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All standard make wheels, that you will run no risk in buying. Bring your old wheel in and we will over-haul and repair it now. Have it ready for you to ride the first fine day.

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WE HAVE TOO MANY CANNED GOODS.

To Reduce Stock we Offer a Few Special Bargains:

- Corn. Maryland Sugar Corn, 4 for 25c. Fancy Northern, 3 for 25c. Tomatoes. Extra size and fancy quality, 2 for 25c. Peas. Extra early June, 4 for 25c. Sifted early June, 3 for 25c. Fancy quality, sweet and tender, 2 for 25c. Gooseberries, 5 for 25c. Baked Beans. Picnic size, 3 for 10c. Standard—large cans, 5 for 25c. Fine quality, very cheap, 4 for 25c. Extra quality, 3 for 25c. Fancy quality, 2 for 25c. California Peaches. Standard Yellow Crawford, 2 for 25c. Salmon. Red Alaska, 3 for 25c. Columbia River, 2 for 25c. Apricots and Eggs Plums, 3 cans for 25c.

Lemon Clings at 15 and 18 Cents. Regular 25c Goods. Fresh Stock California and Jamaica Oranges.

NEW CARPETS. FLOOR OIL CLOTHS AND LINOLEUM. NEW PATTERNS.

Do you want a good Tapestry Brussels at 60 cents worth 75 cents.

At KEITER'S.

M'KINLEY WORKING FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION

Radicals Cannot Change President From His Position.

A MESSAGE TO-MORROW OR WEDNESDAY.

The President, His Supporters Say, Means to Recognize the Independence of Cuba Shortly, Provided Spain Does Not Recede From Her Present Position—The President's Message will be an Able and Exhaustive Public Document.

WASHINGTON, April 4, 3:00 p. m.

President McKinley is for peace, and he will not swerve from what he regards as his plain duty. The extremists of both sides—the radical war advocates and the peace-at-any-price theorists—will not change him. The situation as it stands to-day: The President will probably send his message to Congress to-morrow, and possibly not until Wednesday. It will be an important and exhaustive document; patriotic in tone, and the Maine question will occupy an important part in the message.

The message will be one of the most elaborately prepared documents that ever emanated from the White House. The President believes that the events of the world are making for peace; and he will say to Congress that the only intervention warranted, and the only kind he could recommend, is intervention for the purpose of relieving 300,000 wretched inhabitants of Cuba, now supported by public and private charity. Should Spain, however, hereafter commit an overt act he would not be slow to recommend a declaration of war for the protection of the national honor.

Leading Administration members of Congress, after a secret conference at the White House to-day, say the President's message will be sent to Congress about Wednesday. The President will take a very firm and determined attitude, and means to carry out his former policy. He intends recognizing Cuban independence officially, and will take action shortly.

In conversation with leading members of Congress to-day, who have the confidence of the Administration, the President told them there was no truth in the report that this government had agreed to allow the Pope to act as arbitrator in the affairs of the United States and Spain.

A special despatch from Madrid received here this morning announces: "Minister Woodford received yesterday an important communication from Washington in reference to Spain's attitude. Gen. Woodford refused to say anything touching upon the crisis, except that the situation is vitally grave. He believes Spain will be induced to do justice to Cuba. The public expectation here now is nothing but war."

Your correspondent called at the White House to-day to verify the above, but the officials were very reticent. The President made an important statement, however, to the effect that he was hourly expecting a cablegram from Prime Minister Sagasta notifying the American government of formal proposition for armistice to Cuban insurgents. Many take this to mean that peace negotiations are still in progress between Washington and Madrid.

Senor Quesada, representing the Cuban Junta at Washington, said to-day that the Cubans would never consent to an armistice until their independence was recognized. Until that time the Cubans would not cease fighting.

Commodore W. S. Schley notified the Navy department to-day that the flying squadron was ready to sail at an hour's notice.

The House committee on Foreign Affairs met this morning with doors securely locked, and no cards were allowed to be taken in to members of the committee. It is believed the session was a stormy one. After adjournment it was announced that the committee would take no definite action to-day as to the report. Nothing will be done in Congress to-day. The members of the committee were pledged to secrecy before adjournment. The committee will meet again to-morrow.

MORE ADDITIONS TO THE NAVY.

Vessels That Will be Quickly Transferred Into Fighters.

WASHINGTON, April 4.

Lieutenant Commander Colwell has purchased for the government from the Thames Iron works, in England, a 16 gun cruiser of 1,800 tons, and capable of 16 knots an hour. The vessel was built for the government of Peru during the war between that country and Chile, and was detained by the British government on account of the neutrality laws. She has just been modernized at a cost of \$25,000, and was purchased for considerably below the cost of building. The government has also purchased from P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, the steam yacht Josephine, and from M. C. D. Borden, of New York, the steam yacht Sovereign. These will be quickly transformed into war vessels.

The Spanish minister has received a dispatch from Havana stating that the autonomist cabinet there has addressed an appeal to the insurgents asking to arrange an armistice for the purpose of arriving at terms for peace. The insurgents are appealed to on the ground that they are the Cubans and should unite for peace and liberty, which all want. The appeal also states that Spain is willing to enlarge the present scope of autonomy.

A dispatch from Galveston, Tex., announces a visit by General William M. Graham, commander of the department of the south, who is on a tour of inspection of the fortifications of his department. When asked if there will be war the general replied: "It looks that way."

Dispatches from Madrid and London asserting that the peace has been agreed upon as mediator between this country and Spain are officially denied, so far as this country is concerned.

A Paris dispatch says: The fact that M. Cambon, French ambassador at Washington, has been instructed to act for Spain in the event of the departure of Senor Poley Bernabe shows that M. Hanotaux has made another clever move, in which the neutrality of France is qualified by a show of influence exercised necessarily on behalf of Spain and placing France in the position of a humane protector, without more than moral responsibility.

A Pleasing Work.

The Easter number of the Parish Advocate, published by Rev. Robert O'Boyle, pastor of the Trinity Reformed church, has made its appearance. It is a very neat issue and contains many interesting and well-written articles on subjects pertaining to the parish.

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

INDEPENDENCE FOR THE CUBANS.

Resolution Introduced Into the House To-Day To That Effect.

Special to HERALD. Washington, April 4, 3:30.—Representative W. W. Groat, of Vermont, introduced a joint resolution in the House to-day recognizing the independence of Cuba, and authorizing the President to expend out of the fifty million dollars appropriation, \$500,000 for food for the reconcentrados.

The Navy department to-day telegraphed the Auxiliary Cruiser Board at New York to purchase immediately ten vessels for auxiliary duty. The movements in the Navy department to-day were more active than ever before since the war cloud appeared.

Spain Wants War.

Special to EVENING HERALD. London, April 4.—The Spanish Ambassador at this place gave out a remarkable interview to-day, in which he says official Spain wants peace, but the people are eager for war. He says Spain would inflict incalculable injury upon the United States in a war that would last years. He says the "American fleet is manned by mercenaries of no practical experience, who could not hold out against Spain. Consequently we do not fear war."

Movements of Warships.

Special to EVENING HERALD. Callao, Peru, April 4.—The United States battleship Oregon arrived this morning at Queenstown. The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Osado sailed for Ferrol, Spain, this morning.

Spain's new warship Garibaldi, bought of Italy, is now ready to sail for Barcelona.

The Spanish government has decided to immediately remove from foreign waters all the warships it has recently purchased.

Sagasta Hopes for Peace.

Special to EVENING HERALD. London, April 4.—A Madrid special despatch this afternoon says Sagasta this morning "Expresses the hope that peaceful consideration would influence the American politicians, declaring the people's mediation practically the last chance of averting war."

Five Hundred Lives Lost.

Special to EVENING HERALD. Ridgeway, Ill., April 4.—Shawneetown horror, caused by the bursting of a levee, grows hourly. It was estimated this morning by the Mayor that fully five hundred lives are lost in the deluge. [See particulars on third page.—Ed.]

Mr. Moyer Leaves.

J. Arthur Moyer to-day moved to Southampton, Pa., where he will engage in the retail shoe business. Mr. Moyer was the manager of the Factory shoe store, in town, and spent the past few weeks in disposing of the stock and closing up the business. In his departure he takes with him the good wishes of this community. During his residence here he made warm friends and the HERALD joins them in wishes for success in his new undertaking.

Max Freeburg Robbed.

Max Freeburg, who conducts a general store here, was stopped on the highway west of Ashland on Saturday, by two young men about 25 years of age. They pointed a revolver at him and demanded his money, and secured all he had with him, about \$27. They gave him back 25 cents to pay his car fare, and told him to proceed on his journey homeward. They took his watch and mileage book from his pockets, but were unmercifully returned them. They offered him no violence and after wishing him good morning, started off towards Centerville. Freeburg reported the robbery to the Chief Burgess at Ashland, and messages were sent to nearby towns. The robbers have not been captured.

Feast of the Passover.

Commencing on Wednesday evening, the orthodox Hebrews will observe the feast of the Passover, one of the most important celebrations of their people. Services will be held all day on the following Thursday and Friday, and the closing of the feast will be celebrated with all-day services in the synagogue on Wednesday and Thursday of the following week. All members in good standing will wear the talith, a scarf thrown over their shoulders, during these services.

Marriage Licenses.

Patrick Hughes, of Heckscherville, and Annie Egan, of Mt. Laffee.

James Johnson, Winfield, Union county, and Maggie G. Gradville, of Shenandoah.

Railroad Bonds.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has given notice to the holders of its bonds known as the first mortgage bonds of 1898, that it has arranged with Drexel & Company to purchase said bonds, amounting to \$5,000,000, from the present holders at par on June 1. The bonds are to be extended for a period of fifty years, with interest at 4 per cent.

Leave your orders for meals on Easter eggs at M. L. Kemmerer's, 35 N. Main St., 4-4-0.

But One Naturalized.

Naturalization court was held on Saturday, and but one applicant put in appearance, the court facetiously remarking that possibly the foreigners in the country were too busy getting ready for war. The person granted naturalization papers was Louis Marsinkavay, a Lithuanian, of Shenandoah. He passed a most creditable examination. M. M. Burke asked that three applicants, for whom he was the attorney, should be postponed.

Church News.

Rev. A. M. Stirk, of Allentown, presiding elder, officiated at communion service in the United Evangelical church on North Jardin street yesterday morning.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure

COURT AT POTTSVILLE

Michael Fleming Sentenced by Judge Koch This Morning.

STRONG PLEAS FOR MERCY MADE

The Prosecutors Joined in With Them—The Court Imposed a Sentence of Two Years—After a Pathetic Review of the Circumstances—Arguing the Meyers Case.

Pottsville, April 4.—James W. Ryan, Esq., counsel for Michael Fleming, who pleaded guilty to selling fire to the Eagle factory mill at Mahanoy City, was arraigned before Judge Koch this morning for sentence. In asking for mercy Mr. Ryan said: "Michael Fleming is before the court and I desire to make an appeal in his behalf. He is but 22 years old and this is the first time he has been in the criminal court. In fact it is the first charge ever brought against him. According to the testimony of two of the defendants Fleming was not a regular associate of theirs, but they met on this evening by accident. He is a native born citizen of Mahanoy City, intending to take the electric railway car to Shenandoah. The excitement of the early fire caused him to be in the mill. His character previous to this, I am told, was very good and policeman Berger and Kleiderer both state that it was first class before this trouble. He was a brakeman on the Lehigh Valley railway, living at Delano, and they had an excellent chance to study his character and disposition. The prosecuting committee of the Town Council of Mahanoy City tell me that as recently told his position and regrets. His act has made a voluntary confession, which he was bound to sign. When I was engaged by him he told me he had made his confession without any inducement and that he would go on the stand and swear to the whole story, and rather than commit perjury, would take whatever sentence he got. The most reliable and prominent citizens of Mahanoy City are ready to go on the stand and ask for leniency. Capt. Wm. E. Jones, one of the committee whose property was destroyed, joins in the plea for a light sentence. The best citizens of Mahanoy City ask you to be lenient with him. The prosecuting committee is here. Mr. Hansey, the Borough Solicitor, and Mr. Marr, private counsel, all join in requesting you to be as lenient as possible.

W. P. Ramsey, Esq., addressed Judge Koch and said: It is not just that the court should be informed that it is the wish of all citizens that the court should be lenient. It is the wish of my clients that they be lenient as possible. The defendant appears thoroughly penitent and has done everything he could to assist justice. There was no inducement to him that a confession would benefit him. There were no threats. He told me he knew at first and was gratified that the witness stand in court by telling the same story. Without him it would have been difficult to convict.

Judge Koch then addressed the prisoner, who remained standing in front of the bench. The court said: "Michael Fleming, you have heard what the counsel have said. There were at least three different fires on the night of Jan. 24 at Mahanoy City—the first at about 7 o'clock, the second at about 10, and the third at 1 1/2, that at the Eagle factory mill. It was very disastrous. The chairman of the prosecuting committee, Mr. Jones, who alone lost \$4,000, is here asking leniency for you. The man whose home was burned, fifty feet from the mill, has brought to my attention, and I have heard of your conduct and came from your heart. The next day you said, 'It was the surriestact of my life,' and you also keenly appreciate your position. It appears you were not associated with the others until after the fire. You were at about 11 o'clock that night, when something was said to 'what a nice blaze the mill would make.' Contagion seems then to have taken hold of you. You were in a state of intoxication. In fact you were all intoxicated, but that does not lessen the crime. The service you have rendered by the Commonwealth, and to the people of Mahanoy City, especially, your confession having been dictated by a compulsion of conscience, and not by outside influence, all show that inherently you are not a bad young man. You spring from a family known for fifteen years to some of those who have spoken to me this morning. They never had been a charge brought against any member of it. Your participation, therefore, is unfathomable to me and I do not believe it can be properly explained by anyone. I cannot let you go. It is necessary to imprison you. The Act of Assembly makes it so. I am told from the jail that a month's imprisonment in your case has been and would be beneficial as a year in other cases. The sentence of the court is that you pay the costs, \$25 fine and serve two years' imprisonment at separate and solitary confinement and hard labor in the county prison. The other defendants were given six years each and \$100 fine."

AWARD FOR WAGES. M. M. Burke, Esq., to-day filed the report of J. H. Pomeroy, Esq., auditor in the case of J. J. Hilley against P. F. Kaprowski, in which an award for \$150 was made in favor of Joe Labanowski, for a labor claim. Kaprowski was engaged in the grocery business in town and was sold out on a \$500 claim made by Hilley.

THE MEYERS' CASE. The argument of the motion for a new trial in the case of County Commissioner Charles Meyers was argued before Judge Judge Bechtel to-day and at a late hour this afternoon E. J. Smith, Esq., Meyers' counsel, was talking in the case. He declared that J. J. Hilley, in the case, whose remark censured Meyers to a very hot place, if he made the remark, did so while under the influence of liquor, so that it was all the more truthful and showing his real feeling, because men are more likely to speak more truthfully when half full than at most any other time, when they would be more guarded.

Judge Bechtel: Then all you must do is to get a man drunk to make him tell the truth? Mr. Smith: I do not mean to advise any such course as that.

MINOR NOTES.

S. B. Edwards, Esq., asked for judgment for want of affidavit of defense in the case of

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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 collars 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 Sashes from 40c to \$1.98; Fancy straw Hats, all the latest styles and shades, from 25c to \$1.25; Trimmed Hats, all styles, from 40c to \$12.95; an immense assortment of flowers from 1/2c to \$1.98; one hundred styles of fine Ribbons from 5c to 45 cents per yard.

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

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29 N. Main St., Shenandoah, Pa.

Plain Words About Baby Coaches.

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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

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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 clothing 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,

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

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One Pound of Baking Powder.

The largest articles in the market

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