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At KEITER'S.

THE WEATHER. The forecast for Friday: Partly cloudy to fair weather, slightly higher temperature, and fresh northerly to northeasterly winds.

LAMP CAUGHT FIRE.

It Brought Out the Fire Department Last Evening. An alarm from box No. 25, corner of Main and Centre streets, at 6:30 last evening caused a general rush of people to that section of the town with the fire companies. The latter responded promptly, but were turned back before reaching the scene of trouble.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.

Parade of pea soup will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

"Send Boy at Once."

That is the contents of a telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. James McLaughlin, of 413 West Cherry street, at eight o'clock last evening. It came from M. Hecker, an artist, who until recently conducted a studio on West Centre street, and was sent out from Elmira, N. Y. Three months ago Mrs. McLaughlin was called to the residence of Mr. Hecker, about a sale of furniture which he wanted to dispose of as he was going to leave town.

Scalp Treatment.

Katharine A. Hickey, 120 N. Main St. if Excellent Performance.

In line with his policy in presenting strong attractions at his popular play house, Manager Quirk's booking for Kaiser's opera house last evening was Madame Janauschek and her superb company, when "What Dreams May Come" was produced. This wonderful woman enjoys a world-wide reputation, and although age is creeping on this only appears to better fit her for the characters assumed. She is surrounded by a distinguished and competent company who performed their parts to perfection, and especially is this true of young Blair, Miss Banks, the daughter of Genl. Banks, and Miss DeWolf are both charming young ladies on the stage. Quite a number from this town were noticed among the audience.

Shopping Notes.

The wintry aspect of nature to-day should have no effect on the shopping public in search of spring goods at remarkably low prices, and it will not have when they gaze at the attractive and splendid display of the coming season's choicest productions of dress goods and dry goods at R. F. Gill's new dry goods palace. Our new home is large and well lighted, which will protect every buyer from being deceived either in color or quality of our goods. A visit to our store will reward your many fold.

Homeopathic Meet.

A regular meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Schuylkill county was held in the parlors of the Ferguson house this afternoon. Several interesting papers were read by the members. Among those noticed in attendance were: Drs. Boyer and Boone, Pottsville; Steckel, Orwigsburg; Straub and Kistler, Minersville; Snyder, Ashland; J. S. and M. S. Kistler and D. John Price, of town.

Headache Quickly Cured.

Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache never fails. A Golden Opportunity.

In another part of this paper an announcement is made by a very able "instructor of telegraphy" that in fulfillment of a promise long ago to teach a few of his friends telegraphy he has decided to form a class. This is a chance for the boys of Shenandoah, Wm. Penn, Girardville and vicinity and those desiring to learn the art should lose no time in sending in their application.

Medals to Cafe.

Sour kront and pork, free, to-night.

Society Items.

At the close of its meeting to-morrow evening Barbara Fritschke Council No. 84, Daughters of Liberty, will hold an apron social and entertainment. Refreshments will be served and the members will invite friends to join them.

Knight of the Thistle Valve Association.

N. A. S. E. will arrange for a date during the early picnic season.

Storeroom and Dwelling.

For rent. Centrally located. Trolley cars pass the place. A good opportunity for the right party. Both the storeroom and dwelling can be rented, or separately. Apply at the HERALD office. 3-28-98

A Lodge of Elks for Alaska.

Grand Exalted Ruler Detweiler has received numerous signed petitions for a dispensation for a new lodge of Elks at Juneau, Alaska, and will likely grant it. The petition is signed by the Governor and other prominent citizens.

New Fresh Truck at Coletti's.

New fresh strawberries, tomatoes, head lettuce, asparagus and beans. Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday. At Coletti's, 36 South Main street. 3-30-98

The Rate of Wages.

The committee of the Schuylkill Coal Exchange has fixed the rate of wages to be paid miners in this region for the last half of March and the first half of April at one per cent. below the \$2.50 basis. This is the same rate of wages paid last month.

FOR CUBA'S FREEDOM.

Spain Said to be Against This Government's Proposition.

NEW YORK APPROPRIATES 1,000,000

Austria Will Not Aid the Spanish Queen Regent

ON ACCOUNT OF RELATIONSHIP.

Emperor Francis Joseph Will Offer Nothing Stronger Than Sympathy to His Cousin—President McKinley Expects an Answer From the Sagasta Government This Week, and Congressmen Are Willing to Grant Him a Little Further Time—The House Upholds the Speaker in Crushing a Cuban Resolution Introduced by Democratic Leader Bailey.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Washington, March 31.—As an indication of the feeling of the American people over the Cuban difficulty, the New York Legislature, in session at Albany, this morning passed a bill appropriating one million dollars as a contingent war fund. The resolution was received by the members with much enthusiasm, and was passed unanimously. The example set by the Empire state will probably be followed by others.

The question of Cuban independence has shifted itself from Washington to Madrid, where the Spanish government is considering the grave propositions presented by this government. The Spanish ministry held a cabinet council this afternoon, after the propositions had been presented to the queen regent, and subsequently Minister Woodford was given the final answer on the part of Spain. In anticipation of that answer the capital and naval department to-day were crowded with those seeking the latest news.

The President and his advisers believe that Spain will accept the terms submitted, but advice from Madrid to-day give them little hope for a peaceful settlement. A dispatch received late this afternoon says that at yesterday's conference Sagasta was not inclined to agree to America's demands. If this should be verified officially, President McKinley will act at once.

The propositions submitted by this country contemplate a complete and immediate cessation of hostilities in Cuba, the return of the reconcentrados to their usual avocations, and the independence of Cuba, this last feature to be secured probably on an indemnity basis by which the island would pay a substantial sum for its freedom from Spanish rule. These propositions take a wide scope, and there are many details in the alternative propositions, the purpose being to present every possible plan promising a solution of the Cuban problem so long as an end of the Cuban war and Cuban independence were embodied in the ultimate result. It has been made perfectly clear to Spain that nothing less than a close of the war and the independence of the island will suffice as an adequate settlement.

Such lesser methods as have been contemplated from time to time are now put aside for these more advanced and positive tenders. It is now for Spain to accept or reject these tenders. There is no disposition to urge one rather than another, so long as the conclusion finally reached brings the freedom of the Cuban people and their independence. Never before until now has the Spanish government, even for a moment, entertained such propositions. Now, in the stress of the present emergency, with declarations of war introduced in the American congress, Spain has refused to reject a proposition which would secure to those who war, but more hope apparently is entertained here of Spain being in a yielding mood, as the American plans for solution are being carefully weighed with a view to a final decision. As stated, that answer is believed to be only a question of perhaps two or three days. When it is received the future course of this government will be determined. It is the view of the administration that the present week will shape the policy of the future, whether it is to be one of peace or one of war.

Naturally this critical juncture has occasioned greatest interest here, coupled with no little excitement as word was passed about that the last stage in the negotiations with Spain was reached. Many representative men of congress, senators and representatives, called at the White House and conferred with the president. To the leaders in congress he stated that definite results were expected from Madrid by Friday. This served to allay the intense feeling which had been manifested in congress, and through the influence of the leaders further radical action by the senate and house was for the time being deferred.

At the Capitol excitement was unabated. The meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations occasioned a great deal of interest because of the many sweeping resolutions which were introduced on Tuesday and referred to that committee. On the house side there was an intensity of feeling. After the vote on the Bailey resolution many Republicans went to the White House to confer with the president

and to express to him their hope that something might be promulgated which would relieve the strained situation. The assurance of the president was given to these members that by Friday night, at the latest, something definite could be expected. The Republicans of the house who are aggressively in favor of prompt and energetic action in the Cuban matter held another meeting last night, there being 115 Republican members present. Members who had called on the president during the day counseled a brief delay, in deference to the president's wish, and it was finally agreed that if definite action had not been reached by Monday congress would force action. A committee of eleven was appointed to meet the president today and report at a meeting tonight.

The situation at the Capitol is one of waiting expectancy. Senators and representatives are willing to give the president an opportunity to carry out his plans, but there is impatience to have some information regarding those plans and some assurance that they will not delay action too long. It was stated in a high diplomatic quarter that the Spanish government within the last ten days had addressed a note to the great powers of Europe fully setting forth the grave aspect of the controversy with the United States, and at least inferentially suggesting that the time was now opportune for European influences to be exerted. It is said that this note led to the utterances of Premier Hanotaux in the French chamber last Saturday and has been the cause of activity at European capitals within the last few days, in connection with the Spanish-American affairs. Up to the present time, however, no actual step toward mediation or intervention has been taken by the great powers.

The Spanish government has earnestly hoped within the last week that both Austria or Prussia would take the initiative without waiting to consult the desires of this government. This hope has proved vain, however, and it is stated on high authority that recent negotiations in Europe have disclosed positively that, while the sympathy of some of the continental powers was for Spain, no one of them stood ready to expose her cause by mediation or by arms. Most had been expected of Austria, owing to the dynastic relations between Austria and Spain. The present queen regent of Spain, Maria Christina, is an Austrian princess, being the second child of Karl Ferdinand, archduke of Austria, and a cousin of Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria. The young king of Spain, through the same genealogy, is of Austrian blood. This creates a natural tie between Austria and Spain, but Austria has not felt free to take the initiative. A wild and uproarious scene occurred in the house yesterday when Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, attempted to force the hand of the Republicans upon a proposition to override the speaker and pass a resolution denouncing the independence of the Cuban republic. He was cheered on by the crowded galleries, but the members of the majority refused to support him. Many of them sympathized with the purpose of the resolution, Mr. Hull, chairman of the military committee, refused to support the resolution, and the motion under the impression that it provided for a declaration of war, but most of the radicals who on Tuesday were in favor of any sort of revolutionary methods had been won over to the policy of sticking to the party organization and not alienating their friends by the adoption of any thing until the initiative came from their side. They were rallied by two of the leading advocates of armed intervention, and the speaker himself, from the chair, made an indirect appeal to his party associates to stand by the speaker in the event of a vote if their impatience was curbed a little longer they would have the opportunity they coveted. When the vote was taken only two Republicans, Messrs. Acheson and Robbins, of Pennsylvania, broke from the party lines. About a dozen more sat silent in their seats and refused to vote. The scene throughout was most dramatic, and the members and spectators in the galleries were wrought up to a high pitch of excitement.

Several times, later in the day, during the consideration of the naval bill, when the Cuban question was broached, the members swarmed about the speaker, and the galleries cheered. This was especially the case when Mr. Cummings, of New York, spoke. Mr. Boutelle, who objected to a request for extension of his time, was hissed. The only important action of the naval bill was the refusal of the chair to sustain a point of order against the provision for a floating steel dock at Algiers, La.

Permission was granted by the senate yesterday for the foreign relations committee to report without debate. Beyond these points no reference was made by the senate to the Cuban question. The measure making further provision for a civil government for Alaska was passed.

The Spanish legation here late last night received a cablegram from the governor general of Cuba reporting the pacification of the western provinces so far advanced that it had been decided to rescind the reconcentrado order in these provinces, and allow all to return to their homes in the country. To aid in the re-establishment of the reconcentrados on their farms the government will furnish adequate relief.

Transfer of Property Leads Two Men Into Trouble. THEY WERE CHARGED WITH FRAUD. A Settlement Was Reached and the Prosecutors Withdrew the Charge—A Man From Mahanoy Plane Tells a Sensational Tale—Re-shanks Goes to Jail.

The first ward court presided over by his Honor, Jeremiah Toomey, was a busy one this afternoon. A number of cases were disposed of. One case was that in which M. D. Malone, a representative of the Columbia Brewing Company, appeared as prosecutor against Matthew Prosker and Anthony Krinkoski, the former of Turkey Run and the latter of Fair alley, this town.

From the developments in the case it appears that Prosker conducted a saloon at Turkey Run and Krinkoski was interested in the venture in some manner which has not appeared distinctly in the evidence. However, the Columbia Brewing Company furnished a quantity of leverage to the two defendants and while the account was still open made the discovery that they were disposing of their property. On complaint of Mr. Malone, Prosker and Krinkoski were arrested by Constable Gibbon and arraigned on a charge of fraudulently disposing of their property for the purpose of eluding creditors. The property referred to was a leasehold. A charge of false pretense was also made.

After all the parties interested got together before the Justice the defendants agreed to pay the claim against them and the costs, whereupon the suit was settled.

Attention of Justice Toomey for some time was Peter Kosick, of Mahanoy Plane. He told a blood-thrilling story of trouble he had with some of his neighbors, and if his statements are true there is a new haven for misfortune in sight, for Peter says that three of his neighbors have declared themselves cannibals.

Kosick occupies the front part of the building he calls his home, Joe Blakobur and his wife, Mary, and Joe Milosh occupy the rear part of the house. Kosick has a 15-year-old son whom the tenants at the rear do not like. Kosick swore yesterday that they declared war on him, and that they would kill the son, take his body into their house, cut it up and eat it. Kosick hurried to town when he heard this and Constable Matt Gibbon was assigned by Justice Toomey to make the arrest. Gibbon says he found the defendants living and conducting themselves generally like most of the civilized people, and they seemed to be about as well posted as the general run of litigants in this region. When Gibbon made known his mission the three defendants went to the office of a Mahanoy Plane Justice and entered jail, thus avoiding the expense and inconvenience of a trip to town.

A Lithuanian with the suggestive name of Peter Chickenswitz was arraigned last night before Justice Toomey, charged with maliciously breaking windows in the house of Joe Akalofski, on Plum alley. He was put under \$300 bail for trial at court.

Tommy Kroschmas was committed to jail this afternoon on a charge of maliciously setting fire to a pair of lace curtains in the restaurant of A. P. Smith, some time ago. Kroschmas threw a lighted match in the show window.

At Kephchinski's Arcade Cafe. Sour kront, pork, mashed potatoes to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

A Beautiful Gift. A very agreeable surprise was tendered Nora, the eight-year-old daughter of K. F. Gill, this morning. Upon her return from school she was invited up stairs to her sleeping apartment, only to be struck with amazement at the remarkable change in its appearance. All the old furnishings had been removed and replaced with new ones. Upon the floor was laid a beautiful pattern of new Brussels carpet. A beautiful white enameled bedstead with brass trimmings had been placed in the center of the room. Also a new bedroom suit of eight pieces, made in white and ornamented in gold leaf. On the bureau was a handsome mirror, with several beautiful pictures, pin trays, jewel case, etc., and a figure of the blessed Virgin Mary. The wash stand was graced with a handsomely painted china toilet set, including comb and towel. A mantle piece which had adorned the wall was also taken down with bricks-brace. The whole is a gift of her aunt, Mrs. D. J. Cleary, of Mahanoy City. The young lady was completely overcome with joy.

Silver Cream Polish, the best in the world. At Braun's.

Graded Salary Scale. Chicago has come the nearest to doing the square thing by her public school teachers of any city in the Union probably. The board of education have adopted a graded salary scale for the primary and grammar teachers, increasing it year by year till a maximum of \$1,000 is reached. This is a good living salary, and capable people will be encouraged to enter the teacher's profession.

To Cure Headache in 15 Minutes. Take Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache. All druggists.

A Good Chance. A desirable building, formerly the Wiedersheim property, is offered for sale on easy terms on account of removal. Contains all modern improvements. For particulars apply at 32 East Centre street. 3-23-98

Clare Matter, 35 East Oak Street, is the authorized local agent for the popular work known as "The Beautiful Life of Francis Willard," the world's greatest temperance advocate and reform organizer. The work is profusely illustrated, rich, racy, and wonderfully interesting and instructive. All other popular works handled by the same agent, especially Talbough's greatest and best book, "Earth Girdled." A postal or other message will be responded to by said agent.

James' Rumored Retirement. Judging from reports, Gomer Jones, the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company Superintendent at Audenried, will soon be removed. Frequent references have been made to this lately by the newspapers. There must be some cause for the rumor.

Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER, Absolutely Pure.

HATS TRIMMED FREE

AT THE BON TON, 29 N. Main St., Shenandoah.

Our great display of Easter hats for this week is the most extensive and attractive display ever made in town. New in style, pretty and becoming, in trimmed and untrimmed hats. Bonnets, walking hats and sailors at lowest prices.

LOOK AT OUR WINDOWS.

Our trimmed hats are the latest ideas of the best American and foreign artists and exceedingly attractive. We have the largest collection of untrimmed hats in the county.

Bonnets and Sailors from 40c to \$1.05; Fancy Straw Hats, all the latest styles and shades, from 25c to \$2.25; Trimmed Hats, all styles, from 40c to \$12.98; an immense assortment of flowers from 15c to \$1.98; one hundred styles of fine Ribbons from 5c to 40 cents per yard.

Feathers, Wings, Quills, Alpacas and Ornaments at Lowest Prices.

BON TON

29 N. Main St., Shenandoah, Pa.

Plain Words About Baby Coaches.

Spring will soon be here and we are anxiously awaiting its balmy days. Why? Because we are already prepared to have every wife call on us and see our new and extensive line of

Baby... Coaches

Which we have selected for the season of '98. When it comes down to prices we can sell you wonders of makes at

\$5.00 and upward. M. O'NEILL, 106 South Main Street, Shenandoah, Pa.

SWELLEST Of The SWELL...

This term fully answers the description of our spring line of gent's furnishings which we are now showing for the early season. In the way of Easter novelties we stand alone, barring all competitors.

A Word on Our Winter Stock Which still remains on our shelves. It must and will be closed out regardless of cost to enable us to display our spring goods. We are not in the habit of stocking away any goods for future seasons.

MAX LEVIT, 15 E. Centre St.

Up-To-Date Hat Store and Shenandoah's Greatest Gent's Furnishing Store.

Looks Attractive.

When you find greater attractiveness than you had expected you are pleased. If you find less, you are disappointed. When we give you more than you expected you are pleased. Those who give you less disappoint you. We always please our customers, for they find the goods more than we claim for them. Come and see what we give with

One Pound of Baking Powder.

The largest articles in the market. T. J. BROUGHALL, 25 South Main Street.