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The Avoca and Moosic Alliance will hold a day of meetings on Thursday, Dec. 9, at the home of Miss Mary Hastie. Mrs. A. C. Morrow, of New York, editor of the Sunday School Illustrator. will be present and give Bible talks at 10 a. m. and 2.30 and 7.30 p. m. Evedybody welcome;

New York Commercial-Advertiser. The hopeful feature of the Cuban situa tion is the obvious sincerity of General Bianco's purpose to do all in his power to pacify the Island and to satisfy public opinion in the United States. There is good evidence of this in his stout main tenance of the right of autonomous Cuba in the release of the Competitor prison-crs, and in the general mildness of his administration. This, taken together with peaceful and reasonable disposition of the president, is guaranty that the na-tions will not be burried into a position painful and difficult to both Sagasta and Blanco have given the president good grounds for a firm policy in restraint of congressional arilor for demonstration of humano sympathy and national self-as

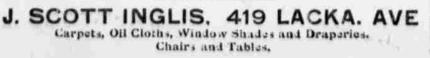
monitor between spain and China will be done. But the daily march of events makes it only more clear that Sprin, Cuba and the United States, Sagasta, Blanco and McKinley, are in the grasp of economic and so ial forces which can-not be resisted or impeded, and which make for separation between Sprin and Cuba. The plan for autonomy has been declared, and it must be assumed that it is the most liberal the Madrid govern-Is the most merrar the Madrid govern-ment can grant without exciling a revo-lution in Catalonia. But it assures Span-ish control of the provincial parliament through the power of appointment to the upper house, and it routins a preferential tariff of 25 per curt, in favor of Spain. Moreover, it does not touch the question of what is called the Cuban deby now an of what is called the Cuban debt, now no less than \$500,000,000.

This has been accepted by the lead-re of the insignificant party of logal au-onomists, but it has been rejected by the tonomistics, but it has been rejected by the insumments, with promise of the death of a sity or trailor to any Spaniard who shall propose, or any Cuban who shall listen to it. But if it were accepted by all, this plan could not bring peace and prosperity to Cuba. It does nothing to abate the social and economic pressure for separation. It leaves Cuban indus-ity and trade impoverished by tribute to Spanish manufactures and commerce and by the extravagance and commerce and by the extravagance and corruption of Bronish administration, and crushed un-der the weight of Spanish debt. This means ruin and bankruptey for Cuban planters and traders, and starvation and despair for the Cuban people. Were ex-ery political motive to separation reed, the Spanish connection could not endure on this basis.

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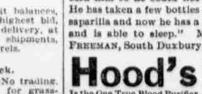
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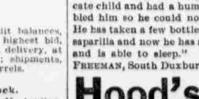
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