

# The Penn's Grove Record

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Just think of a city like Jersey City having a political contest and suits in court over water. If it were over beer people would not think so much of it, but pure water is becoming a luxury there.

In the first three months of this year there were 74 bank failures. These gold bugs are being consumed in their own fire for when they help destroy the prosperity of those farmers and merchants on whom they depend for deposits and borrowers they destroy themselves.

Outside of Trenton there is not a newspaper in the State that favored the measure known as the Delaware Dam bill, and the Trenton papers give it their support only because the private corporation that is to obtain a State grant worth several million dollars is composed of wealthy citizens of Trenton.

General Nelson A. Miles, Commander of the Army, has at his own request been ordered to proceed to Europe for the purpose of observing the military movements in the war between Turkey and Greece, and he will start as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, probably next week, unless the war is fought to a close before he can get ready.

New York city paid a glowing tribute this week to General Grant by dedicating an magnificent and stately sepulchral monument in which his body will permanently rest. New York can well afford to do it for within two weeks after his inauguration as President he called Congress together and had a bill passed to increase the national debt six hundred millions. They can afford to do the same thing for Grover Cleveland when he dies, for increasing the sale and value of their bonds.

Colonel Jesse E. Payton, known as the "father of Centennials," died in Haddonfield on Wednesday, aged 82 years. He is widely known as the man who conceived and did much to mature the several centennial celebrations in this country, beginning with the one in 1876 to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of our country. His last conception was to a world wide celebration at Jerusalem in 1900 to celebrate the nineteen hundred birthday of Jesus Christ, by showing the universal good will gathering of all mankind.

Japan has not adopted the gold standard. But eight hundred banks have been started over there, and they want to control the currency of the empire, and draw interest on every yen that the people use. So they have introduced a bill into the lower house of the Japanese diet to cut down basic money, and substitute bank credit inflations of scarce gold. This "mint bill," it is thought has no prospect of success; but if it goes through, Japan will soon have suspensions of specie payments, frequent panics, and all blessings of that kind now enjoyed by the United States. But she will ruin her export trade, and this will be good for England, and for American carpets, silks and bicycles. The destruction of Japan now depends on how many Sherman and Cleveland she has for politicians.—Ex.

The fight over the Dingley tariff bill in the Finance Committee of the U. S. Senate is becoming quite warm. Western Senators, who represent cattle and sheep grazing constituents want a duty on hides and wool. These are the two principal products of farmers that have to compete with import products from other countries. This country raises a large surplus of food products but imports large number of hides which are made into foot wear and American shoe manufacturers beat the world since the invention of the Goodyear machine, and export shoes largely. This country imports also much wool for carpets and clothing, and as sheep raisers are the principal farmers who have to meet a paid lobby at Washington working for a prohibitory tariff on wool. The foreign competition at home. They have eastern manufacturers want a high tariff on shoes, boots and wooden goods, but free hides and wool. The only benefit western men receive from protection is on hides and wool and they want their share, no matter how much higher clothing and shoes are made.

The Ledger says, "As for the matter of Cuba President McKinley is following exactly in the footsteps of Mr. Cleveland greatly to the chagrin of the Jingo element in the Republican party." Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., in a sermon preached last Sunday in New York said that he was burdened with a fear before the election of McKinley that the present Administration would be one specially distinguished for its commercial spirit; that it would sacrifice everything to that idea. Since the election that fear has been intensified. The Administration has shown that its tendencies are towards commerce to the exclusion of patriotism. The Spanish Consul in Florida, "rules the State from Jacksonville to Key West. His minions patrol the beach day and night, and arrest people without warrant of law. This is directly in violation of the promises of the Administration. The Spanish flag is flaunting in our harbor to-day; I don't want to see it, because I know it is flying over American citizens imprisoned in Cuban dungeons."

The Philadelphia Record says, "It is also believed that, in the language of friends of the cause, 'Cuba has been laid on the shelf.' It is mortifying, of course, after all the castigation of the Cleveland Administration for its inactivity, to have the McKinley Administration following in precisely the same path."

## The Delaware Dam Bill.

On Friday of last week Gov. Griggs gave another hearing on the bill which is designed to allow a corporation to dam the Delaware River. No one wants it outside of a corporation in Trenton who want to reap a fortune off the water power to be derived no matter how much the natural water and fishing rights may be damaged.

One of the principal movers for the bill is Senator W. H. Skirm, a Trenton "business" man. All the scientific fish culturists in the country believe it would greatly injure the fishing interest of the Delaware, especially the shad fishing interest. Senator Skirm said the fishing industry objection amounted to nothing as compared with the probable increase in wealth to two States in case of the harnessing of the water power of the river, which was going to waste. He was prepared to prove that only four rafts had come down the river since the first of January, and, besides, provisions were made for raft ways.

Fred Dixon, of Philadelphia, spoke on the practicability of fishways. He said they had been successfully used at Rangely Lake, and said that with dams they aided in the multiplication of fish. The objections to the bill were due to a misconception of probable results. He gave extracts from the report of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission of 1882, edited by Mr. W. E. Meehan, approving of fishways. The one at Columbia on the Susquehanna withstood the ice and was used without any difficulty by the shad. The dam in the Delaware at Lackawaxen added 100 miles of shad water in the river, and shad were found in great numbers above Burroughs Dam, thirty-eight miles of the headwaters of the river. He denied that small shad would be killed in the raceways, as young shad seek the middle of the river.

President Moore said that a dam of three feet at Trenton would produce 1200 horse power at the full flow of the river, and the power could be transmitted a distance of twenty-five miles.

Mr. Meehan was called on by the Governor and said that the report referred to by Mr. Dixon was a compilation of statements furnished the Commission and which contained many inaccuracies that would be corrected in the Commission's publication now in the hands of the printers. Mr. Meehan read a letter from ex-Fish Commissioner Lathrop, of Massachusetts, which said that no shad were caught above the Holyoke dam and that for shad fishways were impracticable. There was no authoritative case of shad going up the fishways of the dams. It was well known, the letter continued, that the shad was so timid that it would often refuse to cross a shadow in the water.

Mr. Meehan corroborated these statements generally by a letter from United States Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, and read a detailed statement from United States Fish Commissioner Brice, showing the depopulation of shad in rivers containing dams, especially the Connecticut river, which once ranked next to the Potomac river in the shad industry, but in which now there is no shad industry. The catch of shad in the Delaware last year was over 1,000,000, worth at the nets nearly \$500,000. As to the Lackawaxen dam, it was only three feet high and was generally covered even with water on both sides, so that the shad were not compelled to use its fishways in ascending. The proposed bill permitted a dam ten feet high. It is well known that fishways get choked up, and because of them the industry in the Susquehanna had been ruined. In answer to a question from the Governor Mr. Meehan said that the practicability of a fishway for shad depended on the height of the dam.

Mr. Chase pointed out that he did not see how the Governor could sign the bill, as an act of Congress gave the Government a jurisdiction over navigable streams, and it had been held that navigable streams were all open streams as well as those with a tide. The reading of the bill showed that all the water of the river could be diverted from the original course. Mr. Chase said he found nothing in the bill to prevent the acquisition of homesteads or cemeteries by the companies.

Civil Engineer Ridge claimed that the water power of the river, according to the reports of the New Jersey Geological Survey, showed only fifty and seven tenths horsepower per foot fall, which, with a three-foot dam, would produce only about 150 horsepower, while those favorable to the bill claimed that there was 1300 horsepower. The flow of water above Trenton was 1314 cubic feet per second, of which amount 383 feet were diverted to the feeder of the Delaware and Raritan canal and 434 feet diverted to the stream of the Trenton Water Power Company.

A new law passed by the Legislature makes it \$100 fine, or ten days imprisonment, to run bounds and horses up on or across lands with out the consent of the owner or tenant. This will kill the fox chasing by the English gentry in New Jersey.

William J. Bryan to day fills a great place in the public eye as the President of the United States. The enthusiasm he evokes wherever he goes is equal to any he aroused during the campaign and his speeches are listened to with as much interest as ever. He spoke to 4,000 in Cincinnati last week. He cleared \$16,000 on his book the first month.

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## RAY SIDE BUBBLES.

Caviar, N. J., April 27, 1897.

As it is blowing a gale of wind to-day, and no fishing can be done, the thought came to the writer, why not send a few lines to the Record? As you are well aware, all of the sturgeon fishermen are now here on the fishing grounds, but up to date very few sturgeon have been caught. The word hope is anchored to every fisherman's breast, and they think Dame Fortune will smile upon them bye and bye, and all will have a good season. A great many new firms have gone into the business, and it looks as if the business will soon be overdone unless the Commissioners of our state advocate the propagation of sturgeon and the law for preservation of mammooses is strictly enforced.

At a rough estimate there are over 100 boats fishing for sturgeon from this point, while I suppose from Cohasset Creek there are as many more. Taking both sides of Delaware Bay down to the mouth, at least 500 boats are engaged in sturgeon fishing, so you may know the magnitude of the sturgeon industry upon the Bay and River named after Lord Delaware.

There are a few shad fishermen here yet, but this week, in all probability, wind up shad fishing, and sturgeon nets will be put on their skiffs. Also there is a firm engaged in catching and shipping cels to the New York market, Capt. J. Curdren and mate Isaac P. Simpkins. This firm had quite an exciting time in making their trip from Penn's Grove to Bay Side, having to run their crack sloop, Edna B., on shore on account of stress of weather. Heavy gales carried their mast away, but thanks to the good seamanship of the mate, Mr. Simpkins, the sloop was safely gotten into this port.

Perhaps it would be of interest to you and readers to know who are making their homes here during the fishing season, waiting to bring home fortunes by the catching of sturgeon and making of caviar. Not to be egotistical, I will commence with the way, as I consist of seven boats and a crew of eighteen for the sturgeon, Mr. Thos. Connelly, to cook and pack dinner kettles for. The youngest member of my crew is Fred W. Shannon, of Penn's Grove, who, by the way, is now a first class caviar becker. There seems to be only one thing to bother and annoy Fred, and that is, there is no Barber nearer than Penn's Grove than suits him. See?

Capt. Curdren and mate Simpkins are anchored in their sloop just behind the ice house in a safe and snug harbor. I had occasion to go by their craft this noon time and the genial captain asked me to come on board and taste some peach dumpling which mate Simpkins had made for dinner. Upon examination I found Isaac had forgotten to use any yeast powder and also put the dried peaches in the dumplings without cooking them, and now the captain dare not go out to examine his catch for fear of sinking in case of falling overboard.

Mr. William Anderson, of Pedricktown, is situated upon the right hand side of the creek and his outfit consists of 5 boats. Mrs. Anderson and daughter are with Capt. Anderson and take charge of the culinary department. Next in order comes the combine of Sparks, Eish, Buckleup & Co., using 4 boats to capture the shad heads. A little farther up the creek are situated the camps of E. E. Bright and George Watson, having 4 boats.

Point Airy, named on account of being the first turn in the creek, is occupied by Reeves & Armstrong who man two boats and have the only female manufacturer of caviar upon the Bay or River, who also acts as stewardess. Madame rumor has it, frozen caviar was given the Jolly tars of this camp recently, and Gus Johnson, who fishes with Mr. Reeves, put the custard in the oven to warm, saying, "frozen food is not good for sailors."

A few rods from this camp comes Patten Bros., who have for their Chief de purveyor, Mr. Linn Thompson. I had a pleasant and confidential chat a short time ago with Mr. Thompson, and in confidence he said, "Shannon, old boy, I rather enjoy this cooking for sturgeon fishermen, but I'll be glad when the season ends, for if nothing happens upon my return to Penn's Grove, and I can get a certain one to say 'yes' to a question which lies deep in my bosom. Mr. Thompson will travel in double harness the rest of his life." Let us hope this question will be answered to Mr. Thompson's entire satisfaction.

Next in line we come to Bowen & Bros., who are running 3 boats and who have to prepare puddings and custards, and to look after their larder, Mrs. Bowen. So you may know that the right one is at the helm. Eli and Billy Strimble are close neighbors to the last camp mentioned and are fishing two boats. Billy says the wood while Eli burns the ham, at least that is what Billy says, so it must be true. J. B. Souders & Co. are just beyond Strimble's camp and use 4 boats. "Use 4 boats," you may say, "but they are not fishing." Well, their general manners have won the confidence of all the fishermen.

I have mentioned all of the principal firms along the creek, so will come to those along the railroad. The first is Mr. Davis, who is running 2 boats, and has a sloop as tender to go out among his fleet and get the sturgeon as soon as caught. Frank Gallagher is fishing 5 nets and has the naupha napha, Elsie May, formerly owned by his brother, to tow his fleet in and out to the fishing grounds. E. Gillman has his camp at the wharf, in the rear of the ice house, and will fish 4 boats and buy from some outsiders.

Now, Mr. Editor, I go from the Mainland to the Island of Cuba, not where butcher Weyer slaughters the innocent, but to an island named Cuba by the fishermen, where are Mr. Robt. Murlin, Vice President of the sturgeon fishermen's Ass'n, of N. J., and John Galin, who, in all, fish 8 boats. Do you remember Bill Brown? Well, this genial fellow is handling the pots, pans and kettles, and burning water for Jack, while Uncle Amos Morris prepares hash, cakes, jellies, charlotte russe, and pastry of all kinds for Mr. Murlin. Of course I know by this time the foreman of the Record is blessing me, for so much scribbling, so will close by saying the latch string hangs outside of the door. Come down and see the occupants of Meadow Sweet and accept the hospitality of your truly.  
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