

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Fishermen are numerous. Circuses are on the route. The R. R. is coming this way. Court proclamation elsewhere. Saturday was a cold windy day.

A new sheriff sale in this week's issue.

Better to give than to receive—medicine.

The weather prophet say this is a warm moon.

Dandelion greens are just now, a favorite dish.

William H. Painton will soon receive his sentence.

The road leading to Lake Mokoma, should be repaired.

Lee's circus will show at Sonestown, Thursday May 7th.

There are several new buildings being erected at Muncy Valley.

The trees will soon begin to look grand in their trimmings of green.

An Italian passed through town leading a cinnamon bear, on Sunday.

Amos Little of Nordmont, was doing business at Hughesville Monday.

All of the many cottages at the 'Mere, will be occupied this summer.

Dr. Waddell of Dushore, was called to LaPorte, professionally Friday.

Lee's great London show will exhibit at LaPorte, on Wednesday May 6th.

Miss Ida Keeler of LaPorte, was visiting friends in Williamsport, on Tuesday.

Several cottage owners at the 'Mere, are grading in front of their residences.

Thos. W. Bailey and wife of Philadelphia, are registered at the Mountain House.

A first class blacksmith wanted. For further particulars call on J. H. Green, LaPorte.

Several members of the Eagles-Mere Land Company, visited the 'Mere, on Friday last.

F. W. Gallagher and family, of LaPorte, were visiting friends at Jamison City, the latter part of last week.

Jeremiah Kelly, the popular hardware dealer of Hughesville, was doing business at LaPorte, on Wednesday.

Sheriff Utz and his deputy, Thos. Mahaffey, both of Dushore, were doing business at the county seat, on Monday.

Atty. A. L. Grim of LaPorte, was visiting friends in Davidson twp., and among the list, Griffith Phillips, 1st, last week.

The second trial of young Cleary for the murder of Chief of Police Paul, was commenced in Lock Haven, Monday.

Atty. F. H. Ingham of LaPorte, left for Philadelphia Wednesday, where he will visit friends for a week or ten days.

D. Kennedy, proprietor of Hotel Kennedy, was calling on his two sons, John and Thos E. Kennedy at Jamison City, on Saturday last.

George Mead of LaPorte twp., will erect a dwelling house this spring on his land recently purchased of his father-in-law, E. J. Messenger.

Mrs. E. V. Ingham of Philadelphia, is quite ill, having been on the sick list a greater part of the winter. Her many friends here wish her a speedy recovery.

The W. & N. B. R. R., is being repaired near Hall's Station. A much needed repair. No squeak of the car wheel will be heard at that point after this week.

Geo. W. Simmons of Sonestown, is erecting a new dwelling house, when completed will number among the neatest and handsomest of that town. Good for George.

Again it is rumored that the L. V. R. R., will continue their road from Lopez to Thornedale, which is only four miles distance from LaPorte. They say that this time it is a sure go, and that the contract is being signed and the road is to be completed by the middle of September, 1891.

Additional local on editorial page.

Mrs. J. H. Spencer and her two children, Walter and Mable, returned home from Philadelphia where they have been visiting friends for a couple of weeks, on Tuesday.

With the terminus of the L. V. R. R., at Thornedale, and only 8 miles from Nordmont, the end of the W. & N. B., we can hope that the two lines will be built to connect in the near future.

Prof. F. W. Meylert and wife of Forkville, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at LaPorte. Frank commenced his select term of school at Forkville, on Tuesday, it will continue for eight weeks.

Hon. Russel Karns and wife left for Harrisburg on Monday, where they will remain until Friday, when they will take the train for Philadelphia and Atlantic City. They will be absent from home two weeks.

A camp of the P. O. S. of A., was organized at Dushore, on Thursday evening last. There were 34 charter members. Several members of the Sonestown and Nordmont camps, were present at the organization.

The "in your mind" stories published in the Philadelphia Times about killing panthers, wolves and the devil in Sullivan county, are all a hoax and the Times ought to know better than give them publicity.

Two tramp Polanders were arrested for maliciously setting fire in the woods near Herman Ring's in LaPorte twp., on Tuesday. There not being sufficient evidence to prove the charge they were set free. Mr. Ring swore out the warrant.

Frank Harrison, proprietor of the daily stage from Hills Grove to Glen Mawr, is an obliging conductor and drives good rigs, hence is always on time. We understand that Frank, during his experience in the service of the U. S., has not missed a single trip and not once has he failed to deliver the mail to Glen Mawr in time for the train to carry it to its destination. This surely is a compliment that very seldom strikes stage drivers. Frank is the right man in the right place and the people of Hills Grove will do well to continue him in the service.

The tail end of the audit of the Fishing Creek Lumber Company, was reached, on Tuesday evening. The attorneys connected in the suit are: Aitys. T. J. & F. H. Ingham for the Labor claim and Attys. E. M. Dunham of LaPorte and Seth McCormick of Williamsport, for the Company. The moneys realized out of the sheriff sale of the property of the Company amounts to nearly four thousand dollars and the Laborers are making a desperate struggle for their proportion of said amount. Atty. J. H. Cronin is auditor and will file his report at May Term.

Fire at Lopez.

Special to the REPUBLICAN. The Kindling Wood Factory at Lopez, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday. The building caught from a defect in the flue on top of the factory. Help was summoned by blowing the whistle, and in a short time hundreds of men were on the scene, but owing to the mammoth height of the building, but little assistance could be rendered. There was no hose attached to the machinery and all the willing helpers could do, was to form a bucket company. This, however, did not last long as the heat got so intense that it was impossible to stand within 50 feet of the burning building. The forest took fire and three dwelling houses and barns close by the factory were burned to the ground. A telegram was sent to Towanda for assistance and at 3:30 p. m. an engine appeared upon the scene. The fire raged in the forest on the North side of Lopez Creek and before the burning buildings above mentioned had tumbled to the ground the shriek of Tixel & Terrell's saw mill whistle was heard calling for help. The force divided and with buckets in hand started for the burning mill. The mill was saved, however, but much fear is anticipated that owners of bark in the woods near by Lopez will meet a heavy loss by the fire ignited by the burning buildings. Twenty-five men in the employ of James McFarlane left for the scene and to protect bark in the woods at 3 a. m. on this (Thursday) morning.

Chas. Lee's great London Shows, Circus Mesium and Menagerie, will pitch its mammoth tents in LaPorte on Wednesday May the 6th. This show has been here before and gave the best of satisfaction, and comes this season enlarged to more than twice its former proportions. Prices of admission remains the same. Don't fail to witness the great street parade at noon.

We have this week furnished a private office which we have termed the "business office of the REPUBLICAN." It is in the rear of the compositor's room facing the LaPorte Hotel. This is what we found on the new desk on our arrival home from a business trip in the Western part of the county, Tuesday.

LaPorte, April 27th, 1891. FRIEND WILL:—I called to see your new office, desk &c., this p. m. and allow me to say that I consider every thing surpassingly fine, and hoping you may appreciate this compliment I remain, Yours Resp. A. WALSH.

The Lyon Lumber Company of Muncy, has purchased three hundred and fifty acres of timbered land in and about the vicinity of Nordmont, and will peel the bark on the same this spring. The camp at Nordmont was occupied by employees of said company on Saturday, who will commence peeling said bark as soon as the season opens. The company expect to realize 2,000 cords from the tract. This chopping will undoubtedly make a decided change in the appearance of the surroundings of Nordmont. Perhaps for the better.

The telephone is a great deceiver, it perhaps gives more people away than does the gossiping women. A little circumstance occurred on the phone commencing at Forkville and ending at Hills Grove on Saturday evening last. A young man and a resident of the Grove was doing business at Forkville and was detained much longer than he had anticipated, and having an engagement for the evening with a young lady at his home, was anxious to inform her that he would keep the same a little later on. He called Walter Hoffman in whose store the phone is located. Walter being engaged at the time, the father of the young man at the other end answered the call. The son did not detect the voice and continued his message until the father dropped the ear trump and called Mr. Hoffman saying that he could not catch on to the racket. Like prairie fire, it spread through the town and on his return home he was greeted on either side of the street with, "we have delivered your message." This was a trifle humiliating to the young man but he took it all good naturedly after inquiring the cause. Everybody smoked at the young man's expense and the message is said to have cost him well nigh onto \$2.00.

The commencement exercises of the Forkville Graded School passed off very pleasantly Tuesday evening, April, 21. The M. E. church in which the exercises were held, was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A large everygreen arch displaying the class motto,—"For life, not for school we learn," was artistically arrayed at the back of the platform, while on either side of the portion of the stage occupied by the speakers there was a large bank of beautiful flowers. The floral display was said to be finer than on any previous occasion. The program was excellent throughout and showed ability and proficiency on the part of those who participated. The music was exceptionally good. The church was crowded and everybody well pleased. The four young gentlemen who completed the course of study this year and received their diplomas acquitted themselves with credit. After the exercises at the church the graduates of the school, now numbering sixteen, together with the teachers and directors repaired to the hotel and sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by the members of the Alumni Association. After the banquet, speech-making was in order and several good "toasts" were given. Upon the whole, the commencement occasion this year was a grand success and speaks well for the continued prosperity of the graded school.

WILLIAM PAINTON IDENTIFIED.

Old Man Strominger Declares That He is His Wife's Murderer. William Painton, who was arrested at Sonestown about two weeks ago on the charge of murdering old Mrs. Strominger, at Lewisberry, York county, was last week identified by Mr. Strominger as the man who killed his wife. The following account of the identification in the York county jail is taken from the Harrisburg Patriot:

Painton was called into a private office. The party was there, and as soon as the old man saw the cruel murderer of his wife, he said: "That's the man; that's the man." Painton was nervous and trembled with fear and emotion. He was pale and haggard, and gave evidence of having undergone untold mental anguish during the last two weeks. He fixed his eyes firmly on the floor and only took them away from the spot on which they were riveted when questioned by the detectives. He was told to put on the hat and coat which he wore when he committed the deed, and obeyed. Mr. Strominger watched Painton closely, and after he had dressed himself the old man arose from his chair excitedly and fairly shrieked: "That's the man. He's the man that killed my poor wife. He still denies it, does he? Well he's the man." Painton was closely questioned by the detectives. He said he could prove an alibi, and that on the night on which the murder was committed he was at the Opera House to see "McCarty's Mishaps," but could not tell what he had seen, or anything about the performance. He stuck to his story, however, despite the rigid cross-examination to which he was subjected by the officers and Dr. Stem. When asked how his pantaloons happened to be muddy the day after the murder, and his reasons for having them washed, he could not give a satisfactory answer. He could not tell where he had gotten the \$145 in gold, found on his person when arrested at his home.

William H. Painton and the Smiths Arraigned Before Judge Laidner. From the York Daily.

About three o'clock in the afternoon Turnkey Murphey assisted by Deputy Love marched into court with W. H. Painton, D. Wesley Smith and Frank L. Smith, the parties charged with the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Strominger of Lewisberry. They were met by their counsel, Meade Detwiler of Harrisburg and E. D. Zeigler and P. J. M. Heindel of York. A motion was made to quash the indictments against them for robbery, which the court ordered to be filed. A motion was also made to quash the joint indictment for murder, which was overruled by the court and a bill of exceptions sealed for the defence. The prisoners were then arranged and each pleaded not guilty to the joint indictment and also the separate indictments for murder, after which they were returned to the jail. Notwithstanding the time of arraignment was kept a secret, it did not take long after their arrival for a large lot of people to gather into the court house, crowding the main room and the corridors. The prisoners looked well and did not seem to mind the large crowd or seriousness of the matter as much as would have been supposed.

The Hills Grove brass band is practicing up for summer engagements. The boys play good music and with Chas. Sadler as leader, are always correct. Charley is a trifle delayed in explaining to the members just what he wants them to do, but when it comes, always strikes to the point. "Paddy," the boy who is just about the right age to be chuck full of pranks and who hammers the base drum, causes the band to say cross words and smile at the same time. He is a genuine Young America—paddy. He knows what he is there for, but he has not got time to fill the bill. The Hall in which the band meets for practice, should be remodeled quite extensively and made larger. The furniture, also, should receive the attention of a committee on repairs.

Too Bad. "That man is awfully superstitious?" "how so?" He declined to loan me \$5 the other day because it was Friday."

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