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## THE TIME OF RENEWAL.



All nature is renewed in the Spring time. The sky takes on a fresher color, the trees don their Easter garments, everything seems thin and happy. It seems a pity that at such a beautiful season so disagreeable a malady as the so-called 'spring fever' should afflict a great many people to enjoy the unaccounted sunshine and freshness that pervade. What is spring fever? It is that sluggishness and irritability which everyone takes a spring tonic for. 'Bad blood' some people call it. A great deal of 'blood medicine' is sold in the spring of the year. The blood, the vigor, the health must be renewed, with the trees and flowers and grass. The principal difficulty is, which of the numerous spring tonics is the best? Which will cure permanently and remove quickly all the disagreeable symptoms? Read what Mrs. Aldin Adams, of Crafon, Ky., says of Peruna: 'I was about to give up all hopes when I concluded to take Peruna. I believe it is the best medicine in the world. I can't speak too highly of it.'

A book containing several hundred letters similar to the one from which this is an extract, will be sent free to any address by the Peruna Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

## PERSONAL.

Harry Reed arrived home this week to spend his Easter vacation.

John T. Armstrong is plastering the new house of E. S. Wolf on High street.

The C. L. S. met last evening at the home of Mrs. B. E. Brown, on George street.

Geo. F. Hartwell has moved from Greely to the tenant house on Overbrook farm.

Munson Lambert went Wednesday to haul stone for the new bridge at Matamoras.

Mrs. A. E. Lewis and grandson, Lawrence, were visiting friends in New York a couple of days last week.

Jas. C. Rose of Matamoras was at Milford Wednesday. He is proprietor of a popular summer resort at that place.

Wesley Griffin, Glen Eyre, has lately removed from that place and now occupies one of R. W. Kelley's houses at Kinbles.

Howard Reed is said to have gone on board a monitor at Philadelphia which will proceed to the defence of Boston harbor.

A. D. Brown and wife went Monday to attend the funeral of his sister at Old Bridge N. J. They returned Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Williamson left Milford on Saturday for an extended visit among friends in New York City and Ridgewood, N. J.

P. C. Rutan, the bicycle repairer, of Milford Pa., has been appointed to cal counsell and official repairer for the L. A. W. at Milford Pa.

Gns. Bushweiler, of Honesdale, has moved in his new house, near Kinbles. His father is seriously ill and shows slight improvement.

Andrew Yetter, of Blairstown, paid a short visit to Milford Monday and was speedily whirled to Port Jervis behind one of Vantassels fast roadsters.

Miss Annie Heller closed a successful term at the Union School House in Dingman Township Monday. Exercises appropriate to the occasion were held, which were well attended by the patrons.

A number of Milford people have received cards announcing the marriage of Miss Dorothy Forster to Mr. Charles Lyman Griffin, on Saturday, April 2nd, at her home, 246 West 45th Street, New York.

Harry Angle, Milford's popular young base ball twirler, left on Monday to begin his work as pitcher for the Rochester Club. Their first game will be played with the Philadelphia team, of the Eastern League, at Philadelphia.

Leroy Kipp finished his term at the Utter School House on Monday. The school, though not large contains a number of bright pupils who have made excellent progress. In a spelling contest embracing the whole term Annie VanGorden took first prize in the A class, Mable McCarty first in the B, and Fred Hotolan first in the C class.

Just try a 10c box of Casarets the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

## BRIEF MENTION.

Sunday is Easter.

To-day is Good Friday.

The past was holy week.

Ladies' Aid Society met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. R. G. Barokley.

The Forest Lake Association Club House will open for the reception of Members May 25th.

The usual service may be expected at the Sawkill School House Sunday April 10th, at 2:30 P. M.

There will be special services and fine music in the Church of the Good Shepherd this Friday afternoon.

Armstrong's Milford Pharmacy is well supplied with Easter goods as the new ad on another page more fully states.

Dubois Potthone will soon leave the Brick House at Montague to take possession of the Exchange Hotel in Port Jervis.

We had a touch of genuine March weather the former part of this week, to compensate for what we did not have in season.

The collection taken in the Presbyterian Sunday School last Sabbath in aid of the starving Cubans amounted to over eight dollars.

A. L. Rowland, who will open a bottling establishment in the former Gold shop on Harford street, moved his family to Milford the first of the week.

Travis has moved his store from the Pinchot building to the New-man Building on Broad Street, where he expects to keep a large stock of goods.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church will hold an egg social tomorrow, Saturday evening, in the Church parlors. Everyone is cordially invited.

Write something in your diary about the weather this week: the fine robin snow which fell April 5, but don't write any poetry about the 'beautiful' spring time just yet.

The Milford and Delaware Bridges Company has bought plank of E. S. Wolf to replace the bridge. There will be one course 8 1/2 feet long laid so as to cover the centre of the track.

The snow storm and cold weather this week greatly injured the prospective fruit crops in this state. In the Franklin County peach belt the loss is estimated at a million dollars.

Jerry and Durling La Bar, of Smithfield Township, Monroe Co., were lodged in jail at Stroudsburg last week, charged with the larceny of beef, bacon and food from the smokehouse of Frank Miller.

The Milford firemen responded very promptly to the alarm of fire last Saturday evening and were ready to do their work with zeal, but the building was too far from the hydrants to be reached by the hose.

The corps of surveyors for the M. M. & N. Y. R. R. have been running a line this week around Milford crossing Broad street at Sarah street thence up to Seventh and out beyond Col. Lewis' house, crossing Harford at Ninth.

A break in the levee of the Mississippi River at Shawneetown, Ill. has swept away that village and drowned more than 50 people. The gap is over 100 feet wide and gradually increasing. The site of the town is from 15 to 20 feet under water.

The contractor for the M. M. and N. Y. R. R. at Port Jervis has the derricks and engines in position and has cleared off the obstructions preparatory to building. A large sewer is nearly completed which will be used to carry stone to the pier. The stone will be hauled from a quarry at Cahoonzie.

Gifford Pinchot, Acting State Forester of New York, made an address at the New Jersey Forestry Association Meeting held at Trenton March 11. His topic was forest fires and how to fight them, also touching on some of the peculiarities of certain trees which would grow if fires were prevented.

Medical authorities and boards of health are expressing great anxiety as to the certainty of the introduction of yellow fever into the country next summer in case of war which would compel the presence of our troops in Cuba and close and constant communication with them, thus probably endangering more lives in the United States than exist in the island of Cuba.

The members of Miss Lizzie Ball's Sunday School class, and their friends, were delightfully entertained by her on Friday evening, April 1st. A musical programme had been arranged for part of the evening, consisting of a number of instrumental selections by Blanche Cross, Bertha Kleinbans, Linda Klier and Lila Van Etten; also a vocal solo by Frank Cross.

What a terrible state the livers of the jaundiced journals must be in to enable them to keep up such a yell, while the President quietly, but surely goes forward with Congress and the people willing to trust his judgment and await his action. It is a good thing to have a man at the head of the government in whose wisdom and stability all parties can rely in a juncture like the present.

## POLITICAL NOTES.

State Chairman Elkin has issued a call announcing that the Republican State Convention for nominating Candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs, Judge of the Superior Court and two Congressmen at Large will meet at Harrisburg June 2.

Pike, since the defeat of Barber in Carbon will have no interest for Mr. Muehler. Now if he can secure an honest man in these wilds that will stay bought after he is bought and paid for, he may yet make it interesting for the gentleman who are after his scalp.

Should Northampton Democrats in the present condition of things go into a conference to settle a basis of representation for Congress with the other counties in this district, oh, my! what a pretty looking parrot she would be when the monkeys got through caressing her.

Mr. Barber can now wait and run for President Judge in his county six years hence as he was recently advised by the Linaford Record. That paper prognosticated wisely when it said he would always be a weak candidate for congress.

The opportunity looms up for Pike to become a prominent figure in the next Democratic Congressional Convention. In fact she may again hold the key to the solution, and unlock it to her advantage. In Carbon and Monroe the door is shut in the face of Northampton and the three conferees from this county could hold the fort for with-out them no nomination could be made. We shall expect a lot of statesmen to tumble to the opportunity.

## The Borough Statement.

The Town Council has hung up several yards of Borough statements in different places, and from them we learn that the amount of poor tax collected last year was \$352.93. The amount of moneys received by C. H. Wood, Treasurer, was \$1472.77, and that there is now a balance due him of \$16.15, and outstanding vouchers to the amount of \$154.10, so that the Borough begins the new financial year with a debt of \$170.22.

The amount received from liquor licenses last year was \$570. The cost of curbing, grading, etc., on Centre Square was 73.25, and the amount contributed to the Borough by dog tax was \$71.71.

## OBITUARY.

### EMILY FRANCES BROWN

Emily F., wife of Gilbert Brown, of Brooklyn N. Y. died Sunday at the home of her daughter at Old Bridge N. Y. where she was visiting. For years her health had been declining and though she was fairly active yet an insidious disease was wearing her life away.

She is survived by her husband, one son, daughter, and two brothers, A. D. Brown, of Milford, and Henry, of Florida. The funeral was held Tuesday.

## Real Estate Transfers

Jacob Shifer and wife to Charles Kramer, dated April 2, 3 1/4 acres in Green; consideration \$200.

Frederick Melsenger and wife, to Anthony Walds dated March 31 25 acres in Lackawaxen; consideration \$400.

John M. and Jas. P. Van Auker to Peter Q. Deyo, dated March 25 204 acres Westfall; consideration \$1020.

## EASTER SUNDAY EXCURSION.

On Easter Sunday, April 10th, the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to New York, for the round trip.

Tickets good going on trains leaving Port Jervis at 4:10, 5:30, and 7:45 a. m., and good returning on special train leaving Chambers St., New York, at 8:30 p. m.

Remember only one dollar for the round trip.

The two-year-old son of W. L. Ferguson of Bolton, Miss., had whooping cough. 'After several physicians had prescribed for him, without giving relief,' writes Mr. Ferguson, 'I persuaded my wife to try a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first dose had the desired effect, and in forty-eight hours he was entirely free from all cough. I consider your remedy the best in the market, especially for children, and recommend it at all times.' The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by druggists and general merchants in Pike County.

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

## Arbor Days.

Governor Hastings has issued a proclamation designating Friday, April 8th, and 23d., to be observed as Arbor days, throughout the Commonwealth. He says the swelling buds and flowing sap remind us that the annual awakening of plant life is approaching, and that our share in the work of tree-planting for the benefit of ourselves and our fellow-men must shortly be performed. It is incumbent upon us, not only to observe this ennobling custom, but also to be conspicuous therein. That the children of the Commonwealth may be impressed with the importance and beneficence of tree-planting and that the men and women of mature judgment may approve by an active interest in Arbor Day, the efforts now being made to render our homes more beautiful, and our land more fertile, and productive, by clothing the mountains and valleys, the shores of our rivers and streams, and lining our highways with trees.

## How Easter Was Settled

The apostolic age had scarcely passed before discussions occurred and dissensions ensued as to the time of celebrating Easter. It was early held by the great majority of Christian churches that much importance should be attached to the day of Christ's resurrection, and it is easy to understand how the violent controversies were brought about when differences of opinion grew in reference to the time of year when the feast should be observed. The question was brought before the Council of Nice, and finally settled for the whole church, by adopting the rule which makes Easter day to be always the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens upon, or next after, March 21, and if the full moon happens on Sunday, Easter day is the Sunday after, so that by this arrangement Easter may come as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

## House Burned.

Last Saturday night about eleven o'clock fire was discovered in an unoccupied house situated across Sawkill Creek, above Gordon's mill, and in a short time the building was wholly consumed. It belonged to the Shubiger estate and was about to be occupied as a bottling establishment. Henneberg and Langan, of Port Jervis, had during the day placed some apparatus in it preparatory to beginning business this week. This was destroyed. It is not known how the fire originated but the presumption is that these parties who were busy about the house until nearly six o'clock, may have left some sparks of fire which smoldered for several hours before breaking out. There was no insurance.

The Beer Was Free.

Last Saturday about six hundred barrels of beer were emptied in the river at Honesdale. The tramps and others here on hand with their cans and scooped in all they could out of the sewer. The Honesdale brewers have united, since the formation of the brewing syndicate, in manufacturing at the Irving Cliff brewery, and the Schimpf place was closed April 3, its license having expired a couple of days prior. When the attempt was made to remove the beer from it, the revenue officers would not permit the transfer because no revenue stamps had been procured and affixed while the license was in force, and orders were given to destroy the beer which was done.

## Bottles Were Used

Saturday night a fracas occurred in the barber shop of Herman Koehler on Broad street, during which Lafayette Lattimore was quite severely injured by being struck on the head with a bottle in the hands of Koehler. The gashes necessitated several stitches which were taken by Dr. Kenworthy. The barber was arrested and taken before Wm. Angle who held him in \$300. bail for appearance on Monday for a hearing, at which time he gave bail for appearance at Court.

## Prohibition Meeting.

V. B. Cushing of Maine will lecture in the Court House at Milford Thursday April 14 at 7:30 P. M. He is a man of national reputation and an eloquent and talented orator. Do not miss hearing him.



The Dimmick House.

This House is one of Milford's best known hotels. It was originally built by Samuel Dimmick, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, and coming thereafter to Milford, he began the business which for seventy years has been carried on at the present location. His first opening was in the Pinchot house, which stood across the street, and in 1828 he erected a frame two and one-half story building on the present site of the brick structure. The former was burned in 1855 and immediately after the house now standing was built. For many years and until the Erie Railroad was opened, the Milford and Owego Turnpike was the highway for travel to the West. Mr. Dimmick having acquired control of the stage line, his House became the relay station and general stopping place, and Horace Grooley, who was interested in the Sylvan Society in Lackawaxen Township, made frequent stops. The story is related that one day, having walked some distance on account of an accident to the stage, he came to the hotel rather footsore, and very dusty. He quietly asked the landlord, Mr. Dimmick, if he could have a place, as he desired to wash his feet. The reply was rather gruff, that he could wash his feet in the horse trough where he, Dimmick, washed his. Grooley, without remonstrance, proceeded to obey the direction, when a friend, recognizing him, explained the situation to the brusque proprietor, and the matter was speedily arranged in a different way. After the rebuilding of the house in 1856, Miss Fannie A. Dimmick, the present proprietress, took charge, and with casual interruptions, has ever since wielded the scepter of command.

Many people of note have been sheltered beneath its roof, and enjoyed its hospitality. Hon. James M. Porter, President Judge of this District, Hon. William Jessup, and later his son, Hon. W. H. Jessup, who for many years was an attendant at our courts, were regular guests. Judge Sharswood and Geo. M. Dallas, of Philadelphia, made it their summer home, and poets and artists, such as E. C. Steadman, Launt Thompson, John E. Weir, Wm. Board, Walter Satterlee, and Whittridge found happiness inside its walls.

Many of the characters delineated in 'A Perfect Adonis,' by Mrs. Harris, were inmates during the summer when she wrote that novel. Dr. Alfred Lombis, of New York, was charmed with the town and made Anst Fan's his home while in Milford. Without wishing to even hint at, but to show the unending popularity of the house, it may be generally remarked that for thirty-four years Mr. R. V. R. Stuyvesant has been a regular visitor, and many who swelled the gay and fashionable crowd which thronged its porches in the early seventies, yet return to renew their youth and their early pleasant memories and associations. Time, the thief, may rob the cheek of its bloom, and change the raven hair to silver, but he has never yet succeeded in quenching the vivacity, or quelling the cheery spirit of 'Anst Fan,' who can play the fiddle and cater to the wishes of her guests with all her old-time heartiness.

The Dimmick House has always enjoyed an enviable popularity, which is attested by the fact that even during the winter it usually retains a full complement of guests, and many of those who bid adieu at the close of a summer season, find themselves back at the beginning of the next, more than ever delighted with the prospect of a healthful vacation at a comfortable home.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Spanish Complication. Germany Will Be Neutral. Feeling in Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 4, 1898.

Hark! Hear the mighty refrain Of a nation, shouted again and again: 'Remember the Maine; Down with Spain!'

President McKinley having shown the world that the United States was not seeking a quarrel with Spain, and Spain having declined its last opportunity to give up Cuba peacefully, and having added insult to injury by treating the loss of the Maine as a trivial matter and suggesting that it might be referred to international arbitration, there is no honorable course left to this country except to use force in driving Spain out of Cuba and establishing the independence of Cuba. Congress will this week, upon President McKinley's recommendation, authorize that course, and then there will be war. This war has not been sought by the administration, but every preparation has been made to fight it to a speedy and victorious close. Now that it is almost upon us, there is no doubt or hesitation in any quarter. Steps have already been taken that will result in the necessary legislation by Congress to provide the money needed to carry on war on a scale large enough to make sure that it will be short. There is but one feeling in Washington, and that is, to give Spain a thorough licking, regardless of any attempt that may be made by European powers to prevent it, either by diplomacy or by force.

Captain Sigbee, late Commander of the battleship Maine was the guest of honor at a reception held by the National Geographical Society Saturday night. There was only one fault to be found with this reception. There were thousands who wished to honor Capt. Sigbee by attending, who were unable to secure the invitation required for admittance. There may be another reception tendered him which will be public in fact and not in name only.

Those who are anxious to participate in the war with Spain can best accomplish their purpose by joining the militia at their homes, and it is generally understood in Washington that the militia will be the first troops put in the field, and believed that no other troops will be required outside of the regulars.

Germany has officially announced to this Government its intention to remain neutral in the war between the United States and Spain, but recent diplomatic occurrences have aroused a suspicion that the United States may be up against Germany before the Spanish war has proceeded very far. The suspicious circumstance is a claim made by Germany upon Spain for property destroyed in Cuba by the insurgents. This property was only destroyed about three weeks ago and yet Germany is talking about using force to compel a settlement. It will not greatly surprise diplomats if Spain settles that German claim by ceding to Germany a portion of Cuba or Porto Rico, solely with the intention to defeat the plans of this Government to make Cuba an independent republic. If Germany agreed to such a plan, it would be deliberately done for the purpose of provoking a scrap with us as the Monroe doctrine expressly forbids the acquiring of additional territory on this hemisphere by any European Government and the U. S. has too often reiterated its intention to maintain that doctrine at all hazards for any doubt to exist as to what our position would be in such a case.

Some idea of the feeling in Congress may be gained from the following words of Representative Groot of Vermont, one of the most conservative members in the House. I am in favor of swift and terrible vengeance upon Spain. Up to the present time I have been opposed to any intervention by force in Cuba and I am one of the few republicans who voted against the recognition of Cuban belligerency more than a year ago, when the question was presented to the House. Now I am ready to use our army and Navy to drive the Spanish flag from the island of Cuba, and I will not only follow, but I am prepared to lead in a movement to authorize the President to teach the Spanish Government that she cannot insult this nation with impunity and hide behind the cloak of diplomacy. The American people are inflamed beyond endurance by the method she has employed in dealing with the Cubans, and the destruction of the Maine is an additional cause for an immediate resort to force. It will not do to treat the blowing up of our battleship and the killing of our gallant sailors as simply a distressing incident of the Cuban situation. The destruction of the Maine has done more to fire the American heart than all the long list of cruelties practiced upon the suffering Cubans.

In order to guard against the possibility of trouble from some crank who might get into the White House along with the crowd that throngs the mansion in these exciting days, a number of additional policemen in citizens clothes have been detailed for duty there. These policemen move about the crowd constantly on the alert for any suspicious action on the part of any individual.

Regarding Dr. Swallow and his outfit it can be said with propriety that they are keeping up their hopeless struggle. But a new element has taken possession of the reformers, and is altogether likely that the same individuals who handled Wm. R. Thompson's campaign last fall will shape matters for the coming contest. In accepting the order of the Independents, Dr. Swallow said he would not undertake that his would not prevent him from leading any other party who might desire to make him their choice. This suggestion was offered, of course, in order that he might shelter under the protecting wing of the Prohibition followers.

## 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, April 4.—Quite a stir has been created over the entire State during the past week by the announcement that Secretary of the Commonwealth, David Martin, had resigned as leader of the Philadelphia City Committee, although it had been known that he contemplated this move since the election of Sheriff Crow, of his home city. But coming at this time, just when State politics are assuming tenuous proportions, the announcement was a surprise to his close followers, who exerted their every effort to have him reconsider his decision, but to no avail. Mr. Martin, in his letter of resignation, stated that he was obliged to pursue this course on account of the public office which he holds and private business affairs requiring his entire attention. But it is known that Martin is beginning to realize that he is losing his grip, and that his eloquence will no longer assist him as it has in the past in the way of dictating to the people how they 'must' vote, so in order to let himself down as lightly as possible and to leave the impression that his strength is not wanting, he does so at the expense of the Republican party. To a personal friend he has made the following statement: 'I am convinced that the Republican party is about due for a licking next Fall, owing to the combined issues that have been apparent for some time past. As the recognized leader of the party, I have been assailed and vilified to an extent that would drive any other man away from the party, and I refused to retire under fire and hold on and accomplished everything that I set as a task for myself. With defeat staring the party in the face heroic politics must be resorted to in order to survive, and should victory not be accomplished it will be blamed on me, and this coupled with my official duties as Secretary of the Commonwealth, and other private business leads me to retire from the party leadership, at least so far as my seat in the City Committee is concerned.'

And now look into the matter deeply and find the real cause for this proceeding. It is simply this: Martin and several of his political associates had the idea that it would be the former's privilege to decide who the Republican gubernatorial candidate would be, and at the State Convention next June his choice would be ratified by the delegates. But not so, and now he is pursuing the same course as the Spanish king in Gale's Reminiscences. There is not one person who will dispute that Mr. Martin was a strong leader, but on the other hand they do not sanction his actions at this time when everybody should pull together and work harmoniously.

## THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES.

The fight for delegates to the Republican State convention continues but things have shaped themselves definitely and it is generally conceded that Colonel Wm. A. Stone will be the gubernatorial nominee. A majority of the delegates have already been chosen and the greater portion, although uninstructed, are favorable to Stone. The Warramaker people do not admit this to be the case and are still striving to create a sentiment in favor of the defeated Senatorial candidate. 'This is a different thing to do for Stone's canvass was made early and when the fact is considered that patriotic associations, and the public in general favor his candidacy it is an unwise move to attempt to thwart their desire. Less than sixty days remain until the time of the convention, June 24, and on that date, as I predicted several months ago, the champion of immigration will be declared the nominee. The candidates for Lieutenant Governor are numerous, but Senator S. J. M. Carrell's chances are the brightest.

As to the situation in Democratic circles it must be said that Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, looks like a winner. He has repeatedly been mentioned in former years as the party's leader, but for some unaccountable reason never received the nomination. This time it is different, for Mr. Guffey is managing his own campaign, adheres strictly to party principles and does not place as much confidence in flattering reports as heretofore. The Patterson boom is receiving little encouragement and it is my candid opinion that Guffey will have a walk-over in the convention.

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