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So that there is But Little Scepticism about the Value of

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County Seat Indices.

The shopping contest and Christmas trade is on the home stretch. Childhood's dream of Santa Claus will soon be a pleasant reality. Festival of gifts! Festival of peace! The world needs more of the Christmas spirit.

Walter Spencer of Williamsport is visiting with friends in town this week. Judge Kraus was transacting business at the county capitol on Monday. County Supt. F. W. Meylert transacted business in Dushore Wednesday.

Philip Peterman of Nordmont, was transacting business in town on Friday. B. F. Crossley of Dushore was a Thursday evening visitor in town last week. Laporte is receiving her share of the weather here on the roof of the world.

In accordance with the established custom among country editors to relax their labor and take a week off between Christmas and New Years, we will therefore issue no NEWS ITEM next week.

Here's to our readers whose health we hold dear. May they read the NEWS ITEM to the uttermost year.

Hillsgrove.

E. M. Mills, D.D.Ph.D. of Elmira, presiding elder, held the regular quarterly meeting Sunday last. Quite a number of the young people from Forksville attended quarterly meeting Sunday evening. The Sunday School of the Union church will hold their Xmas entertainment Saturday evening and the Sunday School of the Christian church Monday evening.

The finishing department of the tannery will close Wednesday for an indefinite time, because the stock is exhausted.

Daniel Grafflus of this place received intelligence of the death of his brother, Joseph, of Montoursville, but owing to sickness was unable to attend the funeral.

Dr. M. E. Plumbstead of this place was called to Sayre by the serious illness of his sister. Dr. B. E. Gamble of Forksville attended his patients during his absence.

Miss Belle Cook, the successful wielder of the bush at the Mountain school, is spending her vacation with friends at Dushore.

George Wheatley of Sayer is visiting friends in town. J. M. Tompkins wears a broad smile; it's a girl.

The oyster supper held Saturday evening in the P. O. S. of A. hall was well attended. Miss Cora Brown is spending the winter at Hillsgrove.

Our Christmas tree is a failure; the Sunday School having decided not to hold one. George Teeter has moved into the house recently vacated by W. E. Wheatley.

Samuel Rightmire and family of Eagles Mere, were visiting at C. J. Fuller's Saturday. Mrs. Mary Maguire and daughter Annie are visiting friends at Sayre.

The greens are hung over chandeliers, mantels and picture frames. Long branches of holly are tied to the railings of the stairways, and a nice little holly tree, full of berries, with a big decorative ribbon bow in front, is placed on top of the nextel post.

In addition to the greens there is one flower which is identified with Christmas. This is the so-called Mexican Christmas flower, or poinsettia. It is a small red flower, with long, highly decorative red leaves, which blooms in Mexico about this time of the year and is grown here in greenhouses especially for use at Christmas time.

Ragged Reube—Here's a chicken coop. Let's swipe a chicken for our Christmas dinner. Weary Willie—Swipe a live chicken? Nit! Wait till we strike a butcher shop.

Uncle Mose—I prayed dat de Lawd would sen' me a Christmas turkey. Deacon Jones—Wuz yo' prayah answered? Uncle Mose—Well, it wuz mos' suttinly a 'markable thing dat Squiah Brown's henhouse doah wan't locked las' night.

Askins—What in kes you look so cheerful, Lanks? Lanks (who boards)—Why, three of my fellow-boarders were taken suddenly ill while eating their Christmas dinners—one with a stroke of paralysis, another with heart disease, and the third with a fit.

Why, don't you see? I ate their share of the dinner, along with my own, and so managed to tully satisfy my appetite.

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A SEARCH FOR SANTA CLAUS.

A bitter night—a squalid street—A basement bleak and bare. A hungry child with bleeding feet Alone sat waiting there.

But as she sang she caught the name Of Santa Claus, and how On Christmas night he often came To hungry children now.

She thought because she had no light He failed to bring her share. And crept at last into the night To lead the good saint there.

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Parsnip Complexion.

It does not require an expert to detect the sufferer from kidney trouble. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the dark puffy circles under the eyes, the sallow parsnip-colored complexion indicates it.

Delay may lead to gravel, catarrh of the bladder, inflammation, causing stoppage, and sometimes requiring the drawing of the urine with instruments, or may run into Bright's Disease, the most dangerous stage of kidney trouble.

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Insurance Meeting. The twenty-first annual meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Sullivan county will be held at the office of the company in the Borough of Forksville on Saturday, January 7, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and other officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Surveyors and auditors will meet at the Secretary's office for the settlement of accounts on January 6, 1899.

M. R. BLACK, Pres. R. D. LANCASTER, Sec. Forksville, Dec. 1, 1898.

A. T. ARMSTRONG, SONESTOWN, PA.

DEALER IN Flour Feed and Groceries

- 13 1/2 pounds of pure Lard for \$1.00. Baking molasses, 25 to 50c. 8 pounds Rolled Oats for 25c. 7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c. 7 pounds of Laundry Starch for 25c. 2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c. 8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c. No. 1 mackerel per pound 8c. Best Sugar Coated Hams @11c per lb. Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack 50c. Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.90. Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 75c. Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 80c. Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 85c. Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50. Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40. Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60. Flour per sack \$1.20. Winter Roller per sack \$1.15. Good Flour 90c. Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c. Graham Flour 12 1/2 pounds 30c. Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for Northward and Southward, listing train times and stations like Halls, Satterfield, and Sonestown.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa., at close of business, July 14, 1898.

Table with columns for Assets (Loans and Discounts, U. S. Bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital, Surplus, etc.).

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HOLIDAY GOODS. I am now opening up a line of Holiday Goods that will surpass any line ever brought to Town.

Highest Market Price Paid for Butter and Eggs.

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This store is overflowing with special bargains. You should see what we have to offer. Do not be misled by the low figure we are asking for our goods, as the price does not indicate the quality.

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What mother will deprive her child of a suit of clothes when she can purchase him one as low as \$1.00, worth 1.75. Men who can afford to pay 7.00 for a suit of clothes, come to us and we will show you an elegant line at 4.50, worth every cent of 7.00. Suits for 7.00, worth 12.000.

See our men's overcoats, in black or blue, at 4.50 and 5.00. Children's overcoats with capes as low as 1.25. Ladies' coats at 2.00, 3.00, 5.00 and up to 13.00. Ladies' capes from 1.00 to 15.00. Ladies' skirts at 1.00 up to 6.00. Boys' knee pants 19c. Trousers a line of worsteds, cassimeres and chevots for 1.50, 2.00, and 3.00. Best working pants only 50c. Good heavy working coats at 1.00 and 1.50. Children's all wool underwear 10c. Ladies' all wool underwear at 75c, are worth 1.00.

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