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WASHINGTON LETTER.

McKINLEY DISAPPOINTING HIS FOLLOWERS IN CONGRESS.

An Outbreak May Occur at any Time.—His Foreign Policy Condemned.—Mason's Hot Speech.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—How much longer Congress can stand the strain which has been imposed upon it by the action, or rather non-action of the administration upon the destruction of the battleship Maine and the killing of 250 of its men, in Havana harbor, without an explosion, is problematical. Mr. McKinley has disappointed many of his supporters, and nothing but the unwritten law under which Congress has always supported the President in all questions of policy affecting a foreign nation has prevented an outbreak before this. Inasmuch as there probably not fifty men in Congress who do not believe that the Maine was blown up intentionally, it is difficult to understand why Mr. McKinley and the Secretary of the Navy should so persistently assert their belief that the awful calamity was the result of an accident on board the Maine. The naval attaché of the Spanish Legation, has publicly announced the same belief, and added that the accident was the result of carelessness and lax discipline, Ye gods! and this meddlesome fool has not been sent ad de Lome. It could have been understood if Mr. McKinley and his Secretary of the Navy had said that they had no opinion to offer in advance of the finding of the naval court of inquiry, which has been appointed to investigate the awful affair, but why they should take a position that is a reflection upon Captain Sigsbee and the other brave officers of the Maine, is only explainable upon the theory that they are afraid of offending Spain, and that in the event of the failure to find direct and conclusive evidence that the Maine was blown up by Spanish treachery, Captain Sigsbee is to be made a scapegoat. It was the general opinion in Congress that Mr. McKinley should have ordered the entire U. S. fleet, now off the coast of Florida, to Havana harbor, to remain during the investigation, but so far, not even a single warship has been ordered there.—Secretary Long says that one will be. It is not surprising that the Spaniards should think and say that we are afraid to send another war ship to Havana. Up to this time, Mr. McKinley has only done one thing that has met with the unqualified approval of Congress, and the indications point to his having done that under compulsion. That was to refuse to grant the request of the Spanish authorities at Havana, to have a Spanish diver accompany every American diver who made an examination of the hull of the Maine. Just who is entitled to credit for his having done that has not yet been ascertained, but it is certain that somebody is, as Secretary Long had stated before the official request reached Washington, but after it was known that it would be made, that it would be granted. Congress does not wish the world to know that it differs with the President; hence it has so far done nothing further than to appropriate \$200,000 to be used in saving as much of the Maine and her equipment as possible, but the strain is terrible, and it is still on.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether Senator Mason chose just the right time to make that red-hot speech of his, and also as to the good taste of some of his remarks, which were certainly not such as would be likely to increase our prestige abroad, but the truthfulness of the following is fully apparent: "Why should the administration now hesitate? The President hesitated because of autonomy. Why should he not act when the minister has confessed that it is not real, but a fraud and a sham. Autonomy, by the confession of the Spanish Minister, is a fraud, a delusion, and a snare—a common confidence game of a common thief, confessed out of his own mouth." No one could doubt the contempt felt by Mr. Mason for Spanish diplomats and Spanish diplomacy, after he said: "I would not sit down at the same table with a Spaniard unless I had an ironclad wall between his stiletto and my architecture. There is nothing in Spanish diplomacy for a hundred years which prove them anything but common scoundrels."

Nothing yet seriously proposed in the line of paternalism goes further than a joint resolution offered by Representative Lovering, of Mass., providing for an amendment to the Constitution, authorizing Congress to regulate the hours of labor in all the states. The House Judiciary Committee has actually been giving hearings on that resolution. A delegation of cotton mill men from the south appeared before the committee to protest against the resolution, but they could have

saved money by staying at home. We may come to that sort of thing in time, but not yet.

Only twelve Democrats and one Populist voted for the Bankruptcy bill which passed the House by a vote of 159 to 124. The bill passed is a substitute for the Nelson bill passed by the Senate at the extra session, and it provides for both voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy.

New Ruling in Crawford's License Court.

Judge Thomas, the new president judge of Crawford county, created a sensation on taking the license applications, by declaring that the petitions for and protests against the granting of licenses, many of which have been a source of much annoyance and will have no weight with the court on the granting of licenses. The senders of them, it is said, are also making themselves liable for contempt of court. Hereafter nothing shall be received for or against the applicants excepting when the case is called for trial and the evidence produced in open court, and all communications will be placed on file and read as testimony in the case and the names of the senders divulged.

The court's remarks created consternation in the large W. C. T. U. delegation which was present to oppose the granting of licenses and his further remarks were equally distressing to the liquor men. He put his veto on liquor men dispensing free drinks on New Year and special holiday occasions and declared that all bars should be closed by 10 o'clock in the evening.

Didn't Get His Share.

When thieves fall out, &c. Edward Shea and Louis Clark were arrested at Hollidaysburg, the other day, charged with robbing John M. Rhoads' general store, at Barbara, and held for court on admission made by Clark who complained that he had not received a fair share of the plunder. By quarreling between themselves the names of the participants in a dozen postoffice and store robberies in the county have become known.

Rabid Dogs.

Dogs having hydrophobia are creating much alarm in Saville township, Perry county. Three canines have been running at large, biting dogs, cattle and other animals. It is claimed that at least twenty-five dogs and John Stainer, of Liberty valley, have been bitten. Farmers go around armed and women and children keep close to the house.

School Troubles.

It is reported to us that there was an animated time at Murry's school house one day last week, the teacher having been charged with unfair treatment of his scholars. The Gregg board met citizens of the district and a warm debate was had. The board did not pass any censure upon the teacher, we are told.

Floated 200 Miles.

The body of Wm. Adams, the ferryman, who was drowned in the river at Montgomery on November 29 last, was found on the shores of the Elk River, in Maryland, 200 miles distant from the place where the accident occurred. The body was brought home for burial.

To be Abandoned.

Cresson Springs may be abandoned as a summer resort. Proceedings were begun in the Philadelphia courts looking to that end. It is declared that the place has never paid and has been considerable of a burden to the Pennsylvania Railroad company.

She's a Hustler.

West Clearfield has a married woman who last week took the rifle, shot two hogs, scalded, scraped and hung them, rendered the lard, made the sausage and salted down the meat, while her husband was over in town celebrating Lincoln's birthday.

Lecture Postponed.

The lecture advertised to have been delivered last evening, by Dr. Colfelt, in the Presbyterian church, has been postponed until this, Thursday evening. Dr. Colfelt should have a good audience this evening, as his lecture will be interesting and instructive.

Froze His Limbs.

During the late cold snap John Cox, a resident of Pine Summit, Lycoming county, froze his arms and feet so severely while attending a moving that amputation of both arms and feet became necessary.

For Rent.

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Centre Hall, Feb 17

Local Institute at Centre Hall.

The Teachers' Local Institute to be held here March 4th and 5th, promises to be a worthy reminder of the good old-fashioned Institutes we used to have. There are going to be discussions Saturday on a number of topics of interest to teachers, parents, and pupils, opened by various notables of the county—including the County Superintendent, the President of our Borough School Board, and various teachers of greater or less prominence. The Committee is very fortunate in having a goodly supply of music and recitations—largely local talent, which will live up the sessions very pleasantly. Friday evening's session will include a lecture entitled "The Man with the Open Eye," by the Rev. Lawrence M. Colfelt, D. D. of State College. Opportunities to hear a lecture of Dr. Colfelt's order seldom present themselves, and no one can afford to miss this one. Anyone desiring printed program of Institute can secure by addressing G. B. Snyder or D. K. Keller, Centre Hall, Pa. All are cordially invited to attend.

Home Merchant's Protected.

In a recent issue we mentioned the commercial war waging between two of Punksutawney's leading merchants, Messrs. Bair and Fink. The latter gentleman having had Will Shaar, an employee of Gable & Co., of Altoona, come to Punksutawney with a big stock of ladies' coats and wraps, which were sold at greatly reduced prices and in Mr. Fink's name. Mr. Bair had Shaar arrested for violating a borough ordinance forbidding merchants from out of town to do business there without paying a big license. Fink went Shaar's bail and the sale went on. Again Bair took action against Shaar and Fink backed his man up, and boasted loudly of taking the matter to the supreme court, but on investigation he found Bair was in the right and the matter was compromised by Fink paying costs, attorney fees, etc., and promising never to do it again.—Phillipsburg Ledger.

A Decrease.

During the past year Register G. W. Rumberger, of Bellefonte, has issued 340 marriage licenses, which number shows a considerable falling off from last year. Over 400 have been issued in one year. Since the passage of the marriage license law in 1885, 4,165 marriage licenses have been granted in this county.

Erecting a Study.

The Presbyterian congregation has broken ground for a building adjoining the church to be used for a study by their pastor. The plasterers have finished their work on the new parsonage, and as quickly as possible the building will be completed, ready for occupancy on April 1st.

A Pioneer.

James Hamilton, Bellefonte's oldest citizen, is now in feeble health at 94 years of age; he was one of the first teamsters to make the overland trip from Philadelphia to Bellefonte and west to Pittsburg, hauling iron from the furnaces of Gen. Philip Benner and the elder Curtins.

A Woman Law Student.

Legal conversation in Blair county was shaken the other day when Judge Bell enlarged the rules of court to permit the registration of female law students. Miss Mary Bracken, daughter of ex-Burgess Bracken, of Hollidaysburg, is the first of her sex to begin the study of law in that county.

An Aged Lady Gone.

The aged widow Long, at the Cave, of whom we in previous issues made mention on account of her many years, died on 11th inst., and laid to rest in the Union church cemetery. Her age was 93 years, 11 months and 7 days.

The Sick.

Jacob Lee has been confined to his home for several days past from an attack of the grippe and an abscess in his ear. He is slowly improving.

Mrs. C. J. Shafer for the last week was very ill, but is now very much improved.

Klondike Weather.

For goldseekers: A mother and her three children were lost and frozen to death on the Chilkoot Pass. The one child and mother were found, but the others are missing. This occurred during a blinding snow storm.

The Golden Secret of Long Life.

Keep the head cool, the feet warm and the bowels open. Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves is a Vegetable preparation and acts as a natural laxative, and is the greatest remedy ever discovered for the Cure of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, and all Blood, Liver and Kidney Diseases. Call on G. H. Long, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial package free. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

AN ELOPEMENT.

EXCITEMENT IN PENN TOWNSHIP THE LAST WEEK.

George Bower, of near Coburn, and Mrs. Hickson Desert Their Families and Elope.—Bower Repents and Returns Home.

A case of elopement is the topic of excitement at the lower end of Penns valley and the prominence of the parties has caused no end of comment. The facts as we have been able to glean them are these. George Bower, a well-to-do farmer, tenant on Michael Fiedler's farm, one mile west of Coburn, on Tuesday of last week left on the morning train. He informed his family that he was going to Snyder county to buy horses. He had sold all his grain and realized about \$800, only a few days before. On the afternoon train he was followed by a Mrs. Hickson, and at Sunbury the two met, and left for parts unknown.

The first intimation that Bower and Mrs. Hickson had eloped came in a letter to his brother John Bower. In it he stated that he had gone with Mrs. Hickson, having met her at Sunbury, and they would never return again. He asked his brother John to look after the personal effects and care for the family as best he could.

Bower is a man aged about forty years, and is the father of nine children. On the day Mrs. Hickson left, she took her one child to the home of her mother, at Green Brier, and asked that it be kept until she returned. She said she was going to see her husband who was working on Kulp's lumber job. Bower was a man in good circumstances, and his domestic relations have always been considered such that could never lead him to have taken the step he did.

Bower returned home again, having evidently repented of his actions. He arrived at Coburn on last evening's train from Montandon. He was alone and his paramour will likely return later. They had gone together to Harrisburg, where they had been since the day they left. The husband of Mrs. Hickson intends to go to Harrisburg to bring back his erring wife.

He Had Nerve.

A man had his hand and arm drawn between cog wheels, a few days ago at Warrensville, Lycoming county. Jas. A. Darrone was oiling the machinery in the Crawford flour mill. By a false movement his left hand was caught between the cog wheels and the wrist and arm was drawn between the wheels until the elbow was reached. A fellow workman responded to his cries for help, when he found the unfortunate man hanging from the wheels by his left arm and working a crowbar vigorously with his right hand to stop the machinery. The mill was shut down at once and as soon as Mr. Darrone was loosened from his frightful position he walked to his home some seventy-five yards from the mill, carrying the injured hand in the other. The arm was amputated.

The Age of Niagara Fall.

Niagara river has cut a channel through the solid rocks, two hundred feet deep, twelve hundred to two thousand feet wide, and seven miles long. The evidence is conclusive that the Falls were formerly at Queenstown, seven miles below their present situation. It has been shown that they have not receded more than one foot a year for the last half century. If this has been the rate of recession for the whole distance,—and on account of the nature of the rocks there is no reason for supposing it greater,—it has required thirty-six thousand years for that great excavation.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: John D. Sayres and Mary Walker, both of Curtin township. Harry H. Eby, Lemont, and Hanna Musser, Warriors Mark. Clayton B. Weaver and Lizzie Hosterman, both of Wolfs Store. Robert D. Norie, Renova, and Sarah E. Hanley, Milesburg. Alexander Houser, Port Matilda, and Sadie E. Nacredy, Tyrone.

Think They are the Gang.

Clearfield county's sheriff went to Mahaffey Monday night and captured six negroes, who it is thought are wanted in this county for the attempted hold-up in Kohlbecker's bar room at Milesburg. They were confined in the Clearfield jail to await the authorities from this county.

Depreciated Nittany.

A farm was sold in Nittany Valley recently for \$5,800. It was one of the most productive and richest mineral farms in the valley and during the sixties the owner refused an offer of \$30,000 for it.

From the Wrecked Maine.

If our government finds cause to demand damages from Spain for the explosion of the Maine, 25 million dollars is what Uncle Sam's little bill may be moderately figured up, viz:

Six millions for the vessel;
Four millions for the killed and injured and families;
Twelve millions for the loss it sustains from over 300 officers and men whom the United States has been years in training for its navy;
One million dollars for expenses incurred.

When Uncle Sam presents this dun to the Dons, they will find it dear fun. The bodies of twelve of the Maine's firemen have been taken out from under the hatch leading from the superstructure to the fire room. None was recognizable and all were necessarily dismembered in course of removal.

Divers relate they saw the skeletons of bodies floating under the wreckage, from which the flesh had been picked from the bones by vultures.

Divers are now at work examining into the cause of the explosion.

A contract has been made with a wreckage company to raise the battleship, for which the sum of \$200,000 is to be paid.

The discoveries made by the examining board at Havana, now at work, to discover the cause of the explosion, will not be made public until the board has finished its work of examination.

Submarine mines are generally fired by means of electric wires extending from the mines to the shore, and are set off by touching an electric button. Torpedoes are worked in same manner, and in second the work is done.

The Spaniards still claim the explosion was an accident and that they sympathize with this country.

Men to Be Ready to March.

Major General Snowden, commander of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, has issued general orders to every officer in the state to recruit his command up to the full quota required by law.

The orders were issued five days ago with instructions that they be kept a profound secret. The officers were instructed to have their men ready to march fully armed and equipped at 24 hours' notice. Neither officers nor men will talk of the preparations that are going on, because they say it is against military regulations, but the work of recruiting men, inspecting arms and ammunition and the general air of activity at the different armories speaks for itself.

A Blizzard and Then Spring.

Weather Prophet Devoe says: There will be a severe gale at sea on February 27. At the same time a big blizzard will prevail along the Middle Atlantic coast. We will have about a foot of snow, and the weather will remain cold from February 25 to the close of the month. The blizzard will close out winter and you can look for an early spring.

GRAND OPENING TO-DAY.

Hats and Fancy Shirts—Guyer's Celebrated Self-Conforming Hats—Beltaire Lurch & Co's Imperial Hats in Tourists and Derbies—Wechsler Laufer & Co's Astoria Hats in Tourists and Derbies,—colors, Coffee—Pearl—Black—Seal—Monoco—Blue—Vicuna Claro—Beech—Oak and Brown—Cluett Coon & Co's Celebrated Monarch Shirts in Stiff and Soft—Madras. The King of them all—"The Manhattan" Fancy Madras Shirts.

The celebrated "Vital's Brand" clothing for men, young men and children.

John B. Ellison & Son's imported and domestic woens for suits made to order, also the "Plymouth Woolen Mills," the best line of woens in the United States.

Beals & Selkirk's Trunks. A Hahn & Co's traveling bags. The "Milton Hosiery. Way Co's golf hose.

Stern's bicycle and golf suits. Hewitt & Hillock's Kid Gloves. Hewes & Potter's Suspenders and Belts. Brumer's Trousers. Selig's Vestee, Blouse and Reefer Suits. Full line of Jewellery. Hirsh's Umbrellas. Howell, Stein & Co's Neckwear. Spring Covert Overcoats.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Colling of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

SUNSHINE WILL COME.

What's the use of looking glum?
Cheer up;
Brighter days will surely come,
Cheer up;
Tho' the storm king holds full sway,
Tho' the torrents pour to-day,
Every cloud will clear away;
Cheer up;
No use shedding idle tears,
Cheer up;
Don't give way to foolish fears,
Cheer up;
'Aint no use of feeling blue
If the sun don't shine on you,
Sobs and sighs will never do;
Cheer up.
If misfortune be your share;
Cheer up;
Time will lighten every care;
Cheer up;
With the springtime's gentle rain
Buds the fairest flowers again,
Song birds sing a sweeter strain;
Cheer up.
—Boston Traveler.

Potatoes are worth 60c here.
Mrs. Dinges ad. store for rent.
J. H. Bare ad. a property for rent.
W. M. Mease ad. two jacks for sale.
Mrs. Tressler ad. a property for rent.
The measles are still lurking around.
N. B. Spangler ad. Adm'r of Uriah Osman.

John H. Reed, Bellefonte, has a renewal of pension, \$6.
Many persons are complaining of severe colds of late.

A man's residence is now defined as being "where he sleeps."
The snow of Sunday night caused much mud and no sleighing.

Soon the highways and byways will be alive with spring fittings.
May wheat on Saturday was bid up to 1.09 and reacted to \$1.05.

Letter may put up wheat to \$1.25 and \$1.50. Farmers would like that.
Henry P. Sankey, of Potters Mills, has been declared entitled to a pension of \$12.

Orders for trout fry to stock our mountain streams, have been sent to the hatchery.

Will Mitterling has some 200 bushels of potatoes buried for future sale. S. W. Smith, ditto.

Thus far the grain fields have not suffered much from the winter's blasts and promise fair crops.

The Ward House, Tyrone, consumes 96 dozen eggs and 35 pounds of butter at each meal every day.

Weather was still mild beginning of the week and cloudy and damp. Sunday night we had rain and snow.

Mahaffey has a "fat man's club." Any one who can see his toes while standing in a natural position, is not eligible.

A Houtzdale minister has declared that he will protract his meetings unto the seeding time unless he registers one conversion.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, Feb. 27: At Centre Hall, at 10 a. m.; at St. Johns church, at 2 p. m.; at Georges valley, at 7 p. m.

Cyrus Durst, of Linden Hall, having purchased a property in Boalsburg, will retire from farming and move to Boalsburg the coming spring.

Sucker fishing has been going on in Penns creek the past few weeks, but not with great success, the water not being in favorable condition.

Bring your plain and fancy job work to the Reporter office. We have put out some of the largest and finest sale posters in central Penn'a.

Robt. F. Hunter's announcement as a candidate for Prothonotary, appears in this issue. Robert is a pure Democrat of undoubted qualifications.

A. C. Thompson, of Snowshoe, is a candidate for assembly, as will be seen by his announcement. He is a good Democrat and well qualified for the position.

The wife of Alfred M. Wasson, died at Tyrone on Saturday last. She was an esteemed Christian lady. Interment at Branch cemetery, in Ferguson township, on Wednesday.

Dr. Atherton reached his home at State College on Tuesday, from his European trip. The College people tendered him a reception, Dr. Colfelt delivering the address of Welcome.

By special information, gathered by the Reporter from all localities of our county, we are confident if a call was made, old Centre would respond inside of fifteen days with a regiment to enter the field against Spain.

Napoleon once said to Talleyrand: "I wish I had the keys of hell, for I could then put you in there." The reply was: "It would be better, sire, that I should have them, for then I could let you out."

A Washington dispatch says that in case of war with Spain eight regiments from the Pennsylvania Guard would be called out, these regiments being selected because of their high ratings by officers of the U. S. Army.