

Republican News Item.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1899.

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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

Howard Lyon spent Friday night in the county seat.

Mr. John McErm has moved his family to English Center.

Mr. J. W. Flynn and family spent Tuesday in Dushore.

Miss Mabel Spencer visited with Dushore friends last Friday.

R. E. Evenson of Hughesville, spent a few hours in town on Saturday.

Hon. M. J. Phillips was smiling on friends in the county capitol on Monday.

Morgan Gavitt mingled with friends at Sonestown on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Edith Bruner of Muncy, is the guest of Mrs. Anna Meylert, at this place.

Jas. C. Deininger of Harrisburg, transacted business in the county seat on Saturday.

Rev. Leach and wife of Shamokin are spending a few days with friends in this place.

The Commercial Hotel has received a fresh coat of white paint with red trimming.

F. M. Crossley, of this place, and son Ben, of Dushore, spent Sunday with friends at Lairdsville.

Hon. Thos. J. Ingham is having the Meylert brick residence repaired and put in general good order.

Sheriff Osler, who is now engaged in making hay on his farm in Elkland, spent Sunday with his family at this place.

Doc. Metzger of Hughesville, spent several days in this vicinity trying to tempt the speckled beauties.

Miss Sarah Gehris, who has been spending some time with her cousin Miss Emma Ritter, has returned to her home in New Columbia.

Work of excavating has been commenced for the erection of a new hotel on the corner of Main and Muncy streets.

F. W. O'Neill of Harrisburg, formerly clerk on the Laporte and Hartly Hall R. P. O., is spending a few days in town the guest of W. B. Ritter.

H. H. Green, the bard of the Summer School, has composed a song entitled "The Laporte Normal," which promises to out rival in popularity "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

Mrs. Anna Lewis and Miss Josie Lewis of Hills Grove, were visiting at L. R. Gumble's, Friday last. While here, Miss Josie passed a very creditable examination for a teacher's professional certificate.

The attempt of a passenger train to pass a freight train on the same track at Newman, Cal., last week, as usual, proved ineffective, as at Exeter and a number passengers killed. The engineer was also killed, and why shouldnt he be, if he disregarded signals.

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A. E. Tripp while on a visit to Brooklyn, N.Y., secured a "fat" job at his trade, carpentering and will remain there for the summer.

W. J. Lawrence and F. W. Gallagher drove to Benton, on Monday to get plans for the new hotel.

Among the welcome visitors in town last Friday and Saturday, were Hon. and Mrs. Russel Karns of Benton. Russel is building a large residence in Benton, that, when completed, will rob the other beautiful property owners of having the finest in town.

A Danville man threatened to take his own life and has been sent to jail to prevent him accomplishing the deed. When he gets in that mood again he'll probably do the act first and talk afterward—if he can.

Rev. E. R. Powell, who for the past few weeks, has been in Williamsport, attending to the cares of his invalid wife, returned to this place on Tuesday and will occupy his place in the Baptist pulpit on Sunday as usual. Mrs. Powell remains in the city with health slightly improved.

We are reliably informed that the Senior Editor of the Sullivan Herald had a bout, and badly worsted by one of his townsmen. John may make a record to equal some of his Western brothers, if he tries.

Pennsylvania has become a silver state. It's all the fault of that little Democratic county of Berks. In order to spite the Republicans it has gone and given birth to a silver mine. This mine is a fact. It is situated about two miles north of the town of Birdsboro. Its existence was kept secret until the capitalists who have engaged to work the deposit had secured a fifty year lease on the property. The test shows that the ore is rich.

The fool is not dead, but his victim is. Joseph Burack, of Canton, Mass., tried to shoot a dog with an old gun that wouldn't go off. Then, in fun, he tried it on Mrs. Betsey Danovitch, and was successful, the gun going off, and inflicting a bad wound, from which the woman died on Tuesday. The fool (what else can we call him) is in jail on charge of manslaughter, and by the time he gets through with matter he will have more sense, it is hoped. But that won't help the dead woman nor her family.

How to build up and improve a town, is a problem that controlling citizens of this town seem in wretched ignorance. Working against the welfare of those who own and improve property and pay taxes for the interests of outsiders is the policy of the administration of this village. Keep it up and see the town improve and the taxes diminish.

In this issue will be found the new adv. of Wright & Haight, who, in appreciation of the town, have opened a branch and extended their business to this place. To wish this kind of business abundant prosperity is an ungrateful wish to a community, but these gentlemen have taken hold of the business with a vim and vigor conducive of good judgment and a sure to result in success in securing the patronage of this community and neighboring sections, when such duties shall be required. This success we do wish them, as they are deserving of it by rights of worth and merit.

It is astounding to see the number of young men, small boys and girls too who are racing about the streets nights until long after the time they should be at home and in bed. There are too many fathers who, if they had a valuable dog, would look after it carefully and not let it run around at night all over town. But if he has a boy it is different. He is turned loose at a tender age to go to ruin, and people wonder where the great army of dead beats, loafers and sots come from each decade. They are germinated from pure seed, gathered from our homes and sown broadcast upon our streets. It may be your boy is making a growth in that direction. At all events the boy or girl should be given an equal show with the pup.

NOTICE.—The undersigned wishes to announce to the citizens of Laporte and vicinity that he has located in town photographically and is prepared to do photographing in the latest styles of finish. All work finished here and warranted to give satisfaction or no pay. All wishing to give me a trial will please call early as I will remain in town but a short time. Samples of work can be seen at the post office or at the tent. Respectfully, W. LAVELLE.

SUMMER NORMAL SCHOOL.

Interesting Sessions Largely Attended by Teachers and Students.

The Laporte Summer Normal School began its work July 10 and is progressing finely. Over fifty teachers and advanced students are in attendance and much interest is manifested in the work. In addition to the regular teachers Dr. C. H. Albert of the Bloomsburg Normal School is present this week and next to give special instruction in geography and methods of teaching. Dr. Perrine of Bucknell University last week gave a very interesting and useful series of talks on composition work and American Literature. He also delivered a very interesting lecture last Thursday evening taking as his subject, "Whittier, the Poet."

The fire of last week was a serious drawback to the opening of the school but the students are to be commended for the excellent manner in which they took hold of the work notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions under which they labored.

Laporte Invincibles on the Tobogan.

The NEWS ITEM was quite sure the Laporte B. Bs. were planning suicide when they sent for the Bernice team, that they might add more laurels to their renowned playing this season. It is perfectly permissible for us to observe that those black-rock harvesters of Bernice are "hot stuff," "the real thing," "just what the captain ordered," or anything else that is suggestive of superlative excellence. The ball that they put up here last Friday, winning by a score of 7 to 18, was all wool and a yard wide. All of which is pleasant for our neighbor village to contemplate.

Beats the Snake Trust Farm.

The treatment of goitre with live snakes on the snake farm that is being stocked near Rochester, by a syndicate might find a more suitable location for the raising of this product at Forksville. On July 13, near Huckles old house, John Fleming, Perry Benfield, Chas. Nye and Harris Collins while haying killed seven monsters, six of which were found under one rock and with these six, the found and killed fifty-three young snakes. Another big rattler measuring over four feet, was killed by Levy Lancaster, who, with Chas. Haight were driving on their way to Laporte Saturday. When a short distance past the fair ground the rattler crawled out into the road in front of the team and stopped as though he occupied a large portion of the earth with the incline in his favor. The team became excitable and Mr. Lancaster had to advance on the reptile that made the bold hold-up. The snake took a fighting attitude but one feld blow upon the head ended his life.

Disregards the Peoples' Petition and will Not Reappoint Teacher.

The teachers for the Borough schools have been partly elected and the wide chasam of the parting ways of the directors seems hard to bridge. At a regular meeting some time past M. P. Gavitt of this place and Miss Julia O'Donovan of Arnot, Tioga Co. were elected to succeed themselves for the coming term, but the contest between Miss Charlott Miller and Jessie Wrede held the directors on an even balance for three meetings and on Tuesday evening the same deadlock darkened the horizon and the fair contestants caused tearful, but at times spirited conflicts between the directors, and like all other political affairs a disinterested candidate had to be suggested. Miss Grace Lawrence was the one to receive the elective vote, only one of the board to say nay. After elected a committee was sent to ascertain if she would accept, but as she is re-engaged to teach at Lopez, the answer awaits the disposition of the Lopez school board.

It was the general belief that Miss Miller gave excellent satisfaction. If there was any expressions of dissatisfaction they were certainly the least of either the other departments. The children of the primary grade, will, if Miss Lawrence takes the school, fall into good hands, if that is the purpose of the directors. The percentage of attendance and improved development should at all times be noticeable to directors in selecting teachers, if these are not realized there is something wrong, and the right kind of "fixing" is not being done. The directors are the fathers, the people and their wishes, another factor.

For Sale. Twenty-five acres of hard wood timber land adjoining the Boro. of Laporte, also shop in the borough of Laporte, suitable for a wagon shop which could be easily converted into a residence, one double-seated spring wagon. For terms inquire of Mrs. John T. Brewster, Laporte.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed Auditor to ascertain and adjust the existing liabilities between the Road, Poor and School Districts affected by the erection of Eagles Mere Borough from Shrewsbury township, hereby give notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at the Court House at Laporte on Monday, August 14, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested should appear. JOHN H. CRONIN, Auditor. Dushore, Pa. July 12th 1899.

ESTATE OF H. T. DOWNS, decd. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to Mrs. MARY A. DOWNS, Executrix A. J. BRADLEY, Atty. Laporte, Pa., July 10, 1899.

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The publishers of THE NEW YORK STAR the handsomely illustrated Sunday news paper, are giving a HIGH GRADE BICYCLE each day for the largest list of words made by using the letters contained in "T-H-E N-E-W Y-O-R-K S-T-A-R" no more times in any one word than it is found in The New York Star. Webster's Dictionary to be considered as authority. Two GOOD WATCHES, first class time keepers, will be given daily for second and third best lists, and many other valuable rewards, including Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, China, Sterling Silverware, etc., etc., in order of merit. This educational contest is being given to advertise and introduce this successful weekly into new homes, and all prizes will be awarded promptly without partiality. Twelve 2 cent stamps must be enclosed for thirteen weeks trial subscription with full particulars and list of over 300 valuable rewards. Contest opens and awards commence Monday June 26th and closes Monday August 21st, 1899. Your list can reach us any day between these dates, and will receive the award to which it may be entitled for that day, and your name will be printed in the following issue of THE NEW YORK STAR. Only one list can be entered by the same person. Prizes are on exhibition at THE STAR'S business offices. Persons securing bicycles may have choice of Ladies', Gentlemen's or Juveniles' 1899 model, color or size desired. Call or address Dept. "E" The New York Star, 236 W. 39th Street New York City.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a writ of Fieri 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, AUGUST 10, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, viz:

All that certain lot piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Township of Fox, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: viz:

Beginning at a post on corner in center of public road nearly opposite the west end of Saphrona Porters house between there and the end of a stone wall opposite on the other side of public road thence north sixty-three perches to a stone heap; thence east (now) by lands of Ellen Porter twenty-nine and one-half rods to a stake and stones; thence south to the public road; thence south sixty-seven degrees west to the place of beginning. Containing nine and three fourth acres of land be the same more or less. Having erected thereon a framed dwelling house, a framed barn and other outbuildings; well watered with a good orchard of fruit trees thereon.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of M. T. Shattuck at the suit of J. H. Campbell & Son.

H. W. OSLER, Sheriff. A. J. BRADLEY, Atty. Sheriff's office, Laporte Pa., July 7, 1899.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri 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

At ten o'clock a. m., the following described property, viz:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1899. All that certain lot piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Township of Forks, County of Sullivan, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:—Beginning at the west corner of a lot conveyed to Hiram Long, thence along his line, South 58 degrees east, 142 perches to a corner on the line of Patrick Taylor's land; thence along land of M. Meylert, south 31 1/2 degrees west, 94 perches to east corner of John Devaney's land (now Michael Lavell's) thence along his line and line of George Jordan's land, west 59 degrees west, 141 1/2 perches to line of formerly Anthony Brody's, now James Jordan's land, thence along his line, north 31 degrees east 94 perches to the place of beginning; containin 91 acres and 104 perches of land, strict measure, be the same more or less, and having erected thereon a large frame dwelling house, a large frame bank barn, and all the necessary outbuildings, nearly all cleared, well watered, with large apple orchard and other fruit trees growing thereon, and the land under an excellent state of cultivation.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of James Lavelle, and Thomas and Lawrence Lavelle, Terre Tenants at the suit of Laura B. Waddell, Administratrix.

H. W. OSLER, Sheriff. Walsh, Atty. Sheriff's office, Laporte, Pa., June 27, 1899.

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