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Nature is painting things green. Court one week from Monday—May 23.

Memorial Day two weeks from next Monday—May 30.

Georgie Albert of Cherry, is visiting friends in town.

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Mrs. M. F. Albert of LaPorte, is visiting friends in Cherry.

The LaPorte tannery suspended work for 60 or 90 days, on Monday.

C. Q. Flemings of the 'Mere, was calling on friends at LaPorte, Sunday.

The REPUBLICAN, is increasing her circulation right along. Join the army.

Hon. Russel Katns, is improving from his recent attack, of rheumatism.

J. W., says, that if the tannery quits work—he is going into the show business.

The showers of the past week, were severe, and the lightning sharp and thunder noisy.

Fresh baker's bread constantly on hand at the store of Mrs. M. C. Lauer, prepared by C. W. Champion, the Dushore baker.

Sheriff Utz and Wm. Geary, of Dushore, were transacting business in town, Tuesday.

Hon. B. S. Collins of Dushore, was transacting business at the county seat, on Friday.

Bark peeling will soon commence in this section, already preparations are being made by jobbers.

The cheapest things of the season are—politicians' promises and the advice your friends give you.

Hon. T. J. Ingham, is in Philadelphia, this week transacting business and visiting his son, E. P. Ingham.

The REPUBLICAN was complimented very highly, last week, for its news columns and neatness of appearance.

It does not seem possible, but it will be only a little over a month before we will be eating home grown strawberries.

In order that they may be carried in trunk and valises the handle of parasols and umbrellas are now made to unscrew.

From now until snow flies you will hear little more than politics and base ball. Both are most interesting subjects to Americans.

Oscar Snyder of Sanbury, who has been in the employ of James McFarlane & Co., for some time, left for his home, on Tuesday.

E. P. Ingham of Philadelphia, who has been suffering with malaria for the past weeks, is reported sufficiently improved to attend to business.

The people of Dushore interested, in the race course, are grading the track and hope to have it completed by the 1st of July. Fast horses will now be in demand.

The young people of LaPorte, enjoyed a dance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Benben, on Monday evening. All present report a pleasant time.

James P. Walsh, road commissioner, is doing some good work, on our main streets. Jim is an excellent judge of what is required to make a road first class.

The W. C. T. U. of LaPorte will hold a parlor meeting at the home of Miss Ada Meylert Friday May 13th from 8 to 10:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Scarlet rash is prevailing among children to some extent at LaPorte and vicinity. We understand, however, that those thus afflicted, are improving and out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Messenger of LaPorte, will accompany their son Avery to Burnwood, Pa., where they will reside in the future. The many friends of the leaving party regret to see them go.

August Buschhausen of Torpedo, has a bright "little" companion. The color of the little fellow is common—black, and it smokes a pipe and enjoys its perfume as does its Master. "Jack" is a great pup.

Atty. H. T. Downs of LaPorte, who was appointed Auditor of the estate of the late John Warren of Elkland twp., was attending to the duties of his appointment at his office, on Friday last. Several interested parties were present.

Attention Sportsmen!

There will be a meeting held in E. M. Dunham's law office at LaPorte, on Saturday May 14, at 3 p. m., to consider the advisability of forming a "Fish and Game Protection Association" in Sullivan county, to which everybody is invited. It is desired that each precinct of the county be represented at the meeting.

BY INTERESTED PARTIES.

The Milk Maids' Drill and Convention under the auspices of the Y. W. C. T. U., of LaPorte, in the School House Hall, on Friday evening last, was a success. Twenty-two young ladies took part in the exercises and one Young America—Chas. Ballard, who took the part of Page boy. All did very nicely and were complimented in the highest. The mock cow brought on the stage by the young ladies, caused much laughter. The receipts of the evening were \$16.55.

The REPUBLICAN and the New York Weekly Tribune, for \$1.25. This is cheap, awful cheap and the combination should be taken by every family in the county. Will have a supply of samples of the Tribune, shortly, when we will be pleased to forward a copy to any person desiring one. The Tribune is considered one of the best papers published in the United States.

The Land Sales in the Dushore Review, was a bungled up mess last week. Tracts of land that should have been inserted in the Davidson twp., list, were distributed throughout the entire list and to a person desiring information presented a fearful mess. We understand that County Treas. Wm. Murray will investigate the matter. The REPUBLICAN is official on all legal advertising. For the best—take the REPUBLICAN.

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Miss Belle Millie of Dundee, Scotland, who was visiting her cousin, Mr. Robt. Stormont, at LaPorte, during the month of March, died at Yonkers, N. Y., a short distance from N. Y. city, on Thursday of last week. This will be sad news to the many new acquaintances of deceased at LaPorte.

The election booth arrived, on Wednesday, and will be erected in a suitable place next week, for the purpose of instructing the voters of how the new ballot law shall be conducted. It is more than likely that the booth will be removed to the several townships, if requested by citizens.

R. M. Stormont captured a trout out of Lake Mokoma, that measured 16 inches, and weighed 1 lb. and 7/8 ounces, on Thursday last. This is the largest one of the season and Robt is proud of the honor. Esq. Dunham and Dr. Hill, will make an attempt to break the record, as soon as they can get a day off.

We are authorized to announce that services will be held in St. John's Episcopal church at LaPorte, on Sunday next, May 15th; in the morning at 10:30—evening at 7:30. The Rev'd. John W. Burras of Pittston, will officiate. Holy Communion at morning service.

Miss Mollie Keeler of LaPorte, and who has been serving as private nurse at Denver, Colorado, took the steamer "City of Paris" at N. Y. city, on Wednesday of last week en-route for Australia. She goes in company with an invalid lady whom she has been caring for during the past months.

The saw mill owned by Boyd P. Bennett and Fred Peale near Hunter's Lake, in Shrewsbury twp., was burned to ashes, on Wednesday night, May 3. It is supposed that the building was set on fire by unknown parties. Loss about \$2,000. No insurance.

The barn of C. W. Snafer of near New Era, was struck by lightning on Tuesday night of last week and burned to the ground, together with five horses and five cows. Grain and farming utensils were also destroyed. Loss \$2,000, insurance \$300.

A number of our people will, no doubt, have business in Towanda, on Saturday. Of course, Forepaugh's white elephant will not be the attraction. On the date of the show in Williamsport, we can expect a general turn out, from this section.

The several tax collectors of Sullivan county, who are in arrears several hundred dollars to the county, will be called upon to settle at this term of court. We would suggest that they make preparations accordingly.

NOTICE.

S. S. Simmons Post, No. 477, G. A. E., Dept. of Pa.

CORRADES:

There will be a special meeting of Post, on Saturday, May 14th, 1892, for the transaction of important business, and all the comrades are requested to be present.

By order of Commander, ISAAC T. LOW, Attest: J. W. HARVEY, Adjt. Pro. Tem.

Memorial services will be observed on Monday May 30th, 1892, at LaPorte, at 9:30 o'clock sharp, and at Sonestown, at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

The following named ladies have been appointed as committee on evergreens and flowers:

LAPORTE. Mrs. T. J. Ingham, Mrs. T. J. Keeler, Miss Ethel Mason.

SONESTOWN. Mrs. A. T. Armstrong, Mrs. Rhoebe Magargle, Mrs. Hannah Whitacre.

MUNCY VALLEY.

Mrs. Alex Magargle. W. C. No. 536, of Nordmont, also, W. C. No. 344, P. O. S. of A. of Sonestown, are invited to attend in regalia. Also, the Sabbath Schools of LaPorte, Sonestown, Muncy Valley, Eagles Mere, Elk Lick and Lows, are invited to take part in the services.

Prominent speakers are expected to be present. Music will be furnished by the LaPorte Cornet Band. ISAAC T. LOW, Com.

J. W. HARVEY, Adjt. Pro. Tem.

"Murder will out" is an old saying and often proves true. As an illustration we quote the following particulars of the Kester murder case which occurred in Sugar Loaf Valley, Luzerne county, in 1885, and which was kept a profound mystery as to the murderers until a few days ago: "A new feature in the celebrated Kester murder case has come to light and some startling developments are looked for. The Kesters, two brothers, were murdered for their money in 1885 and it was only last year that any arrests were made. Three men, Joseph Eveland, Henry Higgins and James Gallagher, were arrested and their trials comes up next week. Thursday Samuel Shiner, of Sugar Loaf Valley, near where the murder was committed, told Chief Hampton, of Hazleton, that he stood outside the house and kept watch, and Joseph Eveland shot Wm. Kester, and a man named Chrisman, of Northampton county, killed John Kester with a club. A fellow named Kunkle, of Northampton county, also had a hand in the murder. Higgins and Gallagher are also implicated, but not directly. Shiner was arrested."—Ex.

Politics are booming for certain, here and hereabouts. It is the chief conversation, these days and principally among the Democratic aspirants for office. About every other person who advocates democracy is a candidate and a lively time is in store for the uninterested on-lookers. Each of the candidates are in the race to win, believing that the new Baker ballot law will carry them to success, even though they do roll the anger of a few of their democratic friends. There will be no give and take, but a free for all fight.

The stories of the whereabouts of the murderers of Marks is conflicting in the extreme. One is, they have gone to Brazil. No. 2, gone up North River and the third, that they are still in New York city. A dispatch was telegraphed to officers on a point on the North River to arrest two Hebrews, who were known to be enroute for said place. Lewis Marks of Towanda and a brother of the murdered man sent the dispatch and claims to have a pretty good clue of the route taken by the murderers.

A law not generally known, and one that should be of interest to farmers in this state, was enacted and approved by ex-Governor Hoyt, in 1879. The law is to the effect that any person liable to road tax, who shall transplant at the side of the public highway on his own premises, any fruit, shade or forest trees, shall be allowed by supervisors of roads, an abatement of his road tax one dollar for every four trees set. As the season for planting trees is at hand it might be well to hunt this law up and derive benefit from it.

There were many old soldiers in town last week. They came to execute their vouchers preparatory to drawing their quarterly pension. The boys wore a pleasant smile and thanked the Republican party for their little compensation.

Communicated.

PAYETTE, IDAHO, May 3, 1892.

Editor REPUBLICAN:—Had I not promised to write you a letter, the time occupied in writing it, would, no doubt, be spent in hunting and fishing. This is a great country for game. It is no trouble to shoot wild ducks and geese. Sage hens and rabbits are found here in abundance. Sage hens are about as large as our chickens and are very good eating. Jack rabbits are more numerous than the small gray species also found in Pennsylvania. Larger game—such as deer, elk and bear, are found further back on the mountains. The Payette and Snake Rivers swarm with fish such as the salmon, sturgeon, black bass, suckers, eels, white fish and others whose names I have not been able to learn. The sturgeon and salmon are the largest. Salmon are caught that weigh two and three hundred pounds. Sturgeon are still larger. One was caught in the Snake River that weighed \$1,300 pounds. After trying in vain to drag him out with a team of horses, they landed him with a switch engine. This is no fish story but a fact. The Snake River at Payette, is about as wide as the branches of the Susquehanna, at Towanda, or Williamsport, but much deeper, being from 15 to 30 feet in depth. The current is swift; the color of the water is generally clear. The water rises gradually from March until June or July, when it reaches the highest water mark. This is caused by the melting of snow on the mountains. The Payette River rises among the mountains in the central part of Idaho. It is not quite as large as the Snake, but contains a large volume of water. It is not near as low as the Snake and it is from this river that they get the water for irrigation.

There is not much irrigation on the Snake River as it is too expensive to get the water on the land. In time, no doubt, much of the land which is little more than desert land will be opened for cultivation. Payette Valley, which extends along the Payette River and part of Snake, is about 50 miles long and from 8 to 12 miles wide. Much of the land on the Payette is under cultivation and about 30 or 40 thousand acres more will be opened this summer. The main canal which will open this new scope of land is about 30 miles long and was let by contract last week for \$150,000 to some Colorado parties. It is to be completed by the 1st of September. It is to be fourteen feet wide at the bottom of the ditches. The land that can be improved by this canal has all been taken up, and many persons who filed on whole sections are offered three and four thousand dollars for their rights. No doubt this land will become very valuable in a few years. There is no finer or better land to be found any where than this. The soil is from four to six feet. It is just inclosed enough for perfect irrigation. The water right will cost \$10. per acre or half the land and 75c per acre each year for all land under actual cultivation. This land produces everything that can be grown in the United States except tropical and semitropical fruits. The leading products are wheat, fruit and hay. The average yield of wheat per acre is 35 and 40 bushels. It is second to no place in northern part of the United States in the production of hay. They mow their meadows two and three times a year—cutting four and five tons per acre. Their principal hay and grass is alfalfa. It looks very much like clover, only it grows faster and taller. Every one here says it is better for cattle than clover, having better fattening qualities. There is also a great deal of clover and timothy raised here. The alfalfa is from 12 to 18 inches high, and clover from 9 to 12 inches at this date. And without any exaggeration I can say the vegetation as a whole, was further advanced here when I first saw it than any place seen by me in traveling 2825 miles. It is a wonderful country for all kinds of fruit, I am told, and I have seen some of it. And judging from the appearance of the trees, there are a great many prunes, peaches, plums, cherries, grapes, apples and straw berries, raised here. The greatest advantage of all, however, is the fact that there is a ready market here for all that can be produced. And this I suppose to be the reason viz: That there are many small mining towns scattered over these mountains, and only a very small portion of the land can be cultivated. Hay sells from \$6 to \$10 per ton. It is \$12 per ton now. The reason hay is so high is because many cattle and sheep

runners, bring their stock here during the winter to feed. Some winters they have to feed scarcely any, then I suppose hay must be cheap. This last winter they claim was a hard one, and many cattle died from starvation. The cattle here are much larger than the cattle in the East, and they don't cost the owners a cent for "paterage" as they turn them out on the hills, and mountains where is found the finest of grazing. They do the same with horses. There are a great many horses. When they sell any cattle or horses, they go out and hunt them up. All the cattle and horses are branded. Sheep must be herded on account of wild animals. I saw as many as 8000 sheep in one herd. Ranch cattle generally sell by the head. The price varies from \$20 to \$35 for three and four year olds. Common stock milch cows are selling here now for \$25. Thorough bred are as high here as they are in the East. Sheep sell at \$3 and \$4 per head. People do not sell lambs. Wool is 14, 18 and 20 cents per pound, unwashed. Wages are higher here than in the East. Common laborers get \$2 and \$2.50 a day; mechanic \$3 and \$4. But there are just as many men without employment here as there are in the East. Living expenses here are not much higher than in the East. Rent and fuel are higher, but flour and meats are cheaper. A small shanty of two rooms, rents for \$8 and \$10 per month. There are lots of so called houses here of only one room I have seen a great many more small houses in the West than in the East. Even before you get to Chicago, small houses will become numerous. It is no wonder the women folks get home sick, when they come West. Apparently all that come West are looking for the "almighty dollar" and they don't hesitate to tell you so. There are a great many Pennsylvanians living in Payette.

All together this is a wonderful country. There are not many high mountains in the immediate vicinity. At a distance of 40 or 60 miles, one can see snow covered mountains on all sides. People say the snow does not remain on them perpetually. During July and August no snow can be seen. In fact I saw no very high mountains, in all my long journey. I was much disappointed. I did not come the right road to see the mountain scenery. To see the great mountains one wants to go via Denver & Rio Grande R. R. From the time I left the Mississippi Valley, in Nebraska, I saw nothing but a plain from 50 to 100 miles wide, with the Union Pacific R. R., apparently in the middle. There are not many rocks to be seen, only at one place I saw very fine granite and that was in Wyoming. The only place of any note for the whole distance of 1000 miles across the Rocky Mountains, is Ame's Monument, a pyramid about 50 feet high. The highest altitude reached was at Sherman Station, 8140 feet. There was plenty of snow on the ground when I came across. We were in several small snow storms. What is remarkable about here is, that the snow lies on the ground only a few weeks at a time, except on high mountains. The mountain, plains and valleys, are covered with nothing but sage brush and grass. Sage brush are small bushes about 3 and 4 feet high, with a stem from 2, 3, 4 and 5 inches thick. Imagine a full limbed apple tree about four feet high, and branches in proportion, and you will have a good idea of a sage brush. The sage brush land commences with the foot hills of the Rocky Mountains on the East, and continue into Oregon, as far as I have gone thus far. The scenery becomes very monotonous. I have not seen a tree as large as a telegraph pole, since I crossed the Mississippi, but there is very fine pine timber land at the head waters of the Payette River, a distance of about 60 miles. There is a large steam saw mill at this place, and the logs are floated down on the river. Lumber sells here from \$15 to \$75 per thousand.

The population of Payette, is about 600, the altitude 2100 feet. The nights are cool—very much like the nights in LaPorte. In the middle of the day it gets very warm. The thermometer some times goes up to 110 in the shade, in July and August, but they say that the heat is not so oppressive, on account of the dry atmosphere. They have about four or six weeks of very cold weather, in January and February, the thermometer going "out of sight."

I stopped several days at Chicago and Milwaukee, and I could say something about those places, and the fine country from Buffalo to Omaha, but I will leave that for some future occasion.

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