

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18th, 1898.

Nothing short of absolute proof that the sinking of the battleship Maine, in Havana harbor, and the drowning of more than two hundred and fifty of its crew a catastrophe that will cause a shudder of horror to pass over every American every time Havana harbor is mentioned for many years to come—was caused by an accidental explosion on board of the Maine will save Spain from the licking it has been inviting for some time at the hands of the United States. In view of the reports that have reached this country from time to time of boasts made by Spaniards in Havana, since the Maine went there, that at the first intimation of war between Spain and the United States they were prepared to blow the Maine to atoms with torpedoes, and of the treachery of the late Spanish Minister towards his great and good friend, Mr. McKinley, it is not surprising that the suspicion that the destruction of the Maine was the result of Spanish treachery should be expressed by more than half the men one meets. A nation which could deliberately plan to surround the house of a Cuban with several regiments of troops and coolly shoot down an old man and his children, in order to kill a Cuban officer whose sweetheart was the daughter of the old man, as the Spaniards recently did in Cuba, would not hesitate to use any sort of treachery to destroy a warship of a nation it both feared and hated. Mr. McKinley professes to regard these suspicions with horror, and expresses the belief that the investigation now being made will show them to be without foundations. It is to be devoutly hoped that his belief will be justified by the result of the investigation, for if it isn't, Spain will not only be driven out of Cuba, but will be in danger of being driven out of existence as a nation, by relentless Americans bent on revenge.

Congress is disposed to allow the administration to conduct the investigation of the cause of the loss of the Maine, only asking that it be prompt and thorough and that its result be made public as soon as arrived at. It having been arranged that Friday and Saturday of this week should be used by the House to discuss the Bankruptcy bill, reported as a substitute for the bill that was passed by the Senate at the extra session, Czar Reed did not find it necessary to make the House adjourn from Thursday to Monday, in order to prevent there being a private bill day, which under the rules should be Friday.

The National Council of the Farmers' Alliance, once a power in the political world, now scarcely heard of, was in session in Washington this week; also the annual convention of the Woman Suffragists, which always manages to occupy its full share of newspaper space.

Senator Murphy, of New York, who has gone home on business, said before leaving Washington that the resolution censuring him for voting for the Teller resolution, which was adopted by the aid of republican votes in the New York legislature, was not worrying him the slightest little bit, as he had written evidence from prominent democrats in every section of the State endorsing his course in voting for the Teller resolution. He regards the censure as nothing more than an attempt by the republicans to make political capital in the State, which their party badly needs.

Ex-Gov. Patterson, of Colo., has been telling his many friends in Washington that the largely increased and constantly increasing gold production of his State has not altered the universal sentiment of its people in favor of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. He made this prediction of the next democratic National Convention: "It will be held in Chicago; it will reaffirm the platform of '96, without the dotting of an 'I' or the crossing of a 't'; it will nominate Bryan by acclamation, and it will be the most unanimous National convention ever assembled in the U. S."

It was at first intended that the National Committee of the democratic party, the people's party, and the silver republican party should unite in a joint address to the voters who are friendly to the free coinage of silver, but as some objection was raised to that course it was decided that each committee should issue an address to the voters of its own party, advising general co-operation of all the friends of silver in this year's Congressional campaign, and this week the addresses were made public. The first time that the full effect of this co-operation will be seen will be in Oregon, where the Congressional elections will be held in June, and the campaign is already practically begun. The issue is going to be squarely made in that State, and the silver men are confident of winning.

There was never a human being who agreed with everything, everybody, or even anybody, said to him. There is very much of the human

about a newspaper that is worth reading and it can not and does not expect to have everybody agree with it in all it says, but the fault finders are always in a helpless minority. Everybody can refuse to agree with what is said without becoming illogical. To always say, "that's so" produces mental stagnation, anyway. The best newspaper is printed for the good of all the people, not for a clique; and what may please one may offend another. The logical man waits until his own turn to be pleased comes, and he knows it will come.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. 1m.

Old Postage Rates.

In glancing through an old almanac, published away back in the year of 1819, seventy-nine years ago, a gentleman found the following interesting item pertaining to postage rates in vogue at that time. Comparing them with the cheapness of the rates of today, gives them a singular looking aspect. Here are the old rates:

On single letters, carried any distance not exceeding 30 miles, 6 cents; over 30, and not over 80, 10 cents; over 80, and not over 150, 12 1/2 cents; over 150 and not over 400, 18 1/2 cents; over 400, 25 cents. Double letters, or those composed of two pieces of paper, double those rates. Triple letters or those composed of three pieces of paper, triple those rates. Packets or letters composed of four or more pieces of paper, or one or more other articles and weighing ounce avoirdupois, quadruple those rates, and in that proportion for all greater weight. Ship letters, not carried by mail, 6 cents.

A MAGICAL LIFE SAVER is Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. After years of pain and agony with distressing heart disease, it gives relief in thirty minutes. Thos. Petry, of Aylmer, Que., writes: "I had suffered for five years with a severe form of heart disease. I was unable to attend to business. The slightest exertion produced fatigue. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave me instant relief, four bottles entirely cured me."—9. Sold by C. A. Kleim.

Firemen Fighting a Bill.

The firemen of the state are up in arms against a bill which was recently introduced in congress, and will meet in Homestead next Monday evening to prepare against the measure and to prepare a memorial, which will be sent to congress. The objectionable bill prohibits states from passing or enforcing laws taxing foreign insurance companies Pennsylvania has a law taxing foreign companies two per cent of their business. Half of the tax is used as a relief fund for the sick and disabled firemen. It is at this law that the new bill is aimed. If the measure should be enacted into a law the usefulness of the Firemen's Relief associations, which were recently organized all over the state, would be at an end, as they will have no fund on which to work. The firemen realize this and intend to make a hard fight against the new measure.

Bryan's New Plans.

William J. Bryan has just taken another bold move, and one that by no means looks like an impossibility of accomplishment. Mr. Bryan has always been on the side which means to accomplish the largest amount of good to the largest number of people. If the monetary question were considered by itself and itself alone we believe the people as a whole would see to it that a sufficient number of Congressmen could be elected at the coming general election to furnish a majority in the House. It is at all events worth while trying. We believe that Mr. Bryan's plans will receive thoughtful consideration. If, as he states, all the Populists, all the Silver Democrats and all the Silver Republicans will unite and stand together the Congressional victory will be won.

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QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Red hats were first worn by cardinals in the year 1245. In Ptolemy's time any one who killed a cat was put to death. The magnetic clock was invented by Dr. Locke of Cincinnati in 1847-48. Tobacco is said to have been first brought into England from Virginia in 1583. The poet Burns spelled his name Burness (his family name) until the publication of his poems in 1786. A naturalist of eminence finds that land birds make their journeys in the daytime and water birds at night. The largest printing office in the world is in Washington, D. C.; it is for printing government documents. The fastest railroad engine in the world is "the Flying Welshman"; its fame has extended round the globe. Lake Erie is the lake of the "wild cat," the name given to a fierce tribe of Indians exterminated by the Iroquois. A woman in Hope, Knox county, Maine, still wears a common wire hair-pin which she has worn for forty years. The largest telegraph office in the world is in the general postoffice building, London, over 3000 operators being employed. It costs \$5.74 per million gallons to pump water to Chestnut Hill reservoir, Boston. The engines pump 8938 on one pound of coal. The largest hotel in the world is the Waldorf-Astoria in New York city, a \$10,000,000 establishment, built by millionaires for millionaires. The Sudbury river aqueduct in 359 days has delivered 14,857,300,000 gallons to Chestnut Hill reservoir, and 35,500,000 to Lake Cochituate. If an Egyptian dies before noon the funeral must take place the same day. If death occurs after noon, the funeral may not be delayed after the next day. In 1774 Philadelphia was the largest of the American colonies. Estimates of the population, which are all we have, differ widely, but it was probably not far from 30,000. A resolution appropriating \$5 to purchase a copy of the Bible was recently introduced in the Georgia legislature, it having been discovered that there was no copy of the book in the state library. Five is the sacred number of the Chinese, who have five planets (Mars, Mercury, Venus, Saturn and Jupiter); five cardinal points (north, south, east, west and centre); five virtues, five tastes, five musical tones, five ranks of nobility and five colors (white, black, red, green and yellow. A few months ago a picture was discovered at Copenhagen which experts believed to be a Murillo. The director of the Louvre, after examining the picture thoroughly, pronounced it to be genuine. The owner wants \$100,000 for it. It represents Loyola kneeling before the Virgin and Child. Men and medicines are judged by what they do. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla give it a good name everywhere.

Enforcing the Law.

The first case on record in Pennsylvania of a father being imprisoned for failing to send his child to school occurred last week in Pittsburg. The man is Andrew Nieman, of 91 Straub alley, Troy Hill. His son, Andrew, is 11 years old, and a rather unruly boy. The father had not paid the costs within the thirty days required, and his goods were levied on. Finding nothing of value, the justice sent him to jail for thirty days.

Protection to Dairymen.

The proposed organization of Chester county dairymen to protect their interests, as against the retail milk dealers in Philadelphia, is likely to attract the attention of dairymen in all the counties from which milk is shipped to the city dealers. It is contended that the farmers who send milk to Philadelphia dealers get comparatively little for their product. The contention appears to be a just one, and it is for the dairymen to protect themselves and demand what is reasonable and right in the matter of compensation. Then, too, the matter of milk adulteration is involved. Generally, the farmer is honest and what water gets into the milk before it reaches city consumers gets there at the hands of unscrupulous dealers who are ever ready to blame the farmer when the adulteration is detected. The State Department of Agriculture, as shown by a recently published report, has found by actual investigation that milk is purest when it leaves the farm. This is a very satisfactory showing to the dairymen and they ought to insist on the exposure and punishment of those who are really guilty of adulteration which is prohibited by law. By this organization the dairymen can secure the rights to which they are justly entitled.—Doylestown Republican.

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Crased by Overwork. Religious Revivalist Collapses Under the Strain of Her Labors.

During the past five weeks a religious revival has been in progress in the M. E. church, at Franklin, Pa., at which over one hundred persons confessed conversion. Chief among the workers was Mrs. Samuel Robison, whose earnestness during the meetings was very marked. On Tuesday evening she overtaxed her strength and collapsed physically after returning home. Physicians were summoned, but despite their efforts she grew worse, and Saturday night became insane. She will be taken to a private asylum, in the hope that absolute rest and quietness will restore her mental powers. Mrs. Robison has long been identified with religious and benevolent work in this city and is a woman of refinement and culture.

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