

THE REPUBLICAN

LAPORTE, PA., Nov. 18th, 1891.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Oysters at Kennedy's.
Coal \$3.00 per ton at Thornedale.
The attendance at court this week is small.

One week from to-day, (Friday) is Christmas.

All yellow shades are fashionable for evening.

Sunday will be the shortest day of the year.

Water house plants occasionally with cold tea.

We will give the court proceedings next week.

Diphtheria is raging to a considerable extent in Athens.

Calendars for 1892 will soon be sought for by the public.

Speaker Crisp, is suffering from a mild attack of the grippe.

Our time, of looking up locals, this week, has been limited.

Dandelions, were seen in blossom, on Mokoma Hight, on Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Lee of LaPorte, is confined to her room, with illness.

It has been settled that the National cake is the buckwheat cake.

Gov. McKinley of O., is improving quite rapidly from his recent illness.

The LaPorte band, contemplates giving a shooting match, on Christmas.

Carl Hess of Piatt, was in attendance at court, the early part of this week.

Ex-Sheriff Tripp, of Shunk, is serving the people as traverse juror, this week.

Miss Willa Murrelle of Athens, is visiting her grand mother and friends at aPorte.

The W. U. T. U. will meet at the home of Miss Ada Meylert, Friday Dec. 18, at 3 p. m.

The end of the world has been fixed to occur on Christmas by a band of adventists.

Editor Strehly of the Gazette, made us a call, while in attendance at court, on Monday.

The public schools of this place, will close Thursday the 24th, for the winter vacation.

Over \$8,000 worth of tobacco was shipped from Monroeton, Bradford county, one day last week.

Mrs. Sinclair and daughter Miss Matie, of LaPorte, were shopping in Williamsport, on Friday last.

Next year 1892 promises to be a lively campaign. Subscribe for the REPUBLICAN and get the news.

E. P. Ingham Esq., of Philadelphia, made Williamsport a business call, on Thursday of last week.

If Tom Reed's old chair is to be used by the next House, why not put both Mills and Crisp in it?

Congressman Mills, is said to be dangerously ill with a severe cold and with symptoms of pneumonia.

The Grand Jury was discharged on Tuesday afternoon. Walter Spencer of LaPorte, was foreman.

Next year will be leap year. There will be fifty-two Sundays, and Christmas comes on that day in 1892.

The deer hunting season expired, on Tuesday. Rabbit and pheasant season will expire on the 1st of the New Year.

Hon. Thos. J. Stewart, Secretary of Internal Affairs, will please accept our thanks for a copy of his annual report.

Borough Assessor, J. H. Spencer, is at work taking the register of voters. See that your name appears on the list.

President Harrison's message caused considerable agitation in Chile, as a result of which the little nation is bristling up.

The REPUBLICAN should visit the residence of each and every Republican in the county, weekly, during the campaign of 1892.

The LaPorte Cleveland flag, which has heretofore been used as a curtain in the several entertainments given at LaPorte, has been pulled down and the owners have carefully laid it away for anticipated use, but we fear that its usefulness ceased on its removal from the stage.

What beautiful weather we are having for this season of the year. Sunday was a perfect day.

Owing to the length of the President's message, we are debarred from giving it to our readers.

A man can always keep himself in good credit so long as he doesn't ask for it. Paste this in your hat, and dodge the fatal request.

The Western Union telegraph line to Hughesville is completed, and an office opened at the W. & N. B. R. R. station.—Mail.

The Y. W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Miss Fannie Meylert, Friday evening Dec. 18. All are cordially invited to attend.

"I don't look like a very formidable fellow," soliloquized the honest milk dealer, "and yet, I've made lots of bigger men take water."

E. J. Flynn and Frank Barrager, both of Jamison City, came up to testify in the case—Hembury vs. James McFarlane & Co., on Tuesday.

A. H. Zaner of Dushore, made us a pleasant call, on Monday. He related some of his experience, while hunting deer, which was very interesting.

The New York bomb thrower has been identified as Henry L. Norcross a Boston broker. There can be no doubt of the fact that he was insane.

Thos. E. Kennedy and wife, of Jamison City, drove up to LaPorte, on Sunday. Thomas returned on the same date and the Mrs. remained with friends in town.

With three girls abreast coming toward you on the side walk, the only remedy you have, of perhaps a fatal collision is to vacate the walk and take to the streets.

Jury Commissioners John Arnts and V. R. Robinson, assisted by Judge Sittser, filled the jury wheel on Monday last, for the ensuing year.—Tunkhannock Republican.

Meylert & Co., have an assortment of Christmas cards and some Christmas goods, which they are selling at greatly reduced prices. Call and examine their goods.

C. D. Eldred Esq., of Muncy, came up to LaPorte, on Monday to testify in the case—Lewis vs. Biddle. The suit embraces a number of acres of land situate in Hills Grove.

Jerry Kelly of Hughesville, has invested in his annual supply of Christmas goods and invites his many friends to give him a call before purchasing elsewhere.

The Commissioners of Montour County have decided to build a new jail and sheriff residence at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. The work to be commenced not later than April 1892.

Court guests, living some distance from the county seat, arrived in town early, on Monday morning. This, perhaps was due to the extra condition of the roads leading to the Court House.

The county auditors: Geo. C. Wright, Ulysses Bird and J. H. Spencer, were on hand Monday to testify in the suit—Sullivan County vs. Jacob Lora. They are important witnesses.

Atty. W. E. Crawford of Hughesville, is in attendance at court this week. Mr. Crawford is quite a common caller at the county seat of Sullivan, during court weeks. There is no mistake about it, Mr. W. E. C. is an excellent all around lawyer.

Russel Karns, proprietor of the LaPorte Hotel, will give his 11th annual ball on Thursday evening Dec. 31st, 1891. The band bills will be struck off as soon as the music is engaged. Russ is thinking of procuring a first class orchestra for the occasion.

A large number of people of Muncy Valley, attended Mass at LaPorte, on Sunday last. LaPorte should have within its midst a Catholic church, and were we represented by an active congregation of said church the much needed structure would be realized.

Mr. Williams, postal clerk on the State Line & Sullivan railroad, evidently knows his business. A tree fell across the railroad track the other day and he was invited to take part in clearing the obstruction off the rails, but he refused saying that the U. States didn't pay him extra for such jobs.

This is the last court in which the Honorable Associate Judges—E. A. Strong and Robert Taylor will preside. They have served the office with much credit to the people as well as themselves. E. A. Strong, being an attorney at law, would necessarily have more knowledge of the duties of the office than his brother associate, however, the people will join us in extending many compliments and their best wishes to both the retired Judges. The Honorable Judges elect, John Youkin and M. J. Phillips will be sworn in office the first Monday in January.

Judge Metzger, of Lycoming, was asked last week to determine who should get a \$100 reward for the capture of a horse thief. It was claimed by a constable of Snyder county and also by a constable of Williamsport. The Judge allowed the Snyder county constable \$20 which is the amount fixed by act of assembly. He stated that it was a question whether either were entitled to the \$100 reward as they were both officers of the law. He said he would hold the question under consideration.

Owing to the new system of voting to take effect in Nov. next, it is pretty evident that Sullivan county will be obliged to increase their voting places. The new law requires that where a district comprises more than two hundred and fifty voters there shall be two or more places of voting. Such districts as Cherry and Davidson should have at least two voting places. This will be necessary in order to give the voters the benefit of the new law, owing to the fact that the process of voting will be much slower.

Christmas Goods.

At T. J. Keeler's you can find Christmas goods for rich or poor, great or small. If you come early you will have no trouble in making a suitable selection, as the line comprises things new, useful and ornamental, in books, games, toys, novelties, fancy goods, and notions. Don't waste time in looking for a better place, you cannot find it. We saved you this trouble when we bought the goods now offered you. Come and be convinced.

E. I. Brundage and W. B. Snider, both of Davidson twp., purchased the Nordmont Hotel of John Watson last week. The hotel will be run by Mr. Brundage, who will take possession of the same the first of the New Year. Mr. B. will no doubt prove a No. 1 landlord and we bespeak for him an excellent trade.

At the Court House

Our court during the fore part of the week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, was taken up by Commonwealth cases. The first on the list was: W. & N. B. R. R., vs. Howard Fenstermaker, for stealing the conductor's cash box. The verdict in this case was Guilty. Up to this date the sentence has not been given. The next on the list was: Gwinner, Chief of Police of Dushore vs. Wm. Mahaffey for interfering with him as an officer while in the act of making an arrest. The verdict in this case was—Not Guilty and Gwinner pay two-thirds of the cost and Mahaffey one-third.

Next Christian Ills vs. B. F. Babcock for obtaining a yoke of oxen under false pretense. Babcock gave Ills his note for \$95 75 and at the time said there was nothing entered against his farm. It has since been revealed that there was \$700. entered against said property. The judgment, however, was in favor of Mrs. Susie Babcock wife of the defendant, hence, according to the Judge's charge unless it could be proven that the property was purchased by money of the Mrs. did not prevent the note from holding first lien on the farm. The verdict in this case was: Not Guilty and the County pay the cost. The Jurors who served on this case should not complain of high taxes. The 4th and last Commonwealth case was: Gwinner vs Wm. Stackhouse and Harry and L. A. Biggers, assault and battery. Jury retire to their room on this case just as we go to press and another impaneled on the case of—Sullivan County vs. Jacob Lora. This case it is supposed will take up a greater part of the remainder of the week.

Sheriff Utz, was engaged in selling land advertised at Sheriff sale, the early part of the week. There were five sales advertised. This is not many for a population of twelve thousand people and surely is evident of pretty good times—Republican administration.

The New Ballot Law.

The Scranton Republican suggests that it would not be a bad idea for the Commissioners of the several counties to have a booth and ballot box made to be placed in some convenient place in the Court houses where everybody could examine them. They might also have forms printed of the ballot as provided for, together with concise instructions as to the manner of voting under the new system. By doing this at least some of the people in every locality, and more especially the members of election boards, could become practically familiar with the operations of the new law. The cost of a booth and ballot box, and the printing of a limited number of ballots with a concise synopsis of the law, would be trifling as compared with the value of the information afforded.

A petition is being circulated by post master, M. F. Allert, of LaPorte, asking for an increase of service of the Postal Clerk, on the W. & N. B. railroad. It requests the Clerk to make two trips instead of one as he is now doing. This will afford the people in this section the convenience of addressing any town along the line of railroad including Williamsport in the morning and receiving an answer in the evening mail. Should the Post Master General grant the request, it will be greatly appreciated by the public all along the line. B. G. Wekeh, general manager of the W. & N. B. and E. P. Ingham were the prime movers in issuing the petition.

Birth Day Surprise Party.

Saturday Dec. 12, was Benjamin F. Crossley's 20th birth day and in honor of the event the young people of LaPorte congregated at Mr. Crossley's residence to pay their respects to the highly esteemed young man. Ben had endeavored to keep the incident a secret, but like all intended secrets it became known and a committee was appointed to do the inviting. Ben, early in the evening was quietly decoyed to a neighbor's residence, by the fair sex, (and you can readily come to the conclusion that it required but little persuasion), on a pretense that Miss Ettinger, teacher of the primary department of our school, would assist him in his geometry lesson. He was kept thus engaged until the company had assembled and was more than surprised on his arrival home. The band gave him a serenade of its best selection after which all joined in for a good time. Numerous games were participated in and at 11 p. m. refreshments were served and much enjoyed by the attendance. Mrs. Crossley, mother of the honored, was active in giving the young people a good time and more than succeeded. Ben was the recipient of numerous handsome presents.

Teachers' Institute.

The annual convention of the Sullivan County Teachers' Institute will be held in Garey's Hall at Dushore, during the week commencing Dec. 28, 1891.

The first session will commence on Monday, at 1:30 p. m.

The following instructors will be present during the whole week: Charles H. Verrill, Ph. D. Superintendent of schools, of Little Falls, N. Y.; E. L. Kemp A. M. of Myers-ton, Pa., and Sup't. R. W. Peck, of Fulton county, Pa.

The lecture course will be as follows:

Tuesday evening Dec. 29, Charles H. Verrill, subject, "Master Workmen."

Wednesday evening Dec. 30, E. L. Kemp, subject, "Books and Readers"

Thursday evening Dec. 31, Hon. Thomas M. Taylor of New York city, subject, "Cranks."

The teachers of the county are all expected to be present at each session of the institute.

School directors and friends of education from all parts of the county, are cordially invited to attend much of the institute as they possibly can.

M. R. Black, Co. Supt. Forksville, Pa., Dec. 12, 1891.

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