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BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

DeForrest Hummer spent Tuesday in Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Katherine Richard went to Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday to visit friends.

Miss Margaret Laubach spent Sunday with friends at Millville.

A. H. Bloom has been elected Treasurer of St. Paul's Church.

Miss Alice Barton has returned to her home at Esby after having spent the winter with her sister at Evansville, Indiana.

John Gilbert and wife of Philadelphia arrived in Bloomsburg on Saturday. Mrs. Gilbert will remain for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Dr. D. W. Conner of Wilkes-Barre, has been visiting her parents Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Rutter on Market Street the past week.

Chas. P. Elvell who has been home for the past two weeks returned to the Conservatory of Music at Boston on Wednesday.

W. W. Hirlinger, is taking a course in fine watch work under J. E. Roys. He has been conducting a small jewelry store at Huntingdon Mills, Luz. Co.

Dr. Joseph Reifsnnyder, assistant surgeon of the 12th Regiment, spent last Thursday in town to say goodbye to his relatives. The regiment has been ordered to Tampa.

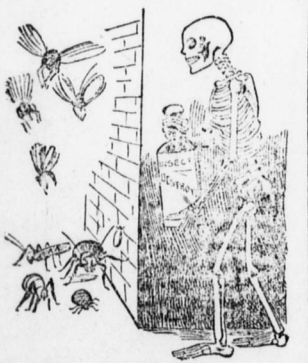
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Mrs. Noah Mautser, died at her home in Mifflinburg, Union county, last Wednesday, aged 61 years. Deceased was a sister of Henry Ohl of this town.

Columbia County's share of the State appropriation for public schools this year will be \$43,026.34. This is an increase over last year of \$422.126.

T. H. Edgar of Stillwater has the contract to build a new house for Elias Utt on Third Street above Iron. The old building is being torn down.

The United States battle ship Oregon under the command of Captain Clark is coming home over her usual course, regardless of the threats made by the Dons to capture her. Meeting the Spanish fleet doesn't seem to worry Uncle Sam's Jack Tars.



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Earl McHenry, son of W. M. McHenry is seriously ill.

A severe thunder storm passed over this town Monday afternoon.

The State meeting of the Odd Fellows is going on at Wilkesbarre this week.

Revs. M. E. McLinn of the Lutheran Church and G. H. Hemingway of the Presbyterian Church exchanged pulpits Sunday evening.

Men and medicines are judged by what they do. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla give it a good name everywhere.

The new bridge over the Susquehanna River is about completed. The first team passed over it on Monday.

A new metal ceiling is being placed in Hess Bros. Jewelry store. The work is in charge of W. O. Holmes.

The anti-Quay men took no part in the Republican convention on Monday. Had there been any offices to be passed around, things might have been different.

Rev. G. H. Hemingway started Wednesday morning to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in session at Wynona Park, near Chicago.

S. E. Reynolds is moving his house from the front to the back part of his lot on Fifth Street. He intends erecting a more commodious dwelling on the site of the old building.

White & Hadler, who have been running a feather renovator in the Sloan building on Market Street for the past two months have moved their machine to Berwick.

Bloomsburg's base ball aggregation went down before our neighbors up the river Saturday by the time of 5 to 3. Berwick was greatly strengthened by out of town players.

Owing to the war tax the price of beer has gone up \$1 on a barrel. It has been intimated that by reason of the extra cost the bottom of the glass will be nearer the top than heretofore.

The Pennsylvania College of Gettysburg defeated the Normal School ball team Friday afternoon. Score 5 to 3. The Normals are not doing very well this season. This is their third strange defeat.

The man killed on the D. L. & W. Railroad on Friday night last was Harry Meade, and not Frank McHenry as was reported. Frank was greatly surprised on arriving home a few days ago to learn that he was supposed to be dead.

The plan proposed by a Chicago man, to ask every citizen of the United States to contribute one dollar toward building a battleship to be named after the Maine would no doubt meet with popular approval and receive a quick response.

The following letters are advertised May 17, 1898: Miss Etta Harman, Miss Lizzie Henry, Mr. George Kelly, Mr. W. Montgomery, Tomas Plesniarski, Miss Ella Wolf. Cards. Miss Bertha Hollister, Mrs. H. N. White. Will be sent to the dead letter office May 31, 1898.

O. B. MELICK, P. M.

Mrs. Robley D. Evans, the wife of "Fighting Bob," has a larger personal interest in the Navy than most women. Her husband commands the Iowa, her brother commands the Indiana, her son is on the Massachusetts, her son-in-law is on the New York, and her two daughters and her niece have volunteered as nurses and are now taking instruction at a hospital.

A gang of burglars made a raid on Ruper Thursday night of last week. L. H. Boody's house was entered by breaking the kitchen window. Attempts were also made to rob the Hotel, Yost's dry goods store and one or two other private residences. The marauders, were frightened away before they had time to accomplish their work.

In Arizona, an applic at for enlistment in the cow boy brigade is given a lasso and goes into a corral and catches a wild mustang, which he proceeds to saddle, bridle and ride. When he has got him under control he dashes at full speed down a lane with a revolver in each hand and drives the nails in the fence, as he goes. If he can do this he is accepted without medical examination or question as to his standing in the church. If Weyler will get within a dozen miles of this congregation of terrors his ambition to die for his country will be speedily realized. Each one has promised to lasso or shoot the old butcher if an opportunity ever occurs.

Democratic Primary Election and County Convention Call.

The Democratic voters of Columbia County will meet at the several places for holding of the general election, in their respective districts, on Saturday, June 11, 1898, between the hours of 3 and 7 o'clock p. m., and vote for persons to be nominated for the various offices subject to the rules of the Democratic party of this county.

The newly elected judges of each election district will meet at the Court House in Bloomsburg on Tuesday, June 14, at 11 o'clock a. m. and count up the vote which each person has received and place on the ticket.

One person for Congress.
One person for State Senator.
Two persons for the State Legislature.
One person for President Judge.
One person for County Surveyor.
Five delegates to the State Convention.

Under the rules each election district will elect a judge and two inspectors and one committeeman.

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R. G. F. KSHINKA, Secretary.

STAY PARAGRAPHS.

—Summer weather.
—Lawyers who can make one suit last, are considered economical.

—The Central Pennsylvania Telephone are improving their service.

—Some people say that office-seeking dentists have a "political pull."

—No, Willie dear, the mother of a litter of puppies is not called a dogma.

—There are several alleys in town that need the attention of the health officer.

—A great many of the citizens of town have taken their flags down. Let them fly until the last gun is fired.

—The mad dog season will soon be here. See to it that the canine is muzzled, before you make friends with him.

—Sampson is keeping up his fruitless search for the enemy and allowing the Spaniards to fortify the Cuban coasts. The longer the invasion of Cuba is delayed, the harder it will be to effect a landing.

—ISAACSTEIN TO COHEN: "How was it dot your store was on fire vonce?" "COHEN TO ISAACSTEIN: "It was de blumber, vot did idt." ISAACSTEIN, soliloquizing, "I guess I employs dot blumber in de future.

—Jonathan has a little ram, Its name is Kat-ah-din; It runs upon the waters blue, And will make the Spaniards skin.

It is a funny little ram And has no fleece of wool, It is a butter, so they say, Like the one that went to school.

The rumor on the streets Saturday night to the effect that Sampson had engaged the enemy in a great naval fight whereby the New York and seven Spanish ships had been sunk created no little excitement. The report it is said, reached this place by way of a message to East Bloomsburg. But it doesn't matter how it got here, it had the desired effect, and the Sunday papers went like hot cakes.

The Island of Cuba is 730 miles in length and has an average width of 80 miles. Havana, the capital is 78 miles from Key West, which distance can be covered by a dispatch boat in four hours. The area of Cuba is about 44,000 square miles. Smaller than the state of New York. It has a population of 1,600,000, of which but a small proportion are Spaniards.

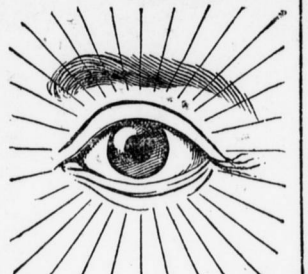
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SPANISH ARMY.
Number and Efficiency of its Soldiers in Cuba.

On Paper the Castilian Strength is 130,000 Men—Scarcely Half the Number Effective, and all are Poor Marks-men—Terrors of Rainy Season Overrated.

The war department has very full confidential reports of the numbers and efficiency of the Spanish army in Cuba. The latest reports date from December, 1897, and are as follows: There are fifty-six first battalions of infantry in Cuba, with an effective force on paper of 1,000 men to each battalion. There are fifty-six second battalions of 1,000 each, rank and file. Besides these battalions there are twelve rifle regiments, each having on paper 1,200 men. There is also a railway regiment of 1,040 men and a telegraph battalion of 1,272 men. These two last named regiments have been kept busy in repairing and maintaining the railways and telegraph lines and defending them from Cuban attacks. Notwithstanding these forces are kept constantly in the field, the railways and telegraphic lines are constantly broken and communications are everywhere uncertain and have been interrupted within five leagues of Havana.

The rifle regiments in Cuba are armed with the German pattern of Mauser rifles. This is a 31 caliber arm, capable of very rapid fire in the hands of expert soldiers, but the Spanish private soldier is the worst shot in Europe. They have no regular small arm training in fire tactics, and as most of them never saw any kind of arm previous to their draft into the army they are slow at learning the manipulation of the delicate machinery of the modern small bore military rifle. The greater portion of these troops, however, carry the American Remington rifle of .43 caliber, fitted with a bayonet. It is an excellent arm of its kind and was made at the Remington works, Ilion, N. Y., a quarter of a century ago.

General Lee and Captain Walter B. Barker, consul at Sagua la Grande, who during the late war was a staff officer of the Confederate general, Joseph R. Davis, of Mississippi, both say that, even in the militia days of the first three months of the late war, they never saw such absolute ignorance of everything military as is displayed by these so called "veteran troops" of Spain on the island of Cuba. Though there is, on paper, a force of 130,000 men, the effective is scarcely one-half this number. The rank and file is wofully ignorant that great difficulty is had to find men with sufficient education to act as noncommissioned officers, and as the efficiency of all armies is greatly affected by the noncommissioned men, sergeants and corporals no wonder that of Spain has sunk so low.

There is just a suspicion of uneasiness in Washington that Spain may make a dash at some of the southern seacoast towns. The great troopships in which the 130,000 men now in Cuba were brought here from Spain are most of them still at Havana and

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Mantanzas. They carried 1,200 to 1,400 men each nearly 4,000 miles. Had Spain an enterprising general, it would be easy enough to put a couple of brigades abroad these transports and early some morning land them anywhere from Pensacola to Beauport, S. C., especially if there were a couple of warships along to cover the landing parties. By destroying the telegraphic lines communication could be cut off from the world for twenty-four hours, and in that time ships could be loaded with provisions, an indemnity levied and collected, and the brigades could be back on Cuban soil before the rest of the United States would know what had happened.

There seems to be but one man in the Spanish forces now holding Cuba who might dare attempt so daring a dash, and that is General Parado, whom all well informed persons consider the ablest and most enterprising general Spain has on the island next to Captain General Blanco. He is young and has shown marked capacity for command and has Captain General Blanco's confidence to a degree not shared by any other general officer. Were the antagonist France or England there would be the greatest uneasiness for fear such a coup de main might and probably would be attempted. Spain has not been given to dashes of this sort in her almost constant wars, and yet England captured Havana just in the manner indicated and held it as long as she cared to. It is the unexpected that often happens in war, and the war and navy departments are now considering how such a stroke can be best guarded against.

There is much talk abroad nowadays about the terrors of "the rainy season" in Cuba. Its dangers are vastly overrated. Captain Barker has been in Cuba four years, and he says he has never seen but one "rainy season" in all that time, and it was no more to be feared than a tropical climate usually is as at any time. General Lee corroborates this and declares that ten miles away from the badly kept seacoast towns Cuba is as healthy as any country south of the Potomac or Ohio. If men will eat sparingly of tropical fruits, keep out of the dew as far as possible, let spirits alone and live decently, neither the rainy nor any other season in Cuba need have terrors for them. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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