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Special Bargain in Fresh Roasted Rio Coffee. Eight pounds for \$1.00.

We sell the finest grades of Old Government Java, Maracaibo and Laguyra Coffees.

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At KEITER'S.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Senator Loech's Election Contest Bill Passed Finally.

Harrisburg, May 20.—The civil service bill was yesterday sent back to the house judiciary general committee for amendment. The reform committee appointed by State Chairman Keck is working on amendments to meet the objections that have been raised to the measure. The committee has not yet been able to agree upon all the amendments, but expects to have them in shape to insert in time to bring the bill out early next week. A bill appropriating \$15,000 to equip the National Guard with dress uniforms was introduced. In the senate the bill prohibiting the discharge from public office of Union soldiers without reasonable cause passed finally.

The bill introduced by Senator Loech, limiting the time for taking testimony in election contests, passed finally after a hard struggle. This bill, which limits the time for taking testimony in contested election cases to 90 days. It gives the contestant 40 days to collect testimony and the respondent has the same time to secure evidence. The remaining 10 days are allowed for rebuttal. The vote on the bill yesterday was 35 for and 2 against. It was defeated at an earlier reading, was reconsidered and again defeated on third reading, and was brought up for consideration yesterday for the third time and passed finally.

In the house yesterday the Weller bill to protect employees of corporations in their right to belong to labor organizations passed finally as amended by the senate. The measure now goes to the Governor. It passed the house early in the session, and had a tumultuous journey through the senate, passing that body finally by a vote of 39 to 9. Efforts were made in the senate to amend the bill in such a way, Mr. Weller says, to place it in the power of corporations to crush members of labor unions that might be employed by them, if they would want to do so. This amendment was defeated by the senate Monday night by a vote of 25 to 4. When the bill came up in the house yesterday morning for consideration, Mr. Dill, of Delaware, moved to commit it to the Judiciary General Committee. He said the proposition was unconstitutional in its present form, and ought to be amended. Several members spoke against this move, and the motion was killed, and the bill passed finally. This is the bill that Senator Loech refused to vote for.

Mr. Bolles offered a bill providing that one-fifth of all the money collected for liquor licenses in every county shall, within fifteen days after it has been paid into the county treasury, be transmitted to the State Treasurer for state purposes, the remaining four-fifths to remain in the county treasury. The bill was negatived in committee.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff, of Philadelphia, Senate bill creating the office of County Solicitor in counties containing 150,000 inhabitants was amended so that it shall not apply to Philadelphia.

It is not probable that the Legislature will adjourn before June 30th.

Our free lunch to-night will consist of chicken soup.
Bean soup to-morrow morning.

Sickler's Cafe.
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Bean soup to-morrow morning.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Destiny of The Tariff Bill Still in The Balance.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The situation in the Senate so far as the tariff bill is concerned becomes more critical every day and the prospects of early action is more remote than ever.

Senators who, a month ago, predicted a sure majority for the bill now acknowledge that everything is in doubt.

Should the friends of the tariff bill make the effort on Monday and succeed in having the bill taken up, thereby shifting the Cuban resolution, the friends of the latter, it is stated, will continue to discuss Cuba, thus preventing any progress with the tariff bill.

Considerable bitterness has been engendered during the discussion of the Cuban resolution which, it is believed, may work against the tariff bill.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.
Purse of pea, to-night, free lunch. Free music by the electrical plant.

A Bicycleist's Mishap.
While riding a bicycle without a brake down a hill to-day Joseph Duest last control of the machine and in the tumble had one of his hands and his nose severely bruised. The wheels of the bicycle were broken.

J. Geo. Seltzer, expert piano tuner, will be in Shenandoah every Friday. Orders for tuning left at O'Nealley's piano warehouse will receive prompt attention. 5-14-97

Felt of Coal.
Matt. Rovans, a miner employed at Packer No. 3 colliery and residing on West Coal street, to-day received several severe scalp wounds that exposed the skull by a fall of coal. He was attended by Dr. W. N. Stein.

The Best \$1.20 Derby or Alpine hat in the state for \$1.00. At the FAUCON.

Birthday Parties.
Miss Gweenie, daughter of Rees J. Thomas, of West Coal street, last night celebrated her thirteenth birthday anniversary and received many presents. Indulgence in games was followed by refreshments. The festivities were enjoyed by Carrie Morgan, Mamie Snell, Elmer Kline, Maggie Rees, Katie O'Boyle, Annie Brennan, Elsie Roberts, Maud Lewis, Millie Biedeman, Jennie Amour, Grindville; Gweenie Thomas, Nora Cole, Miss Maggie Cole, Clara Stauffer, Bees Thomas, George Jones, Patrick Brennan, William Sharpeles, Elmer Grindville, James Coogan, Johnnie Coogan, Henry Cradle, William Lathlane, Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Amour, Grindville, Mr. and Mrs. Rees J. Thomas.

A party was held at the residence of Mrs. George W. Smith, at 112 East Apple street, last night, in honor of the twenty-fourth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Lillian Griffith, who was the recipient of a silver cake stand and other presents. A supper was served. Among those present were: Miss Smith, Minnie and Harriet Roberts, Mamie Griffith, Grace Rankel, Florence Harsley, Annie L. Williams, Jennie Hays, Hattie Lamb, Bertie Dester and Messrs. W. J. Brown, J. Snyder, J. Lee, F. Fry, H. Dodson, G. Powell, G. Knott, W. Webster, W. Morrison and T. Timmons.

New Undertaker.
T. J. Coakley has opened an undertaking establishment in town with his office located at J. J. Coakley's, 38 North Main street. Nixt calls at the Ferguson House.

THE SECRET ARCHIVES.

Of Cleveland's Administration on the Cuban Question.

SECRETARY OLNEY'S PROPOSAL!

A Communication to Minister De Lome Which Pointed Out the Futility of Spain's Struggle and Suggested a Plan of Peaceable Intervention.

Washington, May 20.—The secret archives of the state department, which have held the consular reports on the Cuban war from the public, were partially disclosed yesterday by Senator Foraker, of Ohio. During the past week the debate in the senate has been pregnant with intimations and insinuations of reports from United States officials in Cuba held at the state department, which, if published, would disclose a condition on Cuban soil which would influence public opinion in a decided manner. The facts which were read without the name of the author being disclosed, it is stated to be a communication from Consul General Lee, which fully sets forth his idea of the condition that exists in Cuba.

The extract was quoted in substance as follows, no date being given. The author being disclosed, it is stated to be a communication from Consul General Lee, which fully sets forth his idea of the condition that exists in Cuba.

"I cannot understand the truth of the claim that all the provinces of the island are pacified, except that of Santiago de Cuba, because there are more insurgents under arms at this time than at any period I first reached the island, some ten days ago, and I do not think it a fair inference to draw from existing conditions that the war is approaching a termination.

"The impossibility of expelling the Spanish troops from this island by force of arms is well known to the insurgents, and they do not propose to risk the lives of their men and the success of their cause upon one or more pitched battles. I conclude, therefore, that the war will drag its weary length along so long as the insurgents can dig sustenance from the ground on the one side or money be obtained on the other, with the continued result of untold human suffering, loss of human life, the murder of innocent men, women and children by both sides and the frightful havoc which disease makes in the ranks of the soldiers, particularly among the unaccustomed Spaniards. The poverty and distress of the people are daily increasing and the loss of property of all sorts daily becoming enormous."

The letter from Secretary Olney to Spanish Minister De Lome, under date of April 4, 1896, is the one in which intervention is suggested. It is in part as follows:

"It is now some nine or ten months since the nature and progress of the insurrection were first discussed between us. In explanation of its rapid and up to that time, quite unopposed growth and progress you called attention to the rainy season, which from May or June until November renders regular military operations impracticable. Spain was pouring such numbers of troops into Cuba that your theory and opinion that, when they could be used in an active campaign, the insurrection would be almost instantly suppressed, seemed reasonable and probable.

"It is impossible to deny that the expectations thus entertained by the insurgents seem today to command a larger part of the island than ever before. Their men under arms, estimated a year ago at from 10,000 to 20,000, are now numbered by at least two or three times as many. Meanwhile their discipline has been improved and their supply of modern weapons and equipment has been greatly enlarged, while the mere fact that they have held out to this time has given them confidence in their own eyes and prestige with the world at large. In short, it can hardly be questioned that the insurrection, instead of being quelled, is today more formidable than ever, and enters upon the second year of its existence with decidedly improved prospects of successful results. Whether a condition of things entitling the insurgents to recognition as belligerents has yet been brought about may, for the purposes of the present communication, be regarded as immaterial.

"Even if it is granted that a condition of insurgency prevails, and nothing more, it is on so large a scale and diffused over so extensive a region and is favored by the physical features of the climate of the country that the authority of Spain is subverted and the functions of its government are in abeyance or practically suspended throughout a greater part of the island. A vast area of the territory of the island is in effect under the control of roving bands of insurgents. The result is a systematic war upon the industries of the island, and whereas the normal annual product of the island is valued at something like \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000, its value for the present year is estimated by competent authority at not exceeding \$2,000,000."

Further on Mr. Olney calls attention to the fact that capital is fast withdrawing from the island, "frightened away by the utter hopelessness of the outlook," and continues: "It may well be feared that the present insurrection is to be of shorter duration than the last but it will be because the end is to come sooner or later through the inability of Spain to prolong the conflict, and through her abandonment of the island to the heterogeneous combination of elements now in arms against her."

Such a conclusion, Mr. Olney said, would almost inevitably result in a war of races, with the probable establishment of a white and black republic.

Proceeding, Mr. Olney's communication declares that the situation is of great interest to the people of the United States, because of the interruption of extensive trade relations, the wholesale destruction of property, the anni-

TRACING ROBBERS.

Several Search Warrants Bring Considerable Evidence to Light.

RICHARD BURNS WAS THE LEADER.

Stolen Property Recovered by Officers Today Will Convict Him and Others of at Least Three Robberies of the Past Few Months.

The people of town, especially those engaged in business, will rejoice to hear that the authorities have at last located the thieves that have been committing so many petty depredations for several months past and up to the present time successfully eluded all efforts made to arrest or trace them.

From existing evidence it is quite clear that the thieves had their headquarters in the Fifth ward and on Glovers' Hill, and sufficient evidence has been secured to convict at least two of them.

It will be remembered that at about three o'clock in the morning, a few days ago, one Richard Burns made an attempt to force an entrance at the rear of Amos Womer's house on North Main street. In trying to pry open a door he made a noise that awakened Mrs. Womer and she gave an alarm. Policeman Edward Kester and Watchman O'Hara were in rear alley, at the rear of the premises, and caught Burns as he ran out. The prisoner, although a small fellow, showed fight to the officers, but was overcome and is now in jail. The police say Burns is one of the most skillful and desperate, as well as shrewdest young thieves ever found in the town. He is about 19 years of age, but will easily pass in appearance for 18. The police say that he had not been drunk on the morning he attempted to get into the Womer place he would in all probability still be at large and playing hide and seek with the authorities.

Mr. Foraker read extracts from Mr. De Lome's reply, among them the following:

"There is no effectual way to pacify Cuba, unless it begins with the actual submission of the armed rebels to the mother country.

"The government of the United States could, by use of proper means, contribute greatly to the pacification of the island of Cuba.

"The government of his majesty is already every grateful to that of the United States for its intention to prosecute the unlawful expeditions to Cuba. The struggle is being prolonged by the powerful assistance which the rebellion finds in the territory of this great republic.

"The constant violation of international law in its territory is especially manifest on the part of Cuban emigrants, who are nothing for the losses suffered in the meanwhile by the citizens of the United States and of Spain through the prolongation of the war.

"When the government of the United States shall once be convinced of our being in the right, and that honest conviction shall in some manner be made public, but little more will be required in order that all those in Cuba who are not merely striving to accomplish the total ruin of the beautiful country in which they were born, being then hopeless of outside help and powerless by themselves, will lay down their arms."

Breen's Baito Cafe Free Lunch.
Oyster soup to-night.
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.
Meals at all hours.
Free continuous phonograph entertainment. All the latest songs and hand melodies.

The Contest Court.
A big crowd of witnesses from North Cass township yesterday testified in the Lyon-Down contest court. They had all been there before several times. This time they were summoned to see whether they had paid their taxes. Some of them had paid taxes and had brought their receipts with them. Others had not paid and were obliged to tell for whom they voted. All of the latter had voted for Judge Dunn.

Famous Clothing House are the acknowledged cheapest clothing and hat store in the county.

Hit by a Dog.
A dog belonging to Michael Lally bit the young daughter of Michael Cantlin, of the First ward, yesterday. Dennis Toomey was given possession of the dog to kill it and he started up the mountain to fulfill the mission, but at the red bridge the brute showed fight and Toomey was obliged to shoot it without continuing the journey to the proposed place of execution.

The Clothing Slaughter House.
L. Refowich, the one price clothier, received from a big clothing syndicate over \$10,000 worth of clothing which must go in 20 days to raise money. Come and see the prices. You will be astonished. All new goods made up this summer. No. 10 and 12 South Main street.

Charged With Wife Beating.
Richard Jenkins was taken to the Pottsville jail this morning to await trial on a charge of beating his wife yesterday. Justice Toomey issued the commitment. Jenkins waived the examination of witnesses and said he would not look for trial.

THE FAMOUS are making suits to order cheaper than others sell ready made.

Obituary.
The death of Mrs. James S. Carpenter, mother of Dr. John T. Carpenter, occurred yesterday at her home in Pottsville. The deceased had been ill but a short time and her death is due to congestion of the lungs. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

At Kepplinski's Arcade Cafe.
Mock turtle soup, free, to-night.
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Model Barber Shop.
After a thorough remodeling, the barber shop of William Bamor, on North Jardin street, presents a very neat and cozy appearance. Rich paper adorns the walls, the woodwork has been painted white and the floor has been laid with a beautiful pattern of linoleum. A hot and cold water attachment has also been added for comfort of patrons. The taste of the proprietor bespeaks much enterprise.

STRAWS

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The BEE-HIVE
29 South Main Street.
Near Post Office.

Notice to Consumers.
All water rents for the six months ending May 1st, 1897, are long over due. The undersigned will be at his office, corner of Oak and Jardin streets, every day from 7 a. m. until 8 p. m. to receive payments, which should be made at once.

T. M. STOVY,
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FOWLER'S COMPOUND SARSAPARILLA
With Iodide Potash is the Ideal Blood Purifier, System Toner and Appetite Sharpener. We recommend Fowler's because we know its composition and can truthfully say it is

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