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## Business Cards.

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

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

**LAPORTE LIVERY AND BOARDING STABLES.**  
Connected with the Commercial Hotel. First-class Horses and Carriages.  
Rates reasonable.  
T. E. KENNEDY Prop.

**HOTEL MAINE**  
THOS. W. BEAHEM, Prop.  
LAPORTE, PA.  
This new hotel has been recently opened, newly furnished throughout and will be run for the special accommodation of the traveling public. The best stocked bar in the county. Rates are low.

**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,  
SHUNK, PA.  
W. E. PORTER, Prop'r.

**CARROLL HOUSE,**  
D. KEEFE, Proprietor.  
DUSHORE, PA.  
One of the largest and best equipped hotels in this section of the state. Table of the best. 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 over T. J. Keeler's store.

**J. H. CRONIN,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
OFFICE ON MAIN STREET.  
DUSHORE, PA.

**WM P. SHOEMAKER,**  
Attorney at Law.  
Office in County Building.  
LAPORTE, PA.  
Collections, conveyancing; 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.

**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, will continue the general practice of law in the United States courts, and all the courts of the City and County of Philadelphia.

**BLACKSMITH AND WAGON SHOP**  
Just opened at the Laporte Tannery.  
Custom work solicited. All work guaranteed.  
O. W. BENNETT, Prop.

**To Cure Constipation Forever.**  
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

**Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.**  
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

**Everybody Says So.**  
Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

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Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

## We have been Cleaning House

For some time, but we are through at last. We are all fixed up in apple pie order for the

## Spring Trade

with the largest and best stock of goods we have ever had.

Something for Everybody, come and look us over before purchasing. We think we can please the most critical buyer in Sullivan county.

Respectfully Yours,

**RETTENBURY,**  
DUSHORE, PA. **THE JEWELER.**

## Coles . . . FOR A GENERAL Hardware LINE OF PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES and GLASS.

## SPECIAL inducements given on STOVES and RANGES

and all kinds of HEATING STOVES for Wood or Coal, suitable for parlors, halls, churches, school houses, camps, etc. Attention to a line of Cheap air-tight wood heaters from \$3.00 to \$10.00. Also a line of coal heaters from \$2.50 up to \$35.00.

My Special Bargain Sale is open on a line of heaters slightly damaged by water. Good as new, but they must be sold CHEAP if in need of a cheap heater, call early.

My "Dockash" Ranges are without a question the finest in the market, made up of the best material and designed to be a handsome Range. Furnaces always the best on the market. In fact we are ready to heat the universe either in hot water, steam or air. Try us, we guarantee satisfaction.

STOV REPAIRS AND REPAIRING. PLUMBING, STEAM FITTING AND SUPPLIES. MILL SUPPLIES.

**Coles Hardware,**  
DUSHORE, PA.

## SUMMER NECESSITIES.

### Screen Doors

Ready to hang 75c 1.00 1.25  
Window Screens 15c. 25c. 35c.

### ICE CREAM FREEZERS

Best Make 1.90 up to 6.75.

### HAMMOCKS

50c up to 3.75.

### FISHING TACKEL.

Great variety. Cloth Baskets, 50c and up. Can't be beat for the same money.

Western Washers 3.50. Clothes wringers 1.50 and up. White enameled, all iron beds 4.50 up to 9.00. Bed springs, woven wire, 1.75 up to 3.00 to suit. Couches and lounges 4.75 to 15.00. Baby carriages, 4.50 up to 15.00. All goods delivered to your R.R. station.

**Jeremiah Kelly,**  
HUGHESVILLE.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE RAGED AT LAPORTE.

### Another Hotel at the County Seat Licked Up By Flames, Along With Meylert's Store Building and Maben's Pool Room.

### GALLAGHER'S HOTEL IN RUINS.

### Driven From Bed by Flames, the Entire Population Brought Out to Battle.

### WAS IT OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN?

The Early Morning Fire Originated in the Shed Back of the Hotel, and Was Wholly Wreathed in Flames Before Discovered, and When Assistance Arrived, Had Reached the Rear of the Hotel Which Burned Like Tinder.

Awakened by the ringing of bells and the blowing of the tannery whistle at 3:15 Tuesday morning, the entire community leaped from their beds, some to save their property and others, through the goodness of their hearts, to assist the more unfortunate neighbor.

There was but little time lost from the first alarm until crowds began to arrive on the scene of the most disastrous conflagrations Laporte ever suffered. Men, women and children all came with filled buckets to join the brigade, and wagons filled with barrels were soon moving at high speed for a water supply, which, sad to say, is a scarcity in many parts of the town and especially in the business center.

Some fire extinguishers were used on the rear of the hotel, but of no avail, the fire was now under full headway and defied interference. The work of saving the contents then began in a rushing manner.

The newly erected portion of the Laporte Hotel burned fierce and quickly. Long tongues of flames, seemingly greedy for more prey, leaped toward the adjoining old part of the house which was soon enraptured and the little shoe shop close by soon conveyed the flames to Maben's pool room and barber shop and before any human effort, with the means assessable, could prevent, it reached the Meylert store building. With the entire square all ablaze, it was one great torch that shamed old Sol in illuminating miles of early morning sky.

With a southerly breeze whipping the flames toward Keeler's residence, and showers of sparks settling on the roofs of opposite buildings many of which began to do evil work and insipient blazes starting along the eaves, but willing hands with pails of water upon the quilt-covered, water-soaked roofs kept vigil in their attention toward this danger and squelched the little outbreaks whenever they appeared, yet it looked at one period of the excitement that some of the structures across the street would take uncontrollable fire.

Prof. Meylert's residence across the street from the store building, from the first, seemed certain to be engulfed but the task of saving it was not abandoned although the flames had eaten away a large portion of the siding and cornish, extinguishing was accomplished and the flames were checked in their path of destruction.

### THE THIRD HOTEL BURNED.

This is the third hotel burned to the ground at this place within the last sixteen months and all have strange origin. The cause of this destructive blaze is not ascertained. Nothing readily combustible was stored in the shed that almost joined the back of the hotel where the fire originated.

A goodly portion of the furniture from the hotel was saved. Some of the guests and the family lost more or less clothing. N. C. Maben saved the contents of his place, and Mrs.

M. C. Lauer who was conducting a grocery in the Meylert store building saved the entire stock. The Misses Meylert who occupy rooms on the second floor also sustains no loss of personal effects. "Mike" the shoemaker says he is only out a place to do business. The hotel carried a small insurance of \$2000. The loss is heavy. Miss Fannie Meylert carried a small insurance of \$600 on her building. Conrad Kraus, who owned the other two buildings was a small insurance.

### Muncy Valley.

About five o'clock last Thursday morning fire broke out in the wood department of C.J. Secules blacksmith shop, and before it was discovered was beyond control and was burned to the ground. A large force of men soon were on the ground and by hard work saved the adjoining buildings, which were J. L. Derr's on one side and David Temple on the other. Loss between five and seven hundred dollars, no insurance. Mr. Secules was badly burned about the face and arms in trying to save his tools.

Miss May Donovan of Laporte, visited Miss Jennie Hause last week.

Mrs. Alex. Magargle is entertaining guests from Philadelphia.

Mrs. D.M. Taylor spent Sunday in Hughesville visiting her aged father who is in from the West.

Mrs. M. Donovan of Laporte, spent Monday and Tuesday in town.

Several from this place attended the P.O. S. of A. sermon at Sonestown Sunday evening delivered by Rev. Dunn.

### Sonestown.

Dr. J. H. Rothrock, who has been quite sick, is able to be around again.

Miss Edna Taylor of Strawbridge, called on her sister last Friday.

Miss Maud Mitchel of Jamison City spent a few hours with acquaintances here while enroute to Eagles Mere on Monday.

Miss Mame Hall of Philadelphia was in town last week.

Alvah Starr and sister Maud, visited in Benton on Saturday and Sunday.

Calvin Armstrong and friend of Lock Haven, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Dora Cook and son Glen returned on Saturday from Milton and Sunbury. Mrs. Cook is now attending the Normal at Laporte.

Miss Leah Hazen, who is spending her summer at Eagles Mere, was home on Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Crist and Mr. J. Watts, spent Saturday and Sunday in Lairdsville.

Rev. Mr. McCord, of Muncy, will fill Rev. Resh's pulpit on Sunday evening. You remember him at the Muncy Valley convention. Every body come.

Rev. E. B. Dunn preached a P. O. S. of A. sermon at Nordmont on Sunday morning and one here in the evening. A number of the order from this place attended services at Nordmont, and were returned a like compliment in the evening. Special music was sung and the church - was beautifully decorated.

## DEATH GIVES HENRY T. DOWNS REST ETERNAL.

An Active and Useful Life Stopped by the Quiet, Relentless Hand of the Reaper. Died at Williamsport.

Henry T. Downs, Esq., one of Sullivan county's leading lawyers is dead. He succumbed at the Williamsport hospital Sunday evening, July 2, following an operation two days previous. He was conscious to the end and passed away painlessly, creditable to his medical attendance. Mr. Downs was first taken ill on Tuesday with bowel trouble and despite the skillful attendance at hand grew rapidly worse and on Wednesday Dr. Nutt, of Williamsport was summoned in consultation with his physician, Dr. Wackenuth. They found that medical aid had reached its end and recommended an operation as the only hope. He wished to be removed to the hospital and was taken Friday morning to Williamsport, accompanied by his wife and son-in-law N. C. Maben. The operation revealed a tumorous substance in the bowels which made it a hopeless case of recovery, yet the greatest care was exercised, and effort made to relieve him of pain until nature took charge of him and gave him rest eternal. He realized his failing condition and kept his clear mind to the last. Sunday morning he sent for Atty. McCormick to write his will, and conversed freely with his wife until the last few moments of the end when he became choked and spoke his last words, "my boy Harry, I want you." His son, Harry, was drowned when a boy some twenty years ago.

His body was brought to Laporte Monday where sorrowing friends met the remains at the station and conveyed them to his late residence, where the funeral services were held Wednesday morning, July 5, conducted by Rev. Haymond, a guest at Eagles Mere. The honorary pall bearers were Hons. E. M. Dunham, John S. Line and Conrad Kraus, Atty. Wm. P. Shoemaker, Robt. Stormont and H. G. Huffmaster; the pall bearers, Atty. F. H. Ingham, A. J. Bradley, E. J. Mullen, R. J. Thomson, W. H. Hill and Alphonus Walsh.

Mr. Downs was born in Richmond, England, May 27, 1843. He was educated in Berbourg and Paris, France. He was for a time in New Zealand and served in the Maoria war. He was later engaged on the sea as 3d officer on board the Prince Charles, a British merchantman. He came to New York in 1871, and to Bradford county in 1874. In 1877 he came to this place and served as deputy prothonotary under Vanetten until 1880 when he was elected to fill the office which he held two terms, up to 1886, and since that time has practiced law at this place.

Mr. Downs was a man of high standing in this community, neat in appearance and precise in manner and habit; a kind husband and indulgent father; a good friend and neighbor.

### John H. Green Dead.

"Captin John Green" as he was familiarly known to the residents of this place where he was raised and lived until the past few years when he has only spent the summer months here, residing in Washington, D.C., winters, with his sister, was brought to this place dead on Monday. Mr. Green died of brights disease on June 30th. The funeral services were held at the Episcopal church immediately following that of Mr. Downs, on Wednesday, July 5, conducted by Rev. Haymond. The pall bearers were: Hon. E. M. Dunham, Prof. L. L. Ford, Robt. Stormont, F. M. Crossley and T. J. Keeler. Interment in Mt. Ash cemetery.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors of Laporte and vicinity for their kindness and sympathy in our late bereavement, the death of our dear brother, John H. Green, and the choir for the music at the funeral.

MRS. JENNIE BREWSTER.  
MRS. ANNA G. HILL.