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EDITORIAL.

DEWEY--MCKINLEY.

The signal victory of the American fleet at Manila will be recorded in history and the name of Dewey will be written along side that of Perry, Farragut, Paul Jones and other great famous American seamen. This decisive victory over the Spanish fleets clearly demonstrates the merit of American tact, skill and ingenuity over that of the haughty ignorance of the proud Spaniard.

In less than two hours Commodore Dewey disposed of the problem that confronted him. It was desperate, daring, quick, decisive. There was no dilly-dallying about him. The White House had no strings tied to him after he was forced to leave Hong Kong. He had no time for the McKinley-peaceful-blockade system. But like a daring sea-devil he cut loose with his thunderbolts and the stars and stripes now proudly float over the Philippines. It was a glorious victory, it was complete—all that could have been expected. It was a glorious vindication of the "Maine" and a triumph for the American navy.

When we consider the brilliant achievements of Commodore Dewey, and then turn to the course pursued about the island of Cuba, the average American feels humiliated. Two weeks have passed by and no provisions or troops have been landed on the island. Our standing army should have been there ten days ago and our formidable fleet should have reduced every fortification on the island by this time. That would have been the aggressive manner of disposing of this matter. Americans don't want any trifling or monkey-business when it comes to such a conflict.

The President is pursuing directly the opposite policy. He has established a peaceful blockade about Cuba. Our navy is engaged in chasing fishing smacks, while the thousands of reconcentrados are starving for the want of food and the Spanish forces are actively engaged in strongly fortifying the seaport towns and surrounding the principal cities with formidable intrenchments.

We always maintained that President McKinley was lacking in courage—aggressive Americanism. Peaceful blockades and peace-at-any-price have become the disgrace of his administration. Dilly-dallying, hesitating, he is the humiliating spectacle of a small man at the head of a great nation in a crisis.

A PREACHER IN JAIL.

Centre county can boast of a curiosity—a preacher in jail. This is a humiliating spectacle and proves that shams invade all professions and callings. It is not necessarily a reflection on the ministry that a scoundrel has been brought to justice and the ministerial robes pulled off a polluted, lecherous bound. There was a Judas Iscariot among the twelve apostles, and even so it is probable to find an occasional fraud standing in the pulpit and pretending to point the way to the better land. These men are human and capable of falling from grace.

The ministry is not exempt from frauds, and when one is found it is just that he should be unmasked and punished like all other offenders. The conviction of Rev. Erdman, and his imprisonment, while an unfortunate circumstance, is a benefit to society and church. Such a man can do great injury to the cause of religion and is a foul ulcer in any community. His crime is greater than that of the ordinary individual. Standing in the pulpit and ministering the sacraments, he pretended to be an exemplary man. His very calling was to point out the wickedness of the world, and by voice and life to lead his people from sin and the gross immoralities of the race.

Rev. Erdman was a mischief in the pulpit. It was a misfortune that he ever was clothed with the authority of the church. Now that he has received his just reward, the church is purified to that extent and society has the benefit of his conviction and imprisonment.

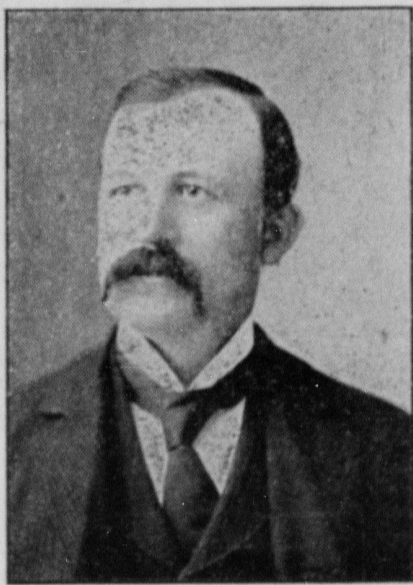
The fact that after his first prosecution, he immediately deserted his faithful wife and her six children to again follow his illegal paramour to Lock Haven, shows that he cared not for consequences, lost all respect for his wife and little ones at home, and indicates that in him there is no sense of honor or shame—only a low, brutal, polluted, lecherous cur.

His family is better without him, the church has been cleansed of a foul blot, and his crime has been partially avenged by the courts. Upon the expiration of his sentence he should be notified to forever leave the community or be in danger of a coat of tar and feathers and being strung up to the nearest telegraph pole.

AMONG OUR CANDIDATES.

While most of our people are absorbed in the war problem, we must not lose sight of the fact that important duties devolve upon us at home. It should not be overlooked that in a few weeks, Saturday June 11th, the democratic primaries will be held throughout the county and on the following Tuesday the county convention will be assembled in Bellefonte to nominate a complete ticket and transact other important business.

The offices to be voted for at the primaries will be instructions for congress, state senate, two assemblymen, probate, county and district attorney. Many of the candidates seeking the various positions have made a careful canvass of the county. Others may not be known to the voters of the county. Under these circumstances it was thought that a faithful portrait of each candidate, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch will prove of interest at this time. An effort has been made to secure the portraits of all the candidates, and in cases any should fail to appear between this and the primaries, the candidate himself will be to blame for neglecting to furnish the same.



(FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.)
N. B. SPANGLER, Esq., of Bellefonte.

Mr. Spangler, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Spangler, of Tusseyville, was born and reared in Potter township, and attended the common schools and academies of that vicinity. Later he took a commercial course in Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For a number of years he taught school and in 1889 he entered the law office of O. B. & O. as a law student. In addition to this he took up typewriting and stenography as a means of earning a livelihood. In 1892 Mr. Spangler passed a satisfactory examination and was admitted to the bar. From Secretary of the Democratic County Committee he was advanced to Chairman during the years 1895 and 1896, which position he filled in an acceptable manner. Mr. Spangler is one of the promising young men of the legal profession and capable of discharging the duties of District Attorney, if chosen by his party and the people.



(FOR ASSEMBLY.)
A. C. THOMPSON, of Halfmoon.

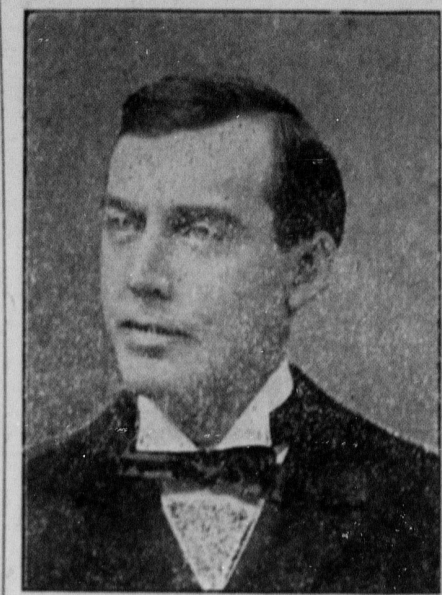
The subject of this sketch no doubt is familiar to many of our readers, principally as a school teacher and representative for school supplies, and recently candidate for Assembly. He is a son of Andrew J. Thompson, dec'd., of Stormstown, Halfmoon township. Received his education at the common schools and Pine Grove Academy. At the age of 18 he began teaching school and has been employed two years in Union, four in Rush, and the past three years was Principal of the schools at Snow Shoe. During the past seven years he has devoted his spare time to school matters. John Thompson, years ago an ex-scholar of this county, is his grandfather.

Mr. Thompson has an extensive acquaintance over the county; he is well versed in public affairs and no doubt would make an efficient member of Assembly.

(FOR ASSEMBLY.)
ROBERT McCAY FOSTER, of State College.

There are few persons over Centre county who are not acquainted with Hon. R. M. Foster, of State College, one of the recent democratic legislators of Centre county. Mr. Foster was born Nov. 14th, 1860, at the old Foster homestead in State College. At this institution he received his education, after which he accepted a position with Smith, Foster & Co., Philadelphia, as book-keeper. At present he is engaged in the mercantile

business and has important real estate interests at that place. In 1896 Mr. Foster was elected to the House of Representatives.



representatives, and is a member of the Soldier's Orphan Commission.

THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

The Spaniards are unable to understand a feeling like that which has prompted the United States to intervene. The high motive which inspires America is far beyond their comprehension. It is to them a thing incredible that a nation should deliberately go to war to deliver human beings from oppression, to take barbarians by the throat and say to them: "No longer shall you starve and kill and ravage!"

The humane impulse long ago vanished from the breasts of Spaniards. They know nothing of its meaning. Hence they see in the interference of the United States nothing but a war for territorial extension. Judging Americans by themselves, they regard as false the solemn declaration of congress that the United States "disclaims any disposition or intervention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination when that is accomplished to leave the government and control of the island to its people."

The Spaniards declare that the United States is pursuing predetermined plans to acquire Cuba. They can conceive of no higher motive. The outcome will un deceive them. They will see that the Great Republic is prepared to spend its blood and treasure in order to abate an intolerable scandal of misgovernment and to strike a blow in behalf of civil and political liberty. There could be no nobler reason of war. No conflict could be carried on with higher motives.

FROM ARMENIA.

This is the translation of an editorial in the New York Armenian weekly, Drickris (Tigris), of April 25: "War! War! War! This is the Universal cry. The sun of victory and glory will soon arise upon America. Old Uncle Sam, like a young man of twenty, has set to work with courage and energy. His brawny arms are stretching toward tortured Cuba. At sight of this merciless Spaniard will fold his hangman's flag and, tucking it in his bosom, will return to Europe. Where the weak and oppressed is, there is right; and where right is, there is victory. After the massacres in Armenia we were compelled to come to the sad conclusion that the word 'right' had been abolished from earth, and 'force' had put in its place. The mercenary powers of Europe permitted barbarism to crush the hapless Armenians, while they themselves washed their hands like Pilate; and some also wanted to crucify us. Yes! Justice and Right are crucified, but they die only to rise again. And in this resurrection Uncle Sam is the angel who rolls away the stone from the tomb. All honor and glory to a nation that will shed her blood in the name of oppressed justice!"

OUR ARMY'S BOARD BILL.

The cost of sustaining the regular and the volunteer force just raised is enormous. Officers have reported to Secretary Alger that the estimate for subsistence is 20 cents per day per man. This for an army of 185,000 (which is the consolidated force of 60,000 and 125,000 volunteers) will amount to \$37,000 per day. It has been recognized that the estimates prepared must not contemplate the maintenance of an army for a less period than one year. This means a cost of sustenance alone during that period of \$12,505,000. Another item as gigantic in its proportions is that of quartermasters' supplies. The principal items include 125,000 blankets, 100,000 forage caps, 400,000 suits of underwear, 500,000 yards of duck for tents, 800,000 yards of flannel, 175,000 hats, 750,000 yards of kersey cloth, 500,000 mosquito head nets, 150,000 rubber pouches, 200,000 pairs of shoes and 250,000 pairs of stockings.

Will Go as Chaplain.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage has announced his intention of going to the front as a chaplain. His son, Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage, of Chicago, is chaplain of the Second regiment of the Illinois National Guard, and may be ordered South some time next week.

—THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT and weekly Pittsburg Post, one year for \$1.50.

COMPANY B AT MT. GRETTA.

CAMP D. H. HASTINGS,
MT. GRETTA, PA., MAY 1, 1898.
Ed. Democrat—The Fifth Regiment, Col. Theodore Burchfield commanding, of which Co. B is a part, arrived at Camp Daniel H. Hastings (Mt. Gretna) at five o'clock on Thursday morning, having had an all night's ride, and at 5:45 a. m. it began to snow and kept that up until about the middle of the afternoon, when it turned into rain and kept that up till Friday noon. A very cold wind was blowing, making it most disagreeable for the boys. The regiment disembarked from the cars at once upon its arrival and the boys made the best of it and marched upon the hill near to the place where they would probably camp, and built camp fires, thus having their first experience of a real military camp and a camp fire; and around these each company gathered to keep themselves warm until the tents were brought in, and of course Company B, as usual, had the best fire having succeeded in getting the most wood from a large pile in the field and had the pleasure of having the regimental officers gathered around them.

The tents getting in at about ten o'clock the boys at once began pitching tent. Company B's mess tent was the first tent pitched on the Fifth Regiment's camp ground. The pitching of tents was cold and disagreeable work, but in a few hours the "White City" was put in shape. The Fifth Regiment was the first infantry on the grounds, batteries A and B and Sheridan troops only having preceded it, the troops being in process of disembarking from their train when the Fifth Regiment pulled into Gretna Park. The Fifth was closely followed by other infantry regiments, and by nightfall on Thursday evening, the entire National Guard of Pennsylvania were in Camp Daniel H. Hastings.

By the time tents were pitched the company's tents were in a literal mortar and of course, were unfit for occupancy, and no floors for the same, but boys of Company B built a fire in each tent trying to dry them out, but it was discovered that it would not be advisable for the men to occupy them and arrangements were made for the entire company to sleep in the mess tent, where the stove had been set up and a fire kept up all night.

On Saturday the Capt. and all of the men moved out of the mess tent and into their own quarters. Saturday and Sunday were ideal camp days. Saturday was devoted to drilling, but to-day (Sunday) nothing was done save Brigade dress parade at six o'clock. Sunday forenoon the entire regiment attended divine services, conducted by the Chaplain Rev. Mr. Hartman, of Altoona, the choir being furnished by the drum corps.

Company B is the color company of the regiment, and to-night at dress parade turned out the largest quota of men. There has been no sickness in the company and only one case of a man being compelled to drop out at drill, being private Samuel Solt, overcome by heat, who was soon around again and as good as ever.

There were no provisions issued from the Commissary Department to the men until Friday, and on Friday morning Lieut. Jackson, Sergt. Gettig, the Treasurer of the company, and Corporal Lose, Morrison and Keeler went to Lebanon and bought provisions from the funds realized at the 3rd annual ball, held on the 17th of February last. Since then everything is in good shape and the men are living as good as though they were at home. Every member of Company B appreciates the hearty "God-speed" given to them on their departure from Bellefonte, and it is the desire of all, and it will be inspiring to the men to know that wherever they may be or whatever they may be called upon to do that they have the strongest support from their friends at home, who can rest assured that they will never be ashamed of the actions of Company B. We have the best quarters in camp, as the tents of the officers and men are floored, Capt. Taylor having bought the lumber, and is a very desirous of the health of his men. Company B is always first on the field, and this evening in the Brigade formation for attack, the company was the first in position and proved that Capt. Taylor understands his business, and that his company can get into position promptly.

The immense demonstration accorded at Bellefonte, on our departure for the front, was but the beginning of one continuous ovation all along the line. When our train ran into the East Tyrones yards, every engine in sight let loose, and every whistle in Tyrones, bells and fire engines made all the noise possible; likewise at Huntingdon, and Lewistown at twelve o'clock at night. We left Tyrones at ten o'clock, on third section of the main line train.

It is reported in camp to-day (Sunday) that the mustering officers will be here to muster the men into the United States service, and the majority of the men will enlist, and all of Company B I think, unless knocked out by a physical examination. The men of Company B are all in good spirits.

The following orders were issued on Friday for the order of this camp—A. M.—First call, 5:25; Reveille, 5:30; Police call, 6:00; Mess call, 6:30; Sick call, Guard mounting, 8:00; Drill, 8:30. M—

Mess call, 12:00. P. M.—Drill 2:00; Parade, 6:00; Mess call, 7:00; Retreat, Sunset, 7:50. Taps, 10:00. Roll call at reveille and Tattoo. The following orders were issued to Capt. Taylor, Sunday evening, to increase his company to eighty men, but no time has been fixed, to consist of—1 Captain, 1 First Lieutenant, 1 Second Lieutenant, 1 First Sergeant, 1 Quartermaster Sergeant, 4 Sergeants, 12 Corporals, 2 musicians, 1 Artificer, 1 Wagoner, 55 Privates.

Among the numerous visitors to camp, were the following: Capt. W. F. Reber, Mr. and Mrs. John Meese, Col. Spangler, Col. Coburn, John J. Bower, Allen Rumberger, William Flack, H. G. DeSylvia, these were among the most prominent ones. Miller Hess and S. M. Graham, of Phillipsburg, arrived here this morning and at once enlisted in the company.

A Circus Coming.
On May 10th Ringling Bros. big circus will visit Bellefonte and a great day in town may be expected. The agent who was here on Wednesday says they have 58 cars. It is a western circus and this is its first trip through the East.

Spring Time Is Here.
So is Spring's Sarasaparilla for the Blood. Guaranteed better than the best. For sale at Kruminer's Pharmacy.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

ASSEMBLY.
We are authorized to announce J. H. Wetzel, Esq., of Bellefonte, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce H. M. Foster, of State College, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce John O. Miles, of Huston township, a candidate for the nomination for Legislature, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce A. C. Thompson, of Half Moon township, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce Geo. W. Koch, of Potter township, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
We are authorized to announce William G. Runkle, Esq. of Bellefonte, Pa., a candidate for the nomination for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce N. B. Spangler, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the nomination for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

PROTHONOTARY.
We are authorized to announce H. A. McKee, of Spring township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce M. J. Gardner, of Bellefonte, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce Robert F. Hunter, of the North Ward of Bellefonte, a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce A. J. Fletcher, of Waikie township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce David R. Foreman, of Potter township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

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Mercantile Appraisement for 1898.

The vendors of foreign and domestic merchandise will take notice that they are appraised and classified by the undersigned, a member of the mercantile and other license tax, for the year 1898, as follows:

Class.	Name.	Place.	Business.	Val.
M	Almaz F. A.	Aronson, merchant.	75	
M	Mench R.	merchant.	75	
M	Phillip W. H.	merchant.	75	
M	Stover C. H.	grocer.	75	
M	Miller W. H. & Co.	Axson, merchant.	75	
M	Keens J. A.	Bellefonte, merchant.	75	
M	Anderson John	Billards, pool	40	
M	Anderson John	restaurant.	50	
M	Harris J. W. H. & Co.	tailor.	75	
M	Bauer V. J.	books & sh.	25	
M	Bauer J. N. & Co.	merchant.	75	
M	Brachfeld W. R.	tailor.	75	
M	Hugh G. H.	tailor.	75	
M	Bush Mrs. L.	grocer.	75	
M	Bald F. P. & Co.	weavers.	75	
M	Joseph Bros & Co.	merchant.	75	
M	Blackford G. I.	restaurant.	75	
M	Coxey W. C.	grocer.	75	
M	Conder Joseph	confectioner.	75	
M	Cruse A. J.	tailor.	75	
M	Croner F. B. & Son	lumber.	75	
M	Dunbar J. G.	implements.	75	
M	Febble M. & Son	grocers.	75	
M	Gillen E. J.	tailor.	75	
M	Green F. P.	druggist.	75	
M	Herman H. M.	clothing.	75	
M	Gerberich Hal & Co.	grocer.	75	
M	Garrich John	merchant.	75	
M	Harris J. & Co.	hardware.	75	
M	Harris J. W. H.	grocer.	75	
M	Irwin Dan & Son	hardware.	75	
M	Jenkins H. E.	confectioner.	75	
M	Joseph Bros & Co.	merchant.	75	
M	Kurtz W. N.	stationer.	75	
M	Katz & Co. Ltd.	merchant.	75	
M	Kramertine Bros	druggists.	75	
M	Lewin Saml. Agt.	clothing.	75	
M	Lyon & Co.	merchant.	75	
M	Larimer R. Agt.	grocer.	75	
M	Miller W. H.	books.	75	
M	McCure James I.	guns, harness.	75	
M	McGuire J. A.	tailor.	75	
M	Magle J. M.	books.	75	
M	Meece John	merchant.	75	
M	Montgomery & Co.	clothing.	75	
M	McDonald & Co.	coal, impls.	75	
M	Magnig F. E.	tailor.	75	
M	Otto H.	tailor.	75	
M	Peck C. M.	books.	75	
M	Peck H. W.	books.	75	
M	Phoenix Mill	grain, etc.	75	
M	Phibbs Bros	grocer.	75	
M	Reese G. W.	grocer.	75	
M	Richards F. C. S.	jewellers.	75	
M	Rowe E. C.	furniture.	75	
M	Remourne J. T.	grocer.	75	
M	Rhodes E. R.	coal & grain.	75	
M	Shaffer & Son	grocers.	75	
M	Spigelmeyer B.	merchant.	75	
M	Sourbeck F. B.	confectioner.	75	