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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Protection of Americans in Cuba.

Tariff Debate Begins Next Week—The Civil Service Law and its Application—Government Printing Office Matter.

Washington, May 17.—President McKinley's policy of protecting American citizens in Cuba goes a great deal farther than protecting them in their political rights, as he has fully made known to Congress. It includes protecting them from the starvation that is staring so many of them in the face, as a result of the policy of Gen. Weyler in cooping them up in the cities and towns of Cuba where there is no opportunity for those who are dependent upon their labor for a living for themselves and families to obtain employment. President McKinley has asked Congress to appropriate money to furnish food, clothing and medicine for those suffering Americans, and Congress will promptly do it, and the relief will be distributed by United States officials. The Spanish minister wanted to have the distribution made by Spanish officials, but he was promptly informed that it could not be done; that as long as Spain had by its policy, American citizens and non-combatants, to be deprived of the work by which they lived, it should have been seen that they were in some other way provided for; that having failed to do his duty, the United States would relieve its own citizens, either by birth or naturalization, without help or hindrance from Spain. That is as far as the matter has gone, but there is no doubt that the sending of relief to Cuba for suffering Americans by this government, is the first step toward intervention, either peacefully or by force, to put an end to the barbarous condition of affairs on the island. It will follow as a natural sequence. If present conditions were allowed to continue, the United States Government would have to establish permanent relief depots in every town on the island. The first duty will be to clothe the naked Americans, feed the hungry and see that the sick get proper nursing and medicine; then the conditions that brought about the suffering will have to be changed. There will be no occasion for trouble, unless Spain makes it. If she does, so much the worse for Spain.

Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, who has been acting as private secretary to Secretary Gage, since he entered the cabinet, and who has been nominated to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is one of the youngest men who ever filled this important position, but his ability to properly perform his duties is unquestioned. Although Mr. Vanderlip is only 32 years old, he has had an extended financial experience, having been for eight years financial editor of the Chicago Tribune, and ever since his schoolboy days a close student of finance and political economy.

From a Republican point of view, Florida neither gains nor loses to any marked extent by sending ex-Representative Stephen E. Mallory to the Senate in place of Mr. Call, whose term expired with the last Congress. Although Mr. Call served three terms in the Senate, he was more widely known because of the little episode connected with his wearing fancy socks and taking off his shoes while the Senate was in session, than for any statesmanship displayed during his eighteen years' service.

The tariff debate will not begin until next week, although Senator Aldrich will, on Thursday of this week, call the bill up for the purpose of making a statement covering the views of the Republicans of the Financial Committee on the amendments. No agreement has been reached as to the length of time the bill will be debated by the Senate, but the talk of individual senators of all parties indicates that the debate is likely to be much shorter than it was several weeks ago supposed that it would be. Republicans of the House take no stock in the story that the tactics by which the Senate compelled the House to accept its amendments to the Wilson bill, are to be again brought to bear, and many of them do not hesitate to say that if the attempt is made, it will fail. My own impression is that the House would remain

THE BUSHKILL BRIDGE.

The Two Boards After a Two Days' Session Disagree.

The joint meeting of the commissioners of Monroe and Pike here last week to let the contracts for building the iron and stone work of the bridge at Bushkill resulted in a disagreement, and an adjournment until May 27th, when they will reconvene at Stroudsburg. We understand that the bids for the bridge ranged from \$1,250 to \$2,100 and that two of the Monroe men voted for a five panel bridge offered by the Groton company at \$1,785 in which they were finally joined by one of the Pike men after he had several times voted for one of the Standard Construction company at \$1,875. The other Monroe man joined with two Pike men on a six panel Pittsburgh bridge for \$1,887.

It does seem to men of average intelligence that with those plans and prices there should be no serious difficulty in selecting a proper bridge if there was an integrity of purpose in the matter. We think our commissioners made a mistake in agreeing to an adjournment, unless it was to have all who wished make new bids. They will be confronted at the next meeting with the same problem they had here, and it would have been preferable in one view and more in harmony with public sentiment to have rejected all the bids offered, and ask for new plans and bids. Objectionable features, if any, to the plans submitted could have been pointed out, and by such an arrangement a satisfactory plan obtained, and then price only would come in consideration. On stone work the bids ranged from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per cubic yard, but no action was taken. It is not known whether any latent relation existed between the two contracts, time may also develop a reason for this postponement. It may be safely asserted, however, that the people of this county are in no humor to look askance on anything which does not appear wholly straightforward.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the Week Ending May 20th.

Dolaware, Ellenor Tattle to Margaret F. Hornbeck, dated April 26, lot in Dingman, con. \$100, cont'd May 13th.

Blooming Grove, Jacob Kleinhans, et. ux., to Jacob Kleinhans, Jr., dated May 10th, 100 acres, John Wigton, con. \$200, cont'd May 13th.

Westfall, Harry C. Jeffries, et. al., to Lizzie Jeffries, dated April 25, lot in Matamoros, con. \$1, cont'd May 14th.

Milford Borough, Jacob B. Westbrock, et. ux., to Dennis McLaughlin, dated May 19th, lots on Broad street, (Schimmel place), con. \$2,650, cont'd May 19th.

OBITUARY.

RELI VAN INWEGEN.

It will occasion our readers no surprise, though deep regret to learn of the death of this venerable man whose name and figure have been familiar from earliest recollection. Mr. Van Inwegen was born in Darrack April 23, 1816 and at the death of his mother which occurred when he was but a few weeks old he became an inmate of the household of his grandfather Cornelius Cole, who lived on a farm adjoining the Never-sink and Delaware rivers and on part of which Mr. Van Inwegen resided until his death. He thus saw Port Jervis when it was in its infancy and grew up with its growth, attaining a commanding position and aiding greatly in its prosperity and wealth. He was made President and Treasurer of the Port Jervis Savings Bank at its organization in 1870, and in 1874 became Vice-President of the First National Bank a position which he retained until the beginning of the present year. He also at different times had several local offices in the town. In business matters his judgment was excellent and his probity unquestioned.

In 1841 he married Miss Elizabeth M. a sister of R. C. Ball of this town, who with one son Charles F. survives him. The funeral took place Wednesday. Rev. McKensie officiating.

BENTON BELL.

Occasional mention has been made of the protracted illness of pneumonia of Mr. Bell, which resulted in his death Tuesday last, at his home in Montague township, N. J., at the age of fifty-nine years. He leaves to mourn him, besides several brothers and sisters, a wife Clementine (Westbrook) Bell and one son Burton. He was a man of liberal education and highly respected in the community. The funeral was held today.

For Lazy Fishermen.

In a recently patented fishing device the lower end of the pole is set in a frame fastened to the bank or boat, the pole being fastened to a coiled spring and pulled down to a catch to set it, a pull on the line releasing the pole and allowing it to fly upward and hook the fish.

PERSONAL.

Miss Flora Boehotte is teaching in Shohola township.

Mrs. Lanchanitu has been making a visit with friends in New York.

Charles Reilly, of Delaware, made a brief but pleasant call on us last Friday.

Ed Nyce of Egypt Mills rejoices in the present made by his wife, a daughter.

W. F. Beck is in Philadelphia serving as petit juror in the United States District court.

Mrs. Francis Westfall has returned home from a visit to friends at Perry, N. Y.

Mrs. W. G. Moehring is visiting her brother Hy. T. Baker, Esq., on Third street.

Miss Ann Baker returned to Milford Tuesday after a protracted visit in New York.

Miss Sarah Wheeler is with her family on Harford street having arrived Monday.

John Baldwin and wife arrived in town Monday and are quarters at the Crissman House.

Hon. E. Pinchot has returned home after a visit to his daughter at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Claude Gaillard, Jr., of the Port Jervis Union, and his father, Claude, Sr., were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Sue Grandin left Milford Tuesday for an extended visit to friends at Newark, N. J.

Frederick Badoel is again at the Dimmick House after an absence of several weeks in the South.

Mrs. L. R. Mott has returned from a winter visit at Ellenville and occupies her home on Ann street.

James W. Pinchot accompanied by his son Gifford and a party of friends spent Sunday at Schannos.

C. W. Bull, Esq., was at Stroudsburg this week on business connected with the estate of Hannah Pitts.

W. H. Bluhme of Scranton, Pa., whose carriages are a household word in this locality, was here last week.

A son of G. W. Hubbard, of Dingman township, cut his leg with a bust scythe Tuesday, inflicting a bad wound.

Mary Maines is filling the position of operator at Monticello, while the regular occupant of that position is enjoying a vacation.

Mr. John Ryder and family of this place drove to Pond Eddy last Sunday and spent a very pleasant day with his brother's family.

Jacob Schoonmaker, the efficient foreman of the Gazette job department, made the Press office a pleasant call Wednesday evening.

Harvey Klaer of Stroudsburg has been seriously ill of appendicitis but is now, we are glad to learn, beyond the danger point and regaining health.

Superintendent George Sawyer has been selected as one of the board of examiners at the Stroudsburg Normal School which meets June 23rd.

Rev. W. G. Myles of the Reformed church at Dingmans preached his farewell sermon at that place Sunday last. He has accepted a call at Garfield, N. J.

Rev. J. A. Wiegand, the popular and able pastor of Hope Evangelical Church at Matamoros, accompanied by Watson Clauson, of that village, made the Press a pleasant call Tuesday.

Treasurer George Daumann, Jr., has been attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. which sat at Williamport this week. He went as a representative of Van Dermark Lodge.

George W. Eisenberger, William F. Wade, Ed. J. Carey, Irving Hammond, of the Union; John Daley, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and a few of their friends visited Milford Sunday.

Friends in Milford will be disappointed to learn that S. Albert Johnson and wife, who formerly taught our schools, will not visit here this summer as anticipated, sickness of relatives causes a change of plans.

Charles J. Sadler, the efficient chief, visited Milford this week. He left yesterday to take charge of that department at the Ocean View House near Norfolk, Va. now under the management of Chas. St. John.

Miss Virginia Wallis, who has for several seasons been a visitor at Milford, is again domiciled with Mrs. Thrall for the summer. Her father

SHOOTING NEAR STROUDSBURG.

Ruffian Attempt Assault. The Sick Husband Fires on Them and He is Also Severely Wounded.

Henry Van Buskirk, who with his family resides on a farm near Stroudsburg, in defending his wife from an assault last Sunday night was shot through the right lung by one of the assailants and in turn inflicted a wound on one of the villains which will probably end his criminal career.

Three men came to the house in the evening and demanded admittance of the wife which she at first refused but fearing the noise would disturb her husband who was sick she finally opened the door. The men forced their way in and began insulting the woman, and one of them finally seized her. The noise aroused her husband, who being informed of the cause came out and ordered the men away. They refused to go, and threatened to kill the family if they did not keep quiet whereupon he scooped his revolver and again ordered them out, when one attempted to draw a pistol and Van Buskirk fired, the shot taking effect in the man's abdomen. One of them fired on Van Buskirk, hitting him in the right breast and injuring his lung. The others then carried the wounded man away.

Two, Clinton Ronck, the one shot, and Newton Eritz, have been arrested but the other, supposed to be Harry Hafford, escaped. The physicians say Ronck cannot recover.

BRIEF MENTION.

—The Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. is now in session at Williamsport, Pa.

—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church met at Warsaw, Indiana, yesterday.

—The Port Jervis Bicycle club and the Riverside Cycle club of Matamoros visited Milford Tuesday evening.

—Joseph Shafer caught a hawk near Matamoros a few days ago which measured from the tips of its wings across 4 feet and 3 inches. It is now being mounted at Cummings.

—The annual convention of Pike County Sunday schools will be held at Bushkill June 15. Each school is entitled to two delegates, and it is hoped that the meeting will be largely attended by all friends and those interested in the work.

—A bill has passed the Michigan Legislature providing for the issuance of licenses and of a tax on bicycles for the purpose of constructing bicycle paths. The tax will be 50 cents and the paths will be built alongside the carriage roads.

—Oscar Wilde, the apostle of aestheticism who occasioned such a furor in this country and Europe some time ago, and was subsequently tried convicted and sentenced for indecency was released from prison Tuesday, mentally improved in condition.

—Tearing down part of the building, corner of Broad and Catharine streets, has been in progress this week. It will be partially rebuilt, additions made, and the main part raised a story. Mr. Cahill states that he has applications from several parties who desire to rent it for business purposes.

—The New Jersey Legislature has been called in extra session by the Governor to correct a single word in a bill. The typewriter made the word "prohibited" "provided," and it is necessary that it be changed. There seems to have been no premeditation in the mistake though it is one which occasions some annoyance to the members and expense to the State.

ADVERTISE IN THE "PRESS."

Prove That It Pays to Use Its Columns.

A Port Jervis firm using the Press as an advertising medium sold last Saturday before noon over one hundred dollars worth of goods to Milford people alone, and the real rush had only just begun. We feel highly gratified at the success of our patrons and they will find that the Press is read by buyers. A letter in our possession, from a gentleman in the county states that not only himself but his family, and he has a large one, all read the Press through every week, advertisements and all, and that he finds in it enough of general and local news to keep him well informed on current events. He is particularly pleased with the Harrisburg letter, and says that he has never before kept so well abreast with State matters and of what was being done in our Legislature. Such letters cheer, and make us feel that our efforts are not without results. It is our earnest purpose to make the Press a medium of information to its readers, both as to news and the places where they can best spend their dollars to advantage. Our columns are for rent to those who desire to let intending purchasers know what they have to sell.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register.

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cents sizes for sale at Armstrong's Drug store and General Merchants in Pike county.

A Deserved Punishment.

Early in the spring the Flatbrook Club gave Samuel Hornbeck privileges to catch a few trout occasionally, for his aged mother. They became aware recently that Mr. Hornbeck was abusing the privilege, and gave him notice that he had forfeited the favor, and must stop. He had continued however to fish on the grounds of the club. Last night he was caught in the act, and this morning brought before Justice Warner on a warrant. The justice committed him to the county jail for ninety days or until the penalties, and costs are paid.

A Great Shad Stream.

Our Delaware is a great shad stream. Millions of these fish are taken from its waters annually, the number last year being estimated at over five millions. This year, so far, on account of the continued high water they have not been much troubled to escape the net, so dangerous to their freedom, and such a hindrance to their further development.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They make weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or \$1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Starting Homely Co., Chicago or New York.

SAD ENDING TO A QUARREL.

James Nyce Injured and Death Subsequently Results.

In a Passion He Struck An Employee Who Hit Him with a Rasp, Keyhole Has Sets In and Careless promotes His End.—Obituary.

The facts in regard to this affair seem to be as follows. While somewhat under the influence of liquor, Mr. Nyce ordered one of his workmen David B. Heater to leave off shoeing a horse he was working on and do some work outside the shop. Soon after he directed Heater to go back in the shop and resume the shoeing. Some words resulted, and Heater then struck Nyce on the head and arm with a rasp he had in his hand both blows cutting the flesh. They were separated by bystanders and Nyce went to his home and a Doctor was summoned who dressed the wounds. In the afternoon Nyce went to the shop and asked Heater to continue his work. This he at first refused to do but subsequently being requested by Mrs. Nyce he did so and the quarrel was settled, and the men continued to work together until the following Saturday May 8th when erysipelas having set in Mr. Nyce remained at home in bed and his condition rapidly grew worse until May 12 when he died.

He was cautioned by his physician to leave off using liquor, but did not do so, and the doctor ceased his visits. After the death of Nyce a warrant was issued for Heater, and a coroner's inquest held. The testimony before the jury was that there was no fracture of the skull and that he was in good condition. The wounds were healed over, there was no rupture of any blood vessels or any clot on the brain, that the immediate cause of death was erysipelas and the primary cause chronic alcoholism, and the wound on the head standing alone would not have produced death, as it was healing. The jury after hearing the evidence returned a verdict exonerating Heater from blame and he was discharged from custody.

OBITUARY.

From the Deckertown Independent we take the following sketch of one who was well known in this community and county, he having for some time lived here and worked at his trade.

Mr. Nyce was a son of the late Wm. H. Nyce and was born in the vicinity of Dingman's Ferry on January 26th 1842. About 16 years ago he went to Deckertown from Newton. He was a blacksmith by trade. After conducting a seemingly prosperous business for a number of years he removed to Newton where he remained for a period of five years when he again became a citizen of Deckertown.

Mr. Nyce was twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary C. Smith, daughter of Peter Smith, of Dingman's Ferry, and their union was blessed by three children: Margaret wife of Mr. N. J. Cox, Caroline wife of F. A. Hough and Dillah, wife of W. J. Crigar, of Newton. His second wife was Mrs. Isabelle Van Gordon, widow of William Van Gordon of Dingman's Ferry, by whom he had four children, Susie, Ralph, Elsie and Jane; they are all small and living at home. Mr. Nyce is also survived by two brothers, John of Hawley, Pa., and Jackson, of Milford, Pa., and three sisters, Mrs. Susan Bunnell, of Port Jervis, Mrs. Lenah Van Gordon and Mrs. Margaret Bennett of Matamoros.

He was a member of Eureka Lodge K. & L. of the G. S. of Deckertown holding a certificate for \$2,000 was also a member of an Odd Fellows Lodge in Pittston Pa., and belonged to a G. A. R. Post, having enlisted during the late war in Co. B, 151st Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry.

The deceased possessed many admirable traits of character, he was always kind and considerate to his family and provided for their comfort to the extent of his abilities.

Brief funeral services were held at the house at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning, Rev. E. A. Hamilton officiating and the last sad rites were completed at Dingman's Ferry whither the remains were taken.

A Lot of New Straw and Felt Hats at W. & G. Mitchell's.

"It is the Best on Earth."

That is what Edwards & Parker, merchants of Plains, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, for rheumatism, lame back, deep seated and muscular pains. Sold at Armstrong's drug store and General Merchants in Pike county.

Just Try a 10c Box of Cascarets the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

Next August's meet is having a very beneficial effect on the membership list of the Pennsylvania Division, last week's additions totaling 719—the largest for a single week in the history of the division, and within nine of the combined additions for the week of the States of New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Ohio. By August 1st Pennsylvania's league membership will be within sight of the 20,000 mark.