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**BEFORE BREAKFAST.**

Professor O. P. Williams, the United States consul at Manila, has written to the Rochester Post-Express an account of the battle which he witnessed from the bridge of the Olympia with Admiral Dewey. He says he was often told that if the United States fleet entered Manila bay it would never leave. He replied, "I deplore war, but assure you that if the United States squadron enters Manila bay it will blow you to the devil." Consul Williams further remarks: "Spain's forces must now have faith that I am not least the son of a prophet, and while I haven't since asked the brimstone monopolist as to recent recruits I have no doubt he has many of them."

Rev. Mr. Spicker, of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, is expected home this evening with his bride, who was Miss Ida Shiffer, of Baltimore. They were married yesterday and the parish was arranged for a large reception to be given at the parsonage on Friday evening.

**PERSONAL.**

Joseph Ehrig, of Elmchamton, called on friends in this city yesterday.  
Mrs. Victor K. Arnold and daughter, Rosemary, are visiting friends in New York and Philadelphia.  
Martin C. Judge, of Taylor, and his bride, formerly Miss Walsh, of Clinton Iowa, arrived in this city Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Judge will reside on Lincoln Heights.  
Owing to the serious illness in the family of E. R. Conroy, of the Thirtieth Pennsylvania volunteers, has had his funeral extended and will not leave Scranton before Saturday.  
Among the Scrantonnians recently re-

lated at the St. Denis, in New York, were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cary, J. M. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reims and son, Mrs. P. Ward, Miss L. C. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Foster.  
William Wirth, of South Scranton, who was on his way to Colorado for his health, was taken ill at Chicago and is in a hospital in that city. His sister, Mrs. Julia Hamilton, of Pittston avenue, left Tuesday for Chicago.

**GRAMMAR A PUPILS.**

Their Examinations at the High School End This Afternoon.  
The examination of Grammar A pupils in the High school building will be finished this afternoon. The pupils number 575 and are from schools Nos. 3, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 27, 28, 29, 35 and 36. Superintendent Howell and the Grammar A teachers are conducting the examinations, but no teacher is permitted to examine his or her regular pupils. Several rooms in the building are being used.  
On Tuesday afternoon the examinations were in spelling and geography. Arithmetic occupied the whole of yesterday afternoon. This morning the examination will be in grammar and history. The papers of each day are examined by the superintendent and teachers on each subsequent morning in the board of control rooms.

**ACTIVE RECRUITING.**

Scores of Men Being Enlisted for Regular and Volunteer Service.  
Capt. McCausland Here.

There was no halt yesterday in the activity about the armory and Meigs building where recruits are being enlisted for the Thirtieth regiment and the regular army, respectively. At each place each day shows an increase in the number of applications and the examining physicians are having all their care to dispose of the men accepted by the officers and sent to the physicians for examination.  
Sixty-six men left here at 10 a. m. yesterday via the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road for Camp Alger and twenty-two more will leave at 8 o'clock this morning by the same route. All the men who have thus far been sent to the Thirtieth, including those who go this morning are for the First battalion, composed of Companies A, B, C and D.  
The Thirtieth is recruiting for the arrival in Scranton last night of Capt. E. James McCausland, of Montrose. He is commander of Company G and was sent from Camp Alger to recruit for the Second battalion, which is composed of Companies E, of Honesdale; F, of West Side; G, of Montrose, and H, of Providence. Nothing had been known of his method of procedure until he turned up in Scranton last night. He has been actively at work and has succeeded so well that nearly enough men for the several companies in his battalion have been enlisted. Extreme care has been taken in their selection with the result that physically, mentally and intellectually, his recruits are excelled by none who have gone from this region.

Excepting two clarinet players Captain McCausland has obtained a band for the regiment. Nineteen members of the Hallett band have been enlisted for the Thirtieth among the companies and the regimental band will be complete as soon as the two players mentioned are secured.  
Forty men enlisted from Susquehanna county, most of them for Company G, have been examined and all have been accepted and will be sent to Camp Alger tomorrow morning. An equal number of recruits from Honesdale will report in Scranton tomorrow for examination by Dr. Fulton.

For companies F and H over a hundred men have been enrolled. They will report at the armory for examination by Dr. Fulton today. As fast as they are approved, they will be sent to Camp Alger in small detachments according to instructions. Each party of Second battalion recruits leaving Scranton will be furnished cash to procure refreshments enroute. This feature differs from the method employed with detachments sent to the First battalion who are furnished one ration for each man before departure.

Captain McCausland will be at the armory or the Hotel Jersey until early next week when the recruiting will be finished.  
The thirty-one regular army recruits left here in a special car attached to the train Delaware and Hudson train for Wilkes-Barre. From that city the car was transported over the Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia enroute for Ft. McPherson, Va., where the men will be confined before being sent to Tampa, where the Eleventh regiment is stationed.

Each recruit was provided with a lunch. Irvin J. Cowley, one of the number, and who was put in charge of the party, was furnished with orders which would procure everything needed for the men's comfort enroute.  
Following are the names of the recruits:  
David J. Powell, Evan R. Griffiths, Fredrick Kutzman, William P. O'Hara, Geo. Chiswick-Smith, Edward Young, George Light, Lester E. Taylor, Abe Koop, Peter Keenan, John Angell, Hiram L. Robinson, Samuel A. Wamaker, Frank McLean, William A. Williams, William W. O'Rourke, Joseph P. Noon, Joseph Ester, Richard Evans, Alfred Roberts, Stanley Wenzel, William H. Baker, Ernest Cassady, William E. Conery, George W. Stone, Victor Pinkney, Irvin J. Cowley, Martin Wescott, William J. Morris, Patrick McLeane, Philip Clifford.

The Victor Pinkney in the party is a Dunmore young man, well known in that locality where he has served. The Tribune in a reportorial capacity.  
Lieutenant A. Barrett has been enlisted by Lieutenant Denton has been attached as a clerk to the recruiting party here, although his name has been published with others who have come to the front. He will remain with Lieutenant Denton in Scranton until the recruiting is finished.  
The physical examination for members of the Young Men's Institute who have enlisted with Lieutenant Denton or propose to do so will take place Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the recruiting quarters in the Meigs building. About fifty members of that order have enlisted already and those who desire to do so are requested to present themselves Friday for examination.

**Debilitated Men.**  
**Horsford's Acid Phosphate**  
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**DETAILS OF THE SPECIAL WAR TAX**

Way Uncle Sam Will Raise the Money Necessary to Fight the Don.

REVENUE COLLECTOR PENMAN HAS RECEIVED HIS LETTER OF INSTRUCTION FROM COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE SCOTT—TAX OF TEN CENTS PER POUND IS PLACED ON TEA OF ALL KINDS—TAX ON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE MESSAGES, ETC.

The people of Scranton, and the whole of the United States for that matter, are now experiencing something which has not existed since the Civil War. They are paying for luxuries and other things on which war taxes have been levied in order to provide revenue for the government to prosecute the war with Spain. Part of the war revenue bill went into effect on Tuesday, and the remainder goes into effect in July and August. Although the wholesalers have already begun to figure and change their prices according to the effect of the taxes upon them, it will be some time before the consequences spread into retail channels and so into the domestic trade.

In Scranton the wholesale dealers in malt liquors and tobacco people are the most concerned. The provisions of the bill are not clearly understood and in consequence Major T. P. Penman, district collector of internal revenue, and his force, are having anything but an easy time in keeping their own records straight and satisfying the thousand and one inquiries from people who do business directly with the internal revenue office.  
The Tribune has already published the detailed facts contained in a letter of instruction received by Collector Penman yesterday from N. B. Scott, of the United States Treasury department, commissioner of internal revenue. One point in particular needs elaboration, and that is, it does not seem to be thoroughly understood by wholesale tobacco people.

**TOBACCO TAX.**

The tax on tobacco was increased from 8 cents to 12 cents per pound, and on cigars from \$3 to \$3.60 per thousand. All goods stamped previous to April 14 are exempt from any increase. Goods stamped subsequent to that date and on hand June 14 are subject to the new bill. The tax on cigars is to be levied on the gross weight of the cigars, and is to be paid for each additional \$100 or fractional part, 1 cent.

**SHOT IN THE GROIN.**

Henry Brezee Perhaps Fatally Wounded Tuesday Night by J. George Kehr, of Old Forge.

J. George Kehr, of Old Forge, a hotel keeper and formerly tax collector of the township, is in the county jail. During a dispute on the street a few yards from his hotel Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock he shot Henry Brezee in the right groin. The wounded man is at the Lackawanna hospital and his condition is very critical.

**THE SPECIAL TAXES.**

The letter received by Collector Penman yesterday from Commissioner Scott itemized the following special taxes collectible after July 1:

Bankers graduated	\$20.00
Brokers	20.00
Trust companies	20.00
Commercial brokers	20.00
Custom house brokers	20.00
Proprietors of theaters, etc.	20.00
Proprietors of hotels	20.00
Proprietors of shops for money	20.00
Proprietors of bowling alleys and billiard rooms for each table or alley	2.00
Dealers in leaf tobacco, graduated minimum	6.00
Dealers in tobacco whose sales exceed 20,000 pounds	12.00
Manufacturers of tobacco, graduated minimum	6.00
Manufacturers of cigars, graduated minimum	6.00
Manufacturers of cigars, graduated mixed flour	12.00

An exception is made in the latter tax which is not to be imposed until August 12. The tax will be reckoned, however, from August 1 to July 1 of next year and the persons engaged in the business August 12 (1897) must make a return before the end of that month.

The effect of the bill on legal papers, insurance, policies, chewing gum, wires, etc., will be felt on and after July 1, when the stamp duties will be imposed as follows:

Schedule A—Documents and instruments, postage, telegraphic dispatches, insurance policies, etc. Returns to be made monthly of telephone messages costing 15 cents or more.  
Schedule B—Returns of stocks, securities, guns, wine, etc. Stamp tax on sales in parlor or palace car, and tickets in sleeping car.  
Sugar and oil is involved now according to the following:

Gross receipts of persons, firms or companies and corporations engaged in trading petroleum or sugar or oil, or controlling any pipe line for transporting oil or other products in excess of \$200,000; a tax of one-fourth of one per cent, annually is imposed, which takes effect the day succeeding passage of the act. Returns are to be made monthly.

The concluding portion of the letter of information received by Collector Penman is as follows:

A tax is imposed on legacies, passing after passage of act, exceeding \$100 and not exceeding \$2,000 in value.  
Rates vary according to the consistency from 2 cents for each one hundred dollars to 5 cents for each one hundred dollars in value. Above \$2,000 the rates increase. When the value of the property exceeds \$100,000 rates are multiplied by three. Executors, administrators and trustees are required to render a list to collectors on a prescribed form.  
The provisions of the act relative to mixed flour take effect sixty days after passage of act, August 12, 1898.

**DUTY ON TEA.**

The new duty of 10 cents per pound on tea is the most severe war revenue measure enacted. The duty is not graduated; it applies to all grades of tea and will effect that commodity more than any other. All over the country large stocks are held by tea jobbers but they propose to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the tax on imports and an increase may be expected at any time.  
Telegraph, freight and express agents have received no orders relative to the manner in which advance stamps to be used for taxes in their line of business are to be paid for—whether by the shipper or companies. The same information in reference to telephone and telegraph messages is lacking, but will be forthcoming during the next few days as these taxes go into effect July 1.  
After July 1 it will be necessary to place a stamp on all notes, deeds, and other forms of commercial paper and most forms of contracts. These stamps are to be paid for by the person giving the paper, but special precaution is taken to see that the law is enforced by making the paper invalid unless the stamp is attached. In this way the holder of a note will be sure to see that the man giving it to him has stamped it properly when he knows that he cannot collect on the note unless it is so stamped.  
More detailed information concerning the tax on commercial and similar paper which constitutes one of the most important sections of the new bill, is as follows:

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**DETAILED INFORMATION.**

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Bank check, draft, or certificate of deposit not drawing interest, or order for the payment of any sum of money drawn upon or issued by any bank, trust company, etc., at sight or on demand, draft certificate of deposit drawing interest, or order for the payment of money otherwise than at sight or on demand, for each \$100 or fractional part, 2 cents. This includes bills of exchange, inland, draft certificate of deposit drawing interest, or order for the payment of money otherwise than at sight or on demand, for each \$100 or fractional part, 2 cents; each additional \$100 or fractional part, 1 cent.  
Bills of exchange (foreign), or letter of credit (including orders of exchange or otherwise for the payment of money issued by express or other companies or any person or persons), 4 cents on each \$100 or fractional part, but not more than 20 cents for every \$1,000 or fraction thereof when the sum payable is not more than \$100 or its equivalent in any foreign currency, 2 cents for each \$100 or fractional part.

**DOG TAX.**

A resolution was also passed levying a per capita tax of one dollar upon each male dog and two dollars upon each female dog in the county, excepting in the cities of Scranton and Carbondale. The councils of cities have power to deal with tax on dogs. The estimated expenses for the year 1898 based upon the growing needs of the county are as follows:

Assessments	\$14,000	\$10,000
Advertising	2,000	1,500
Burial of Soldiers	800	770
Births and deaths	100	100
County commissioners' office	7,500	7,200
County auditor	2,800	2,800
County officers	28,000	28,000
County house grounds	1,000	2,318
Election expenses	14,000	13,282
Expenses	1,200	11,190
Insurance	100	25
Insane convicts	500	200
Commonwealth costs	40,000	22,575
Court expenses	40,000	21,580
Dividing townships	250	233
Dividing election districts	100	5
Eastern penitentiary	4,000	3,485
Public building expenses	6,000	9,671
Prison expenses	25,000	28,103
Printing and stationery	2,000	2,176
Prisoners	200	253
Registration of voters	10,000	9,227
Road damages and views	1,500	215
Sundry expenses	2,500	2,007
Postage	60	26
State hospital for insane	200	240
State reformatory	600	548
State audit	150	119
Commissioners in January	100	60
Interest on county bonds	9,500	9,500
State tax on loans	525	200
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