

The Columbian.

THE MAINE BLOWN UP. Uncle Sam's Great War Ship Destroyed in the Harbor at Havana.

GREAT EXCITEMENT AT WASHINGTON.

No Explanation Yet of the Cause of the Terrible Disaster.
253 LIVES LOST.

Spanish Authorities at Madrid and Havana Express Deep Regret at the Occurrence.

Uncle Sam's big cruiser, the Maine, blew up at a quarter before 10 o'clock in the harbor at Havana, Tuesday night. The cause of the awful disaster, which sent two hundred and fifty-three human lives into eternity, is shrouded in mystery. Secretary Long has issued a statement, saying that no definite word could be given at present, and urges that judgment be suspended for the present.

Despite the reticence of their chief, many naval officials express grave doubts as to the explosion having been due to an accident. They assert that a ship's magazines are always well guarded. Various theories, such as spontaneous combustion, explosion of a boiler, etc., are advanced, but do not seem entirely satisfactory.

The explosion is said by most of the survivors to have occurred under or in the bow, where the crew's quarters were located.

The Spanish authorities in Madrid, Havana and Washington, expressed the greatest horror at the occurrence. They believe the explosion was purely accidental.

Great excitement prevailed in Washington. Senators and Representatives advised calmness, but say war is inevitable if it is found the Spanish are responsible for the disaster.

The President has decided against sending another warship to Havana for the present.

London papers declare that there is ground for suspicion of the untoward event.

Secretary Long made the following statement:

"I am at this time not inclined to make a positive statement. The Navy Department has made accessible to the public all the advices of definite portents which have come from Havana. The department sincerely sympathizes with those who have been the victims of this disaster."

"I am not in a position to advance theories in regard to causes. Capt. Sigsbee's admonition that public opinion be withheld until there can be an investigation, is a wise and just measure."

"I am inclined to regard the disaster as an accident or due to accidental causes, and in this view I am sustained by Captain O'Neil, the chief of ordnance."

President McKinley holds a conservative view. He will not send another vessel to Havana to protect American interests at present. He expressed great sorrow at the loss of life.

The undercurrent of feeling to the effect that the Maine was destroyed by some overt act is probably influenced by the fact that the department officials are well aware of the hostility felt by the Spaniards because the Maine was sent to Havana to protect American citizens. The destruction of the vessel is not believed to be due to the connivance of high Spanish officials. But the great majority of the Spanish in Havana will unquestionably be glad the Maine is destroyed, providing their Government is not held responsible.

The fact that the accident is one unprecedented in our navy, and the fact that it took place so soon after the ship was inspected, and at night, while all was quiet, are suspicious circumstances, which, in connection with the resentment among the Spaniards, lead to inference here that the destruction was not an accident.

Our Government is losing no time in getting the navy in perfect shape for service, if there should be any need. If an examination of the hull of the Maine should show an explosion

from the outside, it would be difficult to control Congress.

THE VOTE IN BLOOMSBURG.

W. O. Holmes Elected President of the Town Council.—Other Successful Candidates.

There was more interest manifested at the polls on Tuesday, than has been shown at any spring election for a number of years. There being three full tickets in the field, the result was in doubt until the vote was counted. Holmes for President of Council had things quite easy. The principal contest was for Poor Overseers. Ugly rumors, concerning the different candidates had been circulated around, and as a result the fight for that place was very exciting. Following is the result by wards:

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.	DISTRICT.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
*W. O. Holmes.....	104	109	147	129	489	869
W. R. Kocher.....	72	81	79	72	304	
W. M. Kramer.....	30	42	88	72	232	

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
*W. S. Houghton.....	241	153	257	137	788
J. S. Hildreth.....	349	137	424	165	975
*W. L. Demaree.....	156	422	221	152	951
*Daniel Dutler.....	102	69	188	429	788
*G. M. Lockard.....	124	74	305	329	832
H. Hower.....	141	313	165	161	780
*F. B. Hartman.....	229	236	327	232	1024

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
*Joseph Garrison.....	139	157	230	175	601
*Robt. Little.....	123	136	215	206	780
M. P. Lutz.....	155	171	163	165	654

ASSESSOR.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
*John V. Logan.....	179	191	318	162	850
*W. E. Knorr.....	154	138	301	292	785
W. J. Bidleman.....	64	94	73	74	305

POOR DIRECTORS.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
L. Hagenbuch.....	290	286	546	150	1114
M. H. Rhodes.....	161	171	424	165	921
J. K. Trivelpiece.....	23	29	63	48	163
C. R. Cox.....	79	89	88	84	340
B. F. Sharpless.....	130	114	58	91	393

JUDGES OF ELECTION.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
Theodore L. Smith.....	84				84
*Charles Ponsyl.....	86				86
James Magee 2nd.....	23				23
John Scott.....	96				96
John Walker.....	88				88
G. W. Correll.....	45				45
*H. E. Penman.....		168			168
Wm. Stoner.....		110			110
G. E. Entertine.....		36			36
Harvey Ludlow.....		91			91
Charles B. Ohl.....		127			127
S. A. Lutz.....		42			42

INSPECTORS.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
*Charles P. Sloan.....	80				80
*F. C. Eyer.....	77				77
W. R. Cummings.....	27				27
Chas. Henderson.....	107				107
*Samuel Pugh.....	68				68
Frank Bomboy.....	44				44
*H. B. Detterich.....		146			146
Wm. Hassert.....		121			121
Wm. S. Pursell.....		32			32
Elwood Hencock.....		61			61
*John Tracy.....		169			169
Chas. W. McCaslin.....		32			32

ASSESSOR.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
C. W. Brown.....	75				75
*C. B. Chrisman.....	84				84
*W. S. Walker.....	35				35
*Robt. Morris.....	103				103
Chas. Sterner.....	78				78
*H. B. Frobst.....	46				46
*Roy R. Baker.....		156			156
H. A. Evert.....		118			118
S. M. Runyon.....		82			82
Clare Kashner.....		84			84
*Peter Jones.....		155			155
John Kulp.....		81			81

*Those marked with a * are the successful ones.

Gidding-Goldschmidt Wedding.

With great surprise will many of our readers receive the announcement of the wedding of Miss Helen Goldschmidt, of town, to B. A. Gidding, of Bloomsburg, a very prosperous clothing merchant of that city. The marriage of these two well known and most estimable young people will occur on the 23rd. of this month. Invitations have been issued, but as death has recently spread its sad fall over the Goldschmidt fireside, having removed the sister of household's guardian, the wedding will be private and held at the home of the future bride's parents on Hickory street.—*Mr. Carmel Item.*

Many of the crossings in town need repairing. Pedestrians are compelled to wade mud in order to get across the street whenever any little rain fall occurs. If more care and judgment were used when the crossings are put down a great deal of this extra expense might be done away with.

NEW SPRING HATS,

all the new shapes and colors. Extra good Stiff and Fedora hats at

98c.
Black and brown.

See the new "Broadway Special" Derby.

NO MAKE BELIEVES.

No make believe that a thing is what it isn't.
No make believe that our goods are better than they are.
No make believe that things are special when they're not.
No make believe, no shams, no false pretenses, right things called by their right names, and sold at right prices.

Advance Spring Styles in Colored Shirts. Men and Boys' 2 collar and cuffs, **50c.**

Nothing to equal them in the city.

We have grown up under the above good mercantile rules. The same rule still governs us, and we are growing, and will continue to grow, prosper, win trade and gain the confidence of our patrons by adhering strictly to these sound business principles. Depend on what you buy here as being the best at the price. No cheap shoddy stuffs are allowed to enter this establishment. If you purchase anything of us that does not give the utmost satisfaction, come back and let us know it. We stand ready and willing to make it right at all times.

SHOES.

The selling of Shoes the past few weeks has been beyond our expectations. The certain lines at a mere shadow of their former prices have been considerably reduced, but there still remains some certain lots that must be cleaned up, and prices such as these cannot help but do it.

64 pair (exact count) still remain of the sizes, 2, 2½, 3 and 3½, of Jones & Walter's \$3 and \$4 ladies' fine shoes, **\$1.98.**

Come in and take a look at them. They're somewhat shop worn, but think of the Price!

\$1.98 for fine hand turned ladies' shoes, broken sizes, and enough of them to fit almost any foot. They're \$3.50 and \$4 grades here, and prices given here on men's shoes and boots that ought to clean them up in a very few days. When these lots are gone, don't expect any more at the same figures.

46 pairs of men's fine shoes in broken sizes, some have retailed at 3.50, 4, and \$5. The toe not quite as blunt as some like it, **\$2.98 the pair.**

18 pair patent leather shoes of J. & W.'s fine grades, have retailed at \$5, narrow toe, **\$2.75 the pair.**

63 pairs men's calf shoes, J. & W. price \$3, **\$1.98 the pair.**

Boys' fine shoes, regular sizes, J. & W. price 2.50 and \$2 grades, **\$1.75 the pair**

Youth's satin calf, regular sizes, narrow toe, J. & W. price \$1.25, **98c. the pair.**

Men's first quality Woonsocket or Lycoming rubber boots, list price \$3, all sizes **\$2.19 the pair.**

Keystone make rubber boots regular \$2.50 quality, **\$1.98 the pair.**

Men's buckle Ar ties, **\$1.19 the pair.**

Rubbers for felt boots, \$1.50 kind, **\$1.29 the pair.**

One buckle lumbermen's rubbers, \$1.50 kind, **\$1.19 the pair.**

Boys' rubber boots, Lycoming grade, Jones & Walter's price \$2.25, **\$1.79 the pair.**

Boys' rubber boots, Keystone grade, Jones & Walter's price \$2.00, **\$1.69 the pair.**

No such an opportunity to buy Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits or Boys' Reefers will present itself for months, yes, even years to come. You know all about the advance in prices of cloths and trimmings and tailoring, we don't want to carry a single winter garment over if we can help it.

STORM ULSTERS, all down to lowest point. \$8 kind 5.50; \$9 kind 6.75; \$10 kind 7.75.

OVERCOATS. One lot of overcoats; gray and black chevits at 2.98, all sizes to clean up, \$5 kind.

BOYS' REEFERS, \$6 kind now \$3.98; \$5 kind now 3.48; \$4 kind now 2.98; \$2.50 kind now 1.98.

MEN'S SUITS. All the winter weights being sold without one penny of profit. Chevits, cassimeres, homespun, worsteds, etc., 5.00, 6.50, 7.50, 9.00 and \$10.00.

Some few novelties are left (ages 3 to 9), about half their regular price will buy them.

SINGLE TROUSERS,

to make the coat and vest last the season out, strictly all wool, perfect fitting, well tailored, warranted not to rip or buttons come off, \$2 the pair, or 2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00 and \$5.00 for higher grades.

GIDDING & CO.,

Complete Outfitters for Men and Boys.

HORSE STOLEN.

A horse and buggy, belonging to liveryman W. J. Hilday was taken from in front of the residence of Dr. F. W. Redeker, on East Street Friday afternoon.

It was discovered in a few minutes and a search was at once instituted. It was learned that a young man had driven the horse at a rapid gait in the direction of Danville. Mr. Hilday accompanied by a police officer took the down train on the D. L. & W. Railroad, to overtake the thief. They went to Danville where, after securing a horse started back toward Bloomsburg. They had proceeded more than two miles when they met the youngster. He was arrested, and brought back to town and given a hearing before Squire Jacoby. He admitted taking the horse saying that a man had told him to drive it to Danville and he would pay him for his trouble. He said his name was John White, 13 years of age and lived at Scranton. His father and mother are both dead and he had been living with his brothers, but becoming dissatisfied had run away from home.

The young criminal was taken to jail.

WAGGENSELLER-MEARS.

John J. Waggensteller, a traveling salesman of this town and Miss Jennie Mears were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Tuesday morning at the home of the groom's brother-in-law, L. T. Sharpless, on Main Street. The ceremony which was witnessed by only a few immediate friends was performed by Rev. B. C. Conner, of the Methodist Church. After hearty congratulations the newly made man and wife left on the noon train on the P. & R. Railroad for a wedding trip to Philadelphia and other places of interest.

AN INTERESTING SUIT.

The law-suit of Martha A. Case and William Case against the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. has occupied the attention of the court thus far this week. Mrs. Case alleges that she was allowed to get off the cars at Berwick below the station, the brakeman not having announced the station. She claims that the conductor stopped the train and let her off some distance below the platform, and that in getting back to the station she fell down and was seriously injured, and has suffered ever since. This happened in August, 1894. She was on her way from her home in Michigan to visit friends in this county. Her ticket was to Bloomsburg but she told the conductor she wanted to stop at Berwick. He took her ticket and check and said he would arrange it, and she says she didn't see him again. She says that she didn't know when they reached Berwick, as it was not announced, and they had left the station before she learned that it was Berwick. Then calling the conductor, he stopped the train and let her off as before stated. In December, 1894, she brought suit for injuries to herself, and her husband sued for loss of her services.

Barkley and H. M. Hinckley, Esqs. and the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. by Geo. E. Elwell, Everett Warren, of Scranton, and Fred Ikeler, Esqs. The case will probably close tomorrow.

J. BOYD MCKELVY.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. John Hummer received a telegram on Wednesday, stating that her brother William Mason, had died very suddenly at Sunbury. He had secured a position at the Novelty Works at this place, and was on his way to accept the position. Mrs. Hummer had just returned last week from Warren, where she had been called by the death of J. Newman Lacey, another brother. The deceased was about forty years of age. DeForest Hummer took the noon train for Sunbury, to look after the remains.

The Alonzo Hatch Electro Photo Musical Company will appear at the Opera House Wednesday evening February 23, under the auspices of Brockway Camp No. 270 Sons of Veterans. Speaking of the entertainment the Essex County Republican, of New York says:

"The Alonzo Hatch Electro Photo Musical Company's entertainment, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Cemetery Association, in Kingsland Opera House, in the evening, fittingly closed the Labor Day festivities by a beautiful, charming and delightful entertainment. A most rare treat was missed by all who failed to attend. The Animotoscope is a wonderful machine and too much cannot be said of it in the advance announcements. The Phonograph selections were of the best, while the harp solos by Signor Epifano were grand. Mr. Hatch's songs, illustrated by the Trinopticon, were very pleasing and won the admiration of a select audience. The entertainment was entirely satisfactory and netted the ladies \$37."

The defense alleges that the station was announced; that she was asleep or for some reason did not get off at the proper place; that the train was stopped with the last car lapping the station platform, and Mrs. Case was helped by a brakeman, and escorted to the platform, and then the train went on. Because of sea-sickness, or a thick veil over her face, she fell off the edge of the platform and was bruised. The defense also alleges that Mrs. Case's present condition is not owing to injuries resulting from the fall, but, because of womb disease that has not been properly treated.

Relatives in town received a telegram yesterday morning from Chicago informing them of the sad intelligence of the death of J. Boyd McKelvy, which occurred at the home of his mother in that city, at three o'clock Wednesday morning. He was sixteen years of age, a son of H. W. McKelvy, and a grandson of Dr. J. B. McKelvy, of this town. He was very delicate and had been in poor health for a number of years. He lived here until a few months ago, when his father sent him to a school in Kentucky, thinking the change might improve his health. He grew worse, however, and was taken to Chicago where he died.

Drink, and the gang drinks with you; swear off and you go it alone, for the bar room bum who drinks your rum has a quenchless thirst of his own. Feast and your friends are many; fast and they cut you dead; they'll not get mad if you treat them bad, so long as their stomachs are fed. Steal, if you get a million, for then you can furnish bait; it's the great big thief who gets out on leave, while the little one gets to jail. Advertise, and the dollars come to you; quit and they fail to come in, for what care the men who have money to spend, for the men who don't care to see him.

The first of a series of Progressive Euchre parties was held by members of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen at their club house Tuesday night. The first prize, a fine dress suit case was won by G. A. Clark, and the second prize, a walking stick was captured by Harry Achenbach, while the "booby" was awarded to Morris Broad.

The jury were taken up to Berwick on Monday afternoon to view the ground, and again on Wednesday evening to see it at night, accompanied by Judge Ikeler and the counsel in the case.

Bishop Talbot will administer the rite of confirmation in St. Paul's Church next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Case is represented by C. G.