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## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

### Sherman has the Key to the President's Cabinet, and May Accept a Portfolio.

Tariff Bill to Be Framed this Week—Lord Will Now in the Senate—Johnson's Indecent Speech—Mills Wants a Minister to Cuba—Money Back But Does Not Talk.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11th.—Senator Sherman will probably settle the question of whether he is to be Secretary of State in the coming administration, during the present week, as he will, by special invitation, have a personal conference with President-elect McKinley at Canton. Mr. Sherman's personal inclinations are not towards the Cabinet, but he is prepared to do his duty as a good Republican and a patriotic citizen, and if it be the wish of President McKinley and of the Ohio Republicans, who have given him such great political honors in the past that he should accept a cabinet portfolio, he will not allow his personal inclinations to stand in the way. That he would make a good Secretary of State is as certain as that he has made a good Senator and a good Secretary of the Treasury, and while his colleagues would miss his experience and wisdom in the Senate, the knowledge that President McKinley and the country would have the benefit of them would go far towards consoling them for the loss.

Having heard what the parties directly interested had to say about the new tariff bill, the Republicans of the House Ways and Means Committee will this week begin the actual construction of the bill. The Democratic members of the committee had the privilege of attending the hearings, and some of them availed themselves of it, but the construction of the bill will only be participated in by the Republican members. Chairman Dingley has pointed out the difference in this task and the construction of the McKinley bill in 1890, and it should not be lost sight of by those who are interested in seeing the arduous task successfully performed. In 1890 the Treasury had a surplus which was growing larger all the time, and the tariff bill was intended to protect American products and manufactures, and at the same time, to reduce the receipts of the government. Now, again referring to Chairman Dingley's words, the new tariff bill must protect American products and manufactures, and at the same time add from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 a year to the Government receipts, in order to provide for the deficit made by the insufficiency of revenue produced by the Democratic tariff bill, which Mr. Cleveland denounced as an outrage and refused to sign, and which he now declares to be a good thing, notwithstanding all the trouble it has brought to the country.

The Loud bill depriving sample copies of newspapers and books of the right to be sent through the mail at pound rates was passed by the House, and has now gone to the Senate, where its prospect of being acted upon is far from bright. It will be fought hard and time is getting scarce.

The speech of Representative Johnson, of California, on the Pacific Railroad Funding bill, which was today disposed of by the House, in which he made a vicious personal attack upon Mr. W. R. Hearst, proprietor of the San Francisco Examiner and the New York Journal, is much regretted by all who heard it. Some of the language of Mr. Johnson was so vulgar and indecent that it could not be printed in newspapers which go through the mail without a violation of law—such language as should never be heard in a gathering of gentlemen and which no pro- vocation can excuse. Disgusting people never brings them to your way of thinking.

It remained for Senator Mills to introduce a humorous phrase to the Cuban question. His resolution, upon which he made a speech to-day in his usual style—he works harder than a blacksmith when he makes a speech—after reciting that Cuba ought to be free and declaring that this Country recognizes its independence, and that the President must act in harmony with Congress, provides for the appointment of a United States Minister to Cuba and appropriates \$10,000 to pay his salary and expenses. The idea of appointing a minister to a country which as

## BRIEF MENTION.

—Lent begins March sixth.  
—The County Auditors are yet settling the County finances.  
—Cottage Prayer meeting at the Sawkill House this (Friday) evening.  
—The larger the investment in advertising the more successful it will be.  
—Arrange your advertisement in such a manner that the first glance will convey the idea.  
—Advertising makes known to people wants of which they were previously unconscious.  
—Hon. John Wannamaker has been nominated by two papers as the next governor of Pennsylvania.  
—If the weather is fair there will be service at the Sawkill school house next Sabbath, Jan. 17, at 2:30 a. m.  
—A full account of the deaths of Samuel W. Hunt and Charles Morrison will be found in our Dingmans' correspondence.

## HYMENEAL.

MORRIS-HOWELL.

Miss Emma Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Howell and Mr. Harry B. Morris both of Catskill, Greene County were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. S. Morris, 7 Crawford street Port Jervis at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th. Rev. S. Morris performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends. Mr. Morris is connected with the Catskill Recorder and is a popular and progressive young man. His bride belongs to one of the oldest and best families of Catskill and is a very pleasant and estimable person indeed. They left town that morning for a wedding journey that will extend to Washington, D. C., and Louisville, Ky. They will return in two weeks to Catskill where they will reside.

## OUR MUDDY STREETS.

Our Principle Streets are in a Deplorable Condition—They Should Be Paved.

The business streets of our village are in their accustomed deplorable condition. Pike street, the main business street, was a long broad mud puddle a few days ago and now it is about as rough and lumpy as possible. Men have been occupied in shovelling the mud from the cross-walks so that they might be passable. Ours is a great system. We hire men to cart dirt upon the streets in the spring then we have sprinklers to make mud of the dust in the summer. In the autumn we employ men to scrape the mud out of the gutters and remove it and in the winter and muddy season we have the whole force of street laborers at work vainly endeavoring to keep the cross-walks clean. Did you ever hear of anything more ridiculous?

We were in Middletown yesterday and we could not help noticing how clean and dry were the principle business streets of that city.

It costs considerable to pave streets, but the benefit is permanent and highly satisfactory.

The above clipped from a Port Jervis paper is so apropos of our system in Milford that it might well have been written on our streets, only, we never have men here employed by the Borough to clean off the crossings. One set of councilmen put down crossings and then cover them up with gravel, which is soon mud, and it is made or stay on the other side.

## County Committee Meeting.

The Republican county committee met Monday, January 11 for the purpose of organization. There were present: William Angle, Jesse B. Shoemaker, O. K. Laubshire, Adam Dilger, C. W. Shannon, A. S. Dingman, proxy for G. W. Bortree; Jas. Mollineux, absent. William Angle was duly elected chairman and O. K. Laubshire, secretary. The committee on revision of rules was requested to report at the next county convention. Adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

## A Bad Accident.

Daniel D. Everitt, of Montague, New Jersey went Tuesday to assist his son, John in thrashing. After the machine had been set in walking around it he fell down from the main floor into the stables beneath striking a plank, one leg was broken and his head badly out besides severe bruises on his body. The limb was temporarily set by Dr. Emerson and Mr. Everitt was removed to his home.

## Severely Injured.

Al Lawson who works for James Stoll in Montague was descending a hill last week with a team when the lock chain broke and Lawson was thrown under the wagon. The wheels passed over his side cutting the flesh and badly bruising him.

## THE FAIR PORTER'S LAKE

### Her Beauties, Glories and Hospitality Glowingly Described.

Pickering Fishing, Getting Lost and Dancing Vividly Described—A Sportsman's Entertaining Account of his Pleasures—Notes of the Events. (Special Correspondence to the Press.)

On Friday last, about 6 o'clock a. m., a party of three left Dingmans with the intention of spending a few days pickering fishing at Porter's Lake.

The journey was accomplished without event and in good time, considering the condition of the road. On arrival there was found to be no less than a dozen would-be fishermen already in possession, among them being a party of seven from Bushkill, who has arrived the day previous.

Most of the "good places" were of course occupied, but not to be discouraged by such trifles, our tilts were set out and fishing commenced in dead earnest until we heard that a shooting match was to be held that afternoon and that a prize of a plump turkey was offered to the man making the best shot. Then, of course, all interest in fishing ceased for the time being, and the attention of the entire party was occupied in borrowing guns and cartridges.

One of our friends from Dingmans happened to be lucky enough to capture the feathered prize. The next thing in the programme was a dance which was to be held that evening at the hotel. One of the party remarked: "Why where are all the people coming from?"

Well, if you want to attend a dance where there is lots of people and lots of fun, Porter's Lake is just the place to go to. It was really surprising when all the people came from considering how sparsely the country is settled in that vicinity, but it matters not where they are from, they were there just the same, and a jolly good crowd they were. Between twenty and twenty-five ladies, more than twice as many gentlemen, constituted the party.

As most of the participants lived at a considerable distance, and did not arrive until rather late, the dancing did not commence until about 9 o'clock, but when the violinist took his seat and began to play, there was a general rush for the ball room.

The only scarce articles about the place were shoes, and they were so scarce that some of the party were compelled to dance in their rubber boots, notwithstanding the fact that several gentlemen who did not dance, where kind enough to loan their shoes to those who did.

Everything moved along nicely, the ball room was continually crowded, and everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves. At 12 o'clock an oyster supper was served to the entire party by our genial host, Frank Van Why, after which the dancing was again resumed, and continued until the "wee sma' hours."

The next morning there seemed to be a general indisposition to early rising. Strange! but there is a rumor afloat that on the evening previous, some of the party had attended a dance in the vicinity of Dingmans, so had had very little sleep for two days and were therefore, naturally tired.

Saturday was a fine day for fishing, and the luck seemed to be with us. The Dingmans party bagged 24 of the finest pickered that were ever caught through the ice.

They averaged over two pounds each, among them was one that tipped the scales at exactly five pounds.

In the afternoon, two of the party thought they would walk to Bruin's mill dam, and try their luck there, so they gathered together a few tilts, some baits and an axe, and started through the woods to make a short cut for the road. After walking around through the brush for more than an hour, they began to think that the road was farther from the lake than they had anticipated, when suddenly they came to an open space and discovered that they were at the upper end of the lake, less than a quarter of a mile from where they had started. The man who piloted that expedition, is open for all engagements as guide, to hunting parties, wishing to go anywhere in Porter township, as he has travelled all through that section of the county many times, and

## A PORT JERVIS MYSTERY.

May Be a Murder or a Suicide—If the Former Then Robbery Was the Motive.

Port Jervis, last Friday, was aroused to find that a murder had been committed during the night before just on her borders. William Speidle a young man who formerly worked for Mr. Laux near Tri States had been over in Matamoras on Thursday arranging for his wedding which was to have taken place next day. He left the house of his affianced early in the evening and was afterwards seen and talked to by several in Port Jervis. Evidently he started East on the railroad track possibly to go to the house of his former employer, and the next morning at an early hour his body was found by a tramp, lying between the track and river. The tramp gave an alarm and the body was subsequently removed to an undertaking establishment and an autopsy performed. This disclosed that Speidle had died of strangulation, a pocket handkerchief being found stuffed down his throat. His pockets had also been turned showing that the body had been robbed. Speidle was an industrious, sober young man and probably had in the opinion of his assailants quite a sum of money in his possession. His watch and ring had been left with his intended bride. The tramp who discovered the body claimed to be a printer from Buck's county this state. He was arrested and subsequently discharged as there seemed to be no evidence incriminating him and his story of his whereabouts and manner of finding the dead body was coherent and apparently truthful. The spot where the discovery was made seems to be a tramp rendezvous and the theory is that the murder was committed by one or more of these vagabonds.

The suicide theory is also advanced from the fact that a bottle containing chloroform, purchased the previous evening, at Poire's pharmacy, was found near Speidle's body. The physicians however adhere to the idea of strangulation, but the Coroner who has empaneled a jury thinks the case suicide. A tramp has been arrested at Rutherford, N. J., who says he knows all about the matter and he has been committed to await investigation.

## 1897—CRESCENTS—1897.

In a few days Mason, the agent for the Crescent bicycles, will have samples of the 1897 models. If you have any idea of purchasing a bicycle the coming season, be sure and call on Mason at Port Jervis.

## OBITUARY.

REV. DR. J. P. SCOTT.

Dr. Scott, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Monticello, N. Y., died suddenly January 8 of heart failure. He was aged about 65 years, and had been connected with that church since June last, after an interim of fourteen years. He was originally called to it in 1878 and served for four years, going from there to Lebanon, Ohio, where he remained until 1896 when he was recalled to Monticello.

## EPAPHIAS B. ELDRED.

Mr. Eldred died at his home in West Virginia, Jan. 11, aged about 77 years. He was eldest child of Major Richard Eldred, and lived here from early infancy until manhood when he removed to Western Pennsylvania and some three years ago to West Virginia. He is survived by two brothers, John A. who lived with him; Henry B., of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. M. H. Schimmel of this place.

## For Sale.

A good business with stock of groceries, etc., also store room and dwelling connected to rent. For further information enquire of George Daumann, Jr., Milford, Pa., Jan. 12, 1897. 4w

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Alice W. Mott is making a visit to New York.

Moses C. Briscoe, of Lehman, was in Milford Wednesday on business. Mr. R. Struthers and daughter, Effie, have gone to New York.

The condition of Commissioner Heller does not materially change. Mrs. Frank Crisman entertained a number of ladies at an afternoon tea last Friday.

Mrs. Ladey, of Summit, a granddaughter of Henry B. Wells is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Ella Kipp had an unfortunate fall down a stairway Wednesday which dislocated her collar bone.

Miss Huldah Bull left for Washington last Tuesday where she will be the guest of Mrs. Hart for several days.

Alfred Marvin, Esq., who is now a practicing attorney at Port Jervis, made a brief visit at Milford Monday.

W. P. Wolfe, has resigned as postmaster at Beemerville N. J., and B. W. Ferguson appointed in his place.

Senator Hardenburg, of Wayne, is mentioned as a candidate for Deputy Auditor General. He is eminently worthy of the position.

Frank W. Cross has a position in the paid choir of the First Presbyterian church of Scranton, where he is taking a course in a business College.

Hon. J. J. Hart has been confined to his room in Washington for several days but hopes to be out in a day or two if the weather is favorable.

The lady typo of the Press finds great enjoyment these moonlight nights in skating on the ice on Wells' dam, with one of the Dispatch type setters. It must be the captivating monstache that takes.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the Week Ended Jan. 14.

Milford Borough. H. I. Cortright, sheriff, to Jacob B. Westbrook, dated Dec. 21, lots sold as Schimmel property, con. \$1,400, ent'd Jan. 7.

H. I. Cortright, sheriff, to W. E. Scott, dated Dec. 21, lands in Pike county sold as Kennell and Gourlay property, con. \$9,005, ent'd Jan. 8.

Shohola. Seigfried Koppel to Isadore B. Brook, dated Nov. 24, 200 acres, con. \$1, ent'd Jan. 8.

Matamoras. Susan Prescott and husband to Carolina Eleanor Dorothea Beck, dated Jan. 11, lots 101, con. \$1,800, ent'd Jan. 11.

Milford. J. H. Van Etten, et. ux., to C. S. Van Etten, dated Dec. 24th, undivided interest in lot, con. \$200, ent'd Jan. 11.

## A Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shepherd take this method to express their thankfulness and deepest appreciation in return for the many kindnesses shown them by their excellent neighbors during the time of the sickness and death of Mrs. Shepherd's father, the late Edward A. Ferguson.

Long Meadow, Jan. 12, 1897.