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## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

### Tariff Hearings Now On.—Inauguration Ball Preparations.

No Action Likely in the Cuban Matter—Mr. Money's Foolish Trip to See General Weyler.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Chairman Dingley, of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the other Republican members of that committee opened the tariff hearings, which are to be continued for two weeks, to-day in the Ways and Means Committee room at the Capitol, the first day's hearing being devoted to the schedule which includes spirits, wines, and other beverages. To-morrow it will be the cotton schedule, in which there is an impression that no extensive or very marked changes will be made by the new tariff bill, and on Wednesday the sugar and molasses schedule will be dealt with. Although it was expressly stated in the notification of these hearings that written or printed arguments would receive the same attention from the committee that would be given to those orally delivered, the most of those interested seem to have preferred sending representatives to talk directly to the committee.

The inauguration preparations are going merrily along and an enormous quantity of work has already been done. The Executive Committee asked that a guarantee fund of \$50,000 be contributed by citizens of Washington, and without doing any personal soliciting, checks aggregating \$60,000 are already in the hands of the Treasurer of the Committee. It has practically been decided that the Inauguration ball shall be held in the Court of the Pension Building, although the official announcement to that effect will not be made until the end of the red tape necessary to be unwound in securing the consent of Secretary Francis shall have been reached. Some striking novelties in the way of illumination are promised by the sub-committee in charge of that branch of the ceremonies. Among the latest applications for accommodations are those of fifty members of the R. B. Hayes Club, all of whom were members of Major McKinley's old regiment, the 23rd Ohio.

It is daily becoming more certain that the Republican majority of the House regardless of the individual opinion of members as to Cuba, will not allow any action to be taken at this session that is considered likely to make war with Spain a probability. They feel that it would not be just either to President McKinley or to the fifty-fifth Congress, which will so soon be in session, to take any such action, even were there much stronger reasons therefor than have yet been brought forward; that nothing but good can come of leaving the matter where President McKinley, whose patriotism and courage have both been tested, can have some say about it, while nothing but harm could come of precipitating action that might give the new administration a foreign war to handle instead of being able to devote all its ability and energy to the restoration of domestic prosperity.

Speaking of Cuba, not a little amusement has been the result of the announcement of what is often referred to as "Money's foolish trip." Representative Money, who is also Senator-elect from Mississippi has gone to Cuba with the avowed intention of telling Gen. Weyler that he is there as a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and asking to be put in a position where he can obtain personal knowledge of the whole situation. Money made his living as a lobbyist in Washington too long to be called a fool, but he ought to know that any information he obtains through the assistance of Gen. Weyler will be just as one-sided as if he had remained in Washington and asked the Spanish minister to give it to him. Such a visit by a member of Congress who is also a member of the House Committee which must deal with any Cuban legislation, while not exactly illegal, can hardly fail to strike most people as lacking in good taste. A copy of the first dispatch sent to Consul General Lee by Secretary Olney, after he heard about Money's visit, would make an interesting reading, or I miss my guess. Money's applying to Gen. Weyler for information, in his official capacity, will at once cause the Spaniard to understand that Congress doesn't trust the information

the State Department has received through its Consular officers in Cuba and that the same inference will be drawn by others is certain. Very few Senators and Representatives are now in Washington, but the state of business in both House and Senate makes it likely that most of them will be on hand when Congress re-assembles. The Loud bill shutting out books and sample copies of newspapers from pound rates in the mail will be the first business in the House and will be voted on Jan. 6th. Then comes four days for the Pacific Railroad Bill. It is supposed that the Cameron Cuban resolution will be at once taken up in the Senate, but it is not certain.

**We Take Off Our Hat.**  
The growth of Republicanism in Pike county is shown in the existence in that county of so good a paper as the Milford Pike County Press. That bright, new, newsy, outspoken Republican journal is now in its second volume, and it gives evidence of being on Pike county earth to stay. Its editor, J. H. Van Etten, talks plain and straight Republicanism, and it is safe to say that his readers number among them the most intelligent and progressive citizens of Rocky Pike.—Coal Gazette.

We beg to thank our cotemporary for the above highly complimentary notice. Really such expressions do make us feel just a little proud, and our aim shall be to merit not only the regard of our fellow editors, but to still further advance the cause of Republicanism in this heretofore rock-ribbed and hide-bound Democratic county. The Campbells are coming, the pibroch sounds nearer. [Ed. Press.]

**Week of Prayer.**  
Sunday evening January 3, union meeting in the M. E. Church. Sermon by Rev. Thos. Nichols.  
Monday evening, January 4, union meeting in the Presbyterian Church. Subject: "Confession and Thanksgiving."  
Tuesday evening January 5, in the Presbyterian church. Subject: "The Church Universal."  
Wednesday evening January 6, regular prayer meeting in each church.  
Thursday evening, January 7, union meeting in the M. E. Church. Subject: "Mission's; Home and Foreign."  
Friday evening, January 8, union meeting M. E. Church. Subject: "Families and Schools."  
Sunday evening, January 10, union meeting in the Presbyterian Church. Sermon by Rev. W. R. Neff.

**Dog Days.**  
Pastor would have done quite a business in Milford the past week. Several persons having been bitten by dogs, which probably were more or less mad, and those bitten certainly were made so by the rudeness of the canines. Those who had a dose of dog were Clarence Angle who was caught by the hand while attempting to administer medicine to a valuable animal belonging to Jacob Kleinhaus, which had been poisoned and subsequently died, Bayard Nichols who was bitten while petting Mr. Mitchell's, Don and Harry Terwilliger while attempting familiarities with Col. Lewis dog. It is a pretty good idea to keep hands off dogs with which you have not the honor of intimate acquaintance.

**Clean Ice.**  
We do not wish to interfere with the pleasure of skaters or the profits of ice dealers, but in some places it is forbidden that ice which has been used for skating shall be cut and stored for use in summer in drinking water. It is claimed that disease germs may be thus transmitted, as diseased persons may expectorate on the ice and the germs would thus perhaps be taken into the system by drinking the water in which such ice was dissolved. This is a little squeamishness in using ice for domestic purposes which has been cut from ponds on which promiscuous crowds have congregated for skating.

**Her New Industry.**  
Stroudsburg is considering a proposition to have a large manufactory of art squares and ingrain carpets located at that place. The people are asked to raise \$10,000 as a loan to be secured on the building at 5%. The concern employs about thirty men, and the building would be \$25,000. A committee was appointed at a public meeting to investigate the matter.

## HYMENEAL.

**ENO-HAFNER.**  
Miss Sadie Hafner and George Eno both of this place were married by the Rev. Father Joseph Treis at Matamoras yesterday (Thursday). The reception took place at the residence of the bride on Harford street last evening in which a large number of invited guests participated. The presents were numerous and beautiful. This popular young lady has hosts of friends who will all join in hoping that her life's pathway may be strewn with roses, and that no clouds will ever shadow the bright skies which on her wedding day presaged a happy future.

**PERSONAL.**  
Marmaduke Harsell, of New York is visiting in Milford.  
E. Kimble, of Palmyra made a business trip to Milford last Monday.  
David R. Chapin, of Brooklyn smiled on acquaintances in town this week.  
Mrs. C. H. Van Wyck and daughter, Happy left town for New York Tuesday.  
A. Q. Wallace and James R. Bull, of New York, were in Milford for Christmas.  
Lanty and George Armstrong accompanied by Howard Pollon visited Milford this week.  
Emil Bergot, of the Baltimore Dental College spent the usual mid winter vacation at home.  
Mrs. Albert Helms has been quite seriously indisposed, but is now regaining her wonted health.  
Rena Goodfellow, the little four year old girl, of Port Jarvis who became suddenly blind, is recovering her sight.

John C. Cornelius who has a position with the American News Syndicate of Chicago, made a brief visit here last Sunday.  
Mrs. S. G. Vanderbeck, with her husband and family, is visiting at the pleasant home of her father, E. Warner on Broad street.  
Mr. Justin Lanchantin and Mr. Unsworth of New York are spending a few days with their families at Mrs. Hellers on Harford street.  
Miss Jennie Seaman who is a regular visitor at Milford, gave a Milford Euchre party at her home in New York last Friday evening.  
Miss Bertha Kleinhaus gave a large party New Years (last evening) at which a number of Port Jarvis young people were in attendance.

Mr. Maxwell Sommerville and wife are spending the winter in Nice, France. His health is not good, we regret to learn, an attack of fever having received similar to that which he suffered during his former visit to Europe.  
Miss Mary Reilly well known to society young folks here, gave a Milford party recently in New York. It is pleasing to be thus remembered, and is evidence of the good impression people carry away of the loveliest village of the valley.  
Edward Ferguson, of Delaware whose illness was noted last week is regaining strength and speech. His condition is materially improved and the attention rendered by Dr. Fulmer is marked by his highly beneficial effect on his aged patient.  
G. W. Donaldson, of New York, spent last Sunday at his place near Dingmans. His two daughters recently returned from Europe where they have been sojourning the past summer, and experienced a rough voyage home. They will spend the winter at Dingmans.

**Mr. Montross Improving.**  
The case of H. E. Montross, of whom we wrote you last week is progressing favorably at this writing. The attending physician Dr. James N. Miller removed the bandages to dress the wound on Saturday afternoon in the presence of Dr. Swartwout of Port Jarvis, and they were both pleased to find that the incision made in the first dressing of the wound itself was in a very good condition indeed. The symptoms from the beginning have been and remain exceptionally good. Of course there are many possibilities of a serious nature to be feared yet, but the fact that there has been no mental disturbance whatever at any time, and that the symptoms are especially good, give rise to a definite hope that Mr. Montross may recover, and be possessed of all his faculties in a perfectly natural condition.

**A Tasty Gift.**  
Christmas, Miss Lila Van Etten was the recipient of a beautiful "Milford spoon" with the compliments of several members of the primary department. The donors were Misses Pauline Frieh, Gertrude Kadel, Virginia Mott, and Masters Joe Lattimore, Willie Van Tassel, Howard Kite, Earl Brown, Ernest Kipp and George Heller.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the Week Ended Dec. 24.  
Palmyra. John H. Thompson, executor, etc., to Adeline S. White, dated Dec. 14, 150 acres, con. \$1,100, ent'd Dec. 24.  
Lackawaxen. James H. Heller, et. ux., to Terence Farley, dated Dec. 21, 80 acres, con. \$12.50, ent'd Dec. 24.  
Matamoras. R. Willard Ware, et. ux., to Martha A. Sutton, McCarty, dated Dec. 20, lots 637 and 639, con. ent'd Dec. 24.  
Lackawaxen. Emil Newman, et. ux., to Eugene Newman, dated Dec. 12, 2 pieces land, con. \$500, ent'd Dec. 25.  
Dingman. Augustus F. Gardner to Eliza A. Beloff, dated Oct. 19, 60 acres, \$1, ent'd Dec. 28.  
Milford Borough. Alice C. Drake to O. B. Van Wyck, dated Dec. 31, lot on Ann street, con. \$1,250, ent'd Dec. 31.

Commissions were entered Dec. 30, Daniel H. Hastings, governor, to John C. Westbrook, prothonotary, recorder, clerk quarter sessions, oyer and terminer, orphan's court and register of wills.  
Also bonds of James M. Bensley, et. al., and Wallace Newman, et. al. to Commonwealth, and commissions to John D. Honck and Jacob Klaer, associate judges.

**OBITUARY.**  
ASA W. HISSAM.  
Asa W. Hissam died at the home of his parents on Broad street Christmas day of a complication of diseases. He began complaining seriously some two months ago and since then his decline has been rapid. His age was twenty-five years and he was a young man well esteemed in this community, and among his youthful companions.  
He was the son of John and Marjory (Van Akin) Hissam who survive him and have the deepest sympathy in their affliction. He is also survived by two brothers, John and Lucian, and three sisters, Kate, wife of William McGowan, Lizzie, wife of Lafe Lattimore, of Milford, and Grace, wife of Clovis Loreaux, of Flatbrook, Long Island. He was a member of Van Dermark Hose Company and the funeral was attended by the members of the fire department in a body.  
The funeral service was held Sunday at the M. E. Church. The pall bearers were W. F. Chol, Clarence Angle, Frank Fuller, Fred Beck, Frank Rudolph and David Cuddeback. The floral offerings were beautiful and numerous covering the handsome oak casket in which the body was enclosed.  
The discourse at the church by Rev. W. R. Neff was a pointed address to the living, and his words were a solemn warning to those who are not walking the path of moral rectitude, and should leave a deep and lasting impression on their minds.

**PETER NELSON.**  
Mr. Peter Nelson died suddenly at his home in Dingman township last Saturday of heart failure. He was in good health apparently, ate his dinner as usual and then complained of not feeling well and said he would lie down for a few moments, when he fell to the floor and expired.  
He was born in Sweden some sixty-five years ago, and has resided where he died nearly ten years. Coming here from New York. He was a quiet industrious man and respected by his neighbors.  
He leaves surviving a widow and one daughter, Anna at home, and two sons, Julius and Arthur, of Brooklyn, N. Y.  
The funeral was held Tuesday from his late residence and interment in the cemetery in that town ship.

**REV. S. VAN BENSCHOTEN.**  
Rev. S. Van Benschoten, presiding elder of the Paterson district of Newark conference of the M. E. Church, died at his home in Passaic, N. J. last Friday, aged 70 years.

**Hale Arranges Matters.**  
W. P. Hale who successfully exercised his blandishments here a few days ago, in obtaining cash on checks drawn by himself, thereby temporarily relieving his financial embarrassment, returned to town Tuesday in company with Constable Kelly, of Lackawaxen, and succeeded in arranging matters in a manner satisfactory to his creditors, and departed for home the same day. Two near by papers published as a fact that he was in jail here, which proves that sometimes there are others who are "great at knowing things they do not know."

## COURT NOTES.

Herman Paul Schults was indicted by the Grand Jury late last Thursday, for the murder of his wife near Shohola some time ago. This case has excited considerable newspaper comment, and some undesired strictures on certain of our officials. The matter has been proceeded in as speedily as was possible, and the accused man will probably face a jury of his peers in Pike County at our next March term of Court. Meanwhile public opinion should be suspended, and the man not judged by highly colored accounts published in sensational journals, but by the evidence adduced on his trial.  
Estate of John Pletcher dec'd John A. Kipp appointed Auditor to make distribution &c.

**Library Expenses.**  
There are 6388 libraries in the United States, that of Congress being the largest.  
Estimates from the published yearly statistics show that of the \$500,000 spent on twenty of the leading libraries of this country, a little over \$170,000 was devoted to books, while other expenses consumed \$338,000.  
In the Mercantile library of New York it costs 14 cents to circulate a volume, in the Astor 14½ cents are spent on each volume, or 27 cents on each reader, in Columbia College 21½ cents per reader, in the Library Company of Philadelphia 26 cents per volume or 10 cents per head. Now won't some one show what it costs the Milford Lyceum to circulate a book?

**Sigar Departs.**  
Sheriff Cortright accompanied by Joseph Siglar who was sentenced at last court to 18 months in the Eastern penitentiary, left Thursday morning for that institution. The prisoner will begin the New Year in a place where good resolutions are at a discount, but it is to be hoped he may be reformed by his sojourn.

**A Family Reunion.**  
There was a large and social gathering at the home of Geo. Holbert in Lackawaxen on Christmas day, the occasion being the annual family reunion this being the nineteenth which has been held. The evening was happily passed with recitations and singing, and an address by Rev. J. B. Romsen of Honesdale.

**Eckert's Suicide.**  
The Coroners jury in the case of Eckert who died of poison the morning has to be to have been hanged in the Wilkesbarre jail failed to throw any light on the manner in which he obtained it. Two strangers visited him the day before his death but so far their identity has not been ascertained.

**A Little Runaway.**  
A team owned by John Chron standing near Angus blacksmith shop last Thursday became frightened and ran away. They got rid of the wagon in short order and after racing around the streets awhile were caught and put back to the wagon without having done any serious damage.

**Mail Routes.**  
An Iowa man secured the mail route from Layton to Flatbrookville for \$274, and one from Kentucky the Milford—Branchville route for about \$480. This is very low and it is hard to see how any carrier can afford to do the required work and live decently and drive a comfortable conveyance for passengers.

**\$400 and Home Burned.**  
The house of Elias Banier in Eldred township, Monroe county was wholly consumed by fire Christmas night together with all its contents, part of which comprised four hundred dollars in money. \$55 in gold were afterwards found in the ruins.

**Card of Thanks.**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Hissam desire to publicly express their thanks to their many friends, and to the companions of their deceased son who rendered such thoughtful and attentive assistance during his illness.  
10,000 feet well-seasoned good whitepine boards for sale. Price reasonable. Enquire of Wm. Angle at blacksmith shop. aug124

## BRIEF MENTION.

—Now write it 1897.  
—Did you swear off yesterday, or will you to-day?  
—Christmas Day was white, clear and beautiful.  
—A Happy New Year to the readers of the Press.  
—Stroudsburg is discussing the question of a sewerage system.  
—Filling ice houses is now in order and several are engaged in that business.  
—Now cherish good resolutions, fulfill one of them promptly by subscribing for the Press for 1897 right away quick.  
—Clarence Bartlow, of Wayne county, while out gunning a few days ago shot himself accidentally with fatal results.  
—There has been skating galore on our ponds this week, and the young people have kept the career of the ice checkered indeed.  
—It is now a newspaper row in Milford the Dispatch having moved next door to the Press. Of course it would wish to be in as near proximity as possible to such a good neighbor.  
—The will of ex-Governor Tilden so far as it bequeathed his property for public benefit, has been wholly set aside, and the money intended for that purpose will revert to the next of kin.  
—The ball given by Van Dermark Hose Company Christmas Eve was a very successful and highly enjoyable affair, about 35 couples participated in the whirl to the music of Courtwright's orchestra.

—Hon. Jacob Swartwout, of Wantage, N. J., sent to Fred Wehinger, a Port Jarvis butcher, a pair of steers that weighed 4,220 pounds. It was the finest yoke that has been seen in that market in many years.  
—Dr. Hunt, of the New Jersey State Board of Health, is not pleased with the manner in which Phillipsburg's authorities are dealing with diphtheria. He says there is need of doing something more than burning sulphur.  
—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian congregation enjoyed a ride down to the home of Mrs. Geo. Warner last Tuesday, when things temporal were discussed, interspersed with a little stitching, and a very agreeable afternoon passed.

—The number of teeth possessed normally by different quadrupeds is a horse 40, a mare 37, oxen and sheep 32, hogs 44, dogs 42 while mankind has 32, except when some dog inserts a few more into the periphery of your anatomy.  
—American journalism has sunk to its lowest depth, its vilest dregs and its most repulsive nastiness in those metropolitan "great dailies," the New York World and New York Journal. Vicious sensationalism, licentious filth and grotesque falsehoods are the chief features of those two disgraceful to American journalism.—Coal Gazette.

**Producing Milk.**  
The prime object is to produce the greatest quantity of milk of the best quality and at the greatest profit from any given number of cows within a year. The evidence is overwhelming, says Professor Alvord, that the cows should be managed so as to calve in the autumn months. For like reasons, September is the best month, in most parts of the country, for a heifer to drop her first calf in order to best develop as a cow, and this almost regardless of the age of the animal at first calving. Calves born in the fall are easier reared and make better cows than those born in the spring or summer.—Duckertown Independent.

**A Deep Cave.**  
Out in Centre county this state as a man was driving a team of horses attached to a plow across his field suddenly one of the horses and the plow disappeared into a monster hole in the ground. The man was subsequently lowered in it and at the depth of 200 feet found the horse lying on a projecting ledge of rocks. He descended some 50 feet further but did not yet reach the bottom, which he estimates to be fully 300 feet. The sides are lined with crystals and at the bottom a large stream of running water can be heard.

## XMAS IN THE CHURCHES.

### Many Sunday School Children and Teachers Made Happy.

Christmas Was Held in the Various Churches.—Trees were Loaded Down with Beautiful Gifts.—Decorations, Etc.

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.**  
The Church of the Good Shepherd held its entertainment for the children, and distribution of gifts on Christmas Eve. Many little hearts were made glad, and some older ones rejoiced at the kind remembrances of their pupils. Mrs. Wood especially seemed a favorite, and bore off an elegant tea service. Mr. Lassiter made an address which was happily conceived and very appropriate to the occasion, his topic being "The Mother's Love." Singing interspersed the exercises, and all present shared a happy time.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
The Presbyterian congregation held its services Christmas night. The Orient Star was the programme used, consisting of responsive readings and suitable hymns interspersed with recitations. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens under the supervision of Miss Ann Baker, aided by several willing workers. The large Christmas tree was one of the finest ever brought here and was literally loaded with gifts for the numerous children, great and small, whose happy, expectant faces radiated a brightness in full accord with the day and its joyous surroundings.  
The little misses who recited acquitted themselves with such grace that the pastor felt it unnecessary to make an address and so perhaps contrast himself with the effectiveness and felicity with which they rendered their little pieces.  
Following is the programmer Music, "Hail to the Day," Scripture Soliloquies, Address of Welcome, Helen Lanchantin, Music, "Orient Star," Scripture Reading, Music, "Gift of the Kings," Reading, Music, "Glory, Peace, Good Will," Recitation, Alice Baker.

**Infant Class.**  
Dorothy Baker, Music, "The Evergreen Shore," Recitation, "Santa Claus," Myrtle Van Campen, Music, "Christmas Chimes," Distribution of gifts, Doxology and benediction. M. E. CHURCH.  
Exercises were held in the M. E. Church also Christmas night and the beautiful exercise. Under the Christmas tree furnished the programme which was opened by an organ voluntary followed by a chorus, "Merrily the bells ring out." William Angle then offered prayer and a Bible reading by the pastor, W. R. Neff, succeeded. Then came responsive reading, and "Hark a Song," when little Miss Bessie Armstrong told in verse about the wonderful Grandpa's pockets and what they hold, and she told it well. Then came a song, "Whistling Winds," and Miss Mabel Van Etten reminded her audience what "Queerness" there is in this world. The primary class then sang "Rock, Cradle Rock," in which a pretty pantomime was introduced.  
Bible and responsive readings and a song, "Joy to the World," introduced the "Star of Prophecy," which was represented by Daisy DeWitt, Anna Watson, Alice Ryman and Mary Yennie.  
"Under the Christmas Tree" was then sung when "The Beggar's Christmas" was feelingly portrayed by Myrtle Ryder. An appropriate address by the pastor, offerings and gifts, a song, "Good bye and Happy New Year," when the event which had been eagerly looked forward to, took place, the distribution of gifts, and after the doxology the little fest wended their homeward way, and little heads sought the pillow to dream of the wonderful day bearing so much of joy to their innocent hearts.

The church was tastefully decorated, one large tree bore the gifts, flanked on either side by smaller ones. Some unknown but thoughtful donor provided handsome decorations for the trees, and was remembered by the kindest wishes of all who beheld them.

**FOR SALE.—**Overstrung square piano in good order. Maker, A. B. Gale & Co., New York, will be sold a bargain. Apply to R. Struthers, Milford, Pa.