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Trying to Put the President in a Hole.

Some of the Republican papers are talking about forcing the President's hand in the Cuban matter by the action of Congress. In what respect does the President need forcing in that matter? There is not the slightest indication that he will not be ready to do his part, within the limits of the law, whenever his official duty shall call upon him to act in any issue that may spring out of the Cuban complication. Nothing has been said or done by him that will justify the insinuation that he is partial to the Spanish cause, which is being thrown out by the rascals who want to make politics out of the Cuban difficulty.

The President of the United States, if he regards his oath of office, must observe and enforce the Federal laws, and those laws require the strictest neutrality on the part of this government in such cases as that of the Cuban insurrection, and in all hostilities between other nations. Sections 5,282 and 5,383 of the United States revised statutes explicitly prohibit any person or persons within the limits of the United States from enlisting or causing others to enlist in any expedition for a hostile purpose against any nation with which this government is at peace, making such act, a high misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars and by imprisonment of not more than three years. It is this law that the President enforces when expeditions, fitted out in our ports against the Spanish power in Cuba, are intercepted and the parties implicated in them are arrested and prosecuted. The chief executive has nothing to do with sentiment in such a case. If he should allow the feeling of friendship or hostility to influence his action in favor of or against one party or the other in such a controversy, he would violate the law and prove himself unfit to exercise executive power.

GROVER CLEVELAND, however, is not that kind of an executive. He can be depended upon under every and all circumstances to observe and enforce the law as he finds it, and because he is doing this faithfully and according to his oath during the pendency of this Cuban trouble, the rascals in Congress, who propose making a matter of politics of it, and have adopted a line of action that would have the appearance of forcing the President to a proper course of action towards the Cuban revolutionists, as they would represent it. These fellows want to put him in a hole for political effect, but the Venezuela case should teach them that the President has a way of putting his enemies in the hole which they have dugged for him.

Will It Be An Issue?

The Pittsburgh Gazette appears to us to be away off in its opinion that in the coming presidential campaign "the tariff will be the predominant issue." We think it would come nearer the mark if it should say that the tariff will scarcely cut any figure at all in the contest. How much it is regarded even by the Republicans as an issue is shown by the fact that this Republican Congress can't be united in passing a tariff bill, but allows such a measure to be killed in the Senate by Republican Senators, after having been shoved aside to make way for a free coinage bill.

This fact is a pretty sure indication that the currency and not the tariff will be the question of the campaign. The introduction of the DINGLEY tariff bill was a feeble attempt to keep the tariff issue before the people. The purpose was to retain it as a factor in politics, it being the impression that one more campaign might be worked out of it in the interest of monopoly and spoliation; but there is very little hope for it as a campaign issue when even a Republican Congress kicks it aside as being of no further political use.

The fact is that the people have had more than enough of tariff agitation. They have learned by more than a year's experience that a high tariff is not necessary for the country's prosperity, and they are decidedly opposed to having business disturbed by the reopening of the controversy.

If the tariff issue shall be thought of at all in the coming election it will most likely present itself in the determination of the people to let the tariff be as a Democratic Congress made it.

—Do you read the WATCHMAN.

Spain Apologizes.

Promptly Expresses Regret for the Barcelona Affair.—Madrid Cools Off Somewhat.—The House Shows Up for Cuba.—The Concurrent Resolution Adopted by a Vote of 88 to 17 in Favor of Granting Belligerent Rights.

The war spirit which was stirred by the happenings reported on Sunday in Spain was somewhat appeased Monday when it became known that the Spanish Government had taken prompt action in disavowing the work of Sunday's mobs. Secretary Olney has received from Minister Taylor, dated Sunday evening, this cablegram:

"Minister of State has just called to express deep regret that the mob has insulted the Barcelona consul, breaking windows. He has offered complete reparation and informed me that his Government, on its own motion, has taken every precaution to guard Legation."

Madrid dispatches of Monday report a lessening in the popular feeling against the United States.

CALMER FEELING AT MADRID. Monday night's dispatches from Madrid indicate a calmer feeling of the public mind regarding the United States. There was no renewal of the anti-American rioting in Barcelona, and the only disturbance in Madrid was caused by an attempt of some students to make a demonstration, but this was easily suppressed after the arrest of 14 of the students. The news of the action of the House on the Cuban resolutions did not reach Madrid in time to become generally known that night.

The Government is redoubling its precautions against popular excesses. Action by President Cleveland on the line of the Spanish resolution would certainly result in Spain becoming too warm for residence by Americans. National resentment against the United States seems to be almost unanimous in Spain, but appearances may be deceptive.

POLITICS IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS. The Republicans, for instance, who were prominent in Sunday's demonstration, both in Madrid and Barcelona, took quick advantage of the opportunity to spread the propaganda under the guise of joining in a patriotic defiance to any of the enemies of Spain.

It was wisely suggested in two or three telegrams from Madrid Monday that whatever happens, full allowance should be made for the fact that a critical national campaign is now pending, and we may see extraordinary events before the voting takes place next month.

The present government is in a most embarrassing position. Its own fate in the elections is more than uncertain. Moreover, it dares not yield to the apparent popular demand to resent the threatened action of the United States Government.

WAR WITH US WOULD BE HOPELESS. It recognizes, if the people do not, the hopelessness of a war with the United States. Its attitude in the present situation, especially in regard to the Barcelona mob incident, is conciliatory and correct, and it is endeavoring to calm the popular clamor by representing that it really makes no difference to Spain if the insurgents are recognized as belligerents. This is not relished by the masses, but the authorities hope for popular support of their attitude when passions cool.

Minister Taylor expresses complete satisfaction with the attitude of the government as far as he is concerned.

LIFE AND TREASURE SPENT IN CUBA. There are interesting facts about the history of the Cuban war thus far in addition to those cable Saturday. The Spanish force in the field before the end of March will exceed 130,000. The loss of life to the Spanish side has been 3,877 men. Of these 286 were killed in battle, 119 died of injuries, 3,190 died of yellow fever, and 282 from other diseases.

The expenditures thus far are stated to be \$75,000,000. The government declares that it still has \$50,000,000 remaining of the \$100,000,000 of the last war credit.

The government boasts that it has carried on the war thus far without increasing taxation, and that the credit of Spain and Cuba are sufficient to supply funds for prosecuting the campaign three years longer at the present rate of the expenses. Nevertheless, Spanish funds again declined heavily to-day on the London and continental markets.

WEYLER MAY BE GIVEN A HINT. The only reply the government has yet made to the charges of inhumanity against General Weyler is that his policy is no more cruel than that of the insurgents themselves. There is a strong intimation, however, that instructions will be speedily sent to Weyler not to commit excess which would justify the United States in interfering on the ground of common humanity.

CONSUL WILLIAMS RESIGNS. HAVANA, March 2.—Ramon O. Williams, United States Consul General, has resigned, and his resignation has reached the state department. He is an old man, quite feeble in health, and the excitement, irritation and labor that the revolution has caused him has been too much for his strength. He has lived a long time in Havana, having been appointed by General Arthur, who was his friend from boyhood.

HOUSE TAKES ACTION. Passed Its Own Resolutions as Reported from Committee.—Its View of Cuban Affairs.—After Two Hours Debate the Measures Passed by the Decisive Vote of 88 Yeas to 17 Nays.—Certain Rights are Given. But at the Same Time this Country Must Observe Strict Neutrality Between Cuba and Spain, as it is Now Doing.—The Debate was Interesting.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The House, to-day, after two hours spirited debate under the limitations of a suspension of the rules by a vote of 263 to 17, agreed to (in lieu of the resolutions adopted Friday by the Senate) the con-

current resolutions reported last week by its committee on foreign affairs declaring that in the opinion of Congress a state of public war exists in Cuba, the parties to which are entitled to belligerent rights, and between whom the United States should observe a strict neutrality. They further declare that Congress believes the only permanent solution of the contest is in the establishment of a government by the people of Cuba, and that it is the sense of Congress that the government of the United States should use its good offices and influence to that end, and that the United States should be prepared to protect the legitimate interests of its citizens in Cuba by intervention if necessary. The last of the series of resolutions reported by the committee, pledging the support of Congress to the President in carrying out the foregoing, was stricken out, it being thought unnecessary, being covered in the others.

In the morning hour a number of bills were passed by unanimous consent or under suspension of the rules, among them being the Senate joint resolution directing the secretary of agriculture to purchase and distribute seeds, bulbs, etc., as has been in preceding years.

What Will the President Do?

WASHINGTON, March 5.—What will the President do with the Cuban resolutions that have ever emerged from conference committees last night? The fact that it was an open question that the President and Secretary Olney were disposed to proceed in a very conservative manner in regard to Cuban recognition, fully appreciating the many difficulties surrounding the question, was stated in united press dispatches of Feb. 28th last, and has since been repeated and confirmed from other sources. It is well understood in Congress that, but for a knowledge of this fact and a consequent indisposition to embarrass the executive, a joint resolution, instead of a concurrent resolution, would have been adopted by both houses. It is felt by leading members of the House that the President can be depended upon to do what is proper, and that the action of the houses, in passing resolutions favorable to the Cuban insurgents, gives him the indorsement of those bodies should he deem proper to issue a proclamation of belligerency.

But will he take such a step? That question was put to day by a united press reporter to a number of prominent Republicans and Democrats in the House. The Republicans claim to have no knowledge of the executive's intentions and said the only person competent to speak with intelligence upon the subject was Mr. Cleveland himself. The Democratic leaders were equally uncertain. In their opinion, the President will study the situation carefully, and if he should be satisfied, that Weyler proposes to inaugurate a reign of terror on the island, he will incline more strongly to accord the insurgents belligerent rights than would otherwise be the case. It is not believed that, under any circumstances, he will act upon the matter for several weeks, should he do so at all.

Democratic State Central Committee.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 26, 1896.—The duly elected and accredited delegates will meet in Democratic state convention at the Academy of Music in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, April 29th, 1896, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of nominating two (2) candidates for Representative at Large in Congress and thirty-two (32) candidates for presidential electors for the election of sixty-four (64) delegates to the Democratic national convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may be necessary and proper.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—The Methodists of Beech Creek are talking of organizing themselves into an independent church.

FOXY FRESHMEN.—The Freshmen at The Pennsylvania State College cleverly eluded the Sophomores of that institution, last Friday, and went, un molested, to their first annual banquet at the Park hotel, Williamsport, that night. It is always a question as to whether the Freshmen will have the liberty of banqueting themselves, for the Sophs usually watch them like slouth-hounds and promptly interpose themselves between the under class men and the maturing of any plans that might have been made for their entertainment.

Last Friday was an exception and '99 slipped off from the College so quietly that '98 really didn't know they had gone until the special train carrying them was well away from the station. Out-witted there the Sophs determined to catch the wily Freshmen here, while they waited between trains. They hastily procured wagons and drove to this place, as fast as feet horses could bring them, but only to be dismayed at finding that another special, over the Central, had carried their would-be victims beyond their reach. The Sophs put their heads together and decided that it would never do to let the Freshmen off without some trouble, for if they did the "embryonic shoots in College" would have cause to make their lives miserable and "rub it in on them" during all the rest of their college career. So they betook themselves off to Williamsport, there to interfere with the banqueting. Arrived at that point they found themselves confronted by burly policemen who would have none of the antics so common on college scrimmages fields.

The Sophs did capture one or two belated Freshmen but further than that they caused no trouble for them.

—Monday the Beech Creek railroad made a reduction in their regular passenger fares to points on the Central railroad of Pennsylvania. The one way rate from Phillipsburg to Bellefonte, under the new schedule, is \$2.03 and two day round trip \$3.25. We also understand that the Beech Creek now have in contemplation an arrangement for the collection of through mileage to Bellefonte and other points on the Central railroad of Pennsylvania.

THE REPORT A CANARD.—It having been whispered about town for some time that Dr. H. K. Hoy had lost his mind since moving to Altoona the WATCHMAN recently made an effort to find out the truthfulness of the report. Word from a very intimate friend of Dr. Hoy's in Altoona, dated Feb. 27th, is to the effect that he had seen the doctor that day and there was no ground for such a rumor.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week:

Clinton Markle, of Bonner township, and Martha J. Snyder, of Potter Twp. James Rider, of Spring Twp., and Mard Eckley, Union Twp. Ezekiel Bing, of Snow Shoe, and Nancy Corman, of Bellefonte. Henry H. Bortoff, of Benore, and Clara E. Witherite, of Milesburg. F. E. Reeder, of Natalia, and Carrie A. Coldren, of Spring Mills. William Kline, of State College, and Jaquette Thomas, of Shingletown.

A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.—The Bellefonte council met in an adjourned meeting, on Monday morning, to finish up all business to March 1st and retire in favor of their successors. Orders were given for bills to the amount of \$2,701.51, including the \$2,000 annually set aside for the sinking fund. After this was done the oath of office was administered to new members Lowery and Shaffer and to Messrs Valentine and Gerberich, who had been re-elected. The organization of the new body was then effected by the election of Henry Brockerhoff, the only Democrat in council, president and Isaac Mitchell, clerk. This made Mr. Mitchell's twenty-first election as clerk of council. Notary Harsberger administered the oath of office to borough treasurer, Chas. F. Cook, and to Isaac Miller, poor overseer.

According to an itemized statement of expenses of the past year, as compared with those of the preceding year, it was found that there had been a saving of \$5,958.77. The expense of every department, except the Market, shows a notable decrease. In the Street department the labor was cut down \$1,450.00, largely because Bellefonte has only one Curtin street. The Finance showed a decrease of \$2,014.40, which is largely accounted for in the fact that last year a payment of \$1,140.25 was made on the property purchased by council, on Howard street, and it also paid \$925.21 costs in the Solt case, so that with these two items deducted the expenses this year were really \$47.06 larger than during the preceding one. A like saving is reported in the Water department where the purchase of a 12 inch main made the expenses abnormally large last year.

The election of Mr. Brockerhoff as president was one of the meanest bits of political suppression that we have ever heard of. Under the guise of doing him a great honor they fixed him in a position where he won't be able to do any thing. Had they not made him president common courtesy would have given him some important committee position, but as it is he is elected to a place that carries with it ex-officio membership on all committees and, really, no membership on any.

The first session of the new council was held the same evening. After the formality of organizing had been gone through with president Brockerhoff announced his committees as follows:

Street—S. H. Williams, chairman; H. C. Valentine, Henry Lowery. Water—C. T. Gerberich, chairman; W. R. Brachbill, W. T. Hillibish. Finance—Harry Keller, chairman; H. C. Valentine, C. T. Gerberich. Fire and Police—W. R. Brachbill, chairman; W. T. Hillibish, C. T. Gerberich. Market—B. F. Shaffer, chairman; S. H. Williams, Harry Keller. Nuisance—Henry Lowery, chairman; B. F. Shaffer, W. T. Hillibish. Village Improvement—H. C. Valentine, chairman; S. H. Williams, W. R. Brachbill.

Thos. O'Shaughnessy was elected street commissioner over Joel Johnson by a vote of 7 to 1. Clement Dale was elected solicitor over E. R. Chambers by a vote of 6 to 2. All the other old officials being elected without opposition. The only business considered was a proposition handed in by William Fredericks to quarry stone for streets at the rate of 30 cents per cubic yard.

This ended the business of the evening and clerk Mitchell read the statement, a digest of which is given above, after which council adjourned.

LICENSES GRANTED IN CENTRE COUNTY.

The sitting of the license court in this place, on Tuesday, attracted quite a number of people who were interested for or against. Judges Love and Faulkner dispatched the business in a way that kept none on the anxious bench very long and all but one of the old applicants knew that license had been granted to them before leaving town that evening. The one exception was that of Martha Ashcroft, 2nd ward of Phillipsburg, which has been held over for further consideration. Jeffrey Hayes, of Rush township, a new applicant, was refused tavern license, while Thomas Deakin, another new one, was refused restaurant license in Phillipsburg.

The only new license granted was that to J. A. Gramley, at Rebersburg. There was a remonstrance presented against it, but as it was shown to have been instigated by personal enmity it carried no weight with the court.

The following are the successful applicants:

TAVERN LICENSE
James S. Reish,.....Potter Twp.
J. M. Neubauer,.....Bellefonte South W.
D. C. Keller,.....Bellefonte South W.
Jas. Passmore,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
W. S. Musser,.....Milesburg Boro.
R. O. Branch,.....Penn Twp.
W. L. Weaver,.....Milesburg Boro.
D. H. Ruhl,.....Grogg Twp.
Dorsey P. Meyers,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
J. A. Ingram,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
Jacob D. DeHass,.....Howard Boro.
David L. Bartges,.....Centre Hall Boro.
Tempest Slinger,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
W. S. C. M. Gorman,.....Bellefonte South W.
Geo. E. Lester,.....Phillipsburg 1st W.
John A. Erb,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
Joseph Pickering,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
Geo. E. Uzzle,.....Snow Shoe Twp.
Edwin Ruhl,.....Potter Twp.
W. L. Dugan,.....Bellefonte West W.
A. Kohlbecker,.....Boggs Twp.
John G. Uzzle,.....Snow Shoe Twp.
Henry C. Yeager,.....Bellefonte South W.
Jacob Truby,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
J. A. Gramley,.....Miles Twp.
Lawrence Redding,.....Snow Shoe Twp.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR LICENSE.
W. E. Haynes,.....Snow Shoe Twp.
George E. Chandler,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
Orin Vail,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.

WHOLESALE BEER LICENSE.
Samuel E. Lamb,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
Samuel Rodgers,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
Wm. Ellet,.....Phillipsburg 2d W.
John Anderson,.....Bellefonte West W.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR AS BREWER OR MANUFACTURER.
Louis Doll,.....Bender Twp.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR LICENSE AS DISTILLERS.
John C. Mullinger,.....Spring Twp.
S. W. Eoy,.....Haines Twp.

HELD OVER.
Martha Ashcroft,.....Phillipsburg 2nd W.

The court requested all to respect its wish to have all bars and drinking places closed by 10 o'clock p. m.

State College and Vicinity.

Mrs. E. E. Sparks has returned to her home in Chicago, after a pleasant visit to her many friends here.

Prof. Haisler took the mechanical juniors to Altoona to inspect the P. R. shops on last Saturday.

Adjoining property holders to Dr. Glenn ought to follow the Doctor and lay good wide generous walks.

Mr. Enos H. Hess returned, on Tuesday, from a lecture tour among the farmers in institutes of Western Penn'a.

Miss Nell Patterson returned, a few days ago, from a very enjoyable visit to her brother, Mr. Harry T. Patterson, of College Park, Md.

T. Scott Bailey, has Jeff Hubler to blacksmith for him. Mr. Hubler has rented the E. O. Horseman property now occupied by Mr. C. B. Strunk.

The freeholders met in town meeting at the school house, on Saturday evening and talked over the proposition to change the name of the place. After many speeches pro and con it was voted as follows: for State College, 28, University Heights, 21, State Centre, 1.

Miss Sallie Harter and Mr. Geo. Krumrine drove down to Snyder county to visit friends and Bloom.

Mr. Harry Musser, of Millheim, was visiting his very best friends at Rebersburg, last Tuesday evening.

The valley had a wholesome grain sensation this week. "What has gone up" and the farmers are fast taking it to market.

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Madisonburg is anxiously waiting to phone to Rebersburg that it is also entertained by the grip, but all the people know it.

Mrs. Thomas Zaiger, the wife of the new and prompt assistant postmaster at Rebersburg, is recovering slowly from a severe attack of illness.

Rev. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Loose, Mrs. William Walker and Mrs. Fulmer, all of Rebersburg, are recovering from an attack of the grip.

Brushvalley is undergoing a religious sensation. All the preachers (Reformed, Methodist, Evangelical, United Evangelical) will leave except the Lutheran, Rev. Mumma. Hence farewell sermons are well attended and with tears of sadness and joy. Then every body will attend the "first sermon" and discuss the physical, mental, social, aesthetic and religious qualification of the new pastors. The prophetic sayings will be many, wise and otherwise.

Pine Grove Mention.
Mr. Elmer E. Royer now-a-days remains in close confinement to the house singing lullaby to baby. It's a boy.

Miss Sallie Markle, one of Tyrone's graceful ladies, Sundayed at the hospitable home of Capt. Kepler.

Capl. J. M. Kepler after several months treatment at the Hot Springs, in Arkansas, came home last week looking the picture of health.

W. H. Williams Esq., a very pleasant gentleman to meet, was last week interviewing his political friends for the commissioniership.

Pennsvalley Odd Fellows with their wives and best girls, as the case may be, will banquet in the W. J. Meyer's parlors this Friday evening.

We are glad to note the convalescence of Mrs. Adam Felty who for the last week has been under the medical care of Dr. Dale with asthmatic and stomach trouble.

Mr. N. E. Hess has purchased the Thomas farm, located at the base of old Tussey mountain, probably better known to most of our readers as the Ansbach property.

Mr. George Harpster and wife are mourning the death of their little one year old son who died on the 1st inst. of pneumonia. Interment was made in the Gatesburg cemetery on the afternoon of the 3rd inst.

Mr. Jess McClennahan, who for several years has proven himself a most trustworthy young man, last week took his leave for the far West, expecting to stop off in the Sucker State before finishing his journey westward.

Last Saturday the 29th of Feb. Mr. Emanuel Musser, one of College town's ship's; straight laced Democrats, with his amiable wife, spent the day among old time friends in our town where Mrs. Musser spent her girl-hood days.