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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1897.

THE CUBAN WAR.

The Cubans, who have maintained their struggle for independence despite the savagery of Weyler and his soldiery and the indifference of the administration at Washington, should continue the war, notwithstanding the "pleasure" of the present administration in the "pardon" of the "Competitor" prisoners...

From the moment of the abandonment of American rights, as in the "Competitor" case for the reward of annulment of Weyler's decree against the exportation of tobacco, Cuba and Cuba's cause must become more sacred to all liberty-loving Americans.

Cuba should stand firm. Since it has gone so far, since it has heroically battled for liberty with such expenditure of blood, remained firm against the horrors of Spanish cruelty and lust and avarice, since the extreme of suffering has been reached and borne heroically by the patriots, since all that malignity could devise had been done to them with destroying the spirit and the determination that distinguish free men from the baser rabble, Cuba should continue the struggle to the end...

Cuba will be free some time. Her freedom need not come through war between Spain and the United States. This country has no real cause of war with Spain. But the administration had a duty to perform for American citizenship and to the American people, if not for humanity, and it has abandoned that duty for the privilege of buying Cuban tobacco and is "grateful" for the opportunity to do so.

The Anti-Scalping Bill.

The Anti-Scalping bill, which lies asleep on the calendar of Congress, is not intended to regulate the conduct of savages on the warpath, nor to moderate the ferocity of football contests. It is an attempt to deal with "ticket scalping," which is a serious evil. The National Association of Merchants and Travelers, at a late session, passed a resolution urgently demanding favorable action upon the bill to prohibit ticket scalping...

This is pretty strong language; but there is strong justification for it. The decisions of the Court have practically robbed the Interstate Commerce Commission of remedial power. If a remedy shall not be found for the scalping evil in strengthening the hands of the Commission by definite curative legislation, then the Anti-Scalping bill should be passed separately.—Record.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

"In pursuance of the proclamation of the President of the United States, and in accordance with the custom existing from the foundation of the Commonwealth to set apart and observe one day in each year as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, I, Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 25th day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God.

"We have abundant and unusual cause for gratitude. No pestilence has invaded our borders and peace has prevailed. The willing hand of labor has found employment, industry has been rewarded and field and farm have yielded bounteous harvests. God's love has spared our lives, made our homes happy, increased our devotion to country and should inspire a nobler manhood and a grander statehood. Let Thanksgiving day be one of praise and rejoicing; let the family circle be reunited and the ties of home and fireside strengthened.

"Given under my hand and the great seal of State, at the city of Harrisburg, the 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and twenty-second.

DANIEL H. HASTINGS, By the Governor, David Martin, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

STATE NEWS.

Burglars secured \$800 worth of jewelry from the T. B. Painter Jewelry Store at Muncy Sunday night.

State Superintendent N. C. Schaeffer opened the York County Teachers' Institute Monday morning.

By practicing medicine in violation of the Act of Assembly of 1897, Dr. Seely, has been held in bail at Lebanon.

While running after a kitten, Mary Kanac, aged six years, of Shamokin, fell into a tub of water and was drowned.

The Reading Company has issued orders to close down all work at the Monitor Colliery, at Locust Gap, Pa., affecting 125 hands.

The Schuylkill colliery breaker at Mahanoy City, owned and operated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, has been permanently abandoned.

E. W. Begony, a well-known resident of Lock Haven, committed suicide on Friday. After pleasantly talking to his wife and another lady he went upstairs and blew the top of his head off with a shot gun.

Enraged because her sister returned home from a group of children close by, at Mt. Carmel, Monday with the story that the girls would not allow her to play with them, Pauline Clezata, aged 18, brutally assaulted one of them, Ida Baylor, aged 8. The latter's skull was fractured by a blow from a club in Pauline's hand.

In the Hands of the Board of Pardons. The case of Theodore Eisenhower, of Shenandoah, sentenced to death for the murder of John Schwindt, was before the Board of Pardons Friday afternoon.

A Conceded Fact. In speaking of the recent election returns, the Philadelphia Press says: "The Democrats carried about twice as many counties as they did a year ago, and in most instances this was due to party conditions in the State at large, and not to anything merely local. It not only means the loss of county offices, but taking the recent vote, it means the loss of six congressional districts now represented by Republicans, together with a considerable number of members of the Legislature."

The Tobacco Classification.

Examiners Report a Way to Make All Wrappers Pay Wrapper Duty.

The conclusions reached by the tobacco examiners in the customs service at their conference in New York city on Nov. 4-8 have been transmitted by Appraiser Wakeman to Secretary Gage. There were present inspectors from New York, Philadelphia, Tampa, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, El Paso, Key West, New Orleans and Malone. It was the judgment of the conference "that in the examination for classification of imported tobacco at least one-fourth of all grade marks on each and every invoice be ordered for examination; that the appraiser take at least three carrets, or twelve hands, from the top, centre and bottom of each bale, and that he count the leaves to determine the proportion of wrapper and filler, and report the percentage of each according to count.

"That in classifying tobacco the fact as to whether the tobacco shall be commercially known as wrapper shall not be considered, but only the fact as to whether it is suitable for wrapping cigars.

"That the secretary of the treasury be requested to so amend existing regulations as to embody these recommendations."

The committee on questions of law reported and the conference adopted the following:

"We state it to be the opinion of this body that all tobacco suitable for wrapping cigars, no matter how packed, whether with filler tobacco or otherwise, and regardless of the proportion of wrapper and filler that may be found in a bale or any other package of tobacco, should pay wrapper duty at the rate of \$1.85 a pound.

"We would also state that in our judgment treasury department circular 159, placing this construction upon the law was timely and proper, and not only prevented discord and confusion in the execution of the law but will be the means of saving hundreds of thousands of dollars to the government, which would otherwise be lost, besides giving protection to conscientious importers who faithfully pack and purchase their filler and wrapper tobacco separately, as well as given that fair protection to our own home tobacco growers, to which they are justly entitled under the law. The cigar manufacturers, being highly protected, should be willing to concede equal justice to their fellow countrymen."

The report is under consideration by Assistant Secretary Howell.

SINKING INTO THE EARTH.

Timbers Supporting Beaver Brook Give Way.

A portion of the town of Beaver Brook near Hazleton is doomed, and intense excitement prevails amongst the inhabitants, some of whom are waiting to see their homes topple over or sink into the earth.

For weeks there has been a settling of the gangway in the No. 10 slope, and this is becoming more serious daily. Saturday the settling and cracking of timbers became more pronounced and extra precautions were taken to guard against danger. About the noon hour the disturbances became terrific and the men fled from the gangway, leaving their tools behind. But for their hasty flight a terrible fatality must have been chronicled. Shortly after they had fled in terror from the passage several falls occurred, blocking up the gangway and breasts. The fall is about 200 yards in length and lies between Hosack Hall and the Congregational Church, Audenried. Eight miners lost their tools, being unable to save them in the rush. The men employed in the gangway will be idle for some time.

One of the company houses, occupied by Joe Lacisko, was perceptibly shaken, but not enough to cause serious alarm, and the family did not move out. The earth is continually sinking which will result in much loss to property.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

- Strikes home—the family clock. —Christmas gift buying will soon be in order. —Some of the alleys in town need cleaning up. —Bicycle skirts are not scarce even if they do run short. —Music does not come in broken time because the bars are down. —The Normal foot ballists have made a good record this season. —President McKinley's protection ideas do not include the Thanksgiving turkey. —It is to be hoped that Princeton will do better when young Cleveland joins the team. —The proprietors of the Sentinel and Catawissa News Item do not look at things in the same light. —The civil service examinations for post office clerk and letter carriers will be held Saturday in the high school building. —When love goes to press He knows no omission, But of kisses, he prints An enormous edition.

READY FOR THE FALL OF 1897.

We announce to the public that our stock for the coming season is now complete in every department. We are now showing a large and new line of Woolens purchased before the new Tariff Bill went into effect, which means a saving of 15 to 20 per cent. to the buyer. We are now offering Fall Suits at the old prices. Our line of Over Coatings, Suitings and Trouserings are more numerous than ever. We are putting up Fall Suits in City Style and at the lowest prices, consistent with good material and skilled workmanship.

Correct Style, Reliable Goods, Perfect Fit and Lowest Prices.

Our long experience in the business enable us to give our customers full value for their money. Our Garments are made by skilled workmen, our work we guarantee in every respect. A fine display now on exhibition in the window of

JOHN R. TOWNSEND,

Merchant Tailor, Hatter, and Gents Furnisher.

Must Eat All You Shoot.

Hunters will do well to bear in mind that they are not "pot hunters," and that they cannot dispose of any surplus that they have. Therefore, when you shoot all that your family and friends can consume—quit. The season is now open for all game. As many persons labor under the mistaken impression that they can sell the game to the consumers, it will be well to disabuse them of that notion. No game can be sold within the state and no game taken out of the state under any pretext whatever.—Ex.

Let Us Hope for the Best.

The hope that the Yale-Harvard football contest of last Saturday would show that the game can be played in a clean, gentlemanly manner seems to have been realized. It was witnessed by one of the largest audiences ever gathered on such an occasion. The enthusiasm was great and the game was warmly contested and at times exciting. The fact that neither side was able to score shows how determined the struggle was. And yet there has been no complaint of rough or brutal playing and the injuries to the players were so slight as to keep no one of them from duty or playing again. Such an exhibition of how football can be played is worth a great deal to the game. It will disarm criticism and serve as a model after which other colleges can copy. The two years' suspension of athletic relations between Yale and Harvard has been to good purpose. It has started the game on a new career and free from most all objectionable features.—Phila. Press.

STORIES OF THE DAY.

Thankful That the Warm Place Was at Last Full.

James G. Blaine is said to have related the following story to a coterie of friends while crossing from America to Europe: "A few years ago I attended a performance of 'Faust' at a Dublin theater. In the third act, 'Faust' the lost, is dragged down into the infernal regions in a glare of fire. On this occasion the actor impersonating 'Faust' was an abnormally large man, and the trap door of the stage an unusually small one. At the proper time the door separated and a volume of blue and red smoke burst forth. 'Faust' was seen dragged by a hidden power, struggling through the opening. His legs went first, and he proceeded as far as his waist. Here he stuck. Those underneath tried to pull him through while he endeavored to get out. He could move neither way, his portly body completely filling the aperture. There was an embarrassing pause. The audience was as silent as the tomb. Then an old Irishman back in the gallery arose and, with his eyes fixed on the scene, raised his hand and fervently exclaimed: 'I thank God, hell's full.'"

Something That Will be Referred To

Our new City Directory, now that we are about to have free mail delivery. It will contain the name, occupation, business, and street, and number of all persons male and female of the age of 17 years and over. Also a classified business directory, a compendium of the county and city government, and of the public and private institutions, including churches, societies, etc. The subscription price of the book is \$2.00.

"Business men who have been in the habit of using government stamped envelopes will note the fact that as soon as the present contract runs out you can get your envelopes printed at your home office only, as the government will no longer compete with the printer in printing the return cards. Also by a recent ruling your letters will be held thirty days unless you have printed on the envelopes the time you wish them held."—Ex.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, homemade well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or \$1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Homeody Co., Chicago or New York.

Dissolution of Partnership

The firm of Pursel & Harman is to be dissolved January 1, 1898. Mr. Pursel will continue the business after that at the same old stand. The stock of goods must be reduced at once. Rare bargains confront you on every hand in consequence.

All accounts owing the firm must be paid between now and January 1st, 1898.

In order to reduce stock we offer you bargains you will find it hard to match any where in the county. An item. Dress goods that were 75c to \$1.00, now 58c the yard. Coats go in the same proportion. An item in domestics. Unbleached canton flannel, regular price 10c, now 7c. Gimley Imported Semi-Porcelain Dishes, were \$12 for 100 piece set, now \$9.98 the set. Hollow Silver ware consisting of sugar bowls, teapots, etc., guaranteed for 10 years, were \$2 each, now \$1.50.

Pursel & Harman,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

History of the Turkey.

The turkey as we know him, he who just at this season of the year is much discussed and sought after, has been an inhabitant of the face of the earth for at least four centuries. His first home was in the New World—South America, Mexico, United States and Canada. Here he enjoyed a natural free life and gloried in all his wildness, a thing he has never been able to do completely since the Conquest. He was troubled by no reforms of any kind. No new dieting fads were tried on him and he managed to grow fat and numerous without the aid of incubators. Those were his halcyon days. Then all was changed. He was discovered.

In the sixteenth century the Spaniards found him in Mexico, and seeing what good Christmas dinners he made took him back with them to the old country, where he has furnished sumptuous repasts ever since. This was his first trip to Europe, and he must have liked it there, for he afterwards took English names for both of the best varieties of his kind. This was how it happened.

John Cabot, hunting around on our shores for a good spot to plant a colony and for trophies of the glorious New World to take back to England, heard the sturdy note-call, "turk, turk," and forthwith made up a large part of his ship's cargo of turkeys. Thus he was named, and not from any relation to the Ottoman Empire.

Just try a roc. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

An exchange tells the following: A lady died and while the pall-bearers were conveying her to her last resting place, by some mishap they stumbled and dropped the corpse. The concussion brought the deceased back to life, and she lived six or seven years and died again. On the way to the grave they passed over the same ground, and when the pall-bearers reached the identical spot where the stumpled had been made at the previous sad service, the grief stricken husband stopped in front of his lamented wife and said, "Steady boys, steady."

MARRIED.

BENDER—LUNGER. On the 20th inst., at the Reformed parsonage in Orangeville, by Rev. A. Houtz, Mr. Walter B. Bender and Miss Blanch Lunger, both of Bendertown, Columbia County Pa.

BLACK—KRAMER. By Rev. S. A. Creveling, Nov. 20, 1897, Mr. Swayze B. Black and Miss Ella M. Kramer, all of Rohrsburg, Columbia County, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Wm. Rohrbach, late of Franklin Twp., deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Wm. Rohrbach, late of Franklin township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to the undersigned.

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