

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Thanksgiving.
It will soon be 1892.
Christmas only four weeks.
Who will prescribe for Newell?
A vacation is in store for the printers.

The shoemaker's "size" is just one third of an inch.

The new officers elect will soon take possession.

Only one American in 264, is over six feet in height.

The school children are having three day's vacation.

T. J. Keeler's store is headquarters for Christmas goods.

What has become of our Hills-Grove and Shunk correspondents?

Sunday, owing to the heavy clouds hanging over, was a very dismal day.

Attend the shooting match this afternoon and the dance this evening.

A large and complete stock of Christmas goods just received at T. J. Keeler's store.

Voters who can't read, will have pretty hard sledding, after the Baker Bill goes into effect.

Jerome Laird of LaPorte twp., claims to have the best pulling horse team in the township.

To-day (Thursday) is Thanksgiving. Our well-to-do people should not forget the poor.

Mrs. E. H. Cook of Athens, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kohensparger of LaPorte twp.

Rev. J. J. Thompson of Bernice, will hold services in the Presbyterian church, at LaPorte next Sabbath morning. All are invited.

Since the recent election a large number of Prohi. are returning to their old parties, and they don't look much worse for the wear, either.

FOR SALE:—A yoke of oxen, color roan and brindle, weight, fifteen hundred lbs each. For further particulars inquire of Jerome Laird, LaPorte twp.

Ed Nolan of LaPorte twp., recently purchased an ex team of J. A. Jordan. Edward is quite proud of his team and solicits a part of your hauling.

Our ambitious young men and lady readers should address the Lowell Business College, of Binghamton, and learn how good positions may be secured.

Property owners have been engaged repairing sidewalks in front of their residence for the past few days. When will the town council follow their example?

Mrs. Dunham, mother of Hon. E. M. Dunham, who has been confined to her room for the past four months with a broken arm, is recovering quite rapidly. This will be good news to her many friends.

A terrific wind, rain, hail and thunder and lightning storm swept over this vicinity, Monday. Our streets were flooded with water, which, on this mountain top is a rare occurrence. The people all survived it, however.

The christian endeavor society meets in the M. E. church on Monday evenings prayer meeting on Thursday evenings and the loyal legion holds forth on Saturday afternoons. All are invited to take part in these meetings.

James Gansel boasts of having a large number of extra large trout in his fish pond, near his residence in LaPorte twp. The pond is not very large, but well made and affords ample room for a goodly number of the speckled beauties to roam.

W. C. Mason Esq., of LaPorte, was engaged in surveying a tract of land known as the Mercer tract near Bernice, on Friday last. He was assisted by A. J. Hackley, John V. Finkle and C. Tinklepaugh of this place.

G. W. Bennett, assessor of Shrewsbury twp., is ailing and his physician thinks it unwise of him to attempt to do the work of assessing his fall, hence, the County Commissioners will be called upon to appoint a good man of Shrewsbury twp., to do this work.

This is triennial year and our assessors should be exceedingly careful of how they perform their duties.

The Odd Fellows of LaPorte contemplate making extensive repairs on the interior of their hall. Among the marked improvements in store for the already neat apartment will be a platform of perhaps a foot high around the out edge of the room and a handsome new carpet.

District Attorney R. J. Thomson of Dushore, was doing business at the Court House in LaPorte, on Monday. Mr. Thomson has been a faithful official and has served the people of Sullivan county equally as well as any of his predecessors. Should his successor, Mr. Grim, do likewise, he will be entitled to much praise.

Wm. H. Pierce returned to LaPorte, on Saturday and has accepted his old position, that of clerk at the LaPorte Hotel. Will has been doing farm work for Ulysses Bird of Estella, for the past months, and admired his work and employer very much.

There is some talk of the Ohio Republican State Committee adopting a resolution protesting against Calvin S. Brice being allowed to take his seat in the United States Senate on the ground that he was elected through bribery and is not a duly qualified citizen of the State within the meaning of the statute.

The National Republican Executive Committee met in Washington, D. C., on Monday and named Minneapolis as the place of holding the next National Convention and fixed upon June the 7th as the date. J. S. Clarkson succeeds Quay as chairman and William Barbour of New York succeeds Dudley as treasurer.

Peter White of Cherry and Miss Emma DeRemer of Lopez, were married one day last week. The courtship was very brief, about four days we are told. They are spending their honeymoon with the Mrs. people near Tunkhannock. We extend congratulations and wish them lots of prosperity and happiness.

The many friends of Drs. Herrmann and Waddell of Dushore, do not take kindly to the slurring remarks made of these gentlemen in the Dushore Review. People do not enjoy having their family physician belittled by the press. If these highly esteemed physicians are unsatisfactory to Mr. Newell, it is his privilege to seek medical aid elsewhere, but the remarks are uncalled for.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Albert and Master Lester of LaPorte accompanied by Mr. Albert's mother and brother Peter of Cherry, drove down to Bloomsburg, on Wednesday where they will meet a brother of Mrs. Geo. Albert of Utah, to-day Thanksgiving. Mrs. Albert has other relatives in Bloom whom the party expect to visit until Sunday.

Messrs Jonathan and William Thorne of New York city, were looking after their interest at the LaPorte and Thornedale tanneries last week. They were driven to Thornedale by Mr. McFarlane. It is pretty evident that the works at Thornedale which have been idle for some time will be put in operation in the spring.

There is no place in the State where a good doctor is needed worse than right here in Dushore. If the right man would locate here he could have a good practice in six months time.—Review.

Brother Newell seems dissatisfied with the doctors at Dushore. It may be they don't understand his case. Better try a veterinarian.—REPUBLICAN.

It is possible that a veterinarian might give a proper diagnosis of his case, but where would he class the animal?—Gazette.

Messrs D. M. Speary and Oscar Lewis of Davidson twp., and near Nordmont, are erecting new and handsome dwelling houses on their farms. Both are nearly completed and they expect to occupy them in the very near future. This is a positive sign of prosperity and the many friends of Mr. Speary and Lewis congratulate them upon their good fortune.

R. A. Conklin of LaPorte, is canvassing for a book called the "Atlas of the World." He is meeting with pretty good success.

Judge S. M. Clark one of Pennsylvania's Supreme Court Judges, died of Bright's disease at his home in Indiana, Indiana county, Pa., on Saturday evening last. Judge Clark was quoted among our very best judges of the Supreme Bench. Although a democrat in politics he was highly regarded by his republican associates both for his legal attainments and judicial mind and his social qualities, which were of the highest.

Senator Quay evidently means to prosecute that libel perpetrated upon him a few days previous to the election. He begun suit against the Pittsburg Post last week for \$100 000 damages. That little Bardsley certificate was'n't so bad, but it was the way the editors sighted it in their editorials. It is thought that Tallie Morgan will have lots of company in a short time. The Republicans have had their day and it took place in Harrisburg. The result was, 58,431 majority for GREGG and MORRISON.

On Friday last a frightful accident occurred to a young man in Benton twp. Bruce Kline with some others was out hunting. He was standing on a fence and leaning on his gun when it slipped off the rail, and the lock striking something in the fall, the gun was discharged, the whole load entering his left arm above the elbow, tearing it entirely off and scattering the fragments over the young man. We haven't learned anything about his present condition.—Bloomsburg Republican.

Sullivan county hunters take notice.

The children of LaPorte are suffering more or less from bad colds, which occasionally terminates in serious disease and the result is death. The commencement of these ailments are attributed to the mud and slush the children are compelled to walk through while on their way to and from the school house, hence, it is of much importance that the town council act immediately in the erection of a side walk from both wards to the new school building. A graded school with no walk leading to it, is only half completed and we dare say that LaPorte is the only exception, in this respect, in the state. This expenditure is a necessity and should not be overlooked by the proper officials of our borough.

In November 1892 the new Baker ballot law goes into use, hence, at the coming February election the people of Sullivan county should be exceedingly careful in selecting good and competent men as election officers. The election board who will have the first experience with the new law, will, as a matter-of-course, have more difficulty in performing their duties than their successors. The most intelligent men who can be got to serve in such positions, would be none to good for the place. Incomptent or indifferent election officers have always caused a great deal of trouble in districts, and their carelessness too frequently results in expensive election contests. It must be evident to any one who has given the new law any study that such election officers would make matters even more disgraceful than they have been able to do heretofore.

Justice Clark's death had scarcely been announced before a swarm of candidates for the vacancy caused sprung up, some good, some indifferent, and some bad. A place on the Supreme Bench of the State is not one to be filled as a mere compliment or for personal reasons. The appointee will hold for a little more than a year, and it is important that he shall possess those qualities which will make him useful on the bench. This is the first time that Governor Pattison has been called upon to perform a duty of the high consequence, and his action will prove more or less of a test. It is to be expected that he will name a Democrat, but there may be a great difference between one Democrat and another even in the political sense. Nobody can want the Governor to make any mistake in this matter.

The new postal card will soon be ready for distribution, it is said, and the old familiar card will soon be a thing of the past.

J. S. Kirk, proprietor of the Lake Side Hotel, of EalesMere, is in a peck of trouble. He came up from his winter home near Pennsdaie, Lycoming county, on Saturday last, to inquire into the matter. The difficulty is about the title of a lot at the 'Mere purchased of Fague and Frontz by Mr. Kirk in 1887, but he having failed to pay the taxes due for 1887 the lot was put up for taxes and cost at the 1888 land sales and was struck off to Russel Karns of LaPorte. The time of redeeming the property expired June, 1890, hence, Mr. Karns has every reason to believe that he holds a clear title. The property is very valuable, we are told, as a part of the Lake Side building is erected upon it. People who fail to pay their taxes, generally are the losers thereby.

The Kester Murders of Luzerne Co.

Last week three persons were arrested for the murder of the Kester brothers near Seybertsville in 1885. The parties have been residing in Hazleton and have kept house of ill fame. On Sunday of last week Henry Higgins and his wife and Joseph Eveland and a woman alleged to be his wife with others, were drinking in one of these dives, when Higgins and his wife quarreled and the woman became furious and shouted "I could hang you for the Kester murder and I will if you don't". She never finished the sentence because Higgins jumped at her and caught her by the throat choking her. This news reached the ears of Joseph Hampton, chief of the Coal and Iron Police who immediately arrested the parties.

The murder occurred on the evening of October 15, 1885, and the case awakened the most profound interest, but until now it has gone unavenged. Numerous people were arrested and charged with the crime, but thus far the authorities' best efforts toward unearthing the perpetrators of the deed have been unavailing. The house is in exactly the same condition as it was when the two old men were murdered. The dishes still stand on the table; the tin cup still remains on the stove; the blood on the floor was never washed up and the darkening stains still exist; a lot of old carpet still flies in the wind from the fence close by, and with the exception of the rank growth of trees and weeds about the door everything is there to-day the same as when John and William Kester were in life.

Signs of a Hard Winter.

"This is going to be a very hard winter" said an old resident yesterday, "and I'll tell you why I say so. In the first place, look at the hornets' nest. You will find them high up this fall. That's a sure sign of a hard winter. If it was going to be a mild winter you would find them near the ground. Two years and three years ago the winters were mild, and the hornets' nests were low down.

"Then take angle worms for another sign. Dig in the ground now and you will find them crawling two feet or more below the surface. They know what kind of weather is coming, and they go down to avoid the frost. Two years ago I found them not three inches under the surface and they stayed there all winter.

"Fuzz on hogs is another sure sign of a severe winter. Butcher a hog now and you will find a thick fuzz at the roots of the bristles. The fuzz wouldn't be there if next winter wasn't going to be a tough one. Two and three years ago this fall there wasn't any fuzz at all on hogs, and you know how open the winters were.

"I predicted a hard winter in 1855 from these signs, and my neighbors ridiculed me, or tried to, but we got it just as I said. I had so much faith in the signs that I got a lot of boys to trap all the quails they could. I wintered over 200 quails, and in the spring of 1856 there was not a live quail in the neighborhood except the ones I had. I turned them all loose at various points, and in the fall we had some good shooting, which we wouldn't have had if I hadn't paid attention to the signs.—Es.

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