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POLITICAL CARDS.

- FOR COUNTY TREASURER, J. K. SHARPLESS, of Catawissa. FOR PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK OF THE COURTS, WILLIAM H. HENRIE, of Bloomsburg.

Probing for the Truth.

The Miles court of inquiry, ordered by the President, will, we hope, settle the "embalmed" beef scandal. From the composition of the court we do not believe it will use the whitewash brush to shield anyone, but give the facts as proven.

Want to Live Idle.

The United States authorities are trying to give the Cuban Insurgents an opportunity to earn a living by furnishing them with work on the public improvements in the different towns and cities, at fair wages.

Sprinkle on Politics.

Politics is a dirty, rotten and corrupt mess of trafficking, and trifling with the people's rights. It is the stock in trade, of corrupt men, of all that is venal, despicable, and debauchable.

Horrors of the Leper Hospital Described.

A correspondent of one of the city Dailies who paid a visit to the leper hospital at Manila, describes it thusly: "We were shown to a bed on which lay the worst case in the institution. Small that heap seemed; too small for a human being! The cover was partly removed and we beheld in all its hideousness the deformed body. Great ulcers rising in knots upon his face, his limbs and his body, gave him the appearance of a gnarled and knotted stump."

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Home Life in Puerto Rico.

The native early morning meal is a cup of coffee with milk—addition to the black coffee habit does not exist on the island—and a piece of bread. Breakfast is served at eleven or twelve o'clock, and is seldom elaborate, unless guests are in the house.

The positions of honor at a dinner table are, among the older and non-travelled residents, in the following order: the head of the table to the most distinguished guest; the rest, in the order of their rank and importance, ranged around to the right, the host occupying the last seat after his guests.

The evenings in the home—for instance, of an alcalde, the mayor of a town—are spent around the centre of the marble-topped table, lazily rocking to and fro in the big chairs. The men smoke their cigarettes—the women never smoke—and a flow of small-talk, filled with simple jokes and sallies, constitutes the entire evening's amusement.

Washington's Old Home

It is an interesting fact not generally known, that the farm, first laid out and planted under the keen, calm, discerning eye which could so quickly read the possibilities of a piece of ground as the hidden meaning of a state paper, still nearly supports Mount Vernon. Dairy and farm products are daily shipped to the cities of Washington and Alexandria, and cut flowers from the conservatory, a recent and successful enterprise, to greater distances—slips and shoots have even been sent to France.

Beir to \$300,000,000.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., aged twenty-three years, started in business life at New York on Tuesday by being elected a director of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. He is the only son and heir to a fortune that will exceed \$300,000,000.

When he was 13 years old, his father offered him a penny for every fence board he would nail up on the estate at Forest Park, near Cleveland. Young Rockefeller put up 13 boards, and was paid 13 cents, which he put in bank.

This money was invested and the amount the youth ultimately received from it was \$10,000. Young Rockefeller was graduated from Brown University. He has never touched alcoholic liquors, nor used tobacco. He is naturally religious.

Strong Today

Because Hood's Sarsaparilla Built Up His System

Child Was Weak, Had Night Sweats and Poor Appetite. "Our youngest child was in a bad condition. One physician said the trouble was malaria and another thought it came from the stomach and liver. Meantime the child kept growing weaker. He had night sweats, poor appetite and various other troubles. We worried along for two years, and then we determined to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and from the first day we noticed a change in our little boy. We kept on until he had taken about three bottles. Today he is a strong, hearty child. We have always had to keep him indoors in winter, but last winter he was out with other children and we found no trace of the old trouble returning." ALFRED HANSEN, 70 Washington Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. 50¢ six for \$2.50.

Hood's Pills

do not purge, pain or gripe. Druggists, 20¢.

Star Clothing House

During the Month of February, will offer Special Reductions in All Winter Goods Must be sold to make room for Spring Goods.

WE WILL OFFER BIG BARGAINS IN STORM COATS AND ULSTERS, FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Come and see the Big Bargains in Winter Caps At Townsend's Star Clothing House.

A War Epigram Luncheon

Certainly this is a new idea in luncheons. It originated in the mind of a Lynchburg, Va., woman. Perhaps the best designation is a war epigram luncheon, the intellectual feature of the affair being the repetition by each guest of some historic mot of the recent conflict with Spain.

- "Excuse me, sir; I have to report that the ship has been blown up and is sinking."—Bill Anthony. "Suspend judgment."—Sigsbee. "We will make Spanish the court language of hades."—Evans. "Remember the Maine."—Schley. "Don't hamper me with instructions; I'm not afraid of the entire Spanish fleet with my ship."—Clark. "To hell with breakfast; let's finish 'em now."—A gunner on board one of the vessels. "Shafter is fighting, not writing."—Corbin. "Don't cheer now; those poor devils are dying."—Phillip. "I want to make a public acknowledgement that I believe in God the Father Almighty."—Phillip. "The Maine is avenged."—Wainwright. "Don't get between my guns and the enemy."—Dewey. "I have got them now; they will never get home."—Schley. "There must be no more recalls; iron will break at last."—Hobson. "Don't mind me boys; go on fighting."—Allen Capron. "Don't Swear; shoot."—Colonel Wood. "Take that for the Maine."—Sigsbee. "Expect to take the place as soon as I can move. Reinforcements will not reach me."—Shafter. "War is not a picnic."—Hamilton Fish. "Who would not gamble for a new star in the flag?"—O'Neill. "Afraid I'll strain my guns at long range; I'll close in."—Wainwright. There were twenty questions and ten women present. One bright woman guessed eight, and a white marble bust of Dewey was awarded her, wrapped carefully in red, blue and white paper.

After luncheon the guests were invited to a Queen Anne hall, where there was a large national flag suspended under the chandelier. They all in one group sang "America" in the most patriotic manner, and after the first verse was sung a button was pressed in the quickest manner and this flag unfolded, and ten dainty little flags fell—souvenirs—which were promptly picked up by each guest and waved enthusiastically while the second verse of "America" was sung.

Important to Mothers.

The manufacturers of Castoria have been compelled to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to familiarize the public with the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. This has been necessitated by reason of pirates counterfeiting the Castoria trade-mark. This counterfeiting is a crime not only against the proprietors of Castoria, but against the growing generation. All persons should be careful to see that Castoria bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, if they would guard the health of their children. Parents and mothers, in particular, ought to carefully examine the Castoria advertisements which have been appearing in this paper, and to remember that the wrapper of every bottle of genuine Castoria bears the facsimile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, under whose supervision it has been manufactured continuously for over thirty years.—Phila. Bulletin.

SOME CUT PRICES FOR THIS WEEK.

Dress Goods in Unmatchable Values.

The story to-day is of a little lot of aristocratic stuffs of superior quality, mostly mixed goods, that have received notice to quit. Intrinsically they are worth every penny of yesterday's price, which this morning are cut in half. For instance we have picked out a lot of Dress Goods we sold for 50c and 56c, and they are the best value ever offered at this store, we will sell at 28c. Another lot reduced to 44c, worth 65c and 75c. Don't miss this chance.

Calico.

One case of silver grey Calico, the best made, all good styles, we will sell 10 yds for 45c. A lot of Heavy Sheeting worth 8c, we will sell at 6 1/2c. One case of Bleached Muslin good weight and not a lot of starch or lime in it, the kind that would retail for 7c, we will sell it as long as it lasts 10 yds. for 47c. 10 yds of good fine Unbleached Muslin for 34c.

Table Linen.

An unusual Linen chance for thrifty housewives this week. It consists of a 52 inch Unbleached Damask at 25c, goods we will not be able to offer again for less than 35c a yd. 72 in wide Bleached Damask, every thread linen, good pattern worth at least \$1.00 a yd., will go this week at 75c. Napkins to match the Linen.

Ladies' and Misses' Coats.

Our stock of Coats must be closed. We are selling \$10.00 Coats for \$5.00 or \$7.00 Coats for \$3.50, that is the reductions we have made all through our stock. Come while we have a nice assortment to pick from. We still have a few of last years styles that cost from \$7.00 to \$10.00, will close at \$2.00.

F. P. Pursel.

SPECIAL SALE!

Now is the time to get bargains. During the next 30 days we will give you many goods at and below cost. Wool Dress Goods that was 25c, now 15c. Dress Goods, from 50c. to 30c. Do not miss these special sales. We have just received new supply of pretty Coats, Capes and Fur Collarettes for ladies. Fur sets for children.

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, from \$5.00 up. Ladies' Coats, Capes, Separate Skirts. Coats for misses and children. In this line our stock is large. Prices low. Ladies' Fur Collarettes, from \$2.00 up. Our sales in Shoes increases daily. Ladies' Fine Shoes, from 79c. up. Gents' Fine Shoes, from 98c. up. Good Calicoes, 3c. Good Muslin, 3 1/2c. Our stock of Underwear is complete. We handle the celebrated Leather brand Stockings for ladies, misses and boys. Corsets, for 24c. up. Our Grocery Department is improving daily—adding new goods at better prices. Our whole stock is complete and prices always right. It will pay you to see our goods before you buy.

Bloomsburg Store Co., Limited. Corner Main and Centre. ALFRED McHENRY, Manager