

THURSDAY, NOV. 24, 1898.

Ignorance is the mother of  
 scepticism. Ignorance does  
 not abound to any great extent  
 in Sullivan County.

So that there  
 is But Little  
 Scepticism  
 about the Value of

## The News Item

As a Profitable  
 Advertising  
 Medium.

Read it, Your neighbor does.  
 Subscribe, Don't borrow.

County Seat Indices.  
 AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Think up your thanks.  
 —Corbett won't have much of a  
 Thanksgiving.  
 —Christmas is beginning to show  
 in the windows.  
 —Added to our other blessings  
 there is a big bear crop.  
 —Fred Keeler of Nordmont was a  
 business man in town Tuesday.  
 —Howard Lyons of Williamsport,  
 stopped at the county seat between  
 trains Saturday.  
 —Co. Supt. F. W. Meylert is busy  
 this week making his formal visits  
 to the schools in Cherry township.  
 —It is officially reported that an  
 acid factory employing seventy-five  
 men will be in operation at Nord-  
 mont by next spring.  
 —Proth'y Lawrence and M.P. Gavitt  
 have purchased the Presbyterian  
 church at this place.  
 —Mrs. William Lawrence is visit-  
 ing Wilkes Berry friends this week.  
 —Wm. Fraley and family left  
 Wednesday morning for visit with  
 Scranton friends.

—John Chilson an employee of  
 Milton Reeder, had his leg broken  
 above the knee by falling from a  
 pile of lumber at the Sock mill on  
 Tuesday.  
 —Samuel Cole, the popular hard-  
 ware dealer of Dushore, was doing  
 business in town one day last week.  
 —Lyman O. Harvey of Sonestown  
 was in town Friday and bought a  
 NEWS ITEM receipt reaching nearly  
 to the new century. Sorry we  
 haven't more subscribers like Lyman.

When death takes one from a com-  
 munity, few give the event serious  
 thought, but when one turns to self  
 slaughter when in the bloom of  
 youth as did A. Judson Boyles, who,  
 rather than to bear the ills made by  
 his own hand, "flew to others that  
 he knew not of," awakens in all a  
 realization. We deplore the sad  
 event, which seems to be one of those  
 mysteries we cannot fathom, and ex-  
 tended tender sympathy for those up-  
 on whose lives has fallen the blight  
 of this appalling affliction, yet it is  
 an evil from which a moral good can  
 be drawn. Through this sad deed  
 shines a warning. Nothing so much  
 demoralizes a young man or woman  
 as impurity of body and mind. They  
 lose their self respect and become  
 brutes in thought and act. The un-  
 derstanding loses its judgment; the  
 memory, its retentiveness; the heart,  
 its fervor; the will, its resolution.  
 The eyes are the windows of the  
 soul. Death, says Jeremiah, has en-  
 tered by my windows, and my soul  
 is become a prey to my eyes. Holy  
 Job made a league with his eyes.  
 He knew well that the eyes were  
 the inlets to all the malice of the  
 heart; and that if he kept a strict  
 guard upon them and the avenues of  
 his senses, his interior would be  
 secure and out of danger. If you,  
 therefore, wish to prevent evil  
 thoughts, let your eyes be modestly  
 reserved, and make a league with  
 them never to look upon anything  
 which is not permitted you to desire.  
 Purity is like a looking glass; it is  
 tarnished by the slightest breath. In  
 our day, there is special reason why  
 we should be on our guard against  
 low, degrading influences. This is  
 the epoch of newspapers and of  
 money making. Newspapers are  
 full of miserable scandals that ex-  
 cite the curiosity of the young, and  
 just now, as never before, except,  
 perhaps, in the time of Lord Byron,  
 the country is in a caldron of immor-  
 al excitement. Let your reading be  
 confined to what will elevate, dignify  
 and enoble your nature.

### MOUNT DESERT'S DEER.

They May Not Be Shot and So Are on Most  
 Friendly Terms With the World.

The hunting season in Maine opens  
 on Oct. 1, but the herd on Mount Desert  
 will not be molested, because there is  
 a special law which forbids the hunting,  
 killing or taking of deer on this island  
 for a term of five years. A few deer  
 on the island are undoubtedly killed  
 each season, but without the facts ever  
 reaching the knowledge of the game  
 wardens.

Since the law went into effect two  
 or three years ago, the deer on Mount  
 Desert have been rapidly increasing  
 until now the island abounds with these  
 wily creatures. The farmers have al-  
 ready begun to regard the deer as an  
 unnecessary evil, and complain that  
 they enter fields and damage their  
 crops. In several instances the town  
 officials have been notified of damage  
 done to crops by deer, and compensa-  
 tion has been demanded. As the deer  
 have never been hunted, they have be-  
 come quite tame, and bold enough to  
 make frequent raids upon the farmers'  
 fields and gardens. Some of the ani-  
 mals even mingle with the cows and  
 sheep, and have got on friendly terms  
 with the dogs. The farmers, no doubt,  
 find it convenient at times to kill a  
 good fat doe, but do not boast of it,  
 for fear of being prosecuted and fined  
 by the wardens.

Farmer Walls, who lives down at  
 Otter Creek, was surprised to find a  
 handsome doe in his barnyard one  
 morning this summer. The doe was  
 standing contentedly in the midst of  
 the cattle and did not appear to be  
 frightened when Walls entered the  
 barnyard. The deer had come up from  
 the pasture and into the yard with the  
 cattle on the previous evening un-  
 noticed in the darkness. When the  
 cows were turned back into the pasture  
 the deer followed them. A few days  
 later, when Mrs. Walls was washing  
 out some clothes in her kitchen, she  
 was startled by the same doe poking  
 her nose through the half-raised win-  
 dow. Farmer Walls, who was in the  
 stable, heard his wife scream, and go-  
 ing to her assistance, drove the visitor  
 away.

Two fine looking deer held up a  
 coaching party on the Ocean Drive one  
 day last week by placing themselves  
 directly across the road and refusing  
 to move until asked to do so by the  
 whip or the coachman. The  
 odd-looking, sons of the tourists, no  
 doubt, fascinated the animals while the  
 pleasure seekers were more than de-  
 lighted to see their first wild deer.

The deer on Mount Desert are being  
 preserved chiefly for the benefit of  
 sportsmen who visit Bar Harbor and  
 the adjoining resorts, and who will find  
 excellent sport and good shooting when  
 the five years' close time has expired.

### Samoa's Snake Sivas.

Samoa, it is well known, is one of the  
 very few islands in the Pacific where  
 snakes are found in plenty.

None of the reptiles here, however,  
 are venomous, and in consequence the  
 natives show absolutely no fear of them.

Their indifference to the reptiles is  
 made most markedly manifest at the  
 hamlet of Iva, on the northeast coast  
 of Savali.

The dancing girls of the place are in  
 the habit of employing the snakes for  
 personal adornment in their dances.  
 They tie them about their necks, their  
 ankles and their wrists, festoon them  
 in their head-dresses, and tuck a few  
 extra ones in the belt in readiness to  
 replace such as may escape in the  
 dance.

At their best these sivas danced by  
 the Samoans are revolting shows of  
 savagery. It can be easily imagined  
 that they are made no more attractive  
 by the village maid and her crew of  
 attendant girls careering round adorned  
 with an assortment of writhing red  
 snakes.

### How Fish Breathe.

Fish do not breathe air, but the life-  
 supporting constituent of air—oxygen  
 gas—which is soluble in water to the  
 extent of 3 volumes in 100 at ordinary  
 temperatures and 4 in 100 at freezing  
 point.

The water containing the dissolved  
 oxygen is made to pass over the gills,  
 where it is separated from the blood  
 only by a very thin membrane, through  
 which the gas is able to pass.

Fish in ice-bound rivers have to de-  
 pend entirely upon this store of oxygen  
 for their respiration, and if it becomes  
 exhausted they are suffocated, just as  
 we should be if deprived of oxygen.

It rarely happens, however, that any  
 considerable area of water is entirely  
 covered with ice, especially in the case  
 of rivers. Holes and cracks are al-  
 most sure to occur here and there, by  
 which the oxygen of the air can reach  
 the water and become dissolved in it.  
 During a long frost fish may always be  
 found congregated beneath air holes in  
 large numbers. They are there to  
 breathe.

### For Easy Travel.

Pneumatic cushions of rectangular  
 form are placed beneath the floor, seats  
 and seat backs of a new English rail-  
 way carriage to lessen the shocks and  
 jars of the road, the frames supporting  
 the seats being loosely mounted to  
 have free movement on the cushions.

### Heat of the Sun.

A geologist has figured out that the  
 whole coal supply of this planet, if  
 burnt at once would not give as much  
 heat as the sun does in the tenth of a  
 second.

### As to Lager Beer.

No matter how many orders are re-  
 ceived, no beer ever leaves the best  
 German breweries until it has been  
 standing for at least three months.

### A PECULIAR ISLAND.

MONEY HAS NO VALUE IN LONELY  
 TRISTAN D'ACUNHA.

Its Queer Old Governor and the Reason of  
 His Being There—A Happy and Contented  
 People Who Know Nothing of the Out-  
 side World.

Did you ever hear of a place where  
 money was useless? Well, there is such  
 a place. It is the island of Tristan  
 d'Acunha, in the South Atlantic, about  
 midway between the Cape of Good  
 Hope and the South American coast.  
 But you mustn't jump to the conclusion  
 that money has no value there because  
 the island is uninhabited. It has a  
 population of sixty-four, and is the  
 tiniest of Great Britain's many small  
 colonies.

Once a year the British government  
 sends off a ship to the island. Just  
 why this should be done is not quite  
 clear. A yearly mail service is quite  
 unnecessary, for although the sixty-  
 four inhabitants are British subjects  
 they never receive any mail. They  
 lead a solitary existence, knowing  
 nothing of the great world beyond their  
 shores and caring less.

Some time ago, for some reason or  
 other, the King of Italy sent a donation  
 of two hundred dollars for distribution  
 among the inhabitants. A gentleman  
 named Gane, who had visited the is-  
 land, commenting on this fact, wrote a



PETER WILLIAM GREEN.

letter to the London Graphic, which  
 throws an additional light upon these  
 strange islanders. He said in part:—

"It may not be generally known, but  
 it is none the less a fact, that money  
 is of no value to these people. When  
 I was there, in 1884, I offered money in  
 exchange for their curiosities, but it  
 was politely but firmly declined. They  
 had no use for it, they said. On the  
 other hand, articles of clothing such as  
 woollen undershirts and socks, suited to  
 the rigor of the climate, were received  
 with the utmost appreciation."

The island of Tristan d'Acunha,  
 which has been described as the loneli-  
 est British possession on the face of  
 the globe, well bears out its reputation.  
 It is a mountainous place, the highest  
 peak rising to an altitude of 8,236 feet  
 above the sea level. The "head man"  
 of the island, known as the Governor,  
 is a picturesque old fellow named Peter  
 William Green. He was shipwrecked  
 over sixty years ago, and when his  
 shipmates were finally taken off, the  
 kindness which he had experienced at  
 the hands of the islanders led him to  
 remain behind and cast his lot with  
 them.

He was afterward married to one of  
 the women of the island. So great be-  
 came his popularity that upon the death  
 of the then Governor, the islanders un-  
 animously elected Peter to fill his place,  
 and this office he has occupied ever  
 since. He is known to be over eighty  
 years old, but is hale and vigorous.  
 His administration of primitive justice  
 has won him the respect and esteem of  
 his followers.

### The Cigarette in Europe.

The cigarette was first introduced  
 into this country at the close of the  
 Crimean War by British officers, who  
 had found themselves under compul-  
 sion to adopt Turkish fashions of con-  
 suming tobacco, seeing that there was  
 not a decent cigar to be obtained for  
 love or money throughout the length  
 and breadth of the Ottoman Empire.  
 Pipe smoking was strongly discouraged  
 at regimental messes forty odd years  
 ago; indeed, it is scarcely tolerated at  
 the present day in some of the "tone-  
 giving" military and "noble" clubs in  
 Germany.

### Pace of Camels.

Seven miles an hour is the camel's  
 best pace, nor can it maintain this rate  
 over two hours. Its usual speed is  
 about five miles an hour—a slow,  
 lounging pace, beyond which it is dan-  
 gerous, with nine camels out of ten, to  
 urge them, or else, as Asiatics say, they  
 "break their hearts," and literally die  
 on the spot.

### Killed the Chief Priest.

It used to be the custom when the  
 chief priest of one of the Congo tribes  
 showed symptoms of illness to kill him  
 forthwith, either by strangulation or  
 by the aid of a club, the natives believ-  
 ing that if he were allowed to die by  
 disease all the rest of the world would  
 perish.

### Glove Silver.

Glove silver was the strange name  
 given to a custom which prevailed in  
 England during the Middle Ages—  
 namely, the granting of a certain sum  
 of money to servants to buy gloves  
 with on Lammas Day, or, as it is called  
 now, Bank Holiday.

### Cards Infested With Germs.

A distinguished French specialist  
 says that cards frequently played with  
 are absolutely impregnated with germs.  
 On a square centimeter of one card he  
 found no fewer than 6,160 bacteria.

### Toll on Suez Canal.

The toll on an ordinary ship passing  
 through the Suez canal averages about  
 \$4,000. The distance is 92 miles.

### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out  
 of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan county  
 and to me directed and delivered there will be  
 exposed to public sale at the Court House in La-  
 porte, Pa., on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1898,  
 at 1 o'clock p. m., the following described prop-  
 erty viz:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land  
 lying and being situated in the Borough of La-  
 porte, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsyl-  
 vania, bounded as follows:  
 Beginning at the south-west corner of Cherry  
 and Muncy streets, thence south sixty-six feet  
 to the northeast corner of the same streets,  
 thence along said street to the corner of Cherry  
 street, thence along Cherry street East two hun-  
 dred and sixty feet to the place of beginning,  
 containing sixty-three perches be the same more  
 or less.

Land all improved and having erected thereon  
 a two story framed dwelling house and out build-  
 ings, fruit trees, etc.  
 Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as  
 the property of Anna Hill and B. F. Hill at the  
 suit of F. F. Rolison and H. E. McLean.

ELLIS SWANK Sheriff.

Bradley Alley, Sheriff's office, Laporte Pa., Nov. 21, 1898.

For gum boots and rubbers go to J. W.  
 Buck, Sonestown.

### COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, HON. E. M. DUNHAM, President  
 Judge, Honorable John S. Line and Conrad  
 Kraus Associate Judges of the Courts of Over and  
 Terminus and General Jail Deliverer, Quarter  
 Sessions of the Peace, Orphans Court and Com-  
 mon Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued  
 their precept, bearing date the 28 day of Sept  
 1898, to me directed, for holding the several  
 courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the  
 12th day of Dec. 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m.  
 Therefore, notice is hereby given to the Coroner  
 Justices of the Peace and Constables within the  
 county, that they be then and there in their prop-  
 er person at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, with their  
 rolls, records, inquisitions examinations and  
 other remembrances to these things to which  
 their offices appertain to be done. And to those  
 who are bound by their recognition to prosecute  
 against prisoners who are or shall be in the jail of  
 the said county of Sullivan, are hereby notified to  
 be then and there to prosecute against them as  
 will be just.

ELLIS SWANK, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Laporte, Pa., Oct. 31, 1898.

J. W. Buck has some of his holiday  
 goods on hand already.

### Trial List, December Term, 1898.

1. A. C. Haverly, vs Benjamin Kuykendall, Jr.,  
 No. 71 May Term 1897, Trespass. Plea "not guilty".  
 Mullen, Thomson.  
 2. Mitchell, Young & Co. vs A. J. Hackley, No.  
 101 Sept. Term 1895, Scire Facias, Plea, "Payment,  
 payment with cause &c. Hill, Inghams.  
 3. James McFarlane, vs W. C. Mason, No. 92  
 Feb'y Term 1897, Defendants Appeal, Plea,  
 "Non Assumpsit, payment, payment with leave to  
 set off. Hill, Inghams.  
 4. Merritt Shuler vs Josephine FitzPatrick, No.  
 98 May Term 1898, Feigned Issue, Plea "Pay-  
 ment. Inghams, Mullen.  
 5. Martin Markle vs E. V. Ingham, No. 152  
 Sept. Term 1897, Defendants Appeal, Plea "Non  
 Assumpsit Payment, payment with leave A.C.  
 Hill, Inghams.  
 6. F. H. Lewis, vs J. W. Ballard, No. 5 Dec.  
 Term 1897, Defendants Appeal, Plea, "Non  
 Assumpsit Payment, payment with leave A.C.  
 Mullen, Walsh.  
 7. F. H. Tomlinson vs Jacob A. Meyers and  
 William I. Taylor, No. 1 Feb. T. 1898. Ejectment.  
 Plea, not guilty. Hill, Mullen.  
 8. J. Wm. Allen and Martha Allen vs Taper  
 Hunsinger and Rush J. Hunsinger, No. 98 May T.  
 1898. Ejectment. Mullen and Thomson, Hill  
 and Platt.  
 9. J. Wm. Allen and Martha Allen vs Taper  
 Hunsinger and Rush J. Hunsinger, No. 99 May  
 T. 1898. Ejectment. Mullen and Thomson, Hill  
 and Platt.  
 WM. J. LAWRENCE, Proth'y.  
 Proth'y's office, Laporte, Pa., Oct. 31, 1898.

Powder, shot, caps, and a full line of  
 hunter's ammunition including buckshot  
 shells at J. W. Buck's.

### Incorporation Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an application for  
 the incorporation of the Borough of Eagles Mere  
 was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, in  
 and for the county of Sullivan, on the 29 of Sep-  
 tember 1898, and an order then made by the Court  
 that the same be filed with the Clerk, and notice  
 thereof given in one newspaper of the said county  
 for a period of not less than thirty days immedi-  
 ately before the next regular term of the court  
 following the presentation of such application  
 and the filing thereof, and that being so, it is  
 given to said application at the next regular term  
 of said court.

WM. J. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

INGHAM'S ATTORNEYS, Oct. 20, 1898.

### Administratrix Notice.

Estate of Walter Spencer, late of Laporte Boro.  
 Sullivan county, deceased.  
 Letters of administration upon the above named  
 estate having been granted to the undersigned,  
 all persons having claims against the same will  
 present them for payment, duly authenticated,  
 and these indebted thereto, will please make  
 immediate payment to

EMMA SPENCER, Admrx.

A. J. BRADLEY, Atty. Laporte, Pa.

### Register's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following ac-  
 counts are being filed in my office, viz:  
 First and final account of August Marshall, Ex-  
 ecutor.  
 First and final account of Carl F. Heess, Guar-  
 dian.  
 First and final account of Chas. L. Little Ad-  
 ministratrix.  
 First and final account of Peter L. Messersmith,  
 Executor.  
 First and final account of Hannah Brobst and  
 Lyman B. Speaker, Executors.  
 Also the following widow's appraisement: In  
 the estate of Miles A. Burns, deceased.  
 And the same will be presented to the Orphans'  
 Court of Sullivan county on Monday, Decem-  
 ber 12, 1898, at 3 o'clock p. m. for confirmation and  
 allowance.

WM. J. LAWRENCE, Register.

Register's office, Laporte Pa., Nov. 14, 1898.

### Executor's Notice.

Estate of Frederick Heinze, late of Elkland  
 township, deceased.  
 Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamen-  
 tary 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  
 CHRISTIAN E. HEINZE, Executor.  
 Lake Run Pa., Oct. 11, 1898.

### Boards.

John V. Finkle has opened his large  
 and comfortable house for the accommo-  
 dation of court boarders, and also for regu-  
 lar boarders by the day or week, at rea-  
 sonable rates.  
 Corner of Maple and Muncy Sts., Laporte.

### Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE.

In Effect Tuesday Sept. 13, 1898.

Northward.		Southward.	
p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
5:25	10:25	Halls	9:45
5:30	10:28	Pennedale	9:41
5:40	10:40	Hughesville	9:32
5:48	10:48	Picture Rocks	9:25
5:51	10:52	Lyons Mills	9:22
5:54	10:55	Chamout	9:20
6:02	11:04	Glen Mawr	9:14
6:12	11:14	Strawbridge	9:06
6:16	11:17	Beech Glen	9:01
6:20	11:21	Muncy Valley	8:58
6:28	11:30	Sonestown	8:52
6:45	11:49	Nordmont	8:38
7:01	12:08	LaPorte	8:21
7:04	12:11	LaPorte Tannery	8:19
7:20	12:30	Ringdale	8:06
7:35	12:45	Satterfield	7:55

p.m. p.m.

All trains daily except Sunday; "f" flag

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 Connections with the Philadelphia & Reading  
 at Halls, for all points north and south, and the  
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 Satterfield for all points on the Lehigh Valley  
 railroad. At Sonestown with the Eagles Mere  
 railroad.

R. E. EAVENSON, Gen. Manager  
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