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ications.

Both Houses of Congress adjourned
Saturday until January 6.

The members of the new House com-
mittee on the civil service are unani-
mously in favor of the present law.

A major between whites and blacks at
Porta Camp, Miss., resulted in the
death of one negro and the wounding of
several of the participants. About
twenty-five shots were fired. The fight
was over the ownership of a dog.

Two hundred and sixty-nine years
ago yesterday the Pilgrim Fathers,
weary, travel-worn but indomitable
band, landed from the Mayflower on
Plymouth Rock, and the history of free
and Puritan New England began.

GOVERNOR HILL has handed over
the State printing to the Albany Times
and left the Argus out in the cold. The
Argus was Daniel Manning's paper and
has been the organ of Democratic Gov-
ernors for half a century when that
party was in power. But the Argus is
a Cleveland paper. This shows how
the lines are drawn in New York for a
pretty party fight with Cleveland and
Hill again dividing the Democracy.

SEÑOR ACEVIDO, of Buenos Ayres,
has been visiting several of the larger
cities in this country securing agencies
for an American manufacturing institu-
tion in the Argentine Republic. To a
Chicago reporter he said: "We are al-
ready feeling the good effects of the
Three-American Congress," said he,
"and will not be long before the com-
mercial relations between the United
States and our country are very friendly.

We intend to open a large sample
room in Buenos Ayres, where all sorts
of American manufactures can be dis-
played. As is generally known, the
South American trade is almost entire-
ly with Europe. Now there is no rea-
son why this country can't have a large
share of it. After the 1st of January a
new line of steamers will begin making
regular trips between New York and
Buenos Ayres. Some new methods of
business to us will be introduced. It is
our intention at present to sell by
pie, just as a traveling man would, and
send our order to this country to be
filled."

YORK Mail and Express the Grant Mon-
ument fund has been increased \$10,000.
It is now \$140,000. That paper adds:
"The honor which the Americans people
are asked to pay to the memory of
General Grant in erecting a monument
over his remains at Riverside Park, in
this city, is the least of things which
they may be justly expected to do as
time goes on. The memorial at River-
side, magnificent as it will be when
completed, will after all go but a small
way towards discharging the indebted-
ness of the American people to the man
who came to their salvation in the
darkest hours of the country's history.
When we think of what our repub-
lic is to-day, how peaceful, how pros-
perous, how happy, and then of what
it would have been but for the
bravery, the genius, the heroism of
General Ulysses S. Grant, we begin to
realize in some measure the debt of
gratitude we owe to his memory. This
debt can never be repaid. It is not ex-
pected that it will be. But there is one
thing we can do, and that is, we can
build the monument at Riverside.
This obligation is upon us and it must
be discharged." New York millionaires
should open their check books and
make good their promises, that if New
York was selected as his final resting
place a monument befitting his fame
and memory would be erected. As Mrs.
Grant has finally settled it that the
remains of the dead commander will not
be removed from Riverside, it is the
duty of New York to contribute the
funds at once to erect the monument.

THE New York Sunday Herald of
December 15 has a four-column report
of a lecture by Mr. James Mooney,
hastily illustrated, which it intro-
duces thus:

"The Anthropological Society of
Washington, at its meeting on the
evening of the 3d inst., heard what may
be regarded as a decidedly original lec-
ture on the Indian ball play and its at-
tendant ceremonies. The lecturer was
Professor James Mooney, of the Bureau
of Ethnology, who has spent several
years in the service which is still living
in their original home in the
mountains of western North Carolina.

The lecture and its illustrations made
a decided sensation among a large class
of scientists, who seldom have listened
to such a revelation. The Indian religious
ceremonies. But it had an added attrac-
tive feature, and that is the interest-
ing parallel between the modern and
the aboriginal game of ball.

The modern game of base ball is an
American institution, and not as some
think, an exotic. An extraordinary
growth which has come to us from the
older civilizations of Europe and the
East. The same from whom our present
sport is derived has its origin and de-
velopment among the aborigines of the
American continent, who played with
base ball, and, for that matter, before
the dream of a new world filled the
imagination of the Italian adven-
turer. It is thus American to the core
as distinctively as the great plains
and rivers of the boundless West or the

spirit of freedom and independence
which animates us as a people.

And Professor Mooney opens his lec-
ture with this suggestive paragraph:
"It is a natural fact that wherever the
Indians have played ball the national
game can be found. The savage tribes
from New England to California and
from the great lakes of the North to
the greater gulf of the South found in
it the same delight that we of the
present generation find in the Indian
game. And New Mexico—so contain-
the parallel—the game, universal else-
where, was unknown, and the history of
base ball, I mistake not, fails to re-
cord the existence of a single club dedi-
cated to the enjoyment of the modern
sport in either of these Territories.

Then follows a clear and comprehen-
sive description of the ball playing
among the Cherokee as Professor
Mooney witnessed it during the last
summer and autumn which he spent
among them, studying their manners,
customs and religious ceremonies, and
preparing a work on their language.
The lecture evinces a close habit of ob-
servation and comparison on the part
of the explorer and gives him honorable
fame.

We publish to-day a letter from Gen-
eral Browne to the Republicans of this
district in which he says: "I am not a
candidate for the congressional nomi-
nation," and gives his reasons for re-
tiring from public life, his continued
ill health. A very large number of the
Senate of the Sixth district will
learn of this determination of General
Browne, and the reasons for it, with sin-
cere regret. Very few members of
Congress have been more unanimously
and heartily sustained by a constituency
than has been General Browne.
At seven successive elections he has
been the unanimous choice of his
party, and has never had more than
nominal opposition at the polls, in the
present district. And in turn he has
been a faithful and industrious repre-
sentative, always laboring for the in-
terests of his district and its people.
After relations so long continued and
so close it is not strange that their so-
vereign causes regret upon both sides.
It will be fortunate for people and
representative if General Browne's suc-
cessor so long retains the confidence of
the district.

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