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### EDITORIAL.

#### MCKINLEY'S MESSAGE.

The President does not take the people of the United States into his confidence in his message. It was awaited with intense interest. Its reading will be a disappointment, for there is absolutely nothing in it bearing on the questions about which the American people are now most earnestly concerned and everywhere debating. All discussion of "the government or the nature of the new possessions which will come to us as the result of our war with Spain" the President defers until after the treaty is ratified. That is all. It may be by the 4th of March, but is more likely to follow an extra session of the Senate some time next summer. The conquered territory will remain under military government.

The administration presents itself as aimless and purposeless in the very matters the people expected a clear and defined policy should be put forth. Certainly the President must have opinions—his sources of information are better than any other or all others combined. Why not have given the people light as to the policies the administration proposes or holds in reserve? Asiatic annexation no one questions is the most important issue presented to the American people since secession. It is what the people are everywhere considering in all the avenues of public debate or private discussion. Opinions are everywhere forming. Yet President McKinley has not a word to say. This either means contempt of public opinion or timid evasion of duty, or incapacity and lack of courage to declare a line of policy meeting in some way or other the demands of a perilous situation. The people are just as much in the dark after this message as they were before it was sent in, and on questions that in a free government they have a supreme right to be informed and consulted. The President found time and space to congratulate the girl queen of Holland on a monarchical function, but not to inform the American people what is in store for them in the way of colonial expansion or imperialism. Ten or twelve dreary columns are taken up with a history of the war, better presented in other documents, or with the usual routine resume of ancient facts, but not a syllable or line that throws light on what most concerns the American people.

Imagine if you can Lincoln, or Grant, or Hayes, or Arthur, or Cleveland, or Harrison, with such tremendous questions impending as are now facing the American people, evading all presentation or discussion of them. It is the device of a weak political trimmer, who, as Andrew Carnegie put it, appears incapable of forming or maintaining decided opinions, or putting forth a bold, manly and courageous National policy.—Post.

#### GORDON AND M'CLURE.

Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, and Colonel McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, have locked horns in a newspaper controversy, in which neither one is spared at the hands of the other. Judge Gordon having retired from the bench now eagerly takes the opportunity to score the veteran editor in language as vigorous and caustic as has been employed against him by the Times, both in a political and professional way. He accuses McClure of wasting his substance over the gaming table and of having been the leader of a number of legislative bribe takers while in public life at Harrisburg. He accuses him of doing his utmost to defame the judiciary of Philadelphia, and of being a defaulter to the People's bank to the extent of \$35,000.

Of course, Editor McClure denies the allegations in language as caustic as that employed by Judge Gordon, and goes one better in saying that had Judge Gordon not retired he would have been dishonorably dismissed. It is a delightful controversy, and the public will be interested to follow it through, as both are no doubt vulnerable to a certain extent and each has in possession a shaft keen and bitter enough to pierce the other to the quick. Let the merry war go on. It will make interesting reading.

THE immense sums of money for war expenses, new pensions, and increased military strength, are opening the eyes of our people. Military glory is nice to talk about, but awfully expensive.

THE Spaniards are getting out of Cuba at a lively pace. General Lee with 25,000 men will soon occupy the island.

### AN INTERESTING STORY.

The surrender of Santiago has been laid to the charge of the Spanish commander, General Toral, because he lost his nerve. His force was as large, had ample supplies, was the rick of the Spanish army, and in some respects—particularly that of smokeless powder and being on the defensive—was better equipped than Shafter's army. It is well known Shafter came near losing his nerve, and would have ordered the army back to the coast but for the energetic protest of General Wheeler. He had telegraphed such a purpose to Washington. In this connection the annexed story told by a Havana correspondent is of much interest:

Apropos of Captain General Blanco's departure, there is told an interesting detail relating to the Santiago campaign. Forty-eight hours before the city of Santiago surrendered a well-known banker came to the palace with an important message. It was General Shafter's message, the one sent to Washington, saying that the American position was indefensible, and that he would have to retreat about five miles. When General Blanco read the copy of the message, which had been brought to him he said: "I cannot believe that this is true. What is the proof?" "You can receive no proof beyond my word that this is a genuine copy of a dispatch to me, giving information of what General Shafter has done." "Why cannot I have that original dispatch?" inquired General Blanco. "Because to exhibit the signature would involve a neutral power in this war," was the response. General Blanco regarded the information as incredible; his advice direct from the governor of Santiago were quite different; and he was soon convinced that the telegram was false—for here was Santiago surrendering! This is a true story.

There is nothing improbable in this. It was in all the newspaper offices in the country in dispatches from the army on that Saturday night that Shafter had advised that the army fall back. An army officer is authority if this had been attempted the Americans would have been cut to pieces in the narrow defiles and mountain gorges running to the coast. If Toral lost his nerve, Shafter had a similar attack for a time, and Blanco at Havana was troubled with incredulity and refused to accept and act on the real facts of the situation. If positions had been reversed and Wheeler, Lawson or Roosevelt had commanded the Americans, there would have been no surrender of Santiago, and an investing Spanish army would have been driven pell-mell and destroyed in an endeavor to reach the coast.

The whitewashing commission has evaded making plain our narrow escape at Santiago, resulting from Algerism in the army, but Congress should take up the investigation and make thorough inquiry and impartial report, with the thought only of getting at the truth, no matter who or where it hits. Representative Sulzer, the democratic leader on the committee on military affairs, yesterday introduced a resolution for such investigation by the military committee of the House, of which Hull, of Iowa, is chairman.—Post.

#### WHERE FARMERS PROSPER.

From the Baltimore Sun  
In a letter to the London Times in reference to the constitutional conflict between Norway and Sweden, Dr. Nasen, the Arctic explorer, made some statements as to the prosperity of Norwegian agriculture that deserve the attention of the farmers of Maryland, Virginia and Delaware. While land has been falling in value everywhere else in Europe since 1878, owing to the competition of American grain, it has been rising in Norway. Norwegian farmers are exceedingly prosperous. Not because Norway produces grain in large quantities at low cost. On the contrary, Norway imports much of the grain it consumes.

The secret of it is that the farmers of Norway have engaged in more profitable branches of agriculture. They have turned cheap grain to their advantage. They have taken to grazing and dairy farming, and export large quantities of butter, cheese, condensed milk, etc. "Foreign competition far from having impoverished the peasants of Norway," says Dr. Nasen, "has, on the contrary, given the impulse to prosperity and development of their farming." Similarly the farmers of Atlantic states are in a position to live cheaply on western grain, while producing for nearby city markets the fruits, berries, garden truck, etc., which sell for high prices. Because what is profitable one year too many put their land in wheat every year, with the result that they contribute to an overproduction of wheat and reduction of its price. Wheat has ceased to be a reliable money crop for the Atlantic states, in view of the larger facilities of the far west. The same is to be said of corn. It is all very well to grow what little is needed for consumption on the farm to avoid buying it, but for a money crop the farmer should not rely on the old staples. Such as live in easy reach of city markets have an advantage, rather than a disadvantage, in the cheapness of grain, if they are shrewd enough to grow things that sell at higher prices.

QUAY is having plenty of trouble preparing for his trial in Philadelphia and to gobble up enough votes to secure his return to the U. S. Senate.

### REMARKABLE ADVENTURES.

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This gun, to his mind, is almost human, and he fairly worships it. One incident alone will suffice. Once on a hunt, he snapped at a large deer, but the cap only exploded. He took it from his shoulder to replace a new cap, and the deer started to run. While lying in his arm, the gun of its own accord, without aim or assistance, fired and the ball went fair into the centre of the deer's skull, killing it on the spot. To this day, the reputation of this gun is known throughout Curtin and Liberty townships. So accurate is its work that old marksmen in that community withdraw from a shootingmatch as soon as Mr. DeLong and his gun are in evidence. The assurance of their absence is always necessary to induce men to enter such a contest. Time and space only prevent us from writing more about Mr. DeLong and his remarkable experiences.

At the conclusion of the conversation, to dispel any lingering doubt that might be in the writer's mind as to any of the above incidents, and to confirm his statements, Mr. DeLong gave as reference the late Hon. John A. Daley, who is a near neighbor in the same community and is personally conversant with all of the above and could corroborate his every statement. Therefore he must have told the truth. Tom S. DeLong, the hero of these adventures, as said before, is a school teacher residing at Romola, and will be at Teacher's Institute here in two weeks, when he will cheerfully verify the above, if necessary. His reputation for truth and veracity is one of his distinguishing traits of character. Though young in years, like a patriarch of old, he has assembled about him an abundant posterity for whom he lives an exemplary life. Although the glow of youth is in his countenance and still in the full vigor of manhood, one must not mistake that barren, sparkling waste, that adorns his intellectual dome, as a mark of declining years; instead, it is only the double assurance of his moral rectitude and an unmistakable proof of early piety.

THE President's message is remarkable for what it omits.

#### OFFICIAL VOTE IN THE STATE.

Stone's Plurality Over Jenks for Governor is 117,612.

The official returns of the late election in Pennsylvania were computed at the State Department. Beaver was the last county to send in its returns, and delayed the count more than the soldier returns. Stone's plurality over Jenks is 117,612. The following is the official vote on the State ticket:

GOVERNOR.	
William A. Stone.....	469,834
George A. Jenks.....	352,222
Silas C. Swallow.....	131,537
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.	
J. P. S. Gobin.....	505,283
William H. Snowden.....	351,281
E. D. Nichols.....	66,930
SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.	
James W. Latta.....	514,609
Patrick Delaney.....	348,999
S. W. Dickson.....	58,423
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.	
William W. Porter.....	526,945
William D. Porter.....	517,036
William Trickett.....	412,584
Calvin M. Bower.....	384,504
CONGRESS AT-LARGE.	
Galusha A. Grow.....	532,848
Samuel A. Davenport.....	520,773
Frank F. Jams.....	350,213
Jerry N. Weiler.....	357,481

THE way Judge Gordon and Alec McClure have been exchanging complimentary notices in the Philadelphia papers is entertaining. It is well for the public to have an in-sight of the men who wish to pose as political sages and leaders. McClure and Gordon are two of a kind.

CONGRESS will likely investigate for itself the abuses during the Spanish War, and there will not be any whitewash about it either.

GOV-ELECT STONE is straining every effort to "make sure of Quay's re-election. All appointments will be made with that object in view.

#### Good News from Altoona.

The Pennsylvania railroad car shops at Altoona have received an order for the construction of 1,000 freight cars. The locomotive shops are running twelve hours a day on present orders and repair work.

#### Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by P. Potts Green, druggist.

### SECOND WEEK OF NOV. COURT

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had the body of the man, found there and buried in the Mont View cemetery, exhumed and identified it in the presence of a Mr. Kemmer, the sexton of the cemetery, as his son, George Mc. Potter—he and the sexton each taking a lock of hair off the corpse, while were produced in court. The next day the body was again exhumed in the presence of Mr. J. F. Davis, the defendants' agent, and again exhumed on November 1st, 1898, in the presence of Mr. Potter and his wife, and both identified it as the body of their son. But at all these exhumations the flesh had considerably fallen off the neck and face, exposing the facial bones, but the scalp and the balance of the body was intact, and the body was lying in considerable water. The coroner, Dr. E. B. Burdick, who held the inquest on the body of the murdered man at Olean, in Catawagus county, N. Y., swore that the body was found in a clump of woods one mile south of Olean on the 10th day of June, 1894, and might have been there from ten to twenty days, and that the side of his face exposed had been eaten considerably by insects, and that the body was that of an American, and from a picture taken of George Mc. Potter when he was about 11 years old and one taken when 20 and a member of the graduating class of 1890 of the Bellefonte High School, he recognized the dead man's body as that of George Mc. Potter. The defendants admitted that the insured has disappeared and has not been heard of since, but that the death has not been sufficiently proven, and the body of the murdered man at Olean is not that of the insured but is the body of a foreigner, and probably a Finlander. When the body was found it was lying on the side, and about thirty feet from the body was a razor blade and a lead pencil, and close to the body were some letters written in the Finnish language. The undertaker swore that when he got to the body one ear was gone and that on the other ear was a small ring which he cut out with his scalpel; and further, they produced witnesses claiming to have seen George Mc. Potter at Cross Forks as late as the 4th day of June, 1894. The case was hotly contested by both sides and went to the jury at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$1,755.55, being the full amount of the policy with interest.

Hiram M. Goodman, administrator of, etc., of Emma C. Goodman, deceased, vs. John P. Condo, H. H. Montgomery, William Gares, John L. Dunlap, James Corneily and Joseph Rightmour; summons in trespass, plea not guilty. This case grows out of the famous Eitlinger tragedy at Woodward, in March, 1896, when the Goodman property, then occupied by Wm. R. Eitlinger, was burned down to dislodge Mr. Eitlinger. It is to recover the value of buildings destroyed. Three cases have been instituted—one against the sheriff and deputies, which is now on trial. The others are against the sheriff and his bondsmen and the county. Orvis, Bower & Orvis appeared for Mrs. Goodman, the plaintiff; and J. C. Meyer and J. M. Dale for the sheriff.

The case will be fully reported next week.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the honorable judge of the court of quarter sessions of the peace in and for the county of Centre, November session, 1898.

We respectfully report that we have acted upon sixteen bills of indictment and one bridge view. Nine bills were found true and seven ignored.

We beg, further, to report that we have visited and inspected the county buildings and our observations prompt the following suggestions:

That more comfortable chairs should be placed in the grand jury room. We further recommend that the hall, stairway and kitchen at the sheriff's house need re-papering; and the jail stable needs general repairing, as well as spouting.

We found all the offices in the court house in fair condition, but recommend that a wire screen be placed in the treasurer's office. We respectfully tender our thanks to the honorable judge and district attorney for their courtesy and for assistance rendered during our deliberations. W. W. ROYER, Foreman.

Killed a Large Bear.  
Elmer Embick a Sugar Valley hunter while hunting in Gottschall's hollow Friday came across a large bear which he shot and killed. The bear weighed over 300 pounds.

Hotel Sold.  
J. Emory McGowan has purchased the city hotel, in Tyrone, from Charles Woodin, for \$15,000. Mr. Woodin retained the livery stable.

### Salt Rheum

Intense Suffering—Could Not Sleep—Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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A WORD OF WARNING—There are many white soaps, each represented to be "just as good as the Ivory"; they ARE NOT, but like all counterfeits, lack the peculiar and remarkable qualities of the genuine. Ask for "Ivory" Soap and insist upon getting it.

The Reason. Why is it a boy of twenty can run a mile or ascend a flight of steps three at a time, while his sister of the same age can't run a hundred yards or walk a flight of steps without becoming exhausted? It is easy to answer this question? Of corset is. —Cut prices on Holiday goods at —Good shoes, cheap, Powers Shoe Co.

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12 " " " "	7.20
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