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Public Notice.

The Republican Primary Election will be held in the township and election districts of Pike County on May 21st, 1898, at which election seven County Committeemen will be voted for, and One Representative, One Congressional Conferee, One Committeeman for each township and borough.

Copies of the rules adopted at the Republican County Convention, October 19, 1897, may be had of members of the County Committee by application, and of the Secretary; also of the township Committeemen.

E. PINCHOT,
Chairman Co. Com.

PERSONAL.

County Supt. Geo. Sawyer was in town Saturday.

Floyd Steele, of New York City, is home on a vacation.

J. S. Schoonover, of Bushkill, visited Milford Wednesday.

Mrs. W. K. Peters, of N. Y., is visiting her father, Moses Detrick.

Edward Cahill has so far recovered that he went to N. Y., Wednesday.

Miss Alice Ryman returned Tuesday from a month's visit in Newark.

Mrs. Dunham Gregory and son Lewis are visiting friends at Shohola for a week.

Miss Lizzie Rochette closed a successful term at the Long Meadow school last Friday.

Miss Gertrude Hipsman, of Shohola, visited relatives here from Friday until Tuesday.

Miss Ann Schanno, who has been visiting with N. Y. friends a couple of weeks, came home last Friday.

John Cornelius, wife and child are staying at the Sawkill House. Mrs. Frank Hallett is also a visitor there.

Dr. John Kelly will soon leave the farm in Dingman, which he traded for city property, and reside in the Borough.

Mrs. R. E. Humbert and children, of Brooklyn, are here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Struthers, for the Summer.

Mr. George R. Jennings, Quartermaster of the 14th N. Y. Regiment, Col. Fred Grant's, left for Chicanunga Wednesday afternoon.

The doctor's club met Tuesday evening with Dr. Vander Heyden and enjoyed a rare bit of social enjoyment and likewise a Welsh rabbit.

Mrs. Geo. Jennings, accompanied by her children, went to N. Y. last Saturday, expecting that her husband would depart with his regiment.

Mrs. Jennie Shearer entertained quite a large party of Milford ladies at a tea Tuesday, given in honor of Mrs. F. P. Sawyer, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. C. S. Ryman, of Summit N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Graetzer, of Ridgewood, N. J., came to Milford last Friday to visit with the family of Sterling Mer. Mr. Graetzer returned to his home on Monday, but his wife will remain here until the 30th inst.

Joseph A. Buckley, of Delaware, is satisfied that a well-kept and contented biddy, one that does not need to skirmin all the time for a living, and maintain a coating of lice, is a source of more profit than poor land sown with buckwheat.

Geo. Daumann, Jr., accompanied by his wife, attended the session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows which convened at Wilkes Barre, Tuesday. He was the representative from the Vandermark Lodge.

Miss Katie Klein also attended as a representative of Rebekah Lodge.

Tobias Nelson and Dr. H. B. Reed have each purchased a De Laval cream separator. These machines are economical, and great labor savers. Farmers could use them with much profit in the dairy business and wide awake butter makers are realizing their advantages in skimming the cream quickly and thoroughly.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining at the Post Office at Milford, Pike Co., Pa., for week ending May 14. Ladies.—Mrs. Robt. Gamon; Gentlemen.—Wm. Van Gordon. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. Jas. S. Gale, P. M.

BRIEF MENTION.

Pillsbury's vites at Mitchell's. John S. Oliver was appointed post master at Glen Eyre, May 13.

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

Hon. William Ewart Gladstone died at Hawarden about 1 a. m. yesterday, Thursday.

The next meeting of the Chautauqua Literary Circle will be held at the home of Miss Lily Mott.

Julius W. Keisel is a candidate for committeemen. He is an energetic party worker and deserves recognition.

Sally and Ennis of Port Jervis have an especially fine line of May millinery which will interest the ladies.

Service will be held at the Sawkill School house Sunday, May 22, at 2:30 p. m., the weather permitting.

Most of the young men who have been rejected by the army surgeons, in final examination, are cigarette smokers.

The Third, Fourth and Sixteenth regiments of Pennsylvania volunteers left Mt. Gretna early Sunday morning for Chickamauga.

Jervis Gordon's grandfather was one of the Brannswigers, brought over by the British during the Revolutionary war, to fight the Americans.

There has been some complaint of too much rain recently, and yet there has not been enough to cover the shortage of the three months preceding April.

Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick advocated the House resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of U. S. Senators by popular vote.

The first class battle ship Iowa is our most powerful open sea fighter and the protected cruiser Minneapolis, which has reached a speed of 23.7 knots, is the swiftest ship in the navy.

C. Lehde, of Dingman Twp., who fought bravely in the war of the rebellion, regrets that the age limit bars him from active service now in the war with Spain.

His spirit is as willing as in his younger days.

The stories of traffic in Post offices have stirred up considerable feeling in this state, and recently in the 20th Congressional district some things have developed which go to show that they were bartered away for cash.

After this Spanish flurry and sensation is over and the country settles down to its usual quiet, there will be a re-adjustment among the yellow newspapers. They cannot keep the pace, and the people will have no need for them.

A hearing in the Ottenheimer Estate was held before Hon. D. M. Van Aulen, Auditor, on Tuesday, which was attended by C. B. Staples, H. J. Kutz, of Stroudsburg, and A. K. Brittain, Esq., and Hon. T. Y. Hoffman, of East Stroudsburg.

An engine on the Erie R. blew up Sunday night, near Oxford, instantly killing engineer Wm. Kronk, and fireman Theodore Franklin, both of Port Jervis. Eleven empty cars were wrecked. It is not known what caused the boiler to burst.

Subscribe now for the Press and Tribune. In the busy times just here they will give you all the war news. The great events do not happen daily, but at intervals of a week or more, and these papers will furnish full information. Only \$1.65 for both.

Every Republican should attend the primaries to be held to-morrow, the 21st. We have not been apprized as to who are candidates, but the tickets will show. At all events, manifest your interest by attending, and demonstrate that the party is alive to the situation.

The tenth Pennsylvania regiment is ordered to join General Merritt's command at San Francisco and form part of the expedition to Manila. This is a high tribute to the efficiency of our volunteers. The regiment was recruited in the five south-western counties in the State.

It cost a private citizen several dollars this week to remove the dirt and gravel which the town council, at the expense of the taxpayers' and regardless of grade, dumped on the street. He also put down a cross walk where the mismanagement of the officials had made a mud hole instead of a crossing.

A firm in Carbon County is canvassing this section for subscribers to a directory of Carbon, Monroe, and Pike.

The P. J. Trustees last Saturday night awarded the contract for lighting the village for three years to the Deepark Electric Light Company for \$8,000. The bid of the P. J. Light and Power Company, though \$1,500 less, was rejected because no bond accompanied it, as required by the advertisement.

People who complain of the weather may be satisfied to learn that there is a spot on the sun fifty thousand miles long, and shaped like a kite. The observer at Smiths, Geneva N. Y., discovered it, a week ago. It is not mentioned whether he observed any small boys in the vicinity amusing themselves.

Progress on the Railroad.

Grading on the new railroad is being pushed and gangs of men have been working this week on the Quinn Cummings, Pierce, Pinchot and Westbrook farms. New derricks and the engine, iron and materials for the bridge have arrived, and the Company bids fair to have the road in operation by July. The people here generally will welcome its coming, as it will introduce a different order in our business and create new conditions to which our people must adjust their affairs. That it will bring sharper competition, because of the facility it will afford for easy and cheap communication to other towns of which many will avail themselves, there is no doubt, but it will create new life here, and make our town a shipping point and also a location for manufacturing enterprise which after all is the life blood of a community. That no more products are raised here than are necessary for home consumption, and that there will be nothing to ship is a fallacy. Accommodations being given, enterprise must arise and those who desire to advance in prosperity must relinquish the old idea that isolation is the better condition. A railroad will in all respects place us on the same general level with other towns, and in this age to be without such facility is to be far behind the age. We must simply advance with the occasion, rise to the opportunities afforded, take the hand of progress and pull your selves above the level of the other competitors. Others will see the chances and usurp the benefits if our people do not awaken and improve the possibilities.

Northampton Delegates.

Hon. John Wanamaker last week made a tour of Northampton County. The meetings were very largely attended, and great interest shown. At Easton there was an unusual demonstration and the speaker took occasion to severely criticize General Frank Reeder's acts in signing the now famous indemnity bond, and for his connection with the fire alarm bill. At a serenade subsequently tendered the general, he denied the allegations made and briefly defended his course. The primaries for the County were held Tuesday and resulted in the election of a majority of delegates for Reeder.

Teachers' Examinations.

County Superintendent George Sawyer will hold the annual teachers' examination for 1898 as follows:

District	Schoolhouse	Date
Dingman	Union	June 8
Shohola	Shohola	June 8
Locks-waxon	Rowlands	June 14
Palmyra	(Red) Paupack	June 14
Greene	Kramer's	June 15
Blooming Grove	Westbrook's	June 16
Milford	High School	June 20
Westfall	Matamoras	June 22
Delaware	Dingman's	June 27
Lehman	Academy	June 28
Meadow	Meadow	June 28

All directors and others interested are cordially invited to be present.

Decoration Day Excursion.

On Monday, May 30, Decoration Day, the Erie will run a special train to New York, leaving Port Jervis at 7:15 a. m., and arriving in New York at 10:00 a. m. Fare only one dollar for the round trip. There will be military and civic parades, matinees at all theatres and base ball games both morning and afternoon at Polo grounds between New York and Cleveland clubs. Returning, special train will leave Chambers St., N. Y., at 7:45 p. m.

NOTICE—All hunting, fishing or other trespassing on my premises in Milford Township, on Sawkill Creek is forbidden under penalty of the law. CATHERINE HAMILTON, Milford, April 18, '98.

THE SOLDIERS DEPART WITH PARADE AND BANQUET SPEECHES PLACES AND FIREWORKS.

Port Jervis had a grand time Wednesday evening celebrating the departure of her recruits. Forty-nine volunteers have been enlisted there, among them, David Case, of Milford, John O. Bourke, of Lackawaxen, Wm. H. Ross, Wm. S. Fred A., and Frank Stempert, and W. H. Perry, of Montague, N. J.

The citizens gave the boys a grand send off on the eve of their departure for the war. A banquet was held at the Fowler House, and a parade in which the Fire department Drum Corp's Bands, and the G. A. R. Post participated, speeches were made by several gentlemen and the town was ablaze with decorations.

It is devoutly to be hoped that the young men may be permitted to return without a single loss to their number. It may be no holiday excursion for them, and we all feel a personal interest in their welfare, and trust that should they be called on to face a Spanish foe a kind Providence will protect and guard them, and permit a happy re-union with friends and relatives, their ranks unbroken.

The Press and its Readers.

We feel profoundly grateful for the many kind and encouraging words spoken concerning the Press, and to know that our efforts to make it newsy and a welcome paper in the family circle are appreciated. Of course, in these times the general public is anxious to have the latest information in regard to the war, and the city dailies are having a large circulation and are now reaping a harvest, while really giving little more of facts and reliable news than is contained in the humble country weeklies. The large dailies are filled with rumors, speculations, and conjectures which are asserted, doubted, denied and reaffirmed in the same sheet. From the very nature of the war, momentous events will only transpire at intervals, days and perhaps weeks apart, and those events will be condensed in the Press without the aid of fancy or fiction to which many journals are now so prone.

We desire, and our aim is, to furnish only news which is reliable and well authenticated.

Differences in Altitude.

The report of the State Geologist of New Jersey giving the elevations above tide, does not agree with the report of our State Geologist L. C. White, made in 1881. The New Jersey authority gives the Delaware river at month of the Neversink 409 ft. while our report says 415. The highest point in Sussex Co. is High Point 1804 ft. The New Jersey report gives the level of river at Dingmans Ferry 356 ft. and ours 350. Our report gives elevation of river at Milford 380 ft. It is not given in the other. While there are slight differences yet it becomes apparent that the scientific gentlemen do not agree and we wonder who is right, if either is. The examples of variation are six feet in each instance and this may have arisen through some mistake, but in scientific matters there should be great accuracy, and we would like to know just precisely how high we are.

Real Estate Transfers.

Maurice S. Quinn et ux. t. Milford Matamoras and N. Y. R. R., dated May 11, for right of way, Westfall Twp.; consideration a flag station, fencing and crossing.

Joseph Solley et al. to James Milham, et al. dated April 30, 220 acres Palmyra; consideration nominal.

C. A. Seymour et. ux. to Cox G. Decker, dated May 6, lot 153 and half of lot 55; consideration \$742.

H. J. Ellsworth, Jr., to Walter G. Cutler, dated Jan. 29, 400 acres, Lehman and Greene; consideration \$100.

Litigation Settled.

The long contest between the East Stroudsburg Lumber Co., Limited, and the Ottenheimer Estate, over a Mechanics Lien, filed for lumber and materials furnished by the former toward the erection of the Forest Park House, was amicably settled Tuesday, the Estate agreeing that the amount of \$2050, should be distributed by the Auditor to the Lien creditor, and that the costs of the witnesses before the Auditor should be paid by the estate.

PROGRESS OF CUBAN WAR.

Fight With Cardenas Barteries.

FIVE AMERICANS WERE KILLED AND A TORPEDO BOAT DISABLED.

May 11th a fierce fight took place in Cardenas Bay between the gunboat Wilmington and Hudson, the torpedo boat Winslow, and the land batteries, and four Spanish gunboats. Our vessels entered the harbor and were fired upon by the Spaniards; the battle lasted about an hour. A shot disabled the Winslow's boilers and she signalled for help. The Hudson went to her assistance and just as a line was being thrown, a shell burst among a group of men on the Winslow killing Worth Bagley, Edw. T. Denfer, John Varveses, and Joseph Tunnell, cabin cook, G. B. Meek and J. Denfer, firemen, and wounding five others, among them Lieut. J. B. Bernadon, Commander of the Winslow. The disabled boat was towed away. It is thought the Spanish loss was heavy, and that one of their gunboats was sunk and a large part of the town near the wharves destroyed. The squadron under Admiral Sampson reached San Juan, Porto Rico, May 12 at day break, but found no armed vessels in the port. An attack was commenced which lasted about three hours and resulted in much damage to the batteries and to a portion of the city adjacent to them. The batteries were repaired but without material effect. One man was killed and seven slightly wounded, in the squadron. The Spaniards were wretched marksmen as they fired hundreds of shots, but hit the New York and Iowa only once.

Wednesday May 11, the Marblehead, Nashville, and Winslow entered the bay of Cienfuegos on the south coast of Cuba, to cut the cable at that point. Seamen, from the Marblehead, detailed to make a landing at the point where the cable left the shore, were fired on by several small Spanish batteries outside the town, and two were killed and six wounded. The three vessels then moved into close range and quickly silenced the guns of the enemy. Their loss is not known but was probably severe. The cable was successfully cut and its usefulness destroyed.

Schley's flying squadron left Hampton Roads last Friday afternoon, but its destination was unknown. The Spanish Cape Verde fleet appeared May 14th at Willemstad, Curacao, which is off the coast of Venezuela, and after taking on a small quantity of coal and provisions left Sunday evening. There were no colliers with the fleet.

On Sunday Captain Sampson's squadron passed Cape Haytien, sailing west, its destination unknown. The department has notified Admiral Dewey that officers, men and supplies will be sent him, and the Charleston will probably leave San Francisco with the transports this week. Spain is likewise making active preparations for a relief expedition to the Philippines. Men, batteries, and large supplies of stores and coal will be sent.

Privateers may be employed by Spain.

Spanish gunboat Layte, captured by Dewey.

Newspapers in France continue to attack the United States.

Admiral Cerveras' Squadron reported to be at Porto Rico.

Chickamauga volunteers lack arms and ammunition.

New Battleship Alabama launched in Philadelphia, Wednesday.

General Merritt will lead four thousand regulars and more than ten thousand volunteers to the Philippines.

The resolution for the annexation of Hawaii has been favorably reported to the House.

Havana expects the Spanish fleet Morro Castle, formerly in darkness now shows red lights.

The Oregon reported safe but her whereabouts not known outside the Navy department.

New Light For the Stars.

Thomas Armstrong has contracted for an acetylene gas plant to light his store in Brown's Hall and residence on Catharine Street. The generator will be located about midway between the two buildings, which are some seven hundred feet apart, and will be large enough to furnish houses in the vicinity.

OBITUARY.

MATILDA CATHERINE KIMBALL.

Matilda Catherine Wilson, widow of the late Marvin Kimball, of Matamoras, died at the residence of her son, Edwin M. Kimball, in Matamoras, Monday, at 9:45 p. m., of heart trouble and general debility.

Mrs. Kimball was the only daughter of Henry and Catherine Wilson, and was born near Trumansburgh, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1824. When 12 yrs. old she removed with her parents to Rockland, Sullivan county, and July 2, 1846, was married to Marvin Kimball, who died Sept. 27, 1897, thus passing over 51 years of wedded life together.

For many years she was a member of the Drew M. E. church but for the last seven years has been a faithful member of Hope Evangelical church of Matamoras.

She was a faithful and devoted wife and mother, brave and cheerful when reverses and loss of property came to her, and has left to her children many precious memories. The church loses a devoted member, and the pastors were always sure of a hearty welcome at the home of "Mother Kimball" as they loved to call her.

She leaves to mourn her loss the following children: Minnie C., wife of N. B. J. Allwood, of Port Jervis; Augusta M., wife of O. W. Holmes, of Troy, N. Y.; Edwin M., of Matamoras; Lelia A., wife of W. F. Mulligan, of Port Jervis; Barr W., of Troy, N. Y.; and William F., of Matamoras, and nine grand-children and one great-grandchild; also one brother, Clinton Wilson, of Rockland, Sullivan county.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the house, and 3 at Hope church.

Communicated.

EDITOR PRESS:—

Allow me to take exception through your columns to the remarks of E. P. U. made two weeks ago, about road hogs refusing to furnish shell stones and gravel free for road improvement. The reason is this: For four years I have been furnishing free gravel, and last year I offered to give a long row of shell stones, the only labor required was to throw them in on a piece of road road back of my property. I offered to furnish gravel free of charge, six inches to a foot thick, if they would take and cart it on. Not a bit was taken, consequently I made up my mind this season, when the roads had to be repaired, to charge five cents a load.

They are very willing to have free gravel in order to have an opportunity to wear out the tax levy in short order, but when it comes to making a good road that is another thing.

Another reason is, whether through incapacity or unwillingness the roads generally are not properly drained, or put in such condition that they will not wash, consequently it is only a waste of taxes to put the material on, and I might as well charge for it. A neighbor told me he refused gravel for the reason he had a piece of road which was smooth enough for a bicycle track, and he furnished free gravel to put on. When the job was done a horse could not trot over it without danger of injury. He thought it better to refuse free gravel when put to such uses. J. C.

The Register's Ancient History.

Dec. 15, 1859, the largest raft ever floated down the Delaware was sent by Thomas Barnes. It was 195 feet long, 65 wide, and drew 3 1/2 feet of water. Eight men handled it and it contained 2000 railroad ties, 5000 hoop poles, 22,000 feet of joists, 100,000 feet of wharf timber, 2,500 feet of 10 timber, and ten ship knees.

Feb. 17th, 1880, Ira B. Newman died at Milford at the age of 45. He was a successful educator of youth, and had nearly completed the large brick building near Dingmans, called Manor Hall, which was designed for a boys' school.

May 6, steamboat Alford Thomas, making a trial trip from Easton to Belvidere, with one hundred persons on board, blew up at Easton. Eleven were killed and fourteen injured more or less seriously, one of whom subsequently died. The water got too low in the boiler, which the Coroner's jury found was poorly constructed, and also that the engineer was careless.

CUBAN RECEPTION.

An informal reception was extended to Mr. Albert Guerin at the residence of Father Treis in Matamoras Monday night. A large number of the people of St. Joseph's Church were present. Mr. Guerin is a brother-in-law of Father Treis. He is a Cuban by birth, having been born at Cienfuegos, which was bombarded by the U. S. fleet last week. Though he has lived in New York city for the past twenty years, he has during that period held a position as steward in the American-Havana line steamers.

He was on the Saratoga which was still in Havana harbor when the war was declared. The ship met with a narrow escape, having been fired on by the forts, but found shelter behind a steamer bearing the Red Cross flag. As the Saratoga got out of the harbor she met the torpedo boat Cushing, which, finding it to be an American steamer, dismissed it with orders to make for the Florida coast with all haste. There were 250 passengers on board, very much frightened people. Though the usual speed of the Saratoga is about 14 knots, it covered 275 miles in 24 hours.

Mr. Guerin is a very pleasant gentleman. He speaks English quite fluently, though with a pronounced Spanish accent.

He told many interesting stories of Cuban life, of Spanish cruelty and treachery and interspersed his account with numerous incidents. He is an American citizen and is enthusiastic for Cuban freedom, and his graphic account of the real state of Cuban affairs conveyed to all the conviction that the facts as made known to the public have not been exaggerated.

Mr. Guerin was listened to with rapt attention and all extended to him a vote of thanks for his highly interesting talk. Before leaving, the party was treated to a delicious lunch. Toasts were passed to Cuban liberty, Admiral Dewey, Admiral Sampson and "Uncle Sam."

After singing the patriotic songs, "The Star Spangled Banner," and "My Country 'Tis of Thee," the party retired with the unanimous verdict that, thanks to Rev. Father Treis and Mr. Guerin, it was one of the most delightful evenings they had ever spent.

School Report.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Total number in attendance during April: Boys, 18; Girls, 31. Average attendance: Boys, 16; Girls, 19. Percentage of attendance: Boys, 94; Girls, 94.

Boys present each day during the month: Bert Quinn, Harold Armstrong, George Jennings, Arthur Smith, Gouvey Emerson, Emmett Steele, Joe Lattimore, George Heller, Will Owens, Girls: Nora Degen, Josie Boardley, Bessie Vanolinda, Florence Lattimore, Nettie Newman, Pauline Frick, Phoebe Showers, Lella Gregory.

Percentage in April spelling examination, 100 words.

Grade 4.—Ruth DeWitt, 100; Bessie Armstrong, Helen Hart, 100; Nora Degen, 100; Josie Boardley, 100; Lillie Gourlay, 100; George Jennings, 99; Willie Turner, 97; Florence VanCampan, 96; Millicent Criseman, 94; Bessie Vanolinda, 88.

Grade 4 (Division A)—Lila Ryan, 100; Edna Lanchantin, 100; Myrtle Ryder, 100; Mabel Van Etten; 100; Harold Armstrong, Josie Boardley, Bessie Vanolinda, George Wagner, 99; Bert Quinn, 98; Florence Lattimore, 88; Clyde Kipp, 87; John Palmer, 75.

Grade 4 (Division B)—Pauline Frick, 100; Gertrude Gumbie, 100; Emmett Steele, 100; Joe Lattimore, 96; George Heller, 95; Phoebe Showers, 84; Nettie Newman, 84; Emma Van Campan, 76; Will Owens, 67; Lila Gregory, 59.

BAYARD NICHOLS, Teacher.

Monthly report of the Primary Department of the Milford schools for month ending April 30:

Average attendance for month—Boys, 24; Girls, 16; total, 41.

Percentage of Attendance—Boys, 82; Girls, 85.

Forcentage of Attendance for term—Boys, 89; Girls, 85.

Those who have been perfect in attendance during the eighth month are:

Francis Taylor, Maudie Klein; Hetty Unsworth, Helen Heller, Josie Van Campan, Lulu Jordan, Herbert Ryan, Ernest Kipp, Walter Dingman, Michael Scott, Fred Kurta, Nellie Struble, Archie Steele, Louis Showers.

LILA B. VAN ETTEN, Teacher.

Attractive Window Display.

The window display advertising Malt Extract at St. John's drug store arrests the attention of passers by. The front of the window space is filled with bottles of the extract while in the rear is a modern Hercules or Sampson elevating and lowering a 100-lb dumb bell. The figure is so arranged that it works automatically until the machinery runs down when it can be wound up again. Oliver Squires is fertile in the invention of ingenious devices for advertising the goods in which they deal.