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SCRANTON, FEBRUARY 6, 1902.

REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

Controller-EVAN R. MORRIS. Election February 15.

Just what is back of the flurry in downward Lackawanna and Western stock remains to be disclosed. Undoubtedly there is a "hen on. The fact that the stock is in demand, however, is enough to satisfy Scranton.

The Lesson.

THE CONFESSION of Mrs. Soffel that her offense arose from sympathy, and not from sympathy, is credible. But it contains a lesson. The access given by many jail administrations to women afflicted with manly sentiments for condemned criminals is something that can easily be remedied.

The Antis' Disappointed.

UNLESS the anti-imperialists can impeach either the veracity or the intelligence of Judge Taft, their case is gone. The purpose of his testimony is clear out in its denial of the premises upon which the opponents of the administration are building.

Business Failures.

IN THE YEAR 1901, according to Bradstreet, 10,648 American traders became embarrassed, with debts amounting to \$130,169,678 and assets of only \$61,098,831, a gain, in numbers, of 7.4 per cent over the record for 1900, but yet only 88-100ths of 1 per cent of the great business army of the United States.

Spain's Reply.

So Mr. Woodford and the secretary of state awaited the final answer of Spain to a demand which did not regard the independence of Cuba.

Situation Before the War.

Accurately and carefully stated, how did the case stand between Spain and the United States when the latter declared war? What had been the successive demands of the United States upon Spain for specific concessions?

SENATOR CHANDLER REVEALS WAR SECRETS

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—In an open letter to the Associated Press, former Senator William E. Chandler of New Hampshire considers, in the light of what is now known as the diplomatic correspondence with Spain, the question, "Would Spain have yielded independence to Cuba to Avoid War?"

Spain's Refusal Justified.

In case of determining what effect upon the Spanish mind a demand for war for the independence of Cuba and the feeling aroused by a demand that the island should be sold to us, to expect Spain to yield to the latter demand was absurd.

Two Other Demands.

The foregoing is, however, not the whole narrative. It does not mention a second demand that two demands additional to those already made.

Woodford's Plan.

In order to comprehend the reasons why Mr. Woodford never asked Spain to yield independence to Cuba, it is essential to pursue further inquiry into the plan of the United States.

More Information Wanted.

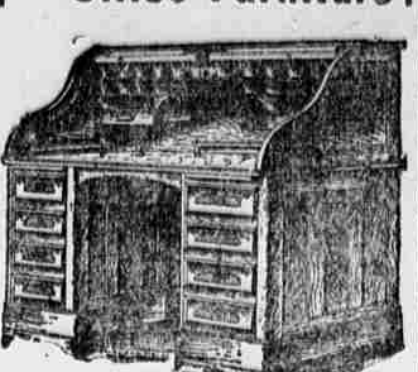
It is now the privilege of the American people, who want to war to free Cuba, to demand and learn why Spain was asked to sell Cuba and was not asked to make Cuba independent.

Were Senators Deceived?

There is also this passage in Mr. Chandler's letter: "All through those April days there were two faces among the war senators."

the sale of Cuba to the United States, was not made upon Spain because we had not set out in terms as coming by authority of President McKinley. The object of the Spanish ministers was to find out exactly what the United States really wanted.

Office Desks and Office Furniture



New and Complete Assortment

Being the LARGEST FURNITURE DEALERS IN SCRANTON We carry the greatest assortment of up-to-date Office Furniture.

Hill & Connel

121 Washington Avenue.

Always Busy

A shoe that fits the eye should fit the foot—or you don't want it. There is style—effect of smartness in our shoes which appeals to good dressers—but more important—every pair of our gentlemen's \$5 shoes are at this time \$4, which is important to the economist.

Lewis & Reilly

114-116 Wyoming Ave.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF SCRANTON.

Capital, \$200,000 Surplus, \$550,000

Pays 3% interest on savings accounts whether large or small.

Open Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30.

Are You a Lover of the Beautiful?

Do you wish to have pretty rings? We will be pleased to show you Solitaire Diamond Rings, Diamond and Emerald Rings, Diamond and Ruby Rings, Diamond and Opal Rings, Diamond and Sapphire Rings, Diamond and Turquoise Rings. We will mount any desired combination to order.

E. Schimpff, E. Schimpff,

317 Lackawanna ave.

FINLEY'S

Clean-up Sale of Blankets and Comfortables

There are not a great many of any one grade. Yet in the whole lot we have a fairly good assortment. We take a big cut in prices to close out the entire lot this week.

Blankets

Our Blankets at regular prices are the best values on the market. All are marked down, and are here at these figures, 95c, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.88, \$6.50.

We call special attention to the \$4.88 and \$6.50 Blankets being extra size, all wool and shrunken.

Silk Covered Down Quilts

\$12.50 quality, marked to \$9.75.

Comfortables

Are marked down low to sell them quick. Price, 95c to \$3.00.

510-512 Lackawanna Ave.

A Second-Class City with a First-Class Stock of

Cut Glass, Sterling Silverware Clocks, Etc.

Suitable for Wedding Gifts.

Mercreau & Connel, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

HALF COST SALE At Crane's

To Clean House Will Sell as Follows:

- 20 Raglans and Newmarkets at \$6.90, All Wool
25 Raglans and Newmarkets at 9.90, All Wool
15 Raglans and Newmarkets at 14.90, All Wool
15 3-4 Jackets at 8.90, All Wool
25 3-4 Jackets at 11.90, All Wool
20 3-4 Jackets at 13.50, All Wool

100 27-Inch Jackets from \$5.00 to \$13.00 that were \$10.00 to \$30.00. Alterations free of charge.

324 Lackawanna Avenue

Take Elevator.