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THE WAR PUZZLE.

President's Cuban Message May Never Go to Congress.

SPAIN MAY YET RECONSIDER.

And Yield to the Demands Made by the President. Consul General Lee's Message. It Expressed Fear of Danger to Americans in Havana Had the Message Been Sent to Congress —Many Americans Have Left Havana, But Consul General Lee Remains at His Post.

Washington, April 7.—Swift as a cannon's flash changed the Cuban situation yesterday. The galleries of congress were crowded, senators and representatives were anxious and agitated and even the diplomatic corps was in a ferment awaiting a message from the president that might mean war, when, with excitement at the very highest, like an electric flash, the word passed that there would be no message. Its suddenness stunned the public, which heard the news in distorted forms, and amazed veteran members of congress. Ultimately it became known that there would be no message this week, and that it was at least a possibility that the message written and approved might never go to congress at all.

The first reason for the delay was that the administration received advices from General Lee, at Havana, indicating that all Americans could not be gotten off the island at once, and would be in grave peril if the message preceded their departure. The second reason, and perhaps equally potent with the other, slowly drifted into public comprehension late in the day, chiefly through the medium of published press dispatches from Madrid, for extreme reticence was maintained on the subject by the few in Washington who knew the facts, and even cabinet officers were unadvised on the subject. This important news was that the Spanish government, after what had plainly been most exciting times in inner circles at Madrid, had decided to reopen the case closed, so far as this government was concerned, by the refusal of Spain to make satisfactory response to the representations made by the United States last week, and in order to avert impending war had decided to make concessions heretofore refused.

What will be the final outcome it is too early to say, but the aspect of affairs certainly is considerably more pacific and sufficient to renew the hope of the president in a solution of the

CONSUL GENERAL LEE.

Cuban question satisfactory to the American people and achieved without bloodshed. The details remain to be worked out, but it is expected that between now and Monday a clearer light will be thrown on the future by action at Madrid, of which one important feature, at least, is the declaration of an armistice by the queen regent of Spain. This armistice, it is said, will lead to the ultimate independence of Cuba from Spanish rule, but by what intermediary steps perhaps even the governing powers do not at this time know. Much, it is supposed, will depend upon the Cuban insurgents and the people of the United States and Spain.

The powers of Europe, material and moral, it is known, brought to bear all their influuence on the government of Spain, and still are actively at work seeking by the wisest and most politic course necessary, in view of the circumstances and sentiments of the two great nations involved, to bring peace out of the gathering war clouds. All the capitals of Europe have been in communication to this end, a fact evidenced by the assemblage at the British embassy in this city Tuesday of the representatives of the six great powers of Europe, and then and there were made mutually acquainted with what had been done abroad, and with the desire of those who accredited them to Washington that they would work in accord here. This concert, however, is not to go beyond a mild tender of good offices to secure peace and delay a definite declaration of war if hostilities finally became inevitable. Some of the representatives assembled at Sir Julian Pauncefote's may have wished to offer mediation, but if so were warned against it by others in the conference, who understood more clearly that such a procedure would be resented and work to hostile and not to peaceful ends.

The Improved Condition of Affairs.

The improved condition of affairs was reflected throughout all public quarters late in the day. It was manifested at the White House, among cabinet officers and at the embassies and legations, including the Spanish legation. At the latter establishment Senor Bernabe said that while he could not disclose any of the information reaching him in an official character, yet he felt that the strain of a few hours ago was materially relieved and that the prospects for peace looked much brighter. He in no way confirmed, nor would he even discuss views entertained in other official quarters, that Spain was slowly but surely yielding, and confined his utterances to the general statement that conditions were improving.

Accompanying the actual developments of the day a came flood of report and rumor of a sensational character, little of it, however, having any authetic basis. The rumors of disturbance at Havana were not borne out by any of the advices here.

The uncertainty following a great disappointment was the condition of existing at the Capitol at the close of the day, when the expected did not happen. Senators and members were at sea as to what was coming next.

While the message was awaited there came a hurried summons of leaders of the senate and house to the White House, and they were informed that the message was to be withheld upon the information received from Consul General Lee. The reasons he gave were deemed entirely satisfactory to all, and Senator Davis informed the senate, while the house leaders carried the news to that body. That the danger to American life was considered sufficient reason for non-action appeared in the postponement of all proposed meetings to consider the situation.

Spain's Proposed Armistice.

The proposed armistice by Spain injected another feature into the discussion of the situation, and while some were very hopeful that a satisfactory solution of the problem might eventuate from it the general feeling was that the conditions in Cuba, the determination of the insurgents to continue fighting until independence was recognized, and the sentiment of this country in favor of Cuba's independence of Spain, possibly made overtures on this line too late.

A generally quieter feeling was evident at the war and navy departments, where, in contrast to the feverish excitement of the past week, the tone was almost apathetic. While there was the usual amount of routine attendant upon the recent work of preparation things settled down at most to the normal. No more contracts for new vessels were closed by the navy department, and no changes in the stations of ships announced. The day was also noticeable for the absence of the conferences of high officials, and the great tide of visitors, congressmen, public men and contractors almost entirely disappeared.

Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, of the war department, made public a statement showing that up to this time there has been allotted to the department $9,279,167 from the emergency fund of $50,000,000 appropriated by congress. The different bureaus receiving this money are: Ordnance, $4,233,767; engineers, $4,425,000; quartermaster's, $500,000; signal office, $120,400. Of the entire amount allotted $927,805 has been expended, but as much of the work begun and the munitions of war bought is by the contract system the government is liable for considerable of the remainder.

The Easter Holidays in Spain.

The state department officials are anticipating with much interest and considerable apprehension the probabilities of the coming Easter holidays in Spain and Cuba. It is at such times that the people, especially when great national questions are uppermost in the public mind, are apt to give way to their feelings and indulge in riotous demonstrations. These holidays begin today, which is Holy Thursday, and continue for several days. Most of the business houses and all the places of amusement are closed from Thursday to Sunday, and consequently many idle people assemble at public places on the thoroughfares. On Sunday many of the shops are opened for half a day, being closed at noon to permit the employes to indulge in various pastimes and sports and to attend the bull fights, which are so popular in both Spain and Cuba. In view of the very strained relations existing at this time between Spain and the United States the assemblage of large crowds in public places may, it is feared, lead to uprisings and to demonstrations against American citizens who may reside in Spain or Cuba.

Last evening the president had a long conference by appointment with John A. McCall, of New York. Mr. McCall is understood to have assured the president that the government would be put to no embarrassment by a lack of money with which to prosecute a war. It is said on excellent authority that Mr. McCall expressed to the president his belief that within 48 hours he could raise among the financial institutions of New York alone $300,000,000, which the government could have upon its own terms, and that if a popular subscription were called for $500,000,000 could be obtained in a few days.

MADRID EXPECTS PEACE.

Mrs. Woodford Has Left For France, But the Minister Remains.

Madrid, April 7.—The official statement that affairs have taken a pacific turn has not yet become generally known, and public opinion remains much excited. The bourse has declined heavily, owing to the belief that there is dissension in the cabinet, which, however, the ministerial supporters absolutely deny.

The hope of reaching a peaceful settlement with the United States is growing stronger. It is reported that the basis of an armistice in Cuba have been arranged. If this be true a royal decree will appear in The Gazette today or tomorrow announcing the conclusion of an armistice.

The telegrams from Rome indicate that the pope's mediation is, or perhaps by this time was, indefinite and undeveloped, and that the assent of all parties concerned is as yet not accorded. It is said furthermore that his holiness will ask the queen regent to grant an armistice in Cuba. Her majesty may do so, but as no armistice is reported to have been asked for from the rebel camp the granting of it will not be easy.

"A ministerial crisis is talked of. No crisis of this nature is in immediate prospect, but the shades of ministerial opinion are known to contrast with some sharpness. The Cuban ministry's message to the insurgents is thought here to be sailing as close to the wind as is safe. El Heraldo de Madrid attacks it with tooth and nail, and the Exercito Espanol, an organ representing the army, brings a violent charge against the colonial minister, Senor Moret, though adducing no proof.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph telegraphs his paper: "I am able to assert that, in the opinion of more than one European government, a peaceable settlement on the basis of Spanish concessions could easily be secured if a little time were allowed for reflection and discussion, but the rapidity of events at Washington is the most dangerous element of the situation. It is questionable whether the Cubans are ripe for independence, and whether such a measure could possibly be executed in a hurry."

Mrs. Woodford, wife of the United States minister, accompanied by her neice and Lieutenant G. L. Dyer, the United States naval attache, left last night for Biarritz, France. General Woodford bade them farewell at the station. Miss Woodford remains, and it is explained that the others will soon return.

THE EFFECT ON SPECULATION.

How Bulls and Bears Profit by Conflicting War Rumors.

New York, April 7.—There is a strong conviction on Wall street that delay in the sending in of the president's message is favorable to the avoidance of war. This was clearly manifest in the response of the market to the early rumor from abroad that the president's message would not go in yesterday, and to the later authorized announcement from Washington that it would be withheld until Monday. The disposition of the message was the central point about which the whole market turned all day. The assertions of the morning newspapers that it would without question go in, and that it would declare for forcible intervention, caused the decline at the opening, the opening prices in almost all cases being the lowest of the day.

The resistance to the decline and the quick recovery were a surprise to outside observers, who were prepared for something like a war panic on the exchange. The recovery was due to cabled reports of a rumor in London that the message would not go in until next Tuesday. This rumor was quickly discredited by statements from Washington, and the market drifted to a lower plane again, but not to the lowest. The stagnation of the trading during this period of waiting was almost absolute, and the sudden outbreak of activity when the later authentic reports came from Washington that the message would be delayed until Monday was in strong contrast. It was evident that the conclusion was leaped to that the withholding of the message was due to a reception of further proposals from Spain or to movements for mediation by Europan powers, giving promise that the two countries might emerge peacefully from their entanglement. The violent advance was checked and reaction set in when it was stated that delay was due to advices from Consul General Lee. Prices stiffened again, however, before the close, on the strength of the general sentiment that delay favored peace.

THE EXODUS FROM HAVANA.

Americans Leaving the City, but Consul General Lee Remains.

Key West, Fla., April 7.—The Mascotte arrived here last night with 96 passengers aboard. She is coaling at the government dock and will return to Havana as soon as through. Consul General Lee did not come. There is great excitement here. Every state room on the Mascotte was engaged. The city of Key West will have a big crowd today. It is reported that there is great excitement at Havana, but no disorder.

Intense disappointment was exhibited by all hands on board the flagship New York when news regarding the reported settlement at Madrid was read. Until 6 o'clock last evening it was confidently believed the fleet would sail today or tomorrow for Havana or Porto Rico, and the pacific news came like a bombshell. Captain Sampson read the dispatch with eager interest, after which it was read at the messes. He believes that there is still a chance that the American navy may have an opportunity to show what it is made of, but he regrets the delay, which will probably enable Spain to bring her torpedo flotilla and other warships to these waters. All the high naval authorities on board maintain that Spain should not be allowed to bring her forces over pending settlement.

DEFIANT CUBAN INSURGENTS.

They Would Fight Our Troops Rather Than Sacrifice Independence.

New York, April 7.—The Cuban junta, through its counsel, Horatio S. Rubens, yesterday declared in unequivocal language that the Cuban provisional government and the Cuban army would reject absolutely intervention by the United States unless it should be preceded by a recognition of the independence of the Cuban republic; that if the United States persisted in intervening without recognizing Cuban independence, the Cuban government and military forces would refuse to co-operate, and that if United States troops should be sent to Cuba upon the basis of intervention without recognition, the Cuban army would, in the last resort, turn its arms against the United States.

Last evening Mr. Rubens supplemented his utterances with this written statement over his signature:

"The statement appearing over my name was based on the indications appearing that the object of the United States in refusing to recognize the independence of Cuba was to annex the island to the United States. It was in view of this fact that I expressed the determination of the Cuban army to resist. We would, of course, welcome the American army to aid us in achieving our independence."

This Would Not Satisfy Cubans.

London, April 7.—The Vienna correspondent of The Times explains a plan of settlement which "offers an acceptable compromise, if not too late, and which has already come under the notice of one of the parties concerned." He says: "The scheme involves giving Cuba autonomy, but placing the island in a relation toward Spain similar to that which Egypt sustains toward Turkey. Under this plan Cuba would pay an annual tribute to Spain, while America would be entrusted with the control of the Cuban finances and have the same standing there as Eng-

Spain's Cabinet Will Not Change.

MADRID, April 7, 12:10 p. m.—A semi-official note says that at the cabinet meeting resolutions were adopted asserting that the government would adhere to all its previous decisions without modfication.

Spain's Flotilla.

LONDON, April 4th.—Mail advices received here to-day from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, under the date of March 23rd, confirm the advices of the sailing of the Spanish torpedo flotilla. The letters received here say that on that date three Spanish torpedo boats, three torpedo boat destroyers and their escort, the transport Cindad de Cadiz, received telegraphic orders to proceed to Cuba.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET REPORTS.

Philadelphia, April 6.—Flour firm; winter superfine, $3@3.25; Pennsylvania roller, clear, $4.10@4.25; city mills, extra, $3.25@3.65. Rye flour quiet and steady at $2.90 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Wheat weak; No. 2 red, spot, 99¾c.@$1; No. 2 Pennsylvania and No. 2 Delaware red, $1.00¾@1.01. Corn quiet; No. 2 mixed, March, 34¾@35c.; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 35@35½c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 33c.; No. 2 white, clipped, 33@33¼c. Hay steady for desirable grades; choice timothy, $12 for large bales. Beef firm; beef hams, $22.50@23. Pork dull; family, $12@12.50. Lard easier; western steamed, $5.55. Butter very firm; western creamery, 17@22c.; factory, 12½@16c.; Elgins, 22c.; imitation creamery, 14½@18½c.; New York dairy, 15@20c.; do. creamery, 17@22c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 24@27c.; do. wholesale, 23c. Cheese quiet; large, white and colored, 7½c.; small do., 8@8¼c.; light skims, 5¾@6¼c.; part skims, 4@6c.; full skims, 2@3c. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 10@10½c.; western, fresh, 10c.; southern, 9½@9¾c. Potatoes steady; New York, $2.37½@2.50; sweets, $3@4.50. Tallow dull; city, 3 9-16@3⅝c.; country, 3⅝@3¾c. Cottonseed oil dull; prime crude, 19½c.; do. yellow, 22@22½c. Turpentine steady at 31½@32c. Cabbage quiet; Florida, 75c.@$1.25; Savannah and Charleston, $1.25@1.50.

Baltimore, April 6.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat easy; spot and month, 99¼@99½c.; May, 99⅞c.@$1; steamer No. 2 red, 95¼@95½c.; southern, by sample, 97c.@$1; do. on grade, 96¼@99¾c. Corn easy; spot, month and May, 34½@34⅝c.; steamer mixed, 34@34½c.; southern white, 36@36½c.; do. yellow, 35¼c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 33@33½c.; No. 2 mixed, 30@30½c. Hay firm; No. 2 nearby, 56c.; No. 2 western, 57c. Hay firm; choice timothy, $12.50@13. Grain freights very dull; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 3¼d., May; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 3s. 3d., April; 3s. 1½d., May. Eggs firm and unchanged. Cheese steady and unchanged. Lettuce, $12.5@1.50 per basket. Whisky unchanged.

Live Stock Markets.

New York, April 6.—Beeves slow and a shade lower except for top grades and bulls; two cars unsold; steers, $4.65@5.15; oxen and stags, $4@4.20; bulls, $3@4; cows, $3@4.15. Calves active; closing firm; all sold; veals, $4@6.50; fed calves, $3@3.50. Sheep and lambs firm; one and a half cars unsold; wool sheep, $4@5.25; clipped do., $3.75@4.50; wool lambs, $6@6.30 for good to choice; clipped, $5@5.25; spring lambs, $2.50@6 each. Hogs higher at $4.15@4.35.

East Liberty, Pa., April 6.—Cattle steady; extra, $5.10@5.15; fair, $4.30@4.60; common, $3.90@4.20. Hogs active; prime medium and best Yorkers, $4.15@4.20; light Yorkers, $4@4.10; heavy hogs, $4.10@4.15; pigs, $3.70@3.95; good roughs, $3.50@3.75; common to fair, $2.50@3.25. Sheep firm; choice clipped, $4.25@4.35; common, $3@3.50; choice clipped lambs, $4.90@5; common to good, $4.25@4.85; spring lambs, $6@8. Veal calves, $5@6.50.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

——To-day the Syracuse University base ball team will open the season at State College.

——Anthony Toner, of this place, fell through a bridge at Reynoldsville, the other day, and broke his leg. He was on his way to DuBois to hunt work.

——A boy baby is the latest thing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Wetzel, on north Thomas street. It arrived yesterday morning and both mother and son are reported to be in good health, while Lew is almost as inflated as the strongest tire in his big bicycle emporium.

——The fifteen boys employed in the Robison and Crider skewer factory in this place struck for higher wages on Monday and the factory was closed at once. The boys had been receiving 40 cents a day and wanted more. The factory will resume just as soon as a new supply of raw material can be gotten out, but none of the old operatives will be employed.

FIRE AT AXE-MANN.—Late Sunday night fire was discovered in the frame tenement house owned by James Mackey at Axe Mann. As there was no one living in the house, nor no means of fighting the fire it burned rapidly and the building was soon reduced to ashes.

R. D. Packer had moved out of it on Saturday. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. There was an insurance of $400 on the building.

RODE INTO THE TOLL POLE.—Edward Confer, a Millheim wheelman was on his way from Aaronsburg to his home, last Monday evening, when a dog ran onto the road and chased him. He began scorching to keep ahead of it, and having his head down he did not notice his approach to the toll house, where the pole was down, just on a line with his face. He was riding at high speed when he crashed into the pole and nearly knocked his head off. He fell from the machine and was unconscious for half an hour.

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

Herbert S. Smull and Iva R. Wolf, both of Rebersburg, Pa.

Wm. H. Sinkaline and Carrie Ellie Rishel, both of Gregg Twp.

Nelson R. Wert, of Aaronsburg, and Blanche N. Rossman, of Penn Hall.

Fred S. Wells, of Sandy Ridge, and Crissie M. Spicer, of Milesburg.

W. Galer Morrison, of Bellefonte, and Mabel M. Parker, of Roland, Pa.

John Sutiki and Katie Kocik, both of Clarence, Pa.

Centre Hall.

A little child of Milford Luse died Tuesday afternoon and was buried Thursday.

The telephone men took up quarters at Shauver's popular Old Fort hotel, and they were much pleased with the accommodations.

Samuel Rowe is busy in his bicycle shop repairing and building wheels. Boob and Rowe put out just as good and pretty a wheel as can be found anywhere.

E. M. Hewett will bring his family here some time next month. His dwelling has been remodeled and will be repainted by Messrs. Arney and Stover.

Among other improvements in town are the following: Messrs. Poulsen and Luse, at the station, are having their dwellings painted, the grange hall foundation is being laid, Shop's house is being erected.

Prof. E. J. Wolf and his mother Mrs. Carrie E. Osman left on the Monday morning train for Eureka, Kansas, where they expect to remain permanently. Rev. Robert Wolf is located at that place, where he is acceptably filling a Lutheran charge.

Prof. F. C. Forman, who has charge of the junior department of Centre Hall's public schools, will open a select school for primary scholars the coming summer. Prof. Snyder will also teach those who are further advanced, and especially those who desire to teach school next winter.

Postmaster B. D. Brisbin is in his new quarters, and Tuesday put in place the new office furniture. There is now no better equipped office to be found among the fourth class in the county. With Miss Brisbin as assistant the patrons of the Centre Hall post-office are receiving the best of service.

The Bell telephone company had a gang of men at work in town for the past week erecting poles, stringing wires and fitting up the old post-office room for a telephone exchange. Monstrous poles were erected to the rear of the exchange to carry the many wires now needed to do the service in the telephoning through Penns Valley. Miss Mabel Boal will manipulate the switch board, and those who have occasion to ask her to connect them with "No. so and so," will find her always prompt and obliging.

Who wants war? If the question was asked many of our citizens they would say that owing to the present circumstances surrounding them, they would not have spare time to devote to Uncle Sam's affairs on account of the pressing business at home. For instance: there is postmaster Brisbin who would say that he is now worried enough getting his post-office into good running order, and that during the sixties he spent some very valuable time in the South and got a diploma at Andersonville prison.

Samuel Shook could say that he was building a dwelling house, and that no one could look after the management of it better than he could himself, and hence a new home first then war.

The Luse planing mill has a small army of men interested in the firm, but how could one be spared? All the building operations in the community would have to wait until this little question between United States and Spain was settled, and should it be a short job there would be a thousand to kick if the Luse firm were to shut down.

Aaron Thomas is another man who would not need to make out his own excuse for staying at home during the coming summer. He is the town's boss carpenter and is consulted on all sides and his absence would be detrimental to the borough's best interests.

The merchants too, are all preparing for the spring trade, and to go on board a battleship or even take a modern rifle and march toward an enemy, would both consume time and make life hazardous, and possibly delay the purchase of spring gowns and gingham. What a wail there would be if the fair sex were unable to get the coveted fineries when the balmy spring days come, because the merchants had dropped the yardsticks and taken up arms for the defense of Uncle Sam's honor.

The farmers, including Sam Runkle, are just now waiting for this Klondike weather to go up the spout so they can plow and sow. Think of the condition affairs would be in if the farmers of the States could not plant this spring, because the country needed their services to help lick Spain! There would be starvation in the four points of the compass.

The young men, what about them? Why, bless you, don't they love their mothers, sisters and brothers, and who could be so cruel as to take them far away from those they love simply because Spain can't successfully govern a little island.

Who then is to go to war to protect the dignity of our beloved country? The solution: Provided all honorable means are exhausted by the President without avail, then let drafts be made in numbers bountiful, upon the hot-headed Congressmen at Washington; second, let the aspirants for congressional honors furnish their quota. So far no one would suffer. Third, nine-tenths of all the state legislators should be called out. Fourth, two-thirds of the officers and clerks at the National and State capitols, should at least for a season be compelled to earn their wages. After these classes have furnished their good portion of soldiers loyal and more are needed, the professional man, the mechanic, farmer and laborer will go to the rescue, and America will live forever.

Madisonburg.

Rev. Romig is sporting a new bike this spring.

Philip Caris and wife were visiting in Sugar Valley over Sunday.

H. H. Kline left this place, on Tuesday, with his goods for his future destination.

Prof. Geo. I. Yearick opened his select school on Monday with a fair attendance.

Miss Sadie Hazel has gone to Snow Shoe, where she expects to work this summer.

Mrs. Israel Wolf recently had a bad fall and received some injuries which are painful to bear.

Ross Hockman has left for the lumber camps, where he will be engaged by one of his old employers.

Mrs. Geo. Yearick spent about a week visiting her parents and other relatives through Bald Eagle valley.

Mrs. Adam Shaffer has been very sick for the past week. Her condition is not much altered yet, but we hope she may soon recover.

The following flittings occurred in and about town last week, John Miller into house vacated by Chas. Brouse; J. C. Smith vacated by J. F. Miller; J. B. Hazel moved to one part of Sam'l Ream's house.

Pine Grove Mention.

George F. Gardner left for Pittsburg, Monday, to take charge of a coal yard.

S. E. Goss has gone to Williamsport to take a course at a commercial college.

The farmers have been obliged to slow up on their spring work on account of the frost and snow.

Fletch. Sausserman, of Altoona, was down last week visiting his invalid mother and transacting business.

A. M. Brown purchased a team of valuable percheron horses recently and before he got them home one of them died.

Mrs. John Pennington, of Tyrone, is here superintending repairs that are being made on her property, just west of town.

Jonathan Hess, of the Lumber city, visited us recently. He looks very little older than when he sold goods over the counter twenty years ago.

Joe Ard Goss now tolls the grain in our mill. He will have charge until the repairs are completed when an experienced man will take possession.

Prof. S. C. Miller, who had charge of the Grand Valley high school for the last two winters, is home on a short vacation before going to Lock Haven, where he has accepted a position at the Normal as an assistant instructor. He graduated there in '96 and has been doing excellent work since then.

On last Saturday evening N. E. Krebs discharged the duty of installing the officers of the Penns valley Lodge, 276 of Odd Fellows, with tact and entire satisfaction to every one present. Tho officers installed were N. G., Tanyer; V. G., S. C. Miller; Asst., Secretary, C. M. Fry; Warden, W. H. Fry; Cond. J. B. Heberling; R. S. to N. G., W. K. Goss; L. S. to N. G., J. A. Fortney; Chap., W. H. Roush; R. S. S., J. W. Fry; L. S. S., A. J. Tate; J. S. G., J. D. Tanyer: O. S. G., M. E. Heberling, and Rep. to G. L. J., W. Fry.

On last Tuesday a sad fire took place at the Dufford home on Water street, which came near costing the life of Esther, the five year old daughter. Mr. Dufford had gone out of the house to look after some work when Mrs. Murphy heard the child scream and running, found her enveloped in flames. She quickly rolled the little one in the snow but her shoulders and arms were terribly burned. Dr. Woods has done all he could for her but she is still in a critical condition. This should be a warning to parents who leave their children alone when there is a fire they can get at.

In the absence of D. D., G. M. Brisbin your scribe was detailed to install the officers elect of the Odd Fellows of Half Moon on last Saturday evening. The Half Moon lodge is one of the banner lodges of the county for while it does not own its own hive it has $3,000 on interest and is progressive along every line. During our stay we were entertained at the hospitable home of Ira G. Burket and also had a cordial invitation to put up with Capt. Hunter, whose good cattle and fertile acres are famous throughout the valley. The officers installed were N G., Daniel C. Harpster; V. G., Reuben Cronemiller. Sec., J. Wallace Lytle; Treas., J. G. Burket; R. to G. L., J. M. Rider.

Roland.

Alice and Cora Neff left, on Saturday last, for Bloomsburg where they expect to attend the Normal school.

The snow storm of Tuesday put ploughing and garden making aside for awhile. Such a change of atmosphere is hard on people.

It is altogether likely Will Keen would rather be ploughing than lying in bed with measles, as he is at present.

Next Sabbath will be Easter Sunday, and according to the old time custom, a big mess of eggs is about the only idea some people have regarding the day.

Measles are in the neighborhood. Quite a number of children have them, and some adults too. Presume the best way is to avoid taking cold until well rid of them.

Announcement.

The following are the Prices Charged for Announcements in This Column: Congress, $10.00; Senate, $8.00; Assembly, $8.00; Prothonotary, $8.00; District Attorney, $5.00. All candidates are required to Pledge Themselves to Abide the Decision of the Democratic County Convention.

CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce that J. N. Casanova, Esq., of Philipsburg, will be a candidate for Congress, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention and the Democratic district conference.

PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce H. A. McKee, of Spring township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce M. I. Gardner, of Bellefonte, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce Robt. F. Hunter, of the North ward, of Bellefonte, a candidate for nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce A. A. Pletcher, of Walker township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention. *

We are authorized to announce C. U. Hoffer, of Philipsburg, a candidate for the nomination of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention. *

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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