# WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11th, 1898. Hard things have been said of Mr. McKinley by the friends of Cuba on the floors of the Senate and House but no American has said such insult ing things of him as were said in a letter signed with the name of his great and good friend, Senor de Lome, Spanish Minister to the U.S., which was this week published. Not only Spanish Almister to the U.S., which was this week published. Not only was Mr. McKinley grossly insulted by name in this letter, but he was jeered at for allowing himself to be fooled by the force of autonomy in Cuba and the pretence of Spain that it wishes to negotiate a reciprocity treaty that would give this country all the trade of Cuba and Porto Rica. It is doubtless because of grief that his great and good friend should have such an opinion of him that Mr. McKinley did not send de Lome his passport at once instead of writing to have it fully proven that the letter was written and signed by de Lome, by his resignation. This letter was made public by the Cuban Junta, which has the original in its possession, and if it does not open the eyes of Mr. McKinley to the real situation and cause him to either recognize the independence of Cuba or to intervene by force, it will convince all of the people that a great mistake was make in electing him Descident. About 5 concerne or an President—About 7,000,000 are al-ready convinced. If he acts quick, he may get some credit, but if he delays, Congress will force him to act and he will get no credit. The feeling that the time for action has come was plainly manifested in the Senate while Senators Cannon, of Utah, Mason of Ill., and Allen, of Nebraska were speaking on the Cuban resolu-tions which have been offered by

each of them. In order that he might meet them all and at the same time show his ap preciation of their loyaity to him dur ing the recent deadlock, Senator Gorman entertained all of the democratic members of the Maryland legislature, except two who were kept away by sickness, at a dinner in Washington this week. Not a man who attended that dinner regards Senator Gorman as out of politics.

If the democrats, the populists, and the silver republicans had not made that agreement to act together in the Congressional campaign. Representative Plowman, of Ala., would not have been ousted out of his seat in the House, by the votes of the republican mejority. The republicans voted to give the seat to Aldrich, who ran as a populist candidate and was supported by republicans, not because they thought he was entitled to it, but be cause they thought the case could be used to divide the democrats and populists in some Congressional dis-tricts in which republicans cannot possibly win if the democratic and populists votes are cast for a single candidate.

Mr. McKinley has not forgotten to take good care of his personal friends. Another one of them, Mr. Wm. J. Calhoun, of Ill., who it will be remembered was sent to Cuba as the person confidential representative of al and confidential representative of Mr. McKinley, last spring, has been given a fat berth. Mr. Calhoun is to get the position on the Inter State Commerce Commission vacated by the retirement of Hon. Wm. R. Mor rison, the old democratic war horse of Illinois. A Pennsylvania man was stated for this position, but so many vigorous protests were received from labor organizations that Mr. McKin-

ley was afraid to appoint him. Boss Hanna is again asserting his power. He kept very quiet for while after he returned from his late ohio shopping expedition, but he this week compelled Mr. McKinley to carry out the terms of a bargain made at the St. Louis convention, in the face of protests not only from the people of the city directly interested and the entire Georgia delegation in Congress, but from members of his own Cabinet. This bargain has brought about the nomination of J. H. Deveaux, a negro politician who helped Hanna control the Georgia delegation to the St. Louis convention, be Collector of Customs at Savannah, Ga. The excuse given by Mr. Mc-Kinley to Representative Lester, of

fend Spain when it had been attacked by other Senators, he incidentally mentioned that there were a million idle men in the U. S. Now, surely no sane man would call a country the size of the U. S. prosperous while a million men are idle.

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#### Faithless County Officials.

On the conviction of the Schuylkill county commissioners, the Phila-delphia Times makes these forceful comments :

It is not an uncommon occurance for Schuylkill county officials to get into court on charges of dereliction of duty in office. The latest litigation of this kind terminated Saturday at Pottsville in the conviction of the three county commissioners for misdemeanor in office after a trial of four reeks' duration.

The counts in the indictments numbered thirty-two, upon nineteen of which the defendants were convict-They secured acquittal upon een. The acts complained of ed. thirteen. The acts complained of were making temporary loans without proper authority, the expenditure of the factor of law for money without warrant of law for traveling expenses, lobbying against proposed legislation, junkets, ban-quets, the letting of illegal contracts and other sins of omission and commission.

The charge of Judge Bechtel as to the legal responsibilities of the county commissioners is one which the officials of every county would do well to read and remember. The meat of It was to the effect that when county officials take upon themselves the office to which they are elected they are not only invested with the powers formance of the duties required by law, and that on failure to discharge these duties, whether through ignor-ance, negligence, bad faith, fraud or corruption, they are liable to indictment and conviction for misdemeanor in office. Not even the plea of ignor ance is admissible, as it is the busi-ness of the officer to acquaint himself with the legal obligations of his office before accepting and entering upon its duties.

The conviction of the Schuylkill county commissioners of misdemean or in office should serve a wider and more far-reaching purpose than punishment of these derelict officials. It should serve as a warning to all county officials that public office is a public trust, to be administered in the public interest, in strict accordance with the requirements of law, and that any official who fails to administer his office in this spirit does so at his peril. The modern notion that public office is a private snap is not only a fallacy in law and practice, but a dangerous fallacy to any official who persists in following it .- Ez.

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The baked banana is the ideal food for nervous and anaemic brain work ers.

On an average, man's physical strength begins to decay at the age of thirty-six.

A curious present for a deaf person in Germany is a fan, deftly concealing a tiny ear trumpet in its stick.

The temperature of the cucumber has been found to be one degree below that of the surrounding atmosphere. According to French figures, a man

adds eleven years to his theoretical and statistical life by marrying at the age of thirty.

The most powerful microscope even invented has just been perfected by Professor E. L. Gates of Washington, D. C. Its magnifying power is 3,000, ooo diameters.

Lighthouses in Denmark are sup plied with oil, which is pumped on the waves during a storm. This explains waves during a storm. This explains the fact that two or three vessels are always to be seen round each light house in rough weather.

At present the world's production of nickel is considerably in excess of the consumption, but as there are but four or five districts in the world where it is worked the price 15 maintained by controlling the actual production. The world's total output last year was about 4603 metric tons.

Of the candidates for the British army who fail to pass the tests four army who fail to pass the tests four out of five are rejected because of de-fective vision. The "eyesight" test consists of being able to count cor-rectly with both eyes, as well as each eve separately, a number of small black dots exhibited on a card ten feet from the candidate. feet from the candidate.

According to the statement of the Engineering and Mining Journal, an authority on mining matters, the new Klondike placers may be expected to produce about \$60,000,000 in gold. This statement is admittedly limited by the fact that there has been no stematic examination of the alluvial leposits to admit of an exact deternination.

A strongly phosphorescent strontium sulphide has been investigated Professor Mourelo of Madrid. The pure compound shows no phosphores cence, the presence of a small quantity of aikali seeming to be necessary and a trace of subnitrate of bismuth of advantage. After cooling from a high temperature slowly, the substance is made strongly phosphorescent by even a very little light. Pulverization des-troys this property, which may be restored by long heating with starch.

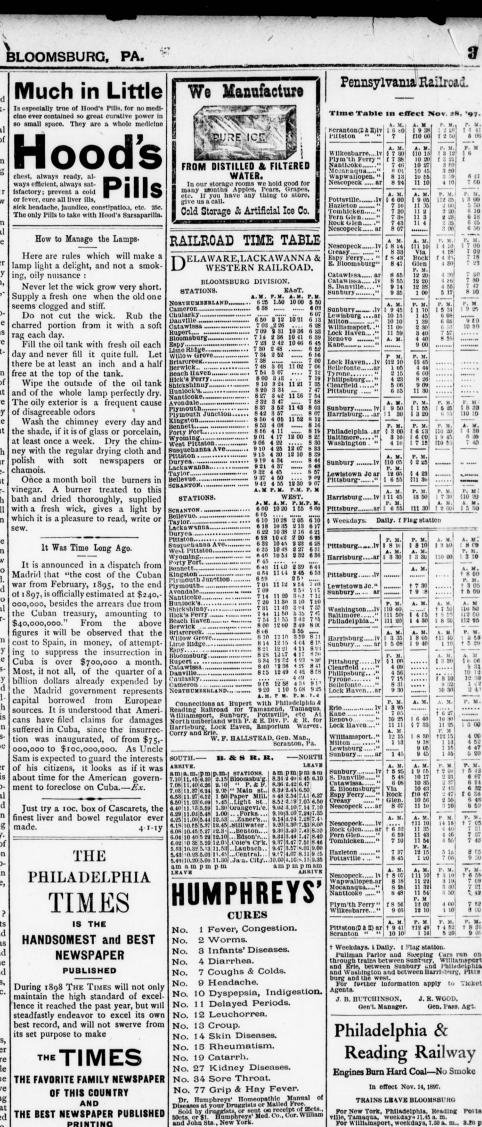
Mexico has now become a producer of sulphur, aside from that which is obtained from the crater of Popo catepeti for local consumption, a trial consignment having been received recently at Yuma from the mines in Lower California, which are being exploited by an American company. Arrangements for the construction of an aerial tramway to bring sulphur on a large scale from the summit of Popocatepeti to the foot of the mountain have been discussed for a long time, and surveys have been made.

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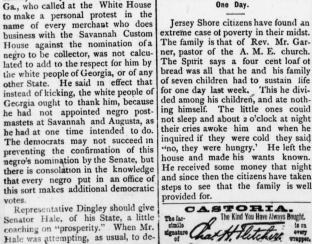
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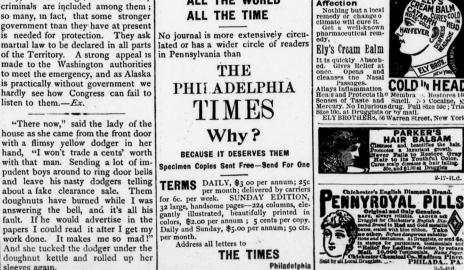


Representative Dingley should give Senator Hale, of his State, a little coaching on "prosperity." When Mr. Hale was attempting, as usual, to de**One Day** 

see that the family is well

Jersey Shore citizens have found an extreme case of poverty in their midst. The family is that of Rev. Mr. Gar-ner, pastor of the A. M. E. church. The Spirit says a four cent loaf of bread was all that he and his family to meet the emergency, and as Alaska is practically without government we hardly see how Congress can fail to listen to them.—Ex.

> "There now," said the lady of the "There now," said the lady of the house as she came from the front door with a flimsy yellow dodger in her hand, "I won't trade a cents' worth with that man. Sending a lot of im-pudent boys around to ring door bells and leave his nasty dodgers telling about a fake clearance sale. Them downbuts have burned while I was doughnuts have burned while I was answering the bell, and it's all his fault. If he would advertise in the papers I could read it after I get my work done. It makes me so mad!" And she tucked the dodger under the doughnut kettle and rolled up her sleeves again.



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