



CONGRESS IS MUZZLED.

REPUBLICANS DARE NOT RECOGNIZE CUBA.

Reed and McKinley Do Not Want the Butcheries of Spain Stopped.—Popular Sentiment Ignored.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The House of Representatives presents an object lesson to the world showing how easily a supposedly free branch of a supposed popular government can be muzzled. Three-fourths of the members of the House would like to vote for the Morgan resolution, adopted by the Senate last week, for the recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans, but they are not allowed to do so. Mr. McKinley says the adoption of that resolution by the House would interfere with the mysterious Cuban policy that he is engaged in hatching out, by compelling him to show his hand, as it is a joint resolution, like the one adopted by the last Congress and pigeon-holed by Mr. Cleveland; the sugar trust says the resolution must not be adopted, and Mr. Reed says it shall not be, and there you are. The Democrats kick to the full extent of their power, but the Republican members of the House swallow their convictions and vote against the will of their constituents because they are afraid to offend Mr. McKinley and Mr. Reed, lest they should fail to land an office or two or to get the Committee assignments they want, and the force of calling the House a legislative body goes on, like the butcheries in Cuba.

There will be no tax on the breakfast of the poor, nor any additional tax upon beer, the poor man's beverage, or tobacco, if the Democrats can prevent it, as a caucus of Democratic Senators unanimously decided to move that the entire internal revenue section of the amended tariff bill, now being debated in the Senate be struck out. Whether that motion is carried will depend upon the vote of the Populist Senators. It was also decided at the caucus that the Democratic Senators would only antagonize the tariff bill to the extent of exposing its enormous and unnecessary increase in taxation, and would interpose no objection to taking a final vote in a reasonable time. The Republican Senators are having a regular monkey and parrot time among themselves over some of the amendments to the bill. The explanation of Senator Aldrich was not at all satisfactory, and there was lots of the plainest sort of talk at the Republican caucus held today, and although they are making a strong effort to settle their differences in some way off the floor of the Senate, there is little prospect of their succeeding, and an open fight among them is expected to be an early and interesting feature of the tariff debate. They are going to pass the bill, of course, but not until it has been much changed. The agents of the sugar trust realize that the present sugar schedule has no show at all, and are scheming for another that will bamboozle the public long enough for it to become a law.

There have been numerous things showing the hold of the negro politicians of the South upon Boss Hanna, as a natural result of Hanna's method of securing McKinley delegates in the South, prior to the St. Louis Convention. The latest example was the withdrawal from the Senate of the nomination of S. S. Matthews, to be Register of the Land Office at Jackson, Mississippi. Matthews is a white Republican who was strongly backed by such men as Senator Foraker, Pension Commissioner Evans, and Gen. Powell Clayton, but the negro member of the Republican National Committee from Mississippi, Jim Hill, did not like the nomination, so he went to Boss Hanna and told him it must be withdrawn and Mr. Hanna lost no time in getting Mr. McKinley to withdraw it from the Senate.

From all directions come authentic news of a change in sentiment since last November. For instance, Mr. S. W. M. Peters, of W. Va., said: "West Virginia cast its electoral vote last year for McKinley, but if the election were to be held over again right now, the verdict would be reversed. I am satisfied that free silver would win if the fight were to be made over again. Of all my Democratic friends who voted the Republican ticket last year or for Palmer and Buckner, I doubt if there is one who would fail to cast his ballot for Bryan, if the opportunity were again presented. The next legislature will be strongly Democratic, and a Democrat will be chosen to succeed Senator Faulkner."

The interest in the successor to Senator Earle, of S. C., who died last week, is by no means confined to South Carolina Democrats. As the legislature will not meet until next January, the Governor will appoint a Senator to serve until an election is held. South Carolinians in Washington think that Representative McLaurin's chances for becoming Senator are excellent.

HOMES IN THE DESERT.

The Kansas City Journal says Judge J. S. Emery, of Lawrence, Kan., of the National Irrigation Congress, has just returned from Denver, where he had a conference with Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army. The scheme is for the settling in the arid regions of the West the deserving poor of the great cities. Judge Emery says it is the fairest thing for irrigation that has ever been put on foot, and he believes that it will serve a most powerful purpose in settling the troublesome question about the social unrest of the masses.

Booth-Tucker is making a tour of the West collecting information as to the details of the great plan the Army has undertaken. The purpose of the Army is to combine the waste forces of production and the waste lands of the country, relieve the congested population of the great centres, and increase very largely the number of independent home owners.

The wise men of the Army are of the opinion that this would aid largely in the solution of the vexed social problem and in a great degree would tend to quiet the social unrest of the country. It would relieve the charitable organizations of the cities, would reclaim and make fertile thousands of arid acres, and would give honest and profitable employment to thousands of worthy people. Commander Booth-Tucker expects to secure the funds for the original purchase of the land from wealthy men, who are backing the enterprise; the farm land would be in small lots, five and ten acres for each one; the land can be secured for trifling sums and under irrigation would raise quite enough to make the families independent and give them a home and place of their own.

Man and Wife's Silent Life.

We knew a case of a man and wife in the east end of this valley who did not speak together for several years although surrounded by a large family. Below we copy a case of far more obstinate foolishness:

James Hooper, member of a prominent Maryland family and an uncle of the present Mayor of Baltimore, was buried last Friday. For twenty years previous to his death Mr. Hooper had not exchanged a word with his wife, though they lived together in the same house with their children and attended the same church.

Mr. Hooper was 84 years old at his death and his widow is 80. Twenty years ago he purchased a lot of ground near Towson, a suburb, with the intention of booming it. He used some money of his wife's. The boom failed, the property fell in value and all of their money was lost.

Mrs. Hooper, who thought her husband was responsible for her losses, refused to speak to him. He reciprocated, and as the years went by the bitterness towards each other increased. They ate at the same table; they went to church together, but would never speak to each other. Their children tried to reconcile them, but all in vain.

When Mr. Hooper fell ill his wife refused to have anything to do with him.

WHITEWASHING COMMITTEES.

If there is a legislative investigating committee appointed by the present legislature, says the Patriot, for the purpose of remedying an evil and punishing a culprit it has not made itself known to a public which is just aching to show its appreciation. There have been appointed none but whitewashing committees.

The insurance investigation is going the way of others. Why? Perhaps it is another instance of "you help me out or I'll stick you." The "boys" must hang together or be punished together, and they hang. The insurance committee will triumphantly declare that the legislative blackmailers are innocent. The oleo committee finds itself "blocked" because certain witnesses cannot be found. They escaped mysteriously. And it is so common for innocent persons' witnesses to escape that the committee will doubtless find Mr. Moore a much maligned person. The committee that—but the history of one is the history of another.

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.

—One of the largest stocks of Spring and Summer clothing ever received in this part of the state, was received recently by Lewins, at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte. It is a tremendous stock and the prices are as low in comparison, and will move it.

ALL AROUND.

Local Notes of Interest from All Around the Town.

Much of the corn planted is up and several inches high.

Capt. Hugh Taylor will be the Decoration day orator at Spring Mills.

Decoration day will be generally observed all over our county this year.

■The new Lutheran church dedicated at Altoona last Sunday, cost \$50,000.

Day's wages in this county run from 75 cents up to one dollar and board.

Centre county trout fishermen are meeting with fair success, with few exceptions.

Weather since Friday afternoon has been cool with an occasional sprinkling of rain.

Elk creek, north of Millheim, has proven pretty fair for trout fishing this season.

Sharp frost in different sections on last Friday night, but no reports of serious harm being done.

Boob contemplates enlarging his wheel works to accommodate his increasing trade. He is full of push.

Frank Bradford made a nice catch of trout in the mountain streams a few days ago. Luck follows Frank's fly.

The finest wedding invitations and all classes of job work, at low prices at the Reporter office. Give us a trial order.

The streams of our county are still above ordinary depth, and along the mountain sides are numerous springs caused by the abundance of water in the earth.

The station end of our town seems to be vying to be the handsome section of Centre Hall, judging from the pretty residences that have been built there.

The new storage reservoir will be under construction in a few weeks, and will be of dimensions to hold a large supply of water to answer the increase of our town.

Bellefonte merchants complain of business being any thing but brisk; all had hoped for better things ere this. But there are lots of places in the same fix.

What may grow rank in some sections and lodge; clover is growing rapidly and if it gets too high, will not make good hay. Everything is booming in the fields.

The weather continues favorable to the growth of all crops, in field and garden. An abundance of everything seems to be in store, under the direction of a kind Providence.

Many folks are amazingly liberal in spending other people's money but mightly close with their own stamps, and have nothing to show up in enterprize from their own purses.

The editor of the Gazette, Democrat and Reporter, after a day and a half fishing in the mountains last week, returned with 235 trout averaging a nice size. The Gazette had the largest score.

A subscriber complains a well-to-do neighbor is a regular borrower of the Reporter. Well, if that borrower sees this, let him quit, come and subscribe like a man and pay for it like a Christian.

The traveling stone crusher with engine, and one man, earns \$8 per day at crushing stones for roads, and finds plenty to do at this remunerative price. It is at present chawing up rocks for our town streets.

We acknowledge the receipt, through the kindness of Rev. J. H. Harpster, Luth. missionary at Guntur, India, of an interesting pamphlet, Report of the Amer. Ev. Luth. Mission, for 1896, printed at the Mission Press, Guntur.

Pay your tribute of honor and respect to the departed heroes, on Saturday. Let their deeds ever be green in your memories, and teach the rising generation to revere the deeds of the fallen patriots. If it be but a single flower or a sprig of green, drop it upon the last resting place of the defender or the Republic, it is as significant and potential as the widow's mite.

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.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

THEY WILL BE HELD SATURDAY JUNE 5TH.

A Small Ticket to be Up for Election this Year.—Jury Commissioner and County Surveyor to be Elected.

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, June 5th, 1897, to elect delegates to the county convention. Under the rules of the party the election will be opened at 3 p. m. and closed at 7 p. m. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the court house, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 8th, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, and nominate one candidate for county surveyor; elect five delegates to the state convention to be held at Reading at the call of the executive committee of the state central committee, and a chairman of the county committee to serve from January 1st, 1899; and to transact such other business as may appear before the convention in the interest of the party.

For Centre Hall borough the officers for holding the primary elections are, J. W. Wolf, chairman; J. M. Goodhart and W. A. Sandoe, assistants.

For Potter township.—S. P. J. F. Smith, Ch.; Colyer; W. W. Royer, J. B. Fortney, assistants. N. P. G. H. Emerick, chairman, Centre Hall; David Keller and Thomas Moore, assistants.

A Dead Calm.

Our county is just now basking under a dead calm in business and other circles. There is a saying, "a calm always precedes a storm." Whether this calm portends a coming crash in business circles, distress for those in debt, foreclosure of mortgages and pushing of judgments, time will tell, and the storm may be upon us sooner than expected and without warning except the sign that the mariner reads in the calm that precedes the storm and he at once has his ship set in order to meet it. We hope nothing of the kind is to follow this calm, and that the pessimist theory will turn out a harmless mist to be dispelled by rays of prosperity.

Far better to take an optimistic view of this calm and read from it that the lowest ebb may have been reached and that any change must be for the better bringing a reviving breeze into business circles generally and a portent of better times all around in county, state and nation, for this calm is widespread and hardly a leaf is quivering.

However, if it means the coming of a financial crash, we fear the ruin will be fearful and widespread and many a good sail will go under, and the things without a financial bottom be driven like chaff before the wind and to be wound up by the thousands.

Let us hope a change for the better is in store.

Two Suicides by Shooting.

George Herr, a farmer who lived along Tim Gray's run, near Williamsport, committed suicide Sunday afternoon, by shooting himself. Mr. Herr was missed on Sunday and search was made for him. Monday morning his son found the body on the premises. The old man had taken a gun, and placing the muzzle in his mouth, fired the weapon off by means of a stick which he placed against the trigger, giving it a sharp push when he was all ready to launch himself into eternity.

A young man named Otto Froyd committed suicide at Curwensville Saturday afternoon by shooting himself in the head. He had been in ill health for some time, having had a severe attack of gripe early in the spring from which he never fully recovered.

Altoona Man Murdered in Pittsburgh.

Eugene S. Fleisher was murdered on a bridge in Pittsburgh early last Friday morning. He was knocked down and robbed, and then thrown down over the bridge some 80 feet upon the ground. Persons passing over the bridge soon after heard his groans, and went to his rescue. An ambulance was sent for and started with the injured man for the hospital but he died before reaching it.

Fleisher was from Altoona where he leaves a wife and son, whom he deserted in Hollidaysburg 15 years ago, for another woman whom he took away with him. At that time he was a defaulter to an insurance company and several secret societies with which he was officially connected.

Shipping Cattle.

This morning a shipment of two car loads of cattle was made from this station. From this point there is a large shipment of cattle to the east than along any point on the branch.

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SPRING MILLS.

The News as Seen by Our Correspondent Down the Valley.

The Spring Mills Normal Institute, under the able instruction of Newcomer and Zeigler, is becoming very popular with our people. All the classes are large and pupils are being entered daily, and the cry is, "still they come." Messrs. Newcomer and Zeigler have been earnestly requested by a large number of our prominent citizens to establish the Normal here as a permanent institution of our village. The gentlemen are holding the solicitations under consideration and we sincerely hope they will make a favorable reply. A permanent institute conducted like the one now in session here by teachers of well-known ability and skill, would unquestionably be highly advantageous to our entire community.

Commercial agents are becoming quite numerous; some report business on the road not very flattering, some say hardly fair, while others boldly say there is no business. Of course we all know that the times are out of joint and business in anything but a prosperous condition. Within the last two months I inquired of dozens of agents how the outlook for business appeared, whether anything on the surface indicated a revival or improvement, and without exception they all reported nothing very encouraging, but apparently was going from bad to worse. What will be the ending of all this wide-spread depression; is it the calm which precedes the storm, will it be bankruptcy or what?

Rev. Faus, of the M. E. church of our village, has made arrangements to have erected in front of the parsonage a handsome portico. This will be a decided improvement and add greatly to the appearance of the residence. Of course a new board walk will be next in order, or a continuation of the one just completed by Mr. Gramley. A few more improvements on this street and it will be the boulevard of our village.

Dr. F. A. Van Valzah is erecting quite an addition to the barn on the property he recently purchased from the estate of Daniel Runkle, deceased. The doctor contemplates making several other improvements. F. Carter has also greatly improved his property on the pike with new fencing etc. He is now erecting quite a large stable and other outbuildings.

Up to the present writing no appointment for postmaster of our village has been announced, though expected daily. Quite a delegation from Centre county had an interview with Congressman Arnold at Tyrone, a few days since, expressing their views and wishes as regards the position to be made of several of our postoffices. Was Spring Mills represented in the happy family?

Charles Miller, the well-known wool merchant of our village, is out on his usual wool collecting expedition. Mr. Miller reports wool as being scarce and not much prospects for an early advance on present quotations.

Mrs. Nofsker of our village, has had the entire fencing surrounding her residence and grounds, also the grape arbors in the garden thoroughly white-washed, the whole presenting a very beautiful appearance.

Potters Mills.

Miss Leota Wilkinson, who has been attending school in Latrobe, Westmoreland county, returned last week, and is teaching a subscription school in our town.

The Oak Hall factory wagon was through our vicinity gathering wool, of which they make a fine line of goods.

Our supervisor is making good roads what he has completed, and hope he will continue.

F. A. Long and J. H. Bitner, of this place, went to Mifflin county, on Tuesday.

Franklin McCoy and Mrs. Potts, of Centre Hall, were visiting in this place on Sunday.

Decoration day is near at hand, and everybody should attend. D. F. Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, will deliver the address at Sprucetown. The veterans of this place were pleased with the Memorial sermon delivered by Rev. Rearick, at the Cross church, in Georges valley.

The fishing fever is about over, and it is well it is, for it is all fish and no catch; they have caught little and no until there is none in the stream.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvooy, 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—I am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending.' 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.

TUSSEYVILLE.

Interesting Items from Our Correspondent Across the Valley.

Michael Smith and S. J. McClintick were transacting some very important business in our town last Thursday, and took a trip to the county seat.

Henry Shadow and granddaughter, Cora Houtz, were the guests of Simon Hennigh, at Georges valley on Sunday.

The little daughter of George Meiss is very ill at present, but we hope she may soon recover.

We are glad to see our friend S. M. Swartz is able to be around in the store again.

Jacob Smith is not able to leave his bed, but has improved somewhat.

Virna Meyers, of Colburn, was a guest at the home of John and Wm. Lee last week.

Jacob Lee, of Lewisburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents at Colyer.

Edward Detwiler, wife and son, of Reedsville, were guests of Mrs. McClellan and Jacob Detwiler over Sunday.

Alice Ripka, who had been living at Bellefonte, came home to stay with her mother at Colyer, on account of failing health.

Nora Flisher, who had been living at Bethlehem, came home to spend a few months with her parents.

Blanche Housman entertained some of her many friends on Sunday afternoon.

Rejina Royer and cousin Maggie Royer, were visiting at Potters Mills on Sunday; Maggie left for Lemont on Monday, where she intends to remain some time.

Mrs. Mary Treaster was visiting at Potters Mills last Thursday.

W. G. Runkle, Esq., of Bellefonte, was home on Saturday.

John Wert has made a raise, he drives two very fine black horses.

Water Notes of Interest.

The Tyrone gas and water company has put its price upon the plant, to the borough at \$250,000. The town is to vote whether the offer shall be accepted or not.

For doing any manner of harm or mischief to or upon the plant of a water company, the law imposes a fine of \$500 and two years' imprisonment, besides the right for damages by civil suit.

Any one using a company's water without authority or to avoid pay of water tax, is liable to a penalty of \$100.

Work on the new option water company has not yet been ordered to go ahead. The rent for the spring was based upon a valuation of \$1,500 or at \$100 per year as a reliable informant tells us. At such a rate of valuation the springs of the present water company would run high in the thousands on account of being convenient, absolutely pure and fresh and the pressure their elevation affords.

If a water company from its own fault or neglect fails to supply water in sufficient quantities, it can be prosecuted for such neglect.

When a water company charges exorbitant rates, a user can find a remedy by appeal to court.

When a company is guilty of furnishing impure water, the users can prosecute such company.

Every such grievance has ample remedy in law to bring a company to time.

Farmers' Institutes.

The County board of Farmers' Institute Managers will meet at the County Commissioners' office on the second Tuesday of June, at 1 o'clock p. m., to arrange for the places where Institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire Institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims. This board is composed of the Local member of the State Board of Agriculture, and one representative from each County Agricultural Society, the Pomona, Grange and County Alliances. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to John A. Woodward, Chairman of Board of Institute Managers, care of County Commissioners, Bellefonte.

Preference will be given to such localities as evince their interest in this great work, by providing a suitable hall, warmed and lighted for the meeting, and will take the speakers to and from the stations without expense to them.

Teachers' Examinations.

Co. Supt. Gramley is now busily engaged in holding teachers' examinations in the county, and on Tuesday next will hold them at Centre Hall, for this place and Potter township. The examinations are very hard, and about fifty per cent. will receive certificates to teach.

—For ten days you can buy at the "Star Store" a late improved chain pump, complete for 10 ft. cistern, at \$3.25.—G. O. Benner.