

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

February election will soon be here.

Mother earth is again robed in white.

Lent begins March 2d and Easter falls, on April 17.

We have about one half of the county audit, in type.

Miss Alma Lauer of LaPorte, is quite ill with the grip.

A. J. Hackley of LaPorte, is reported on the sick list.

The outlook for an ice crop in this section, is not very favorable at present.

We placed the names of six new subscribers on our subscription book, last week.

Bradford county will only elect two members this fall, instead of three, as of yore.

The Sullivan county courts convene on Washington's birthday, Monday February 22.

Edward Pierce of Jamison City, is visiting his mother at North Orwell, Bradford county.

The county statement will appear in the REPUBLICAN, four times during the month of February.

This is about the season of the year when aspirants for Legislative honors express themselves.

Mrs. Judge Mason, who has been ill since the recent death of her husband, Hon. W. A. Mason, is slowly improving.

The REPUBLICAN turned out \$20 75 worth of job work, on Friday and Saturday last. The REP. is headquarters for job work.

A valuable horse of Stewart Chase of LaPorte, slipped and broke his leg, on the Nordmont road, about one mile from town, on Monday.

Hon. E. A. Strong and J. D. Reeser, general merchant, both of Dushore, passed through LaPorte en-route for Muncy Valley, on Monday A. M.

We received several communications last week, too late for publication. All letters for publication should reach us not later than Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Karns of LaPorte, were present at the marriage of Dr. C. S. O'Brien to Miss Sadie Cole, at Benton, Columbia county, on Thursday last.

We publish a new "Administrator's Notice" this week of the settling up of the estate of Mathias Boston, late of Davidson twp. E. I. Brundage, adm'r.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington, to day, Thursday, for the purpose of fixing date and place of holding their National Convention.

Constables and assessors will be elected for the ensuing three years at this spring election. For the latter, the best and most competent business men should be selected.

The narrow gauge railroad from Sonestown to the 'Mere, will be located as soon as the weather will permit. Chief Engineer, W. C. Mason, of LaPorte, will do the work.

The county commissioners awarded James Gansel of LaPorte twp., the contract of hauling twenty-five tons of coal from Bernice to the county buildings, on Saturday last. His bid was \$1.80 per ton.

The Wyoming Democrat is booming M. J. Lull for candidate for Member of Sullivan county this fall. With the Dushore Gazette for Karns and the Democrat for Lull, both candidates will be well looked after.

Ex-President David J. Hill, of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, and his wife have received the \$250,000 estate of the late Mrs. Catharine Packer of Williamsport. Mr. Hill and family occupied the Meylert Mansion, at LaPorte, during the summer months of 1891.

Will there be harmony in the camp of the county Democracy this fall? To a man up a tree, it would appear not. Here is a pretty good chance for a collision—two or three aspirants for the honor of Member; four for Prothonotary and a half dozen or more for Sheriff. The outlook for considerable fun in the Democratic convention, is noticeably very good.

The Scranton Tribune has a libel suit on hand, having been sued by Hon. Joseph A. Scranton, this editor and publisher of the Republican, for slanderous utterances. It is exceedingly rare for a newspaper man to desert his guns and seek shelter from the attack of a contemporary behind the law.

"Jack the Slasher" of New York city was captured by the police of said city, on Sunday morning. He has cut the throats of twelve persons with a razor in the past few months. He is doomed a maniac who is seeking revenge on intoxicated germans, and for his reason, he says—that his mother was assaulted by one some time ago.

Captain Chase of the 'Mere, paid us a call, on Monday, and reports business in the way of erecting buildings at the famous summer resort, still booming. He says there are three new cottages now under course of construction. The Captain, at a recent meeting of the Eagles Mere Land Company, was elected general superintendent and treasurer of said corporation.

The county statement will show the county in excellent standing. Liabilities in excess of resources only one thousand nine hundred and forty-two dollars and eighty-eight cents. This is only \$166.90 more than it was last year. Said increase of expense of the county is accounted for by the many improvements put on county bridges and the expense of a trial in court—Sullivan county vs Lorah.

Several witnesses of LaPorte and vicinity, were called to Williamsport on Tuesday to testify in the case of A. M. Mints vs H. T. Ames, executor of the estate of the late A. R. Sprout. The suit is for damages. Among the witnesses from here, were: Walter Spencer, A. L. Grim, Alphonsus Walsh and E. I. Brundage. The case will be argued by: E. P. Ingham and others for pliff. and Dunham and others for the deft.

W. M. Davidge of the Firm of Davidge & Sherwood, hub manufacturers; Frank Barrager, general superintendent for Davidge & Sherwood; Thos. E. Kennedy, general superintendent of Thos. E. Proctor's store; E. J. Flynn assistant superintendent for Proctor; Thos. Sheehan who superintends the rolling of leather for Proctor and Chas. Landon, boss carpenter, all of Jamison City, were calling on friends at LaPorte, Sunday.

Walter Spencer aged 13 years, and son of J. H. Spencer of LaPorte, while playing with one of his associates Leo Wrede, on his return home from school Friday evening last unfortunately broke his right leg below the knee joint. Dr. Hermann of Dushore was summoned and bandaged the broken bone and Walter at this date is reported in cheerful spirits and doing nicely. The misfortune occurred in a wrestle between Leo and Walter and it is said that the former feels very much aggrieved about the accident.

It has been discovered that an error was made by the last Legislature when it attempted to amend the liquor license law so as to allow bondsmen for license applicants to reside in any part of the county instead of the ward or township in which the applicant resides. The amendment was intended to apply to the Brooks act approved May 13, 1887, but whether through error or intentionally, it was made to apply to the act approved May 24, 1887, which relates to wholesale licenses. The error is calculated to cause trouble, as well as inconvenience.

Rutter, of the Hughesville Mail, is a good adviser of public safety. In his issue last week, he says: "Beaver dam is frozen over solid." In another instance he records a number of boys and girls skating on the dam with terrible result. The ice broke underneath Miss Van-Buskirk and she was rescued from a wattery grave. Here he says: "The ice is too thin for skating and it is dangerous to try it." For information about the safety of the ice, so far as Rutter's quotations are concerned, we imagine the people of Hughesville will be obliged to investigate. The solid part of Rutter's head, judging from his paper, is his neck.

Prof. Black of Forksville, was in town, Wednesday.

Henry Green Esq., of Towanda, was registered at the LaPorte Hotel, on Wednesday.

Whom to Pity. The death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, on Jan. 14, while it has excited great interest and sympathy among subjects of the British Crown in all parts of the globe, is to be deplored rather on account of the personal sorrow which it causes to his mother, the greatly loved Princess of Wales, and to the young woman who was to have married him in a few weeks, than on account of any great importance it may have on the future of the British Crown. Even royalty beneath the iron mask which court etiquette compels it to wear, is but human, and no one, however ardent against monarchism, need hesitate to express sympathy for the dead Prince's mother, and for the young girl placed in almost the saddest position which a woman can occupy.

Saloon Keepers Liable. The Supreme Court of this state has affirmed the constitutionality of the law which holds saloon keepers liable for damages when drunken persons to whom they have sold liquor are injured. The case brought before the court was one where a jury awarded damages to the widow of a man who contracted pneumonia while drunk, the widow having sued the saloon keeper for furnishing her husband with the liquor through which she lost him. A jury found for the widow, and the case was carried to the higher court on the ground that the man was guilty of contributory negligence in voluntarily drinking the liquor. In discussing the point the court said: "Every drunkard not only takes liquor voluntarily, but whenever he can get it, and because of his weakness the law makes the saloon keeper responsible for selling to such persons. He has not the will power to resist the temptation, and for this reason the sale to him is forbidden."

PREPARE FOR THE GRIP. A Young Woman Has Figured the Symptoms Out. From the Chicago Tribune: A Wabash avenue doctor: I have a young woman patient who has made all arrangements whereby she will know when she reaches the grip, or when it reaches her. She has been studying up the symptoms and there she has written out and hung in her room. The list is in paragraphs, as follows: Backache. Headache as if you had been out all night. All the bones ache. You can't see. You can't smell anything. You can't hear anything. Your eyes run water. So does your nose. Ditto your mouth. Don't care for anybody on earth. Nobody seems to care for you. You are glad of it. All these are the grip. Every day that young woman examines herself and if she has any of the symptoms set down in the foregoing list she checks off the same and then her mother sends for me.

BORN. To Mr. and Mrs. John Connolly of New York, on Jan. 11, a girl. Mrs. Connolly is the youngest daughter of Mr. Bernard Sheehan nee, Miss Nellie of LaPorte twp.

Mr. Sheehan received a telegram from New York on Wednesday evening stating that Mrs. Connolly is dangerously ill and that her recovery is doubtful.

To Mr. and Mrs. Newell, of Dushore—a boy. On Sunday January the 10th.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Gansel, of LaPorte twp.—a girl. On Jan. 13th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horn, of LaPorte—a girl. On Jan. 12th.

WILLIAM H. PAINTON OF SONESTOWN, SULLIVAN COUNTY, MUST HANG.

New Trial Refused Him and He is Sentenced to Die.

From the York Daily Jan. 18.

A large crowd of people assembled in the court house Saturday morning at the opening of court to hear the result of the motion and argument for a new trial in the case of William H. Painton, the convicted murderer of Mrs. Michael Strominger, of Lewisberry, than has ever assembled at any hearing of this case. The doorway and aisles were crowded with spectators, anxious to see and hear. Judges Latimer and Bittenger were on the bench. Painton, guarded by deputies and heavily handcuffed, sat in the prisoner's dock, with a nervous look. Judge Latimer soon brought matters to a climax by directing the prisoner to stand up. Painton nervously faced the Judge, who stated that he held in his hand an opinion which he would not read, in which he dismissed the motion and rule for a new trial in the case in which he had been tried and convicted by a jury of his own selection of the highest offence in the annals of crime. He also stated that as a last resort he could take the case to a higher tribunal, where he understood it would be taken. The Judge then said, "Have you aught to say why sentence should be imposed?" Painton replied, "I do not think I had a fair trial; don't think there was sufficient evidence to convict me, but if anything must be done I have only one request to make, and that is that you may make it as short as you can, so that I may get out of persecution."

The Judge then said that only one thing remained for him to do, to pronounce the sentence.

"The sentence of the court is that you be taken hence to the county prison, from whence you came, and thence to the place of execution and there to be hanged by the neck until you are dead. And may God have mercy on your soul."

The prisoner took his seat and was soon afterward removed to the county jail.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the court house was again crowded to hear the accomplices of Painton, Daniel W. Smith and Franklin L. Smith, sentenced. Daniel Wesley Smith was first called up, when the Court said that the Commonwealth out of no sympathy for him, but for the reason that they thought the ends of justice would be more justly reached by accepting a plea of guilty for the crimes of burglary, robbery, and larceny and receiving stolen goods, in place of trying him for murder; that he had not at any time approved of this manner of disposing of the cases, for if he was guilty of the crimes to which he plead guilty, he was guilty of a much more serious crime, that of murder, and therefore he was not disposed to be lenient in imposing the sentences. He, therefore, sentenced him to separate and solitary confinement in the Eastern penitentiary for the term of ten years for the first offence, burglary, the term of five years to begin at the expiration of the first sentence, for robbery, and 3 years, to begin from this date, for larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Franklin L. Smith was then called up and the court said for reasons stated in Daniel W. Smith's case, he would, inasmuch as there was only one indictment against him, sentence him to the full extent of the law, ten years at separate and solitary confinement in the eastern penitentiary.

The prisoners did not seem much affected by these sentences.

TRIENNIAL APPEAL. The County Commissioners will hold their triennial appeal in the several boroughs and townships, as follows: LaPorte boro and township at Commissioners office in LaPorte, on Monday Feb. 8th, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. Davidson twp., at Hotel Magargle in Sonestown, on Feb. 9th, hours—10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Shrewsbury twp., at the residence of Mathew Taylor, on Feb. 10th, hours—8 A. M. to 12 M. Hills Grove twp., at Hotel McBride, on Feb. 11th, hours—8 A. M. to 12 M. Fox twp., at Hotel Letts on Feb. 12th, hours—8 A. M. to 12 M. Elkland twp., at the residence of Joseph Grange, on Feb. 12th, hours 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. Forksville boro and Forks twp., at Hotel Hanton in Forksville boro., on Feb. 13th, hours—8 A. M. to 3 P. M. Dushore boro and Cherry twp., at Hotel Carroll in Dushore boro., Feb. 15th, hours—9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Colley twp., at Hotel Hunsinger, on Feb. 16th, hours—10 A. M. to 3 P. M. S. K. McBride, W. M. Chesney, Com. D. W. Scanlan. Com. office, Jan. 11, 1892.

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