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SIXTEEN YEARS.

His Wife Had Been a Chronic Invalid—Cured at Last.

Mr. J. T. Scott, Cherokee, Texas, in writing to Dr. Hartman, stated: "I had kidney disease for about fifteen years and had got so bad that I could hardly get about and could not perform any kind of labor. I had tried quite a number of doctors and had taken nearly a wagon-load of patent and proprietary medicines, but continued to gradually grow worse. Also, my wife had been an invalid for about sixteen years, and you doubtless remember when I wrote you about her, there was hardly ever a day that she could sit up all day. We tried a great many remedies, but neither of us was ever benefited, only temporarily. I had been taking your Pe-ru-na and Man-a-to, as instructed in your letters to me. It has made a healthy man of me; I never felt better in my life and my wife is almost like a different person, she is so much better. The Pe-ru-na is the most wonderful medicine I ever saw; for a gripe it is a sure cure. I know this and have had my neighbor to try it." Hundreds of similar testimonials may be found in a little book entitled "Facts and Figures," which will be sent free to any address by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Facts Concerning Cuba.

The northeast coast was discovered by Columbus in 1492, and almost all the south coast in 1495. Ocampo proved it to be an island in 1608 by sailing around the northeast extremity.

It is called the Pearl of the Antilles and lies in the Tropic Zone between the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

It is more than 730 miles long, and 25 to 100 miles wide, and has an area of forty-five thousand square miles, equal to one-fourth the area of Spain or one-half that of Great Britain and about the same as Pennsylvania.

It contains nearly twenty-nine million acres, seven-tenths of which are uncultivated forest, and about two millions under cultivation.

The present insurrection broke out in 1895.

The export of sugar is about one-fourth of the world's crop. Tobacco ranks next in importance as an export and the island produces large quantities of coffee. Havana and Matanzas in the northern part are the principal commercial ports.

The highlands are covered to the tops with forests of mahogany, ebony, palms, etc.

The original mass of Indians which inhabited Cuba is now extinct. The present population of about one million six hundred thousand is comprised of 950,000 Cubans (white), 500,000 negroes, and 1,000 Spaniards, with a few of a most every nationality.

There are about one thousand miles of railroad radiating principally from Havana, and three thousand miles of telegraph lines.

The island is divided into six provinces.

April an Ominous Month.

The month seems to be pregnant with events in American history, and many of our most stirring occasions have been dated in it.

April 18, 1775—Paul Revere's famous mid-night ride.

April 19, 1775—Battle of Lexington; beginning of Revolution.

April 1775—North Carolina and Rhode Island declare for independence.

April, 1782—Our independence recognized by the Dutch Republic.

April 11, 1783—Congress proclaims cessation of hostilities.

April 15, 1783—Congress ratifies preliminary treaty of peace with Great Britain.

April 4, 1812—Congress establishes embargo that begins war of 1812.

April 21, 1835—Santa Anna suffers defeat at San Jacinto.

April 26, 1846—Hostilities open between U. S. and Mexico.

April 12, 1861—Fort Sumter fired on by Beauregard.

April 19, 1861—Fight between troops and mob at Baltimore.

April 9, 1865—Lee surrenders at Appomattox.

April 14, 1865—Abraham Lincoln assassinated.

April 19, 1898—Congress declares for Cuba Libre.

The Best Liment.—"Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the finest on earth," writes Edwards & Parker, of Flint, Ga. This is the verdict of all who use it. For rheumatism, lame back, sprains, swellings and the numerous slight ailments and accidents common to every household, this liment has no equal. With it in the house a great deal of suffering and pain may be avoided. For sale by druggists and general merchants in Pike County.

BRIEF MENTION.

Shad fishing began Monday night with a catch of about 75 fine ones.

The first stone on the abutments for the new bridge at Matamoras was laid Wednesday.

Repairs from the Saxev Peach crop are to the effect that it was not injured by the late freeze.

Appropriate Arbor Day exercises will be held to-day (Friday), by the pupils of the Milford schools.

The Montgomery County delegates are for W. A. Stone, and those of Bucks are for Wanamaker.

A four-months-old son of Prof. Kemp of the East Stroudsburg Normal died last week of congestion of the lungs.

If the weather be fair the usual service will be held at the Sawkill school house Sunday April 24 at 2:30 P. M.

The abutment on the Dingman Township side of the county bridge at the lower mill is in a bad shape and will have to be repaired.

Henry Winans, Jessup, a nephew of Hon. W. H. Jessup, will deliver the oration before the Lafayette College Alumni Association, June 21.

A big fire in Boston last Saturday night consumed an elevator filled with wheat, and destroyed nearly a million dollars worth of property.

The naval reserves, among whom is Howard Keel, went aboard the steamer Catskill last Friday, and the vessel will defend Boston Harbor.

Billy Bryan should remember that the people elected Wm. McKinley President, and he is abundantly able to manage the executive branch with out his aid.

It will please every true American patriot to learn that a Republican House of Representatives was loyal to the Republican President, and gave him a vote of confidence.

Letters of administration, on the estate of Vanderbilt Allen deceased, with the will annexed, have been granted to Edna Mott Allen, who is named as the executrix and sole devisee.

The Evening Edition of the N. Y. Sun has largely increased its sales, because people have become disgusted with the sensational news and boring headlines of the Yellow Journals.

If Mr. Bailey, of Texas, pays close attention he may in time become some what acquainted with speaker Reed. He will not look so parliamentarily pretty but he will know a heap more.

A. D. Brown is adding a story to the original building of the "Homestead" and erecting a large double porch. These improvements will considerably enlarge and much improve this pleasant house.

Saturday afternoon a reception was tendered a number of invited guests by Prof. Oaks dancing class at the Crissman House. The young people have acquired considerable skill in "tripping the light fantastic."

Stanton Supplee and Dick Malone indulged in a wordy war last Saturday which ended with a personal encounter and the latter having the former arrested, and held for a hearing which takes place tomorrow.

During the recent exciting debates over the Cuban resolutions in the Senate, the distinguished gentlemen from New York Messrs. Platt and Murphy do not appear to have been in it, were they sick, or did they dodge.

The Commissioners last week sold the replanning of the bridge at Ledgedale to Charles Frisbie for \$12 per M and the guard walls for the bridge at Gilpin and Kippe to Geo. Sommers for \$72 and replanning the latter two to Victor Cory for \$12.

John Bushweller, whose illness has been noted in the Press, died at his home in Kimbles last Friday morning, aged about sixty years. His wife, two sons, Gustave and John, and three daughters survive. Also one brother a track foreman in Port Jervis.

Jan. 31, Aaron Van Auker, aged 60 attempted to cross the Delaware River by Milford, but his boat became wedged in the slush ice runner, and he lost his arms and drifted helplessly down the stream. He was rescued at the Water Gap next morning at 7 o'clock by Mr. Lator, after 11 hours exposure in one of the coldest nights of winter. His feet and hands were frozen badly.

PERSONAL.

Ed Killam of Paupac was at Milford Wednesday.

Jas. C. Rose of Westfall with his wife visited the county seat Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Mitchell returned this week from a visit to friends in New York.

John Keller recently fractured two ribs by falling while sawing wood.

Frank B. Fletcher returns over a coming Sabbath with his wife to board with him this week.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Allen recently visited her niece, W. K. Ridgway, at Matamoras.

John C. Warner has been seriously ill during the past week but is now improving.

Miss Lucy Gordon closed her term of school at the German School in Dingman last week.

Alfred Lewis, wife and son are home from Washington, where they spent the winter.

John Rudolph, and brother Louis, expect to engage in selling cigars in Milford, in the near future.

Thomas Sykes of Philadelphia, was in Milford recently looking after his real estate interests.

John Pletcher had his right arm broken last week by a horse which he was shoeing, falling on him.

Harry Terwilliger, who has been home for a short vacation, returned to Marmaroneck, N. Y. Saturday.

Mrs. B. S. Lester, with her family, left town Monday, for an extended visit among friends in New Jersey.

Donnis McLaughlin and wife came to Milford yesterday, to look after their handsome cottage on Broad Street.

Mrs. Martha C. Nye and daughter, Belle, returned to their Milford home after spending the winter in Caldwell, Kansas.

W. S. Ryan has been in New York purchasing new goods for the summer. His daughter Alice is visiting friends in N. J.

A. V. McCarty returned Wednesday from a visit to his sister Mrs. H. D. Clark of Paupac and reports her condition very serious.

Wm. Angle performed his first marriage ceremony last week at the Garrison nuptials and for a novice tied the knot most effectually.

Mrs. E. H. Noyes met with quite a painful accident last week by the explosion of a gasoline stove, which burned her face and hands considerably.

R. D. Sayre, of Montague, and Charles Grau, of Hainesville, attended a meeting of the Classis of Orange held at Walden, N. Y., this week.

Mrs. Jennings was summoned to New York early this week to see her husband who was under orders to leave with his regiment on Wednesday.

Mrs. Kate Van Wyck and daughter, Happy, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph M. Dolph, who has been their guest for several weeks, went to New York this week.

The Rev. Ed. S. Cross, of San Marcial, New Mexico, former Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will preach in that Church morning and evening, Sunday, April 24th.

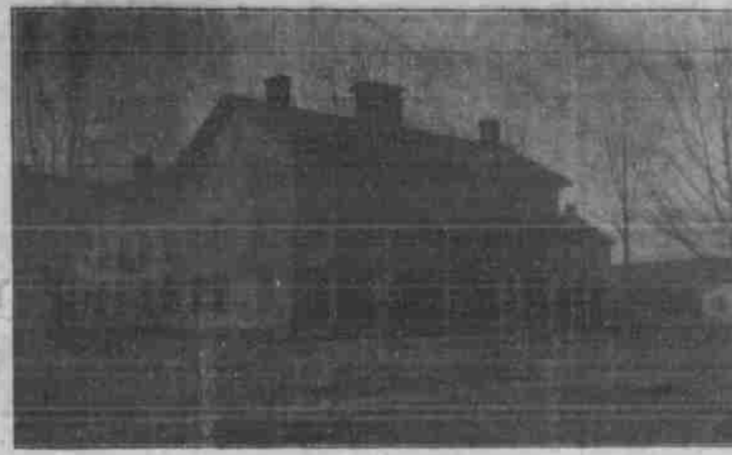
Elder Wm. Mitchell attended the meeting of Presbytery at Port Jervis, and was one of those appointed as a delegate to the Missionary Conference which meets at Auburn June 7.

Little Miss Helen Lanchantin was seized with heart trouble Monday and her condition was for some time alarming, but has now improved. Justin Lanchantin, her father, arrived in town Monday evening.

Frank Crissman, in order to reassure his boarders that hash will not be a prominent feature on the bill of fare this summer has taken into partnership a dog weighing about 200 pounds. He will harness the big brute and make him do service as motive power for Frank Jr's. perambulator.

Friday, April 23rd, a chapter of Royal Arch Masons was instituted at Stroudsburg by officers from the Grand Chapter in Philadelphia. A large number of prominent Masons from different parts of the state were present to participate in the exercises and banquet which followed.

Listers and the Great Eastern For Millers at W. & G. Mitchell's.



THE CRISSMAN HOUSE.

This House, originally called the Pike County House, was probably erected in 1818-19 by Timothy Candee. The records show that Frances A. L. Smith and Jonathan Brink conveyed the lots to him early in 1818, and from the consideration named it is not likely they were built upon. In 1820 John Westbrook, Sheriff, sold the property to John Clark and it is described as having on it a large frame house and barn.

Clark probably finished the building and began keeping a store and tavern in 1825, which he continued until 1832, when William Dutcher became proprietor, and so continued until 1836, when, having too closely investigated the contents of the U. S. mail, his retirement was enforced, and it would seem that A. B. Templeton had it for two years. Then H. S. Mott, a noted politician in his day, took charge in '38 and '39, followed by Ira Coburn from 1840 to 42. Geo. Biddis was proprietor also in part of '42 and in '43, succeeded by Charles F. Mott, in '44 and '45, when Jacob S. Sandt kept it until '47. Oscar H. Mott had charge in '48 and part of '49, when he became an Argonaut, and H. S. Mott resumed control from '50 to '53, when Cyrus Crissman became the owner by purchase from O. H. Mott. Mr. Crissman kept the house until his death in 1860, after which

the business was carried on by several successively, until 1876, when Frank Crissman, the present landlord, assumed the management.

Naturally the house many years ago became Democratic headquarters, and this brought it large local patronage. Few, if any, important political meetings of the managers of the party in this county have been held elsewhere, and, could those venerable walls speak, many are the stories of schemes and plots and counter plots they could relate, which have been hatched beneath its roof for the promotion of the ambition of office seekers of that stripe. One of the rooms, that on the northeast corner, and the one in which Ed. Harold Mott, author of "Pike County Folks," was born, still has in it the original furniture and the old clothes presses and closets are models of old-time finish and beauty.

Milford Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., when Daniel Burrell was Master and John Leforge Secretary, held meetings in the rooms just over the present office. This was then the top story. The third was added by Cyrus Crissman in 1857.

The spirit of change thoroughly permeates every part of the system of the present proprietor and he is never content unless making changes which will add to the comfort and convenience of his guests. The

reading room was always a favorite place for the village people, and here "Uncle Ira," and the several characters who go to make up "Childe Harold's" wonderful tales, nightly assembled, chewed their tobacco, smoked their pipes and spun their yarns. An adjoining room contained the menagerie and here it may be assumed the innocent "Childe" observed the antics of the "Snaix," and studied the aspect of the "bar," descriptions of which have since made him famous among dilettantes of nature, and rendered the columns of the New York papers famous for statements of remarkable scientific facts.

Frank Crissman has spent a moderate fortune in additions and in efforts to make the house in all respects up to date. The dining room is a model, and contains a large open fireplace over which is inscribed:

"As ancient is this hostelry,
As any in the land may be."

Not satisfied with kerosene lights the proprietor has just introduced Acetylene gas and the transformation is wonderful indeed.

The house enjoys a large transient trade and is a favorite with a select class of city guests. It is also headquarters for the L. A. W. and a great resort for winter parties wishing a quiet evening and a substantial meal.

CUBAN EVENTS.

Since the President's message was sent to Congress in which he declared that we ought to intervene to put an end to the present deplorable state of affairs in Cuba, Congress passed a resolution approving of his policy. In the Senate last Saturday a resolution was passed recognizing the independence of Cuba, thus placing this Country in a position contrary to fact and against the letter and spirit of our Constitution, and the policy of the Government. Our Senators Quay and Penrose, with eight others, voted with the Democratic-Populist-Republican combine which sought to embarrass the President and cast discredit on his administration, and policy. Such republicans are not patriots, they are controlled by a narrow spirit which would for personal and selfish reasons attempt to embarrass the administration, and prevent the carrying out of a plan which would ultimately bring freedom to Cuba, and at the same time receive the approbation of the whole civilized world. We believe the Republican Press and people of Pennsylvania were opposed to any attempt to array Congress against the President and his policy.

Recognition is an executive, and not a legislative function, made so by the constitution, and the Senate had no moral or legal right to attempt to usurp that function. Doing so it transcended its sphere and the act of that body should meet with the universal condemnation which it deserves. On Monday when the Senate resolution was read in the House, Mr. Dingly moved to concur, with an amendment striking out the recognition clause. This motion prevailed and the resolution was returned to the Senate,

which body refused to concur in the House action and the resolution was at once sent back to the House, where a motion was made to concur in the Senate resolution with an amendment striking out the clause, which recognizes the independence of the existing republic. Making the first paragraph read—That the people of the Island of Cuba, of right ought to be free and independent. This prevailed by a vote of 178 to 155. Twelve republicans voted with the Democrats. The resolutions were sent to the Senate which now occurred without a request for a conference, and sent them back to the House where a motion was made to recede and concur. This was defeated, and a motion for a conference provided. The Senate agreed to the House amendment and appointed Conferees, who failed to agree, the Senate still insisting, a further conference was held which finally resulted in an agreement which leaves the words "and are" in the first resolution and strikes out the recognition clause. Great pressure was brought to bear on the Pennsylvania Republican delegation in Congress by the two Senators to have them go back on the administration, but we rejoice to write that the effort was unsuccessful, and that the delegation except W. A. Stone, Davemport, and Youngs, stood firm. Mr. Kirkpatrick in a speech before the Caucus urged the duty of standing by the administration, and the three recontractados finally voted with the majority. Our two Senators finding they could not control the republican congressmen of this State, at length concluded to yield the question of recognition, with eight other republican Senators, which settled the question against the Democratic-Bryan combine. The President signed the resolutions and gave Spain notice of this action, requesting the withdrawal of her troops from Cuba.

The resolutions as finally passed: First.—That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

Second.—That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the Government of the United States does hereby demand, that the Government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

Third.—That the President of the United States be, and he is, hereby directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into actual service of the United States, the militia of the several States to such an extent as may be necessary to carry the resolutions into effect.

Fourth.—That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intervention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction, or control, over said island except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the Government and control of the island to its people.

The resolutions were signed by President McKinley on Wednesday, and at the same time an ultimatum was sent Spain carrying out their provisions. She is notified that her army and navy must leave Cuba and Cuban waters at once, and she will have until midnight to-night (Friday) to reply. If by that time she has not notified the United States of her intention to withdraw her troops immediately, hostilities will promptly begin. The fleet now at Key West will blockade Cuba, and the army will be sent to invade the island.

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OBITUARY.

BENJAMIN HOLBERT COLE.

Probably the oldest male resident of Montague, N. J., passed away last Friday when Benjamin H. Cole died, aged nearly eighty-two years. Born in that township July 24, 1816, it was the whole of a long life his home. Upright in character, conscientious in dealing, truthful in manner and speech, he commanded the confidence of the community and enjoyed the respect and esteem of his friends and neighbors. Oct. 26, 1839, he married Margaret, a daughter of Cornelius Van Etten, of Delaware township, this County, who died Dec. 29, 1892. This union was blessed with a large family of children, the following of whom survive: Sarah Jane, wife of John Van Etten of Delaware, Elizabeth, wife of B. A. Westbrook, Sainantha, wife of John C. Swartwout, both of Branchville, N. J., Mary Alice, wife of John T. Van Anken, Susan Ann, wife of Eleatus Shimer, and George N. living on the homestead farm with whom deceased resided. Three brothers, William, of Tri-States, James, living in Michigan, and Joshua, of Montague also survive. The funeral was held Monday at the house of his son and interment in the Montague Cemetery.

MRS. EMELINE BINGHAM.

Mr. M. N. B. Killam, of Paupac received last Sunday notice of the death, in Michigan of his only surviving sister, Mrs. Emeline Bingham, widow of John Bingham, at the extreme age of ninety-four. She was born in Paupac in 1804 and descended from the families who first settled there. Her father was Rev. Benjamin T. Killam, and her mother Elizabeth Witter Killam. She is mentioned as having been a philanthropic Christian woman.

Of the large family of nine but one, the venerable M. N. B. Killam, so well and favorably known throughout this and adjoining counties, remains. She is also survived by seven children.

Real Estate Transfers.

County Commissioners to Geo. G. Lawyer, dated October 2, 1896, 3 acres in Lackawaxen; consideration \$2.

J. B. Westbrook to Commit- sioners, dated August 20, 1894, 365 acres in Blooming Grove, Margaret Stocker; consideration \$17.

Commissioners to E. T. Riviere, dated October 1, 1896, land as above; consideration \$1.

W. R. Ridgway et. ux. to Lizzie R. Mott, dated November 9, 1897. Quit Claim; Land in Milford Borough on Mott street; consideration \$1.

Wesley Mc Cown et. ux. to Benjamin L. Shaffer, dated April 8, 1/4 acre Lackawaxen; consideration \$2.

Our Primary Election.

The Republican primary election for Monroe County will be held May 21st. We have not heard that any steps have been taken by our County chairman to fix the time for holding the primary in Pike though the rules say it must be held not later than ten days before the Republican state convention, and that meets this year June 2. The rule also provides that candidates shall notify the county chairman twenty days before the election of their candidacy. At the election this year the county committee should be elected, county officers nominated, and township committeemen also elected. Do our present officials purpose to ignore the rules, and if so why?

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Milford for the week ending April 16, 1898: Ladies—Mrs S. P. Graves, Mrs. T. H. Ault; Gentlemen—Wm. Ernest, P. K. Dickeman. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of the list. Jas. S. Gale, P. M.

The New Railroad.

Activity increases in the building of the new railroad to Milford. The scow to transport stone and material to the pier was launched Monday; cars loaded with rails have arrived, and a small engine and a number of construction cars are ready for building operations, which are promised to begin very soon.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c.