

BRIEF MENTION.

Pillsbury's votes at Mitchell's.

The Monroe Co. Democratic primaries will be held to-morrow.

To Let, on Harford St., furnished house with large grounds. Inquire at Press Office.

For job printing come to the Press Office.

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

Spanish vessels will now be allowed to load and clear from our ports.

Captain Sigbee, of the St. Paul, has been promoted three numbers.

Bob Evans is said to have typhoid malaria and will be taken to Roosevelt Hospital.

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

Charles O. Kaiser, who was convicted of the murder of his wife and sentenced to be hung Sept. 6 at Norristown, committed suicide in his cell last week by severing several small arteries with a piece of watch spring taken from a clock. The matter is being investigated.

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

The Sussex Record is being greatly improved as a news medium, and seems to be "getting there" at a rapid pace.

The commission appointed to enquire as to the sanity of Mrs. J. C. Wilmerding, confined in Bloomingdale asylum, failed to agree, and she was returned. The Journal of Sunday published a long letter from her in which she asserted her mental soundness.

Clarence N. Andrews, editor of the Free Press has been appointed Post Master at Easton. We might say another good man gone to his reward.

John I. Blair was 96 years old last Monday Aug. 23. He is still in good health and retains his mental vigor and has lived in his present residence nearly 80 years.

A paragraph is floating around among the neighboring county papers that dysentery is epidemic in Pike and some over 60 cases are reported. This is an old story of hearing news away from home. So far as we can learn there is no foundation for this statement whatever.

Strable's cider mill opened for business this week. Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays will be devoted to the squeezing business for the present.

Charles Nobs team indulged in a burst of speed last Monday afternoon from Strables mill to Pletchers blacksmith shop, where it brought up against Travis' wagon, throwing him out and damaging his vehicle. A broken tongue and some other slight injuries were the results.

A. T. Searle, Esq., of Honesdale, is asking Judge Butler to appoint him Commissioner of Bankruptcy for Wayne and Pike.

Work was resumed on the M. & N. Y. R. R. this week with an increased force of men and there is now considerable activity on the upper end of the line.

Some persons recently entered the Union School house in Dingman Twp. and broke a number of panes of glass, injured maps, and did considerable other damage. A similar offence was committed last year and the directors now know the guilty parties. A prompt settlement will doubtless prevent prosecution.

A couple of young ladies from the Criseman House narrowly escaped drowning Wednesday while bathing in the river. They accidentally got in deep water.

A very enjoyable Progressive Euchre Party was given at the Fauchere House last Saturday evening, by the Misses Murray and Brock, and Mrs. de Thulstrup, guests at the hotel. Mrs. L. H. Walker won the ladies' first prize, and Mr. W. E. Slowl, Jr., the gentlemen's. After the prizes were awarded, delicious refreshments were served.

A well known man makes this pertinent enquiry: "Isn't it natural for icicles to become somewhat soft in August, or even earlier in the season?" Well, that is one of nature's laws.

Ladies' fine shoes 99 cents; men's shoes reduced from \$3.00 to \$1.50 at T. Armstrong & Co's.

The weather? Well, even the thought of an icicle aids to keep one cool.

Notwithstanding the warning sounded by Mr. Bolony, the Press will "make itself still more ridiculous by attacking the clear record of our popular representative," at the proper time. His henchmen opened the ball and there is no reason why it should not be kept rolling. The issue cannot be sidetracked by a lot of irrelevant trash.

General Merritt now rules as Governor of the Philippines and Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, has issued commands to his forces to lay down their arms.

The severe storm of Tuesday caused the river to rise rapidly Wednesday. The water rose seven feet that day.

Over one hundred thousand volunteers will be mustered out of the service this week and returned to their homes.

Two Spaniards recently went up in a balloon and came down of different nationalities. One came down a rushin' and the other struck among telegraph wires and came down a pole.

The Spanish Peace Commission, it is believed, will be made up as follows: Secretary Day, Senator Davis, of Minnesota, Senator Frye, of Maine, ex-Secretary of the Navy Tracy and Justice White.

By a cave in of a tunnel on the Pan Handle Railway, near Carnegie, Tuesday morning, eight persons were buried under tons of earth and killed, and several were badly hurt.

Daniel Counterman, of Tobvha-na, attempted suicide by stopping up one end of a small piece of gas pipe, drilling a hole in it, charging, and firing the contents in his abdomen.

A SEVERE STORM.

A very heavy thunder storm passed over parts of Orange and Sullivan counties Tuesday evening. The lightning which seemed like one incessant sheet of flame was plainly seen here and was dazzlingly brilliant. Tongues of zigzag fire darted angrily athwart the sky and presented a weird view of the bombardment of the heavens by nature's wonderful artillery. A dull rumble like the roar of distant guns accompanied it and it was evident that some where to the north a fearful storm was in progress.

At Wartsboro it was severe and at Monticello the rain came down in torrents and several barns were struck and burned. At Hancock and Hankins the storm was furious and at the latter place there was a washout on the Erie. At Middletown the storm was the worst ever experienced. The S. & W. freight house was struck and fired but saved and several residences were injured. Many trees were hit and the telegraph and telephone service badly damaged. Crops were knocked down and the lowlands along the streams flooded.

WANTS TO BE FORGIVEN.

James E. Thornton who abandoned his wife and several small children at Milford some sixteen years ago is reported as having written her that he was desirous of returning.

Mrs. Thornton deserves and receives great credit for the manner in which she has reared the family all of the boys being industrious and trustworthy young men who have the confidence of the community. As for the absconding husband we prefer to hear his explanation before giving comment.

Real Estate Transfers.

Maurice S. Quinn, et. ux. to Charles Grassman, dated July 11, 1898, farm in Westfall, 96 acres; consideration, \$3,500.

Calvin Van Benschoten, Jr., et. al. to William H. Van Benschoten, dated July 24, 1897, lot in Lackawaxen; con. \$1.

William H. Van Benschoten, et. ux. to Walter S. Palmer, dated July 26, town lots in Lackawaxen; consideration \$250.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

The School Directors of Dingman Township will receive bids on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 2 P. M., on the grounds, for rebuilding the school house at Germantown. Plans may be seen on the day of sale. By order of THE BOARD, Dingman Twp., Aug. 15. 3w

PERSONAL.

Jabez Simons, one of Greene's most reputable citizens visited Milford last Friday on business.

T. C. Brown, Secy. of the Monroe County Agricultural Society, accompanied by his wife, attended the races at P. J. a couple of days last week, and also made a brief stay at Milford.

H. C. Cunningham, of Port Jervis, is partly spending his vacation in this vicinity soliciting subscriptions to a history of the war with Spain.

Dr. Otis Avery, of Honesdale, probably the oldest practicing dentist in the U. S., has just celebrated his 90 birthday. He has applied the forceps for 65 years and for 45 where he now resides.

A passion flower vine in the yard of the Vandermark Hotel attracts much attention. The flowers are unique and beautiful beyond description. They last one day and then fade. There are still many blossoms on the plant and it is well worth viewing.

George Panley, a post office employee, and Albert Berkey, of Easton, have been fishing this week at Courtright's, in Porter, with unusual success. On the way to Milford they saw three bears, an old one and two cubs.

Miss Edith Houston, Miss Francis Grimley, Miss Mamie Andress, Norman Andress, William Andress, Thos. Grimley, John Grimley and C. F. Brinck, all of N. Y., are sojourning at the Ferry with Wm. Kilsby in Dingmans.

Miss Fannie Lutz, who for several weeks has been visiting in Decker-town, returned to Milford this week.

Harry Milligan was the holder of the lucky number at the drawing last Saturday night for a wheel at Rutan's. He had the choice of the shop and took a "Barkley."

It is reported that President McKinley, Vice President Hobart, and Attorney General Griggs will visit Lake Hopatcong this week. The two latter gentlemen are members of the Country Club, which owns a house at the lake.

Col. A. E. Lewis has returned to Milford after an absence of several weeks.

Rev. W. R. Neff, of the M. E. Church, is absent on his vacation, and his pulpit will be occupied next Sabbath morning and evening by Mrs. Whitehead, of Dingmans.

L. S. Hoffman, of the East Stroudsburg Lumber Co., was in Milford Tuesday on business matters.

Jacob Fromme Esq., of New York, a brother of the Register of that city, is sojourning at the Hotel Fauchere.

The marriage of Miss Saushine Donaldson, of Ardornish Farm in Delaware to Frank Ford of N. Y. will take place in St John's Church to-morrow.

GENERAL GRANT'S OPINION OF GOLF.

General U. S. Grant when in Scotland, heard a great deal about golf, and, being a guest at a country house expressed a wish to see how it was played. Accordingly, his host went out with him into the park. The host "teed" the ball and "waggled" the club with all due solemnity, and the General's expectations ran high as he observed these impressive preliminaries. Presently there was a heavy thud, a flight of turf, and the little ball still sat on the tee. Again, and yet again, a thud heavier than before with the turf flying with ball unmoved, and the golfer perspiring and perplexed. Thereupon Gen. Grant gently remarked: "There seems to be a fair amount of exercise in the game, but I fail to see the use of the ball."

EXCURSION TO CARBONDALE.

The Erie will afford our people a ride over the famous Gravity Railroad from Honesdale to Carbondale on Monday Aug. 29, at the popular rate of \$1.00 from Port Jervis to Carbondale and return. This is one of the most interesting and delightful excursions ever offered and no doubt a large number of people from this vicinity will take this opportunity to visit Carbondale and the coal mines. The special train will leave Port Jervis at 9:15 a. m. Monday, August 29, and remember the fare is only \$1.00 for the round trip.

Dewey will dock and clean his ships in the British yards at Hong Kong.

STAMP TAX DECISIONS.

The Department has given an opinion on the case of bonds accompanying mortgages, which says: "In all cases where a mortgage is accompanied by a note or bond for the amount secured by the mortgage, the note or bond which is in effect a promissory note, is subject to a stamp tax as provided in schedule "A" under the head of bills of exchange, etc. This requires that a tax of two cents for each \$100 shall be affixed to every bond attached to a mortgage or when a bond contains a clause or stipulation promising to pay a certain amount, the instrument will be subject to taxation as a promissory note according to the rule provided therefor, and this is notwithstanding the fact that the mortgage may be for a sum of \$1,000 or less. The Commissioner seems to consider a mortgage as a defeasible deed, as distinct from an agreement for the payment of money."

AN UNREASONABLE BOARDER.

John Warning who for some time has been lodging and boarding at the Hotel de Hissam for some reason became dissatisfied with his cozy quarters, and last Saturday night departed. Some slight efforts at restraint had been made which probably annoyed his peripatetic inclinations, and he easily shook them off, and took liberty.

The lock on the cell is a spring lock which easily opens by sliding back and with the aid of a piece of wood he performed this simple operation and was then in the corridor where he was confronted by a formidable cordon of 1/2 iron bars standing in a semi-circle around the door. He just raised one of them a couple of inches from the floor bent it back and crawled out, went down stairs opened a window and again breathed the pure air of freedom. His flagrant offense was stealing a ride on the Erie.

HYMENEAL.

Prey-Ryan.

Mr. Van Efton Prey of Matamoras and Miss Martha Ryan of Port Jervis were united in marriage by Rev. U. Symonds at Grace rectory, Sunday afternoon at five o'clock.

It was a very quiet affair only the contracting parties being present with the groom's sister, Miss Lottie Prey, who together with Mrs. Symonds, Miss Amelia Symonds and Thos. C. Campbell, witnessed the marriage ceremony.

Mr. Prey is well and favorably known in this village and Matamoras. He was for some time employed in Redeker's meat market but now holds a position with the lunch wagon of Mr. Wm. Clapper. The bride has a host of friends who will join in wishing them long life and the fullest measure of happiness in their new state.

THE NEXT STATE SENATOR.

A rumor comes from Carbon Co. that a candidate is in training over there for the Senatorship from this District. The alleged reason is, if Lauer beats Barber for the conference, the nomination for Congress may go to Monroe, and in that event, notwithstanding the agreement as to rotation, a Carbon man might capture the Senatorial nomination. That was the situation here in 1894, when Hart was nominated for Congress, and yet the other counties did not hesitate to honor the rotation agreement and nominate Rowland." However, if the Democrats want a Democratic scalp there can be no Republican objection to their taking it, since the bounty is off.

CHEAP EXCURSION.

On Sunday August 28, a great social gathering will take place at Binghamton and its beautiful Ross Park. Friends and residents from the valleys of the "Delaware" "Susquehanna" "Chemung" and "Catskill" will meet and join with friends in the modern "parlor city" for a day of pleasant social recreation. The popular Erie R. Co. has made this occasion possible by offering cheap excursions from P. J., Honesdale, Carbondale, Hornellsville and all intermediate stations at rates that are cheaper than staying at home. Every body and their neighbors are going.

Train will leave P. J. at 7:30. Fare round trip only \$1.25. 3w.

The Middletown Moving Forum has new owners, who for the present withhold their names.

A MAGNIFICENT SIGHT.

The naval parade in New York harbor last Saturday was a magnificent spectacle, when Sampson's fleet, consisting of the New York, Massachusetts, Oregon, Brooklyn, Indiana, Iowa and Texas, in the order named, passed in review before hundreds of thousands of spectators. The day was perfect and every conceivable kind of river craft carried loads of human freight, while the shores on both sides of the river, from the Battery to Grant's tomb, were lined with people, occupying every available spot. The grim machines, painted a dull gray, except the Texas, which was black, slowly forged their way along amid the escort of vessels of all descriptions. The "jacksies" in their white duck suits were lined up on the respective ships and the officers stood on the after decks, receiving the plaudits and homage of the admiring and enthusiastic throng.

Flags fluttered everywhere, steam whistles shrieked, the multitude hurraed, and the roar of guns punctuated the lexham of noise. Behind all the gayety one was impressed with the terrible power and sullen grimness of these monsters of war, and could easily realize that at one short, sharp word of command the guns would thunder with tongues of darting flame, and each vessel would become a volcano of fire, hurling death and destruction.

As the ships turned at the resting place of the Nation's hero, the salutes were fired and wreaths of smoke floated up from the muzzles of the guns, giving the beholder some slight idea of how they appeared in action, and also imprinting on the mind a realistic picture which can never be effaced.

They have performed wonders and demonstrated their capacity for fulfilling their mission in war. May their guns never again be called upon to fire other than friendly salutes.

ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.

Last Saturday night George Gregory, residing on Seventh Street, heard a noise, as of closing the lid of a desk. Hastily rising he loaded a shot gun, and hearing some persons attempting to force open the door leading to the hall, which had swelled by reason of dampness and did not yield readily, he fired from the window of a room above, expecting that in going out the intruders might come within range, but they opened the front door and hastily escaped. Entrance had been effected at a rear window. Nothing had been taken, as the two apparently composing the party had been disturbed before having an opportunity to ransack the premises.

COMMUNICATED.

EDITOR PRESS: Our friend H. of Layton, once in a while speaks of good roads. He has paid Montague a compliment in speaking of the improvements which have been made between the Brick House and Tri States. Instead of complimenting Sandyston on its improving the River road, the traveller will find rocks, stones and what not as soon as he leaves the Montague line. Frank Black, the efficient Overseer on the District below the Brick House, has done well, not by applying gutter mud, but gravel to his district. It has been clearly demonstrated that gutter mud, no matter how thickly piled into the road, (we have had samples here) will not make permanent roads and the labor is only thrown away. Give us gravel every time. Why Sandyston authorities allow the River road to remain in its present condition goes ahead of the M. N. K.

DELAWARE NOTES.

For various reasons the fence club delayed meeting until after the returns from the Democratic primaries.

The republicans appeared on time and took positions on the rail coal and wise as owls with nothing to say. The faithful, dyed in the green, fast colors, stepped up briskly and with a hop took their accustomed places on the fence, but another lot came straggling up from all directions without any kind of greetings for any one. They were the ripe elements of the democrats whose candidate for sheriff had been beaten, the cowboy said by about

One remarked that the two sheriff candidates lived on opposite sides of the deep hollow, and one or the

other must get in the hole later on.

40 majority. They were a sorry looking lot. The meeting came to order and as it was announced each party had now selected candidates Nov. must decide whether Pike would still preserve her greenness.

The wife of one of the members of the club sent in a request that her husband be dissuaded from joining the church lest he become a shouter and then there would be no living with him.

E. P. U's. lazy John was proposed for membership in the club and a stir of disgust was evident. Some were willing he should be ballotted for, but the respectable members slid off the rail and started home leaving the birds of a feather to flock.

Some members still persist in trying to make hay while it rains, and one backwoods member asked how he could get feed for his horses with no currency but the old fashioned kind, rail road ties. This was a poser, and the committee will answer later on.

It is reported that Geo. Horton has concluded to run for sheriff as an independent candidate. He is very acceptable to the public and many members of the club are happy to have such a man to vote for.

CAESAR.

MONTAGUE.

MR. EDITOR: It has been such a damp week and I have had lots of time to hold down the Nail Keg, so I concluded to change the style of my letter and let you see how you like it.

CHURCH AFFAIRS.

The S. S. Picnic last Thursday did not attract a very large crowd. Dinner was served in the church.

Communion Service was held Sunday evening last.

The M. E. S. S. is making preparations for an entertainment to be given in the near future.

Builder Ed. Brown, Henry Canne, of Milford, Fred Goble, of Port Jervis, and Chas. Gran, of Hainesville, were present Saturday at the meeting of the Committee. Bids will be open next Saturday and the question then will be settled, church or no church.

PERSONALS.

Miss Johanna Spoer, of Astoria, L. I., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Randle Sayre.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Westbrook and family, of Jersey city, are stopping at George Armstrongs.

Prof. W. S. Casterlin, of Pittston, Pa., made a short call here last week.

Hiram Hankins, of Bevans, was up here Thursday.

Miss A. E. Casterlin is still in a critical condition.

Aunt Hannah Westbrook has presented to the L. A. S. a fancy sofa pillow of silk and velvet artistically worked by her own hands. Aunt Hannah is now over seventy years of age.

Cyrus Custard looks as hale as he did twenty years ago when he resided in Montague.

H. of Layton passed through here Friday. I met him in Milford and we enjoyed a pleasant chat. Will he please accept our thanks for the favor shown us last week.

Floyd Goble, of Port Jervis drove here Saturday.

Lightning struck a chestnut tree near Shady Glen, a ladder leaning against a cherry tree near the barn of Jackson Brink and finished up Gotfried Wieland's pear tree.

John Kyte lost his cow last week. He found her with her neck broken.

Pat. Dannehue, of Port Jervis, was the owner of the fine young mare which died last Thursday on the farm of G. D. Westbrook.

John Bigart has been appointed member of the Democratic Central Committee from this town.

Harold Chambers and G. D. Westbrook will serve as petit jurors at the September term of our County court.

Contractor Sam Raymond, of Port Jervis, has completed the new dwelling house of Loren T. Cole. The building is an ornament to the town and a credit to the builder.

Jake McCarty expects a fair crop of peaches.

Any one who will steal out of a parsonage garden will do worse.

The old settler remarked: Tappan-town has its six months' Raines' law license.

The time for Montague caucuses and election is drawing near and a New York State saloon, about one hundred feet from the Montague polling place, scoops in all the benefits.

Some people are never satisfied with what the Lord has given them. They crave everything in sight, and still want more.

Who ever heard of Indians burying shovels and plow shares? But then the fools are not all dead yet, and give us an old fool for a big fool.

If somebody don't have a nice time before they get through, I'll be darned if I write any more while sitting on the NAIL KEG.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 22, '98.

President McKinley is still working about 18 hours out of every 24 trying to get things in such shape that he can get away from Washington for a few days of much needed rest. He could not get over to N. Y. to see the review of Sampson and Schley's ships, but he was represented by the entire cabinet, excepting Secretary Day, and Secretary Long. He has, as yet, only definitely settled upon two members of the peace commission—Secy. Day and Senator Davis—but expects to announce the other three this week. He isn't pleased with the attitude of the Spanish either in Spain or in Cuba, but is biding his time to bring them to their senses, should positive action on his part become necessary.

Secretary Alger has been pursued by the fakers of political news for sometime, but none of their misrepresentations have been greater than were contained in the story that he was to aid Gov. Pingree to defeat Senator Burrows and that Senator McMillan was to leave the Senate for the Diplomatic Service and Secretary Alger to take his place in the Senate. It can be stated upon the highest authority that the whole story was built upon imagination, started to work by Gov. Pingree's call upon Secretary Alger, while he was in Washington and his accompanying him to N. Y. to see the naval review. Unless he changes his mind Secretary Alger will not even take an active part in the Michigan campaign this year, and he says he has no idea of leaving the Cabinet to enter the senate.

Those pensioners who have attached revenue stamps to vouchers and other official documents, sent to the Pension Bureau have spent money they might have kept. Revenue stamps are not required upon any pension papers. Commissioner Evans has taken special pains to disseminate this information, in order that the pensioners may save their money.

Representative Overstreet, of Indiana, Secretary of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee has returned to Washington from a tour of the western states and will remain at Committee headquarters until the campaign is over. He said: The glorious achievements of the war will give the republican party a good advantage in the campaign. In Indiana the party was never in better condition to carry the state. There the fight will be entirely on National issues. Mr. Overstreet thinks the republicans will make decided gains all through the west.

Representative Mudd, of Md., whose renomination will be made this week says the fight will be made in his district under the Slogan "gold and growth" the intention being to emphasize the devotion of the party in the district to the gold standard and to the policy of holding all the territory over which our flag has been hoisted. Mr. Mudd expresses confidence that Md. will again go republican and that five out of the six members of Congress to be elected will be republican.

An official of the Department of State whose position makes it necessary for him to be well up in international law, disposed of all the fool talk about this or that foreign government being engaged in negotiating with Spain for the purchase of a naval or coaling station in the Philippines, by saying: "By the terms of the protocol entirely aside from the surrender at Manila, Spain parted from her sovereignty over the Philippine Islands, and the sovereignty will lie in abeyance until the work of the peace commission, which will meet at Paris, Oct. 1, is concluded."

The American members of the Cuban and Porto Rican Military Commission with the exception of Gen. Brooke, who is in Porto Rico have been ordered to come to Washington to receive instructions upon such portions of their duties as are not necessarily left to their discretion. It is not likely that either commission will get to work before the first week in Sept. and it may be later. How long it will take them to complete their work is something which must be guessed at without any data to base a guess.