

# The Centre Reporter.

VOL. LXXIV.

CENTRE HALL, PA., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1901.

NO. 7.

**T**HE IMPERIALISTS PROFESS to have grave doubts, regretfully entertained, that the volatile and impetuous Cubans are capable of self-government, and they do not think it would be safe to withdraw American soldiers from the island until an impeccable petty judiciary and an intelligent, efficient and incorruptible police force shall have been established in every precinct in Cuba and approved by the syndicated looters who brazenly pretend to speak for the government of the United States.

What is the recognized test and proof of the ability of a people to govern its affairs upon a republican basis? Cheerful submission to the legally ascertained and recorded will of a majority of lawful citizens. No imperialist will pretend to question that, unless he is the sort of voracious fanatic who is willing to swallow his sworn promise between two gold pieces.

Well, the most dangerous question before the Cuban Constitutional Convention, the eligibility of General Gomez to the Presidency, was determined affirmatively by a majority of one, and the minority accepted the decision without a murmur. According to the imperialists, these volatile, excitable Latins should have started a riot then and there and demonstrated the inferiority of the race by drawing knives and proclaiming a revolution.

Another notable thing is that the convention, of its own motion and its own good time, has appointed a central committee to draw up a plan of the relations that are to exist between Cuba and the United States. Of course, the imperialist wolf up the stream will still insist that the Cuban lamb is muddying his drink, and a plan of relations will be rejected before it is formulated.

The plain truth is that the Cubans are fitter for self-government than thousands of persons who are citizens of the United States and voters in its territories. In this country are whole communities of people who are absolutely illiterate, do not speak English, do not know the meaning of party names, know nothing of our form of government and regard a political campaign as a continuous fiesta, productive of whisky, tobacco and small coins for their benefit. They elect justices who do not know a law book from a horse block or a grand jury from a charge of larceny. Yet they elect Legislators by ballots which they cannot read, and sit as jurors to determine issues between Americans.

And yet we are told that people who frame an admirable constitution and prove their acceptance in good faith of the American principle of majority rule must be held in leading strings until they produce a better police force than Philadelphia can boast.

**G**RADY IS NOT going to have any new libel law. He will stand or fall, he says, by the repeal of the act of 1897. In that case he will probably fall.

To the newspapers of the State it is a matter of no very great consequence whether the act of 1897 shall remain as it is or be subjected to such reasonable amendment as has been suggested in the House. But a bare repeal, with knowing exactly what is to replace it, no one who cares at all for the principle of liberty will tolerate, and it is not conceivable that the Legislature will consent to any such thing, even to please the gang.

Mr. Grandy seems to have had a bad fall with his constitutional amendment trick and it would be well for him not to expose himself so recklessly in slippery places. We judge that he is destined to slip up on his repeal.

**D**URING THE YEAR 1900 the total amount of money in this country in the treasury and in circulation increased \$198,000,000, and from \$25.98 per head to \$28.38. Gold has increased in round numbers \$90,000,000 through imports and our own production. National bank notes increased almost exactly \$100,000,000 on account of the gold standard law of last March. It is a notable fact that, while the balance of foreign trade in our favor was \$648,000,000, the excess of gold imports over gold exports for the year amounted to only \$12,600,000, leaving apparently unaccounted for in exchange due on account of our excess of foreign exports \$635,000,000, and this is further increased by the fact that we exported \$25,000,000 more of silver than we imported.

We need to hear a great deal of talk during the silver debate about expansion of currency and the resulting dangers should silver be remonetized. Yet under present conditions the outstanding monetary volume of the country has expanded by not less than 25 per cent. within the brief space of little more than three years. The dangers may be in the future, and we have present evidence in the great inflation of debt following trust consolidations. But aside from this there has been a remarkable expansion in legitimate business, and in this we have a vindication of the theories of the free coinage people, of the good results to business that would follow such a policy. It has come about through an increase in gold production and National bank currency, amounting to an increase of money in the country in one year to \$198,000,000.

The interesting puzzle in our commercial relations with foreign countries is how they manage to square their debts with the United States. We were the creditor nation of the world last year to the extent of over \$660,000,000, including silver in our merchandise exports, yet the balance of gold we received in excess of our gold exports was only \$12,400,000. How has the balance of \$660,000,000 been adjusted? Quite recently Mr. N. T. Bacon, in the "Yale Review," undertook to investigate this subject in giving the results of researches he had made. He estimated that the net foreign indebtedness of the United States last year amounted to \$2,830,000,000. On this Mr. Bacon figures out we have to pay net annual interest amounting to \$90,000,000; that \$50,000,000 is spent each year by American travelers, and that \$10,000,000 is taken over there every year by those who expatriate themselves. He allows \$50,000,000 more to cover all contingencies, and concludes that our annual remittance across the water are \$200,000,000. This leaves a big balance to be explained. It would reduce the apparent foreign debt to the United States on last year's commerce to over \$400,000,000. Our old bonded indebtedness to Europe has been greatly reduced by the return of American securities, but European capitalists still have large and increasing holdings of real and personal property in the United States, and it is estimated we pay foreign shipping that carries our commerce at least \$100,000,000 a year. But with all these set-offs it is evident a considerable proportion of our excess of exports is allowed to remain in Europe for purposes of investment. That is the only explanation. It is an unrecorded debt and its amount must be guessed at from the best information available.

## DEATHS.

**Prominent Citizens of Centre County Called to Rest.**

**MRS. MARY F. STIVER.**  
Mrs. Mary F. Stiver died at her home in this place at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning after a brief illness of pneumonia. Her age was 75 years, 2 months and 3 days.

The deceased's maiden name was Bibe, and she was raised in Aaronsburg. Her marriage to Thomas J. Stiver took place about 1847. To this union nine children were born; all except John, who died in infancy, survive the mother and father, the latter having died in 1871. The children are all actively engaged in business, and are prominent figures in their community. They are: Samuel L., conducting a Military Academy at Bunkerhill, Ill.; Dr. W. B. Freepert, Ill.; Perry O., editor of the Bulletin, Freepert, Ill.; Dr. Roland J., Lena, Ill.; Dr. Thomas J., Denver, Colorado; Dr. David, (dentist,) Chicago, Ill.; Bella, wife of Dr. J. E. Ward, (dentist,) Bellefonte, and Miss Maggie, at home.

The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the house. Interment in the cemetery at this place after which services will be held in the Lutheran church, her pastor, Rev. J. M. Reaick, officiating.

**MRS. ABRAM V. MILLER.**

It is with regret that the death of Nancy Jane, wife of County Commissioner Abram V. Miller, which sad event occurred at her home in Pleasant Gap Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, is chronicled, says the Daily News. Just a week prior to her death she was seized with an attack of the grip which finally developed into pneumonia resulting in her death at the above stated time. Deceased whose maiden name was Nancy Jane Potter, was a daughter of the late Samuel Potter, of Penns Valley. She was born in Penns Valley 68 years ago and most of her early life was spent at Potters Bank. She was married to Abram V. Miller, who survives her with two children, George and Elizabeth, both at home. She leaves two brothers and two sisters namely, James, of Illinois; William, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Daniel McBride, of Lawrence, Kansas, and Mrs. Margaret Alexander, of Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Miller was a consistent member and an earnest worker in the Presbyterian church. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Miller home at Pleasant Gap. Interment in the Union cemetery at that place.

**JOHN DORMAN.**

John Dorman, a life long and highly respected resident of Clintondale, died at his home Tuesday night of typhoid pneumonia, at the age of seventy-six years. His surviving children are Milton, of Mill Hall; Samuel, of Zion, and Annie, at home. The funeral will take place Friday morning, interment at Mt. Bethel.

**WILLIAM HARPER.**

William Harper died at his home in Bellefonte Tuesday noon of erysipelas. The funeral will take place Saturday morning. Deceased was born at Spring Bank, and was aged sixty-four years. His wife, formerly Miss Gramley, and two daughters survive him.

**MRS. A. L. BARTGES.**

Mrs. A. L. Bartges, of Lyganton, died Monday evening of last week, after a lingering illness, aged fifty-two years. She is survived by her husband and two sons, John and George. The funeral took place Thursday morning following. The services were conducted by Rev. Wetzel of the Reformed church, interment being made at Rebersburg.

**JOHN DELANEY.**

John Delaney, of Bellefonte, at the age of seventy-nine years, died on 13th inst. The deceased came to this country from Ireland in 1852. Later he farmed at Abdera from which place he moved to Bellefonte.

**Approaching Sales.**

The sale of the Bibles, at the residence of J. R. Bible, one mile north of Potters Mills, will take place Saturday Feb. 23.

Friday, March 1, is the date of sale of J. A. Sankey, east of Potters Mills, one of the largest sales of the season.

**Deaths in Nearby Counties.**

Millin: At Menno, Nathaniel Raker, aged 82 years.

In Lewistown, Mrs. Sus M. Threlkeld, wife of George W. Threlkeld, aged 62 years.

**Photographs 10 per Cent. Off.**

On account of the arrival of a baby boy in the family of Photographer W. W. Smith, the price of photographs will be reduced ten per cent. on Friday, at which time he will be at the Centre Hall gallery.

## POSTMISTRESS ARRESTED

**The Mingoville Postmistress Opened Love Letters Out of Curiosity.**

Miss Marion Peters, the pretty eighteen-year-old daughter of Daniel Peters, of Hecla Park, was arrested last week and is now under \$5000 bail for trial at the next term of the United States Court at Pittsburg for tampering with the mails.

Daniel Peters is postmaster at Mingoville. He is also track foreman on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. While engaged at his work on the railroad his daughter, Miss Marion, attended the postoffice, being alone there much of the time.

Some time ago persons living in that locality made the discovery that their letters were being opened and then resealed. Inquiry at the postoffice failed to bring any explanation or stop the evil.

Complaint was then made to the Postoffice Department at Washington, and Inspector W. M. Malone, of the Western Pennsylvania district, was sent there to investigate. It did not take long for the inspector to make the discovery that the mischief was the work of the pretty assistant postmistress. In fact, she was as good as caught in the act of opening letters. Miss Peters was arrested, waived a hearing and was held for trial.

When arrested she admitted her guilt, stating that she just opened the love letters of the young men and women of that community because she liked to see what they wrote. From opening love letters Miss Peters also got to opening business letters and packages, but never kept anything found in them.

## The County Auditors File Their Report.

In addition to the financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of Centre county, which has already been circulated through the county papers, we hereby submit the following auditors' report as it has been filed in the Prothonotary's office. This report shows the healthful condition of the affairs of the county as managed by a Democratic board of commissioners. The report is as follows:

"To the Honorable, the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county."

"The undersigned County Auditors of Centre county, having carefully examined the accounts of the several officers, beg leave to report:

"That the accounts of the Court House on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1901, and continued to the organization of the previous year's session at John W. H. Tibbets, president; John H. Beck, secretary; W. M. Walker, clerk; Forney & Walker, attorneys.

"The accounts of Wm. T. Spier, Treasurer, were first taken up and carefully examined, and after a very careful examination of his various accounts we find a balance due the county of \$14,000.

"The accounts of Daniel Heckman, Philip H. Meyer and Abram V. Miller, County Commissioners, were first taken up and compared with the Treasurer's accounts, and found them virtually correct, and that the county funds have been judiciously expended, and we therefore, unqualifiedly endorse and approve the economical course of reform being inaugurated by the present board of county commissioners."

W. H. YIBBETS, (SEAL), Auditor.  
JOHN H. BECK, (SEAL), Auditor.  
ARCHIE ALLEN, (SEAL), Auditor.  
Attest: W. MILES WALKER, Clerk.

## Rebersburg School.

The Spring Session of this school will begin on April 23, 1901, and continue for nine weeks. Every effort will be made to render satisfaction to both students and parents. For the benefit of those preparing to teach special attention will be given to lectures pertaining to the profession. Books in school, Government, Algebra, etc. Classes in the higher branches, including Latin and Greek, will also be organized. Boarding and first-class rooms can be obtained at reasonable rates. For further information address: H. W. MORRIS, Principal.

## Summer Normal.

A Summer Normal and Academic term will open Monday, April 15th, at Boalsburg and continue for eight weeks. Teachers, preparatory students for college, and others, will find the course adapted to their respective needs. JAS. C. BRYSON, Principal, April 15.

## A NEW IDEA IN CLUBS.

**A Wonderful Organization in Which Every Body Can Join Without Cost.**

"The Current Topics Club" is a new feature which has just been introduced by the great "Philadelphia Press." A large body of experts and specialists in every walk of life has been engaged to furnish to the readers of "The Press," through a current topics department, daily articles of an interesting and informative character. They will cover every field of activity, will be attractive alike to the old and young and in their entirety will form the foundation for a liberal education. There will be one article a day each week, so that every week six important subjects will be treated.

"The Press" considers the organization of the "Current Topics Club" as among the most important of its achievements. It is certain to attract great attention. The only requirement for membership is that you shall be a reader of the "Philadelphia Daily Press."

Miss May Thomas, and Harry Kline were married at the home of the bride in Howard Thursday of last week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Fricke, of the Evangelical church. The bride is a daughter of W. H. Thomas, formerly of Tyrone. The groom is a son of Tyrone, and is a brakeman of the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

## GRANGERS FEAR A HEAVIER TAX LOAD

**Prepared to Fight the Road Bill Framed by Stone's Commission.**

Grangers are fighting the road bill drafted by the State commission appointed by Governor Stone, which is pending in the House and Senate. This measure places the authority of construction of public roads in the control of the Department of Agriculture.

Should this bill become a law, it is estimated that it will increase road taxation 50 per cent., besides creating numerous State offices at high salaries and making room for sixty-eight county engineers. The Grangers will oppose any road bill which will not tax corporate and personal property subject to county taxation for road purposes at the same rate that real estate is taxed.

They are also opposed to the bill creating a Division of Pomology and Horticulture and the numerous other treasury grab bills which have come from the Agricultural Department. The cost of this department during the first year of Secretary Hamilton's administration was \$153,000, or \$27,000 in excess of the expenses of the last year of Secretary Edge's administration.

A meeting of the Legislative committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange was held last week, at which it was decided to oppose any unnecessary increase in the expenses of the Agricultural and all other State departments.

The Grangers have prepared for the information of the House ways and means committee a comparative statement of State and local tax levies, which gives the gross value of each class of property, the amount of taxes paid and the average mill rate computed and compared to enable the committee to formulate a bill which will correct certain gross discriminations against real estate, which is now paying an average rate of sixteen and one-half mills, while corporate and personal property is paying an average of only three mills.

## REDUCED RATES TO WASHINGTON.

**Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Inauguration of President McKinley.**

On account of the inauguration of President McKinley on March 4, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its lines to Washington at rate of one fare for the round trip (minimum rate 50 cents). Tickets will be sold on March 1, 2, and 3, good to return until March 8, inclusive. Tickets will also be sold from Harrisburg and intermediate stations, and from Philadelphia and intermediate stations on March 4. These tickets will be good to stop off at Baltimore and Philadelphia within limit of March 8.

## SIDE TRIPS.

Special side-trip tickets, limited to March 8, will be sold from Washington in connection with above-mentioned tickets, as follows:

Old Point Comfort and return, via all-rail line, \$6.00; Richmond and return, \$4.00.

Via Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company: Old Point Comfort or Norfolk and return, \$3.50; Virginia Beach and return, including transfer through Norfolk, \$4.50.

From Baltimore, via Bay Line or Chesapeake Steamship Company: Norfolk or Old Point Comfort and return, \$3.50; Virginia Beach and return, including transfer through Norfolk, \$4.50.

## Order of Wodan Alarmed.

The Henderson fraternal beneficial society bill, pending in the House, would compel the Order of Modern Woodmen to raise its initiation fee, and would seriously interfere with the rapid growth of the organization in Pennsylvania. The Woodmen have a membership in this State of nearly 100,000, and it is claimed by some of them that certain rival organizations are working to secure its passage.

## Colyer.

Arthur Holdaman visited among his friends at Bellefonte over Sunday.

David Bohn made a flying trip to Centre Hall Tuesday.

Colyer's heading mill opened this week and is running full time.

W. H. Meyer made a business trip to Bellefonte Friday.

There are a great many in this section down with the grip.

Mrs. Frank Wright is improving and there is hope of her recovery.

A member of the Colyer's Mills band is thinking of joining the bandists.

John Horner is working on the Kulp lumber job.

Harry Fleisher, of Centre Hall, will take charge of the Colyer saw mill in the spring.

G. B. Lee is working for E. M. Hayett.

Arthur Holdaman expects to work at the Bellefonte furnace next summer.

Many of the young men of this vicinity are out of work.

The Superior Court sitting at Williamsport reversed the judgment with venire of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, in the case of Thomas vs. Butler.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Julian A. Fleming reports the sale of 5000 pounds of binder twine. At Tamaqua, Pa., last week, water sold at one dollar per barrel and was good stock in trade.

Samuel Frederick, of Farmers Mills, lost a valuable horse Monday. The animal was said to be worth \$150.00. Robert Coldren, of Spring Mills, who had several hemorrhages of the lungs is able to be about again and do light work.

Sleighing Sunday was not very good and poor to Bellefonte. An inch of snow fell Sunday night; Monday morning colder.

James S. Woods, son of J. M. Woods, Esq., of Lewistown, was appointed to a cadetship in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Ten adults were admitted to membership in the Lutheran church Sunday afternoon. Four by certificate, five by confirmation and one by renewal. H. M. Cane, of Spring Mills, Sunday night was attacked with a peculiar but severe pain across his breast, and since that time his condition has been critical.

Gen. James A. Beaver and John M. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, Tuesday started for Tampa, Florida. The gentlemen will also go to Cuba and possibly to Porto Rico.

E. L. Bartholomew has been elected as organist in the Reformed church at this place. He is a young man naturally inclined to music and no doubt will make a junior Paderewski.

The Reporter acknowledges a map of Pennsylvania showing the vote for President in 1901, and population in 1900 by counties, and other valuable information, received from Hon. Wm. M. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tharp, of Pitecair, Pa., who were visiting with the latter's mother, Mrs. Gettig, at Linden Hall, returned to Pitecair on Wednesday, where Mr. Tharp is working for the P. R. R. Co.

Commissioner P. H. Meyer was delayed last week in delivering election supplies in the Phillipsburg districts by a lively horse dying for him. The animal fell dead in his tracks, having shown no previous sickness.

Rev. John Naile has the distinction of being the oldest minister in the Reformed church. He celebrated his one hundredth birthday Tuesday. His home is at Collegeville, Pa. His first charge was at Liverpool, this state.

David Bohn, living on the Sparr farm, near Boalsburg, will have one of the large sales of the season. His stock is composed of eight work horses, nine cows, fourteen head of young stock, hogs, and a lot of good implements.

Joe Stone, of Linden Hall, had his ankle crushed at the Linden Hall lumber company's saw mill recently. He is one of the truckers at the mill. The accident happened at the "wharf," and was caused by the engines running together.

Robert Foreman is nursing one of his hands, on which there is a sore of the nature of a carbuncle. A few months ago his other hand was similarly afflicted, which caused him much pain and annoyance for a considerable length of time.

Rev. F. F. Christine, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian charge in this place, but now living at Elysburg, has received and accepted a call to the charge at Harden, Shelby county, Ohio, and will go to that place about the last of March.

The leading article in McClure's Magazine for March will be a character study of Edward the Seventh, written by George W. Smalley, the American correspondent of the London Times; and illustrated by a remarkable collection of photographs.

Thomas Swartz, of Tusseyville, Monday morning returned from Spring Mills with a broken sleigh shaft, which no doubt was caused by an "up-set." Cupid is drawing his bow and pointing his arrow directly at the young man referred to, and if he lets go the hearts of two will beat as one.

B. W. Ripka, of Centre Hill, who recently returned from Chambersburg where he took a course in the Chambersburg Business College, made a call at the Reporter office Saturday. Any one needing the services of a young man for office work will find Mr. Ripka abundantly equipped to fill the position.

Caslo Yeager was scalded on the face and one arm by the explosion of a coffee pot. He was at work in Reidsville painting, and set his coffee pot, which was a molasses can with a tight lid, on a register to warm. When it began to boil he pushed it off the register, when it exploded, throwing steam and hot coffee over him.