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Survey of the World

Political Topics

The attempt to exclude negroes from the Republican party in the South still engages the attention of politicians at Washington. Senator Pritchard, the leader of the movement, remarked last week that he approved Postmaster-General Payne's plan for reducing the representation of the Southern States in Republican National conventions, but was not in favor of reducing the representation, in the House, of Southern States which have disfranchised their negroes. Some interest has been shown concerning the appointment of a successor to Mr. Mayer Hahn, Collector at Newberne, N. C. Mr. Hahn is a well-to-do white man, who has strongly opposed the exclusion of negroes from the party. Senator Pritchard proposed the appointment of Mr. D. H. Patrick in his place, and Mr. Patrick has been nominated. It is said that after considering the charges relating to the political conduct of Dr. Crum, the negro candidate for the office of Collector of the Port at Charleston, the President has decided to appoint him.—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has become quite enthusiastic in support of his project for the colonization of Southern negroes in the Philippines, and has explained it to the President and members of the Cabinet. It includes the incorporation of a steamship company to transport the emigrants, and the gift of a homestead of 20 acres to each one of them. Senator Tillman says the negroes wouldn't go, and that, if they should, the cost of carrying them and of settling them comfortably on the islands would be a very great sum.—At the recent dinner of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, General Young, who is to succeed Lieutenant-General Miles, spoke of the

value of the Philippines on account of their strategic position with respect to the trade of Asia, saying that to gain supremacy in the commerce of the East we must maintain at the islands a military and a naval force that could act quickly and effectively at any point in the Orient. "The time will come," he added, "when we shall have to fight to maintain the supremacy of our commerce."—The New Hampshire Constitutional Convention adopted, with only two dissenting votes, a stringent amendment against Trusts, and another (by a vote of 186 to 177) in favor of woman suffrage. These will be submitted to the people.

The Work of Congress

A bill reducing to 25 per cent. of the Dingley Tariff rates the duties on imports from the Philippine Islands was passed in the House last week, after a brief debate, the Democrats holding that the duties should be entirely removed. Under existing law the rates are 75 per cent. of those imposed on imports from foreign countries. The Senate Committee on the Philippines reported a bill establishing the gold standard on the islands, the unit to be the gold peso, having a gold value of fifty cents.—The subject of Trusts was before the House on the 17th, a Democratic member having unexpectedly moved that an amendment, providing \$250,000 for the enforcement of the Sherman Act by the Department of Justice, be added to a pending general appropriation bill. The Republicans had intended to attach such a provision to another appropriation bill, later in the session. They accepted this amendment, however, increasing the sum to \$500,000. The appropriation is really made in re-

been treated and especially bearing weight on it. Some little patients with these casts upon them are very lively. I remember a boy from Berlin, who was in a cast that held his legs out in spread eagle style, the knees and toes pointing in opposite directions. He used to gallop sidewise about the streets. By the time the cast is taken off the muscles have knit the limb into its new position and if it has been well used all joint difficulties have vanished and the cure is as complete as tho the child had had two good limbs from the beginning.

Sometimes there is no socket, or one of its walls is too low to properly retain the head of the femur when it is put in place. This can often be remedied by boring with the femur itself at the time of the operation. The plaster cast then holds the bone in place till the muscles bind it there.

I was greatly pleased to find in New York that my methods of operating are well understood and practiced. In the West they are not. But here in New York, where the German medical papers are taken and studied, the surgeons of

the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled know as much about my operation for hip dislocation as I do myself. They have been practicing it for about six years.

I have traveled to a number of cities and visited many hospitals and demonstrated my operation many times before great numbers of surgeons since coming here. It is not a matter of strength, but a matter of skill, and there is no reason why the surgeons who witnessed my demonstration should not be able to repeat it for themselves.

America has some of the cleverest surgeons of the world and the whole body of them here are notably quick at learning. I am greatly pleased with the hospitals, the apparatus is so good, the specialization so thorough, and there has been such liberal provision for particular wants. This country is far ahead of Germany in such matters. The American dentist has demonstrated that he is the best in the world in his calling and the American surgeon will go to the front also—it is inevitable.

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A Nowel for Christmas Night

By Ethelbert D. Warfield

THE wide-arched vault of heaven,
The far star-spaces bright,
Are glad with heavenly anthems,
Are radiant with light,
For on this night so holy,
For on this night so high,
A baby in a stable
In Bethlehem doth lie.

Tho humble is his birthplace
And lowly is his lot,
The shepherds led by angels
Come crowding to the spot,
And wise-men, long-expecting
Salvation from on high,
Led by a star in heaven
To Bethlehem draw nigh.

What is it they come seeking?
What do they long to see?
"A King," the wise-men answer
In proud humility.
And stooping low they enter
To kneel beside the child,
Above whose wide-eyed wonder
His mother stooped and smiled.

A King, indeed, is cradled
There in the fragrant hay,
That he may teach his people
'Tis kingly to obey;
That power is ne'er so noble
As when it stoops to save;—
O ne'er was royal bounty
Great as the love he gave!

A road lies long before him,
A cross is at its end,
But he, so rich in loving,
Love's uttermost would spend.
We, too, must climb that pathway,
But they who love the King
May walk it now in triumph
As the Christmas song they sing.

O Jesus, child of Mary;
O Jesus, King of Kings;
We hear to-night the rushing
Of countless angel wings;
We see the eager shepherds,
The wise-men pressing on,
And kneeling by the manger
We beg thy benison.

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