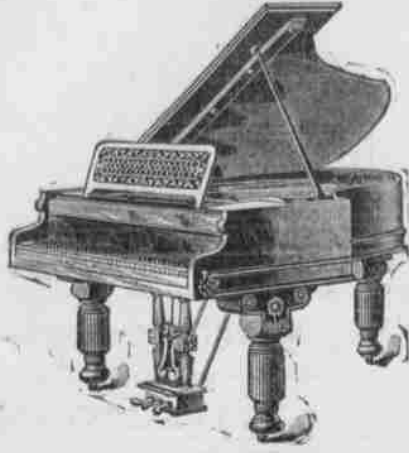


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Remnants of FLOOR OIL CLOTH.

TWO YARDS WIDE

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At KEITER'S.

A PAGE FROM HISTORY!

Why President Grant Failed to Recognize Cuban Belligerency.

SECRETARY FISH RESPONSIBLE!

The President Afterward Thanked His Chief Adviser for Having Saved Him From a Serious Error—Scrapes From the Diary of Secretary Fish.

ALBANY, March 16.—During the debate on the Cuban question in the United States senate many allusions were made both by Senator Sherman and Senator Hill as to the attitude of President Grant and the then secretary of state, Hamilton Fish. Senator Sherman declared that there was a conflict of opinion over Cuban affairs between the president and his secretary of state. The speaker of the assembly, Hamilton Fish, son of the late secretary, is in possession of information upon this subject contained in the diaries kept by his father that is of great importance in the controversy.

On the authority of these diaries it is shown that President Grant had at one time, under the circumstances of a pending negotiation at Madrid, been inclined to recognize the belligerency of Cuba; but on June 13, 1870, the opinion of the president and the cabinet was unanimous that there were no facts to justify the declaration of belligerency, and that the satisfaction of the president with the Cuban policy of his administration and its effects upon the country and the Republican party found expression a few weeks later in thanks to the secretary of state for whatever share it may have been due to his wisdom and judgment.

During his eight years' service in the state department Mr. Fish kept, chiefly as a reference record for his own eyes, a diary in his own handwriting containing a minute of important transactions, of his conversations with the president, members of the cabinet, senators and other leading public men, in regard to the more prominent of the foreign questions with which he had to deal. From May 31 to June 13, 1870, the date of President Grant's special message to congress on Cuban belligerency, the entries in the diary are many and very full in regard to the origin, preparation, discussions in cabinet and final completion of the special message.

Under date of Feb. 19, 1870, there is a suggestion of a rift in the unity of the Republican party in its defense of that policy respecting foreign affairs, which policy the president had announced in his annual message of the previous December. The entry is as follows:

"Called this morning, by appointment, to see Senator John Sherman on subject of the unit of coinage. After conversing on that question I referred to his resolution introduced in the senate and speech in favor of recognizing the belligerency of Cuba, and asked if he had recently examined the treaty with Spain of 1763. He said he had not; was not aware of the existence of such a treaty. I referred to its provisions, and to the probable consequences of the exercise by Spain of the right of visit (or of search); thought our people would not submit to it, and that the consequences would soon develop in war; said that fighting was not belligerency; there is fighting, but no belligerency in Cuba; there is no government of the insurrectionary party; no political organization, etc.

"He admitted that he had not examined the subject closely, but said there is a good deal of excitement in the country on the subject. I advised him in connection with the passing of his resolution of belligerency to prepare bills for the increase of the public debt, and to meet the increased appropriation which will be necessary for the army, navy, etc."

An evident solicitude among Republicans to lose the party, in the presence of the approaching autumn election, should be divided on the Cuban resolution is indicated on June 10 by this entry:

"Judge Orth and General Butler called in the evening to urge the sending of a message by the president on the question of Cuban belligerency. Orth says the vote will be close. Banks will make the closing speech, but there are some twenty or thirty quiet members who may be decided, by his speech, but would not go against the president's views."

On June 12 there is this entry: "Stay at home and prepare a message on the Cuban belligerency question, to be submitted to the president's consideration, in case he agreed to send one."

Of the discussion in the cabinet on the 13th, the day on which the special message was sent to congress, the diary says:

"It was generally admitted that if war is to be resorted to it should be by a direct declaration, and not by embarrassing Spain by a declaration of belligerency; agrees unanimously that no condition of facts exists to justify belligerency. Finally the president amends his sentences by referring in general terms to seizures on the high seas, embargoes of property and personal outrages."

Speaker Fish said that the original draft of the message, with its many orations and interlunations, is all in Mr. Fish's own hand.

Senator Cameron, in the recent minority report of the senate committee on foreign affairs, alluded to a rumor of a belligerency proclamation having been signed by President Grant. It is true that in the summer of 1870, and while the project of mediation suggested to the president by Mr. Paul S. Forbes as coming from General Prim was pending at Madrid, the state department had, on the request of the president, prepared a draft of a proclamation of belligerency. Some time after the president signed it, went on a journey to the west, and on the way wrote a letter to Secretary Fish advising him to issue the proclamation granting Cuban belligerency, though leaving the matter to the secretary's discretion.

On July 10, 1870, in a conversation in which Mr. Fish had expressed to the president his desire to retire from the office, which he had accepted on the understanding that he was to hold it only till the

president could perfect other plans in regard to it, Mr. Fish was strongly urged by the president to remain through his term, and assured that his course was not only satisfactory to him, but gave satisfaction and confidence to the country. These are the words of the diary on the subject:

"The president repeated that he wished to thank me especially for two occasions. They were, one, preventing the issuing, last August and September, of the proclamation of Cuban belligerency which he had signed, and which he wrote me a note instructing me to sign (which I did not) and issue (which I did not), and, second, the Cuban message of June 13."

The Weather.
Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Rain or snow, slightly warmer.

At Breen's Elite Cafe.
Purée of pea soup will be served as free lunch to-night during and between the acts to all patrons.
Free hot lunch every morning.
Meals served at all hours.

A VAIN SEARCH FOR MILLIONS.
The Venerable Miss Seibels Returns from Europe Empty Handed.

BALTIMORE, March 16.—Among the 283 steerage passengers who landed at Baltimore yesterday from the North German Lloyd steamer Wilhelm at Locust Point was Miss Cornelia Seibels, who returns to America after hunting fortunes in Germany and England to which she believes she is heir. Miss Seibels is 84 years old, and was born near Edgelyield Court House, N. C.

Some time ago she read of the death of a Mr. Seibels in Eberfeldt, Germany, who was said to have left \$800,000 to relatives, some of whom lived in the United States. Eleven weeks ago Miss Seibels left New York on a North German Lloyd steamer with a view of pressing her claims. Landing in Bremen she proceeded to Eberfeldt, where she sought the services of a lawyer. No one assisted her, and her persistence even did not elicit enough information to satisfy her as to the chance of securing the Seibels fortune. Intending to return to Germany later and make a final effort in her own behalf Miss Seibels decided to go to England and there get legal assistance in obtaining some of the millions of the Temple estate which were, as she thought, only awaiting her presence and proofs before having them handed to her. Her mother, she says, was Marion Sarah Temple, daughter of William Temple, from whose family a great fortune is said to be awaiting heirs.

Reaching London all alone she entered the city by railroad, landing at Victoria station. Afterward, she says, she was arrested, and no argument that she could use would make the London justice believe whom she was taken believe that she was an heiress to the millions in the Temple estate. "Thirty days in the workhouse," said Miss Seibels, "was the justice meted out to me. I could not get a lawyer to take up my case, so after serving my sentence I set my face toward Germany again, where I hoped I might have better luck."

Again going to Bremen, she says, she found no one willing to assist her, and finally decided to return to this country.

Bicket's Cafe.
Our free lunch to-morrow morning: Boston Baked Beans and pork.

To be Abandoned.
The St. Clair branch of the Pottsville Electric Railway has been abandoned, and beginning with to-day no more cars will run to that town, unless satisfactory arrangements can be made. The Pottsville and Tamaqua Railway Company owns the road between St. Clair and Port Carbon, and they lease it to the Schuylkill Electric Railway Company, at a rental of \$3,000 per year. The latter object to paying that figure, and unless the two companies come to an agreement no more cars will run to St. Clair.

Just received a new lot of window shades, fixtures and shading by the yard. We make shades to fit any window. Prices low. At Fricke's carpet store. 3-13-14

The Defender Ball.
The first grand ball of the Defender Hose Company of Turkey Run will be held at Robbin's opera house this evening and it is expected that the affair will be liberally patronized, as the object is to raise funds to help the company to equip itself as a volunteer firemen's organization. John O'Neill, David Howells and Bernard Monaghan are the committee.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.
Vegetable soup to-night.
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Will Sue for Damages.
Vincent McAndrew, of Connor's patch, who was struck by a car on the Schuylkill Traction line near Girardville about a month ago and almost killed, has decided to sue the company for damages. James Leckie is the attorney in charge of the car and claims the accident was due to McAndrew being drunk.

Watson House Free Lunch.
Noodle soup to-night.
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Sociable To-night.
A pink tea sociable will be held in the school room of the Primitive Methodist church to-night. An invitation to the public in general is extended by the committee in charge of the affair to be present.

To-morrow
St. Patrick's Day, free lunch all day and evening at the Scheilly House. Free to everybody.

A Sunday Christening.
Yesterday afternoon, Marie, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ramer, was baptized by Rev. Robert O'Boyle, of the Trinity Reformed church, at the home of the parents, on West Coal street. A collation was served in honor of the event.

YOUR LAST CHANCE
to buy woolen underwear cheap. Our sale will continue all this week to close out the few dozen fine suits which still remain on our shelves at low prices. At MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

Oysters in all styles at prices to suit customers at the Scheilly House.

UNCEASING FALL OF SNOW.

Good Sleighting, But Avenues of Trade Are Blocked.

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAYS SUFFER

All Attempts to Reach the Terminus of the Respective Lines in Town Prove of no Avail, But Cars Run to and From the Town.

The storm keeps up with a persistency that is provoking and is causing inconvenience in many quarters, but is hailed with delight by those who want to get some sleighing before the flower blooming season arrives. The fall of snow is now sufficient to afford good sleighing for several days if old Sol does not beam too brightly in the interim, and sleigh owners will no doubt reap a harvest.

Thus far the only serious effects of the storm have been felt by the electric railway companies. Their traffic in town is almost completely cut off. The Traction Company succeeded in getting its cars as far as the west end of Coal street yesterday, but did not meet with much success to-day, the continual fall of snow giving the employees constant trouble. The Lakeside Railway Company made herculean efforts to keep its road open to the Main street terminus yesterday and succeeded for a few hours in the afternoon by running two cars at a time and having a force of men accompany the cars to sweep and shovel whenever the tracks became stalled by snow, but the tactics failed to-day and the cars could not be forced further west than the Bowers street crossing.

Among the roadway incidents reported was an accident that befell Joseph Bell and Thomas Ryan, two young men of town, who were out yesterday enjoying a sleigh ride. Their horse took fright on West Coal street and ran up one of the dirt banks of the Kolbiner colliery. Bell and Ryan were tossed out of the sleigh but escaped injury. The horse was found on the top of the dirt bank, tired and panting and the sleigh was in a bad condition.

This morning a farmer of the Catawissa Valley named Fred. Laudig started up the mountain, at the north end of Main street, with a load of manure large enough to cause a dozen teams distress. He ascended but a slight distance when one of the horses fell heavily and was unable to get up or stand when several men helped it up. The animal recovered after a rest and after considerable hard work the team got its load up the mountain.

Ex-High Constable Anthony Flynn is among the sufferers from the storm. While walking along Jardin street Saturday night he slipped on a hardened piece of snow and in the fall he strained the sinews of his leg. The injury is more serious in view of the fact that Mr. Flynn is totally disabled, his other leg being artificial.

Remnants of carpets and oil cloths cheap, at Fricke's carpet store.

To Organize a Troupe.
Norman Moore, advance representative for McHenry's Burlesque Company, has severed his connection with the above troupe, and will remain in town for a few days with the intention of organizing a company of his own to be composed of some of our best home talent and a few members of the above named company.

St. Patrick's night sociable, in Robbin's opera house. Music by Schoppe Orchestra.

Operation at the Hospital.

Fred. Carl, inside foreman at the Shenandoah City callery, and Dr. J. S. Callen went to the Miners' hospital this afternoon to attend an operation on an arm of Mr. Carl's son, William. Frequent fractures made it necessary to perform an operation known as the wiring of a joint.

Just Received.
Two car loads of C. Feigenspan's Newark, N. J., celebrated Bock Beer. Now on tap at all the leading hotels and saloons in Shenandoah and vicinity. Call for Feigenspan's Bock and you will have no other.

SOLOMON HAAK, Agent,
120 South Main street, Shenandoah, Pa.

Assault and Battery.

John Sowada appeared before Justice Shoemaker on Saturday night and swore out a warrant for the arrest of John Kondas for assault and battery, accusing Kondas of beating his wife and inflicting a knife wound under Sowada's left ear. In default of \$400 bail he was committed to jail this morning.

Oh Yes, Oh Yes!
Purée of tomato soup free for everybody to-night at the Scheilly House.
Four (4) fried oysters only ten (10) cents.

Health Reports.

Richard Davis, aged one year and residing at Turkey Run, has been reported to the Board of Health as suffering from diphtheria, and Omer Blaker, of South Jardin street, aged six, has scarlatina.

Come for your spring hat now, as our stock is complete. At MAX LEVIT'S.

A Populist League.

A joint meeting of the Polish and Lithuanian Clubs of town was held yesterday for the purpose of forming an organization to be known as the Populist club. About 35 men were present. If the movement can be made a success steps will be taken to form a county league.

Arrested for Fighting.

Policemen Tesh and Foltz arrested five men on West Coal street Saturday for fighting and creating a public nuisance. All the men were drunk and were in a heap on the sidewalk when the police arrived. Justice Williams imposed the borough fine and costs on each, and all paid.

Acting Superintendent Grant.

John A. Grant, of town, has been appointed Acting Division Superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, in the Mahanoy division, during the absence of Col. D. P. Brown. The latter is now on a southern tour and will be away for a month or two.

Now and very pretty waltz "Amphion," at Broom's Jewelry and Music store. 3-13-14

THE BUSY STORE

116 and 118 North Main Street. Proprietor, MAX SCHMIDT.

THE GREAT FOUR CENT SALE

Will be going on this week. See our window. Any article FOUR CENTS. How is it possible; you say! Leave that to us—we give you the article.

SEE OUR EMBROIDERY—GRAND SELECTION.
One lot, beautiful designs 7c
One lot, more handsome 10c
One lot, exquisite - - - 12c

GRAND VARIETY OF TORCHON LACES.
One lot, worth to mention 4c
One lot, any width - - - 5c
One lot, cotton lace 6 inch wide - - - 4c

WINDOW SHADES.
Our spring line of Window Shades at lowest prices.

FELT SHADES, 3x6 foot, with fringe and spring roller, Sold everywhere higher, 23c

YALE OPAQUE SHADES—GOOD CLOTH Without fringe. Sale price 24c
Same with fringe. Sale price - - - 34c

HIGH GRADE OPAQUE SHADE 3x6 feet, with lace fringe. Sale price - - - 49c

Our 4 Cent Sale will indeed surprise you. Below find a few items which will convince you.

Large dippers. Full 2 quart. Always 10c. Sale price 4c

Wire tea strainers. Black wood handle. Sale price 4c

Matches per dozen 4c

India rubber fine combs. Everywhere 10c, for 4c

Cork screw, 10c any place. Sale price 4c

Any size plate, small or large. Sale price 4c

Any size goblet, tumbler or wine glass 4c

Rosewood handle knives and forks. Sale price, each 4c

Photograph easels of fine polished wire. Sale price 4c

SALOON KEEPERS' ATTENTION! We received a large lot of shell glasses, any size, pony beer, large beer, small or large whiskey, with thin or heavy bottoms, for 4c each. This is an opportunity to put in your stock.

At Girvin's

The Largest Store of the Kind North of the Mountain.

Special Lot 5-Quart Porcelain Lined Kettles Will go at 20c Each.

NEW AND FULL LINE OF 4 CENT GOODS.

I quart stone crock 4c
Decorated Cups 4c
Decorated Saucers 4c
Tall Goblets 4c
Banded Tumblers 4c
Soup Plates 4c

Table Knives and Forks 4c each
Table Spoons 4c each
Immense line of Shell Tumblers 4c each
Glass Fruit Nappy 4c
Decorated Fruit Saucers 4c

GIRVIN'S
8 S. Main St.

A CARD.

The administrators of the estate of the late JOHN T. GRAF, would inform the old patrons, as well as the new, that the business will be continued at the old stand, and that the past reputation for fair dealing will be maintained by the present management, and the same high standard of goods kept in stock. We solicit a continuance of the trade.

Graf's,
122 North Jardin Street, Shenandoah.