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### BRIEF MENTION.

If your watch needs cleaning, take it to John K. Rudolph, the jeweler, Milford, Pa.

Beware of overconfidence and apathy in the coming election.

For one week only W. & G. Mitchell will sell a good roasted coffee better in quality than either Arbuckle's or Lion at 10 and 12 cents a pound, only three barrels on hand.

Frank the only son of Moses C. and Nettie Bishop Westbrook, Jr., died at the home of his parents at Liberty, Sullivan Co., N. Y., Sunday, Sept. 25, aged nine years. He was a bright little fellow and his sudden demise is a sad blow to his afflicted relatives. Diphtheria was the cause.

The M. M. & N. Y. R. R. Co. are grading the old Milford road from the approach of the new railroad bridge, on the Matamoras side, to Licht's hotel, and on the river road as far as Samuel Remy's. The road at the bridge was about a foot and a half higher than the track. The first of this week 26 of the Italians who have been working on the road were dismissed and returned to New York.

If your watch needs any repairs go to Rudolph, the jeweler, Milford, Pa.

Gregory Bros. lost a young horse last week. The animal was driven from Matamoras, and died soon after reaching the stable, probably from inflammation of the lungs.

There will be a meeting this Friday evening in the Presbyterian church to organize an organ fund society. All interested are expected to be present.

Hobson has succeeded in floating the Spanish cruiser, Infanta Maria Theresa, and she has been towed into Guantanamo Bay and will soon be brought north.

St. Louis has one church to 2,500 of population, New York one to 2,468, Chicago one to 3,081, Boston one to 1,650 and Minneapolis one to 1,054.

We call attention to the advertisement in another column of this paper of the youngest yet one of most successful State Normal schools in the State. It has had a phenomenal growth since it opened in the fall of '93, and took high rank and in many respects was in advance of some of the older and more conservative schools. It was the first school to establish the Department of Plain and Fancy Sewing. It is to day the only school that furnishes Brussels carpet. Its location East Stroudsburg, Pa., is in the great resort region of the eastern part of the state.

Ryan and Wellens offering many novelties and specialties. Their stock is up to date in all respects, prices included. You will be agreeably disappointed on visiting their store to find how far your money will go in buying either fancy articles, staple goods, groceries and in fact almost anything you need to make your home comfortable and your family happy.

Rutan, the bicycle repairer, has sold four bicycles within the last few days and has a few wheels left which he will sell at bargain.

Service may be expected at the Sawkill School House Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2.30 p. m., the weather permitting.

If you have sickness and need medicines, though we hope for your sakes you will have no such misfortunes, yet mindful that such things will come, there is no better place than Armstrongs pharmacy in Milford to secure the proper restoratives. Nor is there occasion to go elsewhere to find anything usually kept in a first class drug store.

F. C. Rutan cleans and repairs guns.

Soon the squeal of the porker, yielding up his life for ham and sausage purposes, will be heard in the land. He is excellent here in his place, that is as dead hog, and we hope he will never again be allowed to graze our town in any other condition. The Town Council should pass an ordinance absolutely prohibiting keeping swine within the Borough limits. Their odoriferous pens are too great disturbers of the public peace.

Mitchell's call attention to a new advertisement to their complete lines of goods suitable for fall and winter use. Their stock is large and well assorted in every department.

If your watch needs a main spring Rudolph, the jeweler at Milford will put one in.

The N. Y. Furniture Store in Port Jervis offers many bargains to economical buyers. Those wishing any thing in the way of furniture, carpets or crockery will not fail to embrace this opportunity of buying good goods at low prices.

Bad weather will soon be here. Many cases of colds and sickness arise from imperfect protection and dampness of the feet. Don't be caught paying doctor bills on that account. Go to Johnson's at Port Jervis and let him clothe your feet comfortably. You will be happier and live longer.

Mrs. Moses Van Gordon, of Lehman, died at her home in that township Friday. Her husband died several years since and she has since resided with her son, Moses C. A daughter was the wife of the late H. C. Ford, Fish Commissioners of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Benson wife of Geo. Benson, died at her home in Lehman, Monday Sept. 22, and was buried last Saturday. She was a daughter of the late Edward Lord formerly a resident of that township. Her daughter was the wife of W. H. Layton a well known teacher in Delaware.

The Republican Senatorial Conference for this, the 22 district met at Stroudsburg, Tuesday. John T. Palmer represented Monroe. Horace Baydt, J. C. Sendale and R. H. Bauman Carbon. W. R. Stroh was named by acclamation the candidate. The conferees from Pike, Hon. E. Pinchot, did not attend.

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper will be administered in Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday morning Oct. 2, the Rev. W. A. Chadwick, of Port Jervis will preach.

Preaching service will be held at the Quik town School House at 2.30 p. m. Sunday Oct. 2, the weather permitting.

Fanny Davenport a noted actress whose real name was Mrs. Melbourne McDowell died at her summer home in Duxbury, Mass., Monday night after an illness of several months.

M. C. Westbrook's team ran away last Saturday in Hawley but he escaped injury. The wagon was somewhat damaged.

Several communications were necessarily deferred until next week.

The Republican State Convention of N. Y. nominated for Governor, Theo. Roosevelt; for Lieut.-Governor, T. L. Woodruff; Comptroller, W. J. Morgan; Secretary of State, J. T. McDonough; State Treas., J. B. Jaekel; Engineer, E. A. Bond; Atty. Gen. J. C. Davies. All except the latter were nominated by acclamation.

**PERSONAL**

Mrs. Carpenter and daughter Alice are spending a couple of weeks at the Sawkill House.

Harry Reed left town Sunday to enter Pratt's Institute, Brooklyn.

Miss Pamela Reed returned to school in Brooklyn last week. She was accompanied by her sister Miss Bertha Reed.

J. F. Huntington, of Lackawaxen, attended the Prohibition Convention held in Milford Monday.

Dr. A. Hadden, President of the Forest Lake Association, of Lackawaxen, who has been seriously ill, is slowly recovering, and hopes soon to be restored to his former health.

Howard Reed, Will Armstrong and Patrick Sullivan, who are with Grimes battery, are now at Huntsville Alabama.

Wesley Watson, who has been in feeble health during the summer, is now quite seriously ill at his home on Harford St.

A. R. E. Pinchot was brought from Philadelphia to Gray Towers last Saturday. While very weak from the effects of the fever and the journey, yet it is hoped that our bracing air will soon put him on the highway to entire recovery.

Mrs. Leroy, of Brooklyn, a daughter of the late W. C. Broome, who formerly resided at Milford, is visiting in town.

W. R. Willis and family, after spending the summer in Milford, returned to their city home this week.

Mrs. W. T. Witney and family who have been guests at the Jordan House left Wednesday for New York.

Mrs. Martha Transue, of Perth Amboy, who has been with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Angle, for some two months to gain strength for an operation, has had it successfully performed at the Port Jervis Hospital where she now is, and rapidly improving in health.

Ernest Van Tassel, of Paterson, N. J., is visiting his uncle, Livoryman Van Tassel, this week.

Louis L. de Berthe has taken a position as bar tender at the Fauchoer house.

Rev. G. P. Van Wyck and family who have passed part of the summer in Milford returned to their home in Washington.

In another column of this issue will be found the interesting advertisement of the youngest yet one of the most progressive and successful State Normals in the State—the East Stroudsburg, Pa., Normal—located in a most beautiful and picturesque region of our state.

Supt. of the schools, Geo. Sawyer visited the Borough schools Thursday.

T. R. J. Klein has been putting a new tin roof on the Rtd. church at Dingmans.

Jas. B. Angle, of Delaware, is building a dam on his premises in which he proposes to raise trout.

Mrs. W. G. Myles wife of the former pastor at Dingmans is visiting in that place.

A camping party consisting of Mrs. Geo. Frie, and daughter Pauline, Misses Minnie, Kati and Eva Beck, and Messrs. Emile Bergot and Walter Angle, were camping at Drink Pond a few days last week.

E. R. Kalbas, of Shohola, the conferee from this county attended the congressional conference at Easton last Saturday.

**CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE.**

The Democratic Love Feast. Each Faction Was Harmonious.

Last week was one pregnant with events for the aspiring candidates for Congress on the Democratic ticket in the Eighth District. The warriors from Pike, G. A. Swepeizer, B. E. Brown, W. F. Beck and J. C. Westbrook, led by ex-Mr. C. Hart, left town Tuesday with high hopes, and appetites whetted for the feast which was billed to take place Wednesday.

Arriving in Mauch Chunk, the locus in quo, they were met by J. H. Shall, of Monroe, and his conferees, R. F. Swartz, R. E. Coolbaugh, and Samuel Turn; John A. Lauer and his henchmen, Michael Cassidy, J. T. Mulhearn and Charles Rehrig, joined the group of statesmen and at four o'clock Wednesday the "meeting" was called to order at the American House. Hon. R. F. Swartz read the call, and stated that the rule or custom in this district was for the County last holding its primary or convention to fix the time for holding the District Convention. That pursuant to this custom, J. B. Kemmerer, County Chairman of Northampton, did on Saturday, Sept. 17, notify the candidates in Pike, Monroe and Carbon Counties that the conference would be held at Mauch Chunk, Wednesday, Sept. 21, and he then stated that the election of a Chairman was in order. Whereupon R. F. Swartz, of Monroe, was nominated for that position, and G. A. Swepeizer, of Pike, and Samuel Turn, of Monroe, for Secretaries. No opposition appearing, they were elected by acclamation. Credentials were then called for, and presented without opposition by the following conferees, who were declared members: Monroe, R. F. Swartz, R. E. Coolbaugh, Samuel Turn; Pike, Geo. A. Swepeizer, B. E. Brown, W. F. Beck; Carbon, Michael Cassidy, J. T. Mulhearn, Chas. Rehrig.

The Chair then inquired whether there were any conferees from Northampton present, or any other credentials to be offered. No response being made, the roll was called, and the gentlemen above named answered. The conference was then adjourned until 5 o'clock, at which time it reconvened with the above all present. The Chair then requested each delegation to present reasons for being present at this date, whereupon Dr. J. H. Shall read a telegram, as follows: "J. H. Shall, Stroudsburg. Congressional Conference will meet American House, Mauch Chunk, Wednesday next, 3 P. M. J. B. Kemmerer." This was received Saturday evening, and answered, saying he would be present with his conferees. Messrs. Hart and Lauer stated they had received similar telegrams and sent a similar response. Mr. Cassidy then moved that "owing to the absence of the conferees from Northampton, this Conference adjourn until 7 o'clock Thursday evening, with instructions to the Chairman to notify the Committee of Northampton by wire or otherwise, that this conference is regularly organized, and that we desire that the conferees of Northampton County appear and participate in its proceedings, and for that purpose this adjournment is made for over twenty-five hours.

The Conference thereupon adjourned until Thursday evening, at which time it reassembled, and after some delay, nominated John E. Lauer, of Lansford, a candidate for Congress.

The Coal Gazette says: "The meeting of the conference was a surprise all around, but half a dozen people being aware of the intention of the bosses, outside of those directly interested. Even the scribe of the local Democratic newspaper was unaware of the fact until almost the noon hour, he, like the average Democrat, being under the impression there would be but one conference, and that Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The change of base is accounted for by the different factions, as follows: Esserites—Under the rules the party having the last conference is the party to name the time and place for holding the subsequent conference. This year Northampton enjoys that prerogative. Mutchler first named Wednesday but afterward changed it to Thursday. This the Barber people claim he had a perfect right to do, because, they argue, if a party has authority to

name the date, the same party has a right to postpone. The Cassidyites—We met to-day, for this is the day originally designated for the meeting. When Mutchler named a date he exhausted his authority; he could not adjourn it to any other date.

The Northampton conferees and the Barber people at no time were present or took any part in these proceedings.

On Thursday evening, however, the five Northampton conferees met and temporarily organized by electing E. H. Laulach Chairman, Judge Albright's decision in the Barber-Lauer convention matter, which decided that the Lauer convention was wholly void, and directing that the names of the Barber conferees be put on the ticket, having arrived, the Barber conferees presented themselves to the conference and applied for admission. After examination of the papers, F. P. Sharkey, Elmer Warner and Douglas Arner were admitted and a permanent organization was effected by electing E. H. Laulach Chairman and F. P. Sharkey Secretary. The conference then adjourned to meet at Easton Monday, Sept. 26, and notice was sent Pike and Monroe, inviting them to be present and participate.

**OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.**

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26, '98.

The managers of the democratic party are afraid to indorse the absurd charges that individual democrats have been making concerning the conduct of the war. The Campaign Book issued by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which is supposed to state the party's attitude on all the issues of the campaign, does not even mention these charges. This shows as plainly as can be shown that the Democratic managers knew that before election day the Commission which has already begun the work of taking testimony, will have made it perfectly plain to everybody that there was nothing in the general conduct of the war that was not creditable to the Republican administration.

Nothing could show the attitude of President McKinley towards the investigation of the conduct of the war, just started, more fully than his own words to a member of the investigation Commission—"I feel that the American people have committed these boys to my hands, and if anybody has wronged them I want to find it out." The following gentlemen compose the investigation commission: Gen. G. M. Dodge, of Iowa, Chairman; Col. J. A. Sexton, of Ills.; Capt. E. P. Howell, of Ga.; Maj. Gen. J. M. Wilson, U. S. A.; Hon. Chas. A. Denby, of Ind.; Ex-Gov. U. A. Woodbury, of Vt.; Ex-Gov. J. A. Beaver, of Pa.; Gen. A. D. McCook, of N. Y., and Cr. P. S. Conner, of Ohio. It has not yet been decided whether the commission will do all of its work in Washington, or will later visit some of the camps. There is work enough to keep them in Washington for awhile, anyway. Daily sessions will be held, and work pushed to a conclusion as rapidly as possible.

Hon. B. Hornmann, Commissioner of the U. S. Land Office, who represented an Oregon District in the House for twelve years, thinks the Republican gains in the extreme west, this fall, will surprise those who accept the apathy in Maine and Vermont, which resulted in a large stay-at-home vote, and a consequent reduction of Republican majorities, as representing the general condition of the Republican party. Mr. Hornmann has recently returned from an extensive trip through the west, and his knowledge of the people and conditions in that section, make his judgment trustworthy. He said: "This country has fought with brilliant success, a great war since President McKinley's election. The west, fired with enthusiasm over our territorial acquisitions in the Pacific and enjoying an era of great crops and plentiful money supply, will be heard from emphatically in November; I think the casting up of votes out there will be a surprise to nearly everybody.

The conference of Gov. Holcomb and Col. Bryan, at Washington, has added to the belief of the Republicans that Nebraska is coming back into the Republican fold this year. The following, from Mr. E. P. Meyerhoff, is a fair sample of the talk of Nebraska Republicans seen in Washington: "There is a very decided decline in the free silver sentiment in Nebraska, and I do not think the state could be carried again on that issue. Mr. Bryan, too, I think, lacks a great deal of having his former popularity, and many men who voted for him in '96, would not support him if he should again head the Democratic ticket." It is believed that Gov. Holcomb told Col. Bryan that he feared the Republicans would carry the state, and if they did, his chances for again heading the Democratic Presidential ticket would not be promising.

Nothing more than amusement is felt in Washington about the story that Aguinaldo, the head of the Philippine Insurgents intends to drive our army out of the Philippines and turn the islands over to Germany. Admiral Dewey and Gen. Otis are not men to be driven by any countries soldiers, and the idea of their being driven by the rabble which composes the insurgent army, is too ridiculous to be entertained for a moment, and that Germany has any idea of openly assisting the insurgents in any movement against the Americans is not at all probable.

Nothing official has been given out on the subject, but it is known that the request of the Spanish

military commissioners to make a six months job of evacuating Cuba, has been very positively refused. The Spaniards have been courteously, but firmly told that the evacuation of Cuba must begin not later than October, and must be completed before the end of December. It is probable that a considerable body of American soldiers will be in Cuba before the first of November and that the entire army of occupation will be there by the first of December.

**A SOLDIERS VERSION.**

Capt. Geo. Jennings, Quartermaster of the 14 N. Y., who recently visited his family in Milford, and will be mustered out Oct. 18, states that there was abundance of food of excellent quality provided at Camp Thomas where he was. That one great cause of sickness arose from the neglect of the soldiers themselves to exercise proper care in eating and drinking, and too often the officers of the command were men who did not see that the food was properly cooked, and in fact did not themselves understand cooking. One provident economical captain sold a surplus furnished his company and besides keeping his men well saved a nice sum to divide among them. Most wasted nearly as much as used, either through careless management, or because of ignorance in its preparation and this badly cooked food was a fruitful source of disease. There were many soldiers who spent all their money and even pawned their shoes and clothes for moonshine whiskey when they drank to an excess. The camps were cleanly, but it was impossible to prevent indiscretions among the men and this occasioned much of the sickness. The red tape system prevented supplies being readily obtained, and he instanced as an example that he made application through the proper channels for a syringe for use in dotoring a sick mule, and it was seven days before the article was furnished and the mule was then dead. There was no fault that the government did not furnish ample supplies for use but the neglect of the proper officials to act with dispatch and their too rigid application of technicalities prevented their reaching the men promptly when necessary. The only thing they were prompt in furnishing was coffins and these would be returned with the wagon bearing the requisition. The great need is a reformation in the red tape system which hinders and delays promptness in the delivery of articles at the moment when most needed.

**ANOTHER ACCIDENT.**

Thursday September 22, as A. D. Brown was driving to Port Jervis taking his daughters, Mrs. Frances Westfall and Miss Lydia Brown to meet a train, when near Chas. Marvin's a bolt in the shaft came out, causing the horse to attempt to run away. The wagon was overturned and the occupants thrown under it. Mr. Brown had his collar bone broken and hip badly contused. The ladies, beyond being somewhat bruised, were not injured. The horse was caught unhurt.

**SOME CORRECTIONS.**

In our account of the Orange Co. Fair last week, either our or the Press type "sticker's" hand must have been tipsy, as O. W. Wafer, superintendent of poultry dept., should have read O. W. Mapes; Silken should have read Silken; and "some got a 'jag' on" should have read none got a "jag" on.

In the issue of Sept. 23, our article on Foreign Missions should have signed a "A Penna. Reader." As we followed our remarks by a selection from the "World Wide Missions," we failed to finish up with a proper signature. We are entirely responsible for at least the last of these blunders—A PIKE CO. FARMER.

**UNCLAIMED LETTERS.**

Following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Milford, Pike Co., Pa. for week ending Sept. 24 '98.—Ladies, Miss S. F. Green, Miss Alina Horton, Mrs. Jno. Romant, Miss Florence Heinzen.—Gentlemen, Chauncy S. Knok, Rev. F. H. Parsons. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised and give date of this list. Jas. S. Gale, P. M.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

Abram J. Quick to J. W. Cottrell, dated Sept. 21, lot No. 4, Matamoras on Division St.; consideration \$1500.

Geo. L. Hoffman to Christina Mueller, dated Sept. 14, lots 17 & 18, Matamoras on Loder St.; consideration \$750.

J. C. Wallace and wife to Edwin S. Wolfe, dated Sept. 20, Milford Boro., lot 515 on High street; consideration \$185.

J. B. Westbrook, Treas. to Commissioners of Pike Co., dated Aug. 8 1896, Jas. Mease, No. 113, 106 acres, Milford Twp.; consideration \$7.25.

Commissioners to Jacob Fromme, dated Sept. 26, same land; consideration \$24.

John Frederick to Charles B. Staples, Trustee, dated, Sept. 23, Lehman and Greene, John Brotzman and William Lynch; con. \$1.

Arthur Lederer and wife to Chas. B. Staples, Trustee, dated Sept. 23, Lehman and Greene, same lands; con. \$1.

John Frederick to Jacob Ottenheimer, dated, March 21, 1891, Dingman, Lehman, etc., 1/2 of 1/2, John Brodhead, Susanna Coolbaugh, John Jayne; con. \$1.

**A SUCCESSFUL CLUB.**

The Forest Lake Association in Lackawaxen is building a large addition to its Club House which will be ready for occupancy next season. This association has shown marked signs of continued prosperity, and has steadily improved its grounds and enlarged its buildings. Where a few years ago there was nothing but a barren covered with scrub oaks and weeds, a neat lawn now spreads out surrounding a large and handsome Club House, and dotted with well kept and substantial cottages. The gentlemen composing the club are men of ample means with the shrewd business sense to place and keep the property on a paying basis, and this with the excellent management of its officials has made the enterprise a success and brought great benefit to the township in which it is located.

**PROHIBITION TICKET.**

The Prohibitionists in Pike met this week and completed their ticket, and have filed the nomination papers.

For Congress, George E. Stauffer, of East Stroudsburg.

For State Senator, J. S. Kossley, of Weatherly.

For Representative, Edwin S. Wolfe, of Milford.

For Sheriff, Charles Wands, of Shohola.

For Coroner, David S. Mapes, of Westfall.

**STATE LANDS.**

Nine deeds have been entered from J. B. Westbrook, Treas., to the County Commissioners, dated Aug. 8, 1896, conveying lands in Porter as follows:

No. 165, Ezekiel King, 415 acres.
" 179, John Jayne, 400 "
" 97, Lewis Albertis, 415 "
" 85, John Abbott, 298 "
" 195, Sarah Ogden, 358 "
" 184, Rich. Thomson, 402 "
" 191, John Taylor, 402 "
" 192, John Miller, 402 "
" 96, Robert Meale, 386 "

Total, . . . 3428 acres.

These same lands were purchased at the recent sale by the Forestry Commissioners and have been deeded to the Commonwealth. They are now, therefore, the absolute property of the State, and exempt from taxation.

A bill will be presented in the next congress to increase letter postage to 3 cents.

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