilson, Hon. Wm. Goebel, Hon. Wm. Mason in all past regular attendants to Frankfort meet the Winter.

Tax President of the A. P. A. the secret society, about which President Cleveland, Senator Allen and Speaker Reed are said to be rather curious, and the speaker of the United States, refuses to recognize it, Rodgers, John S. Tarvin, of Troy, W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky, and Hon. Wm. Goebel, of Louisville, are members of the order.

Tax Democratic members of the Senate Campaign Committee who are in the majority met last Thursday night and held a conference but Thursday to report a schedule for the House Bond Bill, which shall provide for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, withheld all will thereafter among Senate Democrats, the name of Isaac Leonard Rice, of Chicago, from their list, pleading for indefinite time. Mr. Rice is the head of the Standard Oil Company of the United States, and the silver bulling now in the Treasury for the purpose of redeeming greenbacks issue seized under the act of 1890. The anti-silver members of the committee will bring in a minority report, favoring the Bland bill with a few minor amendments made.

AN IMPORTANT COMMISSION.

The Commission appointed by the President to investigate the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana, and such subsidiary matters as to ensure peaceful settlement in whatever report it decides. Its members are experienced lawyers, diplomats, citizens of proved capacity, and the President and his Secretary of State are satisfied that they will enter upon their important work with no other desire than that of ascertaining the truth.

Tax Hon. Wm. Wirt Hendrick, of this city on the proper performance of which hinge momentous consequences.

Great Britain and Venezuela have long differed regarding the boundary, and Great Britain, notwithstanding the request of the United States, refuses to submit the question as to a part of the territory in dispute. President Cleveland in his message to the last session of the Congress of England as an infringement upon the Monroe doctrine, and asked Congress authority to appoint a commission to make and report the real matter of the boundary controversy. That is the work which the commission just named has to do.

Tax President has sometimes find that the claims of England are well made, that all need any suggestion on the part of the other, but, on the other hand, should the claims of England be found to be unjust, he will recommend to Congress and whether that body has finished its labors or not, he will be bound by how England's attempt to appropriate territory that belongs to Venezuela.

Upon the report of the commission, if accepted by both countries, Secretary Olney will present to the President his interpretation of the Monroe doctrine, thereby as to peace between Great Britain and the United States.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FRANKFORT, KY., Dec 28th, 1895.

Dear Mercury:—

In all the history of Kentucky the State Capitol was never so full of politics and uncertainty and doubt. The Legislature is now getting ready to begin one of the stormiest sessions held since the exciting war times, and there is no doubt but that both parties are resolved to resort to all kinds of diplomacy and rascality to carry their own ends.

The Republicans are going to unseat a couple of Democrats in order to secure control of the U. S. Senate to the election of Mr. Blackburn. The Democratic Speaker of the House forms a factor in the case which is not to be overlooked, for he has the patronage and audacity to do the work. Mr. Blackburn was about the only man among the Republicans at the Speaker of the last regular session gave a record of political domineering that will call his political life and retire him to private political reputation. He could have been elected just as well without ordering the Master confession, but it seems that it is impossible for a man at least of man to resist the temptation to make a nice thing more certain. Blanchard, under Hunter, will make short work of Kaufman and Tandy.

But what then?

The Democratic Senate, taking advantage of the Republican House, will, redistrict, attend the prosecution of the Ohio Board, and so Senator can be elected without them.

What then?

Lieut-Governor Worthington will undertake to count the returns himself, and it all likelihood will make a mess of it, take, if not commit a serious blunder.

And so the outlook for real fun is bright.

The Republicans have nearly all the offices in the State now but still they are got all hungry. There are more on hand than they can fill. Every Republican in Kentucky he-fair then there has been in Republican history. The party has been too well handled around, but it did not reach too far. Now it has reached too far and will have to pull back. The Democrats will be wondering where all those offices are to come from. Statesmen must be found "here at." When we were here at the inauguration every Republican wore a broad smile. It is not altogether so now. Many of the disappointed office seekers have left their native on so many days, and they are not going to be here long. Time will heal all wounds, however.

As we walk through the throng and watch the maneuvers of the "gentlemen," we are forcibly reminded of how much truth can be found in the old saying of Horace by a very little rascal. Some persons are harder than persons to secure an inauguration. Statement that Governor Bradley will be the only man of a dozen members in the Commonwealth's Executive Department who will not be surrounded with those who desire to be near the managers are playing their cards for the Governor's favor. Many of them believe this. They cannot realize how short time they are.

The Senatorial race in the Democratic caucus is attracting a considerable crowd. Senator Blackburn claims to have a majority of the Democratic members pledged to him before he has been. Congressman McCreary is also in the field, and is putting up a strong fight for Senatorship. He does not consider himself defeated by any means. Senator Lindsay, of Daviess, is also a candidate for the place, and is putting up a strong fight for Senatorship. He does not consider himself defeated by any means. Senator Lindsay, of Daviess, is also a candidate for the place, and is putting up a strong fight for Senatorship.

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D. M. Weightman and family spent Christmas with W. H. Bird and family.

Our young folks had the pleasure of attending a candy pulling at Mr. Bird's last week.

HALTWELL.

Our school closed Wednesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Haltwell is visiting a protracted meeting at Rose Hill, W. Haltwell, Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Graeme visited Mrs. Betty Jones-Hicks, of Forest Retreat, last week.

Mrs. W. Gee, Jr., Hartford, at again, is now at Rose Hill-Glenmore.

Miss Claudie Stamp, of Butterville, has returned home.

Miss Ethel Forbush, of Forest Retreat, visited Miss Lizzie Haltwell last week.

Quarterly Meeting at this place next Saturday and Sunday.

RACKET.

For again in the chair a piece of Racket from the land of the free and the home of the brave. Hello! Hello! Hello!