

LOCAL DEPARTMENT

March is on the decline. Moving day is close at hand. Sunday was the finest day thus far in March. Decoration Day comes on Saturday this year. A soda water fountain would pay in LaPorte. Bloomsburg is now lighted with electric light. Sheriff sales, auditor's notice and adm'r. notice, elsewhere. Saturday March 21st, we are told, is to be the first day of spring. That New Orleans trouble may end in War. Let'er go Gallagher. Walter Spencer of LaPorte, is confined to his room, with la grippe. The maple sugar bush attracts the attention of our farmer, these days. A great deal of sickness is reported from all sections of the county. Sheriff Utz, was doing official business at the county seat, on Friday. The winter term of school at this place, will close the fore part of April. After April 1st, Berwick will have free postal delivery, on several of its main streets. A telephone has recently been constructed from Ingham's law office to the Prothonotary's office. The la grippe has re-appeared in this section and in consequence several of our citizens are suffering a second attack. A large quantity of ice cut on Lake Mokoma, was transported to Stonetown, on Monday. Cause, extra good quality. Jacob Lora ex-county treasurer accompanied by Judge Ingham and W. C. Mason, are looking over the county audit this week. It is fair to presume that the town council will order those stones on Main St. covered with earth sometime in the future. Stewart Chase of LaPorte, has been confined to his bed with neuralgia for several days. At present, however, he is recovering. Mrs. Judge Mason of LaPorte who has been confined to her bed with pneumonia for several days, is improving, also is the little daughter Ionia, of W. C. Mason. Judge Mason of LaPorte, was called to Scranton to testify in a land case, last week. The Judge, perhaps, does more swearing than any one man in seventeen counties. At the special court to be held at Lock Haven, commencing on Monday April 27, Charles Cleary will be tried a second time for the murder of Chief of Police Paul, of Renovo. W. H. Pierce, who served in the capacity of clerk at the LaPorte Hotel for several years, is now looking after the interest of the Forksville House, A. L. Smith proprietor. The W. C. T. A. will meet at Mrs. Wm. A. Mason's on Thursday March 26th. The social will be held at Mrs. M. C. Laure's on Friday evening March 20th. All are cordially invited. Frank Hannon of Millview, has recently rented the Forksville House and will take possession of the same about the first of April. Frank will undoubtedly make a very obliging landlord. The LaPorte correspondence of the Hughesville Mail gave the editor of this paper a very flattering send off last week. What is meant by this, we are, at present, unable to say, but in the meantime will keep a good watch out and guard against a bite on the left leg. The Dushore Gazette makes a great adieu about our home bank, referring to the Dushore First National Bank, and says everybody should patronize home enterprise. This is a timely remark, but when the Cashier of a home institution requests that he be exonerated from all county, borough and school tax levied upon him in said county, then we think it about time to look further for a home "Bank," as it were.

FOR SALE

Nine heavy team horses, aged from 6 to 12 years. For further particulars inquire of G. W. BIGGERS, Eagles Mere, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan the banker began house keeping at the county seat of Sullivan the latter part of last week. Mrs. Jordan having arrived on Tuesday, March 10th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jordan admire our town very much. Tuesday March 17th, was a beautiful day. It was hardly observed at LaPorte as a holiday as our streets wore its every day appearance. In the evening, however, things were slightly changed and a number of the boys "hooped her up" for St. Patrick. Justices of the Peace are now required to file a written acceptance of the office with the Prothonotary within thirty days after their election. The acceptance must be over the newly-elected Justice's own signature, and in it he must state who he is successor to. Owing to the turn of affairs at Jamison City in the way of litigation, our LaPorte attorneys are called on quite frequently for legal advice. Several "Sitting in Equity" books have been printed in consequence. Congressman Ellis of Kentucky, declares that Mr. Cleveland running for president on an anti-silver platform could not carry more than two of the 119 counties of that state, and what is true of Kentucky is undoubtedly true of other states in the south and west.—Albany Times. It is almost an everyday occurrence, to place the name of a new subscriber on our list. We will wager our last year's straw hat, and it is a pretty good one too, that the circulation of the REPUBLICAN has increased in the last two months more than the other two county papers combined. The proprietor of the Bradford house in South Waverly, having been refused license by Judge Peck for statutory reasons, has moved the building over the line into New York state, where he hopes they may not be so particular in regard to a man's personal habits.—Athens News. The many, many people of LaPorte, are invited to take part in a "box party" to be given at the residence of Chas. Tinklepaugh, on Tuesday evening next. The proceeds of which will be judiciously used in erecting a side walk to Mountain Ash cemetery. A very worthy cause. Don't you think? It was reported that skating on Lake Mokoma, was excellent, on "Saturday" and a large number of our young people too, a stroll down. They did not remain long, however, and was of the opinion that the reporter, was a fearful poor judge of the requirements of good skating ice. It was rough and tough. Look out for yourself during this changeable weather. Pneumonia and other diseases are lurking around now, ready to settle down upon their victims on the least provocation. Keep your feet warm and dry, and avoid going from hot rooms into the open air without the body being thoroughly protected with warm wraps. Luzerne county has seventy-nine prisoners in the county jail and fifty-seven convicts in the Eastern Penitentiary and the cost of the latter to the county in excess of their earnings is \$2,123. Great Scott, if our people were as bad as they are down in Luzerne, our county would soon be compelled to take the bankrupt law and the Dushore Bank could not save us either. W. L. Stormont, who is doing business in New York, was visiting his parents and his many friends in LaPorte, the early part of this week. Will inform us that Will Degen, his room mate and formerly of LaPorte, is still head clerk in Stearns Bros. shoe department. Both young men have hosts of friends here, who wish them long life and lots of prosperity. A bill has been introduced into the State Legislature and referred to the Committee on education, providing that teachers having taught successively six annual school terms, after examination and being recommended by the permanent certificate committee, shall receive a permanent certificate without the recommendation of any board of directors or any city or borough superintendent.

The case of the Philadelphia and Erie R. R. vs. the W. & N. B., will be heard in the Supreme Court this week. The decision of the same may be looked for, perhaps in the far future and perhaps not so long; no person can tell when the guess of the high tribunal will be revealed to the public. About 8000 trout fris were received by parties of LaPorte from the State Fish Commission, on Saturday and distributed in the several streams close by the county seat. Parties of Eagles Mere, we understand, also received a large number of the "wee" speckled beauties on the same date and distributed them in the several creeks that abound in that vicinity. John McErm who has recently been in the employ of James McFarlane & Co., of LaPorte, and who was elected school director of this borough at the recent election, has taken up quarters in Warren county under the supervision of his old superintendent at the LaPorte tannery, Richard English. We understand that several more of the boys will invest in a railroad ticket for the same place. Frank Lingo of Merchantville, N. J., (colored) who is being tried for the murder of Mrs. Miller of said village, is endeavoring to prove an alibi. His attorneys feel pretty certain that they will free him from the hands of justice, notwithstanding that he (Lingo) has served five sentences in county jails. Lingo it will be remembered was arrested for the murder of Annie Leoney but was found "not guilty," hence the notoriety of this trial. We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to the masquerade ball given in the Hall at Lopez on Tuesday evening last, March 17th, but owing to other engagements were unable to be present, which we regret very much. The affair was a grand success, and for the like has never been equalled at the saw dust city, which is accounted for by the masterly skill of the committee in charge: F. G. Rice, W. B. Jennings and H. J. Castle. Notice. Mr. M. F. Albert will open a Spring Normal School at LaPorte, Pa., April, 1891. The attendance of advanced pupils who desire to prepare themselves for teaching, and young teachers who desire to work up in their profession, are respectfully solicited. Tuition moderate and good board can be had at cheap rates. Trout Fishing Season. According to Smull's Legislative Hand Book, the season for catching speckled trout commences April 15, and ends July 15. At present there is a bill pending in the House to make the season from April 1st to July 1st; but it has not yet become a law. It is not allowable to catch trout otherwise than with a hook and line, and for any violation of this there is a heavy penalty attached. In just another month fishermen may cast their flies. In New Orleans on Saturday, March 14th, eleven Italians were taken from said prison and were shot hung and clubbed to death by a mob of 3,000 citizens. The affair grew out of the murder of chief of police Hennessy, who was, it is claimed murdered by said Italians. The Italians were arrested and stood a trial and were released. The good people of New Orleans were not satisfied with the verdict and took it upon themselves to administer justice which resulted as above stated. A well known superintendent says that after the Bell Telephone patents have expired in 1893, there will be such improvements introduced into the service as will surprise the public. He asserts that a business man may sit at his desk in his private office, and by simply pressing an electric button, be enabled to call up the central office and converse with his patrons and correspondents anywhere along the line, in the same or other cities, without the medium of the transmitter and the receiver. If this is possible, why is the public deprived of these advantages for two years more?—Etc.

We have engaged the services of H. W. Osler of Lincoln Falls, as solicitor for the REPUBLICAN. Receipts given by Mr. Osler will be acknowledged by us. Some people seem to think that the old fence law is still in operation, while others are in doubt. The following will explain the matter, and must forever settle it: In Clarion county a farmer let his hogs forage on his neighbors lands, one of whom brought suit for damages. The county court awarded them. The case was carried to the Supreme Court, where damages were still allowed. This decision settles the legality of the act repealing the act of 1790, and means that no one has got to fence against his neighbor's cattle; and if the cattle do damage, fence or no fence, the owner of the stock is liable. The "Karns bill" which provides for the payment of laborers in the lumber woods in case the contractor is sold out by the sheriff or any other officer of the law, has past second reading without a decenting vote and all probability will become a law in the near future. The bill provides that in case a contractor of a corporation, such as is being experienced at Jamison City, fails, owing, perhaps to the non payment of the corporation to said contractor for work done, and in case the bark, logs and lumber are exposed at force sale the first moneys arising therefrom must be applied on the laborers' claim, thus you see makes the laborer the contractor. This bill surely has the appearance of good law and we trust for the good of laborers thus engaged will pass the Senate and be placed on the pamphlet as such. There are twenty-eight policy holders in the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia, in Sullivan county. They are as follows: F. W. Brockway, Henry D. Brown, John Campbell, Francis Chaffee, Chas. H. Darby, H. T. Downs, W. A. Gumble, John L. Hilemen, Walter L. Hoffman, John H. Holtzower, John G. Holmes, E. P. Ingham, F. H. Ingham, Bishop W. Jennings, Cortez H. Jennings, Conrad Craus, R. D. Lancaster, Wm. L. Lawrence, Chauncey T. Lilley, W. C. Mason, D. W. Osler, W. C. Rogers, A. L. Smith, John L. Smyth, John H. Spencer, Morris C. Wilson, Geo. W. Darby and Chas. Nye. F. H. Tomlinson Esq., of Montoursville, is a special agent for said company and our many Sullivan county people, who anticipate lifting a policy will find it to their advantage to give this gentleman a call. We desire to specially call the attention of our democratic free trade friends to a few solid facts, which like all other facts present the only convincing argument known to poor weak doubting human nature: When the McKinley bill was pending, and indeed after it had become a law, you insisted that it was absurd to put a tariff on linen, because this country could not build and successfully operate linen mills. The tariff was put on linen, and the result is, that three linen mills are already in operation in the New England States, while others are being built and equipped as rapidly as possible at Minneapolis, Minn; at Eau Claire, Wis.; and at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. So much for one free trade prediction. Now, for another. All during the late campaign the working men were told by democratic editors and orators that the tariff on tin plates put a tax upon his dipper and dinner bucket, notwithstanding they knew, or should have known, that the tin plate section of the McKinley bill would not become a law until July 1, 1891. Now for the effect of that law upon American industries. Before its enactment not a pound of tin plate was made in the United States, now American Mills, are turning it out by the ton and more than a dozen large mills are in process of erection in various sections of the country, and the tin mines in this country are being for the first time profitably worked, and, most important of all, the price of tin plate is to-day, in Chicago and New York, twenty per cent less than it was last September, and dealers are predicting that it will be still cheaper after the new mills get to work.

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