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HE ADVISED McKINLEY.

Israel Maier, of Danville, Claims to Have Instructed the Chief Executive on the Many Questions that Have Confronted the National Administration During the Past Ten Years.

PREDICTED THE OUTCOME OF THE LATE SPANISH WAR.

The announcement made in the various Philadelphia papers on Friday last that Israel Maier, would deliver a lecture in the Academy of Music in that city on Monday evening March 5th, created considerable surprise among the people who had known Maier when he conducted a clothing store in Bloomsburg. The advertisement was as follows:

"Lecture on the theme and subject of the pen is mightier than the sword, by Israel Maier. The adviser to Hon. William M. McKinley, President of the United States, and the Federal Administration, Washington, regarding the truth and secrecy of the outcome of the war with Spain, from strokes of the pen."

He went to Philadelphia to fill his engagement on Sunday, arriving there in the evening, and the Philadelphia Times at once sent a reporter to interview him. The Times on Monday in relating the conference between Maier and the reporter says: "You see," said the adviser, "people are beginning to know that there is some one back of McKinley. And do you know that people have been wondering who this adviser is, little dreaming that he is a country storekeeper in Danville, but at the same time the nation's greatest adviser and diplomat and greatest pedant, too—the greatest in the universe. But it has leaked out and I may as well tell it all. I received a letter asking me to prepare an article for a leading magazine. Tomorrow night I lecture here. Then I go to New York. They want me badly over there. The Cubans, too, will soon hear from me. The poor devils, you remember, were so anxious to know who that great politician was who stood so close to McKinley and was advising him in all matters relating to their island. They will soon find out."

"Won't the Philadelphians be surprised tonight when they learn who it was that laid Secretary of War Alger away?" continued the adviser with a significant smile. "My letters did it. They showed up Alger's incompetency and criminal negligence which caused thousands of American soldiers to perish in the polluted army camps. McKinley could not have done otherwise than he did in the matter. You mustn't blame McKinley. The greatest letter of all, however, the one which held the rise and fall of the nation, was the one which gave the President some valuable points in international ultimatum law relating to Spain affecting the \$400,000,000 debt. My dear sir, I could show you each of the four hundred letters and then refer you to my scrap book in which I have newspaper clippings showing that not only McKinley, but others about Washington whom I have advised have acted upon my suggestions, carrying them out to the very letter."

After "Adviser" Maier concludes his lecture tour he proposes to come back to Pennsylvania and settle the Senatorial controversy, so that neither the Quayites nor the Insurgents need have further concern on that score.

"Yes," he said, in answer to a question on that subject, "I am the dark horse that you have heard about with reference to the candidacy for the United States Senate. I am going to be elected."

The Times on Tuesday morning was eagerly sought after by the people, supposing of course that it would contain at least a portion of the lecture. The disappointment can scarcely be imagined when it was learned by a large bold faced headline in the Times that the lecture did not occur. The non-appearance of the lecturer is explained by that journal as follows:

Israel Maier, the Danville tailor, "adviser to William M. McKinley, President of the United States and the Federal Administration, Washington, walked into the Times office last night and explained that he would not lecture in the Academy of Music as advertised. Only thirteen tickets had been sold, he said, and he deemed it advisable to abandon the platform and tell the people the truth and secrecy of the success of the McKinley administration through the newspapers.

Maier said he paid \$400 for the use of the Academy. The money was the savings of years. He was sorry that the people of Philadelphia are so

indifferent towards a great man. He would have revealed how he had demanded the resignation of Secretary of War Alger, how he had advised the President concerning our demands of Spain and other secrets. For his wise counsel the Danville tailor proposes to make a demand for \$1,000,000.

"I have advised McKinley for years. Everytime I had a good thought I put it down on paper and sent it to him.

"Why? Because the poor fellow needed it."

"During the war when our soldiers were dying from typhoid fever I wrote to Alger and suggested that he ought to resign. Alger didn't answer my letter. I made up my mind that I'd ask McKinley for his resignation, and so I did. Well, the next day Alger had to go. I also told McKinley what he should demand of Spain, and I do believe it I had said 'take the Canary Islands he'd have done it.'"

Maier said he has written to Senator Hanna and produced a letter from the Ohioan's secretary, in which it was written: "Your suggestions have been filed." He also said he had assurances that Senator Beveridge will be McKinley's running mate in November.

The tailor has never met President McKinley personally. Nor will he go to see him. "No, indeed," he declared "I wouldn't go to see McKinley—not after the way he's treated me. He will have to come after me."

It is not only on matters of state that Maier is the President's "adviser" but in matters of health as well. Once he wrote to him on a postal card: "Don't moisten your head with water. It is unwholesome. Also take vigorous walks, bareheaded, in the early morning sun."

And Maier pointed with pride to pictures in weekly magazines as evidence that McKinley has taken this advice.

"What will you do with the \$1,000,000 you will claim from the government?" Maier was asked.

"Why, I'd build a monument to myself. Every great man should have a monument. On it would be this inscription: 'This is in honor of the greatest man who lives in America.'"

Maier's greatness of mind is further set forth in these opinions on important questions:

On the Boer war—"Kruger is up against it. I have advised McKinley to remain neutral."

On "Sapho" (he has not read the book or seen the play, but said): "I think it is very immoral."

Concerning the future of the Philippines—"We must retain them, as I told McKinley. They are the doors to prosperity."

Is marriage a failure?—"Marriage is the only true happiness in life. The man who said that ninety of every hundred marriages are failures lied."

Maier, when in Bloomsburg, conducted a clothing store for several years, in the room now occupied by the Bloomsburg Store Company, from there he moved to a room in the Opera House block, where he remained for one year, and moved into the room now used by Charles Reice as a meat market. He made still another move, going into what is now Anderson's confectionery store, where he stayed a year or so and then left town. He opened a store in Danville and has been there ever since. He has had his mind on the lecture platform for a long time. When here he claimed to have a scheme whereby the government could be run with less than one-half the expense under the present regime, but owing to the administration's tacit indifference to his letters, in which he offered to disclose the secret for a stated amount, it has never become known. And now ungrateful Philadelphia, when given an opportunity to see and hear the man who has, by his discretion and good judgment, steered the country safely through numerous difficulties, turns its back and fails to patronize. Mortal greatness, in some instances, is poorly compensated.

During the writer's eleven years' residence in Bloomsburg, he has never seen a fire witnessed by so few people as was the case Tuesday morning. There was a high wind blowing at the time, and the slim crowd may be accounted for by the fact that the warning elements carried the sound of the alarm in only one direction. Beside the alarm proper, the old bell in the Town Hall, and the bell at the Rescue Fire Company's hose house, were rung incessantly for several minutes, but people slept on without a warning note reaching their ears.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Smoke issuing from the cellar windows of the store room occupied by F. M. Keiner as a ten-cent store, on Main street, a few doors below East, attracted the attention of some passers-by about two o'clock Tuesday morning. An investigation was made, and the entire cellar was found to be enveloped in flames. The gravity of the situation called for prompt action on the part of the discoverers, and an alarm was hurriedly sent in from box thirty-two, located at corner of East and Third streets. The response of the fire companies was most prompt, the Friendship, Winonas, Rescues and Goodwills, arriving in the order named. Connections were made at the corner of Iron and Main, and East and Main streets, and two streams of water served to abate the fears of the onlookers, who had at first concluded the building was doomed to destruction. The work of the firemen was greatly impeded by the great volumes of smoke, which, even across the street, was stifling. But in the face of this great nuisance, the boys worked heroically until the flames were entirely quenched. It was one of the hardest fires to combat that has occurred in this town for a long time. The flames were fed by a large quantity of excelsior and straw packing in the cellar, and it was fully five hours from the time the alarm was sounded until the danger was passed. The building and stock was badly damaged by water and smoke, but we are informed that the insurance is adequate to the loss.

Harry Corell, a member of the Winona Company, was overcome by the smoke and was carried to Dr. Harter's office. It required some little time to revive him. Two or three other members of the different companies were similarly affected, and were led out of the building. There was a stove in the store room, but the fire, breaking out as it did in the cellar, is a mystery.

Lent at St. Paul's Church.

The following is the program of services at St. Paul's Episcopal church from now until Easter day, April 15.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Holy Communion at 10:30 on March 4 and April 1. Other Sundays at 7:45 a. m.

Morning service.....10:30
Evening service.....7:00
Sunday school.....9 a. m.

WEEKDAY SERVICES.

Monday.....4:30
Tuesday.....4:30
Wednesday.....9:30 and 7:30
Thursday.....4:30
Friday.....9:30 and 4:30
Saturday.....4:30

Addresses on church doctrines to candidates for confirmation at the Wednesday evening services. The church is open daily.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10.
Morning service.....9:30
Evening prayer.....4:30
Wednesday, April 11.
Morning service.....9:30
Confession service.....7:30
Maundy-Thursdays, April 12.
Morning prayer and Holy Communion.....9:30
Evening prayer.....4:30

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 13.
Service and Meditations 12:00 to 3:00
Evening service.....7:30

EASTER EVEN, APRIL 14.
Morning service.....9:30
Evening prayer, Holy Baptism.....4:30

EASTER DAY, APRIL 15.
Holy Communion.....6:00
Morning prayer. Music.....6:45
Holy Communion.....10:30
Evening service.....7:30

Joe Smith, a young man apparently about fourteen years of age, who, it appears, has been thrown upon the world as the result of a father's cruelty, was last week sent to jail for sixty days, on the charge of vagrancy. He has been in town since last Fair. At that time he arrived here with his father. At the close of the annual exhibition the elder Smith departed, leaving the boy behind. He was taken care of for a time by friends, who took compassion upon him, but it seems that the youngster was possessed of habits of a bad nature, and warnings and reprimands doing no good, he was turned out. It is likely that he will be sent home, which, according to his story, is in Baltimore.

B. W. Jury on Friday bought the George Beagle property in Madison for \$2650.

K. G. E.'S GIVE A RECEPTION.

Theta Castle, No. 276, Knights of the Golden Eagle, gave a reception to members and their friends, at their commodious hall, in the Peacock building, Friday evening. The room was comfortably filled with about two hundred people, and it may be truthfully said that never in the history of this well known, popular and growing order, was there a more pleasant and enjoyable evening. Previous to the serving of refreshments, which were bountiful and toothsome, a fine program was rendered. Miss Mabel Peacock sang a solo in such a charming manner that she was compelled to respond to an encore. F. B. Hartman followed with the address of welcome, which was full of wit and wisdom. D. J. Tasker rendered a vocal solo and Miss Delia Geisinger and Dora Geisinger sang a very pretty duet. Rev. Smith, of the Baptist Church, was then introduced to the audience, and related reminiscences of his soldier life, together with many amusing stories. As an entertainer, Rev. Smith has few equals, and his talk was one of the most pleasing features of the evening.

Creasy—Boston.

On Thursday night, March 7, a large and interesting party was given at the home of Mr. William Creasy, on Lassell street, in our town. It was the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Creasy's sister, Miss Margaret to Mr. Willard Boston. Precisely at 8 o'clock as the organist, Miss Maggie Oliver, daughter of Wm. Oliver, of Berwick, struck up the Wedding March, the bride and groom entered the parlor and were united in the bond of holy wedlock by Rev. A. R. Miller according to the beautiful ritual of the Methodist Episcopal church. The attendants were Miss Lauretta Creasy, of Millinville and Mr. Fred H. Shay, of Milton. The bride was robed in a handsome white burgundy and the bride's maid in a beautiful lavender. Both carried flowers. The groom and his best man wore the conventional black suits.

After the usual congratulations sumptuous refreshments were served and a most delightful time was had by all present until a late hour.

The groom is a son of Hiram and Elmira Boston, of Berwick, and the bride is a daughter of Charles and Rebecca Creasy, of Millinville. The happy couple will remain in Berwick and expect to go to house keeping on Lassell street the 1st of April.—Berwick Independent.

Evangelical Conference Appointments.

At the conclusion of the Tuesday morning session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church, at Williamsport, Bishop Dubs handed down the following appointments for the Lewisburg district:

N. P. Young, Presiding Elder; Lewisburg, J. F. Dunlap, Milton, D. L. Kepner; Milton Circuit, J. O. Biggs; Muncy Valley, E. B. Dunn; Dushore, W. H. Stover; Bernice and Lopez, D. F. Young; Danville, J. F. Hower; Bloomsburg, J. W. Bentz; Light Street, S. S. Mumer; Waller, C. W. Hipple; Columbia, W. J. Campbell; Berwick, J. J. Lohr; Nescopeck, E. D. Keen; Luzerne, E. L. Kessler; Zion's Grove, E. E. Shaffer; Nanticoke, H. Minister; Ransom, F. F. Mayer; Scranton—Zion, J. W. Messenger; Sibley, R. W. Strunk; West Clifford, W. A. Faus; Susquehanna, J. A. Foss; B. Hengst, G. Hunter, A. L. Reeser, I. M. Pines and W. P. Thomas, members of Lewisburg Quarterly Conference; J. G. Whitmire, member of Bloomsburg Quarterly Conference; C. J. Dick, member of Berwick Quarterly Conference.

High Water.

Fishingcreek reached a very high mark last Thursday afternoon, and people living along its banks were fearful of serious results. Many of the buildings in Ferndale were submerged, and the road between the two bridges, below town, were completely inundated. The rise in the stream was most sudden, which can be accounted for by the fact that the ground was frozen, preventing the rain from soaking in, and it ran in rivulets toward the creek. There was scarcely a cellar in that section of town that escaped a flooding.

Harry A. Schuck of Montandon, and Miss Elizabeth Leiby of Sunbury were joined for life by Rev. M. E. McLinn at the Lutheran parsonage Thursday evening.

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MALE CHOIR CONCERT.

The Y. M. C. A. choir intend giving a concert in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening March 13, ably assisted by the following talent. Mrs. Grant Herring, Mrs. J. L. Richardson, Miss Elsie Hicks and the Old Male Choir of ten years ago under the personal direction of Prof. I. W. Niles. The following is the program:

PART I.

On the March.....Becker Choir.

Quartet.....Selected R. F. Colley, A. N. Yost, E. H. Ent, and O. H. Yetter.

Piano Solo, "Faust Waltz," Gounod Miss Elsie Hicks.

Humorous Chorus, "Medley No. 2,".....White Old Choir.

Reading "What William Henry Did,".....J. L. Harbour Mrs. J. L. Richardson.

Duet,.....Come Unto Me Lynn and Ent.

Schubert's Serenade,.....Schubert Choir.

PART II.

Hunter's Chorus,.....Old Choir.

Humorous Trio,....."The Barber" Sterling, Brower and Yetter.

Readings,.....a. Charlie MacChree b. Selected Mrs. Grant Herring.

Solo,.....The Proposal,.....Bartlett Frank Colley.

Old Kentucky Home,.....Choir.

Abide With Me,.....United Choirs.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Notwithstanding the announcement to the contrary, the usual gospel meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building at 2:30 o'clock next Sunday. Prof. C. H. Albert will have charge of the service. All men are cordially invited.

All young men desiring to take instructions in evening educational classes are requested to report at the Y. M. C. A. office on Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. The primary classes are distinctively for young men who are working in shops and elsewhere and have been deprived of educational advantages. Instructions free to all members of the Association.

Next Week.

A sensational performance is promised by Cole and Johnson in "A Trip to Coontown," on the occasion of their performance at this house next week. The company has made a tremendous hit everywhere through its magnificent presentation of opera comedy, burlesque and vaudeville. The fifty or more artists comprising the company are the very best in their respective specialties and the performance is marked by the liberal manner in which everything is done on the stage. "A Trip to Coontown" is said to be the handsomest company of sweet song birds of any organization now before the public. Some of the fairest daughters of their race will compose the chorus. The costuming and scenery is expensive and striking, and the scenes are more or less picturesque and beautiful. Bloomsburg Opera House, Monday, March 12.

A lively runaway occurred in South Danville Friday afternoon. A team attached to a lumber wagon, belonging to Wellington Pursel, of Buckhorn, was left standing near the coal yard of J. H. Kase. The horses took fright at some passing object and dashed out Hazleton avenue at a mad pace. Near the Pennsylvania station the wagon overturned. The horses broke loose and continued down the avenue, breaking down a fence and running into a field. Here the frightened animals became entangled in a barb wire fence, but managed to extricate themselves and ran back across the field, where they were captured. One of the horses received a number of bad cuts from the wire fence.—Danville News.

A Big Show Coming.

Porter J. White's instructions to the opera house manager is to clear his stage of everything, including all scenery, mechanical effects and furniture as they carry everything from a thunder sheet to a \$10,000 garden set in which there are over 600 square feet of scenery used and eight calciums, one car load of effects. Opera House Saturday, March 10.

Nightly meetings are being held at the Baptist church this week. The public is most cordially invited to attend.