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THE NEW JOURNALISM.

Pike County People Grossly Misrepresented.

Falsely Accused of Making the Occasion a Holiday, and a Gala Event—Sensational and Unfounded Stories of their Behavior.

Certain newspapers which claim for themselves at least a modicum of truthfulness and reliability in the news they print, published accounts during the past few days of the Schultz execution. In display headlines it was announced as a gala day in Pike county and that hundreds of the populace flocked to the scene of execution. That farmers with their wives, children and hired help came into town in vehicles of every description, and that the scene resembled a County Fair. It was stated that the grounds outside were dense with people and when the Sheriff called on the multitude to look at the lifeless features a grand rush was made and that men and women pushed each other until all had seen the body. In an editorial the New York Journal gave a morbid darkness seems still to pervade the county, and that the hanging was made an occasion for exciting a morbid curiosity, a barbarism which lingers only in these wilds and other regions not yet redeemed from heathen darkness.

On the conduct of the officials it is not our purpose at present to comment. They are able, if they so desire, to contradict or deny such assertions regarding them as have been made which are not truthful. We do not protest however against the misstatements made in regard to the conduct of the people of Pike county. Every respectable citizen of Milford can and will truthfully say that there was no crowd whatever. Outside the number invited to witness the execution including the officials, doctors and jury, about one hundred in all, a number of them came from New York state and New Jersey, there were not at any time fifty people on the square or around the jail. It is false to say that there was anything like a holiday appearance, or that farmers with their families poured into town. A few men, and we think we speak within the bounds of truth when we say not more than thirty, gathered outside in little groups, and stood still, or, if they spoke, did so in low tones and without any levity whatever. Every one seemed duly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, and behaved in a perfectly decorous manner.

That the New York newspaper dispatches should totally misrepresent the facts and malign the citizens of this county is not to be wondered at. They lured us at the beginning, called our county a paradise for murderers and used every effort to convict Schultz in advance of his trial. They boasted that it was through their enterprise in securing evidence and their urging that our officials were goaded into action, and that they had created a public sentiment which secured conviction. They patronized our people, and sold their papers.

They had opened our eyes to the enormity of our sins of omission in allowing murderers to escape justice and we were through the influence of their enlightened teachings relieving our benighted condition. The people here, at least some of them have been buying and reading and believing in those same papers ever since, and if their present accounts of the behavior of their readers is true, we submit what effect this up-to-date journalism has on the minds and morals of the class of people they number among their readers.

"Vipers whose treacherous fangs, Smit the hands that feed them." The doors of the jail were left open after the witnesses had left the room, and a number of people did pass in and view the remains, but there was no large crowd, and we do not justify this action either on their part, or those officials whose duty it was to see that the doors were promptly closed.

But it is passing strange that the Philadelphia Press and Times papers which circulate to some extent in this community, and which claim for themselves a degree of confidence and credit should join in this trafficking citizens of their own state and spreading broadcast sensational statements utterly at variance with the truth. If their daily news is of such a generally unreliable character, as their accounts of the scenes at the Schultz execution, is known to be here, they cannot ask for or expect the patronage of reputable readers.

The Philadelphia Press, under the caption of a "cheap hanging," says the District Attorney received \$13 and the Sheriff \$15 fees. It should know that the County Commissioners have nothing to do with that matter as the law fixes the fees of those officers. But its most wonderful display of ignorance or disregard of truth is in its statement that "the county receives \$15 from the Anatomy Board for the body," which will pay the Sheriff's fee. Somebody must be wholly oblivious to the provisions of the Act of June 13, 1883.

To the credit of our people it may be said that there was absolutely

nothing indecorous in their behavior either before or at, or after the execution. There were, outside of the few vehicles which brought those persons invited as deputies, no more than ordinarily arrive in town almost any day. There was no holiday appearance in town, and in fact it has been a subject of remark that for such an unusual event, and notwithstanding the national or morbid propensity of certain classes to gather on occasions of much less moment, there was a marked absence of any such display. Those newspapers which have attempted to profit by publishing distorted and untrue accounts of the matter should be held to a strict accountability for their libels on the morals and manners of the people of Pike county.

RAILROAD NOTES.

A NEW DEPARTMENT—ERIE'S TOURIST SLEEPER TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

Commencing December 7th, and every Tuesday thereafter, a Pullman tourist sleeper car will be attached to the Erie's train No. 13, leaving Jersey City at 8 p. m., for the accommodation of passengers holding first or second class tickets to the Pacific coast and intermediate points via Chicago and the Santa Fe route. The following is the condensed schedule: Leave Port Jervis 10:32 p. m., Tuesday; arrive Chicago 11:30 p. m., Wednesday; arrive Kansas City 2:15 p. m., Thursday; arrive Los Angeles 8:30 a. m., Sunday; arrive San Francisco 6:45 p. m., Sunday. Returning, tourist sleeper will leave San Francisco every Monday at 4:30 p. m., and Chicago every Friday on Erie's train No. 12 at 9:20 p. m. Charges for double berth from Port Jervis will be \$2 to Chicago, \$3 to Kansas City and \$8 to Pacific Coast points. An experienced tourist conductor will be in charge. For further information call at or address Erie ticket office, Port Jervis.

HALF FARE EXCURSION TO NEW YORK.

On Monday December 20th, the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to New York at \$2.50 for its round trip. Tickets good going on all morning trains up to and including train 28 leaving at 10:11 a. m. of above date, and good returning on or before Tuesday December 21st on all regular trains excepting train No. 5.

Cost of Schultz Matter.

The expenses connected with the trial, preliminaries, and cost of keeping the prisoner to the county so far as the bills have been paid are:

Coroner's inquest, autopsy, etc., on body of Lizzie Smith	\$ 125 08
D. M. Van Aaken's expenses	200 00
Jury	300 16
Board of same	133 00
Constables	15 23
Witnesses	263 34
Board of Schultz	95 20
Watchers	211 25
Incidentals and clothes	11 90
Stenographer	61 50
	\$1415 66

The above does not include the items for procuring, erecting, or removing the gallows, or any time, or expense of the commissioners in connection therewith.

Births and Deaths in Pike County.

The semi-annual returns show that the number of births are largely in excess of deaths and are as shown below:

	Births.	Deaths.
Blooming Grove	8	2
Delaware	3	1
Dingman	8	1
Greene	14	6
Lackawaxen	22	12
Lahman	6	4
Milford Borough	5	8
" Township	1	1
Palmyra	7	3
Porter	1	1
Shohola	10	3
Westfall	13	5
Totals	98	47

Dog Assessment of Pike.

The number of dogs in this county, except in Lehman not yet returned, is distributed as follows:

	Male.	Female.
Blooming Grove	61	5
Delaware	126	4
Dingman	94	16
Greene	116	10
Lackawaxen	186	22
Milford Borough	46	10
Milford Township	35	4
Palmyra	72	2
Porter	13	2
Shohola	79	1
Westfall	131	9
Totals	981	85

Total No. dogs 1066

Brown & Armstrong are selling 75 cent underwear for 50 cents.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripes.

BALCH'S STORE ROBBED.

Thieves Break in and Carry off Many Goods.

Wednesday morning on entering his store in Matamoras A. W. Balch found abundant evidence that thieves had been at work during the night. Drawers were opened, goods taken from the shelves and counters and scattered around. Hats, shirts and underwear were piled on blankets spread on the floor but were probably left because the burglars were frightened away.

The robbers had gained entrance by prying open a front window with a long iron, and then breaking into the post office from whence access was had to the main store room.

The loss can hardly be estimated as it cannot yet be told how much property has been taken. Some razors, revolvers, a lot of cutlery, pipes, hats and several suits of clothes besides underwear and other goods, are among the missing articles. There was no money in the drawers and no letters in the post office were taken. No attempt was made to open the safe.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder Since Our Last Issue.

Palmyra, Emory A. Hazelton, et. ux. et al., to Theodore S. Barbeson, dated Nov. 22, 152 acres with exceptions, con. 1,250, ent'd Dec. 9th. Dingman, Milford Cemetery Association to James A. Randle, also to Elizabeth Bennett cemetery lots, ent'd Dec. 11th.

Westfall, James M. Back, et. ux., to Jesse Martin, dated Dec. 11th, lot 604 and 39, con. \$1,200, ent'd Dec. 11th.

Milford, Henry B. Wells, et. ux., to Hannah G. Williamson, dated July 1, 1891, lots 305, 284 and 277, con. 530, ent'd Dec. 13th.

Lackawaxen, H. I. Courtwright, sheriff, to Mary Fahrenback, dated Oct. 23d, 128 acres, con. \$500, ent'd Dec. 13th.

Go and Be Amused.

The Dr. Prior Medicine Company of Middletown, N. Y. is giving a series of entertainments at Brown's Hall this week which it proposes continuing for several nights. The features are light comedies, interspersed with songs and recitations. The several characters are well taken and afford considerable amusement. There is nothing whatever objectionable in the performances, and the most fastidious can attend without fear of having their sense of the proprieties shocked. It is a good place to have a hearty laugh.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following from L. G. Bagley, Haneman, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by Druggist and General Merchants of Pike county.

Sales by the Sheriff.

The sheriff sold Dec. 11th, the following properties: John T. Quirk, deceased, to Charles T. Branch, con. \$80; Albert Jeske to Matamoras Building and Loan Association, con. \$200; L. Flammen to George C. Hoffman, con. \$75; Timothy Jordan to Timothy Jordan, con. \$175. All of the above are situated in Westfall township.

Notes.

The annual election of managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull on Monday, January 3, 1898, between the hours of two and three o'clock p. m.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Sec'y. Milford, Pa., Dec. 14, 1897.

THE COMPLIMENTS of the Season will be most gracefully conveyed if "my lady's" table on Christmas morn shows added beauty and brightness with a Perfume Atomizer a Toilet set, an Elegant Vase, a Handsome Bottle or Box of Perfume or some Imported Christmas novelty from Armstrongs Pharmacy.

Brown & Armstrong would like to know if you have bought your winter footwear.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Opposition to Annexation of Hawaii.

Revenues and Expenditures—The Civil Service Law—Congress Session to be Short—The Hawaii Annexation Matter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 1897.

Democratic opposition to the annexation of Hawaii, has become so pronounced since the reassembling of Congress, is fully explained by a story that is being told among the knowing ones in Washington. According to this story, the Democratic party has been sold by its leaders in Congress to the sugar trust, which all the world knows is willing to spend an enormous amount of money to prevent the annexation of Hawaii. The sugar trust has agreed to furnish a corruption fund which the Democratic leaders believe to be large enough to enable them to elect a Democratic majority of the house next year and a Democratic President in 1900, if the Democratic leaders can succeed in preventing the annexation of Hawaii, either through the ratification of the treaty or by direct legislation. That is why the Democratic senators, with two exceptions, are all working against the ratification of the treaty, and why the Democrats of the house will this week, in caucus, declare against annexation. But this disgraceful deal cannot be carried out, because the Democrats cannot prevent the annexation of Hawaii.

No date has been set for the return of President McKinley to Washington, but it is expected that he will start back immediately after his mother's funeral.

Chairman Dingley's emphatic statement in the house about the prospective revenues and expenditures of the government, disposed of the whole batch of misrepresentations as to Republicans seriously considering legislation to furnish additional revenue. Of course everybody in Washington knew that these stories were purely imaginary and that the only object in circulating them was to discredit the administration and the Republican party. Mr. Dingley did not simply make the assertion that the revenues of the government would exceed its expenditures by at least \$10,000,000 during the next fiscal year, but backed his assertions with figures which had the unqualified endorsement of President McKinley and Secretary Gage. No legislation providing more revenue is contemplated by the Republicans in Congress, for the simple reason that none is needed; the Dingley law is steadily increasing the revenue and will provide all the money necessary to economically administer the government.

The fact that 72 Republican members of the house participated in a conference called after this manner by the Democrats, and that the conference should consist of such Republican members as favor the modification of the civil service law, or a more honest enforcement of its provisions, or a more certain definition of the extent of its application, convinced even the most doubting that there is serious Republican opposition to a continuance of the present civil service situation. These Republicans believe in real civil reform, but not in the sham article for which Mr. Cleveland is responsible, which covered with the protecting cloak of civil service reform, thousands of Democrats who entered the public service by the dismissal of Republicans, for no other cause than their Republicanism. Resolved to what they consider its legitimate function, every one of these Republican representatives would vote for a continuance of the civil service law, but rather see it continued in its present shape, they will work for its repeal or crippling in any manner within their power, and they will not back for staunch supporters among the rank and file of the party throughout the country.

A little thing like a fact never bothers those who lie through choice. When Senator Hoar presented the petition of some native Hawaiians, against annexation, to the senate, the liars all rushed a statement off that Senator Hoar was the champion of the petitioners and intended to fight annexation. Now, where do you suppose Senator Hoar got that petition? From Secretary Sherman, one of the staunchest advocates of annexation. It was taken to the State Department by the Hawaiians, and Mr. Sherman told them he would have it laid before the senate, which had the treaty under consideration, and he asked

Senator Hoar, as a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, to present it. Every day senators present petitions with which they have no sympathy, and nothing is said about it, but in this case the paid lobbyists lied in order to impress their employers with the idea that they were earning their pay.

BRIEF MENTION.

—Swinton & Co., call attention to their record breaking Quick Time stove. None know it but to love it.

—It is asserted and denied that Hon. John Leisenring of Carbon is out of the race for the Governorship.

—The meetings in the M. E. Church have been continued during this week with a marked degree of interest and success.

—In selecting Christmas presents it is a good idea to have them useful as well as ornamental. Both kinds can be procured in Milford.

The recent rains have swollen the streams and river to an unusual size. There is plenty of water now if winter sees proper to begin.

—We may catch it yet, but those prophets who predicted an early and hard winter must acknowledge that so far they were a little "off."

—Owing to inclement weather on Tuesday evening the supper at the Episcopal church was not so well attended as its friends would desire.

—The Milford Gun club went over to Hainesville last Saturday and gave the Branchville boys an illustration of good shooting. The score was Milford 204 Branchville 191.

—Owing to bad weather the service at the Sawkill school house was postponed last Sabbath. It may be expected, weather permitting next Sabbath, Dec. 19th, at 2:30 p. m.

—The L. A. S., of Montague will give a Chickpea supper at the church next Tuesday evening. There will also be a sale of fancy articles. Every body go and help the good cause.

—About four million false teeth are manufactured annually in the United States, while one ton of gold and three tons of silver and platinum to the value of one hundred million dollars are used in stopping teeth.

—Large quantities of Christmas trees have been shipped to the city markets this fall. Formerly many came from Monroe county but having become scarce there dealers have gone to the Maine woods for them.

—Ganning and Flanagan's "ad" shows a pleased man and as this is the time for pleasure why shouldn't you be in it? They are selling goods cheap not cheap goods, and propose keeping right at it. Call on them and be made happy.

—Perhaps the largest house in the world is in Wieden, a suburb of Vienna. In it there are 1,400 rooms divided into 400 suites of from three to six rooms each and they at present shelter 2,112 persons, who pay an annual rental of over \$50,000.

—The trolley in Port Jervis is being rapidly pushed to completion and will probably be in full operation by January 1, 1898. It will take Tri-States and Sparrowbush in its circuit. Why not add a large revenue to its treasury by projecting its line down the valley to Milford? Such an extension would prove profitable and be hailed with delight by the people here.

—George Davis, of Greene township, was killed by a train on the D. & W. R. R. at Cresco Saturday evening Dec. 4th. He had alighted, and in attempting to shoulder a heavy bag lost his balance and fell under the wheels. A wife and one child survive him. He was employed by Nipert & Son as teamster.

—The Federal court in Washington has decided that the "trading stamp" business is illegal as it comes within the meaning of the act of Congress prohibiting lotteries and gift enterprises. Stamps were given purchasers and when a specified number were obtained they could be traded at the stamp company's store for some article.

—Don't let it slip your memory that Johnson's, at Port Jervis, is the place to buy slippers. Take no stock in the "selling out at cost" and "retiring from business" fakes, but go to a place where a man is upright enough to tell you that he sells good goods as low as they can be sold and he make a living profit. The other are the "gold brick" something for nothing stores.

PERSONAL.

G. W. Chamberlain, of Lehman, was in town last Saturday.

Henry Dawitt, Esq., of Lackawaxen was at Milford Monday.

G. W. Hart, of Shohola Falls was in town the first of the week.

Harry S. and Clarence Angle are both home at present on a brief visit.

The Rebekas gave a neat little luncheon to their friends at the hall last Friday evening.

Oliver E. Emery of Washington continues to improve and good hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

Prof. Charles S. Peirce spent a few days recently at his former place on the Milford road in Westfall township.

Samuel Hopps was appointed post master at Greentown on Tuesday and George H. Langton at Matamoras.

Edwin Howell, Esq., and Joseph Runyon collector of Blooming Grove paid a business visit to the Borough this week.

P. Q. Doyo and others interested in the new rail road project were here the first of the week looking over the ground.

Harry Belard and Nettie Williams were recently married, and the boys treated them to an impromptu serenade Monday night.

John H. Smith assessor and John Marsh collector of Greene township were in Milford Tuesday on business connected with their respective offices.

Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the President died at her home in Canton, Ohio last Sunday morning at 2:30, aged eighty nine years.

Mr. Charles Nobs accompanied by his wife, went last Monday to their Newark home where they will spend the winter. His health has materially improved.

Mrs. Henrietta Wilson and son have returned from New York to which place the boy was taken for treatment of his eyes which have somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Daumann, Jr., of this place have gone to the funeral of the latter's father, Mr. Herman Gumbie, Sr., which took place at Paupac yesterday morning.

Dr. H. B. Reed has supplied his house from the mains of the Milford Water Company. This will ensure him a permanent supply of that very necessary and excellent fluid.

Albert Cuddelack while engaged at work at the Bluff House Tuesday accidentally upset a kettle of molten lead the contents of which ran on his hand, inflicting a very painful burn.

James R. Thornton has opened a fish, vegetable and oyster market in the Dingman building on Broad street. He expects to keep a fresh stock, and should receive encouragement from the people of the town.

John Wohlfarth, of Shohola shook hands with Milfordites this week. It is intimated that he is grooming for the race to the commissioners office, in the sweet by and by. Shohola formerly furnished as an excellent official.

Edward Fisher, M. D., of Matamoras, is a competent jeweler and optician, and can be found at the jewelry store of J. B. Courtright, 10 Front street until after Xmas. He examines eyes free of charge and his optical work is guaranteed.

The Misses Bull at their residence on Broad street entertained at a one o'clock luncheon last Friday Mrs. C. F. Van Inwegen, Mrs. J. T. Van Ertzen, Mrs. J. W. Lyon and Mrs. Geo. St. John of Port Jervis, Mrs. C. W. Bull, Mrs. J. C. Bull and Mrs. J. J. Hart of Milford.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Gordon, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Middletown, on Sunday, December 5th, tendered his resignation. It is understood that Dr. Gordon will not immediately seek another charge but will devote his time to the settlement of the estate of his father-in-law who died recently leaving large possessions.—P. J. Gazette.

SEE the Holiday Novelties at Armstrong's Milford Pharmacy before buying your Christmas gifts. New and beautiful presents.

Something new, a spring tooth harrow with wheels. Syracuse plows and "Planet Jr." cultivators at W. & G. Mitchell's.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Compendium of Important News of the Past Week.

Our Special Correspondent at Harrisburg Writes on Matters of Vital Importance to Every Citizen of the Keystone State.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 13.—The various county commissioners have not only declared war on constables and justices of the peace, but juries as well, as the following will show. It has been customary for many years when juries are confined together deliberating over cases for the commissioners to provide them with meals, but since this has been declared by fanatics to be an unnecessary expense the commissioners decided to discontinue the plan. As yet only a few of the smaller counties have imposed the burden of self-sustenance on its representatives, and it is only a question of a short while until they will come back to the old method of things. Although it is not compulsory to have jury fees, where is there a person who will deny that the jurymen do not earn their bread in addition to the small salary they receive while serving in such an important capacity? This method of practicing economy is to be deplored and the next Legislature should pass an act compelling the counties to board the officers referred to as long as they are engaged in the performance of their duties.

LOOK OUT FOR MORMONS.

Although I do not often criticize religious denominations or sects, I cannot refrain from earnestly warning Christians and all others to be on the lookout for Mormon elders. Latter Day Saints and all traveling evangelists without proper credentials, since it is claimed that Harrisburg is headquarters for Mormons. In this state elders are traveling in disguise as evangelists. Treat them with contempt. Don't let them get a hold in your community. This warning should be spread from ocean to ocean and from the lakes to the Gulf.

STRENGTHENING THE BOOM.

The only change in the gubernatorial situation this week is the increase in strength of Col. Wm. A. Stone, of the west. His successful work in connection with the pension appropriation bill is fully appreciated by all old soldiers, and he will draw phenomenal support from all G. A. R. men as a result of his energies in their behalf. The War Veterans' League has already endorsed his candidacy. As to other aspirants—they are making slow progress in campaign work, seeming to realize that they have a hopeless battle before them.

DEPARTMENT NOTES.

An order has been sent from National Guard headquarters to every member of the Guard adopting the manual of arms for the service magazine rifle, calibre 30, to the Springfield breech-loading rifle, calibre 45, approved by the Secretary of War. Some important changes are made in the use of the gun.

The capitol commission will meet on December 29, when a decision will be arrived at as to what materials shall be used in the construction of the capitol.

Ex-Representative of the State Legislature Charles R. Gentner has been arrested in Philadelphia charged with being connected with others in the issuance of fraudulent naturalization papers.

The appeal to the Supreme Court of the attorneys for Murderer Hill, who was to have been hanged in Pittsburgh last week, has caused comment everywhere. This case will establish a precedent and the outcome will be watched with interest, for Governor Hastings was emphatic in his refusal to grant the condemned man a respite.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There seems to be an organized gang of vandals industriously at work in the central portion of the state. Their mode of operation consists of visiting farmers after night fall, killing the fattest stock they can find, taking the best portions with them and destroying the balance so to render it of no value to the owner. Complaint has been made to the state officials and an investigation is now being conducted.

The fraudulent debtor's act of July, 1897, has been declared unconstitutional by Judge Walling, of Erie. A lengthy opinion supports his declaration.

As a result of failing to appear for service in the Hazleton riot, several members of the National Guard will be compelled to undergo a trial by court martial.

WILL F. HENDRICKSON.

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