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**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.

**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.

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

**COMMERCIAL HOUSE.**  
THOS. E. KENNEDY, Prop.  
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This large and well appointed house is the most popular hostelry in this section.

**LAPORTE HOTEL.**  
F. W. GALLAGHER, Prop.  
Newly erected. Opposite Court House square. Steam heat, bath rooms, hot and cold water, reading and pool room, and barber shop; also good stabling and livery.

**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.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
OF DUSHORE, PENNA.  
CAPITAL \$50,000.  
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Does a General Banking Business.  
B. W. JENNINGS, M. D. SWARTS,  
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**T. J. H. INGHAM,**  
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Legal business attended to in this and adjoining counties.  
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LAPORTE, PA.  
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**CONDENSED REPORT** of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa., At close of business, Dec. 2, 1899.

Loans and Discounts	\$116,746.56
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	12,500.00
Premium on United States Bonds	1,000.00
Stock Securities	15,150.00
Furniture	1,200.00
Due from Banks Approved reserve A.C.T.	111,072.38
Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer	1,562.50
Specie and Legal Tender Notes	16,429.35
<b>RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$274,630.99</b>
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	15,961.11
Circulation	11,250.00
Dividends Unpaid	1,500.00
Deposits	197,419.88
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$274,630.99</b>

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss:  
I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Dec., 1899.  
JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
ALPHONSE WALSH, JNO. D. REESER, Directors  
E. D. STURIGER.

**Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.**  
To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York. **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.  
**Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.**  
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

**Twenty Years**  
Experience in Dushore.  
The largest and best stock of goods We ever had for the  
**Fall and Winter Trade**  
The finest line of  
**Holiday Goods,**  
Ever seen in a Jewelry Store in Sullivan County.  
**RETTENBURY,**  
DU SHORE, 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.  
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**Coles Hardware,**  
DUSHORE, PA.

**1899 Christmas 1899**  
The last one of the 19th Century.  
You Should Make it a Hammer.  
Be Sure to Remember the YOUNG.  
Toys of Endless Variety  
Fine China, Fancy Tables, Easy Chairs, Fine Toilet Sets and  
Everything Ready for HOLIDAY PRESENTS  
**Jeremiah Kelly,**  
HUGHESVILLE.



**BRITISH BADLY DEFEATED**  
English Forces Meet With Reverses at Stromberg  
WAR NEWS CONFIRMED.  
Boer Guns Taken By Night Sortie—Further Details of the Shelling of Hospitals at Ladysmith—Middleburg is Threatened—British Are Beaten at Stromberg.  
London, Dec. 12.—The War Office publishes the following dispatch from Gen. Forester-Walker at Cape Town: "Gatacre reports: 'Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stromberg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides and found impracticable ground.'"  
Here followed the list of the casualties, including 2 killed, 26 wounded and 605 missing, with the statement that additional casualties would be sent as soon as learned.  
Despatches Are Confirmed.  
London, Dec. 12.—The War Office publishes the following dispatch from Gen. Buller at Ladysmith: "A Boer sortie had been made by the garrison at Ladysmith, and that a big Creuset gun and a howitzer had been put out of action. Nothing to corroborate this news was received till Sunday, when a despatch from General White was given out."  
Everything seems to point to the immediate advance of the relief column from Frere. The new trestle bridge to take the place of the destroyed bridge has now been finished, and trains with war material are running over it.  
Another significant indication is the news from Durban and Pietermaritzburg that twenty-two hundred stretcher-bearers are being enlisted there by the military authorities.  
The greatest enthusiasm at the prospect of action is manifested at the camp. The soldiers are said to be in the highest spirits.  
General White's position seems now much improved as the result of the dissonance among the Boers, who are quarrelling over the division of their loot, and the moral effect of Gen. Lord Methuen's successes. An early termination of the siege is now generally expected.  
Further confirmation has come to hand of the story about the Boers shelling the hospitals at Ladysmith. That the numerous casualties among the wounded soldiers and the hospital attendants could not have been a mere accident is considered certain.  
Indignation here has been raised to a white heat by news from Durban that General White sent a message to the Boer commander informing him what had taken place and that Gen. Joubert's answer was that the British had no right to use any building in the town as a hospital, a neutral camp having been set aside for that purpose.  
From Naauwpoort camp it is reported that Gatacre's general forward movement will probably not be made until the Queenstown column reaches Burghersdorp.  
Middleburg is threatened but is alert. The commander appears to have taken every precaution to protect that place and the important stretch of railway to Port Elizabeth.

**IS GIVEN UP FOR LOST.**  
No Tidings Yet Received From the Niagara or Her Crew.  
Buffalo, Dec. 12.—There are still no tidings from the Canadian steamer Niagara, supposed to have foundered in Lake Erie in the gale of Tuesday with a crew of sixteen men. The Inland Lloyds have searching parties watching the Canadian shore over a sixty-mile strip extending to Long Point, where the steamer last was seen. Haines & Co., lumber dealers, consignees of the Niagara's cargo of shingles, say they have practically abandoned hope for the vessel's safety.  
The names of the missing, so far as known, are:  
Capt. Henry McGlory, master, Port Colborne, Ont.; Archie McDonald, first mate, Toronto; Thomas Mills, first engineer, Toronto; Duncan McCauly, second engineer, Toronto; Mrs. Annie H. Morrow, stewardess, Marine City; Andrew Lehigh, Kingston, and James A. Davey, Kingston.  
Mrs. Morrow's husband is the mate of the M. T. Greene, which left this port Saturday, and which was one of the vessels to report the discovery of the wreckage of the lost boat.  
Captains Hutchinson and Frick of the steamers Centurion and Fedora, respectively, who arrived here Saturday afternoon, reported having passed through wreckage, and say there is no doubt that the Niagara has gone to the bottom. That also is the general opinion in marine circles.  
Captain Macintosh of the Majestic, when asked if there was any possibility that some of the crew might have reached shore by clinging to the wreckage, said:  
"Not one chance in a thousand. The sea was something fearful, and a man would not have lasted five minutes in it. Then, too, if any had been saved they would have been heard of before this."

**GLASS WORKS WILL RE-OPEN.**  
Over 10,000 Men to Return to Work on December 30.  
Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—After an illness of more than six months the window glass workers of the country will go to work December 30. The last settlement of the scales has been accomplished. Cutters will receive an advance of about five per cent, and flat-tens about six per cent. There were no material changes made in the shop rules and usages.  
After the settlement was made the directors of the American Glass Company announced that all men going to work in their factories would be given two weeks' wages, "market money," in advance. The settlement will give employment to about ten thousand men who are now idle.  
With the settlement comes the announcement by the American Window Glass Company that there is a cut of thirty-three and one third per cent, in the price of single strength and forty per cent, on double strength window glass, effective forthwith and on all orders now on hand. This is a tacit announcement that war is to be waged upon the independent and co-operative manufacturers.

**Philadelphia's Ballot Frauds.**  
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11.—The commissioner appointed by the Court to open and count the ballots in the box of the thirteenth division, Seventh ward, has completed his task. All that is shown is that there were 338 ballots in the box and the tally sheets showed the same number of voters. The only thing that appears to be suspicious is that many of the ballots follow each other numerically and the voters alphabetically, making it look as if the voters had been voted according to the letter of the alphabet with which their name began. It is probable that the District Attorney will now attempt to have the voters, as they appear on the list, summoned into court to tell as nearly as possible at what time they voted.

**Wouldn't Obey the Labor Union.**  
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—President Burns of the Window Glass Workers' Union recently ordered D. O. Cunningham & Co. to deduct the Union's 25 per cent. assessment from the workmen's wages, whether the men liked it or not. The firm refused on the ground that it had not the right. Burns declared the factory non-union and ordered the men out. They refused to strike and at a meeting Saturday afternoon decided that Burns's action was unjust and they would remain at work.

**Woolen Mill Destroyed.**  
Enfield, N. H., Dec. 11.—The most disastrous fire ever seen in this section broke out Sunday on the upper floor of the Baltic Mill, owned by the American Woolen Mills Company, and before it was under control had destroyed the whole of the main building, in which was the finishing department, and a large quantity of manufactured goods, causing a loss of \$100,000. The loss is covered by a blanket insurance policy.

**Heavy Wool Sales in Texas.**  
Austin, Tex., Dec. 11.—Two of the largest sales of wool that have occurred in Texas for some time are reported from Tomgreen county. Jackson & Richardson, wool buyers of San Angelo, sold to J. H. Koshland of Boston 500,000 pounds of wool for about \$70,000. C. N. Hobbs sold to C. Palmer 250,000 pounds, the consideration being about \$35,000.

**Explosion Felt For Miles.**  
Bradford, Pa., Dec. 11.—The nitroglycerine magazine of the Pennsylvania Torpedo Company, in Bolivar Hollow, one and a half miles from this city, blew up Sunday afternoon, with a report that was heard for thirty-five miles. The shock was felt in Olean, Salamanca, Ellicottville and other surrounding towns. No one was killed.

The Hawaiian sugar crop is estimated at 280,000 tons, valued at over \$22,500,000.

**WIVES MAY BE WITNESSES**  
The Roberts Case to Cause a Hard Fight.  
ACCUSED MAKES DENIAL.  
The Representative-Elect From Utah Says He Has Not Lived a Polygamous Life—He Openly Denounces One of His Accusers—Women Are Likely to be Subpoenaed.  
Washington, Dec. 12.—The House Investigating Committee has heard Representative-elect Roberts deny for the first time that he had been a polygamist since 1890, "in violation of law." He admitted a court charge against him in 1889. The investigation has taken such a turn that it may be necessary to send to Utah for witnesses or else compel the committee to go to that State for evidence. In this connection, it is pointed out that the second and third wives may be subpoenaed.  
The last session of the committee was open, as will be remaining ones. Mr. Roberts said that his statement was made for the purpose of joining issues, and he expected a ruling on his demurrer and time to present authorities. This caused a halt in the committee work.  
When the proceedings opened Mr. Roberts was asked if he conceded the existence of the court record wherein he pleaded guilty in 1890 under the Edmunds-Tucker law. This he conceded. He was next asked whether about 1887 or since 1890 he had married plural wives and had lived with them since that time as wives. To the whole of this charge Roberts pleaded not guilty, and then demurred to the jurisdiction of the committee for the following reasons:  
First—On the ground of violation of constitutional rights, in that it attempted to try him for a crime without presentment of indictment by Grand Jury and without trial before a jury and due process of law.  
Second—That it was an attempt to deprive him of vested property that he held in the emoluments of an office for the full term.  
Third—That the only evidence that could be considered in the committee was a court record establishing the guilt, confessed or proven, of the Representative-elect, and that the committee has no right to consider any other evidence.  
Fourth—That the crime alleged, namely, that of unlawful cohabitation, even if proven, would not constitute a sufficient crime to bar a member or deprive him of his seat, because innocence of polygamy or unlawful cohabitation is nowhere enumerated in the Constitution as a qualification for the office of Member of Congress, nor is it named in any United States law applicable to Utah or any other State.  
Mr. Roberts argued these points for nearly two hours. It was a legal controversy throughout. Mr. Roberts asked that his prima facie right to a seat be considered at once.  
The first of the public hearings began at 2 o'clock. The committee room was crowded. Chairman Taylor announced that persons who had participated in framing the charges were present, and he asked that they be heard.  
A. T. Schroeder, one of the Gentile delegation from Utah, was about to testify when Mr. Roberts protested. "I object," he said. "I object to this witness if he comes here as an attorney. I object to him if he comes as a witness on the ground that he is unworthy of confidence. I propose to establish by the records of the Supreme Court of Utah that he is utterly unworthy of belief."  
Mr. Taylor said that Mr. Schroeder was not present as a witness or as counsel, but merely to give the committee such information as he could. Mr. Roberts did not press his objection further, and Mr. Schroeder proceeded.  
Mr. Schroeder said it could be established that Mr. Roberts had maintained, and is maintaining, the status of a polygamist; that in 1889 he pleaded guilty of unlawful cohabitation, and has since that time continued in that relation.  
Mr. Taylor said, after an executive session, that the committee was considering whether it should go to Utah or have the witnesses come here.  
It is understood that the opposition to Roberts has suggested that the wives be summoned as witnesses. The first wife would be exempt from testifying against her husband, as she has a legal status as wife.

**Steel Works May Shut Down.**  
Altoona, Pa., Dec. 11.—Unless the Standard Steel Company of Lewiston, Pa., can get a consignment of coal within the next few days the entire works, employing 2,500 men, will be forced to shut down because of the scarcity of fuel.  
**No Truth in the Story.**  
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—So far as can be learned here the story in regard to Major John A. Logan, having been killed by his own men is without foundation. Nobody here seems to know how the story became circulated.  
**Americans in University.**  
Berlin, Dec. 11.—The Berlin University shows 6,478 enrolled students, besides 4,813 auditors. The Americans enrolled number 120, and there are 108 American women among the students.

**Arizona Looking for Statehood.**  
Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 11.—An enthusiastic mass meeting has been held here, to start a movement to obtain Statehood at the present session of Congress. Prominent men from all parts of Arizona were in attendance and took part. Governor H. O. Murphy was elected chairman of a Committee of Thirty, which will go to Washington early in January to advocate Statehood.  
**Plans For \$3,000,000 of New Buildings**  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—Eight new buildings are to be erected on the campus of the Northwestern University at Evanston, if the \$3,000,000 necessary can be raised by the faculty, trustees and their Methodist friends. A chapel, German building and a costly school of technology are planned. The law school will also be moved to Evanston, if possible.

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**Thinks Consul Should be Recalled.**  
Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 11.—S. P. Young, formerly United States Consul at Moscow, Russia, has arrived here. He had been to Washington to see Secretary Hay and Congressman Wadsworth of this district relative to the present United States Consul at Moscow. While in Washington Mr. Young called the attention of the Secretary of State to the condition of affairs at Moscow, which in his judgment would warrant the recall of the present Consul, who is Thomas W. Smith of New Jersey. Mr. Young would say nothing beyond the fact that the matter under discussion relates to the personal and not the official conduct of the Consul, and it is from this alleged personal conduct that relief is sought.

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