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TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.—Until further notice this paper will be furnished to subscribers at the following rates: Paid strictly in advance \$1.00

Caucuses Meetings. The Democrats of Centre Co., will hold caucuses for the nomination of candidates for borough, ward, township and precinct officers on or before the 25th day of January, 1902.

Table listing names and addresses of Democratic County Committee members for 1902, including Chairman John J. Bower and various ward representatives.

How the Libel Suit Progresses.

The case to be called at Clearfield next month. Extensive preparations being made for an interesting trial. The progress as reported by other journals.

Feeling that there are many friends of the WATCHMAN who will be sincerely sympathetic with its editor during the trial of the suit for libel which State Treasurer-elect Frank Harris has brought against him...

The greatest political show on earth is being billed for Clearfield, Pa. The exhibition is scheduled for opening in the court house, in that mountain town on Monday morning, Feb. 3rd.

OTHER PROMINENT FIGURES. John J. Sweeney, the only Democrat in the Allegheny county delegation in the last Legislature, was also summoned to trial by Mr. Short.

GOVERNOR STONE INVITED TO ATTEND. The Philadelphia North American of Wednesday tells the following story of what has been done in the eastern part of the State this week.

GANG LEADERS ON SUBPOENA ROLL. Among the Philadelphia men who are expected to testify are Insurance Commissioner Durham, representatives Charles E. Voorhees and Theodore E. Stahl and other legislators, and J. Clayton Erb and other private secretaries.

In collecting exhibits for their proposed show, Messrs. Meek and Short spent all of yesterday in Pittsburgh, and during the day they served subpoenas upon a distinguished collection of politicians who were concerned, one way or another, in the last session of the State Legislature.

Maj. A. M. Brown, former recorder of Pittsburgh, was the first person visited by Mr. Short yesterday morning. The major, after being removed from office by Gov. W. A. Stone, made some remarks reflecting rather harshly upon the executive. In fact to interpret the major's remarks in the kindest possible way he intimated that his removal resulted from unparliamentary motives.

TOO COLD FOR THE MAJOR. Maj. Brown did not take kindly to the subpoena. He questioned the authority of Mr. Short to serve the paper, but when that authority was established Maj. Brown pleaded to be excused from service.

THE LIGHTING WAS GOING ON IN THE harbor of the government troops were busily engaged throwing up entrenchments and preparing a desperate resistance to the rebel invasion.

THE LAURO TOOK FIRE. Whether this was due to the bombardment to which she had been subjected or the result of treason she is not known, but the belief exists here that she was set ablaze by some of her crew.

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DANISH WEST INDIES TO BE OURS. Denmark reported to be ready to transfer the islands to the United States this week. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 22.—It has been definitely decided that the treaty with the United States providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies is to be signed at Washington this week.

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MEEK PROMISES REVELATIONS. Mr. Meek said he was prepared to fight the case to the end. He will be defended by former Judge D. L. Krebs and Thomas A. Murray, of Clearfield.

NAVY FIGHT IN PANAMA HARBOR. Insurgents try to land and their ships attack Government Fleet. Carlos Alaban Killed. Crew of One of His Ships Deserted and is Reported to Have Set Fire to the Vessel, Which Founders.

PANAMA, Jan. 20.—A desperate naval battle was fought to-day in the harbor of Panama, resulting in the death of General Carlos Alaban, Governor of the department of Panama, and the sinking of one of the government steamers.

MANY MEN ARE KILLED. The fight was begun at 6 o'clock this morning and was opened by the revolutionary forces in the Padilla. The latter had succeeded in approaching the Lauro and observed and began shooting at the Lauro.

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Cleveland Arraigns Congress' Cuban Attitude. Ex-President Wants the Duty of the United States as Defined by the President Attended To.

YORK, Pa., Jan. 22.—A. B. Farquhar, of this city, the head of the Farquhar Agricultural works and prominent in national Democratic affairs, has received the following letter from ex-President Cleveland in reply to one sent him by Mr. Farquhar relative to the relations of the United States with Cuba.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 22.—Ex-President Cleveland left Princeton to-night for the South, where he will remain several days, hunting with Colonel E. C. Benedict and Admiral R. D. Evans, General Anson G. McCook and Herman May.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Rear Admiral Schley's appeal from the verdict of the court of inquiry which condemned his conduct in the West Indian campaign was delivered to President Roosevelt to-day.

REPORT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The President to-day transmitted to Congress the detailed report of the isthmian canal commission, in which it is unanimously recommended that the offer of the new Panama Canal company to sell all its rights property and franchises to the United States for \$40,000,000.

MAKES THE WORLD WONDER. England Paying Aerial Price For War. The Cost For Eight Months, \$231,500,000.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Sir Michael Hicks Beach stated in the House of Commons to-day that the cost of the Boer war from April 1901, the current financial year to December 31, was \$43,300,000.

THE MAGNIFICENT WINDOW WHICH THE members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at State College had designed especially for their club house there as a memorial to the late Hugh Beaver, was put in place on Tuesday.

THE NEXT ATTRACTION TO BE PRESENTED in the W. C. T. U. course is the Auburn trio, which will appear at the court house next Wednesday night, January 29th.

First Official Statement. Emanating from British Government, Regarding Its Attitude Toward Us in the Spanish War.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Amid an absolute silence that was a striking tribute to the deep interest felt in the matter, Lord Cranborne, under secretary for foreign affairs, in the House of Commons to-day made the first official statement which has ever emanated from the British government, regarding its private attitude toward the United States in the war with Spain.

MISS VERA HOLLENBECK, the sixteen-year old evangelist of the Holiness Christian denomination, who, since her conversion in this church in Elwood, Ind., a few months ago, has conducted meetings in many Indiana cities, including Indianapolis, everywhere starting her congregations by her knowledge of the Bible and her eloquence and persuasion, has been given charge of the church at Sullivan, Ind.

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C. E. Larkin has been appointed postmaster at Flemington. Former sheriff Robert D. Peck has been appointed post master of Lock Haven.

Among the new board of directors for the Odd Fellow's orphan's home at Sunbury is W. B. Rankin, of this place. Mr. Heverly, of Ax Mann, was re-elected a trustee and Prof. C. L. Gramley was made a member of the board of education.

While driving a race to the creamery at Centre Hall, on Monday, a team owned by Wm. Barris became unmanageable and got away from him. He jumped out and escaped injury. The horses were caught at William Scholl's barn with the harness badly torn up but the sled intact.

The great revival in the Evangelical church on Willowbank street is still in progress. Scores of people are being converted and the interest is so great that nearly every evening the doors have to be closed and admittance refused late comers, because of the crowd inside.

A missionary social will be held at the home of Miss Janet McFarlane, near Boalsburg, on the evening of January 31st. Miss McFarlane will show her friends her missionary tree and is preparing various other entertainments for them.

The vanquished sparrow shooters of Bellefonte banqueted their vanquishers and a few special guests at Cedars' Wednesday evening. There were twenty at the board to enjoy the seven courses of the dainty menu served by the caterer and two hours and a half were spent at the tables, though much of the time was taken up by individual and collective oratorical efforts.

Cunningham McEntyre, an inmate of the Huntingdon reformatory died at that place on last Thursday morning of exhaustion following a severe attack of typhoid fever. He was from Phillipsburg and had been there since April 25th, 1901, on the charge of stealing from Thomas Deakin with a maximum sentence of three years. He was born June 19th, 1855 and several of his relatives were with him when he died. His body was brought home for interment.

Phillipsburg had two fires last week. The first was on Monday afternoon at the home of George B. Simler Jr. where a slight blaze in a closet was put out before much damage was done, but on Friday Robt. Mingle's house, on north Third street, caught fire and as the water plugs were frozen when the firemen went to use them the flames gained considerable headway before a stream could be gotten on them. The building was badly damaged. How about the plugs in Bellefonte, are they frozen?

W. W. Jamison is able to be out again. C. K. Sober, lumberman of Lewisburg, was here on Monday night. Miss Rose Alexander, of Green Briar, is visiting at Daniel Shook's. Clyde Vonada and Roy Hoover were visitors at W. H. Vonada's on Sunday. William Wolf, who had been staying with Sheriff Brungart, is home again. Frank Tharp, of Pitcairn, has been here visiting his brother Percival Tharp. M. C. Vonada and J. F. Confer attended protracted meeting at Millheim on Saturday evening. W. H. Madara, of Millifin county, has been here the past week. His many friends were glad to see him, as this was his former home. Democrats bear in mind that the caucus for Penn township will be held at Coburn on Saturday afternoon, January 25th. All should turn out and help to nominate good men for the various township offices.