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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1901.

The government has opened the bids for raising the battleship Maine from Havana harbor. There is a great disparity in the offers. Swartz Foundry, of New Orleans, will do the work for \$867.000, while Cham-berlain & Co., of Chicago, made a proposal to remove the wreck for nothing, and to give the govern-ment three per cent, of the sale of the material in the form of souvenirs. The plans for raising the wreck are quite as astounding as the difference in the bids. One contractor suggests a balloon, others would employ coffer dams, while one contractor believes the work can be done easier with air bags.

AGAINST THE LIBEL BILL.

At a meeting of the executive The object of these bills is to muzzle and which was not pleasant reading for the parties concerned.

OUR ELECTIONS.

If we would determine the character of a stream we must go to the fountain. So it is useless and foolish for men to complain of wrongs and oppressions in municipal, state, or national government, if they do not take an interest in elections, or vote their righteous sentiments. What we would have, we may go a long way toward having, if we do our duty at the polls. Next Tuesday one week is election day in our midst. Let us inquire what the needs of our town are, in its public schools, in its police force, in its streets, and all other departments presided over by our duly elected or appointed officers. The school directors are, to a very large extent, responsible for the time, success, progress and up-to-date condition of our schools, and we need directors that are intelligent and wise enough to know their duty, and have courage to do it, that our schools shall be free from all unwholesome, restraining, corrupting. or damaging influences, and shall constantly grow in effectiveness and power. Our police force must be ready and honorable enough to discharge their whole duty, according to their solemn oath, without fear or favor to any one-a strict, impartial oversight of all affairs and conduct, and the vigorous suppression of all evil, and violations of law. That is what the good citizens want-what all need-and it is going to be demanded until it is obtained. Our streets need to be gradually paved, and we want to have that thought dominant in the minds of our city fathers until the good work begins. Our people are proud of our town. They have a right to be. It is very rare that you see any place where residents take such good care of their houses and surroundings. We are glad to see it. Now let the good work go

DEMOURACY OF HENDRICKS.

That is the Kind the Masses of the Party Want To-day.

A nobler Democrat than Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, never lived, says the Atlanta Constitution. In a recent speech Indiana's present Democratic leader, Hon. John

W. Kern, said of him : "The Democracy of Hendricks was the Democracy of the Kansas City Convention. If living, his voice would have rung out in the last campaign in behalf of those principles always dear to his heart. But while the Democratic party is still the conservative party, as it was in the days of Hendricks, it is as ready now as then to strive to find common ground upon which months in which to repent. all Democrats who believe in constitutional, government may stand

in coming conflicts. It is to-day holding no parley with deserters; its ears are closed against words of advice gratuitousvote the Republican ticket or by

from the cause of the people and could see in that mighty contest only a painful and d'stressing situ- From our Regular Correspondent.

There is no occasion for crimination and recrimination as between Democrats, but there should always be generous and patriotic rivalry as to who will render the most effective service in the work of building up the party organization and strengthening the party lines for the coming conflict.

The Democracy of Hendricks, of Thurman, of Buckalew and the other great men who fought straight from the shoulder and won elections without an "un-Democratic compact" with Mugwumps! That is the kind the Democratic masses want, and they will never barter it for the convenience of time servers.

The Democracy led by Hendricks was a growing force; the body left by the "un-Democratic compact" with Mugwumpery was puny and dying. Life has now returned, and the glare stands ready for the conflict. - Milton Record.

Cuba Libre-

tration to get around the solemn pledge of the United States to leave the military occupation of the managed in the Philippines.

It is quite true that we had made committee of the State Democratic no formal pledges to the Filipinos, Editorial Association in Harrisburg for the reason that very few people branches of the next Congress will we may bestow a bounty upon on Tuesday evening, resolutions in the United States knew anything were adopted emphatically disap- about them and they were too far class of their leaders to indulge in proving of the change in the libel away for us to interfere in their be- partisan legislation. law of the State, for which bills are half, though their attitude toward now pending in the Legislature. Spain was similar to that of the Cubans. But any government with the press and stop the criticism of old-fashioned ideas, when the Spanmachine men and methods, which ish power at Manila had been dehas been going on for some time, stroyed, would have put itself into friendly and helpful relations with the inhabitants, for the purpose of assisting them to establish a government of their own. Instead, the administration refused to acknowledge that the inhabitants had any rights and immediately got into a quarrel with them that has led to a continued war and the claim of absolute sovereignty.

This is precisely what some Republican agitators wish to bring get the matter before Congress by about in Cuba now. This govern-ment has expressly disclaimed any intention "to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof." It cannot be pretended that the island is not pacified. Per-fect order prevails and a convention of lawfully elected delegates is engaged in the establishment of a peralready recorded the 'determination, when that is accomplished, to manent government. Congress has tion, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people. We cratic Senators will to a man oppose any and every move to question of the grim reaper. Of times it comes without any premonition. We can post the property of the proper must, therefore, prepare to evacu-

a quarrel with the Cubans. Various pretexts for a quarrel are their seats in the next Congress. suggested. The most prominent one is that the Cubans are "unshould be continued in spite of

The Cubans, as we know, are a proud and high-spirited people. If they find that the government of the United States is playing them them into an attitude of antagonism that will enable the President to fied and the troops cannot be with- pose being to enrich a few private drawn. We do not believe the acy, but it is for him to defeat it, dustry. Mr. Turner called particfor its consummation would be a consuming disgrace. The Ameri- stead of operating for twenty years, can people submitted to great loss as generally supposed, at a cost of and suffering to make Cuba free; \$180,000,000, the bill, if it became they will not submit now to have it deprived of its freedom. - Times.

found guilty of murder in the ative Thayer, of Massachusetts, eral passenger agent of the comsecond degree, by a Montour took advantage of the wide latti- pany, and will bring the Lacka-Martin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a strong Eastern Penitentiary last Thursday. speech against it, bristling with He will have eleven years and nine common sense arguments showing

The two free rural mail delivery and concluding with these words: routes for which petitions have al- "If the American Merchant Marine time that the little animal was ready been framed, will both have is to be revived and rehabilitated so their starting points at Berwick, and as to take a prominent and com- It was a beautiful, clear day, and if will be twenty miles in length. manding position among the na- his shadow frightens him it is safe ly offered by alleged Democrats who Martsville, Foundryville, Evans- tions of the world, it will be done to believe that he got a good scare. ville, Cabin Run, Briarcreek and in some other way than by the tem-

WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 4, 1901. The shrewdness of the Hanna-McKinley bluff in the Senate by antagonizing appropriation bills with the Ship Subsidy bill cannot be denied. Having determined that there shall be an extra session of Congress anyway, they could afford to make this bluff. If they succeed in getting the subsidy steal through by it, they will dodge the charge of arranging for the extra session just to get it through; if the subsidy bill fails to get through, it may also prevent some of the regular appropriation bills from getting through, thus furnishing other reasons for the extra session than President McKinley's sudden desire to have Congress provide a form of civil government for the Philippines and his anxiety lest the Cubans should have to wait a few months for Congressional action on the constitution they are now making. Unless all signs are wrong, there is some partisan deviltry behind this extra session plan. It is easily conceivable that if the Re-The only way for the adminis- publicans intend to do some partisan legislating in the Fifty-seventh Congress, for the purpose of per-Cuba free, is to incite some disor- petuating themselves in power, der, as an excuse for prolonging they would prefer doing it this Spring to postponing it to the reguisland. This is the way it was lar session, which will not close be a great temptation to a certain seven companies or corporations."

> the Republicans are going to in the next Congress what they were afraid to do in connecpassed by the present Congresswill depend upon the support it ate for at least four years more. gets from the more conservative Republicans, many of whom have said in private conversations that they were opposed to any agitation of this sort in Congress, and would four above named states to take

grateful." That is, they have by a vote of 10 to 5, adopted a res- bow their heads in sorrow, is the death taken this country at its word and olution declaring that Representa- of Christian L. Moore, a well known have gone ahead to establish a gov- tive Richardson, of Alabama, is and highly esteemed resident of ernment of their own, as a free and only entitled to draw salary from Benton. The end came shortly after independent nation. They have August 6, 1900, the date of his seven o'clock Monday evening. Mr. not provided in their constitution election to fill the vacancy made by Moore came into the world eightyfor a military protectorate by the the resignation of Gen. Joe Wheeler. four years ago, his birth having United States or a suzerainty over If sanctioned by the House, as it occurred in Sugarloaf township Notheir international relations. After probably will be, this decision will vember 24, 1816. Until he attained their long struggle for Cuba Libre, serve as a precedent. It has been manhood he assisted his father on the they have not offered to become a contended by some that Mr. Rich- farm. Some years later he embarked mere dependency of the United ardson's salary should date back to in the mercantile business in Benton, States. For this reason it is urged the day Gen. Wheeler resigned and and carried it on successfully until at Washington that their constitu- by others that it should date from advanced years compelled retirement.

Senator Turner, of Washington, in a speech against the Ship Subsidy bill, characterized it as vicious in its principle and absurd in its exfalse, it will not be hard to provoke travagance; one-quarter government paternalism and three-quarters a lawless, piratical raid upon the say that the island is not yet paci- public treasury, its principal purtudividuals, by giving \$270,000,000 President is party to this conspir- of public money to one favored inular attention to the fact that ina law, would operate for thirty years and cost \$270,000,000.

that the measure would not result in building up our merchant marine, those in the great struggle of 1900 Willow Springs are all along the porary intoxicant provided by the who withheld both vote and voice route. provisions of this bill, and we have sale at this office.

until a few months before the next no moral right, even if we were Congressional campaign. The large constrained by no other considera-Republican majority in both tion, to tax 75,000,000 people that

It is now admitted by Treasury officials that the greater portion of There are indications that the taxes imposed nominally to meet the expenses of the war with Spain, but really to make up the deficit that would have existed long tion with the re-apportionment bill before now on account of the prohibitive nature of many sections of poke their fingers into the internal the Dingley tariff act, will be peraffairs of those Southern states that manent, because of the increasing have by constitutional provision public expenditures and the decurtailed negro suffrage. Enough creasing income from customs duwas said when the credentials of ties. Some prominent Republicans Senator-elect Simmons, of North are openly advocating the lowering Carolina, were presented to the of tariff duties to increase the rev-Senate to show that an attempt is enue, but the rock-ribbed high proto be made in the next Congress to tectionists, of whom President Mcget the matter before Congress by objecting to the seating of Senators priests, will not consent to that as from the states that have restricted long as they have the power to presuffrage - North Carolina, South vent it. So the people can make Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana. up their minds to pay the war taxes Whether the attempt will succeed not cut by the bill before the Sen-

BENTON'S LOSS,

Christian L. Moore Passes Away Monday Evening.

Death walks with impartial feet; every home is subject to the visitation not tell, we do not know the number ate the island, unless we can pick tion the right of Senators from the of our days. Another occurrence which is deeply lamented and which has cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood in which he resided, . The House Judiciary Committee, and has caused all who knew him to

tion ought not to be acknowledged March 4, 1899, the beginning of the Fifty-sixth Congress.

Mr. Moore was twice married. His first wife was Miss Charlotte Fritz and his second Miss Elizabeth Yorks. The former died thirty-six years ago and the latter has been dead for nearly seventeen years. The surviving members of the family are two sons and one daughter: W. H. Moore, of this town; Emanuel Moore, of Town Hill; and Miss Margaret Moore, who has been taking care of her father at

> The funeral will be held this morning at half past ten from the Benton Methodist church, and interment will be made at St. Gabriel's.

The "Lackawanna Railroad" will open a new office on the southwest corner of Broadway and 28th street on May 1st. The Company expects to make it one of the hand-Although the Ship Subsidy bill somest offices in the city of New York. It will be under the general Boyd Wintersteen, who was is not before the House, Represent- direction of Mr. T. W. Lee, genof the city not heretofore reached.

> If there is anything in the old adage about the coon and his shadow we may look for six weeks of the genuine article. Saturday was the supposed to make his appearance.

Leases and notices to quit, for

The Annual Linen Sale.

In buying dry goods, as in anything else, prudent a people always consult what they believe to be their truest economy. In this year's sale of the above emphasized items, we cater to your economy. These special lines are now at their best, and this is the one chance of twelve months to replenish the home with these needfuls at lower prices than you are in the habit of paying; yes, much lower prices. Kindly investigate, If found as advertised, then you'll be tempted to buy. If you do buy, solid satisfaction is bound to follow.

TABLE DAMASKS.

TOWNSEND'S

⇒STAR CLOTHING HOUSE! ⇒

WE NOW HAVE

Clearing Out Sale of

WINTER CLOTHING!

To Make Room for Spring Goods. Big Reductions in OVERCOATS, at

Townsend's Star Clothing House,

BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.

SURPRISE SALE!

Bleached or unbleached. Every wanted grade, every wanted width, and at prices you will not find for a long time. Look-ahead folks will appreciate this chance.

Good bleached Damask, 52 ins. wide, worth 28c. Sale price, 22c.

All linen bleached Damask, 54 ins., worth 56c. Sale price, 45c. 58 ins. wide, all linen,

bleached and heavy, worth 62c. Sale price, 49c. 72 ins. bleached, all linen, worth 65c. Sale price, 50.

66 ins. wide, heavy bleached Damask, worth 85c. Sale price, 68c. 72 ins., dainty patterns, napkins to match, worth \$1 oo. Sale price, 75 and 79c. 72 ins. wide bleached lin-

98c. Napkins to match. \$1.50 bleached Damask, 72 ins. wide, at \$1 25.

ens, worth \$1 25. Sale price,

UNBLEACHED LINENS. 25c Damask we sell at 20c

. 320 " " " 45c 39c 6oc heavy all linen "

Plain cotton and linen toweling, handsome gloss toweling, all bought for this event. We sell them as follows:

KITCHEN CRASHES.

Cotton toweling at All linen " 6c 8c 121c " HIC 12½c Huckelback tow'l'g 10c 121c gloss toweling, SHEETS, PILLOW SLIPS.

These are ready to use, and at these prices they cost you very little more than materials. An econthan materials. An economy of labor as well as

SHEETS. 81 x 90, good bleached, 52c 520 640 750 900 81 x 90, best 90 x 90, 81 x 90, hemstitched, 90 x 90, PILLOW SLIPS. 42 x 36, at

12½C 45 x 36, at 45 x 36, hemstitched, at 14c 45 x 36, hemstitched, best quality, at

THE TOWEL SALE. We haven't room to give

prices, but you will find the best values we ever offered. 55c Come, and let us prove it to you. We have added to this Linen Sale a lot of 21-yard

Pattern Table Cloths, with Napkins to match, and you will find the price very much less than you have been in the habit of paying for them.
OUR GROCERY DEPT.—We put on sale in our

Grocery Dept., good Carolina Head Rice at 5c per lb. Extra large, nice, fresh Prunes, at 5c. a lb. 3 lb. caus of extra fine Pie Peaches, 3 cans for 25c.

F. P. PURSEL.

FIRE! FIRE! Big Fire Sale of GROCERIES.

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Commencing Saturday February 9th, County jury, for the killing of Martin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the appropriation bills to make a size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken to the size of the wide lattimartin L. Fisher, was taken stock is disposed of. Tooley & Co. 43 E. Main St.

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most notable of the new century. Exactly what the plan is has not yet been The most unique idea in journalism announced, but that it will be a novever conceived will be introduced in the great "Philadelphia Sunday Press" demand for it. So in order that you for February 10. The plan is so interesting and the result so remarkable to day, next Sunday's "Press" of your