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EDITORIAL.

THE MURDER OF MACEO.

The details of the manner in which the Cuban leader met his death, while not agreeing at all points, substantially prove the main charge that he was invited to a conference with the idea of talking over with the Spanish general some means of ending the bloodshed and warfare, and was then ambushed and mercilessly killed, together with his staff numbering some thirty in all. Much speculation has been rife as to why Maceo took with him such a small party, and why he passed through the trocha, but all that seemed distrustful, now appears in the light as the revelation of Spanish treachery and perfidy is disclosed. If the main assertion is true that under the guise of a conference he was lured to his death then the infamy of the dastardly and cold-blooded deed must rest on Spain. This last act is but characteristic of her methods. The horrors which have desolated Cuba, and caused humanity to stand horrified and aghast, are but a small part of her long and bloody record. The inquisition was not more terrible than the deeds of blood and lust which have disgraced her in modern times.

Unable to cope with the insurgents in honorable warfare, the Spaniards have stooped to means which would shame the painted savages.

But while Maceo may be dead, his blood may be more potent in the cause of Cuban liberty than his sword. This last act will stir to the depths the patriotism of every Cuban with a renewed determination to wipe out Spanish rule. The situation may have reached a point where it was necessary some blow should be struck by Spain for political effect, but the assassination of a brave, honorable man can awaken nothing but the deepest aversion and must arouse even in those who were lukewarm a feeling of intense hatred of Spain and her dastardly assassins. This may prove to be one of the very greatest aids for "Cuba Libre," and Congress may now boldly assert the feeling which has slumbered in the breast of every liberty-loving citizen of our country.

OWNERS RIGHTS IN TREES.

Dr. John Marshall, of Bucks county, owns land over which a telegraph company had erected poles and strung wires. The employees of the company entered on it to add new cross bars and string more wires. To render the work easier they cut down a number of shade trees for which they were arrested and fined \$50 and in default of payment to imprisonment for fifty days. From this decision they appealed urging that it was necessary to cut down the trees in order to properly operate the telegraph line. The Superior Court has affirmed the sentences and the men must either pay or go to jail. The evidence disclosed that about sixty trees were destroyed and a number injured by cutting away branches. A tree requires time to grow and a small money compensation does not seem adequate as a remedy for their destruction. Even though it was necessary in the opinion of the com-

pany to cut them away, if they had the right, there should be a provision for a full compensation. These trees may have been one of the chief ornaments and attraction to the place as a residence, and if taken without the owner's consent there should be a full measure of damages.

It is little use to urge the planting out of trees if the owner cannot be properly protected from the axes of corporations desiring to string wires for their business purposes, and a law should be enacted at the coming session of the Legislature amply protecting owners by giving them full and complete redress for all damages.

THE HOLIDAYS.

As the season for pleasure and rejoicing approaches, and the minds of all revert to the thought as to how they can make some one happy by a timely remembrance, it might be well to look around and see if there are not others besides your friends and members of your own family who should be considered. Fortunately we have none of the very poor in our midst, but there are families that would be far happier if they could receive just a little of the superabundance many will have. It would be no deprivation if several would contribute just a trifle and yet such a remembrance would bring new joy into the hearts of some for whom Christmas is little more than a name. The feeling that would come over a kind deed thus done might be the sweetest present offered you on the glad day.

OUR OWN STREETS.

Here in Milford after twenty five years of road making our streets are in no better permanent condition than they were that long ago. Thousands of dollars have been expended, and there is nothing to show for them but the same kind of mud and dust which has always been present. Really the less of the kind of "working" they get the better they are. The plan of how not to do it has been in vogue so long, it might be proper to suggest that the plan of how to do it and do it well, might be adopted by our borough fighters with pleasure to the community and profit to the taxpayers. Will we see any change next spring? We hope so, it is a thing devoutly to be wished for.

NO REVENUE BILL THIS WINTER.

Last session of Congress the Populists aided by the Democrats were able to prevent any revenue legislation, and this winter the same combine assisted by a few free silver Republicans can accomplish the same result. President Cleveland would apparently lend his weight to the result, so nothing in that direction can be hoped for at present. These men may be patriotic American citizens, but it would require considerable argument to convince the public that they are anything better than hide bound partisans. Some of them fortunately are near their last day of grace.

THE BAD ROADS.

Considerable abuse is being heaped on certain supervisors because the roads under their jurisdiction are in such bad condition. The men elected to these positions are not strangers to the citizens of the townships, and if the people will select men who are incompetent, knowing them to be so, they should turn a little of their attention to kicking themselves, instead of all it towards the persons they make public servants by the votes.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTORS.

It may interest the public to know that the Superior Court of Pennsylvania has decided that until the accounts of township tax collectors are settled by the township auditors, and an amount ascertained by such auditors to be due by such collectors, a proceeding at law upon the official bond is premature and unauthorized.

Hardwood is growing in popular favor, and the demand for it, both in this country and abroad, is becoming enormous.

For the week ending December 11 thirty-five new members were admitted to the L. A. W. from this State, making the total Pennsylvania roll 10,807.

A Brief Chapter on Dogs.

Some correspondents to a near by paper seem determined to establish that dogs are being poisoned in this county. If they succeed it will be an excellent reason why outside sportsmen will give us a wide berth. Of course no real sportsman, either from this or any other state, would for a moment think of running deer with dogs, knowing that to be a violation of our laws, and if those who do persist in this practice cannot be checked in any other way than by killing their dogs it would appear to be a justifiable method to prevent crime, and the possible consequences of it, by kindly causing the death of the hounds. This may seem a caustic preventative, but sometimes it is necessary to use drastic measures when gentle warnings pass disregarded or wholly unheeded.

Long Faces.

EMERSON says: "Do not hang a dismal picture on your wall, and do not deal with sables and glooms in your conversation." Beecher follows with: "Away with these fellows who go howling through life, all the while passing for birds of paradise. He that cannot laugh and be gay should look well to himself. He should fast and pray until his face breaks forth in light." Talmage then takes up the strain: "Some people have an idea they comfort the afflicted when they groan over them. Don't drive a hearse through a man's soul. When you bind up a broken bone of the soul, and you want splints don't make them of cast iron." After such counselling and admonitions, lay aside your long faces.

The Faith Cure.

In these days of isms, there are many diversions which people accept as affording a cure for their ills, and by following certain practices really believe that they are benefited. The Kneip cure of wading in the wet grass with bare feet, the method of rubbing a loaf of bread over one's stomach and believing he is having a dinner, are both based largely as one may see on a strong faith. Now if a person pumps an organ on which no one is playing but some one is playing an organ in the same room some distance away, he is just as certain that he is doing his share of the worship as if the instrument he is pumping was being used, so long as he does not know the fact. This was demonstrated at a service in this village a Sunday evening or two ago.

Training Boys.

When I came to the training of my own boys, the Apostle Paul in the 12th chapter of Romans has been my authority on manners. I do not say that through him I can teach them to use the right fork for oysters or to make a faultless bow; but I do say that I can teach them to be so manly, so gentle, so thoughtful of others, and unassuming about themselves, that, even if they blunder in social matters, they will still be undeniably gentlemen. The small matters of etiquette are mostly mechanical; they can be easily learned outside, even if they are not in one's own home; but it is with great underlying principles that the true training must begin.—Congregationalist.

Tire Punctures.

In France bicycles are lighted by electricity. The bicycle face is now believed to be the result of the wheels coming to the surface.—Detroit News-Tribune.

The Mexican war department is about to consider the project of equipping a portion of the army with bicycles.

France proposes to cure insanity by teaching lunatics to ride the bicycle. This throws a new light upon the bicycle craze.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Slow Pay.

"The wages of sin is death," quoted the preacher. "If that is the case," remarked Mr. Grumps, sotto voce, "there is a great delay in paying off some people I know."—N. Y. Herald.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Barrett Bridge Company will be held at the Toll House of the company, in the village of Port Jervis, on Tuesday, January 4, 1897, for the purpose of choosing a Board of Directors for the next year.

The polls will be open from 8 till 4 o'clock p. m.

FRANCIS MARVIN, Sec'y, Port Jervis, December 15, 1896.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting for the election of Managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull in the Borough of Milford on Monday, January 4, 1897, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Sec'y, Milford, Pa., Dec. 15, 1896.

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Advertise in the PRESS. REGISTER'S NOTICE. The following account has been filed in the Register's Office of Pike County and the same will be presented to the Orphan's Court of said county for confirmation and allowance on the Twenty-first Day of December next: Estate of Joel Shannon, deceased. Account of C. C. Shannon, executor, &c. John C. Westbrook, REGISTER. Register's Office, Nov. 24, 1896.

WIDOW'S APPRAISEMENT. The following appraisements set apart for the widow have been filed with the Clerk of the Orphan's Court and will be presented to the Court for approval on the Twenty-first Day of December, 1896: Estate of Frank Mueller, deceased, widow's appraisement of personal property. Estate of Harlow P. James, deceased, widow's appraisement of personal property. John C. Westbrook, CLERK OF ORPHAN'S COURT. Milford, Nov. 24, 1896.

NOTICE. All persons are hereby notified that throwing or burning papers or refuse of any kind in the streets of the Borough is prohibited. By order of the Town Council, J. C. CHAMBERLAIN, President, pro tem. Attest, D. H. HORNBECK, Sec'y. Milford, May 5, 1896.