

The Columbian.

ESTABLISHED 1866. The Columbia Democrat, ESTABLISHED 1887. CONSOLIDATED 1889. PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY MORNING Bloomsburg, the County seat of Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

CANDIDATES. FOR STATE SENATOR, W. H. RHAWN of Catawissa. FOR REPRESENTATIVE, C. J. SCHLICHER of Beaver township.

SUSPENSE In Washington. Officials Await the Court's Report.

The excitement during the past week in Congress and outside, attending the Maine disaster in the harbor at Havana, has almost equaled that occasioned by the assassination of Presidents Lincoln and Garfield. The excitement, however has somewhat subsided, and is now passing away. There is a condition of painful suspense, and the public now patiently awaits to learn only the cause of the disaster.

The course of President McKinley and his Cabinet associates, in suspending judgment until the cause of the destruction of the Maine is ascertained, is generally approved in and out of Congress. The prompt refusal of Captain Sigbee and Consul-General Lee, and the approval of their course by the authorities at Washington, of not allowing the Spanish authorities at Havana to join in the exploration and inquiry into the disaster, is commended on all sides.

What the authorities here and throughout the country want, and what they are waiting for, are the facts properly vouched for from persons upon whose integrity and intelligence they can safely rely. It is well understood that the Spanish Government in Havana and at Madrid are as anxious, and almost as deeply interested, as the authorities at Washington, in solving the mystery of the tremendous disaster.

The United States officers, who have charge of the matter, are regarded as authority for the American people. The investigation is in competent hands, and the country is quite ready to believe the official statement of the Naval Board now charged with the purpose of prosecuting the inquiry.

President McKinley Will Demand Independence for Cuba, With \$100,000,000 Indemnity.

Robert P. Porter, whose close friendship with President McKinley is well known, says that Mr. McKinley will shortly send to the Spanish government an ultimatum, demanding that complete freedom and independence be granted to the insurgent Cubans. Spain is to be indemnified to the extent of \$100,000,000. Bonds are to be issued to that amount and, if necessary, the United States will take charge of the Cuban customs and pay the interest on the bonds.

The Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the Maine disaster left Key West for Havana, where it will convene on board the Mangrove or the Fern. A final session will be held at Key West before a report is made. The officers composing the board are: Captain W. T. Sampson, of the Iowa; Captain French E. Chadwick, of the New York; Lieutenant commander Potter of the New York; and Lieutenant Commander Marix, Judge Advocate of the Court.

Divers have been at work on the sunken Maine, but so far have only brought a few unimportant papers. They are waiting for divers' lamps and as soon as they get them search will be made in the ward room and other parts of the vessel. So far the search has been confined to the Captain's cabin. The tremendous consequence of a refusal to accept this settlement will be on Spain. The President of the Republic has in my opinion fully weighed the consequence to us. He knows full well that a mere declaration of war may cost our government a hundred, nay five hundred millions of dollars, but he also knows that at his back will be a united people of 75,000,000 freeman who have chafed and grown reckless at each successive delay, until the most conservative believe the time has come for decided action. That the situation is critical is fully realized, and the coming week may bring about a crisis that will demonstrate to the country that President McKinley not only said what he meant in his message, but meant what he said.

That the De Lome letter made something clear to the President and the State Department there can be no doubt, while the terrible accident to the Maine has forcibly illustrated the danger of further delay. Another reason for immediate action should the ultimatum likely to be submitted to Spain be accepted, is that if peace could be at once restored to Cuba, the starving population may yet save half of the year's crops. To delay until March will make it necessary for the people of the United States to continue to feed these people who are anxious to rebuild a country which has been so devastated and depopulated that more than a generation must pass into the grave before the sunshine of prosperity again brings cheer to this sorrowing and desolated land.

woolens at advanced prices meets less demand than was expected with less activity in lower grades and unexpectedly numerous cancellations in light weights, indicating larger buying than consumption has yet warranted. Failures for the week have been 295 in the United States against 303 last year and thirty-five in Canada against fifty-six last year.

If some inhabitant of a foreign nation who was unacquainted with the real nature of American political differences should happen to drop into this country at a time when some partisan dispute was at its extreme height he would gain the impression that the men at the head of our Government were about the worst that we could find, because he would notice that the partisan papers were all free in the matter of open denunciation of the opposing officers or candidates. The De Lome case shows that Democrats, Republicans, Populists and all the smaller factions are still ready to stand by the chief executive when he is confronted with the insolent attitude of some foreign dignitary, and that the people of the United States, regardless of politics and religion, are a unit when it comes to the necessity for the assertion of true patriotic principles.

The Democrats of Somerset county are urging the name of Hon. A. H. Coffroth of that county as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor this year. His public record is excellent, and he would make a strong run if nominated.

Railroad Man

Receives Good Advice from Fellow Workmen. The Whole Story Told by His Wife - It May Help You. "When my little boy was six years old he had an attack of the measles, and after recovering he was restless at night, had no appetite, and was cross and fretful. Later on, large blotches and sores broke out on his face and limbs. We were told they would heal in a few days; but those few days grew into months. One day my husband, who is a well-known railroad man, was advised by some of his fellow workmen to give the boy Hood's Sarsaparilla. We concluded to do so, and after he had taken the first bottle we noticed some improvement. We kept on giving him this medicine until he had taken three bottles, when he was completely cured, and he has been well ever since." Mrs. E. J. MILLER, Bennett, Pa.

Hood's Pills

do not cause pain or gripe. All druggists. 26c.

PHILADELPHIA OPTICAL COLLEGE.

do not cause pain or gripe. All druggists. 26c.

GEO. W. HESS, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

He was born in Columbia Co., some thirty two years ago. At nineteen years of age left home to serve an apprenticeship as a watchmaker and jeweler at Hazleton, then went to Millville, then to Watsonstown, and in 1892 started in business at his present location.

Dr. Hess always had a desire to become proficient in optics, and in 1894 came to Philadelphia to receive instructions from a manufacturing optician, and also matriculated in our college and received our Master Optician's Diploma. And now, after three years of successful practice and unremitting study he receives our highest degree, that of Doctor of Refraction.

Dr. Hess is not only a progressive merchant, standing in the front of the business men of Bloomsburg, but he is also a zealous student of optics, and has proven himself a competent and scientific optician. He is withal a pleasant gentleman to meet, and his patients are all friends, and his friends all patients. -From the Keystone, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Hess is a member of the firm of Hess Brothers, Jewelers and Opticians, Bloomsburg, Pa., and all desiring glasses will do well to consult him before purchasing elsewhere.

Eyes Examined free of Charge. CORRECTION GUARANTEED.

Hess Brothers, Jewelry Store. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Lithographed bonds, stock certificates, and checks are furnished at THE COLUMBIAN office.

SEE THE

BIG REDUCTION IN MERCHANT TAILORING, FOR 10 DAYS. \$16.00 SUITS NOW \$13.00, Made to your measure at TOWNSEND'S, MERCHANT TAILOR.

The suspender factory at Williamsport has tumbled into the hands of the Sheriff on executions aggregating \$4,500. The employees of the South Williamsport nail works have been notified that when they return to work from their present enforced idleness of three weeks their wages will be reduced from five to fifteen per cent. This is bad news for the lumber city.

\$50,000 Watch Us. THE BROADWAY

And Still They Go Down.

Despite the unfriendly elements, the happy throng still crowds our place for "plums." They know—the people do—that our strokes are merciless and our cuts are deep. When we say "our goods are cheap," we don't mean "cheap goods."

SOME Additional Surprises.

Thin blown whisky glasses, or tooth pick holders, ass'd. sizes 4c. ea. Lamp chimneys, all sizes, 6 for 25c. 10 in. oval emerald glass bowls 10c. ea. Emerald celery stands 10c. ea. Heavy 8 1/2 in. crystal glass nappies 10c. ea. 2 quart heavy glass pitchers 12c. ea. 4 1/2 in. heavy glass nappies 2c. ea. 6 in. oval glass nappies 3c. ea. Decorated hen butter dishes 10c. ea. Heavy bottom blown glass tumblers 4c. Plain blown table tumblers 3c. ea. Gold edge blown table tumblers 5c. ea. Decorated opal salt and pepper shakers, 5c. ea. Buggy whips, 8c., 10c., 16c., 25c. ea. Tin tea and coffee pots, 6c., 8c., 9c., 10c. ea. Glass cake stands, celery trays, bowls and a large new line of table glass ware at 10c. each. See them.

SPECIAL.

Large size Turkish bath toilet soap highly perfumed, at 4 cakes for 5c. Butterick Fashions for March now ready.

Respectfully Submitted to the Cash Trade Only by THE BROADWAY CASH STORE, Moyer's New Building, Main Street, BLOOMSBURG.

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

On which our shoes are built is merit. They must be good, we have them made so. Not content with things as they are we go on making them better. Out of it comes the best foot wear possible.

FULL LINE OF HOSIERY and UNDERWEAR

W. H. Moore. CORNER IRON AND MAIN STS.

Annual Sale of LADIES' LINGERIE. Why the Sale? What Inducement? Not accumulation of odd sizes and unsalable styles from the stock of the past season—NOT A BIT OF IT! Every garment fresh from the best manufacturers in the land.

No sweatshop rubbish from the dingy lofts of the tenement house—just the reverse— It is the cleanest of Underwear fresh from clean well ventilated factories. It is the perfection of Underwear, cut by the best skilled artists of the cutting table. It is the best of Underwear, designed, put together and finished by the hands of healthy rosy-cheeked girls.

Remarkable Values Caused the Purchase for the Big Sale.

Plain figure facts of economy is the powerful inducement we offer to the throngs of buyers who attend this sale.

8c. Corset Covers, good muslin, perfect in make, bound edge. 3 to a customer. Match it.

12c. Corset Covers, cambric: nansook edging, pearl buttons. 3 to a customer. Match it.

25c. Corset Covers, Lansdale cambric, 3 styles, square, round and V neck, dainty trimmings. Quantity limited. Match it.

19c. Drawers, good muslin, no trashy cheese cloth kind, two tucks, full size. 3 pair to a customer. Match it.

25c. Drawers, the good old fruit of the loom muslin, five 1/4 inch tucks. 3 pairs to a customer. Match it.

FLUFFY RUFFLED SKIRTS

That will figure in the enthusiasm of the great under muslin sale, 28c., 49c., 75c., 79c., 98c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50.

We have such confidence in the line that we sell them with returnable privileges good for one week.

DRESS GOODS.

We have had brought to us, and have gone and looked over the lines of Spring Dress Goods that are shown by the best mills in this country, and the best importing houses that we can find, and have made a selection that we think we can suit you all if we get a chance. We put them on sale this week.

F. P. PURSEL.

46 East Main Street. CORSER'S NEW SHOE STORE. BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.

Big Drives--In Shoes!

500 pair Women's shoes, sizes 1 to 4, at \$1.00 A PAIR.

Genuine Dongola Kid, with good soles and counters, always have sold at \$2.00 and \$2.50. They are small sizes, and for that reason go at \$1.00 a pair. They'll not be here long at these prices. If you can't wear them your children can, and they are just as big a bargain for them as for you.

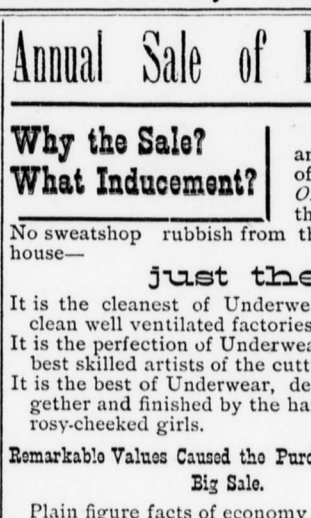
This is weather for gum shoes and gum boots. We have them at lowest prices. Men's gum boots \$2.00.

CORSER'S BLOOMSBURG.

PUBLIC SALE -OF VALUABLE- REAL ESTATE.

of Lavina Stout, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Pa., deceased. SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the premises, all that certain piece or parcel of land in said township, beginning at a stone in the public road, thence by same south fifty-two and three-fourth degrees, west thirty-eight and four-tenth perches to stone; thence south one and one-fourth degrees, east eighty-four and seven-tenth perches to a stone; thence north sixty degrees, east

forty-seven and six-tenth perches to a stone; thence north eight and one-half degrees, west eighty-five perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing TWENTY ACRES AND FORTY-TWO PERCHES of land, near measure, on which are erected a DWELLING HOUSE, barn and outbuilding, fine orchard, well watered. TERMS OF SALE: \$100 on striking down of property; \$20 on confirmation, balance in six months from confirmation with interest to be secured by bond and mortgage on premises. Deed to be delivered on confirmation. C. B. JACKSON, Trustee.



THE ROYAL UNDERGARMENTS