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Affairs in Cuba.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Oct. 26.—The first session of the Cuban Assembly was held Monday at Santa Cruz del Sur. A majority of the delegates are military delegates. The sensation of the assembly was the appearance of General Calixto Garcia as one of the delegates from the Fifth Army Corps, a fact which practically renders him supreme at the assembly's sessions. His election to preside over the proceedings is considered a foregone conclusion, as it is conceded that he controls a majority of the delegates. The Céspedes faction is defeated. Its leaders now deny that they had any desire to discredit General Garcia and the attempt to impeach him before the assembly will probably not be made. The principal question for consideration will be the question of disbanding the army. It is thought the assembly will oppose the disbanding until—in the words of one of the military delegates—"some assurance is received from President McKinley that he intends to observe the resolutions of the United States Congress regarding the absolute freedom of Cuba." It being a military assembly, the annexation party has but a small representation. One proposition to come up for discussion is that the army should remain an armed force for the purpose of policing and garrisoning the island from the beginning of next year, when the United States troops are expected to leave. The assembly will appoint a committee to wait upon President McKinley regarding the status of Cuba, consisting probably of Garcia, Quesada, and Parrada. It is safe to assume that the assembly will remain in session and the army, in any event, not be disbanded until the report of the committee is received. Owing to the scarcity of food and water, however, the assembly will probably move after a few sessions to Marianao.

Another proposition to be brought before the delegates is the division of Cuba into four states to be called: Orient, now the province of Santiago de Cuba; Canagüey, now the province of Puerto Principe; Las Villas, now the province of Santa Clara, and Occident, now the provinces of Matanzas, Havana and Pinar del Rio. Between the proposed states of Canagüey and Las Villas would be a space of land which would be a special fertile district or territory where the capital would be built, a new inland town for this special purpose. A delegate will propose the trial by a court martial of all officers in the Cuban army who have permitted their men to disband.

In these ways and in others, the assembly intends to show the world that it considers the Americans merely temporary visitors who will evacuate the island shortly after the Spaniards.

The Santiago Board of Trade representing the commerce of the province, sent a special committee to wait upon General Wood, military governor of the department of Santiago, and to congratulate him upon the work he has already done.

The committee also informed him that the Board of Trade had subscribed \$100,000 for harbor improvements and that the amount had been placed at his disposal to use as he might see fit. This action was entirely voluntary, and it is considered to reflect the opinion of business men here as to American predominance.

Dead In Engine Cab.

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., Oct. 25.—One of the queerest of fatal railroad accidents on record happened to Henry Kinsley, an engine driver of this place, as he was running passenger train No. 12 from Binghamton to this place last night. As he leaned out of his cab at Kirkwood his head came in contact with a water crane and he was instantly killed.

The train ran from Kirkwood to this place with no guiding hand at the throttle. As this station was reached the fireman, Cowgill, of Hornesville, climbed over the engine, forced his way into the cab and stopped the train just in time to prevent a rear end collision with a freight train that was pulling out. Had this collision occurred the wreck would have proved serious, as there were nearly two hundred passengers on Kinsley's train, and more than the usual number of passengers were carried. It ran at its usual speed until Kirkwood was reached, and then the engine seemed to fairly bound over the track. Past darkened farm houses, round sharp curves, and over grade crossings, without giving warning, the train fairly flew, and it rushed past the Great Bend without a blast from the engine whistle being heard. The clerk in the mail car could hardly keep his feet, for the car rocked from side to side.

The engine No. 745 is of the "Mother Hubbard" type. The cab is located over the boiler, and the fireman had a place of his own further back. When the engine did not whistle for Great Bend, Cowgill thought Kinsley had forgotten to pull the whistle rope, but when it went past Hickory Grove and again gave no warning he became anxious.

On entering the Susquehanna yard the train did not slow down, and then the fireman went to investigate. When he reached the engine driver's cab he forced the door and found Kinsley lying dead on the floor with his head crushed to a shapeless mass.

Cogwill stopped the engine just in front of the Susquehanna station, and as he did so he could see ahead on the same track the rear lights of a freight train that was just leaving.

Investigation showed that the water crane in Kirkwood was covered with blood. The inference is that on reaching Kirkwood, Kinsley leaned further out of the cab than usual and was struck by the crane. If the crane was thrown around as far as it should have been it is believed this could not have happened.

Farm and Household.

Plants from the open ground and not in pots which you wish to save must be taken up and potted without delay. We have had one slight frost and no one can tell when the next will come. Of course any plants which are cut when the frost comes can be saved by covering them up for the night, but this is not the wisest plan. Should you not be prepared with covering a good way of saving plants from early or late frosts is to water the plants overhead, after the sun has gone down. Give them a good spraying; do not half do it. Let the ground be well dampened around where the plants are, and the frost will not injure the plants. That is, a slight frost. If you're determined to save some of the geraniums which have been growing outside all summer lift them at once and have them potted. When you lift them the first thing for you to do is to cut them down to within six inches of the ground, or thereabout. Cut away all the large leaves and the longest of the roots; this will enable the plant to have a storage of sap, and little demand on the same before the new roots take hold upon the soil in the pot. Then the buds will open out, and new branches will be sent out, and a new growth all along the branches, giving you a plant which will flower in early spring; but if you try to pot the plants as they generally are done by cottagers you cannot be successful. I have seen people plant large geraniums without cutting down, and almost every one of them died soon after, the cause being that the leaves being left on the plants, drew the sap up from the roots, leaving no nourishment for the roots to live on, the roots having no communication with the soil, die, and this rot goes on from the roots upward, the top of the plant dying last. But when cut down geraniums will do splendidly in the way shown above. Do not put into large pots. Put the plants thus lifted into the smallest pots into which you can get the roots without cramping them up in a bunch.

Sensible Suggestions.

Chickens, in fact fowls of any kind, will fatten rapidly if fed cooked potatoes. Give plenty of cool water and grit, a little corn, with lettuce and onion for green food, keep the coop clean, and in ten days the fowls should be plenty fat and in good health. The water vessels these hot days need cleansing very frequently. There is no quicker way to spread disease in a flock of chickens than by neglect of the water supply. Hens that are two years old are ordinarily not worth their keep. Some individuals are such good layers or excellent mothers that it pays to keep them to twice that age, but the rank and file ought to be fattened and disposed of as soon as buyers begin to hanker after peps, which is as soon as cool weather sets in. One breed of fowls is all that the ordinary farmer or villager can raise with profit. Of course where suitable arrangements can be made to keep breeds apart it is all very well, but when White Leghorns and Brown Leghorns and Plymouth Rocks and just plain chickens get mixed up the result is a lot of feathered creatures not worth their corn. At least that has been my observation.

Guinea Fowls.

It would be a good plan for all poultry raisers to have a few guinea fowls about their poultry premises. They are hardy good natured and beautiful. It is well to keep them as tame as possible and always have them around the home, as they make an excellent "watchdog," their shrill cry frightening away hawks and other murders. The poultryman's greatest enemy in the south is the sparrow hawk, and our neighbors have lost as many as a dozen chickens a day by hawks alone, while we never lost but three chicks from that source, and we believe all credit is due the guinea.

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Farmer's Hens.

How few farmers pay any attention to the housing of their hens. It is really pitiful to see the poor miserable ruffled looking birds one finds on most farms on a cold raw day, sitting around in the angle of some shed all hunched up, with so little strength and vitality that they have no heart to scratch or even walk about. Eggs are out of the question from such specimens. After a month or so of such existence, during which they shiver all their feathers off and mope about in a half picked condition in a hen coop through the cracks of which one could throw the proverbial cat, they finally turn up their toes and that ends their misery. "I cannot afford to fix the coop this year" or "It's good enough,"—how often do we hear these excuses. Stuff newspapers in the cracks of the walls, cover the wall with several layers of newspapers, wall paper style; do something to protect the poor birds from the zero blast. If your horse shivers, or the north wind cuts you you will find blankets for him. If your pig pen is in an exposed condition bank it up, and try to keep the hog comfortable; are not the hens of some little consequence? During the winter, if you can make them lay, they will turn you in much more money than your hog will when sold in the spring.

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