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McKINLEY ON CUBA.

THE ADVANCE AGENT IS LOSING HIS NERVE.

He Defers His Cuban Message and Suffering Americans Will Not be Protected.—The Administration Must Act.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—What made Mr. McKinley lose his nerve? That question has been asked many times within the last two or three days. Last week Mr. McKinley sent for the members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and after laying before them official communications from Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee and other consuls, showing a horrible state of affairs in Cuba, announced that he had made up his mind to send an immediate message to Congress, recommending action for the relief of starving American citizens in Cuba, and incidentally for the aid of Cuba. Before the great rejoicing that followed this announcement had a chance to get fairly started, Mr. McKinley telephoned to the Capitol that he had changed his mind and would defer the message until this week. What brought about this sudden change of mind is not positively known, but inferences were drawn from a visit to the White House of Mr. Atkins, a wealthy Cuban who makes his home in Boston and who is credited with having shaped the Cleveland-Olney Cuban policy. Later Mr. McKinley had a conference with the Spanish Minister, and is said to have asked him if his government would object to our sending aid to starving Americans in Cuba. Just think of that. And that is all he now recommends. Senator Morgan was one of the members of the Committee who went to see Mr. McKinley. He will not, of course, discuss the conference for publication, but he makes it plain that he does not think Mr. McKinley intends taking a vigorous stand, unless he is compelled by Congress to do so, and expresses his opinion in behalf of Spain in unmistakably plain language. He adds that it is his intention to endeavor to have Congress bring the administration to a point where it will be compelled to do something, and that "President McKinley must either fish or cut bait in regard to Cuba."

Senator Debee, of Ky., seems to be really grateful to Dr. Hunter for having given way for him and then helped him to get elected to the Senate. Knowing that Dr. Hunter's contest for a seat in the House had nothing more substantial to stand upon than the partisanship of the majority of the House, Mr. Debee has secured the promise of a good appointment for Hunter from Mr. McKinley, and still further to show his gratitude, he worked the Kentucky contingent of Republican office-holders and would-be office-holders for contributions to the extent of \$940 and invested the money in two diamond studded watches which were duly presented to Dr. Hunter and his wife. Of course it is nobody's business if some of the contributors are a little behindhand with their board bills. They have helped Debee pay a part of his debt of gratitude.

Ex-Congressman S. R. Mallory, who has been elected by the Florida legislature to fill the vacancy in the Senate from that state, which has existed since March 4th, is well-known in Washington as a good fellow and a good Democrat. He will be cordially welcomed by his Democratic colleagues and he will add one more vote to the silver majority already existing in the Senate.

The talk of Senators on Senator Allen's resolution asking Mr. McKinley not to pardon Chapman, the broker who was sentenced to a months' imprisonment for refusing to tell the names of Senators who speculated in sugar stock, resulted in a change of programme. The sugar trust, as well as its friends in the Senate became thoroughly alarmed and decided that Chapman should serve his term in jail, hoping thereby to hush the talk about a new sugar investigation in the Senate. The members of the sugar trust who are under the same sort of indictment will trust to their money and pull to escape jail by legal methods. The past week has been a bad one in other respects for the sugar trust. It has been demonstrated that the sugar schedule, which the trust had attached to the Dingley tariff bill cannot possibly be gotten through the Senate, not to mention the House. These things have resulted in greater activity on the part of the big sugar trust lobby and money will be spent freer than ever to secure a sugar schedule in the tariff bill, as it finally passes, that will be fairly satisfactory to the trust. Antielection promises have some of the most prominent Republicans bound hand and foot to the wheels of the sugar trust chariot.

The second tariff comparative state-

ment, prepared by Treasury officials for the Republicans of the Senate Finance committee, is a little better than the first one, but it is full of inaccuracies, and the charge has been made that the sugar schedule has been purposely mixed up. The Democrats will be prepared to point out the badness of the bill, as well as the errors of the comparative statements by the 24th inst., to which date the opening of the debate was voluntarily postponed by the Republicans.

A. G. Morris Branching Out.

A. G. Morris, of Tyrone, well known as the most extensive lime manufacturer and limestone dealer in the state, has completed arrangements for an addition to his present industries in the establishment in Bellefonte of a plant for the manufacture of acetylene gas. The plant will be located at Morri's Armour Gap lime operations and will be large and complete throughout. Mr. Morris has associated with him in this new enterprise his two sons, Chas. and Thomas, and Mr. Bucher, the Atlanta chemist who recently discovered the means for manufacturing the new gas on a more profitable basis, and the company has been capitalized at \$100,000 which alone shows that the Morris's mean business. Work will be commenced on the construction of the plant within two weeks and the same will be hastened to completion as rapidly as possible. All the buildings will be of brick and stone and equipped throughout with the most modern machinery.

Although acetylene gas has been discovered a number of years, owing to the costly manner of manufacture it has never sprung into universal use or favor. In fact, up to this time there is but one plant in the United States at which the gas is being manufactured, and that is the one at Niagara Falls, of which the Hon. William C. Whitney, of New York, is at the head. As yet no definite idea can be given of the number of men the new industry will give employment, but it will be a large number.

Wanamaker Arraigns Bosses.

Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker, at a banquet of the Business Men's league in Philadelphia a few evenings ago, made a remarkable speech on National and State politics. After commenting on the failure of promised prosperity to appear in consequence of President McKinley's election, Mr. Wanamaker said that the low state to which the political religion of the Nation was brought by unscrupulous bosses must eventually result in a new party.

Representatives of 49 of the 52 State State branches of the local Business Men's Republican league organized the Business Men's Republican league of Pennsylvania.

Turkey's Demands.

The porte replies officially to the note of the powers and declines to agree to an armistice until the following conditions are accepted: The annexation of Thessaly, an indemnity of £10,000,000 Turkish and the abolition of the capitulations. The porte proposes that plenipotentiaries of the powers should meet at Pharsalos to discuss the terms of peace, and declares that if these conditions are declined the Turkish army will continue to advance.

Railroad Track at Spangler Blown Up.

Early on Sunday morning the people of Spangler were awakened by a terrific explosion. About 90 feet of track on the new Beech Creek railroad had been blown up with dynamite. The stuff had been placed in a culvert under a fill and tore an immense hole in the roadbed. The powder magazine of McClain & Co., at Spangler, had been broken into during the night, and this is where the explosives were secured. A determined effort will be made to locate and punish the perpetrators.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—an never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.' It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

—Every young man wishes to look neatly and well dressed, and desires that his clothing shall be of the latest cut and material, and then the price is an important consideration. Lewins, Bellefonte, has a stock that is the very latest. Everything and a big assortment to select from, which gives that stand the enormous rush it is having. Popular prices does the business.

A PROMINENT MAN.

Death of John H. Seebold, known to Many in Centre Co.—Nearly 100 Years Old.

John H. Seebold died at his home in New Berlin, on Thursday 13 inst.

He was born May 14, 1802. Funeral on Monday last, Rev. Wm. H. Schoch conducting the services.

Mr. Seebold was a fine old gentleman, of good habits, free of profanity, upright and honest, although regarded as an unbeliever in a future state, because, as he said, he had no definite knowledge of such fact, if a fact.

Thirty or more years ago he wrote his own funeral sermon, from which the following are a few extracts:

"Written in the spring of 1865, during the death-bed confinement of my third wife, Sarah.

"This address I wish to have read at my burial, and nothing else, no preaching, praying, nor singing."

Here follows the sermon, which concludes, to wit:

"As death is perhaps the most important event, and the last for man to meet, therefore persons should be prepared to meet it by contemplating as to the final result, when in health, and not wait until death gives the last notice, and then send for persons who may be considered qualified to give the satisfactory information.

"Wife, Sons and Daughters, Neighbors and Others, who may now be around my grave, I wish to say here that this may be the last look and the last knowledge you may have, therefore please accept of life's best wishes and that you treat one another with forbearance, and on all occasions extend the hand of charity and good will wherever you meet, as you will be the happier when you think of the past. We are all subject to err, as we are not faultless, but to correct error is noble and will on all occasions be a consolation to us. What a solace it is to us in life when we reflect on past events and times when we had happy and agreeable gatherings and parted in union and decided to live for one another. I have now outlived nearly three generations, and yet it appears to me as if time would not weigh in the balance. We may call life a fleeting bubble, as time that is past is as though it had never been.

"I now bid farewell to all, and if we shall never meet again, of which I have no evidence, all please accept a last farewell, all who are present, and others."

"J. H. SEEBOLD."

[Chronicle.]

Miners Tell Grievances.

The legislative investigating committee met in the law library of the court house at Clearfield. A number of miners were examined. The company store seems to be their greatest grievance, and those on the witness stand denounced it as the greatest injustice with which they have to contend. The company to which Judge Dean belongs was denounced in especially severe terms.

A number of miners testified that they were forced to deal at the company stores, or lose their positions. One miner said he had been discharged for refusing to deal at these stores.

Will Test the Law.

The following is from the Clearfield Raftsmen's Journal: "Com. vs. H. S. Wilson, practicing medicine without license. By agreement of parties and direction of Court a verdict of guilty was rendered, together with a finding of facts as special verdict, and rule was granted in arrest of judgment. The intention in this case is to test the validity of the Act of Assembly making it obligatory on physicians to register after graduation before practicing medicine in this state. It is brought at the instance of the County Medical Society, and has able counsel on both sides."

A Good Investment Always.

It pays to keep well informed on all important matters. It is a false notion of economy that prompts a man to reduce expenses by discontinuing his newspapers. They afford pleasure and instruction to the family. There is no investment of a dollar that a man can make that will bring him so much in return. He gets education and information which are always valuable.

Festival.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a festival in the rooms over W. O. Rearick's implement store, on the evening of Decoration Day, May 29th. Straw berries, ice cream and cake will be served. All are cordially invited. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.

Two Aged Ladies Photographed.

Photographer Lukenbach on Tuesday took the negatives of Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. John Young, twin sisters, aged 87 years. Both these ladies are active yet for persons of their great age. Both are widows.

DECORATION DAY PROGRAM

TIME OF SERVICES AT THE DIFFERENT POINTS.

Will be Observed on Saturday, May 29th. Arrangements Completed by the Samuel Shannon Post.

The memorial sermon, as has already been announced in this paper will be preached in the Cross church in Georges valley, Sabbath, May 23rd, at 2:30 o'clock, by Rev. Rearick.

Memorial Day services will be held on Saturday, May 29th, as follows: At Farmers Mills at 9:30 o'clock; Georges valley, 2:00 p. m.; Spring Mills, 5:30 p. m.; Pottery Mills, 2:30 p. m.; Centre Hall, 5:30 p. m.; Linden Hall 10:00 a. m. Rev. Eisenberg will speak at Centre Hall; D. F. Fortney, Esq., at Pottery Mills, and Rev. Rhoades and W. A. Krise at Linden Hall. Sabbath schools, civic societies and all patriotic citizens are kindly invited to participate in the exercises.

The Pleasant Gap band will be present at this place to furnish music for the services.

DIED OF CONSUMPTION.

Mrs. David Smetzler, of Centre Hill, After a Long Illness.

Early yesterday morning, Wednesday, at about one o'clock, Mrs. Ida, the wife of David Smetzler, a short distance south of Centre Hill, died after a long illness from consumption, at the age of twenty-nine years.

Mrs. Smetzler had been in ill health for several years and for eight or nine years the family resided in Illinois. About one year ago they removed again to Penns valley, owing to the poor health of Mrs. Smetzler, hoping that the change of climate would improve her condition. But the disease had taken such a deep hold in her system that our healthful climate could not counteract its ravages, and she gradually grew worse until the final end came and relieved her.

Mrs. Smetzler was the daughter of Jacob Fredericks, deceased, of Spring Mills, and was the mother of two children, a boy and a girl, aged four and six years respectively, who with the husband survive her. She was a member of the Reformed church.

The funeral will take place on Friday morning at nine o'clock. The interment will be made in Heckman's cemetery, near Penn Hall.

New Game Law.

A new game bill which has passed the lower house of the Pennsylvania legislature limits the amount of game to be killed by one person in one day to 15 woodcocks, 10 pheasants, 15 quail and 2 wild turkeys. But two deer may be killed in a season by one person. The opening season for woodcocks is in July, and also October 15 to December 15; rabbits, same, pheasant, October 15; squirrels, same. No game can be killed for shipment outside the state. No insectivorous bird can be killed for millinery purpose, but only for scientific purpose.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: P. E. Hicks and Hannah C. B. Behrers, both of Scotia. Ellis A. Lorah and Sarah E. Royer, both of College twp. G. W. Ralston, of State College, and Belle Etters, of Lemont. Clarence G. Weaver and Mary I. Martin, of Moshannon, Pa. David N. Goss, of Junesville, Clearfield county, and Evia V. Richards, of Decatur twp.

Signed by the Governor.

Among the acts of assembly signed by Governor Hastings yesterday was the act to punish breaking into school houses or school properties. The act prescribes a penalty of \$100 fine or six months imprisonment for breaking into school houses and defacing or damaging furniture.

Elected District Deputy.

The Odd Fellows held their State convention at Williamsport this week, and B. D. Brislin, of this place was elected District Deputy Grand Master for Centre county. He succeeds Sheriff W. M. Cronister in this office.

Running Steady.

All of our manufacturing establishments are running steady with plenty of work ahead. This bespeaks much for our town, and shows a condition of affairs that does not exist in another town hereabouts. There is not an idle plant here.

Meeting Regularly.

The orchestra met Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. Jacobs for a rehearsal. A number of pieces of new music has been received and it is progressing finely.

Good Roads Indefinitely Postponed.

The Hamilton good roads bill has passed the house on the third reading with an amendment that will certainly postpone its usefulness as a means of constructing good roads, says the Times. The amendment provides that the bill shall not go into effect until the legislature shall appropriate one million of dollars to be applied in road construction under its provisions. As there is not money enough in the treasury to maintain existing institutions and defray the necessary expenditures of the state in other directions the Hamilton road bill, if passed, will lie on the shelf indefinitely. As the amendment was evidently offered for the purpose of killing the bill, even its friends will hardly vote for it in its present form on final passage.

This is to be deplored, for Pennsylvania is surely in need of a law that will provide for and compel the construction of some good roads. Under the existing law good roads are the exception rather than the rule, and the good roads that are maintained are constructed by progressive citizens in spite of its defects, and not because the law in any way provides for their construction or maintenance.

The secret of the opposition to any sensible and effective road law is that good roads cost money, and while everybody wants good roads nobody wants to pay for them. The present slipshod law permits the road taxes to be worked out under slipshod direction and the work is largely wasted. An effective law would require the payment of road taxes in money to be laid out under expert direction, a condition that the country taxpayers are slow to accept. New York, New Jersey and some other states have laws under which some really good roads are being constructed, but Pennsylvania still lags in the rear on this important subject, and there is little prospect that it is going to get a good road law this year.

No one is injured more even in a financial sense by the failure to adopt a sensible road system than the taxpayers themselves, for the transportation of farm and other products to markets or railway stations costs a great deal in time, which is money at the best. This cost would be greatly reduced if the roads were good, but while they continue as bad as at present this cost will continue at the maximum. It would be money in the pockets of the people of Pennsylvania if the legislature would pass the Hamilton good roads bill in its original form without the amendment that postpones its operation indefinitely, but for the present they don't see it that way and the legislature is carrying out what its members suppose to be their constituents' wishes.

LINDEN HALL.

A Breezy Letter from Our Correspondent Up the Valley.

John Frazier, who has been in ill health for the past few months, is again slowly improving. We are sorry to hear of the sad and sudden death of Mrs. John Bitner, of near Centre Hall. Miss Sadie Felding who had been staying in Rebersburg, is home again. Her parents and brothers are glad to have her back. Mrs. John Houser and son, of Bellefonte, were visiting friends in our vicinity on Tuesday last. Henry Zeigler and son Adam attended Quarterly Conference at Tusseyville on Saturday. Mr. Walters, of Pleasant Gap, was seen in our community on Wednesday last.

Communion services at Tusseyville on last Sunday was well represented by our people. Mrs. Daniel Hess is having a new barn erected on her farm at Sunny Side, east of town. The grand raising took place on Friday. Elmer McClellan, of Tusseyville, is helping his brother Robert put out his spring crop. The barn on ex-Sheriff Ishler's farm south-east of town is undergoing improvements which will add greatly to the already beautiful home. Arthur Kimport and wife, of Bellefonte, spent a few days at the former home of Mr. Kimport quite recently. Mrs. William Wagner and daughter Helen who were visiting Mrs. Wagner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lot Kimport, south-east of town, left for their home at Kipple, Blair county, on Saturday last, accompanied by her sister, Myra Kimport.

One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and G. H. Long, Spring Mills, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

Local Items of Interest.

The frosts, thus far, have done but little harm to fruit and garden truck. Our good women are beginning to set out the sauerkraut and coldslaw plants.

Some of the low places in the street near the station are being filled with crushed stone.

The frequent rains are making some of the wheat grow rank and there is danger of its lodging.

If men would so live that fences between them were not needed, the lawyers wouldn't have many clients.

There are too many misbehaving boys on our streets at night. The fault lies with the parents, and oft they reap sorrow for it.

The post office department now uses one word for the name of our town instead of two, making it Centrehall. We won't kick.

Rev. Potts assisted Rev. Rearick in administering the Lord's supper in the Lutheran church of this place, last Sabbath evening.

Henry Royer, across the valley, can go up head and remain there until further notice from the Reporter. Henry caught 85 trout the other day.

The picnic season will soon open when many a fellow will feed on the fat of the land without having done anything to help fatten it.

The last of the late apple crop have been shipped from the valley. There are lots of potatoes back yet that can be had for 10 cents per bushel.

Millhollers have organized a company to establish an electric light plant. Certain it is that Centre Hall will also have such a plant—our town is not a second class affair.

A fall of one quarter inch of rain on last Saturday noon in quarter of an hour's time, was pouring it down pretty fast, and in three hours would have caused a big flood at that rate.

The Bellefonter who telegraphs such glowing trout fishing stories to the city dailies, had better try fishing and write up his success, it would put a damper on it as wet as his breeches.

This county, once so great in its lumber interests, will soon see the end of that industry. Numberless sawmills, assisted by the mountain fires, are getting in their work to hurry up the winding up.

Trout fishermen outside our county may deem it a favor to be informed that our streams are too high for fishing and are not likely to fall before July 15, after which fishing will be illegal. Pin this on your reel.

Improved Passenger Train Service.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will place in service May 17th inst, new passenger trains on Sunbury Division, between Sunbury and Wilkesbarre. A train will leave Sunbury on arrival of train 8 from the west and train 11 from the east, at 2:00 p. m. for Wilkesbarre, Scranton and other points. Passengers can leave Canandaigua 7:50 a. m., Elmira 10:05 a. m., Kane 6:30 a. m., DuBois 7:10 a. m., Bellefonte 9:28 a. m., Lock Haven, 11:20 a. m., Williamsport 12:40 p. m., Harrisburg 11:35 a. m., and reach Danville 2:24 p. m., Catawissa 2:43 p. m., East Bloomsburg 2:50 p. m., Nescopeck 3:15 p. m., Mocaqua 3:42 p. m., Wilkesbarre 4:15 p. m., and Scranton 5:22 p. m. Returning train will leave Scranton 4:41 p. m., Wilkesbarre 6:00 p. m., stopping at other principal points connecting at Sunbury with trains 6 and 13 for points east and west. May 13-21

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register. Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her so much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

—The "Star Store" on the Flat Iron Corner, is "in it." The people say so, and they know. The following verifies it: Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, 1500 pages, 90c.; 25 Envelopes, 2c.; 24 ozs. Good Laundry Soap, 5c.; 25c. Broom 16c.; Boys' Pants 15c.; Boys' Waists 15c.; Hand Saw 10c.; Mrs. Potts' Irons, nickled—set 75c.; 2 ft. Rule 5c.; Gran. sugar 5c. Saturday we will sell Arbuckle's coffee—2 lbs. for a quarter.

G. O. BENNER, Prop.