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Christmas goods at Keeler's store. It has the appearance of a green Christmas.

We shall not issue the REPUBLICAN next week.

Contest court will meet in Laporte on Friday, Dec. 27.

Christmas goods are being displayed by our merchants.

A great display of Christmas goods at T. J. Keeler's.

Day laborers in this vicinity find employment very scarce.

We wish our many patrons a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mrs. Russel Karns of Laporte, was shopping in Williamsport, Monday.

E. V. Ingham of Shamokin, was calling on friends in Laporte, Monday.

The boys and girls are having fine times skating on Lake Mokoma, day and night, and Sunday, too.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cheney and daughter Bessie, were visiting with friends in Laporte, Sunday.

Miss Lottie Miller of Laporte, who is attending school in Towanda, is home on a three week's vacation.

In sight, the hottest political fight of the last century—in the '96 Sullivan county Democratic convention.

Prothonotary Walsh is placing his office in apple pie order, preparatory to turning it over to his successor.

Kitty Clover, one of our correspondents of Estella gives an account of an elopement in that vicinity, this week.

The Rev. H. K. Miller of the Baptist congregation will reside in Laporte and will occupy the Clark homestead on West Main street.

Jeremiah Kelly the general merchant of Hughesville, is advertising his holiday stock, by circular, quite extensively. Mr. Kelly has a large assortment of goods in this line.

The young people of town enjoyed a surprise party at the residence of Sheriff Mahaffey on Wednesday evening. The gathering was in honor of Lewis Mahaffey, and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Sheriff Swank will occupy our new court house dwelling with the beginning of the new year. Ellis will make a good Sheriff and will attend strictly to business. We wish him a pleasant and a remunerative term.

James McFarlane, general merchant of Laporte, has a new ad in the REPUBLICAN, this week. Mr. McFarlane is one of our enterprising men and his large assortment of goods are appreciated by our people.

Quite a number of prominent men of the county were in attendance at the sheriff sales on Friday last. Among the list were, Judge Pomeroy and L. E. Wells of Dushore, Hon. W. C. Rogers, Forksville, Ulysses Bird, Estella, and others.

The friends of Mrs. Dr. W. B. Hill of Laporte and vicinity will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Hill has just received a draft of \$2,000 the amount of the policy held by her on the life of her deceased husband in the Penn. Mutual Life Insurance company.

Next week is holiday week, hence we shall not go to press, but will make an effort to collect out-standing bills due us on subscription. Our office door will be open for the transaction of business and especially issuing receipts to delinquents.

The drippings of the eaves of our new court house has been arranged to run direct into the sewerage pipe. This will protect the foundation wall of the building and flood any debris that might find its way into the sewerage. A commendable act on the part of our commissioners.

There was considerable politics held in town last week and especially by Democrats. This party has army of candidates in the field I each fellow with his friends are leaving to persuade the other fellows to quit the field in his interest.

E. Botsford of the firm of Z. E. Botsford, merchants of Slocum, was transacting business in Laporte, Tuesday; while here, Mr. Botsford called on the REPUBLICAN and left his order for a supply of stationery. The REPUBLICAN is headquarters for job work.

To Tax Collectors.

If tax collectors will inform us when the six months' limit expires after which five per cent will be added to the taxes, we will publish such notice free of charge. Remember the REPUBLICAN has a general circulation all over the county.

Married.

MENCER-GRITMAN.—At Muncy Valley, Dec. 12, Mr. Augustus Mencer and Miss Clara Gritman were married, Rev. W. A. Lopley performing the ceremony. They left on the afternoon train for a short wedding trip.

A very pleasant surprise party of near relatives was tendered Mr. Griffith Phillips, father of Judge Phillips on Wednesday Dec. 4th in honor of his 76 birthday. Refreshments were served and conversations indulged in when all departed for their respective homes wishing him many happy returns of the day.

According to whether prophet Hicks, a general cold wave will spread to all parts of the country by the 23d, followed by rain and snow crossing the country. Another cold wave will follow the storms being central on or about Christmas day. December crosses in a regular storm period. Many parts of the country will be under a blanket of snow and blasts of cold waves will have touched most parts of the country.

Prothonotary Lawrence, elect, will do the work of said office in person for a time at least. It may be possible that he will appoint a deputy to assist him in early spring. Mr. Lawrence informs us that he will not take up his quarters at the county seat, this winter. There are no vacant dwellings in Laporte at present and there are other good reasons why Mr. Lawrence prefers to reside in Dushore until spring.

Miss Adelaide Swingle, a popular young lady of Tioga, and Chas. S. Mabin, of New York city, but who has held a position in the Tioga tannery for several months past, were married at Lindley, N. Y., Nov. 26th, 1895, by Rev. David B. Craft, of Lawrenceville. The bride was dressed in a handsome suit of orange silk trimmed with black velvet, and the groom wore the conventional black dress suit. Congratulations are now in order.—Ee.

The Spring Elections.

The spring elections are not a great way off and the substance of the law relative to these elections may not be out of place at this time. The elections next spring will take place on Tuesday, the 18th day of February.

According to the act of the Legislature of 1893, the nominations by party primaries for all offices within the city must be made at least twenty-eight days before election, which makes January 21st the last day they can be so filed.

Nominations for city offices made by nomination papers must be filed twenty-one days before the election, which will be January 28th.

All other nominations by party primaries—that is, for borough and township offices and school directors must be filed eighteen days before the election, which will be January 31st and nominations by nomination papers fifteen days before the same, which will be February 3d.

It is a safe rule not to wait until the last day, but to file certificates as early as possible.

There was a large attendance of parties interested, their several attorneys, and others, at the sheriff's sales at the court house last Friday, when the following properties were disposed of: The 57 acres in Laporte township, sold as the property of the estate of Mary Ann Snyder, decd., was purchased by Alphonus Walsh for \$390; this is the farm formerly known as the Baldwin or Croll farm. The two adjoining pieces of land in Elkland, sold as the property of A. Hunsinger, were both bought by Mary Whitely Snell; the 46 acres for \$50 and the 47 and 3-10 perches for \$25. The Farmer's Hotel, and other lots in Dushore, sold as the property of R. H. Brewer were divided up as follows: The lot with the Farmer's Hotel thereon, was purchased by Grant & Dewaters of Elmira N. Y., for \$1850.00; the lot with the hotel barn thereon, by J. G. Scounten for \$175.00 and subject to unpaid purchase money of about \$100. The two improved but vacant lots, were purchased by Jno. Utz for \$102.50.

All Sheriff's Deeds for the above properties, will be acknowledged in open court on Saturday Feb. 4, 1896, at 2 p. m., and all returns of the Sheriff to these writs, will then be made to the court. There will be two more sheriff's sales of real estate held on Friday, January 3, 1896, which will finish up such sales for Sheriff Mahaffey's term.

County Institute.

Notice is hereby given that the thirtieth annual teachers' institute for Sullivan county will be held in Garey's Hall, Dushore Pa., beginning at 1:30 p. m., Monday, December 30, 1895, and closing at noon, Friday January 3, 1896.

The instructors are as follows: Hon. Henry Houck, Deputy State Supt. Public Instruction; Prof. H. E. Cogswell, Mansfield Normal School; Supt. J. M. Berkeley, Somerset county; Prof. George P. Bible, Prin. East Stroudsburg State Normal School. Evening entertainments: Monday, short talks and sociable. Tuesday—Prof. Geo. P. Bible. Wednesday—Hon. Henry Houck. Thursday—Concert, New York Male Quartet.

The law requires that all public schools be closed during the week of county institute and provides for the payment of all teachers in attendance. The best talent attainable has been secured for instruction and entertainment. Last year all but two teachers in the county were present at the institute. This year let there be no absentees. The time has come when no teacher who values his reputation can afford to miss the annual institute.

Thursday, January 2d, will be observed as Directors' Day. Last year the Directors' Association was organized. This year the first regular meeting will be held. In the afternoon Deputy State Supt. Houck will address the association. It is hoped that every school district in the county will be represented at this meeting.

Teachers holding certificates but not at the present time actually engaged in teaching, and teachers of private schools are earnestly invited to enroll as members.

A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of education, to whom a warm welcome to all the sessions of the institute will be accorded.

F. W. MEYLETT, Co. Supt.

School Directors' Association.

The School Directors' Association of Sullivan county will hold its first annual meeting at Dushore, Thursday, January 2d, 1896. The directors will meet with the institute in Garey's Hall promptly at 1:15 p. m. Hon. Henry Houck, Deputy State Supt. of Public Instruction, will address them. After the address the following program will be carried out: The School House-Plan and Furnishing—Ulysses Bird, M. J. Phillips. Necessary School Apparatus—R. D. Lancaster, Fred Newell. Joint Directors' and Teachers' Meetings—L. B. Speaker, A. A. Dunham. How to Secure the Best Teachers—M. R. Black, B. S. Collins. Other questions of interest will be discussed. A large attendance is expected. E. M. DUNHAM, Pres. Assoc.

TO THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.

We wonder if some school districts in Sullivan county will not forfeit their appropriation through failure to comply with the following law.

Be it enacted etc. That boards of school directors and controllers of each school district in the commonwealth be and they are hereby required, at least once during each full school term and prior to the first of January of each year and within thirty days after the close of each annual school term, to have taken out removed or hauled away all excrement and waste matter from every out house or water closet connected with or standing upon the premises of every public school house in the commonwealth, or have the same properly disinfected; and they are required to have every out house or water closet properly scrubbed and washed out, the inside walls whitewashed and the vaults or receptacles covered with a layer of fresh earth or dry slacked lime within ten days of the opening of each school term.

That the president of each school board of school directors or controllers is required each year to certify in the regular form provided for that purpose, that the requirements of this act having been fully carried out before the district can draw its annual appropriation from the state.

D. H. HASTINGS, Gov. June 24, 1895.

Go to B. & W. Sonestown, for stock food and produce.

Theodore E. Lewis of Williamsport, and who has served on the police force of the Lumber city since 1880, died on Friday, Dec. 15, aged 66 years. Deceased served all through the Rebellion and has a fine record. He served in many engagements. As a policeman he was considered one of the best in Williamsport. Mr. Lewis was a cousin of R. A. Conklin of Laporte who was present at the funeral which took place at the home of the deceased on Sunday.

Contest Court.

The contest court finished their labors, so far as the ownership of our judgeship is concerned, on Thursday last. Following is their finding and an order to our commissioners. The result, so far, is very satisfactory to our people.

In re. Contested election of E. M. Dunham. No. 83 December term 1895.

And now December 12, 1895, after having heard and duly considered the evidence and the arguments of counsel, we find that at the general election held in the counties of Wyoming and Sullivan, composing the 44th judicial district, on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1894, 3205 votes were cast for the Respondent, E. M. Dunham, for the office of President Judge of the said district, according to the corrected count of the same, and 3178 votes for John A. Sittser for the same office, but we further find that a large number of said votes, to wit, to the number of 525 were cast by persons who were not qualified to vote at said election by reason of non payment of taxes, alienage, non-residence, not being registered, and filing no affidavit or not sufficient affidavit before being admitted to vote, and otherwise, a schedule of such persons showing the districts in which they voted the causes of their disqualification, and the number of their respective ballots having been heretofore filed. And upon the examination of the said ballots so illegally cast, we find that 199 were cast for the said E. M. Dunham, that 314 were cast for the said John A. Sittser, and that 12 were blank or defective.

We also further find that all the votes cast in the First Ward of Tunkhannock borough, in said Wyoming county, must be rejected for the reasons set forth in the allowance of the motion to that effect made by the Respondent, 56 of which, after deducting the votes of disqualified voters, were cast for the said E. M. Dunham, and 91 for the said John A. Sittser. The results thereupon reached is as follows:

Votes cast for E. M. Dunham, according to corrected count, 3205; deduct illegal votes cast for same, 199; deduct votes cast for same in First Ward of Tunkhannock 56; total votes legally cast for said E. M. Dunham, 2950.

Votes cast for John A. Sittser, 3178; deduct illegal votes cast for same, 314; deduct votes cast for same in First Ward of Tunkhannock 91; total votes legally cast for said John A. Sittser, 2773.

Majority of votes cast in favor of said E. M. Dunham, 177.

We thereupon adjudge and declare that the said E. M. Dunham received for the office of President Judge of the said 44th judicial district, a majority of the legal votes given at the said election for the said office, and was duly elected thereto.

The question of the disposition of the costs is reserved for future order. By the Court.

In re. Contested Election of E. M. Dunham. In Com. Pleas of Sullivan county. No. 83 Dec. T. 1894.

Let a rule be entered on the county commissioners of Wyoming and Sullivan counties to show cause why it shall not be adjudged that the complaint in this case was not without probable cause and why the costs shall not thereupon be duly apportioned between and paid by the said counties. Returnable Dec. 27th next at 9 o'clock a. m. in open court, a certified copy of the said rule to be forthwith served by the sheriff of Wyoming county upon the commissioners of said county and a like copy to be served by the sheriff of Sullivan county upon the commissioners of the same.

R. W. ARCHBALD, Pres. Judge. D. W. SEARLE, Pres. Judge.

Our many readers will notice by the above order of the court that Friday Dec. 27 is the date fixed by said tribunal for the final reckoning and the disposing of the costs made in this case. The session held on Thursday last was interesting. As was announced in the REPUBLICAN the battle centered on the disposition of the cost. The attorneys for the Respondent argued that the petitioners who instigated the proceedings were the proper persons to settle the bill, while the legal lights for the Contestant were just as positive that the tax payers should be called upon to settle the debt contracted by the petitioners.

In their plea, the attorneys estimated the cost at ten thousand dollars and we presume this is about right.

Mr. and Mrs. Judge Ingham and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ingham and family of Laporte and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ingham and son, of Philadelphia, will spend Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ingham, of Shamokin.

The county commissioners will appoint a clerk, solicitor, janitor and jail physician at the beginning of the new year. The court will appoint a court crier and two tipstaves on or about the same date. We understand that there is no shrinkage of applicants for a number of these positions. Good appointments are appreciated by the public.

The many friends of Edward C. Green of Laporte and vicinity will regret to learn of his death at his home in Picture Rocks on Nov. 30th 1895. Deceased was the eldest son of the late John S. and Elizabeth Green who were old residents of the county. Deceased was born in Nashville, Tennessee, Oct. 30, 1828 and came to Sullivan county with his parents in 1832. His illness was of long duration which he bore with christian fortitude. He leaves three brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss.

It was reported at the county seat on Tuesday that Beal McMahon of Dushore, had shot and dangerously wounded his brother, Robert McMahon, the result of a quarrel. We understand that the report is incorrect so far as the wounding is concerned. The true story is, Beal shot at Robert three times, but neither shot took effect, one however passed through his hat. Beal went to the Justice and said he had shot Robert and gave himself up to the law. While the Justice was engaged in writing out the commitment Robert entered the justice office and stopped the proceedings.

Fancy work boxes, jewelry cases, Manicure sets, decorated plates, cups and saucers, picture books etc., at T. J. Keeler's.

A. C. Brackman of Tioga county, and who formerly carried mail between Laporte and Forksville was arrested at his home on a warrant sworn out by Alphonus Walsh, on Tuesday and was brought to Laporte and placed in the county jail on the same date. Constable Lowry of Bernice made the arrest. The charge made against Brackman is forgery. In 1893 Mr. Brackman borrowed \$300 of Alphonus Walsh and gave his note for the same, with Henry Brackman, father of A. C. Brackman, as endorser. At a recent date Mr. Henry Brackman learned that there was a judgment entered against him in the prothonotary's office and on inquiring the cause was shown the note containing his signature. This, he denounced as a forgery, hence the arrest.

The place to buy all kinds of Christmas presents is at T. J. Keeler's.

The Twelfth Internal Revenue district has been redivided from seven to six districts. The Fourth districts, composed of Wyoming, Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike counties, is dissolved. This was under Deputy Roney, who is now out of a job. Susquehanna and Wayne have been attached to the Lackawanna district. Monroe, which was in this district, is now joined with Pike and Northampton, with headquarters at Easton, Wyoming has been joined to Montour, Columbia, Sullivan and Northumberland with headquarters at Bloomsburg. The Fifth district will now be known as the Fourth, the Sixth as the Fifth and the Seventh as the Sixth.—Hazleton Standard.

About this time of the year it is the custom of families in town to make out lists of what each one would like Santa Claus to bring them. Everyone makes a list, from papa down to the littlest child who can hold a pencil, and the notes comprise all sorts of thing, large and small, cheap and expensive, adopted to all purses. These are always placed in a table drawer, where they may be consulted by friends and relatives, who agree among themselves as to which they will provide for. In this simple way these people are quite sure of being satisfied with their Christmas gifts and of not receiving what they do not want at all.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of F. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan Co. and to me directed and delivered, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Laporte, Pa., on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3d, 1896.

At one o'clock p. m. the following described property, viz: A piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being in the Borough of Laporte, county of Sullivan and state of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a corner on the south side of Meyler street which is 130 feet east of Beech street and 180 feet west of King st., thence south 147 feet to Church Alley, thence north 147 feet along line of lot of A. Walsh to Meyler street, thence along Meyler street east 50 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 7850 feet, strict measure, on which is erected a large new dwelling house with other improvements, and some fruit trees thereon. Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of the M. E. church Trustees of Laporte at the suit of J. W. Ballard et al. THOS. MAHAFFEY, Sheriff. Inghams Attorneys. Sheriff's office, Laporte Pa., Dec. 7, '95.

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