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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 Chamberlain & Co., of Chicago, made a proposal to remove the wreck for nothing, and to give the government three per cent. of the sale of the material in the form of souvenirs.

AGAINST THE LIBEL BILL.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the State Democratic Editorial Association in Harrisburg on Tuesday evening, resolutions were adopted emphatically disapproving of the change in the libel law of the State, for which bills are now pending in the Legislature.

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.

DEMOCRACY 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."

from the cause of the people and could see in that mighty contest only a painful and distressing situation.

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.

Cuba Libre.

The only way for the administration to get around the solemn pledge of the United States to leave Cuba free, is to incite some disorder, as an excuse for prolonging the military occupation of the island. This is the way it was managed in the Philippines.

It is quite true that we had made no formal pledges to the Filipinos, for the reason that very few people in the United States knew anything about them and they were too far away for us to interfere in their behalf, though their attitude toward Spain was similar to that of the Cubans.

This is precisely what some Republican agitators wish to bring about in Cuba now. This government 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.

Various pretexts for a quarrel are suggested. The most prominent one is that the Cubans are "ungrateful." That is, they have taken this country at its word and have gone ahead to establish a government of their own, as a free and independent nation.

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 false, it will not be hard to provoke them into an attitude of antagonism that will enable the President to say that the island is not yet pacified and the troops cannot be withdrawn.

Boyd Wintersteen, who was found guilty of murder in the second degree, by a Montour County jury, for the killing of Martin L. Fisher, was taken to the Eastern Penitentiary last Thursday. He will have eleven years and nine months in which to repent.

The two free rural mail delivery routes for which petitions have already been framed, will both have their starting points at Berwick, and will be twenty miles in length. Martsville, Foundryville, Evansville, Cabin Run, Briarcreek and Willow Springs are all along the route.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

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.

There are indications that the Republicans are going to do in the next Congress what they were afraid to do in connection with the re-apportionment bill passed by the present Congress—poke their fingers into the internal affairs of those Southern states that have by constitutional provision curtailed negro suffrage.

Enough was said when the credentials of Senator-elect Simmons, of North Carolina, were presented to the Senate to show that an attempt is to be made in the next Congress to get the matter before Congress by objecting to the seating of Senators from the states that have restricted suffrage—North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The House Judiciary Committee, by a vote of 10 to 5, adopted a resolution declaring that Representative Richardson, of Alabama, is only entitled to draw salary from August 6, 1900, the date of his election to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Gen. Joe Wheeler.

Senator Turner, of Washington, in a speech against the Ship Subsidy bill, characterized it as vicious in its principle and absurd in its extravagance; one-quarter government paternalism and three-quarters a lawless, piratical raid upon the public treasury, its principal purpose being to enrich a few private individuals, by giving \$270,000,000 of public money to one favored industry.

Although the Ship Subsidy bill is not before the House, Representative Thayer, of Massachusetts, took advantage of the wide latitude allowed in the discussion of appropriation bills to make a strong speech against it, bristling with common sense arguments showing that the measure would not result in building up our merchant marine, and concluding with these words: "If the American Merchant Marine is to be revived and rehabilitated so as to take a prominent and commanding position among the nations of the world, it will be done in some other way than by the temporary intoxicant provided by the provisions of this bill, and we have

no moral right, even if we were constrained by no other consideration, to tax 75,000,000 people that we may bestow a bounty upon seven companies or corporations."

It is now admitted by Treasury officials that the greater portion of 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 before now on account of the prohibitive nature of many sections of the Dingley tariff act, will be permanent, because of the increasing public expenditures and the decreasing income from customs duties.

BENTON'S LOSS.

Christian L. Moore Passes Away Monday Evening.

Death walks with impartial feet; every home is subject to the visitation of the grim reaper. Oft times it comes without any premonition. We cannot tell, we do not know the number of our days. Another occurrence which is deeply lamented and which has cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood in which he resided, and has caused all who knew him to bow their heads in sorrow, is the death of Christian L. Moore, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Benton.

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 home.

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 handsomest offices in the city of New York. It will be under the general direction of Mr. T. W. Lee, general passenger agent of the company, and will bring the Lackawanna into prominence in a portion of 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 time that the little animal was supposed to make his appearance. It was a beautiful, clear day, and if his shadow frightens him it is safe to believe that he got a good scare.

Leases and notices to quit, for sale at this office. tf.

TOWNSEND'S STAR CLOTHING HOUSE!

WE NOW HAVE

A SURPRISE SALE!

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.

The Annual Linen Sale.

In buying dry goods, as in anything else, prudent 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.

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, 50c.

66 ins. wide, heavy bleached Damask, worth 85c. Sale price, 68c.

72 ins., dainty patterns, napkins to match, worth \$1.00. Sale price, 75 and 79c.

72 ins. wide bleached linens, worth \$1.25. Sale price, 98c. Napkins to match.

\$1.50 bleached Damask, 72 ins. wide, at \$1.25.

UNBLEACHED LINENS.

25c Damask we sell at 20c

40c " " " " 32c

50c " " " " 39c

50c " " " " 45c

60c heavy all linen " 50c

65c " " " " 55c

\$1.00 " " " " 75c

KITCHEN CRASHES.

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

Cotton toweling at 4 1/2c

All linen " " 6c

10c " " " 8c

12 1/2c " " " 11c

12 1/2c Huckelback tow'lg 10c

15c " " " 12 1/2c

12 1/2c gloss toweling, 11c

SHEETS, PILLOW SLIPS.

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

81 x 90, good bleached, 52c

81 x 90, best " 64c

90 x 90, " " 75c

81 x 90, hemstitched, 90c

90 x 90, " " 98c

PILLOW SLIPS.

42 x 36, at 10c

45 x 36, at 12 1/2c

45 x 36, hemstitched, at 14c

45 x 36, hemstitched, best quality, at 25c

THE TOWEL SALE.

We haven't room to give prices, but you will find the best values we ever offered. Come, and let us prove it to you.

We have added to this Linen Sale a lot of 2 1/2-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. cans of extra fine Pie Peaches, 3 cans for 25c.

F. P. PURSEL.

FIRE! FIRE!

Big Fire Sale of

GROCERIES.

Commencing Saturday

February 9th,

and continuing until entire stock is disposed of.

Tooley & Co. 43 E. Main St.

A Surprise In Store.

The most unique idea in journalism ever conceived will be introduced in the great "Philadelphia Sunday Press" for February 10. The plan is so interesting and the result so remarkable that this edition will doubtless be the most notable of the new century. Exactly what the plan is has not yet been announced, but that it will be a novelty is certain and there will be a great demand for it. So in order that you may be sure to get it you should order to-day, next Sunday's "Press" of your newsdealer.