

NO FEATURE OF The News Item Is more Prominent than its Absolute Fidelity to the News That is one Reason for its Superb Value as an Advertising Medium.

County Seat Indices.

Now on the damp and balmy air Falls sleigh-bells' music every where, And each young man doth haste away To invite his girl and hire a sleigh. —It is a real January thaw. —Mrs. Wm. Kennedy is slowly recovering from her recent illness. —The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fraley is on the sick list. —Wm. A. Kennedy was a business visitor in Athens Tuesday. —Hon. Russel Karns made a business trip to Williamsport Wednesday. —There is no true criterion of mans happiness but his own belief in it. —Ex-Judge Phillips of Muncy Valley was a county seat visitor Monday. —Prothonotary Lawrence was transacting business in Dushore Tuesday. —Judge Dunham returned home from Jacksonville Fla., Friday of last week. —J. W. Ballard has gone to Towanda where he has opened a blacksmith shop. —C. Peale Jr. of Eagles Mere, was in town Tuesday. —Judge Dunham was holding court in Wilkesbarre this week. —Miss Anna Kennedy is visiting friends at Muncy Valley this week. —The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Kennedy is quite ill. —John J. Webster of Jakersville was transacting business in town Monday. —C. F. Cheney and Clarence Brink of Eagles Mere were at the County Seat Monday. —Geo. B. Danley and Harry Brink of Eagles Mere, drove to this place on Sunday. —Prof. Lewis formerly of Dushore was shaking hands with friends in town Monday. —A sleigh load of young people of this place enjoyed a ride to Ringdale Sunday evening. —Atty. A. Walsh of Dushore was in town between trains Monday on legal business. —We often submit to the inevitable before we are actually sure that it is the inevitable. —Landlord Schultz and wife of Ricketts were guests at the Commercial Hotel Wednesday. —Mr. E. G. Sylvara of Dushore was transacting business at the Prothonotary's office Monday. —Dr. C. F. Wackenhuth of Jamison City was registered at the Commercial Hotel Tuesday. —What a peculiar thing it is to experience homesickness in its worst form when you are at home. —A merry sleigh load of young people of this place enjoyed a trip to Muncy Valley Sunday evening. —Mrs. Lawrence and daughter Hattie who spent several days with Lopez friends have returned home. —As Andrew Jackson is dead it is of course, perfectly safe for Bryan to say what he pleases about him. —If this keeps up the groundhog may take a fall out of the weather before the time fixed in the almanac. —Miss Jennette Spencer returned to Williamsport to Commercial College after spending the holidays at home. —After a two weeks vacation the borough schools opened on Monday with a large attendance of bright and cheerful faces. —Fifty teams are now engaged in hauling bark to the Laporte Tannery. Bark stacks are growing long and high throughout the yard. —A. E. Tripp disposed of his hotel property at Jamison City last week; the present tenant Jack Forbs was the purchaser.

—General Manager of W. & N.B. R.R. R. E. Eavenson, was a business visitor at the county seat Monday. —Widow of Chas. Hartzig of Cherry twp. was at the Prothonotary's office Monday taking out letters of administration. —The ball given at the Laporte Hotel Friday night was a success in every particular and the participants all enjoyed themselves. —Auditors Heess, Brown and Caseman with their clerk Atty. Downs are busy with the great stock of bills before them to consult. —An Italian whoseems to be doing first class work has opened a shoe repairing business in the Kraus building, formerly occupied by N. C. Maben as a barber shop. —Mrs. S. B. Karns and two little daughters, Helen and Ruth, and Mrs. Corrie Stormont are visiting the former's sister Mrs. Wm. Cheney of Binghamton N. Y. —Mr. Delroy Heim was in the western part of the county the latter part of last week visiting the P. O. S. of A. Camps in company with District President H. A. Karns. —Dist. Atty A. J. Bradley was sworn into office last week, and with the best wishes of his constituents will ably handle the indictments in behalf of the Commonwealth at next term of court. —President Judge E. M. Dunham and his associates Hons. John S. Line and Conrad Kraus met on Saturday to file their opinion on the legal proceedings in the Scouten case which has not yet been made public. —A merry sleigh load of gentlemen from Bernice drove to Laporte Saturday night and attended The Odd Fellows Lodge. Mine Host Gallagher properly attended to their wants while among us. —The County Commissioners made their annual appointment last week and retained the old efficient officers, Robert Stormont, clerk; A. J. Bradley Attorney and Jethro Battin, janitor. —In view of the partitioning of China and the generally unsettled condition of things in the East, the sentiment in favor of a prompt ratification of the Presidents Hawaiian treaty is growing stronger than ever. —Sabbath School 10 a. m. Class meeting 11 a. m. leader W. J. Higley, Epworth League 6:30 p. m. leader Mrs. W. S. Skinner, preaching 7:30 p. m. by the pastor Rev. Wm. S. Skinner. Rival meetings next Sabbath eve. —Rev. Wm. S. Skinner has been conducting a revival meeting at Sugar Hill during the past week and expects to continue them this week closing which Saturday evening. So far two have been converted and many are under conviction. —The freight rush in the West is no yet over. Reports show that business is so great that the railroad companies find difficulty in securing cars enough. This indicates the movement of farm products and this means money in the farmers pockets and consequent prosperity. —Mr. Bryan and others remarked several months ago that the signs of prosperity throughout the country were only temporary and indicated no permanent improvement. About what length of time should be considered as temporary? —There is no doubt but that President McKinley's nomination of Judge McKenna for the Supreme Bench will receive the hearty support of a large majority of Congress. The objection raised against the nomination was sectional and of a most flimsy character, in view of the recognized ability and fitness of Judge McKenna. —Markus Horn and Hugh Heess of Nordmont, was brought before Squire Karns Monday charged with having performed the "strong arm act" on Fred Foust, after the closing of an evening session of singing school at Nordmont. Foust's eyes looked some the worse for having come in contact with a Fitzsimmons knock out blow. The matter was settled between the parties before the trial was opened. —The country can at least see daylight in the matter of government revenue. The Dingley law presents the New Year with a handsome token in the way of treasury surplus of nearly two million dollars for the month of December. This is a gratifying change from the almost unbroken line of monthly deficits piled up by the Wilson low-tariff law, which the country was forced to endure for three years, to the detriment of all its industries. —The Greater Reading, a paper published in the interest of Wyoming a new town recently developed into existence, has the following to say of one of our townsmen. "Charles R. Lauer was born at Thorndale, Pa., in 1870. At the age of 21 years he embarked in the livery business at Laporte and continued in this business until 1895. He then retired from the livery business and took charge of the management of "The Lyndhurst Hotel," Shamokin Pa., February 1 1897, he relinquished the management of "The Lyndhurst" and accepted a position as agent in Shamokin for Mr. C. F. Molley, General Selling Agent of Wyoming. Mr. Lauer has been phenomenally successful, this has been largely due to his untiring persistency, good judgement, and his pleasing personality.

—It behooves us all to watch our change closely, since there are \$100 counterfeit notes in circulation. —The people of the country have good cause for congratulation as they enter upon the new year. For the entire year past the country has been free from disturbance or alarm, confidence has been restored, heavy foreign indebtedness has been paid, the monetary question is no longer a matter of uncertainty, the great industries have been reaching out all over the world with unprecedented success, carrying our manufactures to all sections of the globe, and our home markets have recovered some of its wonted capacity. According to the official reports more than half a million men who were idle last year have been employed and general advances in wages have affected thousands of others thus bringing content and happiness to many homes and families all over the world.

SHEEP OF DEAD SHEPHERD.

A Flock of 2,000 Wandered 500 Miles After He Was Killed by Lightning. A herder in charge of a flock of 2,000 sheep, which were grazing near the base of the San Francisco Mountains, in Arizona, was killed by lightning during a terrific storm which visited that section about the 1st of August. As the herder was not expected to come in with his sheep until the 1st of October, his absence during August and September attracted no attention. When the middle of October came and he did not show up, messengers were sent out to find him. After a search of some days in the vicinity of where he was last seen, the remains of a camp were found under a tree which had been riven by the lightning. The cooking utensils were scattered about, and the remains of a blanket were found, which were identified as parts of one which the man had taken with him. The water keg also was recognized by a mark which had been burned into one of the staves. A further search revealed the bones of a human being scattered about over the ground, some of them more than a hundred yards from the tree, having evidently been carried about by wolves. A prospector who had passed that way had camped for a night with the man about the 1st of August and said the herd was then moving northward. This tree around which these articles were found was just about far enough north to have been the next camping place, and when it was remembered that there was a severe storm of thunder and lightning in that section one night about the time referred to, it was clear that the man had made his camp under this tree and had been killed by lightning and his body devoured by wolves. The sheep had never been heard of and no trace of them could be found anywhere in that part of the country. But now comes the strange part of the story. Early in November a herd of about 2,000 sheep was found on the plain in San Miguel county in New Mexico, with no one in charge of them, and to all appearances belonging to nobody. The parties in Arizona heard of this fact and wrote to an officer in that Territory, giving their marks and explaining how the sheep could be identified. It was found beyond any doubt that this was the herd that had disappeared from the range in Arizona about the 1st of August. The animals had been shifting for themselves for more than three months, and turned up at a point fully 500 miles from the place where the herder was killed. They had crossed the Rio Grande on the way.

Cat Came Back After Six Years.

Visitors and intimate friends of Mr. Meredith Reynolds, who died in Glasgow, Ky., in the year of 1891, will recall a large family cat, which, during the declining days of this kindly old gentleman, was the recipient of devoted attention from him. After his death the cat seemed to mourn for a short time and then suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. As weeks lapsed into months and months into years it was finally given up for lost and forgotten. Recently while the family of Mr. B. S. Reynolds, who is now occupying the old home, were seated at the dinner table, the cat appeared as suddenly as it left six years before and took up its abode in the house with seemingly no fear or thought of intrusion after such a prolonged absence.

Longevity and Agriculture.

Roswell Loveland is a centenarian who leads one to believe that there is a connection between longevity and agriculture. He lives at Fulton, N. Y. He has been a lumberman and a farmer. Even yet he chops and piles wood with all the vigor of a youth of seventy-five. He has tilled his garden all the summer and still regards splitting wood as a sort of pastime, to be taken after the serious occupation of digging.

Peculiar Fact About Whiskers.

It is a peculiar fact that with most men the growth of hair is stronger on one side of the face than the other. It is said that hair always grows more quickly on that side on which we are stronger.

Oregon a Nut Orchard.

Sweet almonds and chestnuts have been raised with success in parts of Oregon, where it had been thought no palatable nuts would grow.

Census in Australia.

The Australian Statistical Society estimates that the population of Australia, including Tasmania and New Zealand, was last June, 4,362,756.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for Northward and Southward, listing stations like Halls, Penedale, Hughesville, Picture Rocks, Lyons Mills, Chamouni, Glen Mavr, Strawbridge, Beech Glen, Muncy Valley, Sonestown, Nordmont, LaPorte, Ringdale, Satterfield and train times.

R. E. EAVENSON, Gen. Manager, Hughesville, Pa.

Good News.

No other Medicine was ever given such a test as Otto's Cure. Thousands of bottles of this great German remedy are being distributed FREE OF CHARGE, to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung diseases, giving the people proof that Otto's Cure will cure them. For sale only by T. J. Keeler, Laporte; W. L. Hoffman, Hills Grove; U. S. Lancaster, Forkville; C. B. Jennings, Estella; Jno. W. Buck, Sonestown. Samples free. Large bottles 50c and 25c.

Go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown, for rubbers, blankets, carpets, clothing and dressgoods at December low prices. High est prices paid for butter and eggs.

To Whom it May Concern.

The undersigned having sold his store property at Muncy Valley Pa., desires all of his Muncy Valley accounts settled at once. The books o Muncy Valley store are now in the hands of L. H. Buck at Sonestown and must be settled by cash or note. Please call on L. H. Buck at once and oblige.

Foreign Attachment.

J. D. Rhodes vs Robert J. Mercer. —In the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County, No. 33 February Term 1898. Sullivan County, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting: We command you, that you attach Robert J. Mercer late of your county, by all and singular his goods and chattels, lands and tenements, in whose hands or possessions soever the same may be, so that he be and appear before our Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Laporte, in and for said County on the fourth Monday of February next, there to answer J. D. Rhodes a plea of Assumpsit, to wit: to dissolve \$1600.00, and also that you attach all and singular the goods and chattels moneys rights, credits and effects lands and tenements of the defendant in whose hands soever they may be found and summon as garnishee the person or persons who hold or possess such property and especially sheriff to attach the undivided one-half interest in all those two certain pieces parcels or tracts of land in the warrantee names of Henry Hurley and George Hurley and situated in the Township of Forks, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: on the North by land in the warrantee names of Henry Silsbee and Joseph Silsbee, on the East by land in the warrantee names of Andrew Hurley, on the South by land in the warrantee names of Samuel Flynn and Andrew Flynn, on the West by land in the warrantee names of Wm. Steadman and Jeremiah Jackson, being the two tracts of land known as "The Mercer and Lippincott Coal Lands," that he be and appear before our Court on the said fourth Monday of February, to answer what shall be objected against him and abide the judgment of the Court therein. And have you then and there this writ. Witness the Hon. E. M. Dunham, President Judge of our said Court, at Laporte the 1st day of January, A. D. 1898. WM. J. LAWRENCE, Proth'y. (Seal of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County, Pa.) Published by order of the said Court. ELLIS SWANK, Sheriff. Sheriff's office, Laporte, Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

Administratrix Notice.

Estate of Patroclus Kline late of Fox township, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration upon the estate of said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to MARY E. KLINE, Admrx. Platt, Pa., January 10, 1898.

Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for road supervisor of Laporte township. Subject to the decision of the tax-payers of said township. George Karge.

LAPORTE LIVERY AND BOARDING STABLES.

Connected with the Commercial Hotel. First-class Horses and Carriages. Rates reasonable. CHAS. COLEMAN, Prop.

BLACKSMITH AND WAGON SHOP

Just opened at the Laporte Tannery. Custom work solicited. All work guaranteed. O. W. BENNETT, Prop.

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HAD AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THIS SPACE

IT WOULD PAY!

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L. R. Gumble, Dealer in and Manufacturer of CARRIAGES AND WAGONS. Farm AND Lumber Wagons, Your Patronage Is solicited on the basis of low prices. Don't let this fact escape. We are getting rid of our large stock of hand made wagons. We also deal in factory made platform spring wagons. Blacksmithing and Repairing. Factory West Main Street LAPORTE.

CAMPBELL The Merchant, SHUNK, PENNA. To My Friends and Customers:—Why has my trade increased 50 per cent.? while my competitors are complaining of hard times. I can tell you. There are three reasons: First Class Goods, Lowest Prices, Every thing as Represented. That is the secret of my success. I save you money and at the same time make some myself. I am now opening up my new line of Holiday Goods. Presents that will please the old and young, the great and small. Don't fail to see them. Call and inspect my new line of Fall and Winter goods of every description. My stock of Groceries and Provisions are always fresh. No trouble to show you my goods; call and examine them, for I cannot save money for you unless you give me an opportunity. Yours very respectfully, A. E. CAMPBELL.

John W. Buck, DEALER IN SONESTOWN, PA. GENERAL MERCHANDISE. An endless line of canned goods, fancy and staple groceries, as well as high-grade but reasonable-priced table delicacies, may always be found at our store. A Sensible Wife will Always Watch the advertisements of responsible merchants especially Grocers. By this means she will be enabled to save in the course of a year enough money to pay for a good many other household necessities. OUR GENERAL STORE Is well stocked with seasonable goods and we intend to dispose of them in a hurry if low prices will carry them off. All kinds of country produce handled. J. W. BUCK, SONESTOWN PA.

800 Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits, 200 Overcoats and Ulsters 600 Pair Trousers for Men, Boys and Children

Not sold before Jan. 1, '98 together with cotton and woolen underwear, over-shirts, sweaters, hats, caps, trunks, valices gloves and mittens. EVERY ARTICLE IS NEW, not a weakness in them, nor a limp in the styles. Not a piece gathered for the occasion or marked up just to be marked down. They simply haven't moved as I'd like and now they must. I have marked them at prices that will make you buy. J. W. CARROLL, Hotel Carroll Block, DUSHORE, PA.

Harrington's GREAT SPECIAL SHOE SALE. FOR TEN DAYS. BEGINNING ON THE 20, OF NOVEMBER. The price of footwear of all kinds is advancing in accordance with the raise in leather. This means that you must soon pay a higher price for your boots and shoes. We saw this and bought heavily before the raise. Now, we can not only sell at the old prices but to get our full share of your trade we propose for the next ten days to sell lower than before. Ladies' oxfords 50c worth \$1.00, up \$1.50. Men's heavy boots 2.00 worth 2.50. heavy calf shoes, 90c worth \$1.00. calf boots 2.50 worth 3.00. fine " 1.15 worth 1.50. heavy shoes 95c worth 1.35. pebled goat 1.00 worth 1.50. " " 1.25 worth 2.00. fine kid 1.10 worth 1.60. " " 98c worth 1.35; 1.56 worth 2.00. dress shoes 1.20 worth 1.85. hand turned 2.15 worth 3.00. Kangaroo shoe 2.25 worth 3.00. " " and welt, 2.25 worth 3.25. Miners brogans 1.10 worth 1.60. Misses fine shoes 1.15 worth 1.65; heavy shoes 88c worth 1.50. Baby, 15c up.

A full assortment of all kinds of rubber goods. Don't fail to get the benefit of this special sale as the prices of bootware are sure to advance. You can get special low prices on the entire stock. Four Thousand Dollars worth of boots and shoes of the best makes of footwear. Call early for best bargains and sizes. J. S. Harrington, DUSHORE, PA.