BUT WEAK OPPOSITION.

Present Senate Will Undoubtedly Ratify the Treaty Without Any Serious Delay.

FEELING STRONG AGAINST EXTRA SESSION

There Are But Few of the Senators who Evince a Disposition to Debate the Document.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The work in the Senate will be opened with a speech by Senator Pettigrew of Clompetition on the question of expansion. He has given notice of an address to begin immediately after the conclusion of the morning business Monday. Mr. Pettigrew will reply to the speech of Senator Vest, made last Monday, and as he has given very careful attention to the question of our territorial area as with regard to matters of interest to the Western Republic, and as he is the representative of the section, and it is not improbable, as has the Nebraska bill previous, that the speech will precipitate a more or less general debate upon this question, it may be or not, a contest of opinion on the same subject will be made when the Chinese exclusion measure comes up for consideration of the whole body.

It is hoped that the treaty will be ready for discussion early in January. Already there is talk of the possibility of disposing of the treaty during the present session, and the impression prevails to the result is general. A few members manifest a disposition to debate the treaty at length, and some profess unwillingness to vote, but the feeling is so strong against an extra session, and in favor of the postponement of the settlement of the disposition of the Philippines that some time our possession, that it now seems that even the minority will consent to the treaty's ratification without material delay.

The friends of the treaty, who are giving attention to the minor details of opposition as they develop themselves, have taken the pulse to have it demonstrated the minds of the signers to the Hawaiian treaty, concerning which there was some doubt. They find that there are at least 60 votes, distributed among the Republicans, Democrats, Populists, Mississippi, Louisiana, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware and Oregon, with the Illinois Republicans, Nevada, California and Montana, 2 each; Wisconsin and Tennessee, 3 each; Maine, Colorado, Idaho and Nevada, 1 each.

Senator Morgan said today that he meant to press the Nicaragua canal bill as vigorously as possible, and he expected the Senate to be night and a few hours each Wednesday, the possible day of the Christmas adjournment. The indications are, however, against such an early disposal of the subject, and it may be assumed as quite certain that even if Senator Pettigrew's motion, for postponement until January 10th should not prevail, the bill will be seriously thrown into the background. It is evident the purpose of the opposition to prevent action on the bill is strengthening, and now is stronger than it was when the Senate adjourned, may also be stated upon nearly unanimous opposition of the friends of the bill.

PASSENGER EXPRESS WRECKED.

Superintendent of Schools Killed and Several Injured in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—A wreck occurred on the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railroad at 2.30 o'clock this morning, forty-two miles west of Indianapolis, near Dalton station. The Indianapolis express, southbound, left the track west of a high trestle and piled over the embankment, which was 40 feet long, with seven coaches of the train and bumping along the ties. The trestle is fifty feet high and it is considered a phenomenal thing that there was not buried off into the creek, in which event the slaughter of life would have been awful.

The rear car had just left the trestle when the uncoupling of the pin caused the baggage-car point the second car into a bank. The baggage-car and smoker were ground almost into splinters and all of the cars were badly wrecked. There were about fifty passengers on the train and not a woman or child in the lot. It is claimed that the train was running at nearly sixty miles and hour to make up for lost time.

KILLED.

T. M. Wells, superintendent of the schools of Douglas county, Ill., Arcola.

INJURED.

Dennis Patrick, Decatur, Ill., head cut and neck and shoulder bruised.

Andrew Kifer, Lawrenceville, Ill., head badly cut.

A. J. Hoffer, Indianapolis, fireman, cut, bruised and scalded.

M. J. Moore, Indianapolis, head cut, arms bruised, and internal injuries.

Wesley Sayler, Indianapolis, slightly injured.

J. A. Mitchell, conductor, injured ankle.

J. W. Rose, Indianapolis, head cut.

H. H. Tenbrook, Chicago, slight injuries.

TALKS TO COLORED STUDENTS.

President Addresses the Pupils of Georgia Agricultural College.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—The failure of the President's day was his visit to Georgia Agricultural and Mechanical college. This is an institution for colored persons, supported by the state of Georgia. Its president is H. H. Wright, a man who was recently appointed by President McKinley as a corporator in the volunteer army, with the ranks of major, but who has resigned and returned to the school. There were no elaborate exercises connected with his visit. The pupils were ordered to the chapel. Mr. McKinley was introduced by the president of the college. He said:

"Fellow Citizens—I have been profoundly impressed with this scene, and I have been deeply touched with the eloquent words and the exalted sentiments which have been uttered by the gentleman whom you decorated to speak in your behalf. I give no earlier pledges to meet you and to greet you in this institution of learning, established, as I have been informed, I have known for more than twenty years, and whose I have come to admire and recognize as one of the splendid leaders of your race. I congratulate him and all connected with him on the good work done here for the elevation of your race. I congratulate all of you on the splendid advance made by you in the last field of a century. You are all entitled to praise and to high commendation, which I am sure you receive from your white fellow citizens in this and every part of the country. I congratulate you that there are no differences in the minds of your race have been forgotten on the battle field in the several states, and in that way contributed properly solely to the support of the government. I congratulate you upon what you have done in the past and the encouragement of useful knowledge on the eve that dawn is not a land opening towards the dial of science and digest at every hand and eye, when it is dark, calls to have an eye open to be ready for the battle of life.

"Now, as in the good I would have you do in future. Keep up in the efforts upward, but remember that in acquiring knowledge there is one thing of importance to you that, and that is character. Nothing in the whole world is worth so much, will last so long and serve its purpose as well as good character. It is something that no one can take from you, that no one can give you. You must acquire it for yourself.

"There is another thing. Do not forget the home. The home is the foundation of good. Do unto the end, respected, reverenced. Polite and honest, make them pure and earn, make your home and other good things will follow. I congratulate you that this institution is not only looking after the head, but after the hand. I congratulate you that it is not only making good orators, but good mechanics. It is better to be a skilled mechanic than a orator or an indifferent preacher. In a word, each of you must want to be best in whatever you undertake. Nothing in the world rewards more richly than skill and industry. Every avenue is open to it.

"I congratulate you upon the splendid value of your work. Mr. Friends, your president has made his allusion to his speech in which I once said in a public address, I told of a white school and a black school. The white school was the flag of our country. The black school, patriotic, and said to him:

"Sergeant, I place in your hands this sacred flag. Fight for it! for it has been sacred to the hands of a country." That black soldier, with love of country and pride in his heart, answered: "I will bring the silk back, when I go home, or report to God the reason why." In one battle, in carrying that flag of freedom, he was stricken down. He died with the folds of that flag wrapped about him, bathed in his blood. He did not bring it back, but I know that God, and those who, he did all he could, all any man could. He gave his life in behalf of that flag.

"All Sam Jones kill and at El Caney—but Gen. Wheeler is here. I know he will tell you better than I can of the splendid heroism of the black cuirassiers which fought side by side with the white troops on that historic field. Mr. Lincoln was not far from right when, speaking of the black men, he said: 'The time will come when they will fight to keep the head of liberty in the hands of the human race,' and in a third of a century since you have helped to give liberty to Cuba to an oppressed people.

"I leave with you this one word. Keep on! You will come your own reward. It certainly is gratifying to honest, thoughtful and true, will win, for no effort fails that has a strong, honest, earnest heart behind it."

ELECTRIC ETCHINGS.

Col. William J. Bryan left New York for Washington at midnight last night. He will be back in a few days.

The cruiser Worcester, which sailed from Vera Cruz on December 10, with about 150 Spanish soldiers, has arrived at Mobile.

A Madrid newspaper representing Senor Gonzalez as the dominant liberal, says that Cuba is without hope of Home Rule.

The conference between the minister and Senor Sagasta, president of the Spanish council of ministers, had lasting hour after an hour.

The United Cuban Committee is in a few out of white paint left Havana for Key West yesterday for Havana. The Spanish arrive there in about the date.

Dr. H. S. Chase and Gen. James A. Garfield, of the war and pensioning commissions were in Fort Monroe yesterday. They inspected the Public Science hospital and the four hospitals and found everything satisfactory and in good shape.

A most bitterly scorching the government of Yankee Jim is circulating in Philadelphia as sellers of fortunes, and in the end it was in the colony from Hong.

The Cincinnati correspondent of the Louisville Dispatch says that a lady living in Sarnia and Sidney has been suddenly taken ill, and is now confined to her bed.

Simon Cuvin was arrested at Jeffersonville, Indiana, yesterday, charged with the murder of Mary Hamlin and her children, six weeks ago, at the Hamilton College settlement.

Complete lists of the Japanese were received at Victoria, B. C., yesterday. Two hundred and forty-one men, 1 woman and 1 child, were aboard the Empress of Japan, which arrived at Victoria on the 10th, and