

Christmas next Sunday.

Buy your Christmas goods at Keeler's store.

The Germania Band of Towanda has disbanded.

A fine display of Christmas goods at Keeler's store.

The next issue of the REPUBLICAN will appear on January 6th.

The school children are pleased that the vacation days are here.

A large number of people in this vicinity are suffering with colds.

Atty. E. M. Dunham is in attendance at court at Williamsport this week.

Mrs. W. M. Cheney and Mrs. Ward of LaPorte, were shopping in Dushore, on Friday of last week.

The February election is not far distant. It occurs on the third Tuesday after the first Monday.

Wedding gifts as well as Christmas presents will be in demand this year. They will be sent abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Karns of Towanda, are spending the holiday vacation with friends at LaPorte.

Our watch tinker—Mr. Weber, has fenced off the north east corner of his large and commodious room and is now keeping bachelor's hall.

Keeler's store is filled with customers buying Christmas presents. Call and select before the best is taken.

It is time to begin working the slate for February election. Who will handle the pencil? The voters will do the scratching.

As usual the REPUBLICAN gave the court proceedings one week in advance of our contemporaries. Subscribe for the paper that gives you the news when fresh.

Mrs. J. H. Spencer and daughter Miss Mable of LaPorte, left for Philadelphia, this (Thursday) where they will spend the holidays.

Gould's division of his wealth was simplicity itself. He gave away in charity the same amount to the penny that he took with him.

Judge Ingham was called by telephone on Tuesday to his sister's bed side, Mrs. Dr. Homet of Wyandoming who is not expected to live.

What State Superintendent Waller has to say elsewhere in our columns, about the progress of our schools will be read with interest by our school teachers.

Heavy engines are being run over the new bed between Lopez and Noxen, so as to test it for regular traffic after Jan. 1, when LaPorte people can go direct east to Wilkes-Barre.

Pike county polled the smallest vote of any county in the State, the number cast being 1650. Forest county was the next lowest, giving 1736. Sullivan county came third polling 2223.

Last week's court was an expensive one to the tax payers. The jurors seemed to be dead set against the county and called upon the county cash box to settle at least two-thirds of the bill.

John V. Finkle, shoemaker and harness repairer on Muncy St., has recently hung out a new sign, the lettering was done by Ed Benjamin of Dushore, and is very nicely executed. John, at all hours of the day can be found on the bench "welting" away as busy as a bee.

Stewart Chase who has served as Warden of the Court House for several years, now occupies the Finch house on Muncy street. Sheriff-elect Mahaffey will move into the Court House the last of this week or the fore part of next and will look after the jail during his term of office.

Henry M. Harrison of LaPorte, has just completed a picture of Gen. P. H. Sheridan at Winchester. The photo is sketched with pen and ink and is remarkably good. Sheridan on his coal black steed is in the centre of the picture and calls to his retreating and shattered forces and leads them back to battle and to victory. The picture will be on exhibition at the World's Fair.

Word comes from Miss Mollie Keeler formerly of LaPorte and who is nursing in Melbourne, Australia that she is well and enjoys the ways of the people on the other side of the Atlantic very much. Miss Mollie had the honor of christening a Yacht, recently, which was owned by an individual. She titled it "Happy-Minutes." Miss Mollie hopes to return to America in time to look upon the World's Fair.

Three Employees on the W. & N. B. R. R. Injured for Life.

Last week will be put down as an unlucky six days for men at work on the W. & N. B. railroad in this vicinity. On Wednesday the 14th, George Carrigg of Muncy Valley a boy of perhaps 17 years of age who is employed as horse driver on one of the dirt cars and while thus engaged slipped and fell on the track, and his right arm was run over by the car and broken. The car was empty at the time. Had it been loaded with sand, as George was working in the sand pit near Lake Nokoma, it would have severed it from his body. Dr. Hill set the broken bones and George grated his teeth and stood the operation like a little man.

On Friday the 16th an Italian boy about the same age of George, 17 years and who was also a mule or horse driver on a dirt car, slipped and fell under the wheels and his right leg was so mutilated that he was sent to the Hospital at Williamsport on the same day of the accident where Drs. Detwiler and Connolly amputated the limb below the knee. The car was loaded at the time of the mishap, hence, the fearful result. The young man was at work grading the fill near Henry Kohensparger's about one mile from town. Frank Baseos was the unfortunate boy's name and he resided with his uncle's aunt at this place.

This accident was closely followed by the third which came on Saturday. An Italian at work in a pit near Philip Karge's about three miles from town was struck by a falling rock and his leg broken. Dr. Hill set the limb and made him as comfortable as possible. He was taken to the Reading Hospital on Monday.

Riter Oppose to Quay for United States Senator.

Frank M. Riter esq. a Representative of the County of Philadelphia, has written a letter to the Philadelphia Press urging the Senate and House to elect George S. Graham, now district atty. of Philadelphia, to the United States Senatorship in place of the Hon. M. S. Quay. One would hardly think with the high recommendation of Mr. Graham as remarked by both Mr. Riter and the Press, that this gentleman would allow these people to make such a consummate tool of him.

Mr. Riter has assumed much responsibility in urging Mr. Graham in the field, and at this late day can not hope to defeat the man who carried us to victory in 1888—the Hon. M. S. Quay. Mr. Graham will have an opportunity of attending his own funeral as Mr. Depew tells us about.

In regards to the Press, but few people care what it says. It has kept a continual uproar in our party for years. Should the Press adopt an entirely new rule from the past and speak for harmony in our party instead of fight, it would have a heap more friends in the rural districts than it has at the present date.

Increase the Whiskey Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Owen Scott, of Illinois, is collecting facts and figures, and will immediately after the holidays request the Ways and Means Committee to accord him a hearing on his bill increasing the internal revenue tax on whiskey. The bill increases the tax on distilled spirits from 90 cents to \$1.25 per gallon.

The present tax on whiskey produces about \$90,000,000 annually. The increase proposed will give about 40 per cent. more revenue, or a total of about \$126,000,000 from distilled spirits alone.

James McFarlane is selling hard coal to LaPorte customers at \$5.50 a ton. It costs \$6.00 or \$6.50 to have a ton of the Bernice coal delivered here. Three dollars at the mines and three or three and a half for delivering. Our people prefer the Bernice coal but under the circumstances are obliged to go elsewhere. The people of this vicinity have always patronized the Bernice mines and do not like to be driven away from our own production in this manner. Mr. Blight ought to make some arrangements by which his old customers here, could procure coal of him as cheaply as of mines one hundred miles distant.

The Forks township road commissioners have filed papers for a new trial in the case of Sullivan Co. vs Forks twp., and the same will be argued at Tunkhannock on next Tuesday, December the 27th. This case was heard in court last week and relates to the vacating of a road down Loyalsock. The verdict was in favor of the Commonwealth. The attorneys employed in the case were: A. L. Grim and E. M. Dunham for Commonwealth and J. G. Seouten and F. T. Dempsey for the defendants.

HEARD IN COURT.

Some Experiences of Lawyers as Related to a "Republican" Reporter.

From the Williamsport Republican. What District Attorney Reilly of Lycoming county has to say regarding the disposal of court costs by jurors:

"There is," said Dist. Atty. Reilly, a day two or ago, "I admit, much objection found to the law that makes it possible for a jury to find a man, accused of crime, not guilty and yet put the costs of the trial of the case on him. But it is sometimes a pretty good law. A short time ago, for instance, I was pressing the charge of desecrating a grave against a man. The case was something like this: Two children of a poor man in the city died and he was without means to purchase a burial lot in the cemetery. A neighbor appreciating his condition came to him and generously informed him that he could bury the bodies of the little ones in his lot at one of the city cemeteries. The offer was accepted and the bodies of the poor man's children were placed at rest in the lot of his generous neighbor. A few years later the generous hearted man died and his body was placed at rest in the same lot with the remains of the children. A few months later a son of the lot owner notified the father of the dead children that he wanted him to take the bodies of his d—brats out of that lot within 24 hours or he would take them out for him. The man was yet poor and unable to stand the expense of the removal of the bodies. He plead for a little time but a few days later was informed by a neighbor that the son told him that he had removed the bodies of the two children from his lot. The poor man hurried to the cemetery where he found evidences of the removal of the remains of his children. Hurrying then to the son of his benefactor he asked him if he had removed the bodies. The son responded that he had, and added that he had thrown the bodies to the logs.

The grief stricken man had the young man arrested charged with desecrating the graves, and at the trial of the case the facts as related were presented by the Commonwealth as the evidence upon which it hoped to sustain a conviction. The defendant thereupon denied that he had disturbed the bodies of the children, and the sexton of the cemetery testified that he had that very morning examined the graves and found the bodies undisturbed.

"Of course we couldn't hope to convict the man after that. It would be impossible. But the jury put the costs on the wretch, and I tell you there was not a man in the court house who did not feel like thanking God that there was a law that made it possible to find a man not guilty and yet put the costs on him."

This saying of District Attorney Reilly of Lycoming county should be weighed well and digested by Sullivan county tax payers who serve as jurors, and in place of putting the costs of petty cases on the Commonwealth, they should heap it upon either the plaintiff or defendant in the case. This would have a tendency of lessening the number of petty cases brought before our courts, and the large amount of county money now used in defraying and paying witnesses and jury fees of such cases—could be dedicated toward paying off the county's indebtedness. It appears very funny to us, that our tax payers should complain of the indebtedness of the county and by their verdicts at court increase the burden ten fold.

After January 1st all registered letters at all offices will be reduced from 10 to 8 cents.

Tuesday was pay day on the railroad and fifteen thousand dollars was distributed among the workmen.

The printer will have a vacation next week. Christmas week you know. We are going to put in the time hunting rabbits. Our office, however, will be open for the transaction of business.

Sheriff Utz will retire from office on the first Monday in January when Sheriff-elect Mahaffey will take up the reins and serve the people as High Sheriff for the next ensuing three years.

We placed four new subscribers on our list this week. The circulation of the REPUBLICAN is increasing at a satisfactory gate. Our friends, especially in the Western part of the county, have resolved to assist us in this department.

Mr. Konkle who cut the right way for the W. & N. B. R. R. paid off the earnings of his men for last month's work on Tuesday. There was a general stampede of the men to get their cash first. All were paid, however, and satisfaction prevailed and those who would have discounted their due bill to a cash buyer a month ago would have been more than pleased had the amount of the same been thrice as large. This is a fair example that men can be too hasty in condemning the honesty of their employers.

Hon. James G. Blaine is dangerously ill at his residence in Washington and his death is looked for at any minute. He is suffering from Bright's disease.

The ladies of LaPorte gave a bazaar in the old bank building commencing on Wednesday. The proceeds of which will go toward purchasing a piano for the school hall. The entertainment will be kept open until all goods are disposed of, possibly all of the week. Elegant Christmas presents adorn the tree. We would advise our young men to call and glance upon the beautiful display of home talent and tasty work before purchasing their best girl a Christmas gift.

Here is an article from the New York World regarding the pensions awarded the old soldier boys. You will no doubt read it with interest and grasp the fact according to the World's say, that you have been "fraudulently placed there for the purposes of vote-buying," and that in all probabilities your pensions will be greatly reduced if not entirely taken from you. It would appear that the Democracy intends paying out the now pension funds in "salary" which will be awarded a certain few. Here is the article:

Pension Reform Must Come.

"For the honor of honest pensioners not less than for the protection of the Treasury against fraud, it is the imperative duty of the coming Congress to purge the rolls and of the present Congress to prepare the way.

Fortunately the partisan cowardice which has so long controlled Congress in this matter is losing its hold. The fear of the "soldier vote" which prompted Democrats for years to vote for every pension bill, private or public, however flagrantly unjust it might be, is no longer dominant.

The result in November showed that the soldier vote is not so venal as politicians of both parties have assumed it to be. In spite of the attempts made to purchase it for Harrison by the fraudulent abuse of pension legislation the States in which the vote is strongest were carried for Cleveland. Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana are Democratic, and even in Ohio the Republican plurality is reduced to nominal figures.

The Democratic leaders have taken fresh courage from this fact and are already planning measures to restore to the pension list its character of a roll of honor and to strip from it the names that have been unjustly and fraudulently placed there for purposes of vote-buying.—World.

Anthony Attacks the Pension Laws.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Representative Anthony, of Texas, introduced in the House to-day a bill repealing the act of June 27, 1890, granting pensions to soldiers and sailors and to widows, minor children and dependent parents of soldiers and sailors. The bill also provides that all pensions granted under the act shall be discontinued.

County Institute.

The annual meeting of the Sullivan County Teachers' Institute, will be held at Dushore in Garey's Hall during the week commencing Monday Jan. 3, 1894. The first session will commence at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday. The regular instructors will be Hon. Henry Houck, Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Superintendent J. M. Coughlin, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The evening lectures will be as follows:

Tuesday evening, Supt. J. M. Coughlin. Wednesday evening, Hon. Henry Houck. Thursday evening, John R. Clarke, of New York city.

Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock Deputy Supt. Houck will deliver an address to the directors and patrons of our schools.

M. R. BLACK, Co. Sup't.

W. C. T. U. Quarterly Convention.

The First Quarterly Convention of the Sullivan County W. C. T. U., will be held in East Forks P. M., Church, Dec. 28th, 1893. The following program will be presented:

FIRST SESSION 2 P. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. S. Hottenstein. Address of welcome—Mrs. M. E. Ferrell; Response—Mrs. C. F. Bedford; Singing; How can we more effectually interest our children in the temperance—Mrs. L. Carpenter; The promises to those who overcome—Mrs. E. Hull; Select reading—Mrs. A. V. Rogers; Women's sphere; Is it only in the home? Miss Ada Meylert; Singing; Miscellaneous business; adjournment.

SECOND SESSION 7 P. M. Devotional exercises; Medal contest work—Miss H. E. Grimm; Medal contest; adjournment. Miss HARRIET E. GRIMM, Pres. Miss HARRIET M. LITTLE, Sec'y.

Our Public School System.

Advance sheets of the annual report of Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr., Superintendent of Public instruction, are out. Some interesting statistics are exhibited, and the figures for the past year show that the number of pupils in the public schools was 977,528, an increase of 8,022; the number of schools was 23,426, an increase of 522; the number of teachers was 25,339, an increase of 414. The total expenditure, including that upon building was \$14,329,140.46 an increase of \$810,431.48. The estimated value of school property was \$40,242,664, an increase of \$4,765,720. The State appropriation for the year was not five millions, but two millions of dollars. The great appropriation of five millions of dollars first became available on the first Monday of June of the current year, 1892.

Dr. Waller says the indirect effects of the great appropriation have already manifested themselves. School boards have made much needed improvements at the cost of the districts. Free text books have been introduced, the term has been lengthened, salaries have been raised, and school buildings have been erected in all respects worthy the cause. Improved apparatus has also been introduced. In 2,481 school text books were supplied free of cost, while in others the boards adopted the policy of supplying part of the books annually with a view to a general introduction.

Dr. Waller is against the division of the school year into a summer and winter term, as was once the general practice, and presents strong reasons in favor of the single term.

The superintendent also thinks the minimum school term should be longer. Now that school boards can lengthen without additional cost to themselves, all receiving State aid should be required to have an undivided term of at least eight months.

It is stated that the experience of another year has emphasized the need of closer supervision. The greater the number of schools the greater the need of supervision. This number has grown from 10,000 in 1854 to 23,000 in 1892.

The proposition to attach a salary to the office of school director, the superintendent says, implies an immense expenditure of public money and also such a change in the character of the men chosen as would portend great harm to the schools. He thinks they should be paid when they are in attendance upon the triennial convention for the election of superintendents, as directors should not accept the hospitality of candidates. He is also of the opinion that the directors should be paid on directors' day at the county institute.

On the subject of compulsory education he says that in addition to the reasons given in the last report in favor of such a law in Pennsylvania, it may be added that at least twenty-seven States and Territories have compulsory education.

Dr. Waller observes that the twelve State Normal Schools have won the confidence and support of the public to a degree that has made their usefulness almost inestimable. There are gathered annually in these institutions about eight thousand of the youth of the Commonwealth. Respecting the colleges and high schools he says the gap that has existed between the higher institutions of learning and our public schools is steadily closing.

The legislation most needed is for a single term, for an increase of the minimum term, for closer supervision, for the limitation of the provisional certificate, for a recognition of a college diploma under the proper restrictions, for meeting the actual expenses of directors and the tri-annual convention and for one day at the county institute.

Business Locals.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have taken letters testamentary as executors of the last will and testament of John Phillips, late of Davidson township dec'd. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

D. S. PHILLIPS, Executors. EDWARD PHILLIPS, Dec. 4-93.

Dynamite, and Fuse for sale. Any one wishing to have stumps, rocks or boulders, removed from their land, can procure this explosive in any quantity from me. Can also furnish a man to handle the same, if the party so desire.

H. P. HALL, Sonestown, Pa. Oct. 14, 6m. The REPUBLICAN, only \$1.00 a year.

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