Spanish American War - Patchogue

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in the
SPANISH - AMERICAN WAR
(& Its Immediate Aftermath):

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as Reported in Microfilmed Pages of the Patchogue Advance,
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(of National, State, & Regional News, in Local Context)

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January, 1898

- "Which Side Gets It? -- Right of Way for Branch Track to Lace Mill --
  Both Sides Want It -- How Bad Do They Want It? It Ought to Be Given
  at Once," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 1.


- "Sayville Foot Ball Team Badly Beaten by the Patchoguers," Patchogue
  Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 1.

- "Special January Sale of Shoes and Underwear...W.B.
  Dickerson," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 1.
• "New Year's Eve Ball," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 1.

• "Anti-Saloon League Formed," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 1.

• "Neighboring News Items," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 1.

• "The County Committee Chairmanship," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 4.


• "A Lively Old Blacksmith," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 4.

• "New Year Thoughts -- Why the Day is Always Welcome to Old as Well as Young -- Junius Henri Browne Says Superstition, Faith and Hope are Caused by It, but Hope Most of All -- A Delightful Phantom -- Promises," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: 4.

• "Mrs. Langtry Preserving Her Beauty -- by the use of pure creams, skin foods, skin tonics, etc., is rewarded by the result at an age when women's exquisit[e] complexion usually fades. By the use of our delightful complexion creams and our toilet creams and our blood purifie[r]s the ladies of Patchogue may preserve their complexions to a ripe old age. -- Conklin's Pharmacy"

• "This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, Ja 7, 1898: [5'?].

"The Temple Quartette Concert Co. gave a fine entertainment at the Lyceum Monday night. It was given for the benefit of the Library, but the sale of tickets barely paid the expense of the Concert Company. -- Read the popular book of the day, 'Quo Vadis', for sale at H.S. Conklin's Book Store. -- Chicken thieves are again on the rampage. They visited Baker ave. on Saturday evening. They pried off the locks of the chicken house of Rev. E. Lord and captured some fine specimens of Wyandotts and other valuable breeds. -- Special services will be held by the Salvation Army next week in connection with the week of prayer and self denial.... -- Monday the town trustees will hold a special meeting here to look into the matter of selling the land under water in the bay at the foot of the avenues of the village. The idea of this property being
under the ownership of the village is a popular one in Patchogue and the town trustees must admit that this village, now incorporated, ought to control the dock privileges within the incorporated limits. We can not see how any conclusion can be arrived at other than that the village should own this property."

- "Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets -- Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10 cents, 25 cents. If C.C.C. fail, druggists refund money," **Patchogue Advance**, Ja 7, 1898: [5?].

- "Roebuck's rubber Weather Strip fo[r] doors and windows at E. Bailey & Sons," **Patchogue Advance**, Ja 7, 1898: [5?].

- "Hawaii May Be Ours -- Indications that the Senate May Approve the Treaty -- [Chair]man Davis to Call Up the Annexation Question Next Monday -- Both Branches of Congress Discuss at Length [th]e Civil Service Problem," **Patchogue Advance**, Ja 7, 1898: 8.


  Predicts a rush to equal that of the Klondike, and claims that the gold was found in part of the same range as in the Klondike [a continent away].

- "Twenty are Killed -- Frightful Catastrophe at a Political Meeting in Canada -- The Floor of the City Hall, Which was Densely Packed, Gave Way, Burying Hundreds in the Ruins -- Twenty Dead Bodies Taken from the Debris," **Patchogue Advance**, Ja 7, 1898: 8.

- "This Busy Village," **Patchogue Advance**, Ja 14, 1898: 5.
"Chas. J. Ryder is taking the village census as provided by the new village law that goes into effect here this spring. -- Negotiations have been made which will close up the suit of the Electric Light Co. against the Lace Mill Co. within a few days....--We announced in a December issue that Ryder's saloon would not occupy his present quarters after January 1st. Since that time different arrangements have been made and Mr. Ryder will remain until May 1st."

- "This Busy Village," *Patchogue Advance*, Ja 21, 1898: 5.

  "The annual meeting of the Patchogue and Port Jefferson Traction Co. which is called to be held here next Wednesday will be adjourned to Port Jefferson to accommodate the Bridgeport gentlemen. -- Forest Jones has sold his lot on the west side of the creek adjoining the railroad, to E. Bailey Jr. for a duck ranch. The branch lace mill track will run through it. -- Veteran James H. Peck will give a talk in the Young Men's Rooms [of the Patchogue Sorosis, a women's cultural association] Saturday evening. Subject: Slavery as seen by a soldier in the War of the Rebellion.... -- The Company of Lilliputians headed by Mrs. Tom Thumb [made famous by P.T. Barnum], gave two very entertaining performances here Monday and Tuesday evenings to large audiences in the Lyceum. The little people of the stage were very interesting to the little people in the audience.... -- The ladies of the Patchogue Sorosis met Monday night in their handsomely fitted up rooms in the Ackerly block. About twenty-five were present. During the evening a glee club was organized. Refreshments consisting of peanut and ham sandwiches, snow-ball, and cocoa were served. Next Monday night a Longfellow program will be given."

- "Does your hair fall out? Read this testimonial from Mrs. Mary Voelker of Columbia, Ill. 'I have used different remedies without satisfaction for falling hair, but your brush has given me relief inside of four weeks and my hair has stopped falling.' Dr. Scott offers to refund the money if his brush is not satisfactory," *Patchogue Advance*, Ja 21, 1898: 5.

- "Alaska Electric Exploration and Mining Co.", *Patchogue Advance*, Ja 21, 1898: 5.

  "Wanted 20 honest sober men in our Company, to take stock at $100 a share. Enquire of Geo. W. Kelley, Box 437, Patchogue or Holtsville, L.I."
• "The Editors Dine -- And Have Distinguished Company -- County Press Association Formed -- The Visitors See the Village -- The Speeches in full Delivered at the Dinner," Patchogue Advance, Ja 28, 1898: 1.

  Even provides the full menu.

• "Suffolk's Poorhouse -- Ranks with the Best in the State -- Better Instruction Needed in the Children's Home -- Thirty-six Children There had the Measles. The New Building Rapidly Filled up," Patchogue Advance, Ja 28, 1898: 1.

• "Old 'Hap' Found All but Dead," Patchogue Advance, Ja 28, 1898: 1.

  "Chas. Jones, an aged half-witted darkey 67 years old, familiarly known as 'Old Hap' was found in East Patchogue by Lester Hurt in Sunday morning nearly dead from exposure. Mr. Hurtin and Samuel Glover put him in a wagon and brought him to Patchogue. He died before he got here. They did not know who he was. J.C. Mills was the first to recognize the old darkey. He had been in the county house and wandered away. He was buried Tuesday, Rev. Chas. N. Gleason holding simple services. Our E. Patchogue correspondent gives some further account [of the] poor old fellow. He was an hon[est an]d good natured darkey, liked by every[one]."

  [Offensive language today, a commonplace then. Reflects the "ragtime" era.]


  A quoted address by Jessie Lozier Payne to Sorosis at the Waldorf-Astoria, NYC.

• "German Tradeswomen," Patchogue Advance, Ja 28, 1898: 1.

  Official statistics from Germany, showing women entering into trade in competition with men: 3 chimney sweeps, 35 slaters, 7 gunsmiths, 147 coppersmiths, 379 farriers and nailers, 309 masons, 8 stonecutters, 2,000 in marble, slate, and stone quarries.

• "Finest Red Ash Coal ever brought to Patchogue is now on sale at Jones' new coal yard," Patchogue Advance, Ja 28, 1898: 1

• "This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, Ja 28, 1898: 5

Sketch of the Battleship Maine under steam.

"Havana, Jan. 27. -- The American battleship Maine now lies at anchor in Havana bay, near the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII and not far from the German warship Gneisenau." After an exchange of 21 gun salutes, the capitan de puerto as well as the commanders of the two warships paid courtesy calls on Capt. Sigsbee of the Maine. Additional courtesies were exchanged and Sigsbee is reported as "charmed by the friendly reception given to him." It also notes police reinforcements "...at the American consulate, along the wharves, and on the principal streets as a precaution against any attempts to provoke a collision when the marines and crew of the...Maine come ashore. The German cruiser Charlotte and a British warship have arrived there." [Ed. note: Diplomatic ties between Spain and Germany were cordial, as were U.S.-American relations. Britain and Germany were in a naval armaments race, with growing strain and distrust between them].


"Republican Assemblyman Nixon introduced a substitute bill designed to meet some Democratic objections to the original, retaining the original composition and mission of the investigating commission, '...by compelling the report, when handed to the [Republican] governor, to be made public and giving the commission some additional court powers.' Meanwhile in the Senate. Sen. Page introduced a bill to regulate the height of N.Y.C. buildings based in the width of the street. The Senate bill on the canal corruption investigation ...was discussed, but no action taken."

Spain's Gen. Blanco is reported in eastern Cuba with $300,000 to bribe the principal rebel leaders to surrender, to secure peace on the island. If he fails, Spain would probably have to consider Cuban autonomy, which might result in the fall of the current government in Spain, it is speculated, as well as affecting the island's political stability. Cubas "autonomists" are at odds with the numerous guerillas, excluding the latter from any vote on autonomy [thus political power], it is claimed.

"Dr. Shields Upheld -- President Patton and Alumni Support Him as to Princeton Inn," *Patchogue Advance* Ja 28, 1898: 6. port. of Dr. Shields.

"With ringing cheers that told of enthusiastic conviction 300 alumni of Princeton University, at their annual banquet last night, cast defiance in the teeth of those who criticised the use of liquors in the famous Princeton Inn. The Rev. Dr. Charles Woodruff Shields, who resigned from the Presbyterian church because of the condemnation heaped upon him for signing the application for the inn's license, was the especial object of the graduates' approval. At every mention of his name they sprang to their feet and cheered him until, from his seat at the guests' table, he bowed nervous acknowledgement...."

February, 1898

"A Patchogue Author -- Dr. Frank Overton Writes a Textbook on Physiology -- Published by the American Book Company -- Adopted by the Jamaica Normal School -- Highly Recommended," *Patchogue Advance*, Fe 4, 1898: 1.

He wrote *Applied Physiology*, which was destined to become the standard medical textbook on its subject in the U.S. for many years to come. The illustrations were his own.


"Union Savings Bank Pays 4 per cent," Patchogue Advance, Fe 4, 1898: 1.


"This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, Fe 4, 1898: 5.

"Regents examinations have just been held in the school. -- This has been a terrible week for the life saving patrols on the beach. -- The fare across the Island on the proposed trolley line is to be at the rate of three cents per mile. [If it was 12 miles to Port Jefferson, then a one-way trip = $.36, and a round-trip = $.72]... -- Jimmy Murphy, trampist, will crack stone and perhaps his fingers, at the county jail for 45 days. He was taken over today by officer Roe....-- It cost the village about $70 to take the census required by the new village law.... -- Two peculiar sun dogs almost as bright as rainbows were seen in the west just as the sun set Wednesday evening.....-- About forty Endeavorers expect to go to Sayville in sleighs to-night in response to an invitation given by the Sayville C.E. Society to attend their reception.....-- Next Monday night is gentlemen's night at the Patchogue Sorosis club rooms. Miss Katherine Ferris Booth, of N.Y. City, a highly renowned reciter, will be present.... -- Notwithstanding the low temperature, this has not been a very cold week for the new ice company....The company expects to make a contract for new machinery next week."


"This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, Fe 11, 1898: 5.

"John J. Roe drives a handsome new horse.... -- Traction Company has formally accepted the trolley franchise.... -- Special village election Monday to vote on whether we want two or four trustees. Of course we want four.... -- Sunday was a beautiful day overhead. The rapid thawing of the heavy snow flooded the streets and sidewalks and it was almost impossible to get about. -- The following address apppeared on a letter mailed here the other day: Woodbine Street, Woodward Ave., Ridgewood Heights, Evergreen P.O.,
Queensborough. Considerable woodwork about that address....-- The Long Island Railroad Company, through H.M. Smith, traffic manager, will issue, as heretofore, a book giving a list of the hotels and boarding houses on Long Island for the year 1898, for distribution among persons seeking summer homes. Those who anticipate accommodating summer guests the coming season, and who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity of advertising their places without charge...."

- "This Busy Village," **Patchogue Advance**, Fe 18, 1898: 5.
- "Maine Blown Up -- Over Two Hundred and Fifty Killed or Drowned -- Many are Still Missing -- The Most Frightful Calamity in Our Country's Naval History -- Reports of Spanish Treachery -- Captain Sigsbee is Reported as Entertaining the Belief that His Ship was Blown Up by an Enemy -- Intimates that a Mine was Placed Under the Bow of Our Battleship -- Great Excitement Prevails in Washington Over the Dire Disaster -- Prominent Congressmen and Naval Experts Say that the Sinking of the Maine was No Accident -- State and Navy Department Officials are Extremely Reticent," **Patchogue Advance**, Fe 18, 1898: 8.

March, 1898

- "Good Men These -- Nominations Monday Night for Village Officers -- Interests of the Village Safe in Their Hands -- A New Board of Trustees -- John M. Price Accepts the Presidency Once More," **Patchogue Advance**, Mr 4, 1898: 1
- "'Domestic Chaos' -- 'Seven Out of Ten Women Behind Time, as a Rule' -- So Says Mrs. Lillian W. Betts, of The Outlook in Her Talk Before the Women of Patchogue," **Patchogue Advance**, Mr 4, 1898: 1, 5.
- "Congress is Prompt -- Unanimously Votes $50,000,000 for National Defense -- Not a Dissenting Vote in Either Branch. Expressions of Patriotic Sentiment in the House -- Passed Without Debate in Senate -- Signed by the
"Will Buy Warships -- The Government Sends a Purchasing Agent Abroad -- Commander Brownson Has Almost Unlimited Authority to Get the Best in European Shipyards and to Get Them Quickly -- Spain Can't Buy from Brazil," Patchogue Advance, Mr 11, 1898: 8. port. of Congressman Cannon and Senator Hale.

"Spain Backs Down: Withdraws Her 'Request' for Consul General Lee's Recall," Patchogue Advance, Mr 11, 1898: 8. port of Consul General Lee (one of Robert E. Lee's sons).

"Bucken's Arnica Salve," Patchogue Advance, Mr 11, 1898: 8.

"The Best Salve in the World for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, [Tetter?/Totter?], Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and All Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J.M. Conklin & Co.

"Gomez Advances -- Cuban Leader Moves His Forces Toward Havana -- The Spaniards Outwitted -- They Planned to Capture Insurgents, but Failed Ignominiously -- Cuban Army to Invest the East -- Propose to Raid Matanzas, Havana and Pinar del Rio Provinces -- General Longstreet Says He is Willing to Lead Georgia Troops in Case of War -- General Graham Assumes Command of Department of the Gulf," Patchogue Advance, Mr 18, 1898: 8. port. of Gen. Longstreet in Confederate uniform.

"To Build Drydocks: Five to Be Constructed for Accommodation of Battleships," Patchogue Advance, Mr 18, 1898: 8.

"Brazilian Warships Purchased," Patchogue Advance, Mr 11, 1898: 8.

"A week's negotiations have been closed by the purchase by the navy department [that's right, no caps. in the original] in London of the two fine cruisers built and building at Elswick for the Brazilian government....Spanish agents had been striving to secure these very ships....The next question is how to get the ships home...." The Amazonas was due to sail within the week, the other vessel, launched but unready, was to follow. The ammunition and coal were not of the type in use by the U.S. Navy.

"General Alger Wants $7,225,000," Patchogue Advance, Mr 11, 1898: 8.
"...for cast iron projectiles for seacoast cannon...entirely different from the $1,000,000 worth previously ordered." $5,000,000 of these funds were for "...completion of fortifications along the Atlantic and gulf coasts. These works, it was estimated at the time of the Endicott survey, would cost about $55,000,000, and up to date only about $9,000,000 has been expended." The rest was for "arms and ammunition."

- "This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, Mr 25, 1898: 5.

- "Spanish Crisis Near -- Feeling in Washington that Cuba Must Be Free -- The Puritan and Terror to Join Admiral Sleard's Fleet in the Gulf -- Active Preparations for War in the Navy and Army Departments," Patchogue Advance, Mr 25, 1898: 8.


- "We Buy a Big Gunboat in Germany," Patchogue Advance, Mr 25, 1898: 8.

  "The Elbing Shipbuilding company has concluded negotiations with the United States by telegraph with Captain Colwell, naval attache of the American embassy in London, for the sale of a first class torpedo boat, which is not yet named. She is of 474 tons, and ready for sea. Her torpedo tubes are in place and she is ready to do business at once."

- "Howard Gould Tenders His Yacht," Patchogue Advance, Mr 25, 1898: 8.

  The steam yacht Niagara was turned over "without cost" to Commander J.W. Miller, N.Y.S. naval reserves.

- "Marix has the Report: En Route for Washington with Findings of the Maine Court of Inquiry," Patchogue Advance, Mr 25, 1898: 8.

- "Miss Barton Returning from Cuba," Patchogue Advance, Mr 25, 1898: 8.

  "Key West, March 24. -- Miss Clara Barton of the Red Cross society, Gunner Morgan of the Maine and four divers with an unidentified body from the ill fated ship, arrived last evening on board the Plant line steamer Olivete from Havana. Miss Barton says the cause of her departure from Havana is
purely personal and has to do with private financial matters. Miss Barton expects to go to Washington and may return to Cuba."


  "...another terrible accident indirectly attributed to the Alaska gold excitement, which is believed to have cost the lives of 40 passengers and sailors....Captain Alexander of the Santa Rosa reported that when nine miles off Point Bonita, at the mouth of the Golden Gate, he sighted a derelict bottom up. The tug Sea Witch was immediately dispatched to the point indicated and found the derelict to be the bark Helen W. Almy, Captain Hogan, which sailed hence for Copper river points with 27 passengers and a crew of 13 on Sunday last."


  "Johannesburg, March 21. -- The Standard and Diggers' News, in a seemingly inspired article, says, 'War is almost inevitable unless England abandons her claim to suzerainty.'"

- "Big Loss by Floods -- Many Lives Reported Lost and Great Damage to Property -- Forty People Missing at Zanesville, O. -- The Ohio River in Threatening Stage from Pittsburgh to Cairo -- Much Damage to Property in Pennsylvania Towns," **Patchogue Advance**, Mr 25, 1898: 8.


April, 1898

- "On Monday Next -- Either War or Cuban Independence Then -- So McKinley Announces -- The Final Ultimatum Sent to the Madrid Government -- Spain's Reply Must Be Prompt -- With the Distinct Pledge that the Spanish Flag Shall Be Removed from the Pearl of the Antilles, Congressmen Consent to Delay Action Until Next Monday Pending the Conclusion of Diplomatic Negotiations -- If the President Does Not Succeed in Freeing Cuba by that Date, a Declaration of Cuban Independence, Backed by Armed Intervention, is Likely to Quickly Follow," **Patchogue Advance**, Ap 1, 1898: 8.


"Albany, March 30. -- Senator Pavey's resolution proposing to amend the constitution so as to allow the state to dispose of the canals to the federal government was disposed of in the senate, when it was defeated on final passage by a vote of 32 to 13." The motion to reconsider was tabled.


"Karl Woxen, the consul general for Sweden and Norway, has disappeared. Vice Consul Ravn believes his mind is affected, but a cable from Christiania [Oslo] calls for his arrest on the presumption of embezzlement."


"They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. -- Small Pill. -- Small Dose. -- Small Price."


St. Johns, Newfoundland: "The steamer Neptune, Captain Blandford, commodore of the sailing fleet, has arrived here with 25,000 seals. The steamer Aurora, Captain Kean, brought 25,000. She had 25 men frostbitten on the night of the Greenland disaster. These steamers report that the Walrus has taken 14,000 seals, the Diana 18,000, the Hope 14,000, the Nimrod 12,000 and the Vanguard 6,000. Other ships have smaller fares."


"Peking, April 6. -- It is understood that China has conceded the demands of France. They differ, it is said, somewhat from the first demands." [Ed. note:
The siege and relief of Peking, during the Boxer Rebellion, were just around the corner.]

- "The Sinews of War -- Treasury Department Preparing for an Emergency -- Assistant Secretary Vanderlip Says This Country's Finances will be in Good Shape, Should We have Trouble with Spain -- Proposed Sources of Revenue," Patchogue Advance, Ap 8, 1898: 8. port. of Gonzalo de Quesada, charge d'affaires of the Cuban Republic.

- "Lee at His Post -- Consul General Waiting Until All Americans are Safe," Patchogue Advance, Ap 8, 1898: 8.


  "Detroit, April 20. -- The departure of the first batallion of the Nineteenth infantry from Fort Wayne this evening was marked by a serious accident. During the firing of a salute in honor of the departing troops by those left in charge of the fort Private George Eggman had his right arm nearly blown off by the premature discharge of a cannon, and sargeant John W. Anniss, who was in charge of the firing party, had his right hand severely injured."


  Focus on local election squabbles and results.


- "Congress is for War -- Resolutions Looking to Hostilities Presented -- The House Votes to Empower the President to Interpose and Stop the Fighting and Misrule in Cuba -- Senate Wants to Grant Independence," Patchogue Advance, Ap 15, 1898: 8.

- "McKinley's Message -- President's Views on Cuba Submitted to Congress -- He Makes No Specific Recommendations, Opposes Recognizing Cuban

Subsections: "Weyler's Concentration Plan" -- "We Feed People Starved by Spain" -- "Opposes Recognition" -- "Favors Intervention" -- The Destruction of the Maine" -- "All Left to Congress".

  Covers flour, wheat, rye, corn, oats, pork, lard, butter, cherry, eggs, sugar, molasses, turpentine, tallow, and hay.


- "Advance Challenged -- To Prove Its Ante-Election Charges Against Trustees - - Challenge Accepted -- Here are the Proofs in Figures and Letters that are Indisputable -- A Dispassionate Statement of Facts," Patchogue Advance, Ap 22, 1898: 1.


- "The War Now Begins -- Hostilities Really Opened, But not Yet Declared -- Spain Replies to McKinley's Ultimatum by Withdrawing Her Minister and


- "Long Island and War -- The Whole Coast, Manned by the Naval Reserve, to Assist the Signal Corp[s] -- The Life Saving Stations Now Connected with the Navy Yard. Naval Reserves Placed at Every Station. No Danger of Invasion. No Danger of Bombardment," Patchogue Advance, Ap 29, 1898: 1


  Two drunken NYC insurance men, painting the town, were robbed of a $200 gold watch and overcoat by "enterprising" Patchogue ladies of the evening, in the red light district of South Ocean Avenue. A judge and Constable Roe were roused from sleep. When the latter was refused admission to the house of ill repute to recover the items, an offer of a $30 reward for return of the watch (bearing the likenesses of the man's formerly forgotten wife and daughter) "quietly" succeeded.


  "The highway commissioners have appropriated $200 for the Cross Island cycle path....A leaky hydrant is ruining the cycle path at the lower end of Ocean Avenue. This hydrant has leaked all winter. If it can't be fixed, a new one better be put in at once....A meeting has been called by the executive committee of the temporary organization of the Editors of Suffolk County, to be held at Patchogue on May 14th, at which a permanent organization will be made....It
has been a long time since we have had a fire....Have the hydrants been checked lately? They ought to be inspected regularly and the water pressure tested occasionally....Samuel Van Dusen is looking for young men who failed to return a rented wheel. Fred P. Rive is the name of the fellow who forgot to return the wheel which is valued at $50....The Klondike Social in the Congregational Church last Friday night was a great success. After a fine musical program, all repaired to the basement and about everybody secured a claim in the Klondike and got a prize. The Y.P.S.C.E. netted about $30....The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held on Thursday afternoon May 5th, at 3 o'clock in the Young Men's rooms....All Checks, Drafts, P.O. Orders, etc., intended for the Central Cuban Relief Committee, or the American National Red Cross, for the purchase and distribution of supplies in Cuba, should be made payable to Charles A. Schloren, Treasurer, New York City, Chairman...."

- "Spain is bombarding the United States by explosions from Ambassador Polo's rapid fire mouth, which are now reverberating along the Canadian border. No casualties yet," **Patchogue Advance**, Ap 29, 1898: 4.
- "Forts Silenced -- Sampson's Squadron Bombarded Matanzas -- Flagship Led the Assault -- Monitor and Cruiser Followed, Eager for the Fray -- First Shot Fired by Spain -- The Challenge Gladly Accepted by Sampson's Ships -- It Took Less than Half an Hour to Silence the Enemy's Batteries. No Damage was Done to Our Fleet, While Spanish Fortifications were Nearly Demolished -- Many Spaniards are Thought to have been Killed and Wounded -- Another Prize Captured -- It was a Small Ship, but had $70,000 in Her Safes," **Patchogue Advance**, Ap 29, 1898: 8. port. of Adm. Sampson.
May, 1898

"Where Our Boys' Shoes are Made," Patchogue Advance, My 6, 1898: 1.

Ad calling for patriotic citizens to buy W.B. Dickerson factory's (black and tan) steel shod shoes (same as those produced under War Office contract to shod the troops), that branches off into High Shoes and Oxford Ties, Neckwear and Fancy Shirts. "Shoes polished free if bought of us, and repaired at reasonable prices." With the ad is an ill. of the factory.

"Long Island at War -- State Troops Encamped on Hempstead Plains -- An Army Corps May be Stationed at Montauk -- The East End Patriotic -- Various Notes of Interest." Patchogue Advance, My 6, 1898: 1.


On the launching of the brand new $50,000 Port Jefferson-Bridgeport steamer, Park City. [In 1998, a ferry boat of the same name plies between the same destinations.]


A fairly regular feature on village life in the surrounding region.

"Two Sisters Die the Same Day," Patchogue Advance, My 6, 1898: 1.

"...the Misses McKee, the elderly maiden ladies who for many years have owned and occupied the handsome country place on Atlantic Ave.... Pneumonia developed in both cases and the united efforts of their nephew, Dr. John Douglas of New York, Dr. Bennett, and Dr. Meritt and a trained nurse could avail nothing. Their sisters, the Misses Addie and [K]atie McKee were also in attendance [another set of "four sisters"]....The companionable sisters, so long associated in life, were companions still in the journey over the dark river."

"The Roe Brothers are making extensive preparations..." in the spirit of commercial patriotism. The cash value of all prizes is listed.


A bigots'-delight of a show, part and parcel of the times, to take place on May 18th at the Lyceum. "Lots of fun. Coon songs and specialties. Chorus of twenty voices." Debut by sweet little 3-year old Esther Smith, singing "Kentucky Babe" and "All Coons Look Alike to Me." Names all entertainers and orchestra members. (Lots of locals, many prominent.) "The Fad of the moment, 'The Cake Walk' will be there in all its glory. Seats selling fast, five boxes gone. For sale at Conklin's drug store. Tickets 35 and 50 cents."


Due to U.S. Blockade of the harbor.


Supposed conversation between "Riggs" and "Miggs", over Miggs' crocuses being uprooted for having flowers in Spanish national colors.


Not what you expect. Starts off patriotic. Turns quickly into an ad for "electric transfer", the "dry process for transferring pictures from newspapers, etc." (with instructions, for 10 cents).


"Look out for the bills announcing special excursion trains next Sunday at greatly reduced prices to Camp Black. That everyone may have an opportunity of seeing the Cavalry and Infantry of the Army, and see 'Our Boys' in Camp, the Railroad will run a special train from Amagansett and Sag Harbor and intermediate stations to the camp. The train leaves Patchogue at 12:08 p.m.; fare $1.00 for the round trip."

"Dewey's Victory -- Fights and Wins a Great Naval Battle in Manilla Bay -- The Enemy's Terrible Loss -- Nearly All the Spanish Ships Burned or Sunk -- Her Flagship Destroyed -- Reina Maria Christina and the Castilla, Spain's Best Cruisers, Burned -- Captain of the Former Killed in the Engagement -- Admiral Montojo Forced to Transfer His Flag -- Several of His Ships Sunk to Save Them from Capture, Others Badly Damaged -- The Official Reports of the Captain General at Manilla and the Admiral of the Spanish Squadron -- No Information that the American Ships were Injured -- The Capital of the Philippines Likely Soon to be the Base of Dewey's Operations," **Patchogue Advance**, My 6, 1898: 8. [Dateline: Madrid]


"The Fleet Sails -- Rear Admiral Sampson's Ships Leave Key West -- To Meet the Spaniards -- Will Not be Allowed to Reach Puerto Rico -- Flying Squadron to Move -- Believed to have been Ordered to Join Sampson's Squadron in Capturing Puerto Rico and Crushing Spain's Armada Should It Appear in Western Waters -- The Blockade of Cuban Ports Effectively Held by Smaller Ships while the Large Craft Go Out to do Battle -- Havana on the Verge of Starvation," **Patchogue Advance**, My 6, 1898: 8.

"Greater America (Our Country)." **Patchogue Advance**, My 13, 1898: 4.

"Yankee Doodle Up to Date," **Patchogue Advance**, My 13, 1898: 4.

Text: "Yankee Dewey came to fight,
The Spaniards at Manilla,
His gunners shot so hard and straight,
It knocked the braggarts silly,
Yankee Dewey keep it up,
Yankee Dewey dandy,
Mind the music and the step,
And with the Dons be handy.
[pretty awful lyrics]

- "Oliver Perry Smith" [obit.], Patchogue Advance, My 13, 1898: 4.
- "Miles for Cuba -- Will Lead the Army of Liberation in the Island -- He Goes at Once to Tampa -- Troops Rapidly Mobilizing on the Gulf Coast -- Start for Cuba on Monday -- Preparations for Armed Invasion are Now Practically Complete -- General Miles wants the Seventh Regiment of New York to Accompany Him -- The Astor Battery Likely to Go with the Expedition -- No News of Sampson or the Spanish Fleet -- Puerto Rico Not to be Taken Until After Havanna has Fallen," Patchogue Advance, My 13, 1898: 8. port. of Gen. Miles.
- "How Dewey Won -- Details of the Great Naval Achievement at Manilla -- Trafalgar is Surpassed -- Dewey, Unlike Nelson, Lives to Receive the World's Plaudits -- Graphic Account of the Fight -- In the Boldness and Brilliance of His Movements the Sea Fighter Proved that He was a True Desciple of Farragut, with Whom He Fought in Mobile Bay -- All Spain's Ships Destroyed, Hundreds of Her Sailors Killed and Many Wounded, While We Lose Neither Ships nor Men -- Rumored Evacuation of Manilla by Spanish Troops," Patchogue Advance, My 13, 1898: 8.


"Oregon is Safe -- Welcome News Made Public by Secretary Long -- Joined Sampson's Fleet? -- The Secretary Declines to Give Location of Battleship -- The Trip Around the Horn -- Captain Clark was Apparently Not Afraid of the Spanish Warships -- Cervera's Fleet Still Eludes Sampson and Schley -- Believed to be Hemmed in and that It Cannot Much Longer Escape a Battle -- The Charleston Sails from San Francisco to Manilla with Aid for Dewey -- The Navy Department is Very Secretive," **Patchogue Advance**, My 20, 1898: 8.

ports. of Captain Clark and Ensign Bagley.


"Generals are Assigned -- Department, Corps, and Division Commanders Named -- A New Department is Created -- It is that of the Pacific, which Includes the Philippines, and will be Commanded by Major General Merritt -- More Troops for Manilla," **Patchogue Advance**, My 20, 1898: 8.


"New York, May 16. -- The Second, Sixty-fifth, and Third regiments are ready to leave Camp Black, Hempstead plains, any time after Tuesday. The Second and Sixty-fifth are being mustered in today and the Third will be mustered in tomorrow. Colonel Grant, commanding the Fourteenth regiment, has issued orders that the muster roll must be completed at once. The portion of the regiment that has not been sworn into the federal service will be mustered today. It is believed in Camp Black that Colonel Grant's command will move very soon after it is sworn in. Major Thurston of the Twenty-second took the oath of office as lieutenant colonel of that regiment, to succeed Lieutenant Colonel Kings, resigned. The First regiment of New Jersey, now at Camp Voorhees, Sea Girt, will be equipped today and ready to move. The other regiments will be ready soon after, the government supplies being on the ground. Guards were relieved from duty during the greatest portion of the day
in consequence of the heavy rain. Notwithstanding the storm, large numbers of visitors reached camp yesterday."


  "The first class battleship Pelayo, the armored cruisers Vitoria and Giralda; the auxiliary cruisers Rapido, Alfonso XII, Buenos Ayres and Antonio Lopez and three torpedo boats, now at Cadiz, are ready for sea. They are expected to sail for the Philippines before the end of this month with 11,000 troops."


  "Mr. Clark Smith received a carload of sheep Friday afternoon....The boys on Grove Avenue are having great sport catching bullfrogs and are having bullfrog roasts....Edwin Mott of Patchogue, while riding on Ocean Ave., Friday, took a trip to the ground over his handlebars. No injury was done....Gilbert M. Smith has just completed a boat with the deepest keel for its size that has ever been built in Patchogue....Friday afternoon a man and child came to the village from Waverly and the man was so intoxicated that he could not drive his horse. The child cried for her father to keep quiet. Leonard Tappen got into the wagon and drove them home....The Long Island Railroad has recently placed new whistles on a number of their locomotives. The sound is similar to that of a steamboat. The fact that they can be heard at a greater distance than the old ones may lessen accidents caused by not hearing the whistles...."

- "Now Bottled Up -- Cervera's Fleet Blockaded in Santiago Harbor -- He is Afraid to Come Out -- Schley is Prepared to Whip the Spaniards -- Havanna to be Attacked -- Sampson's Armorclads are to Bombard the Capital while American Troops Approach by Land -- A Distinct Advantage Gained by Our Naval Commanders Over the Spaniards -- No Great Naval Battle Yet Fought,"

- "Cutting the Cable -- The St. Louis and Wompatuck Under Fire at Santiago," Patchogue Advance, My 27, 1898: 8.

- "Madrid's Admission -- It is Officially Stated that Cervera is at Santiago," Patchogue Advance, My 27, 1898: 8.

- "Race War at Key West -- Serious Trouble Between the Marines and Colored Men," Patchogue Advance, My 27, 1898: 8.


- "More Soldiers -- The President's Call for Seventy-five Thousand -- The Quotas of the States -- How the Apportionment of Volunteers will be Made -- The Reasons for the Call," Patchogue Advance, My 27, 1898: 8.

June, 1898

- "Royal Arcanum," Patchogue Advance, Je 3, 1898: 5.

  "Paumanake Council No. 778 R A meets on every second and fourth Wednesday in Royal Arcanum Hall over the Patchogue Bank...the best and cheapest fraternal organization in the world."


  "Long years ago an army vast
  Went forth to do and die.
Their deeds are graved on history's page,
  While low their bodies lie.
Their country asked them for their lives.
  They did not answer nay,
But from their homes and friends and kin
  They bravely marched away.

  Beneath the flag of freedom we
  In peace repose today,
And mid the folds of glory's flag
  The gentle sunbeams play."
A loving north and loyal south,  
United, mourn our dead  
And gaze with patriotic pride  
At stars and stripes o'erhead.  
-- Buffalo Express

- "This Busy Village," **Patchogue Advance**, Je 3, 1898: 5.

  "The side track for the ice factory has been completed." -- "The morning mail and New York papers now arrive on the provision train that reaches here about 6 a.m." -- "The engines of the Long Island Railroad are being equipped with automatic bell ringers and the bell rings continuously." -- "The big old trees and the tall flag staff in front of the Central Hotel were taken out this week. The old Main Street monuments are steadily disappearing." -- "The ship that ran ashore in the fog east of here was loaded with a sand balast. Regie Smith says the captain has been arrested and held by the government for attempting to carry 'sand' to the Spa[n]ish fleet." -- "An opening hop was given at the Pine Grove Hotel, formerly the Raulah House, on Monday night." -- "The stranded ship, Troop, is still on the beach." -- "Pay your dog tax...." -- The following Sunday's dinner topic at the Baptist Church will be, "Stagnation Next to Damnation", that's after the morning service's topic, "The Four Suppers". -- When a flour barrel dropped from a Hammond Mills & Co. wagon, in front of the Methodist Church, children began to play in it. Unfortunately, a little girl was run over by a horse and wagon. She was taken home by the driver. -- Sorosis "...invited the minstrel boys to their club rooms after the play was over Monday night and treated them to a luncheon as a slight token of their appreciation of their kindness in giving their time and talent for the benefit of the Sorosis treasury." -- "A crowded house again greeted the minstrels last Monday night. The new songs and jokes were very taking and...a large part of the original program would easily bear repeating the entertainment was equal if not better than the first night. Mrs. W.M. Smith who had charge of the affair has shown considerable ability as a theatrical manager. The treasury of Sorosis will be flooded with $210 in coin, the net receipts of the two performances."

"Ready to Fight -- General Shafter to Invade the Island of Cuba at Once," Patchogue Advance, Je 3, 1898: 8.

"Schley in a Fight -- His Guns Batter Down the Santiago Fortifications -- Though the Spanish Batteries Fired Upon Our Fleet No Damage is Reported to Have Been Done -- Spanish Losses Thought to be Very Large," Patchogue Advance, Je 3, 1898: 8. port. of Commodore Schley.


"Well Known Quaker Dead," Patchogue Advance, Je 3, 1898: 8.

In Newburyport, Mass., Joseph Cartland, died. He was married to Gertrude Whittier, a cousin to the "poet Whittier".


"Losses of Spain -- Two Ships Sunk and Many Officers and Men Killed -- Forts are Now in Ruins -- Sampson's and Schley's Guns Do Effective Work -- Evans Fires the First Gun -- 'Fighting Bob' has the Satisfaction of Opening the Bombardment of Santiago de Cuba -- Ten Vessels in a Magnificent Line of Battle -- The Aim of Our Gunners Seemed to be Faultless -- Spanish Authorities Admit that Great Damage was Done -- Not a Shot Struck an American Ship Nor a Sailor Hurt," Patchogue Advance, Je 10, 1898: 8. port. of Capt. Mobley D. Evans.


"Hobson's Heroism -- Sinks the Merrimac Under Enemy's Fire to bottle up Cervera," Patchogue Advance, Je 10, 1898: 8. port. of Hobson.

This Merrimac was a U.S. collier, used by Hobson to block the entrance to Santiago harbor.
"Shafters and his army of invasion off for Santiago de Cuba -- they will land on Saturday -- the real fighting will probably begin on Sunday -- old glory likely to be floating over Morro castle by Monday at the latest," *Patchogue Advance*, Je 10, 1898: 8. port. of Gen. Shafter.

"Losses of Spain -- two ships sunk and many officers and men killed -- forts are now in ruins -- Sampson's and Schley's guns do effective work -- Evans fires the first gun," *Patchogue Advance*, Je 10, 1898: 8. ports. of Capt. Robley D. Evans and Lt. Hobson.

"Marines in fight -- the first battle of the Americans on Cuban soil -- fought at Guantanamo -- forty Spaniards and six Americans were killed -- Cubans join our forces," *Patchogue Advance*, Je 17, 1898: 8. port. of Lt. Col. Huntington.

"Emplacements ruined -- the New Orleans and Vesuvius effectively shell Santiago defenses," *Patchogue Advance*, Je 17, 1898: 8. port. of Cdr. Pillsbury [of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius; and the original dough-boy?].

"How to get bonds -- gage gives instructions for prospective subscribers -- the plan is to create a great popular loan -- the terms made easy for subscribers of small sums -- offer to be open one month only," *Patchogue Advance*, Je 17, 1898: 8.

"Well on the way: Shafters and his troops will soon be at Santiago," *Patchogue Advance*, Je 17, 1898: 8.

"Troops landing -- vanguard of Shafters's army on Cuban soil -- went ashore at Daiquiri -- but slight resistance offered by the Spaniards -- vicinity first shelled -- the debarkation of the soldiers was aided by Sampson's ships -- a clever naval ruse -- attention of the enemy diverted by an attack on Cabanas -- man killed on the Texas -- mines removed from Guantanamo Bay -- ensign Gherardi and other naval youngsters do heroic work," *Patchogue Advance*, Je 24, 1898: 8. port. of Gen. Duffield.

"Three Hundred -- Editors, Wives and Daughters Coming Next Week -- Advices Give Assurance That an Unusual Large Attendance May Be Expected -- What Will They Think of Patchogue?," Patchogue Advance, Je 24, 1898: 1.

"Gift of $14,000 to St. Francis de Sales Church," Patchogue Advance, Je 24, 1898: 1.

Frank Otis turned over the mortgage to his church.


Despite town efforts to save the 2 oak trees and vocal protests from the community


Thanks for his recent election.

"Do You Get Full Measure When You Buy Potatoes?," Patchogue Advance, Je 24, 1898: 1.

Quoting the Journal of Commerce: "There is no statute defining the size or weight of a bag of potatoes, and that matter is left entirely to be settled by the custom of the market. If the custom requires three bushels to the bag each bushel must, of course, have the statutory weight."


That is, the U.S. naval and army commanders confer with the leader of the Cuban "insurgents".


  A trunk containing the gruesomely described dismembered body of a man aged about 30 was found floating in Blackwell Canal, Buffalo, on Tues.


- "This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, Je 24, 1898: 5.


July, 1898

- "School Meeting -- River Avenue School to Be Enlarged -- Difference of Opinion as to How to Relieve the Lower Grades of the Main Building -- Meeting Adjourned to Next Tuesday Night," Patchogue Advance, J1 1, 1898: 2.

- "Barges to Land Siege Guns," Patchogue Advance, J1 1, 1898: 2.

  "Mobile, June 29. -- The tug Nimrod and three covered barges have left for Santiago. It is said here that until the barges reach Santiago the landing of siege guns cannot be effected."

- "On to Spain -- Commodore Watson and a Powerful Fleet Have Been Ordered to Cross the Atlantic Ocean," Patchogue Advance, J1 1, 1898: 6. port. of Commodore Watson.

  "Commodore Watson sails today in the Newark to join Sampson, when he will take under his command an armored squadron with cruisers and proceed at once to the Spanish coast. The squadron will be known as the eastern squadron and will be composed of the flagship Newark, battleships Iowa and Oregon, cruisers Yosemite, Yankee and Dixie and the colliers Scendia, Abarenda and Alexander....to harry the coast, cut off shipping and bombardon fortified towns."
A Spanish fleet had departed from Cadiz, headed for the Philippines. So this flying squadron's second purpose was to intercept the Cadiz fleet before it could become a threat to Dewey, as well as to encourage Spain to sue for peace, according to the article.

- "Captain Sigsbee Remembers His Ill Fated Vessel to Good Purpose," **Patchogue Advance**, Jl 1, 1898: 6.

  Auxiliary cruiser Yale's successful engagement with a Spanish "torpedo gunboat" off San Juan, Puerto Rico. "The torpedo gunboat was an untried quality in naval warfare up to this time. Swifter than a torpedo boat, seaworthy and possessed of the armament of which the torpedo boat is void, the torpedo gunboat has been a terror in imagination to all naval men. The presence of such a Spanish gunboat, The Temerario, in the River Plata, in the pathway of the Oregon on her cruise around South America, was for several weeks a cause for great anxiety at the navy department. Now Captain Sigsbee has shown that with an unarmored cruiser armed only with 5-inch guns the torpedo gunboats are not to be feared, at least not in the daylight." "In defeating the Terror Captain Sigsbee...has not only deprived Sampson's fleet of apprehension of an attack in the rear some dark night...showing that the offensive power of this craft has been very much overrated."


- "To Help Santiago -- Spaniards Hurrying with Strong Re-enforcements -- Our Advance Delayed -- Only to Give Soldiers Time to Get Provisions -- Difficulty in Getting Subsistence Stores to the Front Rapidly -- Shafter Says He Can Take City at Any Time -- Colonel Mendoca's Bold Approach to the Spanish Lines -- Corporal Dewey and Nine Sharpshooters Make a Reconnaissance and Have Not Yet Returned to Camp, but No Fears are Entertained at Their Absence -- Aguadores to be Shelled When the Troops on the Harvard Arrive -- Our Wounded All Doing Well," Patchogue Advance, July 1, 1898: 10.

- "An Opportunity You Now Have -- Of testing the effects of Ely's Cream Balm, the most positive cure for catarrh known....," Patchogue Advance, July 1, 1898: 10.

- "Merritt's Proclamation," Patchogue Advance, July 1, 1898: 10.

- "Bluejackets Want to Leave Manila," Patchogue Advance, July 1, 1898: 10.

- "First Army Corps Going to Cuba," Patchogue Advance, July 1, 1898: 10.


  "During a sham battle Harvey Reed of Company B, Sixth Massachusetts, was shot in the head with a blank cartridge at close range. He lost part of one ear, and, it is feared, his eyesight is permanently injured."

- "Battle in Detail -- Full Account of Fight Near Santiago -- The List of Our Dead -- Splendid Heroism of All Troops Engaged -- Sixteen Americans were Slain and About Fifty Wounded, Some of Whom May Die -- Practically Two Battles Fought, Rough Riders on One Trail, Regulars on Another -- Difficulties Encountered by Colonel Wood's Men -- Splendid Discipline Shown -- Hamilton Fish Killed at First Volley -- Dying, Captain Capron Urged on His Troopers -- Spaniards Made a Determined Fight, but Couldn't Withstand the Onslaught -- Driven Back Right to Santiago's Walls," Patchogue Advance, July 1, 1898: 10. port. of Capt. Allyn Capron.
• "Week of Accidents -- Child Killed by a Stroke of Lightning -- Another Frightfully Burned -- Suicide -- Drowning -- Bicyclist Hurt -- Arm Broken," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 1.

• "Great Success of the Union Savings Bank," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 1.


• "Grand Patriotic Meeting," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 1.

    Next Weds. night at the Lyceum "...to celebrate the victories of our army and navy...". A musical extravaganza, featuring the Patchogue band, Jas. Lester and Mrs. Wilmot Smith singing, with addresses by two Congressmen Belford and Rush.


• "Progress of the War," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 4.

• "Thanksgiving -- The President Issues a Proclamation to the American People," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 4.

    Text of McKinley's proclamation.

• "Block Island Excursion for Visiting Editors," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 4.

• "This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 5.
"Three new liberty poles were erected last week in the village....The editors of the Argus and the Advance were highly complimented by the Press Convention for the arrangements which afforded the Association one of the best outings in its history...."

- "Wiping Out Spanish Atrocities -- as quickly as possible, Uncle Sam will do now in Cuba. For a good, quick and invigorating bath there is nothing like a good, big sponge. We have everything in Summer toilet goods in sponges, combs, brushes, sea salt, tooth and face powders, toilet waters, perfumes, soaps, rubber goods and other articles that you will also need on your vacation, at CONKLIN'S PHARMACY," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 5.

- "New Summer Cafe [at the Clifton House]," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 5.

- "Livery and Boarding Stables. -- First Class Turnouts at Reasonable Prices. E.F. Hammond, Main St., Patchogue," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 5.


- "End of Cervera -- Spain's Fleet Utterly Destroyed by Our Ships -- Maine Has Been Avenged -- Heroic Work of Schley and Wainwright and Their Men -- Alfonso XII Now a Wreck -- Trying to Leave Havana She was Destroyed by the Blockading Fleet Stationed Off the Capital of Cuba -- Everything is Quiet at the Front -- Prospect that Santiago Will Fall Without Further Bombardment -- Cubans Blamed for Not Intercepting Pando," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 8. port. of Adm. Cervera.


- "Foreign Notes of Interest," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 8.

- "War News in Brief," Patchogue Advance, July 8, 1898: 8.


- "Net Surplus of Union Savings Bank Already Nearly $1,000," Patchogue Advance, July 15, 1898: 1.
"A Bit of War at the 'Anchorage'," Patchogue Advance, July 15, 1898: 1.

The Anchorage (a little west of town on Main St.), staged as an entertainment, a July 4th reenactment of sorts of the "night attack on Fort McCalla", as a loud entertainment, in 7 scenes: (a) "The Camp at Fort McCalla", (b) "The Camp Fire", (c) "Arrival of Orders", (d) "Taps! Lights Out!", (e) "The night attack", (f) "Defeat of the Dons", and (g) "Yankee Doodle". "At nine o'clock the quiet camp was transformed into a blazing battle picture. The incessant 'ping, ping' of rifle shots and the roar of cannon must have made the peaceful Blue Pointers imagine the Spaniards had arrived. The lurid glare of red fire lighted up the woodland and made an exceedingly impressive spectacle, while men flitted from tree to tree firing from right and left. We congratulate the management on the fact that the services of the 'property' Red Cross wagon were not brought into active use." It goes on to name some of those involved, and concludes, "We are advised that Mr. Graham will give a representation of the fall of Santiago in the near future."


Advertises a "military comedy" by a seasoned Port Jefferson troupe of this title, sponsored by Sorosis, to be held at Patchogue's Lyceum on July 20th, and wonders how they will compare with the Patchogue thespians. Lists entire executive staff and cast.

"Shocking Affair -- An Excited Woman Disrobes on Main Street -- Claims She was Hounded to Desperation. E.R. Durkee Her Employer, Brings a Complaint Against Her. Justice Conkling [i.e., Conklin] Gives Her a Hearing And Her Liberty," Patchogue Advance, July 15, 1898: 1.

Emma Du Chane, who "...wouldn't obey orders...", in being discharged by Durkee, wanted severance pay through the end of the month, as opposed to her 10 days' pay to date, "...and refused to leave before she got it". This squabble was over a difference of $6.00 [which went a lot further in those days]. "He ordered her off the premises and she refused to go and acted in a disgraceful manner." He sent for Officer Roe, who found her "...hidden in the hay loft. She refused to come with him and began to undress herself. Twice she did this and finally was told she would be taken, clothes or no clothes. She hysterically cursed Mr. Durkee and others she said were persecuting her, [and] was bundled into the wagon and brought to the village." She was arrested for disorderly conduct. The next scene unfolded as, "An excited French woman disrobed almost completely on Main street Wednesday afternoon before the astonished gaze of at least a hundred people....When she was taken out of the wagon she
began to throw off her clothing and spectators say no lightning change artist could have undressed quicker. Justice Conklin was standing at the head of the stairs when the woman got into the hall. To say that he was shocked would be to say scarcely anything. As he didn't propose to give her a hearing in the 'altogether' he hastily descended the stairs and by kindly addressing the frightened and almost frantic woman he persuaded her to go into his office and dress herself. He locked her in and stood guard outside the door. When the woman was presentable her hearing on Mr. Durkee's complaint was held. "She had been a NYC seamstress, and going to an [employment] agency, was referred to Durkee, "...understanding she was to do the work of waitess and chambermaid. She claimed she was ordered to do all kinds of menial work that she couldn't and wouldn't do and that her position finally became unbearable and she said she would leave and asked for her month's wages." She said she'd been paid for the 19 [note the discrepancy] days she'd worked. When she asked for the balance she was threatened with handcuffing and a trip to jail, by Durkee, and said "...she was so frightened she became almost frantic. Justice Conklin who evidently thought the whole trouble might have been avoided, advised Mr. Durkee to let the matter rest and he would look after the woman. The woman was so terribly wrought that she took poison twice during the day and had to have a physician last night. She was extremely grateful to Justice Conklin for his sympathy and kindly words as she thought she hadn't a friend in the world to take her part. Mr. Frank Niquet, the florist, is a Frenchman and Justice Conklin prevailed upon him to let the woman go to his home for the present." [She surely had an effective, if bizarre, way to draw attention to her plight.]


- "Sunday Sprinkling -- Lively Letter from A.H. Carman Regarding the Matter -- Opinions of Other Residents on Main St. and Ocean Ave. Seem to Favor It --

- "Ex Senator Otis is Dead," Patchogue Advance, July 22, 1898: 1.
- "Sunday Street Sprinkling" (Our Country), Patchogue Advance, July 22, 1898: 4.
- "Did You Take Scott's Emulsion through the winter?...," Patchogue Advance, July 22, 1898: 4.

Appeared at the Lyceum, Patchogue.


Ad for July 24th $1 round trip tickets to "...Stroudsburg, Pa. and the beautiful Delaware Water Gap...".

August, 1898
"It Came to Town -- The Sorosis' Circus a Resplendent Success -- A Great Exhibition of Local and Professional Talent -- The Grand Entree a Most Creditable Spectacle," Patchogue Advance, Ag 12, 1898: 1, 4.

"MILITARY AT MONTAUK -- Brave Boys Bivouacking on the Everlasting Hills -- The Advance Views 'Camp Wykoff' and Interviews the Commander -- Order Coming Out of Chaos," Patchogue Advance, Ag 12, 1898: 1, 4.

"...White tents of Uncle Sam's Cavalry are gleaming on the hilltops and thousands of war horses have pre-empted the grazing grounds of the once supreme Montauks; Uncle Sam's army mules are everywhere in evidence between station and camp; the horsemen and footmen fill the winding roads in transit to the tented fields; and the little station nestling on the shore of Fort Pond Bay is expanding magically into a populous settlement...." The Advance's editor spent a day in Montauk. "A two day's down pour...served to impress one with hardships, discomfort and privations of army life. Packing up in a deluge at Tampa it was the ill-luck of the 1st, 3d, 6th, 9th, and 10th U.S. Cavalry to unpack their damp and mouldy tents and equipments in another downpour on Long Island." Railroad officials (Pres. Baldwin & Supt. Potter) invited the editor's party into their private car for breakfast, when no such accommodations could be found in camp. "These alert officials have been on the ground looking to the fulfillment of the part of the Long Island Railroad in facilitating the movement of the immense traffic pertaining to the camp. Three miles of siding has been laid in less than a week and all essentials promptly and satisfactorily arranged. As much can hardly be said of the War Department's direction of the movement of the troops. In haste to evacuate Tampa, train loads of soldiers were thrown into the camp here before plans for their reception had fairly been laid. The problem of a fresh water supply and of providing sufficient hospital quarters had not been fully solved and the early advent of the troops necessitated the location of the camps temporarily, requiring a re-arrangement of the camp when the balance of the troops arrive. All these matters will be adjusted in due time, and in spite of delays and drenching weather, the troops expressed their pleasure at being transferred from Tampa and at the infinitely superior prospect awaiting them....A tramp was made through the various camps located at intervals of a mile or so and in nearly every case upon the banks of the Great Pond or Fort Pond. A volunteer corps from Pennsylvania is located near the Life Saving Station. It has a large amount of work on hand in providing telegraphic and telephonic communications between the various camps. The regiments were too weary and too wet to attempt any drills or formations or even guard duty. Those who were not making up for lost sleep were setting things to rights in the camps.
The tonic of the ocean air is a bracer for their enervated systems. Even the horses seemed to realize that they had escaped the oppressiveness of the tropics." Editor Canfield then has an interview with camp commandant Brig. Gen. Young, temporarily headquartered at Third House. Young "spoke freely about the camp and of the engagement of his command at La Quasima, which was the first real engagement of the Cuban invasion and made memorable by the gallant action of the rough riders under his command. Gen. Young declared there was no ambuscade, but that the attack was deliberately planned and executed with a full knowledge of the Spanish position and greater numbers. The General said, 'I told General Wheeler that I knew the Spaniards numbered 2,000 men and that I had but 965, but could take the Spanish position as sure as the sun shone in the heavens; and we did.' When asked about the camp he said he had been there only since Friday and that the troops had arrived with embarassing promptitude while the rains delayed preparations for their reception. But, in a few days, he said, we shall be in good shape and can take care of 25,000 troops comfortably. He has ordered that no more troops be sent for a few days....During the afternoon Miss Helen Gould and other ladies of the Women's Hospital Relief Society visited the camp and made provision for helping out the hospital corps. Miss Gould is a bright, pleasant, unassuming young woman. The ladies returned to New York on the midnight train."


  John Epsteins, according to the Brooklyn Times' Sayville correspondent, "an employee of merchant Cohen of Patchogue," had ignored warnings to obtain an Islip Town license to do business in Sayville once too often. When Officer Terry tried to arrest him, the policeman was trampled. Terry enlisted George Steigwald's aid, who also was quickly trampled. The perpetrator "...succeeded in running the gauntlet and dashed away toward Patchogue." Terry and Steigwald were soon in hot pursuit, and caught up with their quarry, who after initial resistance, surrendered, and on pleading guilty, was fined $10.00 by Justice Stolworthy, "...the amount of the license, or ten days. The fine was paid."


  "A new Camp Black edition of 'Unique Long Island' has been issued by the Long Island Railroad under the supervision of special agent H[al] B. Fullerton. About fifteen per cent of the half-tones are new. A number of those in the centre of the book, give in picture form the story of Camp Black from the time the 71st Regiment pitched their tents until this regiment left for the
Copies...will be sent on receipt of five cents in stamps to cover postage, by applying to H.B. Fullerton, Long Island City.

- "Says Cubans are Fighters -- A Man Who was on Maceo's Staff Says They Have Been Misjudged," **Patchogue Advance**, Ag 12, 1898: 6.

  "The Hawaiian alphabet has but 12 letters, and now we've got to go to work and teach them 14 more. That is one of the drawbacks we encounter by taking them in. -- Montgomery Advertiser."


  Princeton class of '95's "bucking half back", enroute to join the Rough Riders.
Russell A. Alger, will spend the remainder of his 7-10 day vacation "camping out here" at Camp Wykoff. "After saluting the secretary, General Wheeler began to tell about the big storm which swept over the camp from midnight Tuesday until yesterday morning....Secretary Alger, inconsequence of the bad weather, abandoned the idea of sleeping in General Wheeler's camp and betook himself to President Baldwin's private car. Seen there after inspecting the camp, he said: 'I am very agreeably surprised at the conditions I find here. With such a large number of men much confusion might have been expected. It is estimated that there are 1,700 men in the hospitals. I find that the kitchens of the general hospital and the sinks need fixing up....The sick seem to be very cheerful. I saw some few who were very ill. I spoke to some men in the detention hospital and went through wards A to D in the general hospital. I am very agreeably surprised with the whole situation and think this air will build the men up soon. In addition to what has already been supplied and donated we have arranged for a daily supply of 2,000 gallons of milk, which will come up every morning in refrigerator cars. If necessary, we will increase or double this amount. Whatever the surgeons recommend for the ill will be ordered at once. It is true that the hospitals are somewhat overcrowded. Some tents intended to hold five or six have seven men in them, but they are all thoroughly ventilated, so that is no great hardship. There has been some complaint about inadequate food, soft bread particularly. That is due to the fact that Saturday was an unexpected holiday in New York, and the condition has already been remedied. Most of the men I saw in the hospitals had bread and milk. I talked to 100 of them and asked them if they needed anything or were dissatisfied. All seemed pleased and cheerful, and expressed themselves as well satisfied with the treatment they were receiving. All the sick will be given furloughs as soon as they are able to leave. In fact, all the volunteers and as many regulars as desire
it will be given furloughs as soon as they are out of the detention camps and hospital." He expressed the regulars anxious to get back to their regiments. "When the volunteers go on furlough, they will not return here. Each state’s quota will be assembled at some point within its respective state, and the men will be mustered out. From the reports of the newspapers I expected to find a very much worse condition of affairs than I have found. I understood about the former inadequacy of transportation, but the quartermaster says he now has all the wagons that he can use to advantage. Fresh supplies of lumber will arrive every day until all needs are satisfied. I tasted water from the wells and found it excellent. Pipes are laid everywhere. The big well has a capacity of 750,000 gallons in 24 hours, and a new pump is to go in operation tomorrow, which will increase that by 500,000 gallons. New Storage tanks have been erected for each pump, holding reserve supplies of 60,000 gallons each, so we cannot have any shortage. Water from the ponds ought not to be used. I find on investigation that the wells are sunk through an upper gravel stratum and second stratum of hard clay, another gravel stratum and still another stratum of hard clay. They are down from 50 to 60 feet. The pumps are all on high ground. There are no sinks above the water supply, so it cannot possibly be contaminated. We will have 1,000 gallons of milk in the first installment on the early train tomorrow. Every man getting off a transport will be given a glass immediately, and it will be followed up until everybody has as much as he wants." [For a radically different perspective on Camp Wykoff events, including the visit of War Secy. Alger, from the point of view of an ex-newspaper reporter turned infantryman (who was on the receiving end at Camp Wykoff), see Post, Charles Johnson. "Montauk: A Chronicle of ’98," Long Island Historical Journal, 10(2) Spr 1998: 143-58.]

- "Would Rebel Again -- Filipinos Declare They Will Never Submit to Spain's Rule," Patchogue Advance, Ag 12, 1898: 8.

- "Spain is Worried -- American Attitude Regarding the Philippines Causes Apprehension in Madrid," Patchogue Advance, Ag 12, 1898: 8.

- "Hail to the Heroes! -- The Victorious Fleet Warmly Welcomed Home -- Sampson's and Schley's Battle Scarred Warships Received with Expressions of Delight as They Traverse the Waters of New York Bay and the North River," Patchogue Advance, Ag 12, 1898: 8.

- "Admiral Schley Ill," Patchogue Advance, Ag 12, 1898: 8.

September, 1898
"For the Baymen -- Matters Pertaining to Their Interests -- The Trustees and Supervisors Looking After the Interests of the Great South Bay, which Now Gives Great Promise of Future Profit," Patchogue Advance, Se 3, 1898: 1.


For dredging on the common oyster grounds


"Supreme Court Next Week," Patchogue Advance, Se 3, 1898: 1.

"Special Services at the Methodist Church," Patchogue Advance, Se 3, 1898: 1.


"At Camp Wikoff -- Patchogue Ladies Send Two Car Loads of Ice to the Hospital -- Things There are Not What They Seem to City Reporters -- A Visit There Dispells the Lies of the Yellow Journals," Patchogue Advance, Se 9, 1898: 1,4.

Mr. Canfield, editor of the Advance, and a small Patchogue delegation, reconoitered portions of Camp Wykoff, finding all salubrious, officers disclaiming need while claiming an overabundance of supplies, soldiers generally in good spirits, despite the fact that some were sick with diseases contracted in Cuba; and on the outskirts, "thrifty Montaukians...trying to make in a few hours the price of a soldier's months pay...". His unexpectedly unheroic account of Teddy Roosevelt, following a swim, riding swiftly past him, saying to his aide, "Take these towels to the tent" contributes to the sense of normality. The 9th and 10th Cavalry (the latter a "Buffalo soldiers" regiment), and Rough Riders, are briefly commented on, all having distinguished themselves in Cuba. A Soldiers Benefit entertainment had been arranged at the Clifton House (a Patchogue hotel). Mrs. Alfred H. Terry and Mrs. James R. Skinner in charge of funds ("almost $200") received sent the two carloads of ice to the Camp, which were duly delivered. The newspaper records that "The balance of the money will be expended on delicacies for the sick and convalescent regulars."

Historical Note: This idyllic account, which deserves to be read in full, is greatly at variance with the horrors portrayed in a recent Long Island Historical Journal article, by a former newspaper reporter and diseased soldier, and also,
e.g., in the Long Island Forum article, "Camp Wykoff: That Accursed Place". How these two pictures mesh, and whether or not the former can be chalked up merely to "Catch-22-esque" operations and military-administrative sleight of hand remains a question for the historian.


  Text of Board of Trustees' resolution "That all owners or occupants, as the case may be, of land adjoining streets of this village now paved, be required to lay a sidewalk not less than six feet in width of stone, granitoid or vitrified brick within sixty days of service of this notice to that effect and clerk to prepare and serve such notice forthwith." There were also applications to the board for the extension of Cedar Ave. to Division St. for which a Sept. 21st hearing was set; and another hearing "for opening a street between Ocean Ave." and points unknown, was postponed, due to an error in the application.


  Farmingdale's Arcanum Hall was to be host to a Sept. 15th convention of Suffolk and Queens prohibitionists, to nominate a Congressional candidate for the 1st District, while Nassau organized the same day, separately.


  Thomas H. Wheeler, a 2nd year naval cadet and son and staff aide of former Confederate and now Federal General Joseph Wheeler, along with Lt. Newton D. Kirkpatrick [possibly related to former Union Gen. "Kill-Cavalry" Kirkpatrick], were believed to have drowned "...near the very spot where two Rough Riders on Tuesday almost lost their lives." There was a very strong undertow in that area of the surf. The clothes washed up, the bodies hadn't.
• "The Bodies Found," Patchogue Advance, Se 9, 1898: 4.

   The two bodies of Thos. Wheeler and Newton Kirkpatrick washed up near the beach where they drowned.

• "New Submarine Boat", Patchogue Advance, Se 9, 1898: 4.

   Describes a new-fangled French sub, 110' long, 12' beam, with 4 torpedo tubes, to sail under electric power, being laid out at the Cherbourg dockyard in Normandy.


   "The Government has about fifty men on Fire Island, sinking wells, overhauling the large Surf Hotel and making other improvements. Dr. Doty is there every day or two. An immense water filter, weighing seven tons, is to be put up and a disease germ destroying apparatus introduced, and a perfect drainage system made. The steam launch Ruffle Bar is now used with occasionally the steamer Bay Shore and Justice Vail's yacht Nomad, for transportation purposes. It looks as though Fire Island was to be used permanently by the U.S. Government. -- Bay Shore"

• "Local Silverites Polishing Up," Patchogue Advance, Se 16, 1898: 1.

• "Letter from Garfield Cox," Patchogue Advance, Se 16, 1898: 1.

   Cox asserts that it's only his first time, not third taking an unauthorized furlough, and that he hasn't deserted, returning to his regiment, when so ordered. "I simply did for the first time what some of my comrades have done repeatedly."

• "With Col. Roosevelt -- And His Gallant Rough Riders at Camp Wikoff -- Patchoguers Permitted to Witness a Memorable Scene -- The Great Affection of the Men for Their Companion and Colonel," Patchogue Advance, Se 16, 1898: 1, 4.

   Covers the mustering out of the Rough Riders, and their presentation of the Frederic Remington statue, Bronco Buster, to him; mentioning his speech is elsewhere.

• "Many Busy Bankers -- From Brooklyn and Long Island Take a Day Off -- Members of Group Seven, State Bankers Ass'n, Enjoy Themselves at

  
  Failure of baymen to raise funds to lease the "Gulf Channel Reds", despite the Westebeke Bros.' sacrifice in waiving their claim and not biding on the seed beds.


- "An Aged Veteran -- Talks of the Civil War and the Legacy that was Left Him for His Share in It," *Patchogue Advance*, Se 16, 1898: 4.


  
  The Bellport Hook and Ladder team "...again won the Eagle Trumpet captured at Riverhead last year." Prize winners are listed.


- "Trustees Resolve -- That Many Things Ought to be Done -- Resolutions Which Will Prove to be Important if Carried Out, Passed by the Town Trustees," *Patchogue Advance*, Se 23, 1898: 1.


- "Division Street to Be Extended," *Patchogue Advance*, Se 23, 1898: 1.

- "This Busy Village," *Patchogue Advance*, Se 23, 1898: 5.
E.W. Smith gave up his fish & oyster market, while one Edwin Smith was appointed janitor of the Methodist Church [could this be yet another Edwin, than the village President or his son?]. Seymour Stratton Co. will appear at the Lyceum all next week, doing a series of "well-known plays" and a "first class" vaudeville act at each performance; 10, 20, & 30 cent ticket; 10 cent admissions for the Sat. matinee. "The brick for the North Ocean Ave. pavement is expected daily." "Gottlieb Kasin of Patchogue was entered in the Mineola Fair bicycle races." Meanwhile, Mrs. E. W. Smith went to the city to buy millinery goods, returning triumphal, with fashions for her regular Fall opening on Oct. 5th. "John Roe Smith has put a Terrell gasoline gas plant in his block. This is not acetylene gas, but is the same used in the Syndicate Building." Sayville News says that H.T. Rogers caught a 3 lb. 12 oz. perch in Lake Ronkonkoma [fish story du jour]. The Advance Press published a "handsome" 24 p. catalogue for the Bellport Library Association. A social tea will be held at 5:30 p.m., Weds., Sept. 28th by the ladies of the M.E. Church's Church St. division. Philander Weeks has a second crop of strawberries. Due to his poor health, Joseph Dare has sold his saloon to Wm. and Ed Budd. "Young Bill Gregory was sent to jail yesterday for 30 days for assaulting his wife and child and mother-in-law, Ellen Crampton." At the Mineola Fair this weekend, Robt. Bartlett's horse, "Island Bay" won 3 straight heats. "The Electric Light Co. has made a proposition to residents of Bayport and Sayville to extend its lines there and supply the villages with lights. The question of extending the line has not taken any definite shape." "Cabbage worms are just at the height of their destructive and disgusting work at this season...In Bulletin No. 144 the New York Agricultural Experiment Station (Geneva) advocates the application of a poisoned resin-lime mixture and gives details of tests showing most favorable results...." At the Teacher's Institute in Babylon, Dr. Frank Overton gave 2 lessons on Advanced Physiology, which teachers found highly instructive; and Patchogue High School Principal, Dr. W.E. Gordon, spoke on N.Y.S. Geography, about which he had previously written a series of articles for the School Journal.

- "To Cure a Cold in One Day -- Take Laxative Brown Quinine Tablets," Patchogue Advance, Se 23, 1898: 5.

- "Use the Anglo Saxon Liniment, the best and cheapest made. -- J.M. Shaw, Bellport, L.I.," Patchogue Advance, Se 23, 1898: 5.


  Advertises its "line of Writing Paper, Pads, Tally Cards, etc. Wallaces & Co's fresh candies. Large Stock of bicycle sundries. Trusses fitted and guaranteed. -- N. McBride, Patchogue Druggist."

• "Toilet Requisites -- for a luxurious bath, or any of the essentials that people of refinement love to revel in, in delicate and pure soaps, sponges, brushes, sea salt, florida water, bay rum, perfumeries, manicure sets, creams, powders, and everything that will make you as sweet and wholesome as a baby -- at Conklin's Pharmacy," **Patchogue Advance**, Se 23, 1898: 5.


• "Again Identified -- Bridgeport Police Think They Have Solved the Murder Mystery," **Patchogue Advance**, Se 23, 1898: 8.

• "Dr. John Hall Dead -- Celebrated New York Clergyman Passes Away in Ireland -- He was the Pastor of the Famous Fifth Avenue Church in New York, a Preacher of Great Force and a Writer of Many Religious Works," **Patchogue Advance**, Se 23, 1898: 8. port. of Dr. Hall.

• "Church Wrecked in Cave In," **Patchogue Advance**, Se 23, 1898: 8.


• "Used Plain Words -- Secretary Alger has a Frank Talk with Army Officers," **Patchogue Advance**, Se 23, 1898: 8.


A peek at the markets for flour, wheat, rye, corn, oats, pork, lard, butter, cheese, eggs, sugar, molasses, turpentine, rice, tallow, and hay, and the going prices of the day.

  
  "One of Scotland's insane experts, Dr. Havelock of the Montrose Royal Lunatic asylum, testifies in an official report to the value of the bicycle as an aid in the cure of mental diseases." Havelock's remarks on bike riding's salutary effects are then quoted.

  
  How to prepare shells to kill large game at 35-40 yds. or more.

- "Tomato and Corn Soup" (Table Talk), **Patchogue Advance**, Se 23, 1898: 8.
  
  A recipe.


  
  For dredging in the common oyster grounds.


- "This Busy Village," **Patchogue Advance**, Se 30, 1898: 5.


October, 1898
"Many Conventions -- Of Both Political Parties Held This Week --
Democratic Nominations," Patchogue Advance, Oc 7, 1898: 1.

"L.I. Physicians -- Hold a Convention in Patchogue To-Morrow. -- Sessions
and Dinner at Roe's Hotel. Distinguished Guests. Hospital Car of the L.I.
Railroad to be Exhibited," Patchogue Advance, Oc 7, 1898: 1.


"Almost a Fatal Accident," Patchogue Advance, Oc 7, 1898: 1.

"War Inquiry Board. -- General Wheeler is the First Witness Called. -- He Says
the Conditions at the Front and in the Camp at Montauk were as Good as
Could be Expected -- No Neglect of Sick Soldiers," Patchogue Advance, Oc 7,

"Cuban Election. -- General Maximo Gomez is Slated for the

"Senator Quay's Arrest. -- He, with Others is Charged with Misuse of Public
Funds," Patchogue Advance, Oc 7, 1898: 7.

"Mrs. Botkin will be Extradited," Patchogue Advance, Oc 7, 1898: 7.

"Ernst is Ordered Home," Patchogue Advance, Oc 7, 1898: 7.

Brig. Gen. Ernst and the 16th Pa. and 3rd Wisc. regiments to leave Ponce,
Puerto Rico, with their sick, for the U.S.

"Bread and Cake Drawers," Patchogue Advance, Oc 7, 1898: 7.

"As a substitute for tin boxes in which to store cake or bread the up to date
housekeeper has two deep drawers inserted under the bottom shelf of her china
closet. They should be 14 inches deep, lined with tin throughout, and must fit
snugly."


Rivierre, French motor bicyclist, was charged and wounded by a bull who
didn't appreciate the noise. Sprinting off before the second onslaught, he's
"now" in recovery.

Cyclists cleaning wheels should be aware of the potential of "violent washing" to damage "running gear, spokes, and bearings".

"This Busy Village," *Patchogue Advance*, Oc 21, 1898: 5.

"The village trustees have arranged for the building of a sewer on Lake Street.... -- A sore arm fake beggar came to grief at Southold last week. The fellow's arm was examined and found to be all right. He was sent to the penitentiary under the new vagrancy law. A fellow working the same dodge was in Patchogue this summer.... We notice in an exchange a splendid idea for taking care of old papers by burning and without danger. It is simply an iron cage made of cheap band iron with a hinged top. The papers are thrust into this and when ignited do not blow about. The fire can not spread with the papers confined in the cage. Any blacksmith could make the simple contrivance. [How well would this sail today?]-- Alfred Sevenlin of Patchogue was nearly burned to death in the East Moriches lockup last week." He'd been arrested by a deputy sheriff Loper and thrown in jail to await trial, for "...running his horse through the streets of Centre Moriches...for intoxication and disturbing the peace." While there the jail caught fire, and a lady passing "...summoned help, and was sent to Justice Howell..." who didn't have a key, but "...broke open the door just in time to save Sevenlin from being suffocated by the black smoke from the smouldering building which he had set on fire. When the officer came he took him [Sevenlin] before Justice Howell who fined him $25 for being drunk and disorderly.....-- The village ought to own one of the S.P. Hedges bicycle path machines. They are built like a road machine but are smaller. They cost but $75 and would save their cost five times over in one year. They make paths as well as keep them in repair. The machine is made in Greenport. Brookhaven town could well afford to own two of these machines. They are excellent for building side paths also." A "young Patchoguer" was arrested for using foul language in the vicinity of the Congregational Church on the previous Sunday. Pleaing drunkenness and making an abject apology, he was "let off" with a $20 fine. "'His case should be a warning to other disorderly youths, of whom there are not a few.' -- Sayville News."


"With the exhilarating sense of renewed health and strength and internal cleanliness, which follows the use of Syrup of Figs, is unknown to the few who have not progressed beyond the old time and cheap substitutes sometimes
offered but never accepted by the well informed. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co."

- "To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25 cents."
  Patchogue Advance, Oc 21, 1898: 5.

- "First Quality Oyster Baskets, Clam Baskets, and Eel Pots. M.G. Wiggins"
  Patchogue Advance, Oc 21, 1898: 5.

- "MONEY TO LOAN. Inquire of L.S. Edwards, M.D."
  Patchogue Advance, Oc 21, 1898: 5.

- "This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, Oc 28, 1898: 5.
  "Terry Robinson is selling the Roe Patent Bicycle Clipping machine in New England territory. -- The village trustees have employed Wm. Bason & Sons to put in five cesspools on Main Street at the intersection of Maple Ave. -- Lieut. Frank Newcomb is making his first inspection of the life saving stations in this district...."

- "Royal Baking Powder -- Made from pure cream of tartar. -- Safeguards the food against alum. -- Alum baking powders are the greatest menaces to health of the present day."
  Patchogue Advance, Oc 28, 1898: 5.

- "Nothing better than CUT GLASS for Wedding Gifts. -- Silverware and Sterling Novelties, Eastman Photographic Supplies, Watches, Diamonds & Jewelry, Repairing a Specialty. Wm. H. Aldrich, Next to Bank, Main St., Patchogue," Patchogue Advance, Oc 28, 1898: 5.

- "Spain Asks for Mercy -- Now Willing to Abandon All Claim to the Antilles -- Cannot Pay the Cuban Debt -- Declares that the Country is Practically Bankrupt and Begs Us to Avert Utter Ruin -- Peace Commission in Session," Patchogue Advance, Oc 28, 1898: 8.

- "An Emergent Session -- The President and Cabinet Hold a Meeting in Philadelphia," Patchogue Advance, Oc 28, 1898: 8.

  She was accused of mail fraud, in which she repeatedly advertised as a mail order bride, then asked for money to join her husband to be, never to be heard
from again upon its receipt. "One of the alleged victims was W.A. Vest of Beaumont, Tex., and he had her arrested early in the summer. Mr. Vest has notified the Postoffice Inspector that Miss Barron had gone to Beaumont and that they had been married. He inclosed [sic] a letter addressed to him from Mrs. Vest, in which she told her husband that she had married him to clear herself of the charges in the indictment and was going to leave him and return to Massachusetts. Mr. Vest desires that she be arrested and sent back to him if possible." Ah, the course of true love.


   "New York, Oct. 27. -- Nikola Tesla, the electrician, describes in The Electrical Review a possibility in electric power transmission....The announcement is now made that by employing [an] apparatus which he had invented, capable of generating electrical pressures vastly in excess of any heretofore used, located at natural sources of power, the current can be conducted to a terminal maintained at an elevation where the rarefied atmosphere is capable of conducting freely the particular point where the energy is to be used commercially. to maintain a second terminal at about the same elevation to attract and receive the current and to convey it to earth through special means for transforming and utilizing it. [The article is illustrated with a 2.5 million volt current.] The Electrical Review is then quoted: "Tesla now proposes to transmit without use of any wires through the natural media--the earth and the air--great amounts of power to distances of thousands of miles. This will appear a dream--a tale from 'The Arabian Nights'. But the extraordinary discoveries Tesla has made during a number of years of incessant labor, which are authoritatively described in our present issue, make it evident that his work in this field has passed a stage of laboratory experiment and is ready for a practical test on an industrial scale. The success of his efforts means that power from such sources as Niagara will become available in any part of the world regardless of distance."

- "Rejoicing Over Peace -- Great Jubilee Now in Progress in Philadelphia -- Opens with Naval Pageant -- Great Throngs Cheer the Warships That Helped Destroy Cervera's Fleet -- The President Tendered a Reception at the Union League," Patchogue Advance, Oc 28, 1898: 8.

- "Fall of M. Brisson -- The Chamber of Deputies Forces French Cabinet to Resign," Patchogue Advance, Oc 28, 1898: 8.
The Fashoda Incident (in Egypt), which threatened war between France and England [over French access to a portion of the Nile, the French military force simply retreating], brought down the French government by a vote of 296 to 243. The humiliation fed the nationalists, the Anti-Dreyfus, and anti-semitic element, with major disorder and mob rule in the streets of Paris until the government fell.

  Faure was the French President, rumored killed in the Parisian riots.


  Summary of the report of the Superintendents of the Poor on the Alms House and Children's Home in Yaphank.

November, 1898

- "Roosevelt Here -- 2,500 People Greet Him Enthusiastically -- Flags Flaunt -- Cannons Boom -- 'There Isn't a Question But What I Am Ready to Answer' -- Appeals for the Vote of all Honest Men, for an Honest Government and for Honest Courts -- Abe Gruber Speaks and Says it is Crockerism or Patriotism", Patchogue Advance, Nv 4, 1898: 1.
  "The quiet, staid Long Islanders appear to have been aroused for once."
  Includes the text of Theodore Roosevelt's brief speech. (He claimed an anti-corruption platform, honesty in government, stressing Tamany [i.e., Tammany] Hall's dishonesty, came out against free silver, and repeated his willingness to answer questions about the canal scandal or anything else.)

  Historical Note: The previous Republican administration was heavily involved in a canal scheme that erupted into a major scandal on the eve of the Spanish-American War. Roosevelt, a freshly-made war hero, with a reputation as something of a loose cannon and reformer, became the Republican's only logical choice, in the NYS Gubernatorial race, in the attempt to retain that office.


Mrs. John M. Price, President, heads the list of new officers of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union. The list includes not only the principal officers, down to the 3rd Vice Pres., but those elected to the various "superintendencies" (Literature, Press Work, Sunday School Work, Sabbath Observance, Mother's Meeting, Franchise, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Narcotics, Evangelistic, Prison and Jail, and Work for Sailors, Flower Mission, Parliamentary Usage, Parlor Meetings, Health and Heredity), as well as key positions on the Committee for Young Men's Rooms. One has to wonder about the latter, but within their sphere, it appears they weren't about to leave anything to chance.

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"The quiet, staid, matter-of-fact Long Islanders seemed to be aroused for once." The editor claimed it was unprecedented in size for any prior Patchogue political demonstration. Roosevelt in a short whistle-stop speech came out against free silver and Tammany Hall, for honesty in government, expounding his openness to questions (that apparently never came), and said little else. Col. Abe Gruber savaged Roosevelt's opponent, adding the refrain,

"Though Croker croaked with might and main,
And the Tiger's claws were sharp with power,
On election day we remembered the Maine --
It was the Santiago hero's hour."

"Among the first to grasp Mr. Roosevelt's hand after the speech, was his uncle, Mr. J.E. Roosevelt, of Sayville, and Hon. Edwin Bailey. The train was here about twenty minutes." "Roosevelt had a continuous ovation from the first stop in the early morning hours at Valley Stream to the close of the trip at Long Island City. The special train stopped at L.I. City, Valley Stream, Rockville Centre, Freeport, Amityville, Babylon, Bay Shore, Islip, Patchogue, Southampton, Bridgehampton, Sag Harbor, Greenport, Mattituck, Riverhead, Farmingdale, Hicksville, Mineola, Jamaica, Flushing, returning to L.I. City at 9 p.m." [Ed. note: If the reader is from any of those villages, they might want to check their local libraries or local newspapers for that date.]


[2nd "battle" of Chickamauga:] "Chattanooga, Nov. 3. -- Three private soldiers of the United States volunteer infantry (colored immunes) camped at Chickamauga park were ejected from the ladies' car of the Chattanooga Rapid Transit company's line which runs to the park, by the conductor and trainmen last night. The negroes were very disorderly and ugly about it, and when they reached the park they went to their camp and gathered together several hundred of their comrades and went to the station, where they began stoning the train just as it was pulling out for the return trip to the city. They broke all the windows of the cars and seriously injured a brakeman named Faircloth. Fortunately there were few passengers aboard. Afterward they stoned another passenger and three freight trains which passed the station, doing great damage. They have declared that they will stone every train on the road until they are allowed to ride in the ladies' car. This car was put on during the summer for the use of officers and ladies, and no privates, even white soldiers, were allowed to ride in it."

"Is the Panama Lost? -- Reported Wreck of Transport with Three Hundred People -- Wreckage Found on Cuban Coast -- Articles Bearing the Name Panama Picked Up from the Water Near Cape Maysi -- The Vessel Declared to Have Been Unsafe" [no kidding?], Patchogue Advance, Nv 4, 1898: 8.


Plans proceeding in St. Louis for the 1903 Louisiana Purchase centennial.

"Russia Britain's Foe -- London Thinks the Muscovite is Her Real Enemy -- China, Not Fashoda, the Issue -- The Significance of Preparations for Naval Warfare in the Far East -- All Europe May be Plunged into the Strife -- The Egyptian Controversy," Patchogue Advance, Nv 4, 1898: 8.


"Boston, Nov. 3. -- A somewhat remarkable gathering and perhaps unprecedented in the history of this state took place last evening at the Revere House in this city, when the Lizzie Borden jury held its first reunion. The 12 men were present who found Miss Borden not guilty of the murder of her father and mother at Fall River, for which she was on trial some years ago." [Ed. note:
Today, the Lizzie Borden House B & B is hawked at nearby Mass. Tourist Information Centers.


  "Washington, Nov. 3. -- An order has been issued by the war department directing that greater care be taken of the magazines of the seacoast batteries in order to prevent deterioration of the ammunition by dampness. Instructions are given how to avoid dampness by a proper method of ventilation." This order affected many batteries protecting seaward approaches to New York harbor, and the western and eastern entrances to the Long Island Sound.


  From San Francisco. Records several regiments being transshipped.


  Agent Clapp and Clerk Pugh are reported held by the Sioux, pending Washington, D.C.'s response to formal charges (of an undisclosed nature in the article) being brought against them by the tribe. At a large council "...a disposition to act ugly is manifested among the young Sioux", and "...timid white settlers nearby the agency are preparing to move unless the rouble with the Indians is soon settled". The paper concludes "...there is little fear of an uprising."


  Reviews of Isabella M. Witherspoon's 50 cent novel, Tragedy of Ages, in which she ascribes the sinking of the Maine to a fanatic Cuban, who believed the U.S. would enter the war on the assumption that Spain was responsible.


- "A Great Republican Triumph! -- 18,000 Plurality in New York for the Gallant Roosevelt. -- Suffolk County Gives Over 25,000 [to the] Republican Plurality -- Patchogue's Republican Plurality 242 -- State and Assembly Republican -- Congress Republican by a Safe Majority -- Fifteen States out of Twenty-one Elect Republican Governors -- Kansas and Nebraska Republican," **Patchogue**
Roosevelt squeaks by into the Governorship with slight majority.


- "Moving Day is Named -- The Spaniards Agree to Evacuate Cuba Jan 1 -- Our Ultimatum is Accepted -- On New Year's Day Old Glory Will Float Over Havana -- Evangelina Cisneros Returns to the City from which She was Spirited Away," Patchogue Advance, Nv 18, 1898: 8.


- "Will Take a Caroline Island," Patchogue Advance, Nv 18, 1898: 8.


  Disease stricken regiment, returning from Honolulu to San Francisco.

- "General Graham Critically Ill," Patchogue Advance, Nv 18, 1898: 8.

  Maj. Gen. Wm. M. Graham, diagnosed with typhoid fever and pneumonia, but expected to recover, is now at Ft. Hamilton with his family. Ironically, he "...caught cold at the Philadelphia peace jubilee...".

- "Dingley on the Tariff -- Asserts That There Will Be No Immediate Revision," Patchogue Advance, Nv 18, 1898: 8.

- "Colored Centenarian Dead," Patchogue Advance, Nv 18, 1898: 8.
"Goshen, N.Y., Nov. 17. -- James W. DeFreese, once a slave, died near here, aged 105 years. He was buried by the authorities."

"Havana is Terrorized -- Desperadoes Crowd the Streets of Cuba's Capital -- They Rob in Broad Daylight -- Criminals Brought Back from Ceuta Menace the City -- General Bianco is to Retire from the Captain Generalship -- Tries to Step Up Strife," Patchogue Advance, Nv 25, 1898: 8.


"The Creek Nation has voted to reject the Dawes commission treaty by 152 majority. -- A Number of cattle have mysteriously died near Macon, Mo. An expert says they had Texas fever.... -- A fire from an unknown cause did over $100,000 damage to the business section of Greenport, N.Y., Friday.... -- The people of Olympia, Wash., will present a commemorative tablet to the flagship Olympia of Admiral Dewey's fleet. -- Prairie fires have done damage to the amount of $250,000 in the Indian Territory [but] have been stopped by heavy rains. -- The Harvard football team defeated the Yale team in the championship game at New Haven on Saturday by a score of 17 to 0.... -- Eighteen men, the crew of the Dutch bark Johanna, were rescued by the steamer Peconic and brought to New York Friday.... -- It is reported that 18 persons who were shipwrecked at the mouth of the Kuskowim river in Alaska were murdered by Indians.... -- James Kerrigan, who deserted his wife in Brooklyn four years ago, kidnapped his young son in that borough Sunday night, with the aid of the woman with whom he lived.... -- Rev. A.C. Dixon, in a sermon at the Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, Sunday on "Higher Critic Myths and Moths," attacked the Chicago university and the Chautauqua school.... -- The naval court of inquiry that has been investigating the cause of the cruiser Buffalo's detention has absolved Commander Hemphill and Chief Engineer Beig from blame. Three subordinate mechanics have been dropped from the service. -- A band of White Caps at Black Rock, Ark., who had captured a negro accused of stealing, were fired upon by the man's friends. One member of the band was killed, another mortally, and a third dangerously wounded. A race war is threatened.... -- A letter received from Lieutenant [later to be Admiral] Robert E. Peary by Dr. J. F. Hull of Waterville, Me., states that in all probability no message will be received from him for several years. The Hope cleared the icefields all right, but Lieutenant Peary [expresses] fears the Windward may be delayed by the ice closing in.... -- Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii arrived in San Francisco on Monday from Honolulu, accompanied by Colonel G.W. MacFarlane and Hon. Paul Neuman. The object of her visit is to try to influence congress to allow her to retain possession of the crown lands, valued at
$5,000,000. Liliuokalani maintains that, despite the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States, the crown lands are her absolute private property and that this country has no more right to assume ownership of the lands than it has to take the property of any private citizen."

- "Tried to Kill the Czar," Patchogue Advance, Nv 25, 1898: 8.

  "Berlin, Nov. 24. -- A dispatch from Elbing, the seaport of West Prussia, says an attempt was made upon the life of the czar while his majesty was returning from Copenhagen. Just before the czar's special train crossed the bridge between Boehmenhofen and Lagern a switchman discovered that the bridge had been barricaded. By almost superhuman efforts, as a result of which he is now in the hospital, the switchman, it appears, succeeded in removing the obstacles sufficiently to permit the passage of the imperial train. An investigation, which is being conducted in secret, is still proceeding."

- "Frisco's Big Fire -- Lucky Baldwin's Hotel Burned and Several Lives Lost," Patchogue Advance, Nv 25, 1898: 8.

- "Awaiting Spain's Reply -- Given a Week to Accede to America's Demands -- Is Practically an Ultimatum -- The Spaniards Told in Plain Terms That They Must Give Up the Philippines or Hostilities would be Resumed -- Intimidated They Will Yield," Patchogue Advance, Nv 25, 1898: 8.


A soldier of the 3rd N.Y. Vol. Infantry Regt. was found dead in his Elmira, N.Y. room with a bullet through his heart. "He had been to a subscription ball the night before and it is thought had some disagreement with a young lady with whom he had been keeping company, but who on this occasion was at the ball with another man."

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- "This Busy Village," Patchogue Advance, De 2, 1898: 1.

- "First Anniversary of the Patchogue Sorosis," Patchogue Advance, De 2, 1898: 1.

- "Spain Gives Up All -- Accepts in Full the Demands of the United States -- Her Commissioners Say That She Submits Only to Superior Force -- Senor Rios Sad and Silent -- The Essential Points of the Treaty Settled," Patchogue Advance, De 2, 1898: 8.

- "Loss of the Portland -- Coast Steamer Sunk and All on Board Doomed -- More than a Hundred Victims -- Many Bodies Washed Ashore on Cape Cod, but Few are Yet Identified -- The Beach Strewn with Wreckage. The Captain Disobeyed Orders," Patchogue Advance, De 2, 1898: 8.

- "The Canal Scandal -- Criminal Proceeedings to be Taken Against Aldrich and Adams," Patchogue Advance, De 2, 1898: 8. port. of George W. Aldridge.


  Contains the text of the 13 articles of the draft treaty.


- "Peace is Near at Hand -- An Agreement Reached on Essential Points -- To Consist of Eight Articles -- The Treaty of Paris Practically Completed and
Nearly Ready for Signatures -- Secondary Subjects and Minor Details Under Discussion,“Patchogue Advance, De 9, 1898: 16.


- "The Reunited Nation -- McKinley Pays Tribute to the Confederate Dead -- Warmly Greeted in the South -- The President on His Visit to Atlanta Peace Jubilee Addresses the Georgia Legislature on the New Union and the Old Flag," Patchogue Advance, De 16, 1898: 16.

- "Rioting in Cuba -- Several Killed in Encounters Between Spaniards and Cubans," Patchogue Advance, De 16, 1898: 16.


  Text of the 17 articles of the final peace treaty.


  On Santa Claus.


  Methodist Church.


  "What should be the attitude of the Church to the Club?" Rev. Chas. N. Gleason's sermon.

- "As Seen by Her," Patchogue Advance, De 28, 1898: 4.

  At a meeting of Sorosis, call for a free library in Patchogue