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## Business Cards.

**SONESTOWN FLAGGING Company,**  
Chas. F. Billambos, Agents.  
D. H. Lorah,  
SONESTOWN PA

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
OF DUSHORE, PENNA.  
CAPITAL \$50,000  
SURPLUS \$10,000  
Does a General Banking Business.  
F. B. POMEROY, M. D. SWARTS.  
President. Cashier.

**GALLAGHER'S HOTEL AND RESTAURANT,**  
LAPORTE, PA.  
F. W. GALLAGHER, Prop.  
Warm meals and lunches at all hours.  
Oysters and game in season.  
Bar supplied with choicest liquors, wine and cigars.  
Good stable room provided.

**LAPORTE LIVERY AND BOARDING STABLES.**  
Connected with the Commercial Hotel. First-class Horses and Carriages.  
Rates reasonable.  
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**MUNCY VALLEY HOUSE.**  
G. W. MYERS, PROPRIETORS  
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A hotel of established reputation.  
Strictly first class in all of its appointments.  
Bar well supplied with the best of liquors.

**COMMERCIAL HOUSE.**  
THOS. E. KENNEDY, Prop.  
LAPORTE, PA.  
This large and well appointed house is the most popular hostelry in this section.

**HOTEL PORTER.**  
Canton Street,  
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**CARROLL HOUSE,**  
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DUSHORE, PA.  
One of the largest and best equipped hotels in this section of the state.  
Table d'hôte. Rates 1.00 dollar per day.  
Large stables.

**Professional Cards.**  
**T. J. & F. H. INGHAM,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,  
Legal business attended to in this and adjoining counties  
LAPORTE, PA

**E. J. MULLEN,**  
Attorney-at-Law.  
LAPORTE, PA.  
Office in Court House Building.

**WM. P. SHOEMAKER,**  
Attorney-at-Law.  
Office in County Building.  
LAPORTE, PA.  
Collections, conveying and the settlement of estates and other legal business will receive prompt attention.

**A. J. BRADLEY,**  
ATTORNEY AT-LAW,  
OFFICE IN COUNTY BUILDING  
NEAR COURT HOUSE.  
LAPORTE, PA  
Monday of each week at Forksville.  
Ellery P. Ingham. Harvey K. Newitt.

**INGHAM & NEWITT,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,  
OFFICES 714-17 FRANKLIN BUILDING.  
133 So. 12th Street Philadelphia.  
Having retired from the office of United States Attorney and Assistant United States Attorney, continue the general practice of law in the state courts, and all the courts of the city of Philadelphia.

**OWNS,**  
AT-LAW,  
PUBLIC BUILDING  
SQUARE.

## From the Keystone.

### STOP YER KICKIN'.

Stop yer kickin' 'bout the times—  
Git a hustle on you;  
Skirmish 'round and grab the dimes  
Ef the dollars shun you.  
Croakin' never bought a dress,  
Growlin' isn't in it.  
Fix your peepers on success,  
Then go in to win it.  
Times is gittin' good agin—  
Try to help them all you kin.

Stop yer kickin', git a hold  
Of the wheel and turn it.  
You kin never handle gold—  
'Less you try to earn it.  
Brush the cobwebs from your eyes  
Stop your blam'd repinin'  
An' you'll notice that yer skies  
Allus'll be shinin'  
If you hain't the nerve to try  
Sneak away somewhere and die.

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Don't sit 'round with hangin' lip;  
That is sure to floor you.  
Try to git a better grip  
On the work before you;  
Put some ginger in yer words  
When you greet a neighbor;  
Throw your troubles to the birds,  
Git right down to labor.  
An' you'll notice ev'ry day  
Things is comin' right yourway.

YES, STOP YER KICKIN'. THIS  
EVERLASTING KICKIN' HAS GOT TO  
BE AN INTOLERABLE NUISANCE.  
GO TO THE OLD RELIABLE  
JEWELRY STORE FOR WHAT  
YOU NEED AND BE HAPPY.

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## RETTEBURY,

DUSHORE, PA. THE JEWELER.

Direct from Mill to Wearer.  
\* Which Saves you 4 Big Profits. \*

**E. ROSENBERGER & CO.** 202-204 E 102nd St., NEW YORK CITY

**\$5.00 SUIT OR \$2.98**

**Our Great Bargain Offer!**  
BOYS' ADONIS SUITS,  
GIVE EXTRA PAIR OF PANTS.  
These suits are guaranteed to be made from imported Wool Chevrons, in black, blue, gray and blue. Made up double-breasted, with sailor collar, collar fancy buttoned, lined with fast Black Albert Swirl Satin and Fine 5 Waist Bands, Trimmed and Wornmanship the very best. Extra Pants. Size for 8-10 to 15 years, without alteration. Attention age stated. Birthday, and if larger small.

**JUST THINK OF IT!**  
A CUSTOM MADE TO ORDER  
**\$14.00** MAKES A SACK SUIT FOR **\$6.98**

What you can save by buying direct from the manufacturer.  
Guaranteed to be made from All Wool, Fancy Brown, Gray, Black or Blue Tissues, made in latest style, lined with Imp. red Farmer Satin, trimmed and finished in the best of Custom Tailor manner. You cannot duplicate it in your town for \$14.00. Sizes 34 to 42.

The same goods made for youths, 11 to 14, including Pants, 6, 60 Cent and 75 Cent.

How to measure men's youth's Suits:  
Measure around the breast and waist over the vest, and from crock to hand for Pants.

When ordering, send Post-Office Money Order or Re-Interest Letters. Money checked by yourself not refunded. Send no stamp for samples, tape measure, measuring bands, etc.

A ac. stamp will bring you samples, catalogue, tape measure and blank. We pay express charges and should you not be satisfied, we will refund the money.

Remember you buy direct from one of the foremost clothing manufacturers in the world.

**THIS STYLE \$8.00**

**This Style \$5.00**

**IRISH PRIZES \$10.75**  
MEN'S SUITS  
Largest Value ever Offered.

On account of the failure of one of the largest Commission Houses here, representing a Woolen Mill in Ireland, we bought last Spring the entire production of their gray and black Irish Frieze of 100 pieces at a sacrifice. Therefore we are able to sell them at above less than the raw material price, \$10.75, never before in the history of clothing and probably never again will you have a chance to get half such a value for your money. Above price is less than the new 14 duty on the material. They are made up double-breasted as per cut below, with raised seams lined through to with extra heavy woven plaid linings, pinked facings, all pockets framed and well stayed with extra deep storm collar and throat latch. Above Ulsters are retailed at \$22.00 after these are closed out we will not be able to duplicate them for double the price on account of the new tariff duty.

Measure same as for a Sack Coat, giving length wanted, also height and weight.

Remember you buy direct from one of the foremost clothing manufacturers in the world.

## M.A. Rogers & Son,

FORKSVILLE, PA.

In Order to Make Room for Our Immense Line of

## SPRING GOODS

That will soon arrive

WE HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE A  
**GREAT REDUCTION**  
IN PRICES

to make room for the  
large line of new goods  
**Spring Trade**

is Paid for Butter and Eggs.

## \$12,000 WORTH BURNED AT LAPORTE.

The Burning of the LaPorte Hotel the Most Disastrous Fire in the History of the Town.

That fiery orb, the sun, from which the legends say earth's fire was stolen, mayhap was well pleased when Saturday morning it came from behind the scurrying clouds and looking down upon this quiet village beheld the devastation, its mighty and terrible offspring had wrought, shortly after it had sank below the western horizon Friday night.

The fire broke out in the upper story of the back wing near the main building at about 8 o'clock when first discovered, and is supposed to have originated from a defective flue of the dining room stove. When the alarm was sounded flames had already eaten their way through the roof, and fed by highly inflammable substances consequent upon the conflagration gaining headway with surprising rapidity, and was soon far beyond any possibility of being checked. The flames were at once given their own way and the attention of the large crowd that had already gathered by the ringing of bells, was turned toward relieving the house of its valuables. The furniture was mostly saved and all the stock of liquors and cigars.

Excitement was intense and the heat severe as the tremendous sheets of flame wrapped about the large three story structure and then leaped heavenward carrying dense clouds of smoke and burning sinners, presenting a picture that was extremely brilliant. The confusion in the street increased as the fire grew more fierce as a slight current of air from the south caused a perfect rain of fire upon the roofs of the two stores and Keeler's residence. The Odd Fellows Hall where is located the Ingham law offices and the News Item, for a time seemed impossible to stand the hail of live sparks and burning fragments with which it was enveloped. A hook and ladder gang kept a steady string of water pails going up to the top of the roof where the eaves were kept running like in a heavy shower.

The fire, on the start, seemed to work principally on the back wing where it originated, and it was some time before the flames had enveloped the main part. By the time this was fully alighted the gravest apprehension was felt and it was evident to those who were trying to save the hotel property of F. W. Gallagher but forty feet away that they were face to face with a great disaster, for had the fire reached to that point the entire business center of town would have been swept. Every available team in the place was put into speedy service hauling water and willing hands braved the stifling heat and lined up along the entire side of the hotel like a regiment and kept a continuous flow of water against the building. So intense was the heat at this post of duty it was necessary for the workers to douce water upon each other to prevent their clothing from catching fire. The roof was covered with carpet and a steady flow of water upon it. For about twenty minutes the building was almost hid from view by the massive clouds of steam generating from the water poured upon it. The window panes were completely melted from the sash and the paint scorched to a crisp. It was indeed a miracle that the building was saved from the devouring flames and had efforts proved futile in resisting the fire at this point it would have most likely cleaned the block on both sides and left our town in ruins. As it was, the fire occurred at a most fortunate time for the town, as very seldom is there so little breeze at this high elevation as there was Friday night. Had it happened eight hours later when a high wind was blowing it is hard to apprehend what the fearful dimensions of the fire would have been.

The fire made a clean job of whatever it took hold of. Outbuildings, sidewalks, pump and fences went up in smoke; also the ice house, its contents which apparently successfully defied destruction is all that remains although it was affected somewhat as the building and somewhat around it was consumed. There was but one life lost, that of Taylor, a faithful old dog, who was twice dragged from behind the stove but persisted in returning after repeated efforts to be driven out. There was a terrific explosion when the fire was raging about the kitchen which proved to be the big water back on the range.

The Hotel was owned by Hon Russel Karns and was occupied by Thos. W. Beahen. The house was built in 1848 and purchased by Mr. Karns in 1880. The Hotel and barn was insured in three

companies amounting to \$6,000. The furniture was insured for \$2,000. Mr. Beahen had no insurance on his goods but was fortunate in saving about all of his possessions. His greatest loss will be the cost of license for the recently lifted. Mr. Karns does not state authoritatively whether he will rebuild or sell the property.

## FIGHTERS HIGHLY LAUDED.

Of course there are only words of praise for the heroic work of our fire brigade. It comes from all sides. We know of no more noble fight than the one made Friday night. Laporte has the bravest lot of fire fighters in the State and the manner in which profession men, lawyers, doctors, elders, all vied with each other in comprising a company of efficient fire extinguishers deserve only words of praise for their gallantry. Gallagher could not say enough things complimentary about the fire fighters so concluded to open a free bar and for several hours liquor flowed as freely as the water had from the roof but a short time previous. The town was in a stir during the whole night.

## SPAIN NOW LIKELY TO YIELD.

The United States Heard From. Negotiation for the Maintenance of Peace Are Very Favorable for the President.

The developments of the day in the Cuban situation indicate steady progress in the negotiations between the government of this country and that of Spain looking to the maintenance of peace, for the present at least. There is good authority for saying that Spain's present wish is to secure a cessation of hostilities in Cuba rather than to engage in a war with the United States, and that it is more probable that the negotiations between the government of the United States and the Sagasta Ministry will take that turn in the immediate future.

The present Spanish Ministry has professed a pacific disposition from the beginning and the indications are strong now that it will avail itself of the good offices of the United States to the fullest extent that public opinion in Spain will allow in bringing to an end the hostilities in Cuba. The Court report that the Maine was blown up from the outside, but unable to fix responsibility.

## Bernice Boehos.

The young ladies aid society donated to the parsonage fund, the sum of \$75.00. Those young ladies are certainly hustlers and a credit to the community in which they reside. They have the sincere thanks of the parsonage committee as well as of the people. We wish them success in their good work. They are an aid in whatever they undertake. Wednesday evening they held a warm sugar party at the residence of John Walters which was but another one of their successful undertakings. Whenever you attend one of their parties you are sure of a good time and your moneys worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Moyer of Dushore was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Danniell Hoffa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Taylor visited friends at Towanda Monday.

We are often asked this question "Do you think there will be war." We decline to answer simply because we do not know, but we do know if Spain is responsible for the explosion of the Maine she must meet the demand that Uncle Sam will ask of her. Spain will do well to remember that we are not divided as we were in 1861 and the people of to-day are all patriotic and will uphold the honor of the nation let it cost what it may, we are with them to stay. The beautiful emblem that waves over this nation has been held above many dead heroes to allow Spain to place thereupon a stain. I think when I say we do not want war I sound the voice of many more. The birds have built their nests in the cannon mouths and the spiders have woven their webs there since Lees surrender at Appomattox. The old swords are red with rust but some of them are being scoured up, the birds nests are being taken from the cannon mouths and the spider webs swept away yet we do not want war, but we do unflinchingly and unceasingly insist upon all possible reparation for the sinking of the Maine, and above all for the 250 brave sailors that was sent to the bottom with her. Also for the honors due the flag of a peaceful nation.

Mrs. G. B. Winters and children of Towanda visited her parents Hon. and Mrs. J. S. Line last week.

The editor of this sheet will please accept our thanks for the beautiful reporter's credit which he sent us, it is a very neat one. We came in possession of four from different papers but the News Item leads

them all. For neat and attractive printing go to the News Item for it.

Mrs. Joseph O'Neil was visiting friends and relatives in Franklin Dale last week.

Mr. John O'Neil who has been visiting his son Joseph for some time returned to his home in Franklin Dale last week.

Mr. Wm. Cook who has been quite sick is better at this date.

Mrs. B. Babcock of Ringer Hill spent the latter part of last week with her daughter Mrs. Wm. Kast.

The ladies of the Evangelical church organized a Ladies Aid Society Monday evening and the following officers were elected. President, Mrs. C. Hurst; Secretary, Mrs. C. Morter; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Wood.

John Donovan visited friends in Waverly N. Y. Wednesday.

Among the social events of Shinnersville last week was a surprise party Monday afternoon at Mrs. R. W. Hanley it being the forty-sixth anniversary of her birth. Numerous and handsome presents were the gifts. On the same evening a large party of young people gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Reed where a birth day party was held in honor of their daughter Roxey it being her 16th birthday. A good time was participated in by the young people.

W. H. Blight of Elmira was in town looking after business Thurs and Friday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Finn Friday March 25th a daughter, mother and little one are doing well.

Mr. Gordon Saxton visited friends at Towanda Wednesday.

Frank Sage visited his parents at Rummelfeld Saturday and Sunday.

Our streets are getting so filled up with ash piles that it is almost impossible to drive through them. Some of the people will have to get step ladders to get out of their gates after while. We hope strangers who see the streets do not judge the people accordingly. We should think there was room enough behind the houses to empty all ashes and for decency sake we should think people would not empty them there.

The Bazaar in the basement of the St. Francis Church will be reopened Monday evening April 11th and continue two nights. An entertainment will be given each evening by the St. Francis Dramatic Association. On Monday evening they will give a farce entitled "More blunders than one." You cannot afford to miss it.

One of the most noted social events of the week was a surprise party in Mildred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Everett. Saturday evening 43 guests walked in upon the doctor and his wife and to say they were surprised would be too mild a word. The guests enjoyed themselves and a beautiful supper was served. We lack space to mention the names of the distinguished guests. When the party broke up three of the women discovered each a man short. They at once formed themselves into a searching party and after a few minutes hunt found better-halls seated in a comfortable room enjoying their cigars and discussing whether there would be war or not. As soon as the women found them they at once decided there would be war. Moral, always remember the time your wife sets for you to take her home.

## Vigilance Committee.

- Bernice.—H. H. Hampeon, H. J. Keller, Jas. Spence Jr.
- Cherry.—W. D. Bahr, Clayton Bahr, Robt. Schukey.
- Colley.—Royal Scouten, A. Barnes, Wm. Allen.
- Davidson.—D. H. Lorah, Thos. Simons, L. M. King.
- Dushore.—Sam Cole, H. N. Oslor, Frank Buck.
- Elkland.—J. J. Teevan, Elmer Bedford, L. G. Roeback.
- Forks.—J. Hottenstein, Sam Kilmer, A. T. Wilcox.
- Forksville.—E. I. Sturdevant, W. E. Miller, J. R. Fleming.
- Fox.—A. E. Campbell, John Solisbury, R. S. Fanning.
- Hillgrove.—Elwood Labar, Geo. Chapman, C. W. Sadler.
- Jamison City.—Norman Scuyler, Geo. Lilley.
- Laporte Boro.—F. H. Ingham, Ed. Schrader, N. C. Maben.
- Laporte Twp.—A. E. Botstorf, Wm. Low, J. C. Pennington.
- Lopez.—Otto Bahr, Warren Parish, Joseph Sepsch.
- Mt. Vernon. Geo. Lawrenceon, Warren Edkin, J. J. Harding.
- Ricketts.—J. W. Miller, Dick Beninger, M. Ireland.
- Ringdale.—M. C. Miller.
- Shrewsbury.—J. W. Aumiller, N. M. Bennett, Fred Peale.