

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Court May 26th.

Have you slicked up your back yard?

The editors of the Dushore papers did considerable clipping last week.

Decoration Day and Fourth of July, both come on Friday this year.

The potato bug has come to the surface. He will no doubt stay during the summer vacation.

Don't you think it would be the proper caper to transplant your ash heaps and rubbish piles, about now.

Mr. I. Lamoreaux of LaPorte, who fell and broke his leg recently, is mending as fast as could be expected.

Delightful spring weather continues and the farmers are as busy as bees getting ready to plant their spring crops.

Frank Buck the well driller of Dushore, was in town Wednesday and removed his machine to Lopez, where he will drill several wells.

Prof. J. P. Little of Nordmont, who is engaged in the lumber business at said place, was at the county seat doing business on Monday.

The Democrats of this vicinity don't seem to mind the death of Randall very much. He was not one of Cleveland's pets, hence the treatment.

The largest catch of the season—147. F. M. Crossley of this place accompanied by a friend, captured them in Poll Bridge. Frank says they were the finest mess of trout he has seen for a long time.

The force employed on the new school house building, are: T. J. Keeler contractor, A. J. Hackley, John Andrews, John Thomas, Geo. Laurenson and Ernest Smith. The work is progressing nicely.

Congressmen C. R. Buckalew of this district, is a candidate for reelection. Why not some of our Sullivan county Democratic friends bob up and ask for a share of the honors. Hon. B. S. Collins of Dushore, for instance.

The Williamsport Republican keeps the people of this vicinity pretty well informed as to the whereabouts of the Sullivan county man who is spending a few days in the Lumber City. We assure the Republican that the news is appreciated here.

Constable Lawrence Lowry accompanied by James Wood, both of Bernice, were out in search of a Columbia county man on Wednesday of last week. They visited Benton and Light St., but the hunt proved in vain, for which the girl was very much disappointed.

This is the proper season of the year for proprietors of summer boarding houses to commence a series of advertising for summer guests. We would suggest that the *Phila. Press*, owing to its large circulation, is an excellent paper to insert such advertising.

Ezra and Dewitt Shultz who were convicted at last term of court of larceny and who have filed reasons for a new trial which will be heard at this May term, were bailed by J. G. Scouiten and given their freedom on Monday last. The amount of bail required was \$500. each.

The 26th of April will be the seventy-first anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship into the United States. Long may it prosper. It would be a good thing if every man was a good Odd Fellow. It would work injury to no one, and be a great benefit to many. The occasion will be properly observed at Danville.

If the road machine recently purchased by the proper officers of LaPorte township, can not be worked to an advantage owing to rocky embankments of highways, why not dispose of it to the highest bidder. The machine cost the tax payers \$225, from which they should realize something. The value of the machine has been decreased but little by use, but neglect of care is plainly visible for which the ex-road commissioners of LaPorte township are responsible.

Our exchanges quote Grover Cleveland growing in weight at the rate of 25 pounds a week. He has grown the partition right out of his law office in New York. While writing at his desk he invariably takes the left hand corner of his table leaving his right arm on the desk; in this position his abdomen extends into the middle of the room and when he desires 'no admittance,' he heaves it against the floor which prevents all intruders from entering. A patent bolt, which perhaps, will never be duplicated.

Owing to the fact that Patsy Connor of Bernice did not deny the statement made in the *REPUBLICAN* at a recent date, that he was a candidate for Member this fall, it is fair to presume that he will be among the number seeking the nomination. Patsy is a fine young man and it would be hard for the Democratic party of Sullivan county to find his superior within its borders. Since our statement that he was a candidate, we have heard the conversation of several Democrats in this and adjoining precincts who expressed themselves very warm for his selection at their Convention. Patsy would make a good Representative.

We have received several letters from Cherry twp., residents requesting us to continue our attack upon the people in charge of the insane man Hawk of that township. We have also been urged by an individual of Dushore to continue, he says that we are in the right and that the manner in which Hawk is treated has been conversed liberally in the town of Dushore and yet the editors of the Dushore papers were ignorant of such a man living within a mile distant. This is absurd and is of no credit to a newspaper man. Perhaps they preferred not to bring the matter before the public fearing that they would lose a patron or two by so doing. A worthy act upon their part.

In answer to the *Gazette* requesting us to exonerate the overseers of the Poor from all blame, we would merely re-print a line appearing in the article of the *Gazette*, viz: "One of the overseers of the poor on hearing of some of the above rumors (as given in the *REPUBLICAN*) went to Mr. Hawk's residence and found him in good health." Now Streby if the overseers of Cherry twp., did not consider themselves responsible for the treatment of Hawk, owing to property owned by him, why did they visit him in the capacity of an officer? In our article we did not hold the overseers wholly responsible, but said that they were partly in the blame. By the officer visiting Hawk he admits precisely that part which we accused them of. In reference to what we said about the insane man being a comrad, we would state that our informant stated that he was receiving a pension of the exact amount quoted in the *Gazette*, \$12. per month and from which we inferred that he had served a time in the war. This we understand is granted him by the death of a son in the army and that he was not a participant of the war.

We also received one other letter from an individual of Dushore, who stated that Hawk is receiving all the comforts that he deserves, owing to cruelty to his family while living. It might have been that Hawk was cruel to his family, but can you believe that an insane person is responsible for his actions. No, we think not, and we believe that our readers will join us in our decision. The words: "comforts that he deserves" appearing in the above mentioned letter has much significance and goes to prove, to some extent, that our informant made a correct statement of the treatment of Hawk. The person who informed us and requested us to make mention of the fact said furthermore that he and two other gentlemen called on Hawk and the order of the house the filth on the floor the filth on the man and the manner in which he was dressed caused two of the party to become deathly sick and brought on a spell of vomiting. Streby we sincerely believe that we are in the right and unless you can produce more satisfactory evidence to the contrary, we have every reason to think that the public sentiment will uphold us in our attack upon those in charge of the unfortunate man.

This is what a subscriber to the *REPUBLICAN* said the other day: "I am a subscriber to all three county papers, but my choice of the three is the *REPUBLICAN*, it contains more news and prints more facts than either of the other papers. I unfold it anxiously and am never disappointed to see much of interest in its columns."

The new boat house of James McFarlane, on the borders of Lake Mokoma, is about completed. It is a jim slicker. Who will be the next to follow suit? Those Williamsport capitalists and stock holders of the Lake Mokoma Land Co., should show up pretty soon. A little interest shown in the new enterprise about now would do lots for its future success. The Mokoma Heights under the supervision of D. W. Garrigues of Philadelphia, is progressing finely. We wish we could say the same of the surroundings of the lake. A move is necessary. Each Williamsporter interested should erect a cottage this summer. It is useless to hope that uninterested parties will build until those who were the instigators of the enterprise, have at least shown some interest in the welfare of the place.

We fear the Williamsport *Sun* will be no more. That paper made the gross statement in a recent issue that a Mr. Fague edited the *Hughesville Mail*. Mr. F. is fearfully out of sorts about the wrong done him and fears are entertained that he will put an end to the *Sun*. It will be admitted by all that Mr. Fague has been viciously insulted; but we trust that he will use proper precaution in dealing out his feelings. It can't be that the *Sun* has ever smiled upon the dudish editor of the *Mail* or else he never would have forgotten him. Rutter you will please step forward, take off your hat, pull down your vest, wipe your nose and arrange your eye glasses while the solemn duty of a formal introduction is performed. *** You will now take your seat and in your next issue please inform the Burg people that they never will be called upon to answer your blunders as a writer of the *Mail*, in the future. Oh! what a relief this will be to them.

Annual Commencement of the Forksville Graded School.

The exercises were held in the M. E. church on Wednesday evening April 16th. The interest of the people was exhibited by the assembling of a very large audience. The occasion was enlivened by some very choice instrumental and vocal music admirably executed by Mrs. F. Chatfee and Miss. Blanche Collins. The salutary address was given by Miss Jennie Molyneux, also an essay entitled "Trifles," both of these productions were excellent and were read in an easy and graceful style. Next followed an Oration, by Mr. Albert L. Lewis, entitled "National Development" which was delivered in an impressive manner, and abounded in historical illustrations, and showed deep study and close thinking, and was an able production. Next in order was an Oration, by Arthur J. Bird—Subject, "Silent Influences." Mr. Bird has a fine address and an excellent voice for public speaking, and his oration was delivered with force and eloquence. His comparisons and illustrations were very fine. The motto of the class of '90 was "Deligence, Vigilance, Success." The valedictory and an essay on the class motto, was given by Miss Sadie Molyneux. The address was well written and exceedingly appropriate to the occasion. The board of directors occupied a prominent position on the platform, and the diplomas were given to the graduating class, by J. W. Rogers president of the board accompanied by a few well timed remarks. Mr. R. D. Lancaster in behalf of the board, presented their thanks to the teacher. The literary exercises of the class showed close application, and a high degree of culture, and reflected credit on Prof. Meylert as a competent instructor. Prof. Black being called upon made a few very pertinent remarks. The closing address to the class by Prof. Meylert was very touching and beautiful, and abounded in happy illustration, and instruction, and was greatly admired by all. D.

\$2.05 Excursion.
To the Odd Fellows of Sullivan county: There will be an excursion on the W. & N. B., to Danville, on Saturday April 26, to witness the anniversary of I. O. O. F., at said place. The train will start from Sonestown at 7 a. m. and leave Danville at 10 p. m. Fair \$2.05.

To The School Directors of Sullivan County.

GENTLEMEN: In pursuance of the forty-third section of the Act of May 8, 1854, you are hereby notified to meet in convention, at the Court House, in LaPorte, on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1890, at 1 o'clock, being the 6th, day of the month, and select, *viva voce*, by a majority of the whole number of directors present one person of literary and scientific acquirements, and of skill and experience in the art of teaching, as County Superintendent, for the three succeeding years; and certify the result to the State Superintendent, at Harrisburg, as required by the thirty-ninth and fortieth sections of said Act. M. R. BLACK, County Sup. of Sullivan County. Forksville, April 9th, 1890.

AN OLD MAN'S TERRIBLE DEATH
Burned to Death in His Store at Lairdsville.

The particulars of a horrible accident at Lairdsville, this county, reach the *Republican* this afternoon. Shortly after 1 o'clock Monday morning the general store of Hiram Crouse, at Lairdsville, was discovered to be completely enveloped in flames, and an hour afterwards there was left nothing but the ruins of the establishment, although those who had been attracted by the fire made every attempt to check the progress of the flames. Unfortunately, however, the fire started at a time when the whole neighborhood was wrapped in slumber, and when first discovered it was apparent that no human efforts could save the place.

A MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

The most unfortunate result of the fire was the burning to death of the owner of the store, Hiram Crouse, a man aged about sixty-five years. He was a bachelor and slept in a room over the store, and his remains, burned to a crisp, were discovered in the ruins of the fire this morning. It is known that the unfortunate man was in the habit of sleeping with a lamp burning in his room and from the condition of the fire when first discovered it was evident that the blaze originated in the part of the building occupied by Mr. Crouse as a bed room. The supposition is that the lamp exploded during the night and Mr. Crouse was overcome by the fire and smoke before he could make his escape. The horrible affair has caused intense excitement and much sorrow in the neighborhood of Lairdsville and during the entire day the people from the country round have visited the scene and gazed upon the ruins. The store and its contents were valued at \$2,000 on which there was an insurance of \$1,500.

LATER NEWS.

It is learned late this afternoon that many people at Lairdsville are not satisfied that the fire originated from a lamp explosion but believe that the conflagration was the work of an incendiary. It is asserted that Mr. Crouse was believed to have considerable money, and not a few believe that the place was entered by thieves, who robbed and murdered the old man and then fired the store to destroy the evidence of guilt. Be this as it may, the fire so completely wiped out every part of the building that there is nothing left to form much of a clue upon. The remains of the victim will be taken to Columbia county for interment.—*Williamsport Republican*.

Mr. Crouse was proprietor of the LaPorte Hotel at this place in 1852 and has several relatives in this section. They were notified of the fearful death of Mr. Crouse on Monday. Those who attended the funeral, which took place on Wednesday morning were: Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crossley and daughter, Miss Bertha, and Mr. Fred Fleschutt. The remains were entered in the Crouse cemetery in Columbia county.

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We also wish to call your attention to our new line of stone caskets they are light, beautiful in design and constitute within themselves miniature vaults, they are finished in broadcloth, plush and satins and are furnished at a price that brings them within reach of all classes. Please call and examine our model as we are the only dealers that handle stone caskets in Sullivan county. We also have a full line of wood caskets, robes, trimmings &c.

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