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"All the News That's Fit to Print."

Evening Herald

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1898.

WE can imagine the feelings of Congressman Brumm when his few remaining lieutenants telegraphed him that Governor Hastings had appointed a Controller for this county.

THE HERALD'S excellent news features is cutting a swath in its contemporaries' circulation lists, so that at least one of them, the Republican, is compelled to place canvassers on the road to retain their limited number of readers. The people want the news on the day it occurs, not a day late, and hence they must look to the HERALD to supply it.

Fusion Against Quay.

Our Pottsville correspondence sometime ago contained brief reference to plans outlined for the organization of a fusion movement against the Republican state ticket, and indicated that Schuylkill county had been offered an important place upon the fusion ticket, representing what is known as the silver Republicans.

Further inquiry shows that the plans are in good shape for effective formulation within a short time. The success of this combination of contiguous elements, however, depends upon the result of the Republican state convention. If that body nominates what is termed a Quay ticket, there is not much doubt but that there will be a revolt of the dissatisfied element of the party, led by Wanamaker and his lieutenants. Herein lies the danger to Republican success, and the contest of 1898 may be a repetition of the Delamater campaign, which resulted in the election of a Democrat as Governor of Pennsylvania.

The combination referred to will comprise the Wanamaker independents, Swallow independents, silver Republicans, free silver and sound money Democrats and the Municipal Leaguers of Philadelphia. It is said that conferences in different parts of the state have been held within the past few days looking to an agreement upon a combination state ticket which would be satisfactory to all the elements interested.

The proposed plan, it is said, contemplates the retirement of both Wanamaker and Swallow as independent candidates for Governor, and the selection of a strong anti-Quay Republican as a compromise. The Democrats are to be given the Lieutenant-Governorship, and the Swallow independents the Secretary of Internal Affairs. This leaves the cold-water advocates out in the cold, as well as the Municipal Leaguers. The latter will submit quietly, as they would sacrifice most everything in order to defeat the Quayites.

Wanamaker's friends realize that their candidate cannot be nominated in the Republican convention, and the plan outlined above would naturally meet with their approval. The Philadelphia merchant prince, in his speeches throughout the state, is certainly firing hot shot into the camp of those who controlled the last Legislature, and his motive is plain. The Wanamaker people would rather control the Legislature than elect their candidate for Governor, thus securing the defeat of the Beaver statesman when he comes up for re-election to the United States Senate. From now on their efforts will be directed to accomplish that end, in every Legislative district in the state.

There are breakers ahead for the Republican party, and Schuylkill county can assist in clearing the atmosphere by selecting state delegates not identified with either faction, but who will go to Harrisburg with one object in view—that of nominating a ticket that will harmonize the various elements within the party. If this is accomplished, it will not be difficult to predict the result in November.

Spring Medicine

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WAR RESOLUTION PASSED.

It Goes Through the House by a Vote of 322 to 19.

Washington, April 14.—Yesterday was a day of momentous and exciting events in congress. Not in years have both houses been engaged in the consideration of such important business. Both committees having in charge foreign affairs reported resolutions, the tenor of which is believed to mean a war with Spain. The house passed the resolutions reported by the majority of its committee, and the senate began a debate which may be protracted and interesting.

In the early part of the day it seemed that there was a possibility that unanimous action might be had in both house and senate, but divisions arising over the form and words of the resolution could not be reconciled, and minority reports were presented.

The senate was first to report its resolution, and at the beginning of the session Senator Davis, chairman of the committee, presented the resolution and a report which, in dealing with the management of Cuban affairs by Spain, was a vigorous and scathing denunciation of that country and its military methods.

The purpose of the delay on the part of some of the members of the senate was shown in the objection to the consideration of the report, which sent it over to another day, but this did not prevent a most exciting and vigorous debate upon the resolution and the Cuban situation. All day long the senate listened, with the galleries, while vigorous speeches were made for and against the proposition. The minority report, which was presented by four members of the foreign relations committee—Senator Foraker, of Ohio, joining with three Democratic members—was in favor of the recognition of the independence of the present government of Cuba at once, and it is an interesting fact that there seems to be quite a general feeling that the minority report of the committee may, when the vote is taken, be the action of the senate. Debate and discussion may alter the condition which seems to exist now, but the temper of senators on both sides seems inclined in that direction.

THE ST. LOUIS AS A CRUISER.

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WASHINGTON.

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The Population of Shenandoah

Is about eighteen thousand, and we would say at least one half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs. Price 25 and 50c. Trial size free. Sold by all druggists.

THE FLEET AT KEY WEST.

Sailors Anxiously Awaiting Orders to Begin the Attack on Havana.

Key West, April 14.—If the public of the north is tired of hearing the same old stories that "all is tranquil" or "tension is high," certainly the correspondents here are equally tired of writing them. The arrival of the press bulletins, plentiful and full of news, are the most decided events of the day. Indeed, the news here is practically confined to those statements.

The Detroit coaled yesterday and the Mangrove and Wilmington are coaling today. The target practice on the monitors has been kept up until, as Captain Forsyth says, every old wreck in the harbor has fallen apart from concussion, even if not hit.

First in importance in the news sent today, in everybody's estimation, is the declaration by Spain that she will not back down. Captain Sigsbee's appointment to command the St. Paul gives great satisfaction, as does also the gazetting of Commander Goodrich to the St. Louis. It is believed here that the flying squadron is only going out for a short cruise or intends to lay off Charleston or Savannah, to be ready for orders, and thus to be nearer Spain, the Canaries, Cape Verde or the West Indies. Of course speculation leads to earnest argument—very interesting to hear when conducted without reserve—as to the merits of the various ships of the United States navy. All agree that, given safety from torpedoes, the monitors Puritan, Terror and Amphitrite, with steps of the[illegible] class, are most dangerous to an enemy, while safer for those fighting on board.

News from Havana is awaited with the deepest interest. Yesterday, when the cable was temporarily interrupted by causes liable to arise at any time, every one feared that the worst had happened, and that Havana was in the hands of the volunteers and the Spanish soldiery. Much relief was felt when the interrupted communication was restored.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at A. Wasley's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

Uncle Sam Didn't Want Them.

Berlin, April 14.—Lieutenant A. P. Niblack, the United States naval attache, when questioned regarding the purchase of the Hamburg-American line steamers Normannia and Columbia by a Spanish company, said the reason they were not purchased by the United States is that the American government was not desirous of obtaining the vessels. The North German liners Saale and Spree have not been sold to a Spanish company, as reported. At the office here it is announced that if the vessels are sold at all they will be sold to the United States.

A Short Murder Trial.

Montrose, Pa., April 14.—The jury in the trial of Miss Flora Belle Sweet, charged with the murder of her mother, Mrs. Elvira Sweet, at Susquehanna, this county, on Dec. 17 last, has rendered a verdict of not guilty on account of insanity. Only four hours was occupied by the trial, it being the shortest murder trial in the history of the court. Miss Sweet will be committed to the State Asylum for the Insane at Danville.

Clothing For the National Guards.

New York, April 14.—John T. Richards, adjutant general on the staff of the governor of Maine, was in New York yesterday and placed orders for re-clothing the entire National Guard of Maine for field service. Orders for campaign uniforms have also been placed by the states of Connecticut, California, Massachusetts, Maryland and Rhode Island. This order looks large, but it calls for only 5,071 uniforms. The whole National Guard of Rhode Island consists of 452 officers and men; Maine, 656; Maryland, 920; Connecticut, 1,229; California, 1,623; Massachusetts, 2,200.

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For New York via Mauch Chunk, week days 5 36, 7 39 a. m., 12 33 and 3 10 p. m.

For Reading and Philadelphia, week days 2 10, 5 36, 7 39, 9 54 a.m., 12 33, 3 10 and 6 07 p. m. Sundays, 2 10 a. m.

For Pottsville, week days, 2 10, 7 39, 9 54 a. m., 12 33, 3 10, 6 07 and 7 25 p. m. Sundays, 2 10 a. m.

For Tamaqua and Mahanoy City, week days 2 10, 5 36, 7 39, 9 54 a. m., 12 33, 3 10 and 6 07 p. m. Additional to Mahanoy City only, 11 40 p. m. Sundays, 2 10 a. m.

For Williamsport, Sunbury and Lewisburg, week days, 4 05, 5 36, 11 30 a. m., 12 33, 7 25 p. m. Sundays, 3 20 a. m.

For Mahanoy Plane, weekdays, 2 10, 4 05, 5 36, 7 39, 9 54, 11 30 a. m., 12 33, 3 10, 6 07, 7 25, 9 55 and 11 40 p. m. Sundays, 2 10, 4 05 a. m.

For Ashland and Shamokin, week days, 4 05, 5 36, 7 39, 11 30 a. m., 12 33, 3 10, 6 07, 7 25 and 9 55 p. m. Sundays, 4 05 a. m.

For Baltimore, Washington and the West via B. & O. R. R., through trains leave Reading Terminal, Philadelphia, (P. & R. R. R.) at 3 20, 7 55, 11 26 a. m., 3 10 and 7 27 p. m. Sundays, 3 20, 7 00, 11 26 a. m., 3 46 and 7 27 p. m. Additional trains from Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets station, week days, 10 30 a. m. 12 20, 12 47 8 40 p. m. Sundays, 1 35, 8 23 p. m.

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Leave New York via Mauch Chunk, week days, 4 30, 9 10 a. m., 1 30 and 4 15 p. m.

Leave Philadelphia, Reading Terminal, week days, 3 01, 3 40, 8 35, 10 10 a. m. and 1 42, 4 05, 6 30 p. m. Sundays, 12 01 a. m.

Leave Reading, week days, 2 05, 7 01, 10 08, a. m. 12 00 m., 4 19, 8 00 and 8 20 p. m. Sundays, 2 0[illegible] a. m.

Leave Pottsville, week days, 8 00, 7 10 a. m. 12 30 and 6 10 p. m. Sundays, 8 07 a. m.

Leave Tamaqua, week days, 8 55, 7 46, 11 28 a. m., 1 06, 5 56, 7 20 and 9 43 p. m. Sundays, 3 55 a. m.

Leave Mahanoy City, week days, 12 20, 4 01 8 15, 11 47 a. m., 2 17, 5 18, 6 24, 7 44 and 10 08 p. m. Sundays, 12 25, 4 21 a. m.

Leave Mahanoy Plane, week days, 12 35, 2 40, 4 35 6 30, 8 20, 10 25, 11 59 a. m., 2 32, 5 32, 6 41 7 57, 10 22 p. m. Sundays, 12 40, 2 40, 4 35 a. m.

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Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy corrects all bad effects upon the Kidneys caused by whiskey and beer, and puts a new element of life in the blood. Those who drink, as well as total abstainers, will find in this time-tried medicine restoration to renewed health and happiness.

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THE PRODUCE MARKETS

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Philadelphia, April 13.—Flour quiet, but firm; winter superfine, $2@2.25; Pennsylvania roller clear, $3.50@3.75; city mills, extra, $3.[illegible]@3.[illegible]. Rye flour sold in a small way at $2.90 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Hay steady; choice timothy, $12@12.50 for large bales. Beef firm; beef hams, $22.50@23. Pork steady; family, $12 @12.50. Lard steady; western steamed, $4.[illegible]. Butter steady; creamery, 17@21c; do. factory, 12@14c; Elgins, 21c; imitation creamery, 13@17c; New York dairy, 15@16c; do. creamery, 17@21c; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 21 @25c; do. wholesale, 20c. Cheese steady; light skims, 5@6½c; part skims, 4@6c; full skims, 2@3c; large white and colored September, 7½@7¾c; small do. do., 8c; fancy large, choice, 7½@7¾c; small do., 7½@8c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 10@13c; western, fresh, 10½c; southern, 9½@10c. Potatoes firmer; New York, $2.37½@2.50; sweets, $3@ 4.50. Tallow steady; city, 3½@3¾c; country, 3½@3¾c. Cabbage steady; Florida, $2@3; Charleston and Savannah, $10@12. Cottonseed oil quiet, but steady; prime crude, 19½c; prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 14½@15½c; butter oil, 25@ 27c.

Baltimore, April 13.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat strong; spot and month, $1.01¼@1.01½; May, $1.01¼@1.01½; July, 87½c; steamer No. 2 red, 98@98½c; southern, by sample, 92c@$1.02; do. on grade, 98½c@$1.01½. Corn strong; spot, month and May, 35@35½c; steamer mixed, 34½ @34¾c; southern, white, 36@36½c; do. yellow, 35½c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 31@ 32½c; No. 2 mixed, 30@30½c. Rye strong; No. 2 nearby, 55@56c; No. 2 western, 58½c. Hay steady; choice timothy, $12.50 @13. Grain freights very quiet; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 3½d., May; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 3s. 4½d., April; 3s. 4d., May.

Live Stock Markets.

East Liberty, Pa., April 13.—Cattle easy; extra, $5.10@5.15; prime, $5@5.10; common, $3.90@4.20. Hogs lower; prime medium, $3.90@3.95; best heavy Yorkers, $3.85@3.90; light Yorkers, $3.70@3.80; heavy pigs, $3.90 @3.95; common to best pigs, $3.40@4.05; roughs, $2.50@3.50. Sheep steady; choice clipped, $4.25@4.30; common, $3.15@3.65. Choice clipped lambs, $4.85@5; common to good, $4.25@4.30; spring lambs, $6@8. Veal calves, $4.50@5.

New York, April 13.—Beeves slow; steers 5@10c lower; bulls and cows about steady; all sold; steers, poor to choice, $4.40@5.10; oxen and stags, $3.65@4.50; bulls, $3.25@3.75; cows, $2@3.90. Calves slow; prime grades steady; others 25c lower; all sold; veals, poor to prime, $3.75@6.25; extra lot, $6.30@6.50. Sheep and lambs slow; wooled stock 10c lower; clipped do. barely steady; spring lambs generally lower; 4½c cars unsold; wooled sheep, $4@4.90; clipped do., $3.50@4.35; unshorn lambs, 46; clipped do., $3.50@5.30; southern spring lambs, $6@7.75 each; state do., $2@5. Hogs dull; pigs, 10@15c lower; whole range, $3.80@4.20; western pigs, $3.80@4.

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RUSHING WAR PREPARATIONS.

Steamers St. Louis and St. Paul Become Naval Cruisers.

Washington, April 14.—Yesterday was a day of stirring activity at the navy and war departments. Anticipating decisive action by congress, the machinery of the military and naval branches of the government was early put in motion, and events of grave significance followed in quick succession. In every bureau the work of preparation went on with an enthusiasm. The first event to become known was the acquisition by the navy department of the American line steamships St. Louis and St. Paul, and coupled with the announcement was the information that in all probability Captain Sigsbee would be placed in command of one and Captain Goodrich, president of the naval war college, of the other.

The St. Paul sailed from Southampton April 9, for New York, and is due at New York tomorrow. The St. Louis arrived at Southampton yesterday, and if she returns according to schedule she will sail from Southampton on Saturday.

Early in the forenoon the naval strategic board went into session and called Consul General Lee into the conference. The session was long and was devoted to a thorough discussion of offensive and defensive movements in Cuban waters, General Lee being able to give the board much valuable information regarding the defenses of Havana.

Crowding close to the heels of these events was the news that the flying squadron had raised anchors and put to sea. This fact caused intense excitement in all quarters, and finally elicited the official statement that the squadron had merely gone to sea for a short practice cruise. There was an evident anxiety on the part of the officials for news of the various Spanish fleets, but up to a late hour no word had been received of any movements in that quarter. It was rumored that the Spanish vessels at Porto Rico had sailed, but this could not be confirmed.

At the war department various details attendant upon the prearranged plans for moving the troops were put in shape, but matters in this regard are so well in hand that no new orders were issued.

The navy department received word yesterday that the Spanish armored ship Pelayo had arrived at Cadiz.

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A HIGH EXPLOSIVE.

GUN COTTON COMPARATIVELY SAFE IN NAVAL WARFARE.

Experts Tell Some Things About Its Qualities and the Way In Which It Is Made. Detonation or Explosion Is Brought About by Shock.

"Gun cotton," said an ordnance officer a few days ago, "is by far the safest of any of the high explosives. That is the reason it is chosen instead of the nitroglycerin preparations, which, although they will produce more powerful effects, are very dangerous things to have on shipboard. They can be exploded too easily by the application of heat, by a shock and under some conditions by spontaneous combustion. But the gun cotton, so long as it is kept wet, is absolutely safe, and there is no trouble about preserving the necessary degree of moisture."

Precisely the same opinion regarding gun cotton as an explosive for naval warfare was expressed by the superintendent of one of the largest powder manufacturing firms.

"Not only is gun cotton absolutely inert and harmless so long as it is wet," he said, "but it does not necessarily follow that it will explode even when dry. Of course it is then much more liable to do so, but if it is undisturbed in any way a considerable quantity of it might remain dry without any accident. In our works we are extremely careful about the way in which we handle dry gun cotton, but there is no need of any precautions when it is wet. On shipboard the disks of dry cotton which are used as primers to detonate the wet are always kept away from the magazine, either on deck or in one of the cabins.

"The only danger from them would be in case they were dropped while being handled. The result then would not always—perhaps not usually—be an explosion, but you never can tell with certainty. One of the disks might be dropped half a dozen times and not explode, and the next time under apparently the same conditions it would go off. As far as heat is concerned, if the dry gun cotton is exposed to a continued high temperature for a long time, it is likely to decompose, undergoing chemical changes which generate heat and may go far enough to cause spontaneous combustion. But no such condition is possible on a ship, because the gun cotton is always carried in the torpedo heads and inspected regularly to see that it remains wet. The heads are practically airtight, but if any evaporation is noticed the cotton can be dampened again by a regular means arranged for that purpose."

The process by which so common and harmless a substance as cotton is converted into a high explosive is a comparatively simple one. Pure raw cotton or ordinary cotton waste is steeped in a solution of one part of nitric acid and three parts of sulphuric acid. The nitric acid is the one which renders the cotton explosive, the presence of the sulphuric being required only to absorb the water, thus allowing the other acid to combine more readily with the nearly pure cellulose of which cotton consists. After the cotton has soaked in the acids for several hours it is taken from the pots and squeezed through heavy rollers to extract all the superfluous acid which it has not absorbed. Then it is washed carefully and thoroughly, still with the same object of removing the free acid. If any of this remained, its tendency would be to cause chemical changes in the gun cotton and decompose it. Formerly this washing was the last process resorted to for the removal of the free acid, but a few years ago Sir Frederick Abel found that the cells in the cotton fiber so absorbed and retained the acid by capillary attraction that the washing failed to extract it entirely. To remedy this and make the gun cotton more pure, it is now after being washed passed through a machine similar to that which grinds up the rags in a paper mill. Here it is crushed thoroughly and afterward washed again until the last trace of free acid disappears and the cotton comes out in the form of a soft white pulp, closely resembling the pulp of which paper is made.

This concludes the process of actual manufacture, and it now remains only to convert the gun cotton into the most convenient form for the use to which it is to be put. If it is to be employed in making powder, it is dried and stored away in pulverized form, but if it is designed for filling torpedoes it must be compressed to a certain density and molded into the shapes which will best enable it to be packed into the torpedo heads. These shapes vary according to the design of the torpedoes and the method of packing. Sometimes they are disks and sometimes cylinders, flat squares or cubes. If uncompressed and dry, the gun cotton would be extremely light, weighing no more than ordinary cotton batting, but when made into the above forms it is compressed to the density of an equal amount of water. The percentage of moisture remaining in the gun cotton when it is packed into torpedoes varies between 15 and 30. So safe from explosion, unless detonated, is a brick of wet gun cotton that it may be placed upon hot coals. As the moisture dries off from the outside the cotton flakes off and burns up quietly. Perfectly dry gun cotton, when confined in a strong case, will explode with great violence if exposed to a temperature of about 320 degrees F.

Detonation, or the firing of explosives by intense shock, is a modern method, for until 30 years ago the application of heat was always used to bring about an explosion. It has now been discovered that detonation produces a more powerful effect than explosion by means of heat. In detonating the wet gun cotton in the torpedo heads the primer of dry gun cotton which is used weighs only a pound or thereabout. It is placed in contact with the wet mass, which in a Whitehead torpedo consists usually of about 250 pounds. Then, by means of a fuse and fulminate of mercury cap, a flame is shot through the disk of dry gun cotton. This explodes instantly, and with it the entire mass of the wet cotton, producing tremendous results.—New York Tribune.

BLADDER TROUBLES.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one or two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

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