

THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 1898.

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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

The Christmas tree is almost ripe. It has almost reached a stalling stage. For the first attempt the cold wave has proved a decided success. The weather was just as if it had been cut out of a Thanksgiving story. Now then, get to work and do some more things to be thankful for when the day comes again. Thos. E. Kennedy was out on Thanksgiving in the first sleigh seen on our streets this season. There will be an adjourned Co. Treasurer's sale at the Court House Saturday, December 10, at 10 a. m. A "gentleman about town" is a man who pays cash for everything except his debts. The fact is mentioned because our town has them. The snow and blasts of winter came in from the western plains on Thanksgiving day. It was a remnant of the cold Dakota blizzard where death rode on the icy wilds of the storm. Before Squire Simmons of Sonestown, on Friday last, Thos. E. Kennedy won a suit brought against the Overseers of Poor of Laporte twp for the board of John Goatie who is a dependant upon them for support. Chas. R. Lauer and L. R. Gumble were captains in a hunting match at this place on Saturday. Charley reasoned that had it been a walking match instead he would have easily won, but as it happened his side was forced to encounter defeat, hewed out by a large majority. An elegant supper was served the party in the evening at the Commercial Hotel where all hands maltreated digestion and placed themselves in the clutches of dyspepsia with the choice viands tastily prepared and spread before them. The goose-bone prophet has issued his edict for the coming winter. He says, for the first time in eight years the goose bone is white at the front end, indicating an early snowfall. As the bone for 1898-99 is very wide and mostly white all over its surface, the guesser infers that there will be deep snow and good sleighing for fully five months. His conclusions are well reinforced by researches among corn husks, beech-nut burs, and the furs of the animals all of which are uncommonly thick and well laid on. He deduces from this that the present winter we are entering is going to be a "snorter." Friends of Hon. John P. Elkin, State Chairman, are making easy inroads in their efforts to secure for him the well deserved appointment of Attorney General to the incoming administration. Mr. Elkin is a lawyer of marked ability and is immensely popular throughout the State. In the last campaign he labored with great zeal for the success of the ticket and addressed many meetings with telling effect. His convincing argument and oratorical abilities commanded much attention and he became recognized as one of the ablest workers in the campaign. Through the fullness of appreciation for the good services rendered by him in the Republican party of Pennsylvania in his splendid management of the contest, we trust will give for him warm and earnest support for the office that seeks the man.

Pernicious Political Activity. It is rumored that the initial steps to an election contest have been taken over the election of Sheriff, in the vain hope of being able to subvert, what on the face of the election returns seems like the fairly expressed will of a majority of the voters of the county. The allegations of fraud that have been made appear to be designed in the hope that by some turn of fortune a contest might possibly result in the discovery of a sufficient number of illegal votes cast for H. W. Osler to give the office to the defeated candidate, and not from any absolute knowledge that there has been any fraud perpetrated. This we consider a mighty poor foundation on which to begin proceedings as the result, we have learned by costly experience, is just as likely to decrease the sum of votes counted for the contestant, as it is that recorded for the Sheriff elect. If such proceedings as these are actually in the incubator we can say that it is a very modest piece of business for petitioners to put the county to thousands of dollars expense in contesting an office that yields but little. The inauguration of such a contest cannot be too strongly condemned, and should it be carried on the people should hereafter make the majority of their choice so overwhelming that there will not be left a vestige of hope to contest it. If any man was every fairly elected to an office in this county it was Sheriff Osler. So far as changing the result of the election by a contest is concerned we have no fears. The same claims of fraud were made at the time of the judicial contest and every body knows the result. From this point of view we welcome an investigation but to load another big bill of unnecessary taxation upon this county would be an outrage.

Forksville. Geo. F. Miller was in Dushore Monday. A number of the young people gave Miss Sadie Huckell a surprise party Monday evening. Mrs. Henry Miller is very sick. The entertainment given last Wednesday evening was very good. The Forksville Literary Society is to be congratulated on their excellent work.

Chas. Nye and M. D. Rogers are visiting friends in Monroe county. Mr. James Leonard of Williamsport, was in town one day last week. Several from town attended the Thanksgiving services at Millview last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Collins visited friends at Picture Rocks last Saturday. Mr. R. B. Warburton of Wilkes-Barre is visiting at J. B. Smith's. Mr. H. W. Gilbert was at Lopez Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers, and daughter Fanny, were in Dushore Thursday. Prof. Geo. Hensey and Miss Anna McGuire of Estella, were in town on Monday. Four deer have been killed in the woods near town. The lucky hunters were Chas. Williams, Howard Plotts, Ed. Rogers and Dr. W. F. Randall.

Real Estate Brokers. From Binghamton Leader. The "Parlor City Real Estate Brokers" have leased rooms No. 180 Washington street, which has recently been fitted up for a real estate and loan office and are doing a thriving business. The counters and fixtures are arranged similar to those of a bank office and present a very creditable appearance. It is one of the finest offices of the kind in the city and its location, one door south of Hotel Bennett, will add much to its popularity. Wm. M. Cheney and C. J. Lewis who head the firm, have had much experience in the real estate business. A bright and successful future is predicted.

Talking about fishing, I am reminded of the destruction of the famous London Sunday eel market, which had existed on the Surrey side for over three hundred years. Customers went from all parts of the metropolis to purchase this cheap and nutritious food. The dealers were called "sniggers," and the eels were sold by the "grab" - six-pence a time. The eels were first placed in sand, and the vendor would seize a handful, which made about a pound. It is astonishing how many of our neighbors eat eels. Not long ago, when a hydrant was opened in Seventh avenue, above the Park, many of the squirring things came out, and there was a lively contest for their possession. I would as lief eat a snake. Eels are of great economic importance.

At a recent Washington reception there was a short but sharp interchange of courtesies between the wealthy wife of an ex-Congressman and the wife of a far from rich bureau chief. It was a crowded afternoon affair, and the ex-Congressman's wife was assisting the hostess in receiving guests. When the wife of the bureau official was presented the hostess said to the woman of the receiving party: "You know Mrs. Blank, don't you?" "Certainly," said the ex-Congressman's wife. "I would know her anywhere by that pink dress." The cheeks of the bureau official's wife were suffused with a rosy glow, but she turned on her tormentor and said: "Probably if my husband had been mixed up in as many questionable transactions as yours, madam, it would not be necessary for me to wear my pink reception dress so often as to cause comment."

Every word rang out clear and sharp upon the ears of the astonished guests. Inasmuch as there had been frequent criticism of the ex-Congressman for his connection with questionable lobby transactions, the force of the bureau official's wife's retort can readily be imagined. Care of the Poor. A regularly organized system of relieving poverty has been in vogue in China for more than 2,000 years. It is said that an organized system of charity prevailed among the Egyptians 2,500 years B. C. Growth of Hair. Authorities differ as to the rate of growth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually accepted calculation gives six and a half inches per annum. Four Ton Meteor. A meteoric stone weighing four tons fell on a warehouse in Flume, Austria, and set it on fire. The stone crashed through the house and was found buried in the cellar. Poor Excuse Better than None. The latest excuse advanced in explanation of the bad marksmanship of the Spanish gunners is that persons possessing light eyes aim truer than those with dark orbs. The advocates of this theory, however, do not offer any counter-reason for the expert marksmanship of negroes and Indians, who are more dark eyed than the people of the Latin race. Peat Fiber in Textiles. The manufacture of textiles from peat fiber has been introduced into Sweden. The fibers, produced from peat by a mechanical process, can be mixed in the proportion of 75 per cent, with pure wool for the manufacture of yarn similar in appearance to common woolen yarn. Savage Hissing. In West Africa the natives hiss when they are astonished; in the New Hebrides, when they see anything beautiful. The Basutos applaud a popular orator in their assemblies by hissing at him. Large Royalties. More than \$1,250,000, it is said, has been paid in royalties for Moody and Sankey's hymns. Zulu's Great Travelers. The rate at which Zulus can travel in an emergency is astonishing. Some will cover as much as fifty miles in six hours. Eight miles an hour is an ordinary pace. Transposition Unnecessary. A western man has patented a movable keyboard for musical instruments, by means of which the music is transposed, so that transposition by the player is unnecessary. A Similarity. Lovers and drunkards have one trait in common—they're always wanting "just one more." Tastes of Cats. Cats have curious and varying tastes. In a family of five kittens one may be ravenous for beetroot, another for cucumber, another for tomatoes, one will touch nothing but fish, and another would touch nothing but bread and milk. Angels Played Bagpipes. In Gothic sculpture and tracery angels are sometimes portrayed practising on the bagpipes. The pipes were occasionally used in churches before the introduction of the organ, early in the fifteenth century. Millionaires of the World. To be classed as a millionaire in the United States a man must be worth at least \$1,000,000; in England he must have five times as much, or \$5,000,000; in Germany, 1,000,000 marks, or \$250,000. Hair Split. The thickness of hair varies from the two-hundred-and-fiftieth to the six-hundredth part of an inch. Dates of Inventions. The airbrake was invented by Westinghouse in 1874, the torpedo by Bushrael in 1777, watch by Peter Hele in 1477, thermometer by Drebbel in 1609, telescope by Lippersheim in 1608, printing by Gahnsfleisch in 1438, cotton gin by Eli Whitney in 1793, microscope by Jansen in 1590, lightning rod by Franklin in 1752, gunpowder by Schwab in 1320, balloon by Montgolfier in 1783, barometer by Torricelli in 1643. The nests of the termites, or white ant, are, proportioned to the size and weight of the builders, the greatest structures in the world. In India there is a species of butterfly in which the male has the left wing yellow and the right one red. The colors of the female are exactly opposite.

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 Laporte, Pa., on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m., the following described property, viz: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying and being situated in the Borough of Laporte, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania bounded as follows: Beginning at the south-west corner of Cherry and Muncy streets, thence south sixty-six feet along Muncy street to the north-east corner of John Welks lot, thence along said Welks' north line west two hundred and sixty feet to a corner in Blackberry Alley, thence along said Alley north sixty-six feet to a corner in Cherry street, thence along Cherry street East two hundred and sixty feet to the street 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 buildings, 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 T. F. Rolason and H. E. Metcalf. ELLIS SWANK Sheriff. BRADLEY ATT. Sheriff's office, Laporte Pa., Nov. 21, 1898.

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