

Present Trouble Will Unite England and the United States Forever.

Professor Blumentritt, a leading Viennese scholar and politician, said to a World representative:

The sympathies of Europe with Spain do not express admiration for her colonial administration, but are rather the instinctive expression of presentment that victory for America will be the beginning of Americanizing European institutions.

Pan-Americanism is not a sentiment entertained by scholars or enthusiasts, as Pan-Slavism is, but a carefully calculated affair resting on self-interest, having for its object business and business alone.

I cannot account for the friendly attitude of England. If England would only join with the rest of the Powers in sympathy with Spain something might be done to check the American project.

This morning in conversation with an eminent and widely-known German publicist, I asked what he thought of the situation, and if he believed that this trouble would draw England and the United States closer together. He replied: "Yes; most emphatically so, and it will be a combination which will be invincible. Freedom will be represented by England and the United States, and autocracy and militarism by the rest of Europe. The Hispano-American troubles, I believe, will draw England and the United States nearer and will help divide the world up into the two great camps which I have mentioned."

Only a Ten Days' War.

A leading Roman Catholic priest of Wilmington announced on Sunday night that he received information on same day from high Church authority that the war between the United States and Spain would probably end within ten days. The priest's informant, who is close to Archbishop Ireland, came to Wilmington that day. It is stated that the Powers will interfere with Spain, will maintain her dynasty and that Spain will withdraw from Cuba.

The loss of the Maine will be settled by Spain agreeing to pay an indemnity. It is also stated that the reason why Havana has not yet been bombarded is because the Government understands that this action is to be taken by the Powers just as soon as Spain thinks her honor has been vindicated by making a show at war. It was also stated that the Pope is still working to bring about peace.

The War Revenue Bill.

The war revenue bill now under consideration in congress is well advanced toward completion.

The bill contemplates raising \$100,000,000 of additional revenue from beer, tobacco, tea, coffee and from bonds, checks, drafts, promissory notes and the whole series of instruments of commerce which may be reached in taxation by requiring the use of adhesive stamps. The bill also includes a tonnage tax on shipping. This revives some inconveniences. The business world will regard with annoyance at first the requirement of stamps for every form of commercial paper, contract or obligation, but it will soon get used to it, and let us hope the necessity for the use of these stamps will not long continue. The tax on beer, tobacco, tea and coffee fall on objects that can well bear it.

Taxes are never agreeable, but war cannot be carried on without them, and many of them.

The two-year-old son of W. L. Furgason, of Bolton, Miss., had whooping cough. "After several physicians had prescribed for him, without giving relief," writes Mr. Furgason, "I persuaded my wife to try a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first dose had the desired effect, and in forty-eight hours he was entirely free from all cough. I consider your remedy the best in the market, especially for children and recommend it at all times." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, and H. F. Rossam, Spring Mills.

Recent Union County Deaths.

In East Buffalo, Abraham Mowery, aged 66 years. In Philad. Mrs. John Nogle, aged 40 years. At Millinburg, the wife of S. B. Hoffman, aged 55 years. In Lewisburg, Reuben Pursell, aged 71 years. At Cowan, Joanna Dieffenderfer, aged 14 years. At Montandon, the wife of Edward Hummel, aged 77 years.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can," the druggist recognized a household name for DeWitt's Little Early Risers, and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, sick headache, liver and stomach troubles, for sale by Smith & Crawford.

ORIGIN OF THE BICYCLE.

It May Be Traced as Far Back as the Seventeenth Century.

In St. Nicholas Frank H. Vizetelly has told "The Story of the Wheel," tracing the evolution of the bicycle. Mr. Vizetelly says:

It has been often said that "to trace the origin of the bicycle we must go back to the beginning of the century," and as this has not been denied it is probably true. I shall try to show that the bicycle grew from experiments in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, and that the celerifer, first invented in 1690, was the earliest form of the "safety" of today. The first attempts to ride wheels date back as far as the fifteenth century. True, the machines then made were crude, clumsy and imperfect, yet they deserve mention, for they were a distinct step in the history of the wheel. The first of these was a heavy carriage driven by means of ropes attached to and wound round its axle tree. To the other end of the ropes a pole was tied, and this pole was used as a lever in front of the vehicle, and by this means it was slowly drawn forward.

Little was done in the century following, yet in the "Memoirs of Henry Fetherstone" it is told that a Jesuit missionary named Ricinus, who was traveling down the Ganges, having missed a boat that plied at regular intervals between points he was to visit in his journey, made up for lost time by building a small carriage propelled by levers. Because so few details are told, the truth of the author's account has been doubted or discredited by many.

In one of England's older churches—St. Giles at Stoke Pogis—is a window of stained glass on which may be seen a cherub astride of a hobby horse, or wooden "wheel." At the sides, in separate panels, as if to fix the date of the design, stand two young men attired in Puritan dress, one playing the violin, the other, with hands in his pockets, smoking a pipe. It is from this design that the first thought of the hobby horse of other days was taken? Before the Royal Academy of Sciences, in 1693, Ozanam read a paper describing a vehicle driven by the pedaling of a footman, who stood in a box behind and rested his hands on a bar level with his chin attached to the back of an awning above the rider in the conveyance. This may prove that Fetherstone's account was not untrue. Ozanam's vehicle was followed by another, built on a somewhat similar plan, by an Englishman named Ovenden about 1761, for a description of the machine then appeared in The Universal Magazine. The vehicle was said to be "the best that has hitherto been invented." The distance covered "with ease" by this rude vehicle is stated to have been six miles an hour; with a "peculiar exertion," nine or ten miles. The steering was done with a pair of reins.

IN THE FOCUS.

Is This the Reason Our Actors Like the Center of the Stage?

Perhaps the fondness of certain actors today for the center of the stage is a survival from the time when no other position was adequately lighted. In the early days of this century, before the introduction of gas, the footlights consisted of half a dozen or more oil lamps, and the point where their rays converged was very properly known as the "focus." Here all important passages of the piece had to be delivered, since elsewhere the accompanying play of feature was not as readily visible. It is told that when one of Kean's admirers complimented him at supper after a performance of "Othello," saying that in the great scene with Iago he almost thought the tragedian would strangle the villain, Kean answered: "Confound the fellow. He was trying to get me out of the focus." Under the electric light the face of the actor can now be seen clearly in the most remote corner of the stage—"The Conventions of the Drama," by Brander Matthews, in Scribner's.

The Silk Cotton Tree.

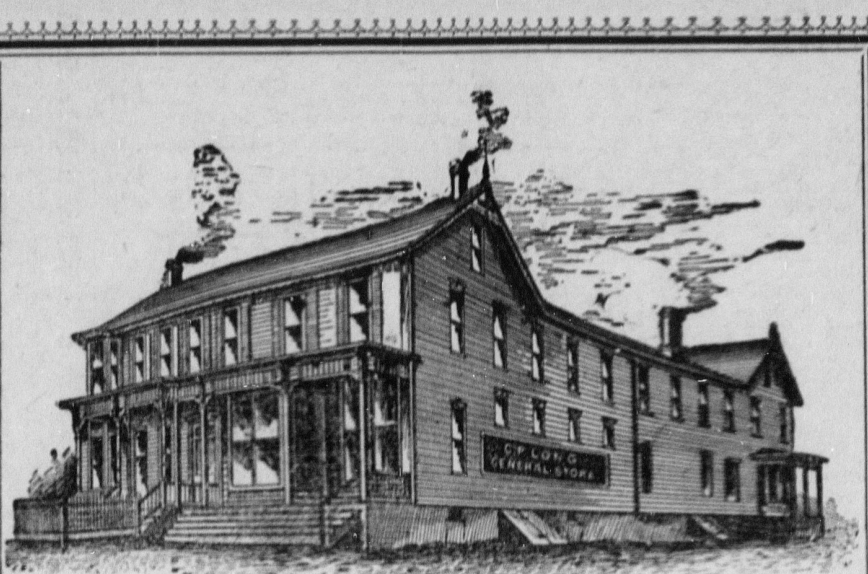
The most remarkable tree on the island of New Providence is without question a specimen of the silk cotton (Bombax ceiba) situated near the postoffice and prison. Growing from its trunk are half a dozen buttresslike extensions, as if to make a firm footing for its great spread of branches of 116 feet. A little boy to whom I showed a photograph of it expressed its appearance very well when he said the spaces between the buttresses would make fine horse stalls. The pods which grow on the tree contain a soft, silky material which the natives sometimes use for stuffing pillows. There are more of these trees, but none so large or old as this one, and we heard no estimate of its age. It is a near relative of the monkey tamarind. Between this balm and the library is an avenue of Spanish laurel, a member of the fig family—untidy and inellegant trees, with a growth of roots hanging from their branches which never reach the ground. All these trees bear fruit, but the figs are small and unfit for eating.—E. G. Cummings in Popular Science Monthly.

It Killed Him.

"I should fancy the laundry business was about as easy as any to start." "What makes you think so?" "All you have to do is to lay in a supply of starch."

Woman's Woe.

It was terrible. The tempest beat the sea into a horrid fury, the waves were mountain high and they swept over the trail craft carelessly. "My flesh creeps!" he cried. "My complexion runs!" shrieked she. For it is the lot of women to suffer cost.—Detroit Journal.



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Spring Mills, - - - Pa.

We Are On Deck!

With the largest and most complete stock of goods for the Spring and Summer that we ever received before. Every department in our large store has been filled up with all that is the latest, and we are positive that the new stock will please even more than ever. In our

Dry Goods and Clothing.

All the latest and most stylish fell to our lot in buying. New patterns and shades appeared this spring and our lines are made up entirely of such. The ladies will be pleased to find something up-to-date and stylish. Our Prints, Ginghams are exceptionally fine and we would ask that an inspection be made of them. Curtain Goods of every description. Our Dress Hats are the latest shapes, suitable for the seasons.

Window Shades.

We have received a full line of Window Shades, which are being offered at tempting figures. We have them from 10c. up on roll fixtures.

Great excitement consists at Madrid in naval circles over the discovery that the Government has neglected to secure a coal supply for the naval campaign. Naval officers have been forbidden to discuss the subject, but it is known that in spite of the boasting of the Minister of the Marine, he has failed to get steam coal enough to provide for even a short campaign.

Contracts were placed with large dealers in England and Wales, but the great coal strike prevented their execution, and the Minister of Marine has been notified that there is practically no coal available for shipment to Spain.

Secretary of State, John Sherman, has resigned, and assistant secretary, Judge Day, has been appointed in his place. Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Roosevelt, has also resigned and intends to raise a force and enter the army.

It is a great leap from the old fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

The New Trimmed Hats

There is a grand display of them here—larger and better we think, than ever before, and we believe you'll think so too, when you see them.

Every novelty in trimming, shape and color introduced for this season's wear is here.

Just received Fancy White Hats, in Neopolitan Straws, Fancy Lace Edges, Fine Chips, Panama Sailors, etc. All the latest shapes in Black and Colors. And we have a large assortment of rich and beautiful Flowers, Fancy Buckles, Hat Crowns and Ornaments of all kinds, Aigrets, etc.

Our styles are the latest and prices the lowest.

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COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF UNSEATED LANDS.

In pursuance of the several Acts of Assembly, 1881 and 1887, the Commissioners of Centre county will sell at public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Bellefonte, on

(SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1898,

at 10 o'clock, a. m., the following tracts of unseated land purchased by the County of Centre at Treasurer's sales, and which have remained unredemmed for a space of five years and upwards:

Table with columns: Area, Perches, Warrantee, Township, Owner, Taxes. Lists various land parcels and their owners.

Table with columns: Name, Address, Amount. Lists names and addresses of individuals, likely related to the land sale or other legal matters.

The best way to reach the public is by advertising. We are here with our Spring advertisement to tell you that we are in business deeper than ever; that our stock is larger than ever; that our goods are better than ever, and that our prices are as low and lower than ever, notwithstanding the fact that manufactured leather goods are higher than ever and leather has advanced more than ever.

We are not advertising any catch goods. What we have in stock is good goods, and will be sold for just what they are in reality. It is customary to say in advertisements that "our prices are the lowest," and anything else that looks well on paper. We don't believe the public should be imposed upon even in advertisements. We have gained a reputation since we are in business that we are jealous of and propose sustaining that reputation so long as our sign announces our business. That reputation is fair and honorable dealing and prices that give us but a living profit—no more can be asked by any one. Our present stock consists of a complete line of all kinds of harness, both factory and hand-made. Also, riding bridles and saddles. Collars, sweat pads, and flynets are the most sought after now. We have a full stock and can suit all in styles and quality. Trace chains, hames, halters, tie ropes and whips are always needed and a full line is always on hand. Besides a full supply of general saddlery hardware you will find horse brushes, curry combs, harness oil, axle grease, shoe soles, and anything else in our line.

Dr. Hess' Poultry Food, Dr. Hess' Panacea, and Dr. Hess' Instant Louse Killer are recommended from experience, as are also Dr. Scott's Hoof Paste and Family Remedies.

We are always ready to exchange our goods for any kinds of grain. We can sell you any kind of buggy and carriage you may want. The price depends only upon the quality. A good livery is attached to our business, which is conducted to the advantage of those who happen to need its services.

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Centre Hall, Penna.

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Split Bamboo Rods from \$1.50 to \$3.00.

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PAUL MURRAY,

Agent for Centre Hall

Attest: N. E. ROBE, Clerk, Commissioners' Office, Bellefonte, Pa. April 21st, 1898.