THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1898.

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

> So that there is But Little Scepticism about the Value of

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> County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

-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.

-Milton Botsford of Nordmont, was in town Friday.

-Judge Line was a Tuesday caller at the seat of justice.

-Proth. Lawrence was a business man in Dushore Monday.

-Dist. Atty. A. J. Bradley left on Tuesday for New York city.

-Hon. Thos. J. Ingham was in

Williamsport on business Saturday. -Miss Bessie Wrede was shop-

ping in Williamsport Saturday.

with an attack of grip. -Chas. Wackenhuth, Jr., is the

proud possessor of a young goat. -Judge Dunham is the legal direc- Fuller's Saturday.

tor of the Towarda courts this week. -Prank Farrell of Dushore, was a

-Even some of our prohibitionist took a drop too much Tuesday morning.

Monday.

-County Supt. F. W. Meylert transacted business in Dushore Wed-

-Philip Peterman of Nordmont, was transacting business in town on

-B. F. Crossley of Dushore was a Thursday evening visitor in town

last week. -Laporte is receiving her share of the weathe up here on the roof of the world.

-R. E. Eavenson, General Mgr. of W. & N. B. R. R., had business in town Monday.

-A number of our young people enjoyed a sleigh ride to the home of spend Chris'mus pullin' out feathers. S. Mead one evening last week.

Sheriff Swank has purchased the Magargel Hotel property at would sen me a Christmas turkey. Sonestown, and will take possession

on January 1st. -Mrs. P. E. Magargel of Sones-town, and son Frank, of Muncy Val-Brown's henhouse doah wan't locked ley, transacted business at the county offices on Monday.

-Conductor Knipe of the W. & N. B. is off duty on account of illness. He and his estimable wife were passengers on the morning train Monday. Harley Edkin is puncturing tickets during Mr. Knipe's absence.

-The annual Christmas entertainment of the Baptist Sunday School will be given in the Baptist church on Saturday evening, December 24. There will also be special Christmas services on Sunday evening. All are cordially invited

-In accordance with the established custom among country editors to relax their labor and take a week off ful, Lanks between Christmas and New Years, we will therefore issue no NEWS there of my fellow-boarders were taken suddenly ill while eating their Christmas dimers—one ITEM next week. We wish all our readers a Christmas of merriment next disease, and the third with a fit.

"Great Scott! What cause for rejoicing

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

Why, don't you see! Tate their si of the dinner, along with my own, and managed to fully satisfy my appetite."

Hillsgrove

E. M. Mills, D.D.Ph.D. of Elmira, presiding elder, held the regular A bitter night -a squalid streetquarterly meeting Sunday last.

Quite a number of the young people from Forksville attended quarterly meeting Sunday evening.

The Sunday School of the Union All day had sung a feeble song church will hold their Xmas entertainment Saturday evening and the But as she sang she caught the name Sunday School of the Christian chur-Sunday School of the Christian chur-ch Monday evening. All are cor-On Christmas night he often came dially invited to both entertainments

J. H. Hoffman slipped and fell on the ice Sunday, sustaining internal injuries. His condition at the present writing is considered serious.

The C. E. of the Church of Christ gave a box social Wednesday evening and the C.E.of the M.E. church on Saturday evening. Both were And Christmas morning came, and lo! well attended and considered successful both socially and financially.

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

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 serions When the soul God's Gospel feels, illness of his sister. Dr. B. E. Gam- Paradise about it steals, 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.

Estella.

J. M. Tompkins wears a broad smile; it's a girl.

George Wheatley of Sayer is visiting friends in town.

Miss Cora Brown is spending the lend me a clean shirt! winter at Hillsgrove.

C. G. Webster has moved his fam-

ily to Forest City. Our Christmas tree is a failure; the a griffin and a number of curious my-sunday School having decided not the decided ereatures. to hold one.

George Teeter has moved into the Atty. H. T. Downs is suffering house recently vacated by W. E.

Wheatley. Samuel Rightmire and family of Eagles Mere, were visiting at C. J.

Mrs. Mary Maguire and daughter Annie are visiting friends at Sayre. Prank Farrell of Dushore, was a business caller at this place Monday. Rev. Spooner preached a very interesting sermon here Sunday.

The greens are hung over chan-Walter Spencer of Williamsport deliers, mantels and picture frames. is visiting with friends in town this Long branches of holly are tied to the railings of the stairways, and a little holly tree, full of berries, with a -Judge Kraus was transacting big decorative ribbon bow in front, is business at the county capitol on placed on top of the newel post. A special ribbon, called "berry ribbon," of a red which matches that of the holly berry, is used for tying Christmas decorations.

In addition to the greens there is one flower which is identified with Christ-mas. 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.

To Much Like Work.

Ragged Reube—Here's a chicken be thro oop. Let's swipe a chicken fer our lisions. Chris'mus dinner. Weary Willie—Swlpe a live chicken?

Nit! Wait till we strike a butcher shop.

Uncle Mose-I prayed dat de Lawd Deacon Jones-Wuz yo' prayah an-

Uncle Mose-Well, it wuz mos' sutnlas' night.

His Thunkfulness.



Lanks (who boards) - Why, three of my

and a New Year full of happiness, and a New Year full of happiness, is there in that?"
"Why, don't you see?" I ate their share with my own, and so of the dinner, along with my own, and so

To hungry children now And so she waited in the dark For Santa Claus to come in her breast the feeble spark Of hope grew faint and numb.

A SEARCH FOR SANTA CLAUS.

A basement bleak and bare. A hungry child with bleeding feet

She'd wandered far and near

That none had paused to hear.

Alone sat waiting there

She thought because she had no light He failed to bring her share, And crept at last into the night

Her dead face smiled, because Amid a whirling drift of snow Her little weary soul I know Had found its Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS GLADNESS.

hildren faces gleam to-day; learts are happy, glad as May; lifts surprise us with their cheer; larth is heaven, for heaven is here. When the year is fading slow, Angel pleasures mortals know in our hearts and homes we find Eden lingers yet behind: And it never goes away Life itself is Christmas Day!

Smoothshaven Now. Burgling Bill—Lay down now, little hillern, an' go ter sleep. I'm Sandy

Child Harold-But Thanty Clawth hath whiskerth!
Burgling Bill—Oh, dat wuz afore de opulists begun to wear 'em.

Shakespeare Up to Date.

The oyster supper held Saturday evening in the P. O. S. of A. hall evening in the P. O. S. of A. hall mond frame, and now she won't even mond frame, and now she won't even

Chinese Noah's Ark

The Chinese Noah's ark usually contains a unicorn, a dragon, a hippogrif,



There's naught can add more to your woe Than when you've made a sortie To find she's nearly forty.

Boys Can Have Everything. In the line of toys that lord of crea-

heart desires, providing only that Santa Claus is good to him. Certainly the range is wide enough. Does he want a railway? Years ago he would have to content himself with one that would go only when he pulled it along the floor. Now, however, he can have it propelled on a real track laid on real He an choose whether the motive power shall be steam or electricity. or clockwork. He can have the track equipped with real switches, which can be thrown so he can cause his own col-

Or would he like a stationary engine? Here, too, he can have the choice of a steam engine or an electric motor. The Ragged Reube—Why?

Weary Willie—I'm not goin' ter sperfectly safe if the safety valve is

Perhaps he would like to have a ship. expect a sailing ship. Just as the clipper has disappeared from the deep, so has the vessel or sail vanished from toydom. 'He can get all kinds of wooden ships that move around on wheels, some painted to represent our newest naval vessels, and others like the finest of the merchant marine. Or, if he must have the real article, he can have a metal craft, propelled by real steam in the nearest bit of real water that is

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

Stock Securities. Furniture Due from Banks Approved reserve Agt Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer Specie and Legal Tender Notes	15,200 00 1,200 00 75,167 16 562 50 16,662 53
LIABILITIES.	250,192 04
Capital. \$ Surplus. Unit vice Profits.	50,000 00 10,000 00 3 624 24 1,593 74 11,250 00 66 00 173,724 06

M. D. SWARTS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before methis 6th
day of Dec. 1898. JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public. Attest:
ALPHONSUS WALSH,
JNO. D. REESER,
W. J. LAWRENCE.

Directors.

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Buck, Sonestown. Insurance Meeting

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' January 7, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpos 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.

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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 121 pounds 30c. Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

Northward.

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