

LOCAL DEPARTMENT

Fair this week.
 Attend the fair.
 Frosts are in order.
 Hughesville fair next week.
 LaPorte will be well represented at the fair.
 The apple crop is a good one in this section.
 Court proceedings in full in today's paper.
 Bargains at the auction sale of Meylert & Co.
 Court adjourned on Wednesday evening of last week.
 The road to the second Ward is in fine condition.
 Our correspondents were all too busy to write this week.
 When Dushore gets her new depot she will feel herself expand.
 Our borough schools opened Monday with over sixty pupils enrolled.
 Many tax payers of LaPorte township, are complaining of high taxes.
 T. J. Keeler is repairing his hay scales and covering them with a new floor.
 Property owners should attend to the repair of their sidewalks before snow flies.
 The fairs held at Canton, Towanda, and Tunkhannock were unusually successful.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller, of Bernice, spent Sunday Sept. 20th, with friends at LaPorte.
 The band is making excellent progress. They received many compliments from attendants at court.
 Now that the season of frosts has set in the foliage will soon be taking on the various tints of autumnal beauty.
 Frank Barrager and Thos. E. Kennedy, both of Jamison City, were calling on friends at LaPorte, Sunday.
 Duck shooting will soon engage the attention of our sportsmen. Lake Mckoma is an excellent field for operations.
 The county Commissioners, Solicitor and Clerk, are in attendance at the Com. State Convention, at Lancaster, this week.
 Rev. J. J. Thomson of Bernice, will hold services in the Presbyterian church, at LaPorte, next Sabbath. All are invited.
 Who will volunteer to bury the Democratic party after the 3d of November? We don't imagine it will be a very long job.
 The candidates will doubtless be in attendance at the fair and have many sweet smiles and pleasant words for the dear voters.
 Columbia county is to have a handsome new court house. When Sullivan county gets out of debt, he will have one too.
 Hon. John B. Robinson of Media, was elected president of the Republican State League at Scranton Wednesday of last week.
 These are the days in which the mall boy finds comfort. With a big crop of sweet apples, mellow pears, scious grapes and peaches, his demands are well satisfied.
 Mrs. Watkins and Miss Helen Mason of Towanda, Mr. and Mrs. Watrous of Binghamton, and Mr. has. Funston and son Mortimer, of Anville, were present at the funeral Mrs. W. T. Watrous on Tuesday.
 LaPorte Lodge, I. O. O. F., elected following officers last Saturday: N. G., W. B. Hill; V. G., A. Miller; Treasurer, J. W. Lard; A. S., A. L. Avery; Representative to Grand Lodge, W. B. L.
 William H. Painton will be tried before the York county court, for murder of old Mrs. Strominger, Monday, the 19th day of this month. A number of witnesses have been subpoenaed from Sonoma to testify as to the credibility of Painton.
 The Statement of the County Assurer which was to have been printed in this week's issue has been delayed until next week on account of the absence of Deputy Assurer Stormont who, as Commissioners' Clerk, is in attendance their convention in Lancaster week.

There is pressing need of a sidewalk from both wards to the school house. The road that the children have to travel every day would not be endured by their fathers and mothers. Let the children have a good walk to travel.
 Secretary McHenry, of the Benton Agricultural Association will please accept our thanks for a complimentary ticket to the annual exhibition which occurs Oct. 7, 8, 9, and 10. The Benton fair is becoming one of the best in this section of the state.
 The Forksville Graded School opens Monday. Prof. Meylert and wife left for there to-day. This school is in a flourishing condition and many of the more advanced pupils from the surrounding districts take advantage of the opportunities it offers and attend there.
 Mrs. E. V. Ingham was taken to Eagles Mere last Friday. She has been gaining strength steadily for the past few weeks and stood the trip well. Mrs. Ingham has been anxious to get to Eagles Mere ever since she was taken sick and will doubtless be well contented there.
 While a goodly portion of our business men and householders keep the walks in front of their places of business and homes swept there are quite a number who are careless about doing so. It would add greatly to the tidy appearance of the town if all would give careful attention to keeping their walks clean.
 Not only is it true that better times are coming, but it is a fact that already we hear their approaching footsteps. With abundant crops and a good market as a basis a betterment of all agricultural interests is assured, and there is every promise that for the next year or two our farmers will be prosperous.
 The name of General Lew Wallace, of Indiana, is prominently mentioned for the successorship to the place of Secretary of War which will soon be vacated by Secretary Proctor to become Senator from Vermont. General Wallace is well qualified for the position having been not only a good officer during the war of the rebellion but a man of reading and literary acquirements.
 The Republicans of Wyoming county placed the following ticket in the field on Monday the 21st viz: H. M. Harding of North Moreland twp., for Associate Judge; and Henry Krewson of Braintrim twp., for Jury Commissioner. E. J. Jordan Esq., was made the nominee of the convention for Delegate to the Constitutional Convention and Wilber E. Lott Delegate to the next State Convention.
 On Tuesday last Mr. Thomas E. Kennedy of Jamison City was united in matrimony with Miss Martha Coleman of Benton. The groom is well and favorably known in LaPorte and vicinity where for several years he was the popular clerk in the store of James McFarlane & Co. filling the position with satisfaction and ability. The REPUBLICAN unites with their many friends in wishing them happiness and success.
 Gov. Pattison has issued a proclamation convening an extra session of the State Senate Oct. 13, to consider certain charges that have been preferred against Auditor General McCamant and State Treasurer Boyer, involving their official conduct in connection with the embezzlement of John Bardsley. The Governor's haste in the matter is not looked upon with general favor. He made a similar mistake a few years ago.
 Johnny Lee, the boy who was last week sentenced by the court to undergo an imprisonment of five days in the county jail and pay a fine of five dollars, having complied with the terms of his sentence was released Sunday. As Johnny had no money a subscription paper in his behalf was circulated about town and a sufficient amount raised to pay the fine and costs of suit, and purchase for him a through ticket to his home in Harrisburg. This was accordingly done and Johnny took the first train Monday morning. The parties who brought him here ought to have provided for his return to his home and not left the boy here dependent entirely upon the charity of the people of LaPorte.

The heat of the past few weeks has been unprecedented for this season of the year.
 Our readers will learn from the court proceedings published elsewhere in this issue that the grand jury found a true bill in the case against the road commissioners of Forks township for criminal negligence in not obeying the order of the court which required them to proceed in the construction of a new road from Forksville to LaPorte, along the Loyal Sock Creek. The case will be tried at December term. The best thing for the commissioners to do is to proceed with the road without delay.
 "Can we make it rain?" is to-day one of the most important questions engaging the attention of practical scientists. As is well known there are millions of acres of land in the valleys and plains of our Western territory, embracing portions of ten States, which are at present nothing but arid desert wastes for want of rain. Recently the Department of Agriculture at Washington has been conducting rain-making experiments in western Texas, under the management of General Robert G. Dyrenforth, which have been remarkably successful and give promise of wonderful results. In the October number of the *North American Review* General Dyrenforth gives the practical details of his operation and the success attending them. In the same number of the *Review*, Prof. Simon Newcomb, LL. D., of Washington, give the scientific ground upon which the Agricultural Department bases its expectations of success. The article is one of the most interesting and valuable that has ever been published on the subject.
 Quite a goodly number of people from a distance were present to attend the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Mason, not having received word that it had been given up on account of the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. W. T. Watrous. Among them were Mr. Ellery Cheney, Mr. Reuben Cheney, Mr. and Mrs. Grace and Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson from Bradford Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Mingo and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Little from Lycoming. A great many others expected to be present but were sent telegrams notifying them of the unexpected change.
 Very extended preparations for the celebration had been made and all looked forward to a very pleasant re-union. Many costly and handsome presents were received as substantial tokens of the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Mason are held by an unusually wide circle of warm friends and admirers.
 Golden Weddings come but once in a life time and their observance is always a matter of great pleasure. That this one, which had been the subject of such pleasurable anticipation for years should have been broken up under such peculiarly distressing circumstances is a matter of sincere regret, and our people deeply sympathize with the family in their sad bereavement and bitter disappointment.
 On Saturday afternoon as Robert Stormont Esq., who acts as watchman for the Mckoma Land Co., was going the rounds, he spied a man fishing in Conklin's Run, one of the tributaries of Lake Mckoma. He at once started to capture him but the fellow saw him coming and ran. Mr. Stormont then demanded him to return as his prisoner whereupon the chap started in an opposite direction with the pole and three speckled beauties in hand, and with Mr. Stormont close in pursuit. The fisherman soon saw that he could not make much headway with the load so he dropped his game and Mr. Stormont came up and secured it. A warrant for his arrest was at once issued and placed in the hands of James Gansel, Constable of LaPorte twp., who found him at Reed's camp, near Nordmont, about two o'clock Sunday morning, and brought him to LaPorte, where he was committed to jail to await a hearing on Monday. At 9 o'clock Monday morning a hearing was granted. The young man whose name is Joseph Hartley, plead guilty of a violation of the law and upon the payment of costs and a fine of twenty-five dollars was released.

DIED.
 Saturday Morning Sept. 26, at 5 o'clock at the Home of Her Parents in LaPorte, Mrs. W. T. Watrous.
 One of the saddest events it has been our lot to chronicle is that of the sudden death of Mrs. Ida E. Watrous, which occurred in LaPorte, at the residence of her father, Hon. William A. Mason, early last Saturday morning.
 We mentioned in last week's paper the fact that she had been stricken with paralysis early Tuesday morning. At that time some hopes of her recovery were entertained. Later, however, it was seen that her case was beyond human assistance. Every service that the most skillful medical aid could command was rendered, but in vain.
 Mrs. Watrous was the wife of Mr. W. T. Watrous, our well-known and highly esteemed townsman, who for almost a year has held a responsible position with the Johnsonburg Improvement Co., at Johnsonburg, Elk Co., Pa. The occasion of her visit at this time was to participate in the celebration of the Golden Wedding of her parents, which was to have occurred Wednesday evening Sept. 23; that being the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. In anticipation of the event and to assist in the preparation for its proper observance, Mrs. Watrous had returned from Johnsonburg the week previous. Saturday noon Mr. Watrous arrived, quite unexpectedly, having thought it impossible on account of business engagements to reach here before Tuesday noon and having written her to that effect. Fortunately too, her brother, W. C. Mason, Esq., who has for a long time been engaged in the survey of a new railroad in Northern New York, and who was not expected until Wednesday, arrived Monday evening. Following his arrival came a happy re-union of parents and children, every member of the family being present. All retired in the best of spirits and rose early Tuesday morning to finish arrangements for the celebration of the following day. Mrs. Watrous had just risen from the breakfast table when she complained of a peculiar sensation in her tongue. In a few minutes she was speechless and helpless. From that time she never spoke. The tongue, eye-lids, chin, and entire left side were affected. She appeared to be conscious a part of the time. Drs. Hill of LaPorte, Waddell of Dushore and Jenks of Avon Springs, N. Y., were the attending physicians and did all in their power for her relief. The end came a few minutes after eight o'clock Saturday morning, just four days from the time she was stricken.
 Mrs. Watrous will ever be held in loving memory by all who knew her. Her untimely death has cast a gloom over our entire community. She was a generous, noble-hearted woman, a kind and sympathetic neighbor and friend and a faithful, devoted wife. The heartfelt sympathy of the many friends in our town and elsewhere goes out to Mr. Watrous and the various members of her family in their most distressing affliction.
 The funeral services were held in the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Quimby, pastor of the Universalist church of Towanda. An unusually large concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place in Mountain Ash cemetery.
 We can now hear the whistle of the locomotive near Thornedale. In a few weeks the road will be completed to that place. From Thornedale it is impossible to tell just what course the road will take. The survey just finished from Thornedale to Nordmont is so impracticable as a railroad route that in all probability it will not be accepted. There are curves and grades that would forever prevent its becoming a good freight line. Through the valley of Mill Creek, along the line of its original survey is the only feasible route and upon this in all probability it will eventually be built.
 The Sullivan county fair opened up at Forksville yesterday. Prospects for an unusually excellent exhibit are good. The new grounds are in good condition and the buildings vastly improved.

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