# The Somerset Herald.

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W. J. BRYAN is not straining his voice shouting for Fitzhugh Lee.

THIS week will probably decide. Will the decision mean peace or war?

SPAIN does not yet seem to realize that she is marching on to her own destruction.

INDEPENDENCE for Cuba is sure to come, and it really makes very little difference whether it shall come before or after intervention.

MERCER county Republicans will hold their primaries on Saturday, 23d inst., when four delegates to the State convention will be elected.

IF SOME one don't flag the Wanamaker candidates for delegates in this county there is danger of their running ahead of schedule time.

IN CASE of a war and the coming of Weyler to Cuba the American troops would probably, in the words of the day, "not do a thing to him."

MR. BAILEY seems to be determined to put himself on exhibition at least once every day. It's very kind of him, but it is getting somewhat tiresome.

THE insurgents are reported to be active around Havana and elsewhere in Cuba. They are of the opinion that it still takes two sides to arrange an armistice.

THE anti-Quay, or Wanamaker crowd, have decided not to make a fight for Dauphin county's six delegates to the State convention. Dauphin is one of the strongest Quay counties in the State.

"THIS infamous calumny merits the reprobation of the whole world," said Premier Sagasta, referring to the American belief that the Maine was blown up through Spanish Agency. That is all right, of course, but what if it is proven that the calumny is true?

ONLY a few days ago the Spaniards were alluding to their Queen as "The Austrian," but since she has given $500,000 to the naval fund she is now alluded to as "The Spanish Queen." The Spaniards are only human, and they applaud the dollar as much as the nation they affect to despise.

THE assembling of the regular army on the Florida coast means that we propose to move on Havana without any delay, and it will only be a short time before the Krag-Jorgsen rifles in the hands of Uncle Sam's boys in blue will be spitting fire at the Spaniards. And then will come "Cuba Libre!"

WHEN the Cuban resolutions came to be voted on, Saturday afternoon, our two United States Senators, Quay and Penrose, took the most advanced ground and voted for intervention, and to substitute the Senate for the House resolutions. Twenty-three Republican members of the Senate voted for the more radical resolutions, while nineteen voted against them.

MR. JOHN WANAMAKER makes daily speeches, assaulting and abusing Senator Quay and W. A. Stone, and the people, wherever primaries are held, reply by nominating Legislators who will support Quay, and delegates who will vote for Stone. So far Mr. Wanamaker has succeeded in carrying just two counties, Blair and Lycoming, and in the former the candidates nominated for the Legislature are all for Quay.

REPUBLICAN primary elections were held in Elk and Montgomery counties Saturday. In the former one delegate who will vote for C. W. Stone was elected and in the latter nine delegates who will give their support to Col. W. A. Stone were chosen. Mr. Wanamaker has his summer residence in Montgomery county, and he and his friends made a most vigorous effort to capture its nine delegates to the State convention, but the friends of Colonel Stone carried it by an overwhelming majority—almost three to one. With the loss of his home county Mr. Wanamaker is eliminated from the contest, and the nomination of Colonel Stone is practically assured.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S offer to recruit a regiment and lead it against the Spanish is but a cheap bid for the votes of the unsophisticated. Mr. Wanamaker knows that a war in which any considerable number of land forces will be actively engaged is highly improbable. Older voters will remember that when they had a chance some thirty years ago to save this country from disunion neither he nor the chairman of his State committee, "General" Koontz, took advantage of the opportunity. The latter saw his comrades, the members of gallant Company A, which he commanded in peace but deserted in war, march off to the front, while he alone remained at home. Brer Wanamaker is engaged in an eager hunt for votes just now, and thinks that a little bit of bravado will help him.

IT IS thought by some that the mission of Mr. Wanamaker's State chairman, "General" Koontz, to Philadelphia this week is to consult his chief in relation to the organization of the regiment he proposes to raise in the event of war with Spain, while others are of the opinion that the "General" is there for the purpose of "coaling up" preparatory to a declaration of political war in Somerset county, to be promulgated simultaneously with the announcement of his candidacy for the Assembly. If the latter surmise prove correct, it will be interesting to note whether the "General" and his followers will be accorded belligerent rights by the party organization, or whether they will be simply treated as political revolutionists.

It is gratifying to note that amidst all of the attempts made by a couple of the minor powers of Europe to get up a naval demonstration for the purpose of frightening this country out of her intention to free Cuba Great Britain positively refuses to be considered a party to the project, and has taken an exceedingly firm and unmistakable stand against such a proceeding. Great Britain has behaved very creditably all the way through this controversy, and at every stage of its progress has shown that she not only refuses to be a party to the interference, but that she frowns on any other power that proposes such interference. The United States and Great Britain united for war purposes could make it very interesting for the balance of the world, and would practically dictate matters.

JOHN WANAMAKER and those who are following his lead have for their single purpose the wrecking of the Republican party in Pennsylvania, says the Lancaster Inquirer. The original motive for this movement was the defeat of Wanamaker for U. S. Senator.

The great dry goods merchant—Merchant Prince as he loves to be called—could not brook to be defeated for the position he had looked forward to so fondly, and he resolved to be avenged. The only adequate vengeance that could satisfy him is the wrecking of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. His candidacy for governor is a mere pretence. He does not expect to be nominated by the Republican convention; if he ever did have such a hope it was long since dissipated by the result of the recent primary elections. But what he does hope is to form a nucleus around which all parties and fragments of parties may unite to defeat the ticket that will be nominated at the Republican State convention.

The Public Ledger, one of the organs of the Wanamaker movement, openly advocates this. Other of his organs will sustain such a measure in due time. We shall see then whether we have a Republican party devoted to its principles and the interests of the nation, or simply an aggregation of selfish interests, liable to be torn asunder at the word of a would-be boss whose distinguishing characteristic is his ability to run a dry goods store.

### Stone's Triumphant March.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

The primary elections in Montgomery county on Saturday practically end the campaign. There will be more political fireworks, we presume, but the overwhelming success of Colonel William A. Stone, after a very hot and bitter campaign made against him, is clinching proof that the people are not to be driven from their faith in or their support of him.

There remain to be elected 109 delegates, most of them in counties where he is particularly strong. He needs less than thirty delegates to secure the nomination, and as the independent campaign has been scattered to the four winds so far as any practical results are concerned by the deliberate action of Montgomery, he will get many more than thirty without difficulty.

Colonel Stone has been forced to the front by the very nature of the Blankenburg-VanValkenberg campaign. Entering the canvass just as C. W. Stone, Leisenring and Connell entered it, all standing entirely upon their own merits and absolutely in their own right, he has had directed toward him all the venom of the Blankenburg crusade. Unquestionably he has been helped by this fact. The unjust fight was made to centre upon him, and that it has been an unjust fight the people most certainly believe, else they would not be giving him their votes and so signally defeating his assailants.

The gallant soldier boy of the war of the rebellion is evidently thought to be the proper one to lead the Republican hosts of McKinley in Pennsylvania in this year of threatened war with Spain.

### A Few Good Men—An Army of Rag Tag and Bobtail.

It is rather a heterogeneous aggregation that is forming to defeat the Republican party this fall, and is constituent parts will have to be cemented with a good grade of cement or glue to hold together and work in unity and harmony until after election day. Personal pique is strong enough and lasting enough, but we are afraid it would bind them apart rather than together in the selection of a ticket for the State and Philadelphia. The public good certainly does not enter into the matter sufficiently to deserve mention. The Philadelphia Times thus outlines the plot:

The combination to be formed will comprise the Wanamaker Independents, Swallow Independents, Prohibitionists, Free Silver and Sound Money Democrats and the Municipal Leaguers in this city. There seems to be some doubt as to the particular element in which this anti-Quay movement originated, but conferences have been held within a few days looking to an agreement upon a combination State ticket which would be satisfactory to all parties.

The proposed plan, it is said, contemplates the retirement of both Wanamaker and Swallow as independent candidates for governor, and the election 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. Wanamaker's friends are to elect as many members of the Legislature as possible, while the Philadelphia local offices in the fall are to be distributed according to arrangements hereafter to be made, the Municipal League to dominate in framing the ticket for coroner, district attorney, clerk of the quarter sessions, recorder of deeds, and city controller.

### THE WAR RESOLUTION.

It was Adopted in the House Last Wednesday Evening.

The House on last Wednesday evening, after one of the most exciting and memorable days in its history, by a vote of 322 to 19 adopted a resolution which nine-tenths of its members believe makes war with Spain inevitable. It is a fact which was grimly commented upon by members as they spoke of the future, that every war in which the United States has engaged began in April, and that Wednesday was the anniversary of the fall of Fort Sumter, which aroused the patriotic fervor of the North and made four years of civil strife a certainty.

Following is the resolution as adopted:

Resolved, etc., That the President is hereby authorized and directed to intervene at once to stop the war in Cuba, to the end and with the purpose of securing permanent peace and order there, and establishing by the free action of the people thereof, a stable and independent government of their own in the Island of Cuba, and the President is hereby authorized and empowered to use the land and naval forces of the United States to execute the purpose of this resolution.

### Naval Vessels.

Capt. Charles Sigsbee, late of the Maine, has been assigned to command the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul, which was pressed into the Government service upon her return voyage from Europe last Thursday. On Sunday morning the St. Paul sailed for Cramp's shipyard, where the great ocean liner will undergo a few changes. Her sister ship, the St. Louis, will, also, pass into the hands of the United States upon her arrival from Europe this week.

The torpedo boat Somers, recently purchased in Germany, has put into an English port for repairs, and is thought that she will be unable to cross the Atlantic.

During the week the Government has secured a number of fast yachts, which will be converted into torpedo boat destroyers as rapidly as possible.

Four of the old monitors have been repaired and assigned to duty for harbor defense at New York and Boston. The monitors are manned by naval reserves in charge of naval officers.

The flying squadron is at Fortress Monroe ready to sail at a moment's notice. Last week the squadron went to sea for 36 hours for the purpose of target practice and squadron drill.

The fighting squadron at Key West is reported to be impatient to begin hostilities as soon as the President gives the order. The new Cruiser, New Orleans, purchased in England, arrived on Friday, and together with the Philadelphia, have reported ready for action.

# Spain Notified to Get Out.

## Both Houses of Congress Reach a Final Agreement Upon Cuban Affairs.

## The President Authorized to Act.

After all day and all night sessions both Houses of Congress agreed Tuesday morning upon the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,

*First*—That the people of the Island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

*Second*—That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the Government of the United States does hereby demand, that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

*Third*—That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into actual service of the United States the militia of the several States, to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

*Fourth*—That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination when that is accomplished to leave the government and control of the island to its people.

The compromise between the Senate and the House, and the determination to stand by President McKinley meets with the approval of the people.

The adoption of the report was received in both Houses with tumultuous manifestations of joy.

An administration bill was introduced in the House yesterday, enabling the President to call out 60,000 or 70,000 volunteers instead of the National Guards of the various States.

The Spanish Minister has ordered all Spanish Consuls to prepare for departure, taking with them all the Spanish subjects who desire to leave the country.

Spaniards are fortifying the Cuban Coast.

It is authoratively stated that President McKinley will not delay in carrying out the express will of Congress, but that he has already prepared an ultimatum which will at once be communicated to Spain.

The signal for hostilities will find both the army and navy well prepared.

### Where the Money Will Come From.

The Republican members of the Ways-and-Means Committee of the House have practically completed the presentation of the revenue measure which will be passed to raise revenue sufficient to prosecute the war.

The members propose that the present generation shall bear the burdens of the war, and, proceeding upon that theory, they have prepared a bill that will raise between $100,000,000 and $120,000,000 additional revenue per annum. The bill will provide for an additional tax of $1 per barrel upon beer, from which $30,000,000 will be raised. On manufactured tobacco and snuff the internal revenue tax will be increased from six to twelve cents. This is expected to raise $11,000,000 of revenue.

The increase on cigars and cigarettes has not been absolutely fixed, but it probably will be one dollar on all classes. From this $5,000,000 is expected. The proposition which the Senate placed on the Tariff bill, but which went out in conference, to tax all stocks and transfers of corporations, is embodied in the measure, together with practically all the schemes of Internal-Revenue taxation of the Act of 1866, which includes a stamp tax on all checks, drafts, and and all instruments of business mortgages, loans, and bonds.

A tax on patent and proprietary medicines and a tax on telegraph messages and express packages is also incorporated in the bill. This scheme of taxation is estimated to raise $35,000,000. A duty of ten cents per pound is placed upon tea and three cents per pound upon coffee, from which $28,000,000 is estimated.

Bottled waters are to bear a tax similar to patent medicines. For the pressing needs of the Government, the Secretary of the Treasury is given the general power to issue certificates of indebtedness payable in one year and to bear not to exceed three per cent. interest.

The Secretary of the Treasury is also authorized to borrow on the credit of the Government, by popular subscription, a loan of $500,000,000. This loan is to be placed through the postoffices of the country, the sub-Treasuries and Government depositories in low-rate bonds which are to be sold at par.

They are to bear three per cent. interest and to be redeemable after five years at the option of the Government and to be due in twenty years. The principal and interest are to be payable in coin.

The measure will be presented to the full Committee and it will be brought into the House as soon as the war resolutions are signed by the President.

### Entire Regular Army Ordered South.

Decidedly the most warlike step taken by the War Department in preparing for the possibility of an encounter with Spain was inaugurated Friday when orders were issued for the concentration at four points in the South of six regiments of cavalry, twenty-two regiments of infantry and the light batteries of five regiments of artillery.

At Chickamauga there will be six regiments of cavalry and the light batteries of five regiments of artillery; at New Orleans, eight regiments of infantry; at Tampa seven regiments of infantry, and at Mobile seven regiments of infantry.

Since the civil war no such proportion of the army has been mobilized and the movement itself is the best evidence of the gravity of the situation as looked upon by the President and his advisers.

The determination to rendezvous the troops in the South, where they can be acclimated to the conditions of a more tropical climate, has been under consideration by the President and his Cabinet for some time.

It was not until Friday, however, that the President, in view of the enormous expense which will be entailed, felt justified in taking this step.

The command of the army will devolve upon Major-General Nelson A. Miles, who is now at the head of the military branch of the government.

His temporary headquarters, it is said, probably will be at Atlanta, where General Graham, who has command of the Department of the Gulf, is now located. General Miles' permanent headquarters will depend entirely upon the exigencies of the situation and the developments of the campaign.

### Lee Believes Spanish Officials Blew up the Maine.

Consul-General Lee who left Havana on Saturday, arrived in Washington Tuesday afternoon and at once went before the foreign affairs committee. He talked freely with the members of the committee in regard to the conditions in Cuba, and especially with reference to the destruction of the Maine. He said that in his opinion there was no room to doubt that the destruction of the vessel was due to Spanish agencies.

"Do you mean the Spanish authorities in Cuba? he was asked by a member of the committee.

"I mean the Spanish officials," he replied, "but not General Blanco. I think some of the officials were cognizant of the plans to destroy the vessel, but I do not believe that the Captain General was."

### Spain At a Disadvantage.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The action of Great Britian in declaring coal to be contraband of war, as reported from Jamaica, has a significance different from that attached to it in the dispatches. Such an order would not prevent a vessel of either Spain or the United States from taking coal at Kingston or any other port in the West Indies. Even when this article is contraband, it is usual to permit a vessel of a belligerent power to take aboard sufficient coal to carry her to the next port. Once out of the port, however, the vessel takes her chances with her contraband cargo, and it is liable to seizure as contraband of war while en route to a port of the belligerent power. Applying this rule to the present case, if a Spanish ship went to Kingston for coal she would be able to carry a supply sufficient to carry her to Porto Rico or Cuba. When once away from Kingston the vessel and her cargo would be subject to seizure by United States ships. The same would apply in case a ship of Great Britain or any other country was engaged in carrying such a contraband article. The flag would protect the ship as a whole, but it would not protect the contraband article on board, the ship being subject to search and to seizure for the contraband article. The rule would apply equally to ships taking coal in Kingston for the use of the United States naval vessels. In effect, however, the rule would be applicable mainly to Spain, as the United States naval vessels need not to look to British West Indies for their coal supplies, whereas Spanish vessels would rely upon this as well as other West Indian ports for such supplies.

### American Securities Abroad

The sales of American securities have been, according to London advices, very large abroad of late, and there appears to be a tendency toward increase in the sales. If this state of things holds, there will be an increasing influx of British gold into this market. This is good news and demonstrates the faith abroad in the stability of our credit. There is another point of faith for which the people not only of this but foreign countries have good grounds for credence, and that is, belief in the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters for inorganic maladies which affect the stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys and nerves. Dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, rheumatism, and a tendency to insomnia, are counteracted and conquered by it. It rallies failing appetite, hastens convalescence, and diffuses a generous warmth and sensation of physical comfort through the system. A wineglassful before retiring promotes health yielding slumber.

### Spanish Feeling Bitter.

The United States Consulate at Malaga was attacked by a Spanish mob Saturday night and the arms of the consulate were torn down. Turbulent demonstrations were resumed on Sunday, but the authorities dispersed the rioters, and arrested the leaders of the mob. So far few American residents have left Madrid. The Spanish press announce that the supreme hour is approaching and call upon the nation and government to stand firm. The greatest enthusiasm is manifested by the Spanish people and they are subscribing from their private means for the national defense.

## A MECHANIC'S VIEWS.

### On the Most Important Local Question We Have at Present to Discuss.

Opinions expressed publicly through this newspaper by people in the commoner walks of life who live in some distant State lack the interest which is attached to opinions held by residents of the Western part of Pennsylvania. The former have always a suspicious halo about them which is absent in the latter. To put it plainly, the reader would sooner believe the statement of a man living in Greensburg, Pa., than the statement of a resident of Woonsocket, R. I., and when the Greensburg citizen courts inquiry, the experience which follows can certainly be depended upon. Mr. Amos Eisaman, painter, whose office and shop is at 331 W. Otterman street, lives on Brushton avenue, Greensburg, Pa. Write him if you are in doubt about his statement, and ask him if it is not true. Mr. Eisaman says: "I can thank Doan's Kidney Pills for the good health I am now enjoying. I never felt better than I have since I took the pills last winter, 1896. My kidneys have been weak and have troubled me more or less ever since I was a boy, but the last few years very severely. The pains through my loins were often so severe that I could not get around to my business, and to do any work necessitating stooping or lifting was entirely out of the question. The secretions were irregular, frequent and distressing, and on standing deposited a heavy sediment. I had doctored a great deal, but without getting any satisfactory results. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills recommended so highly, I thought I would try them, and I got a box at a drug store. I felt so much better after the first box that I continued the treatment for a time, until I was thoroughly cured. I now have no more trouble, and I am glad to recommend a remedy which has proven itself so true to the claims made for it. My son also used Doan's Kidney Pills, and had equally good results."

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## Recognition Wins In the Senate.

### Upper Branch of Congress Declares That the People of Cuba Are, and of Right Ought to be, Free and Independent.

### PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL WILL BE THE SIGNAL FOR WAR.

After four days of debate, participated in by a majority of the members of the Senate, a resolution declaring the Republic of Cuba to be "the true and lawful government of the island," and directing the President to use the naval and military forces of the United States to drive the Spanish out of Cuba, was passed by a vote of 67 to 21 at 9 o'clock Saturday night.

Following is the resolution:

Joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of the people and republic of Cuba, demanding that the government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the President of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

WHEREAS, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating, as they have, in the destruction of a United States battleship, with two hundred and sixty-six of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the President of the United States in his message to Congress of April 11, 1898, upon which the action of Congress was invited, therefore,

*Resolved*, By the Senate and House of Represestatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

FIRST, That the people of the Island of Cuba are and of right ought to be free and independent, and that the Government of the United States hereby recognizes the republic of Cuba as the true and lawful government of that island.

SECOND, That it is the duty of the United States to demand and the Government of the United States does hereby demand that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

THIRD, That the President of the United States be and hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several States, to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

FOURTH, That the United States hereby disclaim any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof; and assert its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people.

Just as soon as the President is empowered to use the army and navy, it is stated, he will issue an ultimatum to Spain, giving her 24 hours—possibly 48—in which she shall answer whether she will get out of Cuba or wait to be driven out. Her refusal to evacuate the island, which all expect, will be followed by resort to arms. The moment the resolutions become a law by the signature of the President Senor Polo Bernabe, the Spanish minister, will turn over the effects of his legation to the French ambassador here, and will hurry to Madrid with all his staff.

Minister Woodford will leave Madrid and turn over the office to the British ambassador to Spain.

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### More Spanish Outrages.

The crimes of the Spanish troops in Cuba are endless. Every day a new outrage comes to shock the sentiments of all humane persons in Havana. The awful story comes of the assassination of an old man named Nicolas Ruiz and the wounding of the respectable Cuban matron Isabel Gomez de Rubio, near Santa Paula, in Pinar del Rio province.

Isabel Gomez de Rubio was the mother of the Cuban colonel, Modesta Gomez de Rubio, one of the insurgent leaders. She was living in a hut, with two children and a faithful friend of her son, Nicolas Ruiz, over 70 years old. The Spaniards surrounded the hut a few days ago and opened fire on the inhabitants. Old Senor Ruiz took a rifle and defended his life and that of the woman and children. Pierced by several bullets, he fell, but, knowing that even his agony would not be respected, he blew out his brains with the last shot that remained in his weapon. The children were also killed, and Senora Isabel was wounded.

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### Expert Blew Up the Maine.

Joseph A. Springer, United States Vice Consul at Havana, says:

"While I am not a naval expert, I might say that, taking the Board's report of experts, there can be no doubt as to the cause of the blowing up of the vessel. There is no doubt that she was blown up by a mine. Mines were placed in the harbor under orders of Spanish officials, by expert men. Their location was well known to a large number of men.

"The Maine was anchored to a buoy assigned by the harbor master, and was brought there by a pilot under order of the harbor master. She was moored over a mine, and no matter what the Spanish Government knew about the plan for blowing the Maine up, she is responsible to us for it.

"I think the Cubans lawful and orderly, but when we interfere in Cuba we must not only conquer the Spaniards, but also the insurgents. We must put the island under the supervision of the United States Government and give the Cubans a chance to show whether they are able to establish a stable government.

"You know that besides the Cuban insurgents there are the Autonomists, and which of the two parties will establish the stable government which we demand remains to be seen."

In the opinion of the Vice Consul the forts around Havana, though formidable in appearance, are of little or no use, being of old style masonry construction.

### Roosevelt Will Fight.

It is authoritatively reported that Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt will tender his resignation as soon as war has been declared, and will be given a place on the staff of Major General Miles, or of General Lee, who will be assigned to command a division of volunteers.


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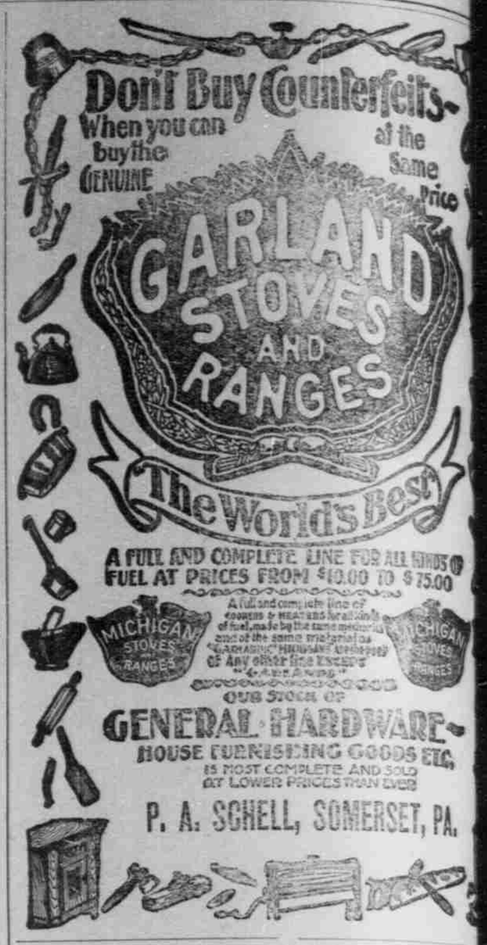


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